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Weekly War Commentary

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Britain has acknowledged that recent sea losses are a matter for serious concern. Many of these occur 400 or 500 miles west of the coast...

This has brought to the front the delicate question of bases in neutral Europe. It is clear that British shipping, for the time being at least, is vulnerable in a wide stretch of the Atlantic.

On the basis of use in the last war, at least three naval bases would interest Britain in the Atlantic. First is the all-important port for Cork, Cohn, known formerly as Queenstown...

From the point of view of the air there is Poynton, known to all Canadians as the link in Britain's trans-Atlantic air travel. Possession of this port would make possible a much more extensive air patrol of the danger areas.

Both Lough Swilly in the north and Berehaven in the south would guard the approaches to Britain—Berehaven to the English Channel and Lough Swilly to the ports of Scotland. In the last war, when Ireland was part of the United Kingdom, these bases helped protect a wide area of Atlantic shipping.

Undoubtedly the problems involved, and they are as important as they are complex, are being weighed in Downing Street. The Axis partnership now includes Rumania. Torn by political dissension and only slowly recovering from the ravages of an earthquake that took thousands of lives and caused tremendous property damage earlier in the month, Rumania took its stand with Germany, Italy, Japan and Hungary on November 23rd.

Bulgaria is said to be next in line, but Russian opinion will play no small part in the action taken by the little country. It was reported in Sofia, November 22nd, that Russia had advised Bulgaria to avoid outright adherence to the alliance. The same day Tass, the Russian News Agency, made a flat denial of reports that the Soviet Union had approved Hungary's decision to join the Axis powers.

Alive to the situation developing, Turkey declared martial law November 22nd. In the sections surrounding the strategic Dardanelles which straddles the land route from Europe to the Near East and Africa. The action was taken only a short time after Franz von Papen, German ambassador, returned from a trip to Berlin. It was thought he brought with him a virtual ultimatum that Turkey should join the Hitler bloc.

The King formally opened a new session of Parliament in London, November 21st. The Speech from the Throne declared the Empire would fight until victory was achieved, assured not only by the valor of the fighting forces, but also by the devotion of civil defence forces and the tenacity and industry of the people.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill praised the courage of Greece and expressed confidence in Britain's ability to defend Egypt and the Suez Canal. Koritza was captured by Greek forces on November 22nd. The big Italian military base in Albania, objective of Hellenic troops since Mussolini's attempted blitzkrieg fell to pieces before Greek defences in the mountainous frontier, was taken with vast stores of munitions and equipment. The Greeks claimed that six Fascist divisions of at least 72,000 men were routed. At the same time they said not a single Italian soldier remained on Greek soil.

The air war on Britain continues. While raids on London were less intense, German bombing squadrons smashed at the industrial Midlands in night attacks November 21st and November 22nd. Heavy property damage was caused but casualties were not so numerous as in the earlier raid on Coventry. Royal Air Force bombers made a surprise raid on the German air base at Stavanger, Norway, November 21st. The airbase was left ablaze. The first planes scattered incendiary bombs over the area and bombers that followed rained explosives, adding greatly to the destruction.

One of the mightiest attacks by the Royal Air Force on the enemy was delivered on the night of November 23rd-24th. British fliers smashed at enemy targets from Berlin to Turin in Italy. Five air yards and stations were attacked in the German capital and fires started at the Krupp works in Essen could be seen for miles. The Royal Italian arsenal and the Fiat motor works were Italian objectives.

The British air offensive has also been directed at the invasion bases on the French coast, with heavy raids on the submarine base at Lorient and objectives at Brest and Boulogne. Heavy German raids have been made on a west of England city, but attacks on London have been light over the week-end.

Italians on Run Aided by British bombers, Greek troops are pushing the Italian invaders through Albania to the Adriatic Sea. The fall of Koritza was followed by the capture of Pogradets, another strategic point on the northern end of the front. Italian troops, withdrawing in the south, were harassed by a Greek force which landed on the mainland across from the island of Corfu to sever communications behind the Italian flank.

