NEWS PARADE...

"Arm-chair generals" in the seventh week of the war didn't have much military action to talk about, so little was happening on the Western Front. They found time hanging heavy. It became increasingly apparent during the course of the week that in the current stage, military conflict was to be vastly inferior in importance to economic conflict. The course of the war could no longer be traced by sticking colored pins on the map.

Chief events centred about the Allied blockade of Germany, and the Reich's efforts to break it. That's what all the sinking of merchant ships, submarines, bombing of naval objectives, on both sides, was about. Great Britain and France, on the offensive here, were hoping that cutting off of all Germany's trad by sea would result in the collapse of the Hitler regime and the end of the war.

Blockade, Counter-Blockade

Would Hitler, however, sit down under the blockade and see the war lost before his eyes? Would he content himself with instituting a successful counter-blockade? Would he sell out to Russia more extensively still in order to secure possible further supplies of raw materials? Would the Nazis attempt to break Allied morale, thence the blockade, by perpetrating sudden mass air attacks on densely-populated centres? Would they try "Blitzkreig" on the Western Front, thrusting through Belgium, Holland or Switzerland? The world last week waited tensely for the answers.

What Kind Of Peace?

Foci of interest on the diplomatic front during the same period were the Russo-Finnish conferences from which Russia was expected to emerge as the unchallenged master of the Gulf of Finland and the Baltic; and the Anglo-French-Turkish mutual assistance pacts, a triumph for Allied dpilomacy, by means of which Germany, and Italy, too, can be blocked from further expansion in the eastern Mediterranean and the Balkans. (Worthy of note here is that, contrary to first belief, Germany can still get supplies from Russia via the Black Sea without interference).

An illuminating comment was made last week by Dr. Melchior Palyi, former economist of the Deutsche Bank of Berlin, speaking in Windsor, Ontario: "The big question mark in Europe is not who will win the war (Germany cannot win) but who will make the peace that follows, and what, specifically will that peace do for the German nation? It must be a just, democratic peace. What the German people are interested in now is what the Allies have to offer them once Hitler is overthrown."

Anybody's Guess

Speculations and prognostications about the future course of the war were rife last week. We give you these for what they are worth: Early renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance was forecast in Paris by Alain Song, expert on Far East affairs: A real "second world war" is looked for by Roger W. Babson, noted business consultant, but when it comes he expects to see Germany and Japan lined up with England and France, all against Russia; Alfred Duff Cooper, former First Lord of the British Admiralty, predicted revolution in Germany shortly, followed by the restoration of the monarchy; (rumor had it that a new moderate German Cabinet is being groomed in London); some observers looked for the war to end by Christmas, or next March at the earliest.

"Sam Brownes" Are Abolished

Was Long One Of Marks Of Rank — New Army Dress Regulation Does Away With Shoulder Strap

The Sam Browne belt, long one of the marks of rank in the British armies, is being abolished, at least for the duration of the war. It was worn by commissioned and warrant officers and consists of a very broad leather belt around the waist with a diagonal strap passing over the right shoulder.

A new dress regulation abolishes the shoulder strap for all officers except those in mounted units. For the time being officers may wear the belt portion of the Sam Browne, but new officers need not provide themselves with one.

Instead, they will wear a cloth belt of the same material as their uniforms, much like the belts that are worn in the Royal Air Force, except that they will be detachable. The Air Force cloth belts are attached to the jackets.

Shorn wool production in Canada for 1939 is estimated at 13,615,000 pounds compared with 13,386,000 pounds in 1938.

A Dangerous Job For Coast-guards of Neutral Holland

Old man sea himself is no respecter of Dutch neutrality. He frequently violates that neutrality by washing stray mines on Dutch beaches. On such occasions the Dutch coast-guards are faced with the dangerous job of removing the mines and rendering them harmless. Here you see a coast-guard squad hauling a German mine to a safe distance before destroying it by gunfire. Those horns sticking out from the side of the deadly ball are the contacts. When struck by a ship, or by anything else, for that matter, these contacts break tubes or chromic acid into a glow cartridge, producing an electric current which sets off a fulminate of mercury detonator that explodes the charge of trogyl with which the mine is loaded.

ONTARIO OUTDOORS

By VIC BAKER

BEAT THIS ONE!

Any person who has fished or hunted to any extent will have a certain experience that he will not relate to friends because of the possibility that he might be branded a liar. Many strange tales have been whispered over camp fires, but one which came to hand recently and is verified by reliable witnesses stands undaunted as the fishing tale of all time.

