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CANADIANS ADVANCE AT ANTWERP.

GEN. DEMPSEY TAKES LIMITED OBJECTIVES

COLOGNE - WILHELMSHAVEN RAIDED

DUNKIRK TRUCE EXTENDED

Canadian troops of the British 2nd Army have advanced beyond the Belgian town of Antwerp near the Dutch border, and now control 7 or 8 miles on each bank of the river Scheldt. German resistance in this sector is light and their 3-pronged drive is meeting little opposition. Allied forces are within 2 miles of an important and strategic Dutch border town and are advancing along the road to Holland.

GEN. DEMPSEY has attacked in the Mijmegen sector towards the German border, and has won limited successes, thus consolidating still further the British salient. The BBC this morning stated that all the objectives of this attack have been attained.

Little spectacular news has come to hand of fighting in other sectors of the front. Despite hysterical press announcements over a fortnight ago that "the Siegfried Line has been shattered... Hitler has only 100,000 2nd class men to man his defences", the American First and Third Armies are meeting heavy opposition and are almost at a standstill. The First Army has widened its corridor in the Aachen sector, and at the moment American tanks are locked in terrific battle with German armour. West of Metz the Third Army met a Nazi counter attack which apparently achieved some local success, but reports later stated that the American forces had regained their original positions.

AMERICAN bombers escorted by Thunderbolts and Mustangs raided Cologne and 4 other towns in the Ruhr. One German fighter was shot down and 13 bombers and 5 fighters are missing. RAF heavy bombers with pathfinders raided Wilhelmshaven, Germany's important port on the north-sea coast near the Aller River mouth. One bomber is missing. British night bombers have raided industrial targets in western Germany with the loss of 4 planes.

THE BERGEN RAID reported yesterday, has proved most successful. In this raid on Germany's Norwegian U-boat base, 4 U-boats were sunk and a floating dock hit and sent to the bottom.

CANADIAN forces have granted an extension of the truce at Dunkirk. It is thought in some quarters that Dunkirk will put up only a token resistance at the expiration of the truce.



TYPHOONS.

The effect of rocket and dive-bombing is becoming serious for the enemy. The Second Tactical Airforce has attacked 450 German HQ since June 6th, apart from stopping the heavy German armoured drive from the Mortain pocket towards Avranches, and wreaking great havoc in the Falaise pocket. These objectives are apart from Radar stations, bridges, petrol and ammunition dumps, power stations, narrow gauge railways and MT Workshops, which are attended to in that order.

The typhoon is the queen of strafers. She comes into attack at from 400 to 450 mph. She is armed with 8 rockets, the destructive power of which is equal at short range to the 6-in broadside of a cruiser. Sometimes all 8 rockets are plugged at once into a target; sometimes, as when dealing with long columns, 4 pairs are fired in quick succession, and prisoners who have been "rocketed" usually seem to feel as if they had been let down a volcano.

WORLD ITEMS.

GREECE. British air and sea borne forces consisting of Land Forces Adriatic, navy, and RAF Regiment have landed on the mainland of Greece and also in Albania. German forces in Greece hold merely the seaports and a few islands and must be feeling extremely lonely.

YUGOSLAVIA. Russian and Partisan forces advancing from Rumania have captured the town of Pancsova some 8 miles north-west of Belgrade. They claim to have captured 76 German planes on airfields in this sector.

EASTERN FRONT. Moscow radio makes no mention of any other fighting, but Berlin reports a drive in the Carpathian mountains of Transylvania and an attack on the German held island of Oesel in the Gulf of Riga.

PACIFIC. Medium bombers of Gen. MacArthur's command have been active in the SW Pacific, sinking 10 freighters and minor craft in regions from the Philippines to Macassar.

NEWS from HOME

SIR HOWARD FLOREY - PENICILLIN

In the area at the moment is the prominent South Australian scientist Sir Howard Florey, whose patient researches have made possible to the people, penicillin. Only recently knighted, Sir Howard is South Australian born, and before going to Oxford, as a Rhodes Scholar, to complete his medical studies, graduated at the Adelaide University. Remarkably, Lady Florey is also a doctor, and a South Australian, having graduated at the same University as her brilliant husband, and she has collaborated to a big extent with him in his penicillin research work. When the history of this war is written, Sir Howard and Lady Florey's names will be written in prominent letters and fondly remembered by many who, but for penicillin, would not be alive to-day.

