CHIC CHIEF

We wonder if pretty Pat Clark, of Hollywood, really means to emulate the Indians of yesteryear, who used the bow and arrow quite effectively against wolves, or whether she is merely displaying feathers in their most attractive manner.

OTTAWA REPORTS

That The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan Will End March 31, 1945

The immense British Commonwealth Training Plan—the scheme that turned out air crew so fast that at a vital stage of the war Germany lost its air superiority—will end on March 31 next since there is a surplus of air crew for the war in Europe and the Far East. This is the normal expiry date for the plan and has been agreed to by the participants, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

A shadow training scheme of small dimensions will be retained in a high state of readiness, and certain operational training units will be kept mainly for Canadian purposes. After March 31, 1945, these will not form part of the R.C.A.T.P. but will carry on as R.C.A.F. schools, the minister for air, Major Power, has announced.

Personnel still in training in Canada will all be graduated before March 31. They will be placed on R.C.A.F. air crew reserve and will be subject to recall while hostilities last. Instructors and other air crew staff not eligible for overseas operations will also be released and transferred to reserve.

Air crew who have completed a tour of operations will be given the option of returning to civilian life. Release on a voluntary basis will be offered ground crew personnel in priorities according to length of service, and members of the Women's Division may return to civil life on application except in certain restricted trades. Married personnel of the W.D. will be released as soon as replacements from within the force are available.

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Dr. Norman McRae, scientist in the tobacco division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, says that with very little expansion in equipment Canadian tobacco growers could produce under normal conditions enough tobacco to meet the Canadian demand, plus 20,000,000 to 30,0000,000 lbs. for export, provided it is prepared to compete in quality and price with foreign-grown leaf.

The United Kinkdom has agreed to take all surplus beef during next year, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, announces. Previously a minimum amount as well as a maximum amount of 134,000,000 pounds had been set. The maximum limitation now has been lifted.

House of Commons May Get New Home

A committee proposed recently the construction of a new House of Commons costing approximately $3,136,000 and requiring four to five years to build.

The Commons, replacing the one bombed out, would be in late Gothic style.

Canada's Asbestos

Much asbestos is produced in Canada but little processed for use there; it is exported chiefly to the United States to make fire-fighting clothing, automobile break linings, steam pipe coverings, and for other fire and heat protection uses.

FEATHERWEIGHT

The pretty young miss above is not the circus strong lady — it so happens that the aluminum tank she is nonchalantly holding aloft weighs just 31 pounds. Developed by ALCOA engineers in New York, the tank—30 pounds lighter than conventional type — will radically increase the amount of gasoline shipped by air to the China-Burma-India theatre of war to aid in the war against the Japs.

WHAT SCIENCE IS DOING

Colored Cotton Grown In Russia

In the autumn of 1941 one of the experimental plots at a Soviet cotton research station became the centre of a peculiar kind of pilgrimage. Crowds of visitors came to look at the strange cotton, covered with brown pods of various shades ranging from dark to almost yellow. They had been coloured by Nature directed by man. This was the first proof that it is possible to grow coloured cotton.

The experiments were initiated by Badanov, Director of the Experimental Station at Chimbai, just south of the Aral Sea, in Asiatic Russia. As a result of selection he has succeeded in developing a species of cotton with a high yield and constant, natural colour.

Badanov expects that his method will eliminate the need for artifical dyes for a number of textiles, and will speed up the production process. The textile, dyed by Nature, does not fade either in washing or in the sun.

Soviet scientists are now trying to obtain cotton in many colours beside brown. Shades of green have been produced.

One hot water bottle contains enough rubber to make two yards of hospital sheeting.

PATRIOT

Col. Arne Dahl, above, who was the commander of the famous Alta Battalion during the last days of Norway's stand against the Nazis at Narvik, now is leading a contingent of Norwegian soldiers fighting with the Russians against the Germans on Norwegian soil. Col. Dahl was assistant military attache at the Norwegian Embassy in Washington before returning to England to assume his present command.

Gold Goes Far

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LAUNDRY WORK

Sign at a Quartermaster Corps laundry in England: "We don't mangle your clothes with machinery—we do it carefully by hand."

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SIMPLE, ISN'T IT?

A professor says: "It is egregious obscurantism to postulate that syncopation and improvisation in harmonization has an immoral connotation." Translation: Swing music won't hurt your morals, if any.

—Kitchener Record

Queen Is Descendant From Scottish King

The recent death of the Earl of Strathmore recalls that Elizabeth is descended from a Scottish King. The earl's claim that his family connections in Scotland were as old and as honorable as the Royal Family in England, comments the Windsor Star.

Glamis Castle, the residence of the Bowes-Lyon family, was granted to Sir John Lyon in 1376. He was a courtier and secretary to King Robert III of Scotland and married Princess Jean, daughter of Robert, who gave the young couple the castle for their home.

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Total subscriptions by Canadian National employees in the seven loans amounted to $49,785,250. With purchases of Victory bonds by the Company, aggregating $90,556,900 the grand total was $140,342,150.

