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The Editor's Corner

HERALD WAR VICTIMS' FUND

One day last week we were talking to a local merchant, and he suggested that we start a War Victims' Fund. This was something we had been thinking of for some time, but we hadn't got to the point of doing anything about it. We had noted in the Evening Telegram that local mills had been contributing to the fund for British War Victims which that paper had started. Smith & Stone employees had sent in two donations amounting to \$172.45; Alliance Paper Mills, \$60.50; Provincial Paper, \$40.00; as well as sundry smaller donations by individuals and organizations in the district.

We feel that recognition should be given to these generous donations, and perhaps the best way to do this would be for donations to pass through the local fund. We will simply act as a sort of agent for the Toronto paper, and when we have a substantial amount of money turned in, will forward it, together with our complete list of donors, to the Toronto paper.

By doing this, we hope that some of our local people will be encouraged to donate to this worthy cause which the Evening Telegram has fostered with such success. No donation is too small, and all donations will be acknowledged from week to week in the Herald.

OOPS! — SORRY!

A couple of years ago we remember an ad which ran in the theatrical newspaper "Variety" and which was reprinted in Time Magazine. It seems that Frederic March and his wife, Florence Eldridge, had appeared in a New York play which "folded" after a few performances. Taking the reaction of critics and public in good grace, the pair inserted the ad in Variety. It was in the form of a cartoon, which showed a circus trapeze artist swinging on his trapeze and his unlucky partner missing by inches his outstretched hands.

Underneath was the simple caption:

"Oops — Sorry"

Frederic March and Florence Eldridge.

To say that we felt like the trapeze-man who missed is putting it mildly when we think back to a telephone conversation we had last Thursday morning about an article which appeared in this column. The article in question was a plea to organizations and individuals not to ask us to display hand-printed signs in the Herald window. It was not aimed at any organization or any individual—but rather it was our way of telling the public about a policy which is followed by most newspaper offices. We thought it a most opportune time, as we had at the date of writing no less than four such signs in our window.

We weren't trying to infer that any of these organizations were cheap-skates for not getting signs printed. That is a matter of policy which is absolutely none of our business. We are here to do printing if it is wanted or required, not to heap slander on organizations for not having everything printed.

If we have caused any embarrassment to any organization because of our article, we are genuinely sorry. The organization to which the irate telephoner belonged has done, is doing, and will in the future do good work in Georgetown, and we should be the last to say or do anything which might reflect on this work. Moreover, it has always been very fair to the Herald in the matter of printing and advertising, and we have quite often voiced our appreciation because they don't look for "something for nothing."

HAVE YOU SIGNED YOUR PLEDGE?

The War Savings Pledge Campaign has swung into the last two weeks of the February drive to enlist a Canadian army of war savers. This morning we received a communication from the office of the National Chairman in Ottawa which gave the number of pledges reported to February 15th in Ontario municipalities.

Georgetown leads the field in Halton County with 528, with Oakville and Acton reporting 243 and 151 respectively, and no-returns in from other towns.

Other returns include: Brampton, 1271; Port Credit, 319; Weston, 946; Etobicoke, 346; Orangeville, 166; Simcoe, 1361; Elora, 238; Fergus, 705; Guelph, 2847.

MORE ABOUT THE BROOM SALESMAN

Our warning last week about a broom salesman who claimed to be selling his wares for the benefit of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, proved to be timely. Reports from Erin state that he was in that city last week-end, so Georgetown housewives may meet up with him in the near future.



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Britain's Navy Smeared
The Duce's Dream

By "Taffrail"
 When Italy declared war upon Britain and France on June 10, 1940, we already had a considerable fleet at Alexandria under the command of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham.