It concerns a young chap, several years ago, having experienced poor luck, and drowsy with the warm August sun, tucked his rod in his row-boat and leaned over the side idly observing his reflection in the still water. Another boy was was dozing in the bow of the boat was aroused by a cry of pain from his companion. He looked up in time to see his friend jump backwards and a five pound trout flop into the boat. The fish had leaped at the boy's nose and sunk its teeth into the bridge!

The boy's name is Harry Morse and for many years he was the captain of a boat plying the inland waters of New York State. He carried the scars on his nose al lthrough his life. Edison Schuyler Lott, chairman of the board of the United States Casualty Company, saw young Morse and the fish immediately after the incident and will tell you that the boy's nose was still bleeding at the time. There may be stranger stories but we haven't heard them!

Sane Gun Law

Ontario hunters will be glad to know that automatic shot-guns may carry three shells this fall for any kind of game. This news will be found very welcome in an age when there is so much hysteria and "anti" legislation.

MICKIE SAYS—

Warm Colors for Rooms On North

A room having a north light or northern exposure receives no direct sunlight and is a shadowed room. The reflected light from its walls will be of a cool quality. Therefore, for painting the walls of this type of room the following warm colors can be used effectively. Yellow, gold, yellow-red or orange, cherry, rose, and, in fact, all the colors that are known as "warm" colors. The vivid colors are "grayed" slightly to soften them.

Deserters To Be Pardoned

Providing They Surrender and Re-enlist in Dominion

Deserters from the permanent force are pardoned on condition they surrender and re-enlist in the Canadian active service force before the end of November, the National Defense Department has announced at Ottawa.

An official statement said:

By an order-in-council, No. P.C. 3093, dated October 12, 1939, His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to grant pardons to those men of the permanent force who, on the 10th September, 1939, were in a state of desertion from that force and who, on or before the 30th November, 1939, surrender themselves in Canada and re-enlist for service in the Canadian active service force. Such indulgence, however, is not to extend to men who are undergoing imprisonment for other than military offences.

VOICE of the PRESS

HE WON'T LIE ON IT

Adolf has made his bed, but apparently he doesn't care for the mattress. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

Question is, whether to have the coalbin filled or reinforced as an air-raid shelter. — Toronto Telegram.

PADDED GUEST - ROOM

The story that the ex-Kaiser is preparing a spare room at Doorn for Hitler, has got a new twist. It seems that Wilhelm is having the room padded. — Saturday Night.

FARMING A WAY OF LIFE

Farming is more than a business —it is a way of living. Rural folk are now beginning to realize that they can live better without farming any less effectively. — Farmer's Advocate.

DODGING FIRE-CHASERS

A training school for firemen is to be opened at the University of Toronto. It will include, we assume, instruction in how to dodge all the automobiles that try to beat the apparatus to the fire. — Peterborough Examiner.

Once a smugglers' rendezvous, a thatched barn, 400 years old, in Hope, England, has just been converted into a movie theatre, and is claimed to be the oldest picture house in the world.

Storing Fruits And Vegetables

Simple Rules For Housewife To Follow Given in Bulletin Issued by Agricultural Department

Household storage of fruits and vegetables is relatively easy, if a few simple rules are carefully followed, it is pointed out in a bulletin prepared by R. E. Robinson, the chief of fruit and vegetable field services, department of agriculture, Ottawa. The bulletin is an endeavour to assist the housewife who desires information in this regard.

The Storage Room

A portion of the basement or the cellar of any house may be adapted to the purpose of a storage room. This space should be selected in that portion of the basement which provides a double window leading directly outside, thus permitting the intake of fresh air and the escape of foul or stale air.

The containers for the vegetables should be constructed against the outside wall, where cooler conditions exist, and these containers should have slatted sides and bottom to provide for ventilation. If possible, construction then should be in a collapsible manner to facilitate cleaning.

All fruits and vegetables selected for winter storage should be well grown, fully mature, and free from damag caused by insects, diseas rough handling, mechanical injury, freezing and chilling. Great care must be exercised in the grading and sorting of produce, to eliminate decayed or the partly decayed specimens.

It is essential that all specimens be thoroughly dry and clean, since moisture allowed to remain on the produce induces decay.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher

"Let's go . . . it's the first one you tried on, that's where we came in."

Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor Reviews Toronto Scottish

Destined to form an arm of the first Canadian division to go overseas, the Toronto Scottish Regiment (M.G.) has been brought up to full wartime strength and is now undergoing a rigorous training course at Toronto. The regiment was recently visited by Lieutenant-Governor Matthews, who is shown, LEFT, with Lieut.-Col. C. R. Thompson, O.C., as the troops marched smartly past the reviewing station.

REG'LAR FELLERS—An Error

By GENE BYRNES