TOUGH TIMES AHEAD. A hint of difficult and dangerous fighting ahead for Australian forces in tropical countries was given to-day by Army Minister Forde. Commenting on a report that Labour Minister Holloway would seek temporary release of nurses and trainees from the army for refresher courses in civilian hospitals, Forde said that the request would be considered but that first-class medical and nursing services must be maintained at all costs for wounded and sick members of the fighting forces.

WIN THE WAR BUT NOT THE PEACE! At a Premiers' Conference last night a tacit agreement was reached as to how Australia should celebrate the end of the European war. No formal decision was made but it was agreed that there should be no public holidays during the ordinary working week, which would divert attention from the maximum effort to support the Pacific war. Also, if practicable, hotels should be closed on the day of the announcement of the ending of the European war, and the sale of drink prohibited.

WHERE DO WE EAT. A fire and an explosion at Melbourne's well-known Victoria Palace, Little Collins St., City to-day, resulted in very extensive damage to the kitchen. Nine hundred guests will have to seek meals elsewhere until cooking can be resumed. Twenty-five kitchen workers just managed to get out of the basement before the fire became fierce but some of the women fainted and had to be carried up the stairs.

INSPIRING VARSITY BEQUEST. University college leaders say that they know of no more inspiring story than that of the bequest of more than £4,000 to Ormond College, Melbourne University, by the old college porter, Frank Raleigh, who died recently after serving Ormond for more than 61 years - beginning as a cow hand, Raleigh was friend and counsellor to more than three generations of students, many of whom became prominent in Australian affairs. Among the porter's memories were the days when the lions could be clearly heard from the zoo, and students, copiously bewiskered, paraded at initiation ceremonies in night-shirts and new-fangled pyjamas. Raleigh came back to the College to release a younger man for war.

POST WAR LAND SETTLEMENT. Servicemen who have served for six months or more will be settled on the land with Federal and State Government assistance. These making application will be classified by the Commonwealth according to suitability for settlement. Where training or additional experience are necessary, these will be arranged by employment on approved farms. Servicemen suitable for farming on their own accounts may apply for holdings and will be paid an allowance for one year and will be exempt from payment of interest. This period may be extended in certain circumstances.

DIFFERENT SORT OF CHILD ENDOWMENT. In celebration of the Melbourne Walking Club's 50th birthday, it is endowing a cot for children who cannot walk, at the Orthopaedic section of the Children's Hospital at Frankston. Club President said that the gift was a thanksgiving as the Club members felt that they should do something for those who might never walk and see the bush, like others.

NO PORRIDGE FOR BREAKFAST NEXT YEAR? Food production figures indicate that barley and oatmeal will be in short supply next year.

DROUGHT RELIEF. Provision of up to 3 million pounds for the relief of drought stricken cereal farmers was decided on at the Premiers' Conference yesterday. Tentative Victorian allotment is £1,110,000. In cases of necessity assistance will probably be provided for stock producers.

TRAGIC YOUTHFUL HOLD-UP. John William Graham, 9, of Drummond Street, Carlton (Vic) was killed by another 9 year old, when a shot gun, held against his chest during a game of "hold-up", went off accidentally.

AROUND THE AREA

PICTURES. Camp Theatre: No Show. Capital: "100 Men and a Girl" and "Laugh it off"
Pioneer: "Among the Living" and "New York Town"

DANCE to-night at Catholic Hall at 2000 hrs. **UNDERSTANDING OF MUSIC** C-of-S tonight, 2000 hrs.
AMENITIES have for sale 1 B-flat Alto Saxophone. High pitched Basson.

