VOICE OF THE PRESS

COST TREMENDOUS d at the two big bridges built in recent years at San Francisco, then gone on further south and east to look at Boudler Dam you must have been struck by the

tremendous cost of these struc-tures built for the use of man.

The cost was tremendous, too. totalled \$276,000,000. But that is \$24,000,000 less than the \$300,000,000 cost of the 98-day Pacific Coast maritime strike in 1936 which resulted in practically putting San Francisco out of busi-

nes as a shipping port. So when you are wondering how we are going to pay for some of the big projects on this continent, just remember that if peple will go to work the cost can soon be

-Lethbridge Herald.

WORLD'S WORST CHEATERS In Canadian sentiment, there is no hatred of the Japanese as nation. There is opprobrium even now, and for a long time past. They are just little gangsters alongside their Hun friends and bullies. As a nation they are also the greatest cheaters this Earth has ever been encumbered with. The story must be recalled at this writing, how they ordered warships from a Scottish shipyard of world renown. How they got world remember. How they cancelled first delivery and then cancelled the order, because they thought they had the blueprints of design. They had blueprints, and when they built their own ships on what they got, those ships turn-ed turtle. It was certainly retribution for the cheaters, the amatour imitators, which the Japs are known to be.
—St. Catharines Standard.

MILADY'S LOCKS MUST GO!

Six thousand hairdressers can't be wrong. And 3,000 of them in convention assembled recently New York passed a decree which means that milady will have to see the beauty parlor she patronizes strewn with long clippings from her cherished tresses. She may have taken months to let her hair grow to the right length. She may have spent many simoleons to have an expert give her just the right long hair-do covering her ears. But now the inexorable 6,000 have given this form of hair dressing its death

They have heaped scorn upon this style. It is "Hollywood shrubbery." It is "like wet spaniel ears." it gives a woman a "drippy look." woman could brave those ep-The locks will have to go.

-Timmins Daily Press.

CHEERS FOR CUCUJII It's a nuisance for many of us. Every month we get one of those pesky bills for electric current. Almost makes a fellow want to move down to the balmy shores of Mexico facing the big gulf. For we are reliably informed that electric light bills are totally unknown down there. All the lucky folks have to do is go out in their gar-

and capture a handful of cu-Never heard of them? Well, they are a sort of greenish-black beetle that produces a phos-phorescent light. Put half a dozen

of them in a little bamboo cage and they will give as much light as a 15-watt electric bulb. Ho, hum, let's turn out the cuouji beetles and go to sleep. -Kitchener Record. -v-NAPLES' FIFTH COLUMN

The great Italian seaport and commercial city of Naples is in danger. The menace is a fifth column more damaging than any Italy's ally, Hitler, ever planted. Night after night it guides British bembers to the city. With brazen openness it flaunts a light the questing. British airmen can-

Mussolini knows all about it.

His firemen are helpless. They
cannot put the light out. His secret police are beaten by it. No handcuffs and shackles were ever made that can curb it.

Naples' fifth column happens to

Naples' little of the Mt. Vesuvius.

—Guelph Mercury.

A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION No fewer than 23,000 farmerettes and young men put in a total of ten million hours of work in Ontario this year harvesting the crops of farms and orchards. They have made a valuable contribution to the country's war ef-fort and are deserving of the tributes paid to them.

—Hamilton Spectator.

A GOOD SIGN Britain is not claiming to have won the Battle of the Atlantic, but it may be significant that United States marine insurance

rates on British and Allied shipments have been reduced.

-Owen Sound Sun-Times.



MINERS LEARN STRIKE IS OVER

OR THEIR SHIRTS material." Italians will be lucky they don't lose their pants. -Kitchener Record

RUMOR EXPLANATION Japanese typewriters have 3,000 keys, which explains some of the conflicting rumors coming out of the Land of the Rising Sun these

Stratford Beacon-Herald. AND SO ON This winter folk will plan to save money next Summer — the same money they planned las

Tempo of Business Bewildering Speed

commer to save this winter.

