NEWS PARADE ...

"After you, Adolf!", "After you, Neville, Edouard!" The chiefs of Europe's warring powers were still doing the "Alphonse-Gaston act in the ninth week of conflict. Neither side wanted to drop the first bomb and inaugurate a rain of terror from the air on civilian centres. So the war, as pictured in prophetic horror stories these many years past, had not yet begun.

Nevertheless everybody knew that Hitler had to attack sometime or accept slow strangulation from the Allied blockade. Would his grand offensive begin with an assault on the Maginot Line? with a drive through Belgium? with mass air attacks on British and French cities? or a smash through the Netherlands? Developments along the diplomatic front seemed to indicate that if Germany's bug push were scheduled for this autumn, it would come through Holland—the easiest land operation, and perhaps the most profitable, yielding submarine bases and airplane bases for heavy raids on England.

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The week brought news of the first British soldier killed in action on the Western Front (William Roper, 28, of Dewsbury, Yorkshire); of the massing of 18 German divisions on the Netherlands border, from Emden down to Munster; of the Allied pursuit over several seas of the German pocket battleship Deutschland (which captured the City of Flint) and Admiral Scheer; of air engagements between French and German planes.

Most listened-to speeches of the week were made by Premier-Foreign Minister Molotov of the Soviet Union who told the world that Russia would not fight on the side of Germany; neither on the side o. the Allies whom he accused of seeking new excuses for continuing the war. Premier Mussolini, head of another neutral nation, spoke more vaguely saying that Italy is preparing for the future and will "strengthen her will and forces for tomorrow." Were there threats behind those words?

In north-eastern Europe Finnish-Russian negotiations continued to hold the diplomatic spotlight. The possibility was strong that differences would be settled by Finland agreeing to accept a strip of Russian territory in return for aiding Russia to improve Leningrad's defensive positions. In southeastern Europe new combinations of Balkan powers, with Russia, Turkey, or Italy as sponsor, were looked for to stop German expansion in that direction. The Mediterranean, a quiet spot since the war started, was expected at any moment to become a No. 1 trouble zone.

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Things were happening on this continent too. Repeal of the arms embargo clause of the U. S. Neutrality Act released millions and millions of dollars in British cash for purchase of planes and munitions in the United States. Canada, now Great Britain's banker over here, began at once to play a big part in the transactions, with Arthur B. Purvis of Montreal as head of a British purchasing Commission placing war orders in the United States.

Further steps were taken during the week to make Canada the air training centre of the Empire. Said an article in the Sunday Times (London): "The establishment of Canada as the air training centre for the Empire is a logical consequence of a number of factors: First, Canada's record in the air; second, its industrial capacity; third, its nearness to American supplies of engines, planes and technical experts; fourth, its comparative isolation from bombing raids."

He Registered 14,000 Lb. Touch

Have you a light or a heavy touch at the piano? Scientists say it does not matter how you strike a note, or whether with a finger or an umbrella handle—it will always sound the same. Musicians differ, and maintain that such scientists must be tone-deaf. Now a scientist-musician in Chicago, Moissaye Boguslawski, has invented a delicate scale for measuring the exact strength with which the notes are hit, and he found that while playing Rubenstein's "Staccato Etude," lasting six monutes, his fingers registered a total striking force of 14,000 lbs. Boguslawski has a light touch, and with other players the strength of touch varied, in some cases being almost double.

"Spare your cat" is the latest admonition from the British A.R.P. animals committee. They fear an epidemic of vermin should the present eagerness to kill cats and other pets continue.

German U-Boat Crew Enjoys Meal On Deck

This scene, passed by the German censor, is unusual because it gives for the first time since the beginning of the war a view of a flotilla of German U-boats in an unnamed naval base. In the foreground the crew of an undersea boat, just returned from a tour of duty at sea, are enjoying the luxury of a meal on the beck of their boat. In the background are at least seven of the undersea craft riding their moorings.

ONTARIO OUTDOORS

By VIC BAKER

THEY DO CHANGE COLOUR

Observing that goldfish not only go to college these days but also change colour, a well-known specialist in this country has studied recently the rainbow complex of the carp—that most abundant of all fish species.