FLEMINGTON ACCEPTANCES

MARIBYRNONG TRIAL 4th flgs 1.15 pm (Fillies). Adiante, Amensia, Apropos, Beaumelle, Bethany, Biography, Bonbibi, Canny Lass, Chevoit, Futuria, Golden Gossamer, Grantion, Imperious, Irish Gem, June Actor, Lady Antog, Lady Lyn, Lockhart, Madam China, Mauve Star, Mintbine, Miss Modesty, My Favourite, Nuralia, Proscendum, Royal Gift, Scotch Ballad, Sivaaji, Sun Cub, Sweet Halr, Wendy.

OCTOBER HDGP 1st miles 1.55 pm. San Martin, New Yorker, Oxford Street, Metro Star, Three O Three, Verdict, Cornish Castle, Sir Douglas, Bromius, Count Defoe, Soliel D'or, Colin, Flash of Fire, Funny Actor, John Massfield, Rulemaker, Scottish Law.

MARIBYRNONG TRIAL 4th flgs 2.30 pm. (Colts and Goldings) Attley, Blank Speck, Coroman, Destination, Durzee, El Banco, Fig Leaf, Gay Lad, Generalissimo, Great Flash, Ironheart, Kinderson, Lassiters Reef, Kinloch, Macready, Navarro, Nawab, Nestor, Revoille, Rimfire, Royal Scott, Ski Waksee, Star of India, Still Flight, The Ring, Tilston, Viva.

MANIFOLD STKS 1 mile, 3.05 pm. Armilla, Auriga, Big Sister, Blue Horizon, Desecha, Delima, Fungi, Grotinel, Miss Dorothy, La Patrie, Proceeds, Provokes, Right Direction, Sallow, Single Action, Vaninka, Wandana, Whizbeau.

MELBOURNE STKS W.F.A. 1 mile 3.40 pm. Pandect, Lawrence, Counsel, Millais, Tranquil Star, Spearmain, Valour, David's Last, Lucifer, Hesitate, Regal Coin.

STAND HDGP 13 flgs 4.20 pm. Precept, Pandect, Sirius, Temple Chief, Liberal Knight, Peter, Grain Trader, Two Vals, Amazed, Clayton, Martial Law, Little Tich, Pickway, Dominate, Parenva, Tahitian, Field Balloon, Benghazi, Gamelin, Miradale.

CRICKET SEASON'S OPENING MATCHES

122 v. Supply
121 v. ASRE

BIPOD v. 2/163
A W C v. Clivvies

117 v. Engineer Ord v. AGH
RAAF (bye)

On last season's form the best match of the draw should be between 121 and ASRE. Knowing the glorious uncertainty of cricket and NOT knowing some of the players making their first appearance in this area, however, it is quite possible for a team of "dark horses" to steal the limelight. We can only say "wait and see."

A welcome addition to the competition is the RAAF side and though they have drawn the Bye this Sunday, and their form will thus remain obscured for another week, it is quite reasonable to assume they will field a very good side, capable of extending the strongest team.

The first Interstate fixture is set down for 29 Oct, Vic v. NSW. Tasmania will be included with Vic for the purpose of these Interstate games. West Aust and NT with South Aust, and Queensland with New South Wales. With only three Sunday's play available for the area selectors to see the prospective Interstate players in action, fireworks will probably be turned on and that's what spectators like to see.

The more that is heard of Stan McCabe's touring side, the more eager we are to see this team in action at ALICE SPRINGS.

"Bright Cricket" seems to be the team's motto and some tremendous hitting will be recorded before the players return to their respective States.

TENNIS

An Alice Springs Tennis Association was formed at the meeting held at Amenities Headquarters last night and it was decided that the A and B Grade fixtures be commenced on Sun 15 Oct. Padre Ugalde was nominated as President and Lieut. L. Little as Secretary. A meeting of delegates will be held on Monday night next at Amenities Headquarters at 1930 hrs, when all units are requested to be present.

SOCCER

The final selection of the team for Norforce has been made by the selectors and is as follows: Manning, Pitcher, McKechie, Merriion, Ellis, Trow, Proer, Stephenson, Boswell, Hirst, Stewart, Kightley, Hughes (Mt Isa), Milne, Johnstone, Irvine and Montgomery. The team leaves Alice on 12 October and plays on the 18 Oct. All round the team is a very strong one and should give a very good account of itself.

