



BATTLESHIP WASHINGTON ENDANGERED BY GALE
An Atlantic gale that forced the American cruiser Augusta and the aircraft carrier Wasp into South England for repairs has seriously endangered the 36,000-ton U.S. battleship Washington, according to reports from Lisbon, Portugal. The Washington, which went through the entire war from Scapa Flow and Murmansk to the Japanese theater without a scratch, is reported in trouble off the Azores.



FASTEST, FARTHEST, FIGHTIN'EST
This is the Navy's new Neptune patrol bomber P4V, which Navy claims is the fastest, most far-ranging and heavily armed search plane ever devised. Built by Lockheed of Burbank, Calif., it carries a crew of seven with sleeping accommodations and an all-electric galley, is equipped with the latest radio-sonar equipment. The "V-shaped" fuselage, a mechanical device for varying the curve of the horizontal tail surface, allows the pilot to balance a heavy load in one part of the plane and keep it in level flight.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

USEFUL FARM GADGET
Mrs. Gladys Sirm, M.P., in a recent speech, described the farmer's wife as "the most useful, general purpose, labor saving device on the farm." Young farmers who have not availed themselves of this gadget are reminded that it usually can be had for the asking.
—Toronto Saturday Night

Record of Safe Railway Travel

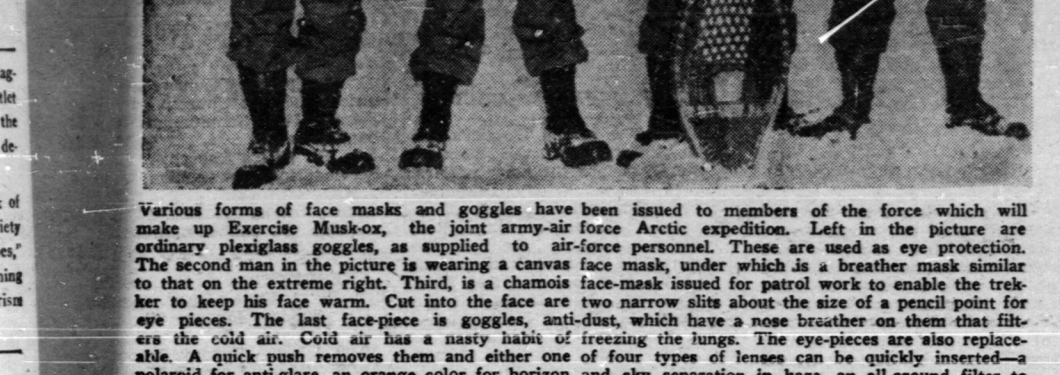
Last year only 12 people in all United Kingdom Railways; that is, one person in 150 million carried. Only two railway accidents involving loss of life occurred during the whole year.
This unusually high margin of safety was attained despite the fact that the war had led to a terrific overburdening of the staff and stock. It is to be expected that the corresponding peacetime figures will be even more favorable.

Javanese Rebels Trained by Japs

Those who criticize so sharply the dispatch of small British and Dutch forces to try and bring order out of Japanese-promoted upheaval in Java, might reflect for a moment that the Japanese invaders get no angels, says the Ottawa Citizen.
An official inquiry into the deaths of five Royal Air Force men and 18 Indian troops who made a crash-landing from their aeroplane near Batavia a fortnight ago, discloses that a mob of Indonesians, including many women, massacred every one of the survivors.
The details of the massacre are too horrible to print. It is enough to say that airmen's and soldiers' hands, feet and arms were cut off with swords and spears and daggers while they ran the gauntlet of a savage mob of natives in the prison yard. Then they were decapitated.
These murders were the work of a. Indonesian secret society known as the "Black Brotherhood," Japanese-trained and maintaining their power by sheer terrorism over a large part of Java.

