# NEWS PARADE...

"Shrewdness and cunning can be utilized to mislead the enemy. Just as the enemy may be led to make false moves because of seeming operations of one's defense forces, demonstrations or diversions, so he can be prevented from making correct decisions by false reports of a military, political or economic nature. Naturally, the misleading reports must not lack the semblance of probability, and they must be disseminated in the enemy country in an inconspicuous manner, and at the right moment" — from a treatise on psychological warfare by Major General Franke, modern German defense expert.

. . . . .

Germany's tactics in the present war appeared last week to be following the line laid down by Herr Franke in the above . . . Was Europe entering upon a new phase of "psychological warfare" where "seeming operations of German forces", "misleading reports bearing every semblance of probability" took the place of actual military operations? If such were the case, the rumors current in the war's nineteenth week regarding the imminent invasion of Holland Belgium should have frightened no one . . . Yet since this type of psychological warfare might at any moment turn into "the real thing", vigilance nowhere could be relaxed. The Allied military machine had to be kept geared for action, the armies of the Low Countries remained mobilized . . . reserve armies had to be maintained, hospitals held ready, air-raid protection functioning 24 hours a day, all at enormous expense. And so the "war of nerves" continued.

**NEW THEATRE OF WAR?**

The war in the north between Russia and Finland threatened in the same week to draw Scandinavia into the conflict, too . . . especially Sweden across whose territory would have to go any armed aid Finland would receive from the Allies, Italy or the U.S. In the face of German threats to attack Sweden should she allow such passage of arms and men, King Gustav spoke out in favor of Finland . . . without, however, promising any military aid.

**"DEVIL TAKE THE HINDMOST"**

In the Balkans, more diplomatic jockeying . . . Foreign correspondents in the know reported that Italy (backed, perhaps, by the Allies) had engaged Hungary to help stop Russian expansion into southeastern Europe. Hungary agreed to come in on the plan, so they said, if Rumania would be willing to give Transylvania back to her after the war . . . Rumania, they continued, would be willing to give up Transylvania to Hungary, if Hungary and Italy would aid her in keeping Russia from taking Bessarabia (oh! look at the map) . . . Jugoslavia, it was believed, was being asked to approve the passage of Italian troops over her territory if and when a Balkan war developed.

In Canada the first war loan went on sale, was soon over-subscribed . . . and people heard that Canadian troops were in the front-line trenches . . .

## Aids Canadian Composers

Music is a business in which Canada imports more than she exports. To stimulate home production in this important field, the Canadian Performing Right Society sponsors an annual contest in musical composition. H. T. Jamieson, president of the society, points out that during the last two years 75 young Canadian composers have submitted meritorious compositions. Ten of these, representing every province in the Dominion, have received scholarships or cash awards.

## 1940 Forecast As Year of Quakes

### Vancouver Prophet Says Temblors To Be Worst in Century

Edgar C. Thrupp, of Vancouver, a member of the Engineering Institute of Canada, forecast at the beginning of the year that 1940 will "bring the most destructive catrthquakes of the 20th century," but said that Canada will not be seriously affected.

Pointing to the death-dealing earthquake in Turkey as an example of his successful predictions in the past, Thrupp said that July 20 to August 5 next year will be the "first period of risk of the worst disasters."

**July - August Worst Period**

"This occasion will compare with the disasters in Asia Minor on August 13 and September 5, 1822, when 20,000 people were killed," he said in an interview.