Canadian production in 1941 may exceed the level reached in 1929 by as much as 40 percent., according to estimates of the Royal Bank of Canada released in the bank's November letter.

Although 1940 production also
surpassed the 1929 figure, it has eased so rapidly this year that it is expected to advance far beond even the 1940 total, the bank said. The letter commented that all business activity is ex-panding with "bewildering speed," and the official index of the

than in the corresponding period -with one-half of all manufacturing workers directly engaged

Roosevelt Moves In South America

at besieged Tobruk, 80 miles west of Bardia. A year ago Egypt and the Suez had been in peril, says the New York Times. Premier Mussolini's legions motored along the coastal highway built for a thousand miles from Tripoli to the Egyptian border. Perhaps a quarter of a million men marched toward the land of the Pharaohs. Outnumbered British forces retired, stalled the Italian drive in the desert. The Italians, despite their numerical array and their confidence -they brought marble monuments along to celebrate anticipated rlumphs-showed signs of weak-

ness. In December, the Army of the Nile led by General Sir Archibald Wavell, probed the Fascist line in a tentative surprise assault. Resistance crumbled, and the British commander, in a sweep ranking as one of the war's most brilliant, raced across Cyrenaica. Libya's eastern province, to Bengazi, some 400 miles from the point of attack. All Libya might have fallen, save for two factors; (1) the Army of the Nile was depleted in order to reinforce the Greek Balkan front for an impending German thrust; (2) the Italians were stiffened by German armored forces hurriedly sent through Italy and across the Med-

iterranean to Libya. The Germans under Genera Erwin Rommel, Panzer expert and veteran desert warrior, took full advantage of the skeletonized British. The Army of the Nile was olled back from Bengazi to Egypt in shorter time than it had advanced. Only at Tobruk, the battered port 80 miles from Libya's eastern frontier, did a garrison of empire toops hold on. Like the earlier Italian drive, the German push came to a halt in Western Egypt at the end of a precariously

Months of Stalemate From late Spring until last week Axis and empire armies faced Axis and empire armies faced each other in a stalemate. Those months embraced the season of almost unbearable heat and arid-ity, of fierce windstorms, in the and and limestone wastes of Libya. Military operations on a large scale were risky. Both sides used the period to build up reserves for a future test.

The Axis had the advantage of shorter supply lines from their arsenal in Europe, the disadvantage of being exposed to British naval and aerial power in the Mediterranean. The Royal Navy and the R.A.F. pounded at the overseas line from Naples to Tripoli, chief unleading port in Libya. Hundreds of thousands of tons of Axis shipping sank beneath the inland sea; with the vessels went men, equipment, foodstuffs, planes, tanks, oil. Nevertheless, enough Axis shipping got through to make it appear that in the race to

the American troops are to occupy Dutch Guiana. The action is great a blow to Hitler in the South Atlantic as the American occu-pation of Iceland was in the North

mans might win.

The British depended in part

Pressure on Vichy Vichy is being pressed into

loser collaboration with Germany.

meral Wegand, commander o

he French Africa forces, has been

itish, Wegand has always hated

its African Atlantic bases from a

the United States.

ible "attack" by Britain or

From now on, unless evidence

is forthcoming to the contrary.

France must be looked upon as a

active, partner of Germany. Her fleet and her great naval and air

bases in Africa may at any moment be placed at the disposal of the

Nazis. But until Bizerte, Casa-

by the Axis there will remain ground for hope that this second

prove such a catastrophe for the

democratic cause as her first one. That is why the British offensive

letters, appears everywhere in the Middle East and India, from

the bomb-shaken dugouts of To-

bruk, through the crowded hote

President Roosevelt Acts

President Roosevelt has beaten

surrendered of France may

the United States.

