

flagship of the British Mediterranean fleet at Alexandria. and a squadron of other of Britain's fighting ships paraded into port today apparently unscathed after the victorious Battle of the Ionian Sea in which at least five Italian warships sank under their blazing guns. Besides sinking three and possibly four of Italy's

largest cruisers and two, and per-haps three destroyers, the British LINE TO fleet scored three torpedo hits on the crack new Italian battleship hittorio, leaving this great 35,000tonner badly damaged. For the Italians it was another stunning blow as a result of which the Fascist claims of mastery of the Meriterranean is now a definite myth. In this-another epic in the annals of Britin's sea fighters-fif- British Forces Now In Fair Way teen-inch guns of the British battleships turned the Italian cruisers nto a mass of flames when the Fascist fleet was surprised while heading eastward in the Mediter- NAIROBI, Kenya Colony, March ranean last Friday.

man and Italian ships will be placed in the American service and the Danish will be turned over to Great Britain. The move started Saturday when the United States government ordered guards postel on twenty-eight Italian ships in various. American ports to prevent Italian crews from sabotaging the engines of the vessels. Already some cases of self-inflicted sabotage had been reported, five

aged at Newark by firing dry

boilers, stripping turbines and

other means. Evidently, the

Italians were fearful that the

ships might fall into enemy

hands. Baltimore and Wil-

mington are among ports

where guards had been posted

to Italian ships.

ners.

The squadron crest painted on this Italian plane shot down at Gazala is the big bad wolf that roams around in the short films produced by Walt Disney. Even on the war front he provides a laugh for a British Tommy.



many are deteriorating further today. With YugoSlav frontier defences being heavily reinforced against attack and the arm 7 being mobilized to full strength, all German national have been orcered to leave for home immediately. German and Italian legations are burning their records in preparation for leaving. With Yus Slavia evidently having no inten ion of ratifying the Axis pact as signed on behalf of the country last 1 eek by the deposed Premier Cvetko ic, the

All the Italian ships and possibly Ababa-Djrbuti Railway has been in another cruiser went down in two Buitish hands since Sadurday, it hours between 10 o'clock and mid- was announced officially today. This puts the British forces only night Friday night.

In addition three German air- 200 miles east by railroad from the craft were shot down and more Ethiopian capital and in control than 900 Italian and German of- of the only railroad link between ficers and seamen were taken pris- that city and the coast. This means oner. Hundreds more enemy sea- that the British Imperial forces men would have been rescued had are now in a position to cut off not their dive-bombing planes pre- Addis Ababa entirely.

vented it.

there were no casualties on any * British surface vessel although two British aircraft are missing.

(Rome admits officially the loss of five Italian warships but claims mistakenly to have sunk one British.)

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To Capture Addis Ababa-Closing On Asmara

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A preliminary inspection 31: (CP)-Diredawa on the Addis showed almost all the Italian vessels taken over had already been rendered useless by sa-

botage. The lightning action of the United States in taking over the 65 merchantmen in American ports is expected today to develop into a hemispherewide move to thwart the departure or sabotage of longidle Axis vessels.

The Costa Rican government arrested crews of the German freighter Eisenach and the Italian liner Fella which were anchored at Punta Arenas when they set their ships afire this morning. .. The Eisenach is a 4100- ton vessel and the Fella, well known on the British Columbia coast, is 5600 tons.



LONDON-The Admiralty announces today that seven Italian warships had been sunk as a result of the running battle with a British naval squadron in the Eastern Mediterranean at the week-end with loss of only two British planes. The victorious British squadron has returned to Alexandria. Among 1000 Italian survivors picked up were German officers and gun-

CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

CAIRO-The fierce drive of the British to clean up the East African campaign continues with marked success. Falling back from captured Cheren to Asmara in Eritrea, 3775 prisoners including 68 Fascist officers, have been taken. Once Ascara is taken, the important port of Massuwa should easily follow. The Italians have already abandoned Diradawa, Important railway point on the way to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia.

NO FURTHER WORD

LONDON-There is no further word as to the naval battle between British and Italian naval units in the Eastern Mediterrancan. Axis claims are that German planes hit a British aircraft carrier and that Italian planes torpedoed a British cruiser.

LUFTWAFFE ATTACKS LIGHT

LONDON-The Luftwaffe came over Saturday night and started a number of fires in the Bristol area. London had its first air raid alarm in nine nights. Enemy activity was light over the British Isles generally although some damage was done in Bristol area. There were only minor Nazi raids last night. Damage was small and no casualties were reported.