ALL READY FOR "OPERATION MUSK-OX"

Various forms of face masks and goggles have been issued to members of the force which will make up Exercise Musk-ox, the joint army-air force Arctic expedition. Left in the picture are ordinary Plexiglas goggles, as supplied to air-force personnel. These are used as eye protection. The second man in the picture is wearing a canvas face mask, under which is a breather mask similar to that on the extreme right. Third, is a chemos face-mask issued for patrol work to enable the flier to keep his face warm. Cut into the face are two narrow slits about the size of a pencil point for eye pieces. The last face-piece is goggles, anti-dust, which have a nose breather on them that filters the cold air. Cold air has a nasty habit of freezing the lungs. The eye-pieces are also replaceable. A quick push removes them and either one of four types of lenses can be quickly inserted—a polaron for anti-glare, an orange color for horizon and sky separation in haze, an all-around filter to stop undue snow reflections, and a normal clear one.



WHAT GRANDSON THINKS

Grandfather cut firewood in the timber, walked beside the wagon in zero weather. Carried lines over his shoulder and whipped his hands around his body to keep from freezing. Now his grandson thinks he is roughing it as he has been reading books on how to understand revived men.
—Edmonton Journal

THE VERY IDEA

It is predicted that nylon will eventually sell for 25 cents a pair. Yes, but try and get a girl to wear anything as cheap as that.
—Ottawa Citizen

STEERING COLUMN

A scientist says that a dog often sters himself with his tail—using it to guide his wandering bark, in fact.
—Peterborough Examiner

Nazi's Produced Synthetic Butter and Egg Powder

Recent developments in the manufacture of real and synthetic butter in Germany may have a far-reaching effect on Canada's export of butter, it was revealed at a press conference by Dr. W. H. Cook of the National Research Council.
In a section of Germany which he visited recently as a special Canadian Government investigator, Dr. Cook examined a butter-making machine which was small in size but turned out high quality butter at the rate of nearly 1,000 pounds an hour.
Apart from this high-speed butter-maker which is vastly ahead of Canadian practice, Dr. Cook said, the Germans had gone far in the manufacture of a synthetic butter or margarine from petroleum. This product is edible and nutritious and one plant in Germany alone made 40,000 tons of the "ersatz" butter every year.
Germany also had made marked steps in the manufacture of synthetic powdered eggs, Dr. Cook said. At the Herten Goering Foundation, no less than five types of egg powder had been developed for varying uses. For cooking and baking purposes, he said, the German powdered product had proven even better than eggs laid by the hen.

Field Crops' Value Lowest Since 1941

Gross value of principal field crops produced on Canadian farms in 1945 was estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at \$1,025,825,000, lowest since 1941, but still almost double the 1933-39 average of \$532,500,000.
The 1945 total was a decrease of \$224,449,000 from the 1944 revised estimate, with most of the decline due to smaller production, particularly in Prairie Province grain crops.
The 1945 wheat crop was valued at \$326,800,000, \$132,600,000 less than the revised 1944 value of \$460,000,000 and a reflection of drought conditions in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Other principal grain crops, oats, barley, rye and flaxseed, showed appreciable declines.
Slight reductions were indicated for potatoes and root crops, somewhat lower production in three cases being offset by increased prices. Hay and clover and alfalfa

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The dance was not a conspicuous success for Gary. He had, at the last minute, really spent most of his money for a white suit and some shoes; he had escorted Adelaide—looking crisp and smart and altogether adorable in a pale yellow dance frock and little gold slippers. "You look like a daffodil," he admired her.

"Well, thank goodness for a discerning man," she sighed, spreading her wide fluff of skirt carefully. "That just told me I looked like fifty pounds of butter."

There was a little too much of Bill at the dance.

Gary danced with Adelaide once, rather awkwardly because of his lame arm, and Bill cut in before they had gone twice around the floor.

After a while Gary went back and leaned against the wall, and presently Adelaide swooped upon him and slid her arm through his. "Where on earth have you been?" she demanded. "You are the most shrewd date I ever had. Come along and dance, Scourps."

So he danced with her, and Bill cut in immediately, whereupon Gary found his aloof pose again and looked there for what seemed hours. Adelaide and Bill had disappeared, and the band was plowing through "Good Night, Ladies," when they came back.

She was airy and difficult all the way home and Gary said "try" until they were in the door. Then Gary said, "Thanks very much for a pleasant evening."

"It won't be any delays," Gary assured him. "I'll keep the gang working."

When came a morning when the drizzle slackened a little and Harvey announced that the drillers would go on that day.

"Very muddy but three yet, to me," Harvey machinery in," Gary reminded him.

