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## Nazi Raider is Shot Down in Sea Off Blackpool

# MANCHESTER BLITZ: MANY BUILDINGS FIRED

### MANCHESTER'S CHIN IS STILL UP

MANCHESTER, bombed for hours during the night, has its chin up to-day. Manchester, like London, Coventry, and the rest, can take it. The staffs of Manchester's offices, shops, and warehouses came to work to-day, not, perhaps, as usual, but with grim determination that their contribution to the war spirit should be business as usual. In many premises they carried on, making light of mishaps and improvising until the necessary repairs had been swiftly carried out. Their attitude to the Blitz was on a par with that

revealed in many incidents of the actual raid. Nurses who remained on duty at a Manchester hospital to comfort patients had a fitting reward. They saved their own lives. Their home adjoining the hospital received a direct hit. Two maids were killed. Six people are still believed buried beneath the debris. The patients, none of whom was injured, have been evacuated. A helper said "All the nurses' thoughts have been for their patients."

An A.F.S. man named Warburton climbed into the blazing front bedroom of a house and rescued an old woman and her two daughters. The woman sustained slight burns.

One shop, selling jewels, pearls, and perfumes, was intact except for a small bottle of perfume which had been shattered. It was called "SIN."

Workers from a Manchester branch office of the National A.R.P. for Animals Association collected scores of cats and dogs which had been bombed out.

## INCENDIARIES SHOWER ON CITY: SHELTERERS TRAPPED IN WRECKAGE

MANCHESTER had its longest and most severe aerial bombardment last night. For many hours hundreds of incendiary and explosive bombs were dropped, and a pall of smoke hung over the city to-day.

The raid started shortly after dusk, when enemy raiders, apparently approaching the city from the south, spread fanwise over a wide area and adopted the familiar tactics of flare dropping, followed by incendiary bombs at various points.

Wave after wave of planes roared over the city every few minutes, and targets for the later arrivals were made with the fires started.

The whole resources of the city's fire brigade services, including auxiliary firemen, were at their posts ready to deal with the outbreaks. Some of the fires cast a deep red glow in the sky which was visible for miles.

Later high explosives and incendiaries dealt death to people and destruction to property.

The number of casualties has not yet been estimated. Most of the fires had been got under control, thanks to the men who worked heroically hour after hour, regardless of the serious risk they ran in carrying on while the raiders droned overhead.

A hospital received minor damage from fire bombs. A number of shops had windows blown out and other property was damaged by fire.

There were reports too of people being trapped when buildings were damaged in various parts of the city, and rescue squads were still working to free them 17 hours after the raid started.

One policeman is known to have been killed while on duty, and a number of shelterers were killed when bombs struck their homes.

Intense anti-aircraft fire met the raiders at Manchester and other parts of the North-west, and one German bomber was shot down into the sea off Blackpool.

Another raider shot down during the night's raids on Britain fell in flames at Etchingham, Sussex. Enemy aircraft were believed to be in the vicinity of Liverpool and other North-west areas this afternoon.

### 200 Saved

Underneath a large building hit in a working-class area a number of people were trapped in a private shelter. They tapped on the adjoining brick wall of a public shelter under the same building.

Wardens broke through the wall with hammers and released the people. The whole building was burning, and as A.F.S. men fought the flames the 20 people in the shelter were taken to other shelters. Not one was injured.

In the same area a large commercial building was hit and a number of people sheltering under it were trapped. Rescue workers feverishly dug at the debris, and brought out several injured people and three dead.

Many streets all around these places are roped off because of the presence of delayed-action bombs. Not far away men were busily going ahead with the erection of a Christmas circus.

### PARTY VICTIMS

In a residential district members of a first-aid post were holding a Christmas party when a bomb fell outside and demolished a building. Some of the members of the post were killed and injured. Others were extricated from the wreckage unhurt.

Other bombs fell at separated points and fires were started, but these were quickly extinguished by wardens and the A.F.S.

In another part of the city, a shop property receiver was killed, three people being injured. A cinema in the district was also damaged and a house next by collapsed. A sailor home on leave and three children were buried beneath the debris. All were dead when reached by rescue workers.

### NAZI PLANE DOWN AN INFERNO

HOME Guards searched the countryside during the night after a Junkers 88—one of two German machines brought down—crashed in flames at Etchingham, Sussex.

The body of one German airman was recovered from the wreckage, but no sign was found of other members of the crew, though two parachutes were desecrated.

The local volunteers were called out immediately in case any of the crew had escaped, and motorists were stopped and questioned, but it is now considered unlikely that any

### Zurich Gets H.E. and Fire Bombs

## Mannheim is Smashed Again

MANHEIM, bombed three nights in succession last week, was one of the targets in Western Germany attacked by the R.A.F. during the night.

Bombs were dropped on Venice Lagoon during British raids on Italy on Saturday night, it was admitted in Rome to-day. As usual, they claim "neither damage nor casualties" were caused.

Chief industrial centre of the economy, Austria.

Its docks, now heavily damaged in recent R.A.F. visits, were the largest in the interior of Germany after those of Duisburg, Ruhrort, and Berlin.

Huge railway and goods yards lie alongside the docks, and heavy industries and munition works are centred there.

After four visits in less than a week Mannheim's industrial capacity must have suffered enormously.

Foreign planes which flew over Switzerland during the night dropped four high explosive bombs and a large number of incendiaries on Zurich, causing damage in several parts of the town.

The electric track on a railway viaduct was torn up and several workmen repairing the line were injured, say the Zurich police.

### TWO-HOUR ALARM

One bomb fell on a garage, damaging ten cars and starting a fire.

Windows were broken throughout a large area. All the fires began by incendiaries were quickly extinguished.