Bulgaria Stays Out Slovakia signed the military and economic pact that binds Germany, Italy, Japan, Hungary and Rumania, but it was disclosed November 25th that Bulgaria had turned a deaf ear, at least for the time being, to Hitler's schemes. It is generally believed that Soviet Russia had a good deal to do with the stand taken by its little Balkan neighbor.

At New Orleans, November 25th, Sir Walter Citrine, British labor leader, appealed for more and more warplanes for Britain. He declared that British output was being affected by the German raids. Lord Rothermere, British peer and newspaper magnate, died in Bermuda, November 26th. He was 72 and a brother of late Lord Northcliffe.

British naval units made contact with an Italian naval force in the Mediterranean, November 27th. The Admiralty said two Italian battleships, accompanied by supporting cruisers and destroyers, retired at high speed to their bases when engaged at long range by the British warships.

The Royal Italian arsenal at Turin was the main target for British bombers, who flew over Germany and Italy, November 26th. Berlin was also attacked as well as armament factories in Cologne and ports in Nazi-held territory.

British bombers revealed that Birmingham, Bristol and Southampton were the key points recently damaged by violent German air raids.

ELECTIONS FOR HALTON BOYS' PARLIAMENT

As there are two candidates in the field for the election as Member to represent Halton in the Older Boys' Parliament, it will be necessary to hold an election this year. This election will be held on December 7th, and polling places will be opened where there are registered groups to vote. The two candidates are Donald McNabb, of St. Paul's Church, Milton, and Wm. J. Adamson, of Olsson Memorial Young Men's Class, of Oakville. Both of these young men are well qualified to represent the boy life of Halton in the twentieth session of the Provincial Boys' Parliament, which meets during the Christmas holidays in Hamilton.

Boys between the ages of twelve and twenty-one are eligible to vote if they have attended at least 25% of the meetings of their group or Sunday School class and have their names duly entered on the voters' list. A list of these eligible to vote should be sent in to the Returning Officer, Mr. A. K. Leonard, Milton, by December 2nd; also a duplicate list should be sent to the Ontario Boys' Work Board, Toronto, by any group that is not already registered with that Board.

No boy will be allowed to vote whose name does not appear on the voters' list, all leaders are asked to see that their voters' lists are sent in at once. Any group that has not received a blank list may receive the same by communicating with the Returning Officer.

B. D. R. says

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Willard's Christmas Crackers (5 Choc Bars) in each cracker 25c
1 lb Box Chocolate Supreme Assorted Quality Chocolates 29c
Neilson's Large Choc. Bars Jersey—French or Nut, each 15c
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Manning's Overseas Box Fancy COOKIES—each 35c
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Obituary HENRY HILDENBRAND, Windsor Henry Hildenbrand, a resident of Acton some years ago, and a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hildenbrand, was killed in the C.N.R. yards at Windsor by a yard engine when stepping out of the way of a passenger train. He was 63 years of age and had started in section work on the railway when a young man living in this district. Mrs. Hildenbrand, who was before marriage Dorothy Hornby, a daughter of the late William Hornby, survives him. Five sisters and four brothers also remain. They are: Mrs. Jas. Campbell, Mrs. Jas. Tracy and Mrs. J. Reitz, all of Kitchener; Mrs. Cecil Brown, of Ingleton; Mrs. Chas. Knipfel, Petersburg; George Hildenbrand, of Johnstown, N.Y.; Charles Hildenbrand, of Lindsay; Fred Hildenbrand, of Russell, Iowa; and Adam Hildenbrand, of Kitchener. To all of these sympathy of many friends here goes out in this sudden bereavement.

