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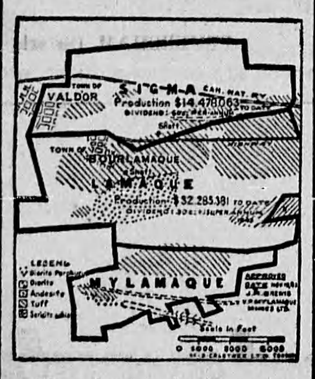

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THE WAR · WEEK — Commentary on Current Events

U-Boat Menace To Bridge of Ships Across Atlantic Has Been Defeated

With hundreds of thousands of soldiers and billions of dollars' worth of supplies streaming to Europe over a bridge of ships, it is both welcome and important news to hear how safe that bridge has become and how thoroughly the one grave menace to it, the German submarine, has been defeated. According to the First Lord of the Admiralty, A. V. Alexander, Allied convoy losses are now less than one ship in every thousand, and so far as is known only one major troop transport of the many thousands sent abroad has been sunk throughout the entire war. Considering the needs of the battlefronts, every loss is grievous, but the rate of loss has become so small that its reduction to the present level represents a great victory and one of the decisive factors in the whole war says, The New York Times.

Hitler's Victory Weapon

For in Hitler's calculations the submarine, more than any other weapon, was to be the weapon of victory. It was to isolate western Europe, Great Britain and Russia from outside help so that he could conquer them one by one by means of his armed legions, his tanks and planes. And if his submarines had lived up to his calculations, who can say he would not have succeeded? In fact, in those dark days when Britain stood alone and when the Germans boasted of submarine tolls exceeding a million tons a month, borne in the main by British shipping, German hopes of starving out the island fortress were flying high, and may have contributed to Hitler's decision to turn against Russia first. They were still flying high when German submarines operated directly off the American east coast and Japanese submarines started to shell the west coast. How desperately Hitler tried to cut the Allied life-line is indicated by the fact that he sent his best and costliest battleships and cruisers on lone raiding expeditions even at the risk of their annihilation.

Hitler's Miscalculation

But, as in every other case, Hitler again miscalculated. The bridge of ships remained intact, and convoy losses which still amounted to one in every 181 ships in 1941 dropped to one in every 233 the following year and to one in every 344 for the whole of 1943. The submarine "wolf packs" were the last challenge, but after their defeat the rate could be kept below one in very thousand throughout the whole second half of last year. As a result America was able to send more than 2,000,000 troops and their supplies across the Atlantic, and in addition to supply allies with more than $20,000,000,000 worth of war materials of all kinds of which a good part went to Russia. Even on that dangerous route 88 per cent of the supplies went through. Both Mr. Alexander and Secretary Knox warn that Germany has a great number of submarines in reserve and will undoubtedly make another try, which might come when our forces are fighting on the Continent and are most dependent on a continuous flow of supplies and reserves. But with the British fleet stronger now than ever before "in relation to the enemy naval strength," and with the American Navy now the largest in world history, the German submarine has lost the importance as a decisive weapon that it once possessed.

Britain's Pledge

In contrast, American submarines, aided by planes and surface vessels, are doing to Japan exactly what Hitler started out to do to Britain and America. They have sunk close to half of the total merchant tonnage Japan controlled at the outbreak of the war, and the growing dearth of shipping is already beginning to paralyze the Japanese Empire and jeopardize its far-flung battlefronts. The First Lord of the Admiralty joins Prime Minister Churchill, Foreign Minister Eden and other British spokesmen in the pledge that after the European war Britain will join America in full force to crush Japan. This pledge is all the more welcome because, judging from British press publications, the same elements that are trying to organize an underground appeasement sentiment toward Japan in this country are even more boldly active in Great Britain.

Only One Answer

It would, as the Pope says, be "an undying stain and shame" if Rome were to be torn by bombs. But would it be any more grievous a loss than the destruction already wrought on London; and, for that matter, Berlin? There can be no distinction between cities in this all-out war. If the Germans use Rome and historic monuments to shield their forces there can be but one answer.

—Ottawa Journal

Comparing Alaska

Alaska lies in the same latitude as Sweeden, Norway and Finland; it exceeds in size the combined areas of these three countries which have a combined population of more than 12,000,000 people.