Bombs straddled the railway from Zurich through Winterthur to Germany, said the police, and traffic has been temporarily suspended while electric cables are being repaired.

The air raid alarm in Zurich lasted two hours and 25 minutes. Two warnings at Basle lasted half-an-hour each, and an alert was also sounded at Berne.

The sound of air-raid warnings could also be heard repeatedly in German towns across the Rhine during the evening.

A communique issued by the Swiss Army Command says: "The Swiss air space was violated several times by foreign planes during the night."

Coming from the north, planes flew over Zurich, and at 8.55 p.m. dropped high explosives and incendiary bombs there.

"Several buildings and an electric line of the Federal Railways were damaged. Eleven persons were injured."

## Nurse Kept Patient

ONE of the heroines of the raid on Manchester was 26-year-old Nurse Lilian Whitelegge, who stayed in a hospital attached to a deaf and dumb institute, looking after the only patient, a girl, aged six, called Margaret Clague. They are pictured here.

The nurse was kept company by 15-year-old John Spalding. Windows of the Deaf and Dumb Institute were shattered, but there was no one present.

Nurse Whitelegge would not have been on the hospital premises but for this lone patient. To-day she said: "I was not frightened, and I thought I should have been. Every now and then John and I kept running to the door to see how things were going."

"There was a terrific crash and a bomb landed in soft earth some distance away from the door of the room where we were taking refuge. It blew the door off, and I thought we had been struck."

## Big Formations, Says Berlin

Berlin radio said to-day: "Strong bomber formations last night attacked the important industrial city of Manchester. The heavy bombing caused a series of fires and explosions, and important factories were hit."

The agency also says that Fort William, Inverness, "one of the most important aluminium centres in Great Britain" was heavily bombed to-day by German bomber formations.

Several direct hits on the works are stated to have been obtained.

"Give Lifts" appeal to motorists: House of Commons damage revealed—stories on Back Page.

## PATIENTS SAVED IN DAMAGED HOSPITAL

THE wing of a hospital was hit in the Manchester raid last night and badly damaged. A high-explosive which dropped in the grounds close to another wing shattered the windows.

Patients, mostly young adults, in the damaged wing, were taken to safety by the nurses, and although doctors and staffs were handling numerous casualties, none of the patients was injured.

One nurse was struck by a splinter, but not seriously injured.

German airmen are at large. A reporter was told the plane was a "blazing inferno." The plane was loaded with incendiaries and flares," it was stated, "and very little trace would be left of anybody who was inside it at the time."

In another residential district, where damage to private houses has been extensive, a woman gave birth to a baby in a shelter.

A.F.S. men and wardens gave her first-aid and she was later taken to hospital.



## Singapore Defences Stronger

SUBSTANTIAL reinforcements of all arms for the Far Eastern Command have arrived in Malaya, it was revealed to-day in Singapore in a communique issued in Singapore by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief in the Far East.

The reinforcements include aircraft and Air Force personnel and numbers of Indian infantry, artillery, and engineer regiments, as well as auxiliary units.

"These reinforcements," says the communique, "have not only strengthened the already formidable defences of Singapore, but have increased the defence power in other areas of the Far East for the Straits of the Eastern Command."

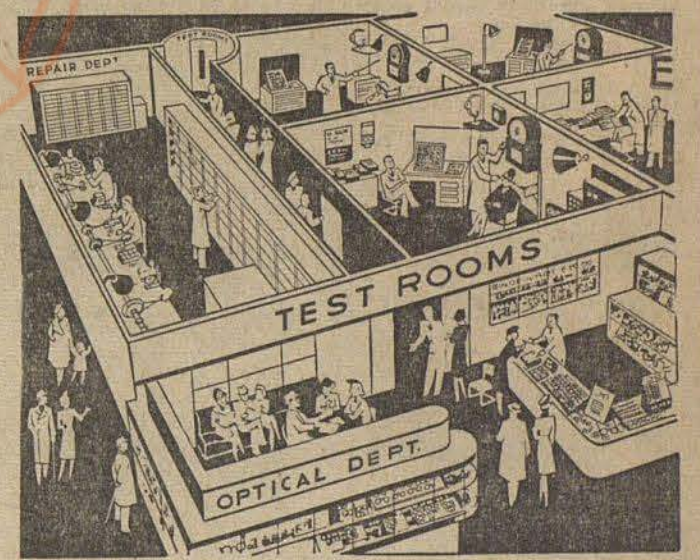
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## Graziani to Duce—"British Tanks Won"

MARSHAL GRAZIANI, Italian Commander-in-Chief in North Africa, has "explained" to Mussolini why his forces are being routed. He says it is due to "crushing superiority of British mechanised forces."

## GREEKS CAPTURE CHIMARA, PUSH ON

THE Greeks have captured Chimara on the Adriatic coast road, and have passed on, being to-day only 25 miles from Valona.

They are now only 25 miles from the base of Valona. Apparently they skirted Chimara, leaving a rearguard to complete the capture.

Valona, the vital Italian sea base, has been much battered by the R.A.F. and shelled by British warships.

It is stated that an entire battalion of Blackshirts consisting of 30 officers and 800 men were taken prisoners by the Greeks near Chimara.

The spokesman at the Propaganda Ministry in Athens said that

the Greek advance is continuing "steadily and securely." The latest official communique from Greek headquarters in Athens states: "Local successful battles in different sectors. Some prisoners taken, among them two Lieutenant-Colonels. Two further enemy planes brought down by anti-aircraft."

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## 4 Airmen Are Saved by Mirror

FOUR British airmen who had made a forced landing in the Arabian Desert were saved by a small piece of mirror they picked up in the sand.

