NEWS PARADE

The battle for control of the North Sea and of Europe entered its second week with the fate of Scandinavia still hanging in the balance. The important port and railhead of Narvik was in British hands, and Allied forces were landing at a number of coastal points in northern Norway, but Denmark was gone; southern Norway was fast falling under the swastika, with the invading Germans using the same blitzkrieg tactics so devastating to Poland —Berlin insisted that the portion of Norway necessary to assure the success of the German mission was firmly in Nazi hands. Sweden's dilemma meanwhile had achieved the nightmare stage—at the least, the country could expect to be encircled; at the worst, it faced becoming a main battleground in the new and fiercer European conflict.

The Navy In Action

The one ray of hope that the tide might be turned against Hitler in Scandinavia was the aggressive new policy of the British War Cabinet. Here was action at last, meeting action. The brilliance of the Royal Navy in the battle of the Skagerrak, when one-third of the German fleet was reported sunk; the capture of Narvik; the laying of British mines in the Baltic which could mean the cutting-off of Germany's supply lines to the army in Norway gave ample reason for belief that Hitler's latest venture might yet end in frustration.

A Spreading Conflict

The extension of the area of combat to Scandinavia did not necessarily mean that the war would henceforth be confined to the north. On the other hand, last week the conflict gave new evidence of spreading east, west, and south, to bring more neutral nations within its scope . . . The warning speech of a high Italian authority, coupled with Italian naval manoeuvres off the Dodecanese islands in the Mediterranean, presaged that Italy might soon be in the war . . . Allied fleet movements were reported in the vicinity of Salonika, considered a likely spot from which Britain and France might jump off into any Balkan war . . . The lid appeared to be off in the Balkans, too, with Germany making further economic demands on Rumania, Yugoslavia and Hungary, and seeking to police the Danube region from the Black Sea to the German border . . . Rumors of a Nazi plot to kidnap Queen Wilhelmina and Crown Princess Juliana of Holland linked up with growing fears that the Low Countries were shortly to be invaded by the German armies . . . but in Berlin (wired New York Times' correspondent Brooks Peters) the belief persisted that the final decision in this war must come on the Western Front, and that steps designed to force it might come very shortly . . .

In Canada the home front was quiet. Prime Minister Mackenzie King was off on a brief holiday in the States, incidentally calling on President Roosevelt . . . Ottawa was preparing for the opening of the House May 16, expecting a session which would deal chiefly with the war, secondarily with unemployment insurance . . Spring was coming to Ontario and farmers were getting ready once more to go out on the land. . .

ONTARIO OUTDOORS

BY VIC BAKER

Speckled Trout Season Extended

Opening of the Ontario speckled trout season has been advanced from May 1 to April 27, Hon. Harry Nixon, provincial minister of game and fisheries, announces.

"May 1 is on a Wednesday and by advancing the season to the preceding Saturday, we will be able to give anglers a little break over the week-end," he said. "We expect it to be an exceptionally good season. There was a tremendous distribution of good-sized trout during the late fall."

Ontario Iron Being Assayed

Members of Physics Department U. of T. Are Up At Steep Rock Lake Investigating Rich Deposits

Iron ore deposits which are believed to be among the richest in the world are being investigated by members of the Physics Department of the University of Toronto.

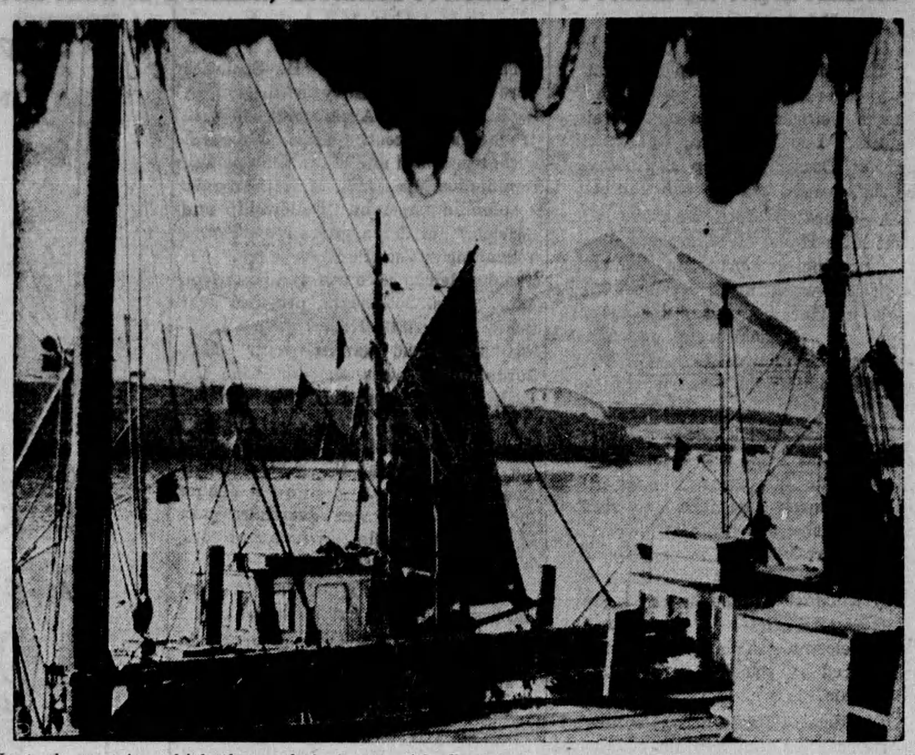
The mines, discovered first last winter at Steep Rock Lake in Northern Ontario, were estimated to contain about 100,000,000 tons of the best ore, containing very little phosphorous and sulphur.

