NEWS PARADE

Arm-chair generals came into their own last week. Supplied with a multiplicity of maps of the Scandinavian front they could tell the rest of the world just exactly how the war in Norway was going. Two major battles were being waged, they pointed out, which might prove decisive for the whole Norwegian campaign — north of Oslo; and north of Trondheim, the key to central and southern Norway, connected by rail with Sweden. Heavy intensification of the war in the air was noted . . . the Allied navies being in control of sea communications, Herr Hitler was having to depend mainly on his air fleet not only for supplies for his invading army but for reinforcements; and was having to rely largely on his air-arm to fight off further Allied landings and supply ships.

Sweden On Spot

If, as was apparently the case last week, Germany was finding herself unable to consolidate her position in southern Norway fast enough, before new Allied thrusts in central and northern Norway could bog down her machine, neighboring Sweden was in the worst spot since the time of Napoleon. A German invasion of Sweden appeared, on the surface, to be only a matter of hours. But . . . for several reasons, Sweden for the time being did not fear an attack by Germany: Because she has a well-trained and efficiently equipped army of 400,000 men, and a number of strongly defended airdromes from which attacks against any invaders could be launched; again, a German invasion of Sweden was seen as immediately depriving Germany of an invaluable source of iron ore—the Kiruna iron mines; lastly, extension of the northern theatre of war to Sweden would mean that the Allies could strike at Hitler's right flank and might the more earlier oust German forces from central and southern Norway.

The War Week

Since the Germans were so obviously occupied in Norway last week, a Nazi push on the Western Front was believed deferred . . . Nazi sympathizers were being driven out of a number of European countries, chiefly Yugoslavia, where a Nazi plot against the government was nipped in the bud . . . martial law was declared in the Netherlands, Premier de Geer also making it known that Dutch overseas possessions (Japan was eyeing the Dutch East Indies) would be defended by arms . . . Italy appeared to be maintaining resistance to German pressure to enter the war at this point; but Mussolini might be expected soon to seize Yugoslav islands in the Adriatic . . . Russia re-iterated her determination "not to participate in this war" . . . A German-Rumanian trade agreement was signed during the week, Rumania agreeing to fulfil existing wheat and oil contracts . . . following Anglo-Japanese talks came rumors of British concessions to Japan in China, if Japan would help blockade Germany in the Pacific .

Canadians Are Busy

Back home, Canadian taxpayers received three warnings that the cost of waging war comes high: one, tax increases in the British budget; two, a speech by the Governor of the Bank of Canada urging people to cut down on their personal spending; three, published figures showing a thirteen per cent increase in wholesale prices . . . During the same week, the Conservative party were looking for a House leader . . . Government, packers and farmers were wondering what to do about the reduction in British bacon buying over here . . . most of the cities of the Dominion were going on daylight saving time . . . Ottawa was denying reports that Canadian troops were serving in Norway . . .

Opposing Naval Forces Compared

In November "Jane's Fighting Ships" authoritative word on the world navies, gave the following figures for principal classifications of the Royal Navy and the German Fleet:

Capital ships: Great Britain 15, Germany 5.

Cruisers (heavy and other): Gt. Britain 58, Germany 8.

Destroyers: Great Britain 179, Germany 22.

Submarines: Great Britain 56, Germany 65.

BEFORE NORWAY

Prior to outbreak of war in Norway, Great Britain had lost one capital ship, the Royal Oak, and Germany one, the Graf Spee. Great Britain had lost no cruisers, Germany two. British destroyer losses were placed at six. Germany, so far as is known, had her original complement. The Royal Navy has lost four submarines, Germany 50 to 60. Leaving out submarines, whose replacement is impossible to estimate, the apparent comparison then was:

Capital ships: Great Britain 14, Germany 4.

Cruisers: Great Britain 58, Germany 6.

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POWERFUL NEW BATTLESHIPS

Official and semi-official reports after the battle of the Skagerrak revealed that Britain has added five new battleships, the world's most powerful, to the Royal Navy. Completion of these ships raised Britain's capital ship strength to 19, leaving at least four more building.