JAPANESE SUFFER REVERSE

VHUNGKING- Seventy persons of a Japanese division and an entire brigade have been wiped out in Changsi province. A Japanese Major-General and two Lieutenant-Generals have been slain.

strike of the C.I.O. at the Bethlehem steel plant was settled yesterday and the men returned to work tomorrow. Other big strikes in the country are being settled as a result of activities of the Federal Mediation Board.

CONFER ON FOOD

VICHY-United States Ambassador William D. Leahy conferred with French Vice-Premier Darlan over the food situation and Darlan then left for Paris where he is expected to meet Javanese Foreign Minister Matsuoka.

ROOSEVELT LANDS

FORT EVERGLADES, Florida--President Roosevelt landed here today after his fishing cruise. In an address last night Roosevelt urged Americans of every creed to stand united against aggressors who would attain to world demination.

RIBBENTROP'S OFFER BERLIN—Foreign Minister Jothe Axis.

An International Property

EDEN IN ATHENS ATHENS - Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Great Britain

country is making preparations for war.

> Premier Dusan Simovic issued a proclamation tonight declaring that "army, navy and air force are ready to do their duty ' and calling on all civil official; and clergymen to "remain at your posts no matter wwhat hay bens." Simultaneously police wif' carbines surrounded the Be grade railway stations forbiddin : entrance to persons intending to leave the city Anti-aircraf guns are being rapidly mounted in Belgrade.

An official spokesman for the German government today solemnly warned YugoSlavia again it further "insults and hostile acts which might endanger the prestige of the Reich." The spokesman sail that Germany was watching the situation in YugoSlavia with "e traordinary attention" and had already exercised "unparalled to grance and consideration" which, h wever, could not be expected to continue indefinitely. Berlin reported furachim von Ribbentrop has offer- ther anti-Berman outbreaks a Beled to give Croatia a part of grade and many other centres in Czechoslovakia if she breaks away Serbia, these being alleged y enfrom loyal YugoSlavia and joins couraged by the new YugoSlav government.

It was reported that the Yugo-Slav diplomatic representative to Berlin had already left or was leaving Germany for home.

A special train left Belgrade to-

L. Amadio \$10.00 H. H. Bourne 9.00 W. L. Coates 10.00 Dr. S. W. Colton 10.00 Mrs. J. D. Fraser 10.00 Very Rev. Dean J. B. Gibson 10.00 Gordon's Hardware 25.00 Grotto Cigar Store 10.00	* \$7500 of fifty percent over the • quota. The canvass continues * • until the end of this week.	Royal Air Force Endeavouring To Get Big German Battleships Scharnhorst And Gneisnau At Brest LONDON, March 31: (CP)—Roy- al Air Force bombers and fighters blasted the French invasion coast	LONDON— With brilliant sunshine prevailing, German long range guns were firing across the Straits into the Dover area today but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties. BRITISH VS. FRENCH GIBRALTAR—British warships and French shoe batter- ies of Algeria exchanged fire yesterday. The incident occurred when the French batteries opened up on British vessels which were stopping a convoy.	Anthony Euch of Great Division arrived here today. SINGAPORE REINFORCED SINGAPORE—Air, artillery and mechanized reinforcements ar- rived over the week-end for the British forces at Singapore. Sugar Price Sugar Price A special train left Belgrade to- day with German refugees. In Ankara negotiations between YugoSlavia and Turkey have been cpened with YugoSlavia asking Turkey for military co-opera ion in the event that war with Germany cannot be averted. All deliveries of oil from German- controlled Rumania to YugoSlavia have been halted. Except for one point, the entire YugoSlav frontier with Germany has been closed.
North Star Bottling Works 10.00 Pioneer Laundry 20.00 Geo. L. Rorie 10.00 Mrs. R. J. D. Smith 10.00 M. M. Stephens 6.00 J. G. Steen 10.00 Geo. and Richard Thomas 7.00 Mrs. W. Trotter 6.00 Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wilson 12.00 Women of Moose 50.00 Proceeds voluntary collection 50.00 Proceeds voluntary collection 50.00	dians retained the Western Can- ada intermeriate hockey champ- ionship for the second straight year by defeating Nanaimo Clip- pers 6 to 5 Saturday night. The first game had been a one-all tie while Swift Current took the second 9 to 1 and the third 2 to 1. CENTENARIAN SISTERS PIRBRIGHT, Eng., March 31 (CP)—Mrs. Charlotte Armstrong 102-year old Surrey county woman who reads without glasses, still knits comforts for men in the	day in a fiery follow-up of a night raid son the Nazi battleship Scharnhorst and Gneisnau at Brest. The British planes set afire and blasted the docks at which the two big warships lay but no claim was made to having actually hit the vessels. The air over Dover Straits "hummed" throughout the morn- ing and early afternoon with Bri- tish planes and falling bombs were plainly heard this side of the Channel. Earlier in the day the Air Minis- try reported two German tankers	Services Tied Drivers Refuse to Operate Vehicles which Were Not Serviced by Union Mechanics VANCOUVER, March 31.—As a result of bus drivers refusing to op- erate busses which were not servic- ed by union garage mechanics, ser- vices of five bus feeder lines of the British Columbia Electric Railway May Black-out Arrangements Being Instituted For A. R. P. Test VANCOUVER, March 31.—As a result of bus drivers refusing to op- erate busses which were not servic- ed by union garage mechanics, ser- vices of five bus feeder lines of the British Columbia Electric Railway	Such are some of the latest de- velopments in the YugoSlav-Ger- man situation. Such are some of the latest de- velopments in the YugoSlav-Ger- man situation. Such are some of the latest de- velopments in the YugoSlav-Ger- man situation. Three Killed And Two Are Injur ed In Cobourg Crish Cobourg Crish Cobourg Crish Cobourg Crish Cobourg Crish Cobourg Situation Cobourg Crish Cobourg Situation Cobourg Crish