blanca and Dakar are taken over

potential, if not yet an open and

on supplies from the United States arsenal-particularly tanks and planes—and from India. Their sea There are British, Dutch and French Guiana all side by side on the edge of Brazil and facing Dakar in Africa. The Nazis had lines were tremendously long, but from the Red Sea ports, where the freighters unloaded, the land lines were comparatively short,
well organized and protected. It
was believed that last week the an eye on French Gulana with view to gaining a foothold there. But with the Americans co-operating with the Dutch to protect British had several hundred thous-and men available—drawn from Dutch Guiana from aggression, all corners of the empire—and an air force exceeding that defending Hitler's plan is forestalled. There are bauxite mines to Dutch Guiana. The mineral is the home isles in 1940's Battle of

needed to assure a supply of alu-minum for war production in the United States. Airplanes eat up tons of aluminum and the metal is required for other war purposes. It is not only the bauxite that etired "at the express lemand of litler" Although dislining the needs the guardianship of the United States. It is the teritory itself. If the Nazis had made a thrust across the South Atlantic the Nazis. With him out of the way, Vichy may be preparing to from Dakar, which is the French base on the bulge on the Atlantic bow to the following German coast of Africa, it would have meant a German threat not only (1) Use of the French fleet, still to Dutch Guiana, but also to Bristrongest in the Mediterranean after Britain's, to convoy Axis tish and French Guiana, as well supplies to North Africa; (2) use as Brazil And it would have of bases and transit facilities in brought the Nazis within striking French Tunisia, Algeria and Mordistance of the Panama Canal occo for Axis troops and material;) a pledge by Vichy to protec

Aid To Greece Left Lihva Weak

Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, com-mander-in-chief in India, has shouldered responsibility for the British setback last spring Libya by acknowledging that the Germans counter-attacked at least a month earlier than he had

Gen. Wavell, who was commander-in-chief in the Middle East at the time of the Libyan campaign and has since exchanged ositions with Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, reviewed the African operations in a council of state in Libya is of such great importance, not only to Britain but to He said that after an appeal

from the Greek government, which was under attack by both nany and Italy, practically A quotation from "Mein Kampi," printed on placards in big black all the trained and equipped troops in the Middle East were ordered to Greece.

"Our conquests in Cyrenaica" were left to be held by a garrison of partly-trained and partly-

equipped troops," he said.
made a miscalculation there. lobbies of Cairo to Baghdad barracks and the bazaars of Teheran. "I did not expect the enemy unter-attack before the end of April at the earliest - by which April at the earliest time I had hoped to have back at least part of a seasoned Indian division from Italian West Africa division from Itahan West Alrica and to have completed the equip-ment of troops left in Cyrenaics which consisted of a British ar-mored brigade, an Australian dior whatever the means which have to be employed; and all this though the actual equipment at vision and an Indian motor bri hand may be utterly inadequate when compared with that of any

"All these were short of equip ment, transport and training. U fortunately, the enemy attacks at least a month before I had ex Hitler to the draw again, says the Windsor Dally Star. This time

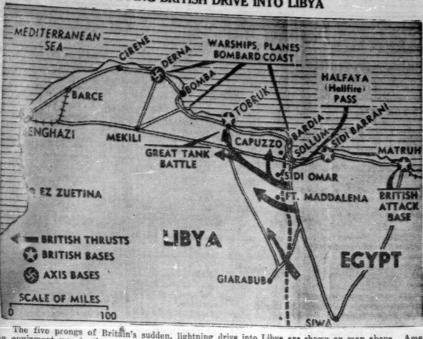
By Fred Neher



By GENE BYRNES



MAPPING BRITISH DRIVE INTO LIBYA



The five prongs of Britain's sudden, lightning drive into Libya are shown on map above. Ameriequipment was in the van as British raced more than 80 leged Tobruk. Great tank battle raged for its possession.

What Science Is Doing

SEEDLESS WATERMELONS Dr. C. Y. Wong of Kwantung, hina, has achieved the seedless ermelon. He worked naphthalene acetic acid, indole butyric cid. sulfanilamide and colchicine, all growth-producing substances, nto a salve and with it smeared the pistils of watermelon flowers.