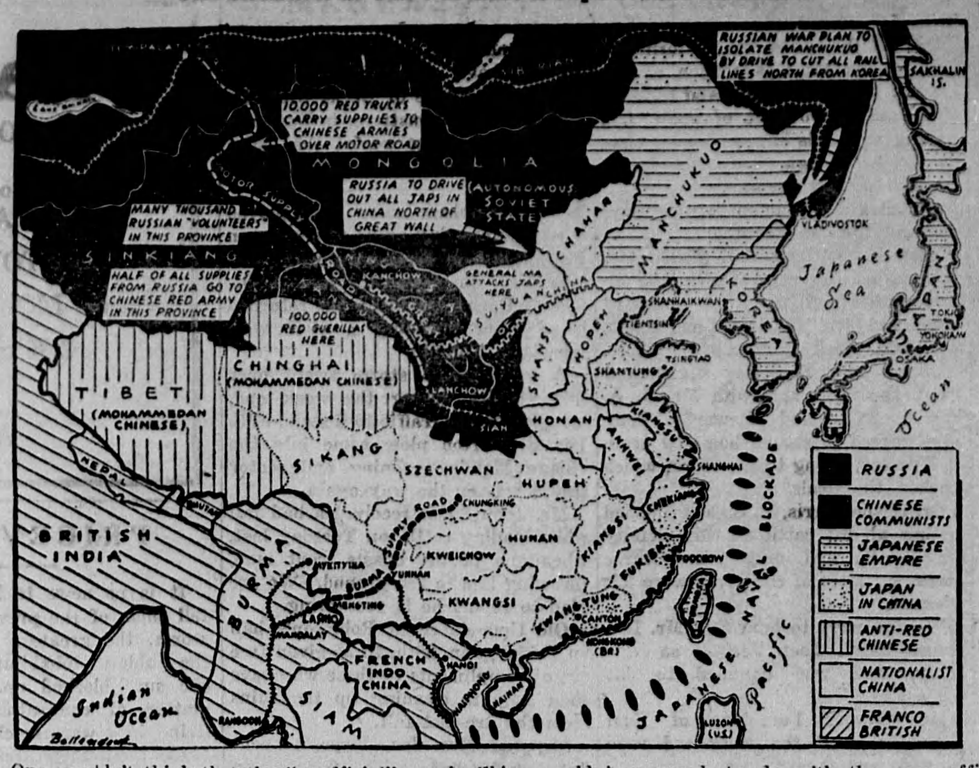
He forecast that October 20 to November 10 will be the second period of greatest risk.

**Canada Not Seriously Affected**

The elderly Vancouver civil engineer, who retired from active practice in 1932, said that the "new law of gravitation" he has developed which forms the basis for his predictions, "does not provide any means of forecasting the location of earthquakes."

The 1940 temblors might occur in uninhabited areas and cause no loss of life, he said. Canada's subterranean structure is solid enough, he added, to warrant the belief that there is no danger of a serious earthquake in the Dominion.

## The Situation In The Far East Is Ripe With Possibilities




One wouldn't think that the "unofficial" war in China could have much to do with the very official war on the western front, but it has, as a glance at this map will show you. There have been whispers of a "deal" between Soviet Russia and Japan, which, should it go through, would permit the Soviet to divert vital supplies, now poured into China, in the direction of Germany. It would also permit the Soviet to give its full attention to the conquest of Finland and it would force Great Britain to take more extensive measures for the defence of her Indian empire, which could be reached through China, either by the Japanese or the Russians—provided that Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek could be won over by the Soviet-Japanese bloc. But Chiang has a pro-British leaning and much of his war material comes by way of the new "road from Mandalay." Some prophets predict that eventually the Soviet will endeavor to sweep the Japanese out of all that conquered part of China north of the Great Wall. This, of course, after the Soviet had aided Chiang in driving them out from below that historic barrier.

## ONTARIO OUTDOORS

By VIC BAKER

**NEW RIFLE CHAMPIONS**

From the home of the Calgary Stampede come this year's Canadian. 22 Sporting Rifle Champions who have just finished celebrating their victory over the best rifle teams in the Dominion in the largest rifle tournament ever held in this country. So keen was the competition and so close the fight among the leading teams, that even though the Ontario provincial titleholders placed fourth, they were only one point behind the winning rifle squad.

The Ontario champions, the Clinton Rifle Club, of Clinton, posted a near-perfect score of 1499 out of a possible 1500 points which was only good for fourth place as both the first and second place teams posted perfect scores of 1500.

The personnel of the Ontario titleholders from Clinton was as follows: Ellwood Epps, E. R. Doucett, William Farrish, F. VanEgmond, H. Kingswell, James Farrish and R. Smith. Seven shooters were permitted to compete for each team but only the five highest scores were counted for the team's total score.

## Jozo Weider Reaches for a High Note at Lac Beauport, Que.

When he's reaching for a high note, it's not all push or pull that counts with Jozo Weider, "The Flying Czech," ski instructor at the Chateau Frontenac Hotel, Quebec, for when Jozo finds his "sending" on the accordeon is weakening a little, he jumps aboard his steel-edged hickories, zooms down one of Lac Beauport's speedy hills and takes off into the higher altitudes in search of the shrill treble. In more serious vein, though, Weider actually does manipulate his come-to-me-go-from-me while skiing, as this photo shows. And his odd assortment of accomplishments doesn't stop there. For he is a linguist of some note, with five different languages at his command and a photographer of no mean skill. He is pictured here dressed in his authentic Czechoslovakian ski costume, combining ski and musical prowess at Lac Beauport.