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P.M. MEETS THE MASCOT OF HIS OLD BATTALION

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Give War Worker Restful Holiday

Homes In "Safer" Towns And Villages Opened To Folk With Bombed Nerves

LONDON, March 31: (CP)-The "Community hospitality s'heme" inaugurated byy Lord Horder and Mrs. H. Woollcombe, is the answer to the suggestion the British are too stand-offish to be friendly in smaller towns and villages.

The idea started and has spread like a prairie fire throughout the safer areas of England. People who are off the beaten track and cannot take active part in war work, through this scheme offer to take in civilian defence workers for a day or a week-end. This gives them a rest from their arducus tasks in the bombed areas.



y the Liquor Control Board or by the Government of British Columbia

Canada At War

25 Years Ago

The Italian Encounter - - -

The first notification of the sea fight in the Mediterranean given over some of the American radio stations was that the Italian fleet had won another victory over the British. A few minutes later came a British announcement telling of a British hit and run engagement in which a number of Italian vessels were badly damaged, it being impossible to get near enough to the enemy to sink the vessels. If any British ships were nic, the when steam-ing the enemy whereas the Italians were hit when steam-ing at full speed to get out of the way. the vessels. If any British ships were hit, they were fac-

be proud. It was one of the few occasions when the British had been able to get within striking distance of thei Fascist navy. Up to the time of writing this no details of the fight had come through, but we always depend upon the British navy to win if they have half a chance. Evidently this was one of the occasions when the British took Crewmen Of Merchant Ships In advantage of an opportunity and we are not sure yet just how great the victory was.

Not Lent Nor Leased - - -

"Mr. Mackenzie King placed Canada's war effort in its proper perspective," says the Vancouver News-Herald. Paens of praise have fallen of "The striking comparisons with the United States and Britain speak for themselves.

"But particularly impressive was his reminder that have sprung to the tap of this 'this is not lent or leased. This is a direct contribution to previously undisturbed reservoir of the cause of freedom. . .' human interest.

"In no sense is the Prime Minister's comment a criticism of what our American friends have done or are do- the world of these so-called guard- \$85 a month in their trips into the ing. It merely serves to emphasize Canada's contribution ians of the lifelines of an Empire war zone waters and while they her feet. still far from complete understanding of what we are doing now or to what we are committed. "In the face of Mr. King's impressive figures, however, those who can doubt of Canada's unity and purpose are indeed prophets of despair. "Certainly it speaks volumes for a nation's patriotism that the complaints and criticism of our government arise doing enough.' '



During a recent tour of inspection, Winston Courchill visited the battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, of which he was commander during Wo 1d War 1. "W.C." is shown here making friends with "Sandy," the battalion mascot, who was present on parade.