The photograph, showing a cross-section of C.N.R. workers gathered about the Railways' newest 6000-type engine, is symbolic of the Railways' united effort. Train crews, shop forces, roundhouse workers, office and station staffs, maintenance of way and yard workers, telegraph, express, carriage, hotel and steamship workers—men and women all over the Dominion threw themselves enthusiastically into the campaign. Before the loan drive ended, they were away over the top.

R. C. Vaughan, Chairman and President of the National System, when the final returns were in, issued a message of congratulations to the 2,500 volunteer canvassers and their 91,000 fellow employees on their record performance.

D. C. Grant, Vice-President in charge of finance and accounting, headed the system campaign organization. The loan drive in the Railways' three regions—Atlantic, Central and Western—was personally supervised by the vice-presidents in charge, J. P. Johnson, J. F. Pringle, and W. R. Devenish respectively.

EN ROUTE TO GERMANY

First jeep across the Moselle River leads the way for Patton's Third Army as troops crash into Metz. Patton's drive pushed across the German border for the first time.

NOBEL MAN

Prof. I. I. Rabi a native of Austria who is now a member of Columbia University faculty at New York City, has been awarded the 1944 Nobel Prize in physics, says an announcement from Stockholm, Sweden.

BRITISH KEEP 'EM FLYING

A Lodestar aircraft of the British Overseas Airways Corp. is shown silhouetted above the buildings of colorful Cairo, Egypt, just before it comes in for a landing, proving that war has not hampered the work of the British Imperial Airways. Planes continue to traverse the Empire's great air routes as usual.

BOMBS BRING BRICKS FOR PLAY

Most children build their "castles" from sand, but these Dutch kiddies in war-scarred Hertogenbosch, Holland, construct their "play houses" from bricks of their former homes, shattered by bombs. The children ventured out into the streets again after the town's recent liberation by the Allies.

PRIZE KITTY

Trying out the microphone above, for taste only, it seems, is "Merry-Mounts Blue Mist," a Persian kitty which won the blue ribbon in the kitten class at a show staged in New York City.

MAY BE ENVOY

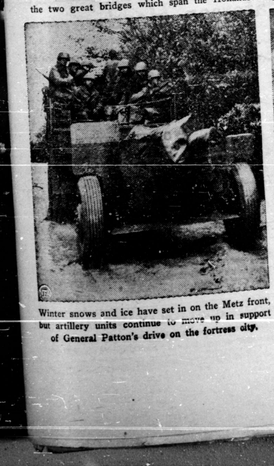
Henri Bonnet, formerly Commissioner of Information in the French Committee of National Liberation in Algiers, will be the next French ambassador to Washington, it has been reported. He has visited the U. S. several times.

WAS THIS A V-2 BASE?

England guesses that the current shower of German V-2 robombs come from somewhere in northern Holland or from the fringe of Germany from massive launching platforms, such as above structure, which was nipped in the bud before it was completed when the Allies captured Normandy, France. Germans were ready to pour cement on the steel supports when Allies arrived.

ALL WHITE ON THE WESTERN FRONT

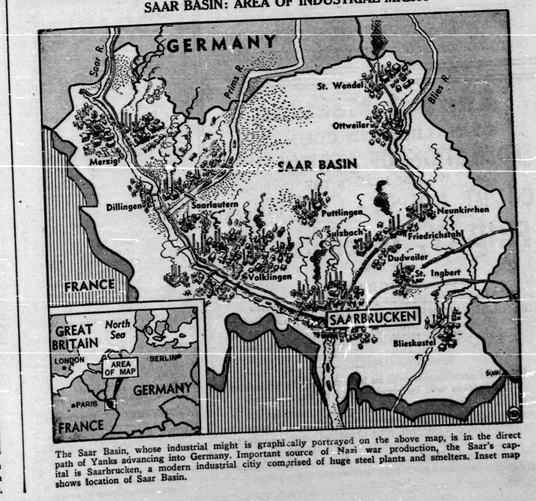
The first snows of winter are already blanketing battlefields on the Western Front, as the Allies mass for all out attacks against the Nazis. Past one of Holland's famous windmills, Polish tanks move up to the front lines, 400 yards from the enemy at Hoogs-Zwaluwe. Two kilometers away are the two great bridges which span the Hollandsch Diep, which is the key to Dordrecht and Rotterdam.



Winter snows and ice have set in on the Metz front, but artillery units continue to move up in support of General Patton's drive on the fortress city.

Soldiers of the First Army in Germany lay down lethal weapons to have a lot more fun staging a snowball fight during the first heavy snow of winter.

SAAR BASIN: AREA OF INDUSTRIAL MIGHT



The Saar Basin, whose industrial might is graphically portrayed on the above map, is in the direct path of Yanks advancing into Germany. Important source of Nazi war production, the Saar's capital is Saarbrucken, a modern industrial city comprised of huge steel plants and smelters. Inset map shows location of Saar Basin.