Of a batch of a dozen carp he netted in an abandoned clay-pit, reports the fish expert, all except two underwent a chameleon-like change in two seasons. Some at the start were the usual greenish-black colour, six were either gold or black and gold, while one was all silver. After a few months two of the black-and-gold ones began to change to silver. Others took on a straw tint. But when the specialist bred from some of these older fish, some of the youngsters were golden-red. It all adds up to a pretty fishy rainbow, don't you think?

Here's How For You Lucky Ones

Scrub the plucked and drawn ducks well in salted water. Stuff with sliced onions and apples and place strips of salt pork or bacon over the top. Roast at 400 degrees Fahrenheit, allowing twenty minutes for each pound and basting frequently with fat in pan. Surplus fat may be poured off and orange juice added for basting, giving an excellent flavour. The stuffing is not served, being used only to provide flavour and moisture. Place on hot platter and garnish with orange sections and parsley. Wild rice is always a delicious accompaniment. Of course, this recipe can be saved until next year when we hope you get your share.

MICKIE SAYS—

Population of Ottawa 145,183

Ottawa's population increased by 981 in the past year according to figures compiled by Blyth MacDonald, City Assessment Commissioner.

The total population for 1939 is 145,183, compared with 144,202 for 1938.

VOICE of the PRESS

ONTARIO-QUEBEC AXIS?

Well, one thing is certain. That election in Quebec has placed a fearful strain on the Ontario-Quebec axis which operated so merrily for a number of months. —Peterborough Examiner.

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NO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS?

London, Ont., will hold a plebiscite on the holding of municipal elections in war-time. If all municipalities do this, it's going to prove a bit embarrassing to the provincial authorities.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

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HAY, GRAIN RESERVES

In districts where feed is abundant farmers need not worry if they have to hold over a stack of hay or a few bushels of grain. Reserves of this kind are often needed the following year.—Farmer's Advocate.

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BICYCLES AND LIGHTS

We again call attention to section 9, sub-section 5 of the Highway Traffic Act, which requires that whenever on the highway between dusk and dawn, a bicycle must carry on the front a white or amber light, and on the rear a red lamp or reflector approved by the department as well as a white surface at the rear not less than 10 inches in length and two inches in width.—Guelph Mercury.

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PROFITABLE TURNIPS

Turnips are not always given a very warm reception when they appear on Canadian tables but in parts of the United States the same turnips are frequently prized as a delicacy. The Chicago market thinks so much of them, indeed, that whereas in 1934 Canada shipped there only ten carloads of turnips, these grew to 477 carloads in 1938, and Canadian turnips also fill 87 per cent. of Boston's requirements.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

British dog owners with "war nerves" are blamed for an outbreak of fighting along the canine front. An official of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, London, explained it this way: "Dogs are very sensitive to the state of mind of their owners. You get angry through reading about air raids and your dog goes out and fights the next dog."

CONSTIPATION?

Go easy on yourself! Gently, mildly, move intestinal "left-overs" out of the way with a cup or two of Garfield Tea. The fragrant juice of its 10 herbs make a pleasant tea that loosens clinging wastes, helps relieve constipation the mild way. 25c-10c at drugstores.

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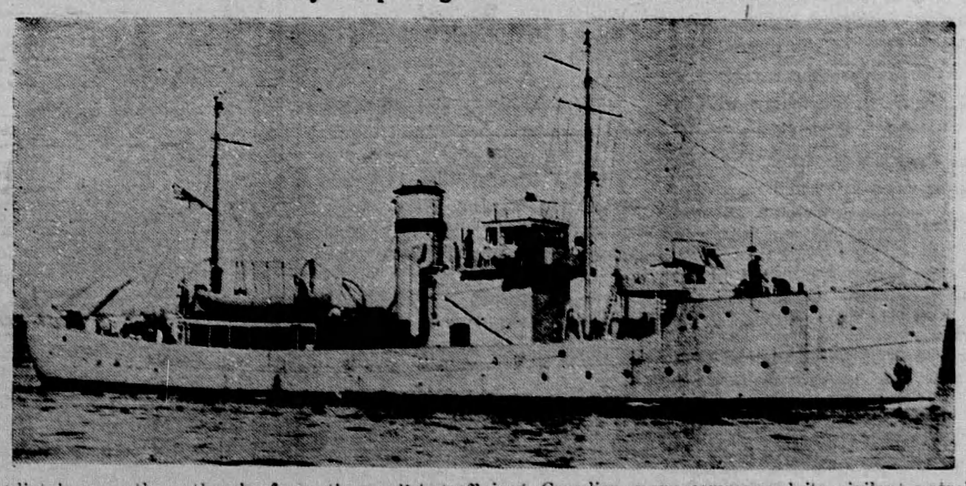
Canadian Navy Keeps Vigilant Patrol of Coastal Waters



Immediately upon the outbreak of war the small but efficient Canadian navy commenced its vigilant patrol of Canadian coastal waters. H.M.C.S. Fundy, ABOVE, is one of the minesweepers patrolling Canada's Atlantic coast to keep them clear of enemy mines.