22, of Chatham, N.B., a veteran they can-and do-jump from one dead. of one pre-war voyage who has ship to another at the end of shipped on four vessels of three 10und trip. The foreigner **OCEAN LIFE** nationalities since. can't shift because immigration May, like others of his kind, is regulations won't let them, but continually shopping around for many attempts are made. NOT GREAT better ships and better pay. He has His ship generally gives Joe a found that foreign ships pay more blanket, a sheet, a straw mattress money than British and that's and a pillow for his bed. If he what put him aboard the Greek wants more, he gets it himself. If freighter Emmy when she put out he works for some companies, his Wartime Meet Danger Though from an East Coast port some pay stops automatically when his Bonuses Are Some months ago. ship is torpedoed and he is given Recompense Four hundred miles off New- a month's extra pay when he is foundland, the Emmy started to landed ashore. Different firms By DOUG HOW founder in a heavy storm and her have different arrangements. Canadian Press Staff Writer skipper put back into the port Edward Pitcher, a 22-year old HALIFAX, March 31: (CP) whence she sailed, leaving his Montrealer, for instance, was givdeck cargo of pit-props to the At- en \$112 to replace his clothes and late on the hardy and deserving \$125 in war risk money because lantic. brows of the merchant marine. he was abcard a torpedoed Nor-Pay With Bonus Varies wegian liner. A merchant seaman's pay would not entice a bank manager. For his Pitcher and another Montrealer. Joe Burns, are typical of the hundpeacetime voyage, May, a cook drew about \$33 a month. Aboard reds of men who unassumingly are Thousands of words have told doing more than almost any other

The hostess pays the fare of her guest. In the first week that it was announced more than 300 homes were opened to take in week-end visitors.

BIG MAN IN 1914-18 FELERIDGE, Eng., March 31: (CP)-Sir Thomas Segrave, 79 technical adviser to the Ministry of Shipping in 1914 and Director of Shipping at the India Office ed possession of Avecourt redouble

March 31, 1916:-French regain. following the First Great War, is at Verdun, but evacuated position near Malancourt in the same are

If you want something, adver- lied line on the Western Front ertise for it. Hundreds of people get tending from the Yser River ta what they want that way. (If) the Somme.

British held one-fourth of the Al-



body of men to keep Britain on little more than \$70 a month in

Of Many Lands

war broke out. Burns, at 22, has five years of sailing under his belt. neither has any desire to go back these Britain draws her breath for the fight.

BROKE SUPERSTITION MELBOURNE, March 31: (CP)superstition of the tribe.







Fair At Charlotte

tarch 31, 1941.

constructed by the Trail Rangers, Affair Held To Raise For Summer Camp

was on display. The quilt made by the C. G. I. T. group assisted by the boys was auctioned by Mr. CHARLOTTE, March 31: Joliffe and was won by Mrs. D. T. v dollars was the gratify- R. McColl.

and

raised by the boys and Refree monts were served at the Queen Charlotte recently end of the evening and were in ckel Fair held in Miller's harge of Mrs. Basil Hartley, Mrs. money will go toward D. McColl and Miss Mathers. youngsters' camp life more Hearty thanks were extended to Rev. B. S. Hartley and all those who hed as isled in are planning on taking incking the affair the success it of the C. G. I. T. and was, especially to the local merch-I Rangers camping during ants who donated articles for the ter holidays at Sandspit. bran tub.

e foir the attractions were all in charge of the youngemselves. There was a picillery showing interesting



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ning were won by Mrs. J. Morreau

and Mrs. Salmond . All admission

nickels. Candles and soft drinks

were also sold during the evening.

A short-wave racio receiving set,

cither fees were of course

MAMMOTH BOMBER SET FOR TRANSATLANTIC HOP TO WAR

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Terrace Drive Is Under Way

Campaign For Fund For War Services Under Way At nterior Town

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TERRACE, March 31:-At the regular monthy meeting of the Terrace Canadian Legion the principal business was the consideration of ways and means of helping put over the National War Services Fund drive. It was decided, as the available time was short, not to ry to call a public meeting but to synsor the work on the Legion's own account. To get the drive under way the meeting authorized Sam Kirkaldy, who is a member of he Legion and also is postmaster of Terrace, to receive donations and to give the regular form of

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npting to spear bobbing	the second s
a tub of water there were	Sunday
enes. Prizes for the eve-	Wednesday 10 a.m.

SPRING FOOTWEAR

Just Arrived, shoes from Julia Arthur, Plio-Pedic, Vanity Maid, Miss Atlanta and Jack and Jills featuring elasticized suede pumps. in wine, blue and black.

Here are two views of the new "B-24" consolidated bomber t hat is expected to play an important part in Britain's war effort. There are 26 of these mammoth planes on order, built, or being b uilt for England in the United States. They each weigh 20 tons and can carry four tons of bombs. This plane already has the R. A.F. emblem on it and was pictured just before it took off for the flight across the Atlantic.