The story was told by a British officer of the ship which rescued them, when the ship called at Durban.

The mirror, less than four inches square, was used by the airmen as a heliograph to flash signals to the ship which had been sent out to the Gulf of Oman, a spur of the Persian Gulf, to search for them.

"We anchored three or four miles off shore and began searching with glasses," said the officer. "We did this for a long time, and were thinking of leaving when the captain saw a tiny flicker of light about four miles inland.

Message in Morse

"There was no intelligible message, but we hoisted all the flags we could to let whoever it was know we had seen their signal.

"Later at night, in slow, faltering, and uncertain Morse, we got the message 'We are four British airmen. We are now on the beach.'"

"At dawn next day we got a boat as close inshore as we dared, and the third officer, Mr. Little, decided to swim in with a line to shore.

"He called for two volunteers, and two Indian seamen, Valla Penna and Jairam Narayan, went with him.

"Somehow the three of them managed to get ashore with a double line and a couple of life-buoys, and they found the four airmen.

Lost Six Days

"They had been missing for six days and were pretty well all in. Their clothes were in tatters, and they had almost given up hope. Mr. Little finally got them aboard.

STRAITS ARE CHOPPY

The Straits of Dover were choppy to-day, and weather was dull, cloudy, and bitterly cold. An icy north-easterly wind was blowing, and visibility was poor on account of mist.

SAYS LABOURER TOLD HER HE WAS R.A.F. OFFICER

S AID to have posed as a flight-lieutenant in the R.A.F. Bernard Walter Wilding (36), a labourer, of St. Donat's Road, Cardiff, was accused at Hendon to-day of bigamously marrying Miss Geraldine Bridget Youngman while his wife, Ida Daisy Wilding, was still alive.

Mrs. Wilding, also of St. Donat's Road, Cardiff, said she married Wilding at Cardiff in April, 1931. He left her in September, 1939. She had four children, the youngest being twins, aged four.

Miss Youngman, a civil servant, of Camrose Avenue, Edgware, said she met Wilding, who gave his name as Flight-Lieutenant Davis, in May. She became engaged to him in July, and then nursed him through an illness. Afterwards he told her his name was not Davis but Brooke.

TREATED HER WELL

They went through a form of marriage at Hendon register office in August. Later he said he had been invalided out of the R.A.F. owing to wounds.

She said Wilding treated her very well and she could not have wished for a better husband.

Wilding, who pleaded guilty, was committed for trial to the Central Criminal Court.

He was also committed on two charges of theft from his employers, Fridgidaire, Ltd., of Kingsbury.

Commenting to-day on the proposed lending of ships to Great Britain by the United States the Japanese Foreign Office spokesman stated that the signatories of the "Three-Power pact must consult and decide what constitutes a warlike act.

(Press Association War Special.)

## LAWRENCE'S FRIEND



## R.A.F. Pennant for an Arab King

PRESENTATION of a personal pennant to the Emir Abdullah of Transjordan, as Honorary Air Commodore, the Royal Air Force, formed part of day-long ceremonies held in Amman, Transjordan.

The Emir, replying to an address, expressed his pride at rejoining the British fighting forces, and recalled that he was the last living prince of the Hasheemite family who had served with the British in the last Great War.

The Emir Abdullah was a noted Arab leader, who co-operated with the late Colonel Lawrence. He commanded a section of the Sherifian army which operated against the Turkish Ottoman forces north of Medina. In this capacity he received the surrender of Medina from Fakhry Pasha.

(Press-Association War Special.)

U.S. May Move to Take Over Ships

CONGRESS authority is being sought by the United States administration to requisition foreign ships interned in the United States and repeal the Neutrality Act to permit American ships to carry supplies to Britain.

This report, which comes from New York, adds that Government legal experts can find no ground for the seizure of the ships, so the matter must be put to Congress.

It is suggested that the President may eventually seek authority over the movements of American ships similar to that exercised by the British Minister of Shipping.

Nazi Threats

On the other hand the "Journal of Commerce" reports from Washington that informed quarters say that Britain will have to demonstrate a greater need for ships before the United States will undertake to acquire foreign vessels in America.

This story says that not until the British divert their first-class commercial tonnage from the normal trade routes would the Administration give serious thought to the acquisition of foreign ships, and that "suggestions to the contrary made by high British Government officials are proving annoying to the Washington Government."

It is added that officials at Washington have, however, insisted that the United States does not like Nazi threats, and will not back out of any plan which is considered right and proper.

Firm Gives Savings Certificates

Employers have responded enthusiastically to the appeal Sir Robert Kindersley, President of the National Savings Committee, made to them to assist in his drive to make the membership of savings groups in industrial and business concerns 100 per cent effective.

Some employers report that their group membership is already 100 per cent.

One large firm in Lancashire has offered to present a savings certificate to each regular subscriber to its group, and to each employee who joins the group within a certain time it will give a certificate on April 1.

Son for D.F.C. Pilot

Birth of a son to Mrs. Pam Raphael, wife of Flight-Lieutenant G. L. Raphael, D.F.C., at Hull, is announced to-day.

Flight-Lieutenant Raphael, a native of Brantford, Ontario, was awarded the D.F.C. last May at the same time as a number of other officers. It was stated that they, together with four N.C.O.s who were awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal, had made a large number of reconnaissance flights over enemy territory.

Flight-Lieutenant Raphael, who is 25, enlisted as an aircrewman in the R.A.F. Reserve in 1935, and a month later was promoted sergeant. In 1936 he was given a short-service commission.

A NEW DAME

Little dame was deserted by her lawful husband not because she threw things but because she said them.