Not all the watermelons produced were seedless, but there was always a notable effect. Sometimes the seeds were small, sometimes there wee just bits of seed, sometimes there were the usual seeds but without hard coatings. Dr. Wong found that the seedless r almost seedless melons, though f the right size, were not as juicy

as the ordinary kind. Diamonds are needed in the achine-tool industry. As a relt they figure in Anglo-Russian de relations, and this because Russian supply is greater n Russian industry can absorb. that Great Britain, the Un-States and Russia are worktogether in an effort to beat r the demand for diamonds net. Stones used to be ship-from Brazil to Europe via by Italian airliners. The ian supply has been corn-American and British ers and Axis funds have been zen with the result that Ger-

is getting no more dia-

"CHERRY" erry," a cow, is making hist the British National Inte for Dairving. A pellet of was planted beneath her went up 28.6 per cent. It is going up, according to the report. The hormone is It looks as if the procedwill be generally recommendto dairy farmers to obtain milk for Great Britain.

How Can I? BY ANNE ASHLEY

every day. They are usually keep them sanitary. . How can I prevent sewing hine oil from spotting mater-After oiling the sewing

ine, it is well to sew through er, which will absorb any oil and thus prevent spot valuable material. low can I have whiter fry slicing a lemon with into the boiler of clothes, make the clothes beautiket handkerchiefs, under-d table linen.

How can I make a good or for dimity and organdie? Dissolve 2 ounces of gum in 1 pint of hot water. Use confuls of this solution arts of water. It gives the goods without aptarchy.

ake a syrup by cooking of water and one cup of ogether. Select small and let them cook slowly syrup until soft. Drain,

World's Record

no less than 5,931 tons of bulk grain were discharged from a cerain vessel in the Port of London between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. It will scarcely be disputed of out-turn, and a record which has probably never been approached at any port in any part of the

Modern Etiquette BY ROBERTA LEE

a dance and no one is there to serve it, should a girl serve her partner and then herself? ionery be used by a person in

group of persons, is it all right cold drinks at a meal when only

cold food is served? 6. Is it obligatory to answer notes of sympathy that are written to an invalid? 1. No; she should wait and al-

valid is too ill to answer should do so.

Good Neighbor



Scratching Action

out a money order to cover the A letter was received from the

passenger by Mr. Dobbs return-ing the money order, which had been endorsed back to the com-

pany. His letter read: "We are returning to you C. N. Express Money Order N QQ 975474. We

have signed this order and would

thank you very much if you would hand this money to the Red Cross.

Wishing for Britain a crushing victory against its enemies."

Mr. Dobbs passed the money order along to the local branch

to observe a speed limit of sixty

miles an hour, Engineering News Record points out. However, i

they use the same stretch of high

way after dark, they will find the

same signs reading fifty miles an

hour. Signs are so marked tha

natural light than by automobil

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a higher speed limit is shown by

of the Red Cross Society.

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When getting out of a taxi vith an escort, should a woman open the door and get out first if she happens to sit nearest the

4. When introducing a man to

low her escort to open the de and then asist her. 2. No; the man should serve his partner, and then himself. 3. This is not necessary; plain white stationery s preferred. 4. No; introduce nim to each person individually, but if possible, mention two or serve both hot and cold drinks, as some of the guests might prefe a hot drink. 6. Yes; if the insome other member of the family

Aids Red Cross

Recently a resident of Virginia, Minnesota, paid a visit to Winnipeg and on his return a railway official noted that there should be an adjustment on the price o his ticket. The matter was referred to Walter Dobbs, General Passenger Agent, Canadian National Railways, who quickly sent



HAVE -YOU HEARD?

Recently a Canadian editor wa in a gun plant where extremely fine tooling operations were being

fine tooling operations were being carried on.

"What are your tolerances on this job?" he asked a man at a lathe.

"One five thousandth of an inch," replied the workman.

The figure conveyed little to the editor. He asked, "How fine is that?"