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A jolly dance was held recently The spring weather is setting in Miller's Hall by the Queen Char-.ne cl .ne local residen is to work lotte Social Club. There was a good on their gardens. One of the draw- attendance. Music was supplied by backs is the fact that most of the several members of the Rocky people leave for the fishing Mounain Rangers stationed nearby, grounds in April and then the wo- assisted by the local boys. Mrs. G. gardening. Edmund Stevens of Skidegate was the holder of the lucky ticket. Re-

Oliver Larsen is building a new freshments were served at the local house here. The frame is up and restaurant at midnight. the roof will be on this week. The

lumber was cut at the local mill.

Dodge Cove

The mill here seems to work ated on the main Queen Charlotte- fire watchers, as is now used, had rather spasmodically. It cuts up an Skidegate highway between the been on duty." Douglas predicts that order and then waits for another homes of Andrew Christensen and control of the seas will win the war order. If the order is large the mill O. Hill. Mr. Atkins recently return- for Great Britain. has to wait for logs. It does good ed from the season's herring sein- "The bombing is very indiscrimwork and most people think it ing. He was a member of the crew inate," says another part of the

O.C. CITY

Important Objectives Being Hit By Nazi Raiders Writes Local Man In London

L. P. Douglas, formerly of the Canadian Fish & Cold men and children have to do the Chasteney presided at the door. Storage Co. office staff here, now serving in the Royal Navy, writes interestingly to Col. J. W. Nicholls describing conditions in London where he happened to be during a couple of heavy air raids including the first fire raid. "It was an unforgettable sight," writes Douglas. "How-Fred Atkins has started the foun- ever, much of the damage could

dation for a new home to be situ- have been avoided if a system of a pound per week per person for me time.

> There has been criticism, writes Dougla's, of the government's shipbuilding policy, the objection being that new ships were slow, thus holding up the convoys.

"The men of the merchant navy

receipts. It was thought this arrangement would best suit the public's convenience.

TODAY'S STOCKS (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

VANCOUVER Big Missouri, .031/2. Bralorne. 10.25. Cariboo Quartz, 2.54. Dentonia, .001/4. Fairview, .01. Gold Belt, .25. Hedley Mascot, .54. Minto, .02 (ask). Noble Five. $.00\frac{1}{2}$ (ask). Pacific Nickel, .04. Pend Oreille, 1.45. Pioneer, 2.10. Premier, .82 (bid). Privateer, .46. Reeves McDonald, .18 (ask). Reno. .10. Relief Arlington, .021/2 (ask). Sheep Creek, .85 (ask).

A. P. Con., .071/2. Calmont, .18.. C. & E., 1.18. Home, 1.38. Pacalta, .031/2 (ask). Okalta. .53. Mercury, .04. Prairie Royalties, .06 (ask) .. Royal Canadian, .09. Toronto Aldermac, .101/2. Beattie, 1.12.

Central Pat., 1.70. Cons. Smelters, 34.1/2.



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And Misses' Coats- ted coats, tweeds, reversable tweeds, reversable Donegals, ted coats and box coats. Sizes 12 to 20. \$12.95 g. values to \$19.50. PRE-EASTER SALE \$12.95 Mats- new spring hats. Felts and straws. Reg. ues to \$3.95. PRE-EASTER SALE \$1.95	Dresses- Children's and girls' dresses. Sizes 1 to 14. Stegular value \$1.95. PRE-EASTER SALE \$1.00 Waists-	Satin slips, in tea rose, white, blue, navy and black. Small medium and large. Regular values to \$1.00 \$2.95. PRE-EASTER SALE \$1.00 Satin striped slips in tea rose and pink. Small, medium and large. Regular value \$1.00. PRE-EASTER SALE, 2 for \$1.00	Scarfs- Printed and plain, ideal to wear with your new Ea coat. Regular value \$1.00, PRE-EASTER SALE House Coats-
resses- epes, prints and sheers. All new spring models and ides. Sizes 12 to 44. Regular values \$4.95 \$8.95. PRE-EASTER SALE \$4.95	PRE-EASTER SALE	Purses- In faille, leatherette and Morrocco, dusky blue, dusky pink coral, military blue, military red, Soldier blue, royal blue, palm green and rust, Navy and black. Values to \$2.95. PRE-EASTER SALE \$1.00	values \$2.95. PRE-EASTER SALE