They're Out To Prevent Accidents in Industry

New officers for the coming year were elected at the silver jubilee safety convention of the Industrial Accident Prevention Associations at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on April 22 and 23. Shown above, hey are: (top, left to right) E. C. Steele, Union Gas. Co. Ltd., Chatham, president; M. F. Verity, Massey-Harris Co. Ltd., Toronto, 1st vice-president; (bottom, left to right) Col. Frank Chappell, V. D., General Motors of Canada Ltd., Oshawa, 2nd Vice-President; A. J. Harvey, Lever Bros. Ltd., Toronto, honorary treasurer. R. B. Morley, Toronto, was re-elected general manager.

ONTARIO OUTDOORS

BY VIC BAKER

SKEET MEET

The spring skeet shooting season in Canada opened in April with a bang when more than a half a hundred of the best shotgun shooters in Ontario and New York State gathered at the Toronto Hunt Club to compete for the Ontario Individual Skeet Championship. More than 20,000 whizzing and ducking clay targets were powdered as the scattergun marksmen blazed away from early morning to sundown in the one-day shotgun tournament. A dozen outstanding skeet champions from both sides of the international border journeyed to the Queen City to try for the provincial individual honours.

This year's title was won by David MacEllven of the Buffalo, N. Y., Trap and Field Club, who led a strong aggregation of New Yorkers to Toronto for the provincial meet. He won the individual honours in a thrilling last-minute shoot-off with J. Harry Kretschmann of the Hamilton Gun Club after both had ended the regular 100-bird shoot with 96 targets broken. In the 25-target shoot-off the Buffalo champion posted a perfect score while the Hamiltonian missed three to end second. The Forester Gun Club of Williamsville, N. Y., won the team event.

The tournament committee in charge was as follows: Representing the Ontario Skeet Association—President, Dr. D. H. Stewart, Hamilton; First Vice-President, Dr. G. D. Beierl, Toronto; Second Vice-President, G. Alex Forbes, Hespeler; Secretary, Alex Wilson, Toronto. Representing the Toronto Hunt Club, C. B. Henderson, Chairman of the shooting committee.

MICKIE SAYS—

Says Second War Started in 1936

Famous Military Expert Liddell Hart, Believes It Began When Germany And Italy Intervened in Spain

Capt. Liddell Hart, famous military expert, believes the second great war of the 20th century began in July, 1936, when Germany and Italy intervened in Spain. This and other disconcerting observations are made in his new book, "The Defence of Britain."

The Spanish civil war changed the strategic balance of power against the democracies, Hart believes. The Munich agreement still further upset that balance.

France and Great Britain failed to recognize in time this new "broadened strategy," or the extent of the "white war," according to Hart. As a result, they have now been manoeurvred out of their strategic vantage ground, and forced back into a defensive position which is itself exposed in flank and rear."

VOICE OF THE PRESS

PROPAGANDA . . .

Propaganda is the other side's case put so well that it annoys you. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

MAIN DIFFERENCE . . .

The chief difference between a home-town doctor and the big city specialist is about $100. — Brandon Sun.

IF THEY REVOLT . . .

If the rationed Germans do finally revolt, it likely will be because they realize that living room is not so important as dining room. — Toronto Saturday Night.

COUNTY TOWNS CHAMPIONED

A Toronto lawyer declares juries in county towns are better than those in Toronto. But why restrict the statement to juries? There are many, many things in county towns superior to those in Toronto. In fact, county towns as a rule are better than Toronto — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

TOO MANY MIDDLEMEN . . .

The middleman is often of inestimable value to the producer and serves his turn to the community. But the middleman's interest has grown to an extent quite unknown, we believe, elsewhere, and the poor producer too often sees his goods passing from one middleman to another, each exacting his profit, till the farmer at one end and the consumer at the other are equally confounded — the one by the meagreness of his return and the other by the swollen price he has to pay.