OF THE BEST ORE

Some time ago hematite was found on the south shore of the lake, but the deposit was detached. Then last winter, under the leadership of Dr. A. A. Brant, the scientific party used special instruments which enable the investigator to determine the magnetic properties of rocks, their electrical resistance and their pull of gravity. Operations are carried on during the winter because the ice on the lake makes a steady base for the instruments.

The exact geological structure of the bottom of the lake, to a depth of about 2,000 feet was determined. Dr. Brant indicated where test drills should be made through the ice and hematite was drawn to the surface.

With Hitler In Denmark, Greenland Presents New Problem for North America



Neutral countries which throw their lot in with Germany will forfeit their overseas possessions. Whether the forfeiture will be permanent or only for the duration of the war will have to be decided at the conclusion of the conflict. The British have already occupied the Faroe Islands, Danish possession north of Scotland and Iceland has announced its secession from Danish rule. Greenland, another Danish possession, will probably be administered under the direction of the Canadian government. Fishing boats are seen here in the harbor of Seoresbysund, Greenland. This immense Arctic province is wealthy with untouched natural resources.

Gardening ....

Feed The Lawn

No garden is complete without a lawn and the richer, greener and softer that lawn is, the better the whole picture.

The average person forgets that grass is an ordinary garden plant requiring food and care just as much as flowers or vegetables. Seed selection is also just as important. Good lawns are produced from top quality, packaged lawn grass mixtures, which contain proper proportions of the finer permanent grasses. Seed should be sown liberally and the ground fertilized. Rolling in the Spring and watering regularly are also advisable.

Sometimes tree roots work up towards the surface simply because there is water there and none beneath. Heavy watering of lawns once a week rather than light daily sprinkles will prevent this danger and will also be best for the lawn itself.

This treatment will keep grass a rich, dark green and growing fast enough to crowd out the weeds. Patches of the latter in old lawns are usually a sure sign that soil is wearing out and needs fertilizing. In hot weather grass should not be cut as short as often as in the Spring and Fall.

Speedy Vegetables Are Tender

Tender vegetables are quickly grown. A check by dry weather or anything else invariably causes woodiness. To eliminate such danger, experienced market gardeners push their plants along with frequent applications of commercial fertilizer. This must be applied carefully so as to be close to but not actually touching stems or roots.

Cultivation Is Vital

Aside from the planning and planting no early gardening job compares in importance with cultivation. Authorities do not ask one to keep the hoe going all Summer—far from it. But they do request that the garden be dug once thoroughly first thing in the Spring, then cultivated once or twice afterwards. With proper tools, the work need be no more than healthy exercise. For the purpose there is nothing better than a little three or five fingered cultivator or a Dutch hoe. Either of these implements will make short work of a vegetable or flower garden. Cultivation serves a double purpose, it keeps down weeds and it conserves moisture.

Lakes Expect Busy Season

Cargo Ships on Great Lakes Are Moving Out of Their Respective Docks

Hundreds of Great Lakes cargo vessels, trim and ready for one of the busiest seasons in their history, are once more riding at their moorings in a score of lake and river ports, free of the ice which has locked them in position during the winter.

Following official opening date for navigation April 15th, they are moving out of their respective docks to take on their heavy loads of wheat and ore, automobiles, coal, package freight, lumber and the various products of factories turning out war materials.

OLD VESSELS MADE TRIM

Every possible step has been taken to insure the maximum number of ships being available and owners have spent large sums and a good part of the winter months reconditioning vessels that have not moved for years.

Movies Teach R.A.F. Skyhawks

They Learn Their Mistakes From Films Shot During Actual Aerial Dog Fights

British fliers are learning fighting tactics from action films taken during dog fights in the air against enemy aircraft.

One such film, taken from the attacking British machine, shows the interception and shooting down of a German raider.