You may laugh at this Mrs. Crusoe, but you are forced to believe in her too. You can at the Co-op, butter counter really do call her "The Wizard of Oz."

Perfect foil to this glittering lady is the villainous but hearty Holloway, who pauses in his villainy to ask the audience "How am I doing?" and listens enraptured at their hisses grow louder.

Patricia Burke is the Robinson Crusoe, and sings and sings and sings.

This Mrs. Crusoe has little to do with the traditional low-comedy slat.

This nimble-footed, nimble-witted admirably. ALAN BENI

Henson's Mrs. Crusoe is a Brilliant Jest

PALACE THEATRE: "Robinson Crusoe"

THIS may not be the best pantomime the Palace Theatre has given us of recent years, but it has two features which make it one of the pantomimes you must not miss. One of them is Leslie Henson's Mrs. Crusoe, the other Stanley Holloway's Will Atkins.

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## Britain's Shipping Beat the U-boats Last Week

### LOW LOSSES ARE INDICATION OF OUR CAMPAIGN RESULTS

MERCANTILE losses due to enemy action during the week ended December 15-16 were well below average. The Admiralty announced to-day that seven ships, representing a gross tonnage of 41,476, were lost in this period.

Five of the ships were British, representing 30,830 tons, and two Allied, making 10,646 tons.

The average weekly losses during the war have been just under 63,000 tons, excluding Dunkirk.

The Germans, however, again claimed during the week to have sunk a total of 82,450 tons of merchant shipping.

No Hasty Optimism

In authoritative circles in London it was stated that while these lower losses were gratifying, one must not jump to the conclusion that the menace from submarines, mines, raiders and aircraft was less than it is the case.

It is necessary to see a steady and distinctive improvement over a period of one or two months before forming an opinion about the results being achieved.

But some idea of the position can be obtained by comparing monthly losses. Average combined weekly losses have been July 81,000 tons, August 80,000 tons, September 100,000 tons, October 85,000 tons, November 88,000 tons, while the average for December to date would be about 71,000 tons.

Scrambled Colours in Army Cloth

SOMETHING of the genesis of olive drab, the shade worn by the United States Army, was revealed by Lieut.-Colonel Vere Painter, Quartermaster Corps, to more than 1,000 members and guests of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colourists at New York.

"I believe that it is safe to say," Colonel Painter said, "that 90 per cent of our rejects are for shade and that the cause of 99 per cent of our shade difficulties is the lack of chemical control somewhere in the process of manufacturing the cloth."

I have here with me to-night the results of one of the large manufacturers' efforts along this line mounted on a card.

"This shows that to match brown the manufacturer had to use a pinch of orange, a dash of canary yellow, a drop of old rose, the same of Alice blue, a jigger of brown and a bit of lavender."

"Now, who of you would have thought that those are the colours used in the fighting man's uniform?"

Danish Cars to Run on Peat

Extreme shortage of petrol for fuel has led the Danish branch of an American motor manufacturer to re-design one of its cars so it will run on peat. A sample car is already in operation.

Permission has been requested for the manufacture of the peat-burning device for approximately 10,000 cars. It is estimated enough peat can be made available for this number.

The device fits on to the rear of the car and converts the peat into a suitable gas. The company estimates a medium-sized car will do 100 miles on 6s. worth of peat.

—Associated Press.

Juliana's Gifts to Seamen

Gifts made by Princess Juliana of Holland and her ladies-in-waiting are to be presented to loyal Dutch seamen now in Canadian ports.

Since their arrival in Canada last summer the Princess and her helpers have been working on knitted articles and embroidery.

Among the gifts will be handkerchiefs embroidered with the Dutch flag, British United Press.

Salford to Sell Turnip Harvest

PURPLE-TOP swede turnips are plentiful in Salford. Stacked in Drinkwater Park, Prestwich, are nearly 50 tons of them, just harvested from Salford's special war-time allotments, and they are awaiting the best offers.

After Salford hospitals had been supplied with these turnips the Parks Department found they had many tons over, and decided to offer them for sale.

"These turnips were specially planted in the spring," a Corporation official told the Manchester Evening News to-day, and are suitable for domestic use. We also expect many farmers bidding for large quantities which they will probably use for fodder."

This crop is Salford's first in the way of wartime turnip growing and the results have passed all expectation in quantity and quality. The offer is open until January 3.

Spain To Return Golden Tent

France and Spain have agreed to exchange certain art treasures according to a Toulouse message.

One historic item which Spain will return to France is the Golden Tent in which Francois I. King of France, received King Henry VIII. of England on the Field of the Cloth of Gold.—Reuter.

## "KHAKI" STRIKE GOES ON

STRIKERS at the Walkden and Burtonville (Lancs.) factories of Messrs. Montague Burton, who ceased work because of the continued employment of a cutter expelled from the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers, had not resumed to-day in spite of efforts by union representatives to persuade them to do so.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 workers may be affected.

The man is stated to have been expelled because of alleged breaches of union rules. He has protested that it was because he was "cutting too many pairs of khaki trousers an hour."

Review by Ministry

The Ministry of Labour, it was stated to-day, had the facts of the strike under review.

An official said it was understood that the Union, which had not recognised the strike, was endeavouring to secure a return to work pending negotiations under the machinery laid down by the National Agreement.

One suggestion is that Mr. F. W. Leggett, of the Ministry of Labour, who has settled more than one dispute, may call the parties together. The firm has proposed arbitration by a tribunal.

Pétain Faces Big Decision

WHETHER Marshal Pétain is going to capitulate before new German demands, abandoning his former steadfast refusal to go beyond the terms of the Armistice, will probably be decided to-day or to-morrow.

The Vichy correspondent of a Swiss newspaper, giving this report to-day, adds that the atmosphere in Vichy appears to be more optimistic.