Feeding For Winter Eggs

It is common practice with most successful poultrymen to feed a good commercial laying mash in conjunction with grains. One cannot go wrong when feeding for winter eggs if one sees that the laying mash has in good proportions all the elements necessary for egg production, then keeps it in plenty before the fowls in shallow troughs so that they may feed at will. Plenty of hopper or trough space should be provided at all times — about four inches for each bird.

Clean Grain Twice A Day

Clean grain should be given twice a day — a light feed at the morning feeding and all the birds will clean up at evening, just before they go to roost. Green feeds in some form are necessary and should be made a part of the daily ration. They may be incorporated in the laying ma in the form of alfalfa leaf meal, or clover or soybean leaf meal, or they may be supplied by feeding turnips or legume hay, such as alfalfa, soybean, or clover.

See that the fowls get plenty of clean drinking water along with their feeds.

France's French population is 38,500,000, compared with 37,500,000 in 1861, a gain of only 1,000,000 in 78 years.

Ask for BEE HIVE

World's Largest Tire Carries 20 Tons

Costs More Than Automobile

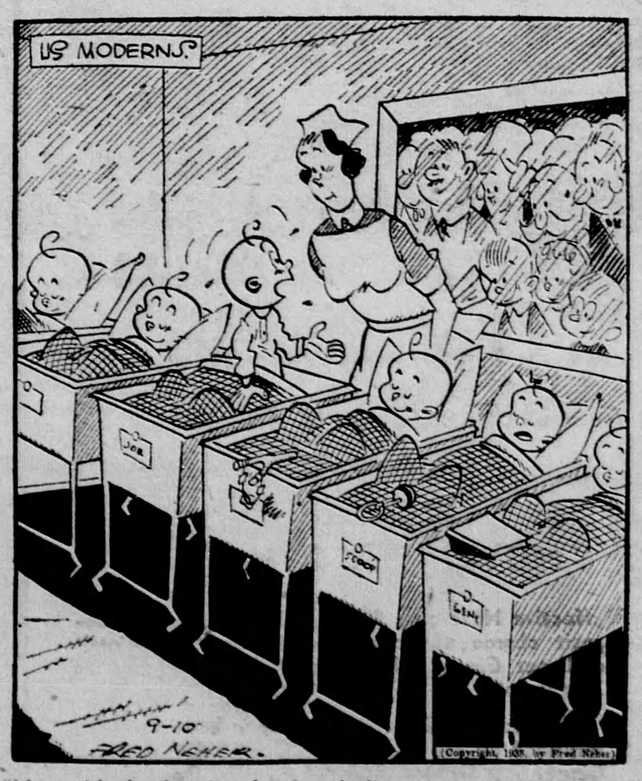
John W. Thomas, President of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., beside the largest tire ever produced by the rubber industry. These are now being manufactured by Firestone. Weighing more than 2600 pounds each and capable of carrying a load of more than 36,000 pounds apiece, these tires are in regular and exclusive production by Firestone for use on the latest types of earth moving equipment. They stand more than nine feet in height and have a cross section of close to three feet.

Without tires of this size earth moving trailers of the capacity in use today would not be possible and consequently steam shovels with such large capacity would not be advantageous. Pneumatic tires are the only equipment that would float these tremendous loads over rocky, rough ground and wet, soggy terrain.

The tube in one of these latest giant tires weighs 150 pounds and the protecting flap more than 50 pounds. It has thirty-four plies of gum dipped fabric but surprisingly enough only requires 35 pounds of air. The four tires on each piece of earth moving equipment have a load capacity of 75 tons.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"I know it's sleeping time, but I can't disappoint a crowd like that."

REG'LAR FELLERS—The High Hat

By GENE BYRNES