The workman, too, seemed

The workman, too, seemed puzzled. He called to his neighbor on the next machine: "Bill, how many five thousandths are there in an inch?" Bill scratched his head. "Gee, I don't know. But there must be

An English paper publishes this advertisement:
"For sale: Baker's bush ness; good trade; large oven; present owner been in it for seven years; good reasons for leaving."

Distrusting all mankind, and banks in particular, Ellen kept her savings in her room. But Cupid was too much for her at last, and she agreed to marry the local butcher. She

asked her mistress:

"What's the best way to put
my money in the bank?"

"But I thought you didn't trust
banks," exclaimed her employer. "No more I do, mum. But it'll be safer in the bank than in the nouse with a strange man about!

Visitor: "Well, young man, just what do you do on this submarine?" Fed-up Sailor: "Madam

it's my duty to run forward and hold her nose whenever we dive." The energetic salesman walked into the factory and sought and obtained an interview with the

Look here, sir!" he began. "I'd like to speak to some of your men and try to sell them my put fire and sparkle into their The superintendent turned pale: "Get out of here," he roared

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Up strolled a policeman.

"Well," he remarked genially,

"you got a nice skid there, sir."

"Pardon me, officer," was the
haughty reply, "this lady is my

Animal trainers agree that the female of all species are easier t

hill sent the British forces i

the King to express to all

ranks of the army and the Roy al Air Force in the western

desert and to the Mediterran

dence that they will do their duty with exemplary devotion in the supremely important

battle which lies before them

"For the first time British and Empire troops will meet the

Germans with ample equipment in modern weapons of all kinds The battle itself will affect the

Africa when the Libyan

ensive was launched:

Churchill's Message To Libyan Forces Following is the text of th nessage Prime Minister Chu

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hole course of the war. No s the time to strike the har blow yet struck for final vi-tory, home and freedom. The desert army may add a page is history which will rank with Blenheim and with Waterloo.

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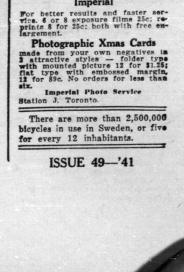
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Britain Strikes In South Africa:

Great Britain has launched her greatest offensive of the war and

designed (1) to relieve the Ger-man military pressure on Russia resources of the Nile, to the Sueztimate land invasion - agains Italy, the weak tenant in the Axis house; (4) to demonstrate strength that might give pause to the men of Vichy, who were moving toward closer collaboration with Adolf Hitler, a collabor ation that threatened profoundly

physical volume of business durng the first eight months of 1941 everaged 12.6 percent. higher Canada's manufacturing capacity is now largely occupied with its base a 60-mile line south from the production of war materials

-Guelph Mercury

Great things are in store for men in the Canadian Army in only few weeks. The women in this picture are only two of many reruits in the C.W.A.C. They are taking the Canadian Women's Army Corps cooking course at the Central Technical School, Toronto. At the conclusion of their course their jobs will be to feed the fighting at the Central Rhea Truckel, RIGHT, is giving Recruit May Kullick taste of her product. Both women are from Hamilton.

REG'LAR FELLERS-A Big Loss

TWO POUN'S!

her tanks are rolling across the deserts of Italian Lybia. A second front—long and impatiently await-ed—has been opened against the Axis. This is not a hurrled attempt to assist Russia by estab-lishing a second front but rather carefully weighed plan. It was by diverting Axis man power and naterial; (2) to erase the Axis menace to the cotton and wheat Red Sea waterway on which empire communications in the Middle East depend; (3) to provide bases, if it over-ran Libya, for an intensified attack-perhaps an ul-

the arenas of the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. The shock of battle flared suddenly and yet it has been known that the British and Axis powers were girding for a decisive trial in Libya after a military stalemate that has existed for six months.

The Libyan battlefield was described as a vast triangle enclosing more than 2,000 square miles, with

Bardia, on the Mediteranean GOOD OMEN FOR THE ARMY

The Fuehrer's comment on British morale reads:
"The spirit of the British nation enables it to carry through to vic-tory any struggle it once enters upon no matter how long the strug gle may last or however great the sacrifice that may be necessary