Messages from Vichy received in Zurich quote the "Temps" as emphasising the solidarity of the French Colonial Empire with the Motherland.

Energetic Attitude

"We know that our country is firmly determined to execute its undertakings loyally and exactly and scrupulously to carry out the terms of the armistice," the newspaper adds.

But the armistice left us the Empire and the means to defend it, which we have done against our former Allies and in Indo-China.

"This energetic attitude is proof of our absolute determination not to allow treaties to be infringed and to maintain the integrity of our country."

Less Tension

The Vichy correspondent of the "New York Times" reports that the tension between the Petain Government and Berlin has been relieved.

Two points, he says, seem to be assured:

(1) That Marshal Petain will not countenance anything tending to involve France in hostilities against Germany's enemies; and

(2) that his Government remains unchanged.

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## Fire Men Build Fire Float from Lifeboat, and Engines from Old Cars

By a Special Correspondent

WHEN you are looking at a member of the Eccles Fire Brigade you are not seeing just a fireman. He may be a joiner, a carpenter or a painter, for these men have proved themselves jack-of-all trades and masters of most.

To-day, Chief Officer Mullock, showed me how from old cars and buses the men of the station have made a mobile canteen, special trailers for hose and foam equipment, water carriers, and auxiliary fire engine, complete with ladder equipment.

**Show Piece**

But the show piece is a fire boat, now stationed on the canal behind the Fire Station. Equipped with a powerful pump this converted ship's lifeboat can throw 500 gallons of water a minute 100 feet into the air from each of its jets.

"The boat was given to us by one of the townsmen," said the Chief Officer. "It is a steel lifeboat which came from the oil tanker British Progress. There was just the hull."

"We were given the engine by Mr. Gardner, of Eccles, and fitted it ourselves and we carried out all the alterations that were necessary."

Now the boat, fitted with pump and jets, is one of the most useful fire-fighting appliances that the brigade possesses. It is manned by a crew of three and is ready to dash along the canal which runs through Eccles.

**Mobile Canteen**

The mobile canteen is a particularly attractive piece of work. It was originally an old ambulance. White painted inside, it contains two boilers, heated by paraffin

stoves, for tea and other hot drinks and racks of crockery. Two serving hatches have also been made.

"When we send the various units of the Fire Brigade to action stations at various points in the borough the canteen, manned by girls from the telephone room, makes a tour around these points and keeps the members of the brigade supplied with hot refreshment," Chief Officer Mullock said.

**Converted Buses**

Old buses have been converted into water carriers by these handy men of Eccles. These vehicles carry canvas tanks which hold 1,000 gallons of water. The experiences of other towns in air raids has shown the Eccles Brigade that such portable supplies of water are invaluable to fire-fighters.

"We were much of this preparedness in the way of auxiliary fire appliances to the generosity of the people of the borough," Chief Officer Mullock told me. "We appealed for old cars that we could convert and we had several given to us."

The Mayor of Eccles, too, is most helpful in these matters. Chief Officer Mullock told me his enthusiasm for everything connected with the fire-fighting services.

In the yard of the station by the side of the smartly painted auxiliary vehicles, stood other apparently ramshackle relics of the road—old buses and private cars. Soon, when the men of the station have got busy on them, they, too, will take their places in the fleet of fire-fighting units prepared for any emergency that may arise.

## Walt Whitman Strides Down 'Long, Brown Path'

THE 30th anniversary of the gift of land that led to the development of America's Bear Mountain State Park was celebrated with the unveiling of Jo Davidson's heroic bronze statue of Walt Whitman, the poet, near the Bear Mountain Inn.

The nine-foot bronze shows the bulky figure of the poet striding, bareheaded and with his beard blowing in the wind, down the "long, brown path" he loved. Three stanzas of Whitman's famous "Song of the Open Road" have been carved into a granite ledge opposite the statue.

The sculpture, which was done in Paris and exhibited last season at the World's Fair, has been set

on the "nature trail," which is part of the 1,200-mile Appalachian Trail along the mountain chain between Maine and Georgia. It is close to the Bear Mountain Trails Museum in the park.

It is to Lancashire that American visitors come when they want to see Whitman's works, for the Bolton Municipal Library there houses one of the greatest Whitman collections in the world.

## TO-NIGHT'S COMMERCIAL NEWS AND PRICES

### TURNER AND NEWELL UP

By Our City Editor

STOCK EXCHANGE markets remain very quiet to-day but the tone was favourable. British Government stocks were firmer. Home railways marked time, but Metropolitan were a point higher at 46.

Brazilian Bonds were mostly 1 point up, but Belgian point up, but Belgian 4 per cent relapsed 1 point to 2.

Far Western Rand shares were slightly harder. Rhokana were firm. Oil shares were inactive but well maintained.

Industrials remained quiet. British American Tobacco were a good market at 47s. 6d. on dividend anticipations. Turner and Newell rose another 1s. on the figures for the year.

Anglo-Newfoundland Development advanced to 13s. 4d. on the dividend. Imperial Tobacco and Associated Equipment were dull. Slaters lost 6d. to 1s. 6d. on the report.

### NO BUSINESS

No business was done to-day on Manchester Royal Exchange.

Sir Arthur Haworth, the chairman, held a consultation with the Master, Mr. Hedley Lucas, and it was decided to call a meeting of the directors to-morrow to consider the position.

### Manchester 'Change HICKSON BOUGHT

Markets generally display a good tone, but there is only a thin attendance and turnover is restricted.

Dunlop have improved to 32s. 6d., and Imperial Chemical to 29s. 3d. Turner and Newell are well maintained at 63s. 9d., and Courtaulds at 31s. 9d.