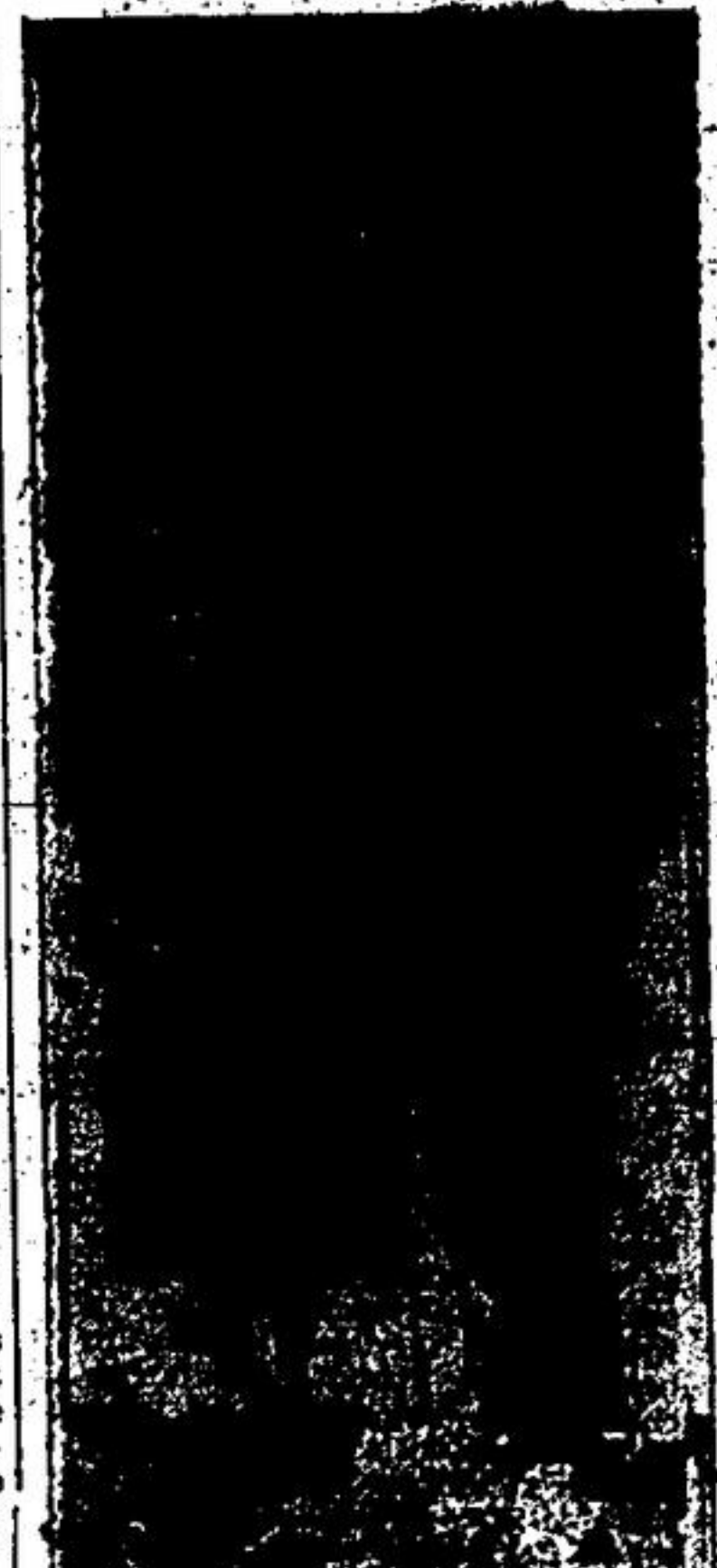
The Commander-in-Chief's main object, of course, was to engage and destroy the Italian fleet wherever he might find it. He had also to protect the Suez Canal, and to hinder any invading army moving along the coast road from Libya. He must guard the oil supplies from Iraq which reach the Mediterranean at Haifa; maintain the Allied trade in the Aegean; and interrupt Italy's important line of communication with the oil wells of Romania and Russia passing out of the Dardanelles and through the Aegean.

To a man of Sir Andrew Cunningham's determination and mettle, it mattered little that the paper strength of the Italian fleet was superior to his own. He knew his ships and the temper of his men, and was always a firm believer in the offensive. Moreover, through long years of service there, he knew the Mediterranean like the palm of his hand. Within a short time of Italy's unprovoked stab in the back at a very critical time, the Mediterranean Fleet was at sea.

Because the surrender of France was imminent, Mussolini may have thought to fight on alone. No doubt the Italian dictator wished to share in the spoils of the German conquest without serious fighting—to acquire control of Egypt and the Suez Canal; to take over the French colonies of Algeria and Tunisia; to exert his influence over Greece, Turkey and the Middle East, to transform the Mediterranean into an Italian lake. If Hitler had spread himself over most of Europe, where else could Mussolini come in?

The Italian despot reckoned without the paralyzing effects of British sea power. The British control of Gibraltar, the Suez Canal and the Aegean cut off all the sources of supply of fresh oil for his aircraft, ships, mechanized armies and industries. His coal, which normally came from Britain and Germany, was seriously diminished.