Your Vote IS YOUR OWN PERSONAL PRIVILEGE As a citizen of Acton it is your duty to vote for the candidate you think will serve your town to the best of his ability at all times. I have been in business in Acton for 20 years, and in that time I have done everything I could at all times for the advancement of Acton in every way. As a taxpayer and a parent with children attending our School I naturally am interested in educational matters. Having been on the School Board for nearly four years, I feel the experience I have gained will be a benefit to all citizens who pay good money to finance the School and if elected I will endeavor to the utmost of my ability to carry on in an honest and efficient manner. Therefore I ask for your support and influence on Monday, December 2nd. Assure You a Vote for Victor B. Rumley Will Be Appreciated

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Ladies' Fur-Trimmed Motor Boots. First quality, Black or Brown velvet. Medium, low, Cuban and military heels. Sizes 4 to 8. Price \$2.49 per pair
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A Remarkable Escape In spite of the fact that German bombs almost completely destroyed the roof in a recent raid, the chandelier in St. Bartholomew's Medical School, one of the most famous of London, miraculously remained out of the path of bomb-fragments. Note the rubble on the benches.

Odds and Ends

- Less than four weeks until Christmas.
—Monday is municipal election day. Be sure to register your vote.
—It seemed a bit overdue to have winter descend with such suddenness.
—The ice surface at the arena will soon need to be put in shape for the winter.
—The big snow storm slowed up work on new buildings in course of construction in town.
—One of the big scouring machines at the Wool Combing plant will go into operation this week.
—Several real estate changes are consummated or in process of change of ownership at the present time.
—Mr. J. H. Creighton, Secretary of the Acton Hockey Club, attended the meeting of the O.H.A. in Toronto on Saturday.
—Motorists using the highway from Acton to Milton report that it has been much improved by scarifying and grading.
—Winter driving conditions, which descended so suddenly, require new driving technique if accidents are to be avoided.
—Erection of several of the new combing machines from England, at the Wool Combing Co. plant, here, was completed this week.
—The two houses being erected by Mr. Amos Mason, on Alice Street, are nearly all enclosed now, with the roof going on the second building.
—The office of Baxter Laboratories was moved to the new plant in Acton on Saturday. It is expected the plant will be in operation next week.
—Some of the "stop" signs about town receive little attention from motorists. Can it be that they are so illiterate that four letter words are not understood.
—The action of Council in keeping snow off two blocks on Mill Street is generally appreciated. Clearing the surplus was promptly undertaken yesterday.
—Mr. Ben Corless, formerly of the Bank of Montreal staff, St. Marys, who has been in Norwich for the past two years, has been transferred to the staff of the Bank of Montreal here, to take the position vacated by Mr. Barton.
—About 150 civic officials of Halton, Peel, Brant, Wentworth, Waterloo and Wellington Counties attended a special school, held in Rockwood, last Friday. Officials of the Department of Municipal Affairs gave instruction in Council procedure and municipal accounting.

GEORGETOWN Mr. and Mrs. Ben Forster, who have been residents of Georgetown for the past forty-five years, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 23rd. The marriage of Marie Maude, daughter of Mr. Edward Fleck, Georgetown, to Dr. Charles Anley Martin, Milton, was solemnized November 16th, at 2.30 o'clock in Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown. Bishop Fleming, Bishop of the Arctic, paid a call last Monday on Mr. Lawrence Learmonth, Hudson's Bay factor, who is spending some time with his brother, Dr. R. Learmonth. It was learned this week that the lovely farm home of Col. and Mrs. D. H. C. Mason, on the Check Line, has been sold. The new owners, Mr. and Mrs. McLoughlin, of Toronto, will take possession early next month.—Herald.

MILTON George Coulson has bought the house on Queen Street, owned by the late John Hunter, and now occupied by Stan. Ezard. Relief costs for the town have decreased \$1,292.55, according to Clerk Jas. W. Blain. It cost the town \$4,371.19 for the first ten months of 1940, as compared to \$5,663.74 for the same period a year ago. Completing a two-day course here on Tuesday, thirteen young ladies from the County, under the Home Economic Instructor, Miss Betty Wallace, of the Department of Agriculture, studied "Club Girls Stand on Ours". Starting off at a fast clip, and finishing even stronger, St. Michael's College Buzzers scored an 11 to 1 victory over Milton in the opening S.P.A. Junior B hockey game at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, on Monday night last. St. Mike's scored three goals in each of the first two periods and ended by scoring five in the last period. The lone Milton goal came in the second session.—Champion.