Among Textiles, Lancashire Cotton Corporation are firm at 19s. 10d. Hickson Lloyd and King have found buyers at 2s. 4d.

Ruston and Hornsby have been taken up at 23s. 10d. and Fairley Aviation at 13s. 10d. Tate and Lyle have hardened to 47s.

**DEALINGS IN LISTED SECURITIES.**

Consols 21 1/2 76 5/8 Mexican Eagle Oil 24 1/2  
Conv. 13 1/2 103 1/2 Ruston and Hornsby 23 10 1/2  
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**DEALINGS IN LISTED SECURITIES.**

Anal. Tin Mines of Ararat Gold 6 5/8  
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### LONDON 'CHANGE

**British Funds**

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**Foreign Stocks**

Belgian 4 1/2 42  
Brazil 4 1/2 42  
Conv. 13 1/2 103 1/2  
W.L. 13 1/2 102 1/2  
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**Home Rails**

Metropolitan 40  
Courtaulds 31 9  
Lanc. Cotton 19 10 1/2  
Industrials &c.  
Anglo-Newfoundland  
Devel. 13 4

**MONEY, GOLD, SILVER**

Money in small request at 3 1/2—1 per cent. Discount rates: Short bills and three months 1 1/2 per cent. Gold 108s. per fine ounce, unchanged. Silver 25 1/2-10d. fine spot 24 1/2-10d. fine forward 25 1/2-10d.

**STERLING STEADY**

Foreign Exchange Market continued quiet to-day. Rates were steady.

## HATS

THREE months ago a Manchester millinery expert had a brilliant idea. She would have a new shade of red for Christmas hats. The colour was chosen—the new shade of a lipstick, rouge, and nail varnish also promised for December.

Unfortunately, with beauty preparations coming in for the 75 per cent cut of usual orders the special make-up colour is not plentiful, but the hats have arrived and the display is excellent and there are other make-up shades that can be adapted in the meanwhile.

The colour of the hats is "garret"—the glorious colour of the stone—and the capturing of the shade in felt and velvet is very lovely.

Strangely enough, it suits blondes and brunettes, goes with black superbly, brown equally successfully, green with Robin Hood piquancy, blue with patriotic brilliance, yellow with chic daring, grey with dignity. What more can you want from a hat?

Some are in velvet, shaped like little pillboxes, with veiling in the same colour. Another is a small-brimmed model acting as a resting place for a flight of feather birds.

Black ribbon makes the band and binding of one. Flowers of velvet tumble down the crown of another, and stitching in the form of the cut garnet alone itself makes another brilliant style.

If you are stuck for colour (by rights a hat matching the coat is always the best), one of these deep glowing red models is exactly what you want.

It glows, it cheers, it brightens up the tired face.

THOSE who cannot afford a new frock for Christmas this year (and, oh, dear, aren't there a lot of us?) are choosing a hat instead to keep up the well-wished cheer



and to herald a new year with head held high.

If your clothes are tailored, without fur trimmings, or made of whirly tweed, then the hat will be trimmed. If you are to wear fur, or have a coat fur trimmed, then the hat is the tiniest affair you have thought of and made of

## TAXATION AUTHORITIES CALL MOTORISTS SLACK

MOTORISTS have not answered the appeal of the Ministry of Transport to send applications for renewal of licenses for the January-February-March quarter before the renewal date December 31.

## Labourer on Double Wounding Charge

GEORGE ARTHUR ARMES (29), labourer, of Water-street, Manchester, was charged of wounding a 42-year-old night watchman, John Evan Dutton, with intent to murder, and of wounding Elizabeth Cartwright (21), with intent to murder, appeared on remand at Manchester City Police Court to-day and was further remanded for seven days.

When Armes first appeared before the Court in connection with these charges, Detective-Inspector Stainton stated that Dutton and Cartwright were in hospital suffering from injuries.

## SHOW FOR ARTIST SOLDIERS

SOLDIERS with artistic temperaments who wish to continue their art studies are being catered for by the military authorities.

Under the wartime education scheme, the first army art and crafts exhibition will be held by serving forces in the Yorkshire area on February 10.

All the exhibits have been done by the men and women in their spare time, with the help of professional teachers.

Mr. S. I. Hemming, principal of Hull Art School, will be the adjudicator, and it is hoped that every category of handicraft from the architect's design of his own barracks to a caricature of the sergeant-major will be on view.

Included in the list of exhibits are pottery pieces, drawings, paintings, maps, furniture, window displays and signwriting. There is also a photographic section.

The A.T.S. are also taking part. Their exhibits included knitted goods.

A special prize has been offered for the best poster design suitable for advertising the new scheme of adult education in the Army.

## EGYPT'S AID

By an intricate system, a daily cross check is maintained of every vehicle operating with the army in the vast desert battlefield.

"It is impossible for us to lose even an old truck or motor-cycle, we know where they all are," the staff officer said.

## Reds Gaoled 850 Poles in One Day

INCREDIBLE stories of the first few days of the occupation of Polish territory by the Russian Soviet Army are disclosed in a pamphlet entitled "The Soviet Occupation of Poland."

"The first contact between the population of Poland and the Bolsheviks, who for 20 years had been kept beyond a fortified barrier," writes a contributor, "aroused profound astonishment."

"The poorest peasants were startled by the appearances of the troops who were poorly clad, underfed, and generally low-spirited."

"The Bolshevik troops," adds the writer "were generally well-disciplined and provided with ample money to buy goods which appealed or attracted them."

Army men said the plane was a "wash out," with the fuselage badly wrecked and one of the engines thrown several feet away.