The device consists of a motion-picture camera lined up with the fighter pilot's eight guns. It operates automatically when the trigger button sets the eight guns in action. When the pilot takes his finger off the trigger, the guns cease firing — and the camera stops taking pictures. It operates with every burst of fire.

The show only lasts about a minute. But it shows the pilot errors he would otherwise never realize and sometimes reveals mistakes which enabled an enemy to get away.

SCOUTING . . .

Boy Scouts of Sudbury, Ont., recently aided in counting traffic on arterial highways leading into the city, in connection with a town planning survey.

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The Boy Scout junior firemen of Kentville N. S., had their "baptismal fire" when they helped the senior firemen battle a winter blaze that partially destroyed the Kentville United Church.

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The Junagadh Boy Scouts Association of India is carrying on a competition to inspire the Scouts of the state to concentrate upon village uplift activities. The competition includes practical work by the different village troops in education, in demonstrating healthy village activities and attacking in a practical way the problems of village sanitation.

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Numerous public service activities of the Boy Scouts of India are similar to those of the Scouts of Canada. At the great annual festival at the Mahankali Temple the Secunderabad Scouts gave particular attention to first aid and the finding of lost children. Altogether 16 lost children cases were dealt with and many minor injuries were treated by the Scout Ambulance Division.

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The seven boys of a Lone Scout Patrol at Steinbach, Manitoba, are operating a free library for the people of that little country community. The library is located in the home of two of the Scouts who are brothers.

Exams Aren't Sole Standard

The Test of A School is the Type of Citizens It Produces, Ottawa Educationist Believes

Dr. Florence S. Dunlop, supervisor of auxiliary classes and psychologist of public schools, Ottawa, captivated the large gathering of men and women who attended the 21st banquet of the Ontario Federation Home and School Association. Dr. Dunlop spoke on the "Handicapped Child."

"Do what you can to break down the false social notion that only children who pass examinations and go on to university are the worthwhile citizens; also to encourage a standard which will appraise a school, not by the scholarships attained, but by the worthwhile citizens it produces," she urged.

The combined help of good parents and teachers and access to plenty of the right kind of reading material are necessary education factors, stated Mrs. E. E. Reece at a symposium attended by Ontario Home and School Federation delegates.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

RADIO, PHONE NUISANCES

Why be so particular in shoo-ing peddlars from your door when you let them in on the telephone and radio? — Brandon Sun.

EXPENSIVE ENDORSEMENT

The election cost Canada $3,000,000. That is a lot of money to pay for getting back what we had before. — Kitchener Record.

ONTARIO HOTELS

A survey shows that only 28 out of 1,185 hotels in Ontario are fireproof. Not a very comforting idea for the travelling public. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

PAMPER YOUR LAWN

This is the time of year when delivery boys and others on bicycles should keep off lawns. A little carelessness causes a great deal of damage to the wet soil and tender grass blades. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

CHEAP BUILDING

Of all the building trades in Canada, character-building seems to be the lowest paid. According to figures presented to the Otnario Secondary Schools convention, 13,000 of the 64,000 teachers in the country's public school systems received less than $10 a week in 1938, with but slight improvement since. — Ottawa Citizen.

Incan Empire Totalitarian

To see a totalitarian state from start to finish turn back all the way to prehistory and take a look at America, declares Science Service.

Incan Indians, a comparatively small group, conquered tribe after tribe of Indians over a huge area of South America and set up a rigid system to control life down to such matters as what people might wear, where they might live, whom they might marry, and what they might do for a living. It sounds very modern.

SPIES UPON SPIES

Incas moved subject peoples all about, placing new and foreign groups among those of trained loyalty. An official watched every ten households. Higher officials watched them in turn. All true to totalitarian form.

Speaking of this prehistoric Incan Empire — not modern Germany or Russia — Dr. Edwin M. Loeb of the University of California, once said that even an individual's "expression of joy or sorrow, nay, his very utterances and thoughs, were deemed matters of importance to the public weal."

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Guard Secrets, Farmers Urged

Quit telling everybody all your business secrets", farmers were advised by R. A. Stewart, president of the Barrie Tanning Company. He was speaking at the luncheon of the Ontario Chamber of Agriculture.

"If there is overproduction of some farm commodity, everybody has access to the statistics showing that," he said. "The millers and other interests can thus take advantage of the over-production, to the disadvantage of the farmer. Business doesn't tell everybody what it is doing. Farmers shouldn't, either."

Bee Hive Syrup

LIFE'S LIKE THAT — By Fred Neher

"Now Don't Pawn Off All the Big Eaters on Me Just to Keep Down Your Overhead!"

REG'LAR FELLERS—A Gift — By GENE BYRNES