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—Christian Science Monitor

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READY FOR NEXT ROUND

"The burden of the world rests on the shoulders of the average man," says the Guelph Mercury. And though slightly stooped and suffering from saddle-gall, the hardy little sonofagun is still on his feet, but wobbly.

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OTTAWA REPORTS

That The Greatest Food Needs Of Britain Are Livestock and Dairy Products

While the war across the Atlantic approaches its zenith and the lengthening days at home herald the approach of a new growing season, the need for the greatest production in history beckons every Canadian on the land to continue doing his utmost to meet Allied food needs.

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Col. J. J. Llewellyn, Britain's food minister who attended the Dominion-Provincial conference in Ottawa not long ago, it reported in the British press as saying that Britons will not be able to resume a plentiful diet of meat and dairy products before 1950. "We're going to be very short for a considerable number of years after this war is won," he is quoted as saying.

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Dr. W. H. Barton, Dominion Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Chairman of the Agricultural Food Board, points out that during the war the position of food has been transferred from one of comparatively low priority to one of pressing need. Dairy and livestock products, Dr. Barton says, are in greatest demand and if supplies of these are to be maintained, and if possible, increased, assured supplies of feed grain will be necessary.

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In addition to the record Canadian demand for food, Canada's Armed Forces must be fed and the need of the United Kingdom for pork, cheese, eggs, milk, wheat and flour met. Required for the 100,000 Red Cross parcels for prisoners-of-war packed each week, are 100,000 lbs. each of butter and dried milk and 25,000 lbs. of cheese. Armed Forces canteens overseas receive special allocations from Canada. Convoy, warships, and other vessels need huge quantities of food when they are re-victualled in Canadian ports, while Empire outposts and other United Nations have a claim on the food that Canada can spare.

The challenge to the Canadian farm family is a heavy one.

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There'll be enough of everything the gardener needs to plant a garden this year, according to officials of the Department of Agriculture—plenty of all kinds of vegetable seeds, enough garden tools, adequate supplies of fertilizer, and some pressure cookers.

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From the Agricultural Supplies Board comes word that although livestock producers in Eastern Canada were handicapped by the poor grain harvest in 1943, the overall position with respect to feed supplies is still favorable, due to large reserves in the West. This means that the livestock program planned for 1944 should not suffer because of insufficient supplies of feed grain.

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The only accurate method of grading lambs is rail grading, according to J. W. Graham, Dominion Department of Agriculture Supervising Livestock Fieldman for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia where rail grading has been in operation for several years. As for the market quality of lambs, it has shown a steady improvement ever since rail grading was introduced. Good farmers are all for it, Mr. Graham says.

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Pilot Had Fortune In Little Package

Diamonds Lost When Plane Forced Down Found Later On South Sea Beach

"How was I to know I had a fortune in diamonds in that little package?" asked Capt. Ivan Smirnoff, "I was too busy saving my life."

It was March 3, 1941, and the Russian-born Dutch Army pilot was at Batavia, Java, to fly Dutch officials to Australia to escape the advancing Japanese.

Before he took off, an official handed him a small package with instructions to deliver it to the Commonwealth Bank of Melbourne, Australia, commenting only that it was "valuable."

Landed In Surf

"Seven and a half hours out of Batavia I felt two bullets hit my left arm. The same machine-gun blast killed one passenger. Then I saw three Zeros were after us.

"I had flown in combat in the last war and knew all the tricks I should use but the big DC-3 just wouldn't stand on its head like a P-40. The fuselage began to look like a sieve and I knew we'd have to land.

"I headed for the beach. Then one engine caught fire. As I landed, I swung into the surf, then ordered everyone into the water and to duck under when the Japs came back to strafe."

Beachcomber's Harvest

Later, Captain Smirnoff searched for the "valuable" packet, but didn't find it. He surmised it had been swept out of the plane by the sea.

When rescue planes took him to Australia, the captain told Melbourne bank officials he didn't know what had happened to the packet. Then they told him it contained diamonds and was worth more than $250,000. A searching party went back to the beach.

The packet was found in the plane, empty. Then a beachcomber turned up with some diamonds, saying he found them on the beach. A native found a film container and an old match box, both filled with diamonds. A chinese arrived at Perth, on the south-west coast, with more than $5,000 worth of gems.

Though most of the gems have been located, the beach still is undergoing a constant searching. Furthermore, legend now has it that several million of dollars in the gems are knocking around the sands.

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