## WRONG GOWNS

"One of the big purchases was fly-paper, which delighted the invaders, and in Vilno two



what-you-will—furs, felt, dress or coat material, ribbon, knit-wear, or feather.

A little felt saucer, tipped forward over the brow, makes the crown of one. It is held to the head by broad bands of felt

## JUDITH DAY

tells about the new MANCHESTER RED



knocking at the back, leaving a space for the hair to peep through.

Another model, boasting a high strip of Persian lamb across the forehead (toreador) has deep red jersey cloth to tie across the back, with a space in the centre crown.

The square-topped crowns have equally small brims which roll up at the sides and are trimmed with ostrich feathers, minute birds made in feathers, ribbon bows, or flowers in felt or velvet.

## FUR can make the most becoming of all hats, but it must be smart, neat, and of the same kind of fur must be introduced again on the coat, dress, or suit itself.

It can be allied with jersey or felt—but there is an extra kind of softness when used with velvet. Don't attempt to be elaborate with fur. Just have a cone, a cossack, a skull-cap, or a broad strip across the brow.

## Complaints of slackness were made to the Manchester Evening News to-day by taxation authorities of Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils, Manchester and Stockport.

They would be helping themselves and the staff, said an official, "if they would send in applications early."

Although large numbers of renewals are not anticipated, the taxation authorities express the opinion that postal delays over the Christmas holidays may hold up their work.

"If a person intends to licence his vehicle," added the official, "it is as easy for him to send the cheque and application before it is originally due as it is after his 'grace' days' grace has expired. It is this fourteen days of grace that causes so much delay."

"We get rushed out, and then when motorists do not receive their registration books, which they have to use for supplementary petrol applications, together with their current licence, they complain."

If renewal applications are sent in immediately applicants should get their new car's licence before the end of the month.

## Nazis Howl At Mr. Eden

It was natural that Germany would not like the British Cabinet changes.

The Berlin radio, commenting to-day on the appointment of Mr. Anthony Eden as Foreign Secretary, says: "Eden was one of the clique of British warmongers who are responsible for the war."

"When England goes down it will have to thank three men for it—Churchill, Eden, and Duff Cooper."

## ROTARIAN DEAD

Mr. Alfred Albinston, of Stockton Heath, Warrington, a prominent Rotarian and chairman of Stockton Heath Garden Society, died in a nursing home to-day.

## CANAL DEATH

Body of a middle-aged woman was recovered from the Bridgewater Canal at Brooklands to-day. About five feet tall, the woman is of medium build, with brown hair and wore a black coat with brown fur collar, blue woollen jumper, and blue skirt.

More than 1,500 were transformed into co-operative societies and at the same time all buildings were declared to be the property of the people. It was with the greatest difficulty and effort that the proprietors of small houses (used as their personal residences) succeeded in preserving the use of them."

Flourishing industries, together with their modern equipment and plants, were removed bodily to Soviet Russia, and although thousands of workers were persuaded to leave their towns and go to Russia they quickly returned, where they found themselves homeless and unemployed.

Railway workshops in Lwow, Stanislawow, and Pzemysl were emptied and all moveable goods, cattle fodder, timber, textiles, iron ore, wrought iron, and medical supplies were removed.

Wholesale arrests were carried out by the OGPU, and at one time the prisons in Lwow held 20,000 people. On January 29 and 31 1940, 850 arrests were made in this city alone.

"The value of goods seized in the city of Lwow is estimated at about 400 million pre-war zloty, or equivalent of £15,000,000, and of £20,000,000 in the whole occupied area."

Of the 8,500 shops existing in Lwow more than 6,000 were closed and only 500 remained in the hands of the proprietors.

## Worth a Fortune..



SHE helps in a Canteen. Long, and often dangerous, are the hours she devotes to supplying the needs of others. So hand out something to her for a change.

A box of FORTUNE, for instance. Whether she comes from Mayfair or Musselburgh she will love these best of all Chocolates—made by Caley to combine sheer enjoyment with the extra nutrition that war workers should have. So rich in food value, yet so low in cost!

## CALEY'S Fortune CHOCOLATES

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## Father Pierre's Monastery Herbs

The True Remedy for RHEUMATISM

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Monastery Herbs with every meal. Simply sprinkle a "pinch" of Monastery Herbs on your food. They are ready to eat them. They are ready to eat them. They are ready to eat them. They are ready to eat them.

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**Your Terminus**  
ALL Manchester Corporation transport services are at present turning back at the points where the routes are intersected by the No. 53 bus route, which runs between Cheetham Hill Road and Old Trafford.  
The authorities are endeavouring to start services at points nearer to town and a statement will be issued later in the day.

**36 KILLED IN BERLIN RAID**  
Berlin officials said 36 people were killed in British raid on Berlin during last Friday night.

**SWISS PROTEST**  
Twenty persons were injured when bombs were dropped on Zurich, says Swiss High Command. Swiss Minister in London is expected to make "most energetic protest" to Britain.

# Manchester SOS to Motorists is "Give Lifts"

## WORKERS ARE TOLD, "BE HOME EARLY"

**COUNCILLOR WILLIAM JOHNSTON**, deputy-chairman of Manchester Emergency Committee, to-day appealed to all motorists to give as many lifts as possible.  
"In circumstances like these to-day," he said, "it is a reflection on many motorists to have an empty seat in their cars."  
"The least a motorist can do is to pull up where he sees a knot of people and see who he can take in his direction."  
"May I appeal to every motorist to give a thought to those who may have to trudge miles through the streets when, without extra cost or inconvenience, they could give them a lift somewhere near to their homes."

