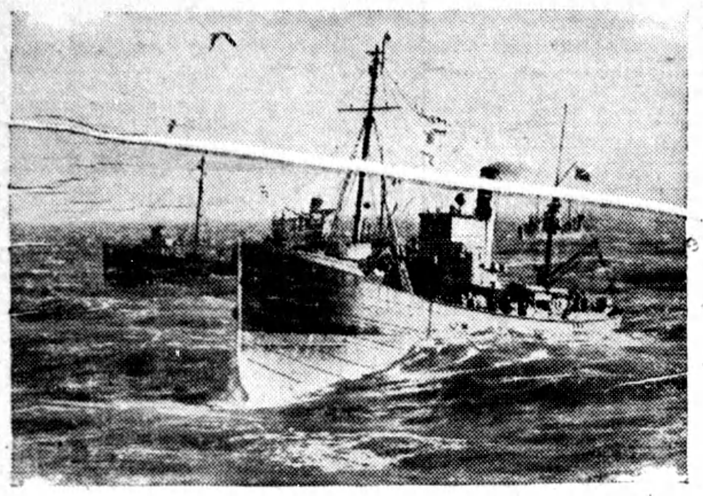

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Thanks to the united efforts of British minesweeping flotillts and scientists working on protective devices, the menace of enemy mines has been kept under control and we have seen a progressive decline in Allied shipping losses. This picture shows units of a British minesweeping flotilla at work in the North Sea.

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Picture Shows: All hands to the boats. A practice drill on a merchant ship.

NATIVE WARS IN NEW GUINEA

War is nothing new in New Guinea. The natives there may consider bombs and cannon something of a novelty, but the general idea of subduing the other fellow has long been put in practice. If you stand in front of a certain case in the Royal Ontario Museum, you can be introduced, painlessly, to the brand of weapons used by the natives. Bows, arrows and spears are their principal armaments.

Native wars in the interior plateau region, which is outside white man's government control, are fierce and frequent, according to Dr. R. F. Fortune, anthropologist. He states that, "In effect, the native population is divided into many small 'countries.' Some occupy an area of less than a square mile Two or more 'countries' become allied against each other when disputes arise leading to war, so that armies up to one thousand men may be involved.

"In peace time," continued Dr. Fortune, "people of these different 'countries' dance and feast together, and intermarry. This leads to complications when war comes, making certain rules necessary. A man is expected to fight against his brother-in-law, but first cousins are given neltrality. In spite of rules for fighting native wars," stated Dr. Fortune, "records indicate that half the deaths of both men and women are due to war."

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Wartime Miracles Occurred In Britain

Another in a series of articles written by W. R. Legge and C. V. Charters, who represented the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association in a recent tour overseas.

By Walter R. Legge

"There are miracles around us on every hand, but in this materialistic age we do not recognize them as such," was the remark passed during a conversation with an officer in England. The truth of this remark becomes more and more apparent when travelling in Britain today.

In those dark days of 1940, how often was there the thought that God must have forsaken us, yet even in those darkest hours miracles were oeing performed.

It was a miracle that the Germans did not invade England immediately after Dunkirk; it was a miracle that Hitler attacked Russia instead of England; the defence of the Battle of Britain was miraculous.

Probably the greatest miracle of them all was the rescue of the army of nearly four hundred thousand from Dunkirk. Few people realize the miracle that made this rescue possible When the editors visited Maidenhead one day, they saw a number of small boats that made many trips across the Chanel to bring back that army. Similar boats were shown in the film "Mrs. Miniver" when that epic was portrayed.

Those little boats could not possibly have lived in a rough sea, and the English Channel is seldom smooth In fact it is famous as one of the most turbulent stretches of water in the world. Yet when these little boats made those trips to Dunkirk and back, the water was smooth. We were told that men who have lived all their lives beside the Channel say that they never saw it as smooth as it was them.

Surely that was a miracle to equal the passage of the Israelites through the Red Sea.

It is frequently remarked that the way in which St. Paul's Cathedral in London escaped total destruction is a miracle. There is no doubt that the Germans tried hard to destroy it. The bomb damage around this cathedral includes some of the worst in England. It is one of the first places visited by strangers looking for badly damaged areas. Everything is demolished for many blocks around. The cathedral now towers up in plain view from all angles, whereas it formerly was closely surrounded by buildings.

The climb up to the gallery outside the dome is about 650 steps, but the effort is well worth while. From this levation there is the most comprehensive view of the widespread damage in that part of London. It impresses one more and more with the conviction that the way in which St. Paul's has escaped destruction is really a miracle.

It did not escape entirely, however. Two bombs actually struck the building and another was removed from the grounds just outside before it exploded. The first bomb struck just over the high altar and brought down blocks of masonry weighing from one to two tons. These entirely destroyed the altar and the pavement.

The second bomb fell in the north transept and went right through the roof and the floor into the crypt; but again the damage was comparatively small, although the walls of the north transept are now four inches out of plumb, and beams have been placed to prevent further movement.

When the area around the cathedral is studied, and the bombs which fell on it taken into consideration, it is no wonder that everyone remarks that it is a miracle that St. Paul's is still standing.

Viscount Halifax has said, speaking of St. Paul's, "Two years ago it was hemmed in by offices, shops and commercial buildings of every kind. All these have now crumbed into dust and ashes under Nazi bombs, and today St. Paul's stands, as it should stand, clear, majestic, its great cross of gold above the city, sharp cut against the sky. Surely there is something symbolic in that. The confused mass of buildings has gone, the rubbish has gone, but what really matters remains."

The vicious raids on the peaceful city of Bath, where there were no war industries or anything of military value, will never be forgotten. These raids which took place in April 1942, destroyed many fine and historic buildings. Yet during those raids 92 bombs fell in gardens or open spaces where they did little damage. We were told this while looking over the city from Beechen Cliff, and it did not seem possible that 92 projectiles could have found open spaces. Surely this was another miracle.

At Bristol, as in many other cities, there are numbers of miracles to be seen. Bristol Cathedral stands practically unscathed, although buildings all around have been damaged. Our hotel, next door to it, lost 100 rooms.

St. Mary's Redcliffe church, of which Queen Elizabeth in 1574 said, "The fairest, goodliest and most famous parish church in England," has also had a miraculous escape from serious damage, while buildings all around it have been battered beyond recognition.

A famous landmark in Bristol was the Leaning Tower of the Temple Church, which was built in 1145, and which was four feet out of perpendicular. The church and all the buildings around it have been destroyed, yet the Leaning Tower stands up in the midst of the debris, and is still four feet out of plumb.

There have been large numbers of churches totally destroyed, but there is a very remarkable thing about them. In most cases the steeple or tower is still standing. From the outside of the dome of St.Paul's cathedral can be seen at least ten churches in the vicinity that have been desroyed, including St. Mary (Bow Church) Cheapside, Christ Newgate (formerly te Gray Friars), St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, on Victoria St.; St. Mary Somerset, on Upper Thames St.; St. James Garlick Hythe; St. Vedas, in Foster Lane; St. Lawrence Jewry; St. Giles Cripplegate; St. Brides, and many others, and in nearly every case the towers or steeples are still standing. The same thing can be seen in Bristol (where 28 churches have been destroyed) and in Bath, Portsmouth and several other cities which we visited.

The towers of all these ruined churches still standing, has caused people to remember an old saying, that the steeples carry the prayers of the people up to heaven.

These steeples and towers are visible symbols of the prayer that free people may be given the strength to remain steadfast, and that they may receive Divine aid to overcome the barbarians who would destroy the temples of God.

The miracles described are only a very few of those that are to be seen in all parts of Britain today.

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