SPORTETTES

Vic Caltaux, welter-weight boxing champion of New Zealand is in Sydney. His first match will be against Vic Patrick on October 21 for the Australasian Championship. This clash should break all attendance records.

Archie Rush and Eddie Miller will meet at the Rushcutters Bay stadium next Saturday. Injured in a munition factory accident 18 months ago, Waverley cricketer, George Guest, is making a comeback. Guest had two joints of the little finger of his left hand amputated and he thought his cricketing days were ended but was persuaded to go on a trial last year. He appeared with his Club's first 11 on Saturday and top scored for Waverley in a Charity Game against Paddington.

NEW BOOK by BERNARD SHAW

"EVERYBODY'S POLITICAL WHAT'S WHAT"

Nearly 90, Bernard Shaw has published his latest book. With 50,000 copies, all sold before publication, and 150,000 words long, this book is entitled "Everybody's Political What's What," but it is impossible, short of reproducing the book fully, to give an adequate précis.

This is the verdict of most British reviewers. Having tried to relate in two columns what Shaw is writing about, the "Daily Mail" says:—"Anyone holding in his head all Shaw has written in this book would be intellectually equipped to be a first-rate Prime Minister; but one, let me hasten to add, who might easily and would in all probability never be elected."

This, in common with most of Shaw's productions, is seen as an astounding mixture of wit, wisdom, provocation, crankiness, erudition, precision and vagueness. There are chapters on banking, insurance, education, war, economics, science, medicine, churches and law.

Shaw believes that there should be several Parliaments, instead of one as at present, which should be limited to keeping the ruling body in touch with public opinion. He advocates the abolition of the party system, because it compels every Parliamentarian not to consider any given question on its merits, but in conformity with the party line. He suggests that the Prime Minister should be chosen from a panel of Prime Ministers picked for the purpose, by which we should not get "windbags, do-nothings, religious bigots, rich plutocrats as such, reactionaries, dangerous undesirables, illiterate anti-intellectuals, or ludicrous misfits."

Legislation, he says, must be by quality, not by the mob. Shaw wants a Socialism not of levelling-down, but of levelling up, even in income. He opposes the Russian method, and advocates that the proletariat must be educated to desire, to demand ultimately to use four-figure incomes.

Shaw does not clamour for equality of income. He wants equality of social intercourse and equality of "inter-marriageability." He says that there is no social difference between a millionaire with 50,000 a year and a man with a mere 25,000. They go to the same schools, wear the same clothes, and have the same manners. He jibes at the inequality between both these and the man with 2500 or less.

One could go on quoting, but the only thing to do is to read the book.



BERNARD SHAW

TYPICAL SHAWIAN CONFESSIONS IN HIS NEW BOOK

- (1) I dare not claim to be the best play right in the English language, but I believe myself to be one of the best 10; therefore I may perhaps be classed as one of the best 100.
- (2) When I contemplate what I know and have done (not that I ever do), I have a high opinion of myself. When I contemplate what I do not know and cannot (which I am often forced to do), I feel as a worm might if it knew how big the world is.
- (3) Children are not childish all through, any more than dotards are dotards all through. I have been a child and am a dotard, so I know.
- (4) Thus far, there is no reason why I shouldn't be canonised some day. Perhaps I shall.

• WITH MY COLONEL •

On the India-Burma front, British soldiers searched a Jap prisoner, found an order from a Japanese colonel concluding: "It is essential to foster between officers and men a spiritual union of happy death together."

Inspired a British bard posted this:

EVE OF BATTLE (Sung lugubriously by a Japanese private)

With what exquisite sorrow
I look forward to tomorrow,
To my sniffing of the cannon's scented breath;
I think with tearful pleasure
Of our future ageless leisure,
United - officers and men - in happy death.

So I'll dry my joyful tears,
Disregard my glorious fears,
Gathering courage from the thoughts of the eternal;
And I'll seize this happy chance,
And to certain death advance,
Ecstasically united with my colonel.