(Canadian Pacific Photo)

## Secret Radio Listeners Inform Britain

### BBC "Listening Post" Hears What Stations All Over the World Are Saying—Reports On It Daily

The incurable radio - listener would be in his element in wartime England — if he was in the "listening post" division set up by the British Broadcasting Corporation to tune in to the whole world.

The centre was organized at the request of the ministry of information on the outbreak of the war to keep the government posted day and night with what the world is saying and hearing. Twice a day, a convoy of messengers leaves the listening posts established in secret locations, with 25 bulky passages for delivery to 25 government offices Each package contains a carefully documented summary, running to 15,000 words, of the mass of news and propaganda that is broadcast from all parts of the world.

**In Every Language**

This is compiled by a staff of 40 expert linguists, called monitors. They are engaged ceaselessly 24 hours a day and seven days a week in picking up programs sent out from every transmitting station of importance. No word in a foreign broadcast escapes them. Messages are jotted down, translated and dictated to stenogaphers. The extracts then are passed to a staff of men chosen for the knowledge of foreign affairs and political judgment, who sift them and make up summaries.

**And Recorded By Dictaphone**

Frequently an important foreign speech is taken verbatim. When the German foreign minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, made his recent declaration at Danzig, his words were mechanically recorded. When the listener catches a passage of unusual importance in a newscast, he can switch on a dictaphone to record the item.

# VOICE of the PRESS

**NOBODY'S THE WISER**

Well, there's one thing about these Finn names that appear in the war despatches. A proof-reader may make a mistake in spelling and nobody is any the wiser.

—Guelph Mercury

—o—

**SHOULD KEEP IT DARK**

A movie news picture shows French girls kissing British Tommies in France. The censors may have to get busy on this if they hope to retain feminine support of the war effort at home.

—Port Arthur News-Chronicle

—o—

**THE OLD SHELL GAME**

Rumors persist that Hitler will step down, becoming President of the Reich while Goering assumes the mantle of Chancellor, "in order to persuade the Allies to make peace." However, the Allies can probably spot a shell game when they see one.

—Windsor Star

—o—

**SEARCH OUT EVERY CASE**

When it is estimated that it has cost Canada from 120 to 150 million dollars to extend care to those veterans of the Great War who contracted tuberculosis, it may be understood why an X-ray examination has become an essential part of the preparation of the present Expeditionary Force for active service. As a matter of record, tuberculosis during the Great War caused 23 per cent of all deaths from disease and the invaliding home of nearly 6,000 Canadian soldiers. Pension lists show that young men were the ones affected. The average age of soldiers pensioned because they had tuberculosis was two years less than the average age for the entire pension group.

—Brockville Recorder & Times

## Canadian Peas Getting Better

### Growers Also Coming Into Own With Soy Beans, Ottawa Finds

Canadian growers of soy beans and field peas finally are coming into their own, to the gratification of the agricultural experts at the Dominion Government experimental farm, Ottawa.

The agriculturists considered particularly encouraging that Canadian-grown peas exhibited by Albert Gohn of Emo, Ont., in the Kenora-Rainy River district won a prize at the recent Chicago International Livestock Exhibition and International Grain and Hay Show. Canada imported most of its table pea seed from Poland previous to the war and that source now is cut off.

**Now Suited To Climate**

Gohn displayed a sample of Chancellor, a small yellow pea developed at the Ottawa farm and suitable both for forage and table purposes.

Hugh Jeffrey of Whitby, Ont., won a first place with his exhibit of soy beans of the Mandarin variety over a large number of entries from some of the best soy bean areas in the United States. His sample was a cross breeding on seed imported from Manchuria. The original seed ripened too late for Canadian climatic conditions and was developed into an early-ripening product.

## Business Man of Note

Nationally-known figure in many business enterprises, J. J. Seitz, president of Underwood Elliott Fisher Manufacturing Company, Limited, died at his Toronto home. He would have been 78 next month. Mr. Seitz is a native of Formosa, Ont.

## Makes Own Plane Pay For Itself

Owning your own airplane is made easy under a scheme initiated by pretty Mary Spearing, one of two Toronto girls owning ships (Marion Gillies, daughter of Fred Gillies, another of Toronto's commercial instructors, is the other). Mary has a little Taylorcraft. She can't be flying all the time so she has rented it to a Toronto commercial flying school. The company pays Mary a fee based on the number of hours it is used, and also pays its hangar costs and keeps it in flying trim. Soon Mary will have paid for it by turning the plane's spare time into money-making time.

## LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher

"What makes you think I'm not the lady of the house?"

## REG'LAR FELLERS—The Meek

By GENE BYRNES