This is an old story, but surely the riddle is not insoluble? There must be ways of protecting the producer, and especially the small producer, from being slaughtered in the markets. — Guelph Mercury.

Gardening . . . .

MOST COMMON MISTAKE

Most common mistake of new gardeners is crowding things too close together. In planning layouts it is essential that the mature height and width of the flower or shrub or tree be kept in mind and sufficient space be allowed for full growth. With newly set out permanent shrubbery, space between may be filled in temporarily with annuals until full room is required and with a slow growing tree like the maple or elm, shrubbery may be grown between for eight or ten years. But when the time comes for full room being needed, then it should be available and one must harden his heart, take an axe and thin. Crowded flowers, vegetables, shrubs or trees, soon become weak and spindly.

INFORMALITY BEST

The informal flower garden is much to be preferred for average planting. At the same time this does not mean just throwing in plants or seed. Generally the best plan is to have the larger flowers towards the rear or centre of the bed so that little things like nasturtiums, alyssum, dwarf phlox and similar kinds will not be hidden. Where the bed is to be mixed, it is well also to have late, medium and early flowers evenly balanced to insure something always in bloom.

SUMMER GARDENS

Where one has a Summer cottage that will not be visited until June, the usual practice is to start practically all the garden in flat boxes at home. Later these are taken well grown out to the garden by the lake. Such things as lettuce, carrots, beets, onions, even corn, can all be started in boxes or pots and moved very carefully. It is a good idea to start in individual berry or special cardboard box and simply remove box when planting.

SCOUTING . . .

Now it is the unhappy turn of the Scouts of Denmark, some 18,000 in nmber, to be banned by the Germans, as the invaders did in the case of Czecho-Slovakia, Austria and Poland.

A special course in Junior St. John Ambulance work for Scouts is being given at Carmichael Touse, the St. Catharines District Headquarters.

Scouts of Oil Springs, Ont., collected over 2,000 tons of wastepaper and magazines for the Red Cross. Regular collections by truck are being made every second week.

A reforestation camp for Boy Scouts from Western Ontario points will be held, May 16-19, at the Government reforestation site near St. Williams, Ont., in co-operation with the Ontario Forestry Branch of the Department of Lands and Forests. Field Secretary H. E. D. Mitchell, of London, will be in charge. The Scouts participating will be selected by their own Troops on the basis of fitness and efficiency.

"Once again the Boy Scouts Association has demonstrated its real worth and the fact that this organization is a great public asset, by collecting in a most efficient and thorough manner the election results from polling booths in Halifax and most of the large centres in Nova Scotia. As far as we have been able to ascertain, in not one instance did the Boy Scouts fall down on their job, and in consequence of their efficiency and devotion to duty the general public were able to receive the results of the polling throughout this province much sooner than would otherwise have been the case." — A. M. Mackay, General Commercial Manager, Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co.

Humans Soon Eating Grass

Chemists Say Powder Has All Vitamins of Fruit, Vegetables

"Please pass the grass," will be good dinner table etiquette if science confirms that man can eat grass as reported to the American Chemical Society last week.

USED IN SHAKER

Powdered grass would be used in a shaker about as sparingly as salt. It would furnish all the vitamins that come from all the fruits and vegetables.

Evidence that plain grass is the richest source of these vitamins was reported by W. R. Graham, G. O. Kohler and C. F. Schnabel, of Kansas City, Mo. They have developed a powdered grass which can be added in cooking most foods, from flapjacks to desserts.

PUT INTO PREAD

It can be put in bread, they said, without changing the flavor. And moreover, the bread and other food won't turn green, because of a method of washing out the color without destroying vitamins.

Chemical analysis shows grass contains all the vitamins from A, the infection protector, to E, the fertility promoter, excepting only Vitamin D, the bone hardener. And likewise fruits and vegetables don't contain D, although they supply chemicals which turn into D in the human body on exposure to sunlight.

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The ruling is retroactive to April 1st last when licences for 1939-40 expired.

Ask for BEE HIVE

LIFE'S LIKE THAT — By Fred Neher

"Quick, Follow That Car! !"

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