MAIN THEATRE OF WAR
 Libya, too, was more of a responsibility than an asset, since the large Italian army there had to be supplied and reinforced from the home country, with vulnerable lines of communication by sea. Abyssinia, Eritrea and Somaliland were at the end of what someone called a British drainpipe, and would have, colloquially, to live



His Excellency, the Earl of Athol, Governor-General of Canada, shown here with Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, will address the Boy Scouts of Canada from Montreal on Saturday, March 1. The address will be broadcast over the CBC National Network at 8:00 p.m. EDT.

on their own fat. Mussolini could crow as much as he pleased about the British withdrawal from Somaliland; but it would have been folly for us to pass troops into that colony to hold it. Events have proved that we were wise not to dissipate our strength in side-shows; but to concentrate in the main theatre of war against Italy—the Mediterranean.

The end is not yet in sight, and it may be unwise to predict. But it seems not unlikely that Italy will eventually lose Libya and Eritrea, Somaliland and Abyssinia as well. Mussolini's dreams of himself as a second Caesar; of an Italian Mediterranean; and of a vast Italian Empire stretching from the Mediterranean through Egypt and the Sudan, to the Red Sea and Indian Ocean, have vanished into the blindest of smoke. The amateur strategist who is Hitler's weaker partner appears completely to have ignored his own many weaknesses, and the overwhelming and far-reaching effect of British sea power, wielded as it always has been throughout the whole of our long history.

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 11:48 p.m. 9:13 p.m.
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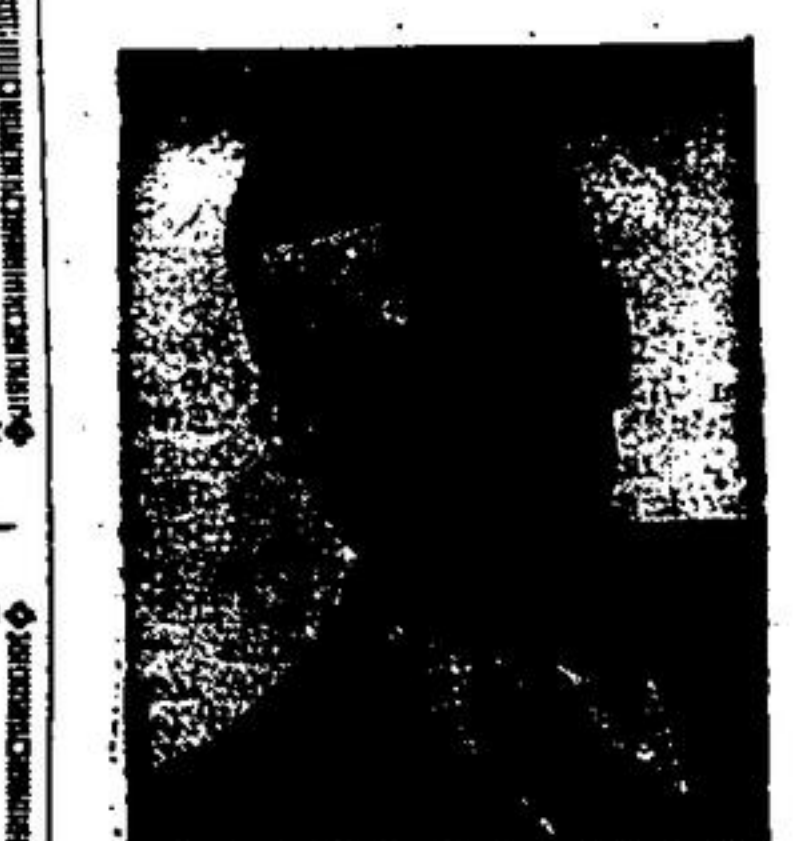
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James Finlay is producer of the panoramic feature broadcast to be presented over the CBC National Network on Friday, February 22, at 9:00 p.m. EDT. This elaborate presentation will bring to the listener a series of sound pictures of Canada's war effort at work from coast to coast.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of THOMAS ALBERT SPENCE, late of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, laborer, deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having any claims or demands against the late Thomas Albert Spence, who died on or about the twenty-first day of August, 1940, at the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Halton and Province of Ontario, are required to send by post prepaid or to deliver to the undersigned Solicitors for Charles E. Spence and Wilfrid Spence, the Administrators of the estate of Thomas Albert Spence, laborer, deceased, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims and statements of their accounts and the nature of the accounts, if any, held by them.
AND TAKE NOTICE that after the fourth day of March, 1941, the said Charles E. Spence and Wilfrid Spence will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice, and that the said Charles E. Spence and Wilfrid Spence will not be liable for the said claims or any part thereof to any person of whose claim they shall not then have received notice.
 DATED at Georgetown, Ontario, this FIFTH day of February A.D., 1941.
CHARLES E. SPENCE and WILFRID SPENCE,
 Solicitors for the said Charles E. Spence and Wilfrid Spence.