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"I won't need to let you know. You'll hear the gang yell all the way to town."
Seven hundred feet, and still Hickey's draw gear groaned, and the cables held, and the rotary turned. Hickey grinned his toothless, malicious grin whenever Gary was around. But Mason had announced that Gary Tallman was his field superintendent, and there was nothing for Hickey to do but listen when Gary spoke.
(To be continued)

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TABLE TALKS... One Crust Pies

"Most people like most pies," When the crust is tender and flaky and the filling luscious and fruity or rich and creamy, pie is the first choice of desserts.
The home economists of the Consumer Section, Dominion Department of Agriculture say that we can still enjoy pie for dessert while keeping the fat supply in mind. If one crust pie is served:
Deep Dish Plum Pie
1 quart fruit (canned without sugar)
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup flour
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 tablespoon fat
Pastry
1/2 cup fruit, heat syrup to boiling. Mix salt, sugar and flour. Stir slowly into boiling syrup. Place drained fruit in a deep baking dish. Pour thickened syrup over fruit. Dot with fat. Roll out plain pastry to 7/8-inch thickness. Make several cuts in the centre. Fill pastry over the fruit, press down well over the edges of the baking dish. Cut and flute the edges. Bake 30 minutes in a hot oven, 425 deg. F. Six servings.
Raisin Pumpkin Pie
3/4 cup raisins
1/2 cup cooked pumpkin
2 eggs
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons cinnamon
3/4 teaspoon ginger
1 cup milk
Pastry
Wash and chop raisins, combine with pumpkin. Add sugar, salt, spices and molasses to eggs. Beat well, add to pumpkin. Then add milk, blend thoroughly. Line a 9-inch pie pan with pastry. Pour in filling. Bake in a hot oven, 425 deg. F. for 10 minutes. Remove the heat to 350 deg. F. and continue baking 30 minutes, or until filling is set.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clark
With you who read, Christmas is now a thing of the past, but with us, as I write, it is very much a thing of the present. For this is Christmas Day—the tag end it is true, but Christmas day nevertheless.
Perhaps you may wonder at my writing on this day of days, but you see, tomorrow, for many people, it is business as usual, and it is back to Christmas. At one time during the day, when we were happy with our own family around us—I wondered how all the rest of the folk were spending Christmas Day—folk who are friends of this column particularly—and I did hope that every day everywhere was having just as happy a Christmas as we were in our own quiet way.
Our housemates arrived by car late Christmas Eve. It was well they did for the driving would have been very hard on Christmas morning. They came in laden with parcels, gay with colored wrappings, tags and ribbons, and those several parcels were very carefully distributed around the Christmas tree. We teased each other with their honours family phrases—know something you don't know? ... "Yes, and I know something YOU don't know!"
The next morning I couldn't help laughing when I suddenly remembered how I had been so early; they who were up on the floor around the Christmas tree, reading the name tags, feeling the parcels, trying to guess by their size and shape what wonderful surprises would be found inside. Now it was I who did the crouching and guessing! Partner and son Bob were of course, out at the barn milking. Daughter and friend Bert were not up yet so had the floor to myself. I am telling you I was really curious. But I was not with party. Four in filling. Bake in a hot oven, 425 deg. F. for 10 minutes. Remove the heat to 350 deg. F. and continue baking 30 minutes, or until filling is set.
Modern Etiquette
By Roberta Lee
1. Would it be good manners for a girl to ask her dinner partner for a cigarette?
2. What would be a suitable phrase for a wife to use when introducing her husband to another woman?
3. Is it obligatory to tip a servant in a home where one has spent a single night?
4. What would be the best way to go about making up the list to request invitations are to be sent?
5. Are salted nuts and bonbons included among the regular dinner courses?
6. Whom should one select to act as a chaperon?
ANSWERS
1. Yes, if her dinner partner is forgetful enough not to offer her a cigarette without this reminder.
2. Mrs. Harris, may I introduce my husband to you? 3. It is customary to do so if the servant has done some special service. 4. The preferable way is for the bride and the bridegroom to make up this list together, consulting the parents of both families. 5. No; the nuts and bonbons are passed from time to time. 6. Any married woman.
It was my good fortune a fewer

Bookshelf... The Friendly Persuasion

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