**Don't Hinder**  
Mr. Johnston said the committee wanted to make other appeals.  
"The work of clearing up the debris cannot be carried through if curious sightseers throng the streets to visit scenes of damage."  
"As far as possible we would urge everybody to get home as quickly as possible, and ask employers who are able to release their staffs before the black-out."

One of the first problems the Emergency Committee tackled to-day was the rehousing of the thousands of homeless people.  
Mr. Johnston said it was not unexpected that there would be difficulties in dealing with thousands of people while the raid lasted.  
**Rest Centres Opened**  
"During the night," he added, "20 rest centres which are fully equipped with camp beds, blankets and food were opened to receive those who had been bombed out of their homes."

While the homeless were being attended to, another corps of the civil defence organisation was making arrangements for the rehousing of the families.  
Communal feeding centres, as well as mobile canteens, were on duty until long after daylight.

"At the moment," added Mr. Johnston, "we are concentrating on the rehousing of the homeless bombed families."

Another meeting of the committee will be held later in the day.

The *Manchester Evening News* understands that the summons to teachers trained in domestic subjects is for them to give help in the communal feeding centres in different parts of the city.



## House of Commons Bombed

**THE solid qualities of the House of Commons have been demonstrated by its resistance to bombs, it can now be revealed.**

There is little or no visible damage in the public parts of the building, and the debating chamber is untouched. For a time the members' lobby was railed off as it was feared the ceiling in the centre, from which a heavy golden candelabra hangs, might be unsafe.  
But the worst damage was in the members' cloakroom, the Public Bill Office, and the room used by lobby correspondents where there is a fine panel giving the names of their chairmen dating back to 1897 and some old prints of Parliament.

### CRYPT DAMAGED

Effects of the bombs were also noticeable in the historic cloisters and even down in the crypt. A flight of stone stairs collapsed. No one was hurt, and there was no serious incident which caused a large alarm and then laughter. A large piece of stone coping was blown from the roof and falling on soft ground, became buried nearly three feet deep.

In the darkness this was mistaken for a delayed action bomb, and people in rooms in the vicinity were hastily evacuated. Then a daring policeman peered into the hole and found that the "bomb" was only a piece of roof.

Some M.P.s who have been bombed out of their homes frequently sleep at the House of Commons, but on this occasion they were all away.

## Creosote Ekes Out Bus Oil

**LONG before the British Government realised the possibilities of creosote as a successful mixture with diesel oil for the running of heavy public-service engines, Mr. George Cherry, general manager of Rochdale transport system, was carrying out experiments.**

He became one of the country's leading experts on fuel problems, and discovered that the mixture enabled him to run his buses a far greater mileage than the majority of corporation services, who had not adopted this mixture system.

At their depots in Rochdale special mixing plants and machinery were installed.

### Huge Saving

To-day the Government hope to save more than 7,000,000 gallons of Diesel oil a year by encouraging commercial and public service vehicles to use a mixture of creosote and Diesel oil from January 24 next year.

Creosote is a product of the distillation of coal. It is home produced and therefore does not come under any taxation. It is being sold at something like 10d. a gallon, as compared with Diesel oil at 1s. 6d. a gallon. Diesel oil is taxed.

The mixture of creosote and Diesel oil, according to experts, must be approximately 30 per cent creosote to 70 per cent Diesel oil.

Manchester Corporation Transport Department to-day told the *Manchester Evening News* that they will probably adopt the creosote mixture on and after January 24.  
"Creosote," said one of the transport officials, "has a much lower flashpoint than Diesel oil or petrol, and it could not be used in ordinary vehicles unless a complicated change was made."

### Warning Up

"As it is nothing like as volatile as petrol small petrol vehicles would have to be fitted with two carburetors, and the cars would have to start and warm up on petrol and then switch over to creosote. It would not be a commercial proposition."

Discussing the performance of heavy public service vehicles running on Diesel and creosote mixture, the official said:

"In Manchester we have a large fleet of buses, and of these all but 168 have Diesel engines. The creosote mixture causes carbon deposits more quickly than ordinary fuel. If the mixture is not made properly the creosote falls into the sump and mixes with the lubricating oil and it can damage the delicate engine mechanism."

He added that Manchester had run a number of buses on the mixture, and it had proved successful as an emergency measure.

## MISSING MAN LEFT FURNESS FORTUNE

**R**EPORted as "missing, believed dead," the Hon. Christopher Furness, an officer in the Welsh Guards, has been left the bulk of his father's fortune.

Viscount Furness of Grantley, shipbuilder and iron and steel works and colliery proprietor, left an untitled estate valued at £3,698,930 gross, with net personalty £2,843,416, on which estate duty is £1,858,702.

Viscount Furness's father was the founder of the Furness Withy line of steamer.

After making various provisions Viscount Furness left the residue of his property, as to seven-eighths upon trust for his son Christopher, and one-eighth upon trust for his son William Anthony and his children.

To his wife Lord Furness left £10,000, a town house and effects, motor-car, and horses, left the purchase of the Villa Fiorentina St. Jean, Cap Ferrat.

Among other bequests, Lord Furness left an annuity of £1,000, if still in service, to his stud man, George Smithwick, together with 24 per cent of the gross amount received from the sale of his bloodstock.

Miss Maxine Elliott, of New York, and of Chateau de l'Houzon, Golfe Juan, France, the notable stage figure, and hostess, left estate in England valued at £779.

Other wills to-day are:

Mr. Arthur Frederick Bentley, of Windsor Road, Oldham, a former president of Manchester & Oldham Master Makers' Association, and of the Amalgamated Union of Textile Workers (£7,440 net) £7,672  
Mr. Chester Rd., Northwich (£21,490 net) £21,649

## Hollywood Pictures Break Code

**N**EXT to politics and the war Hollywood conversation is concerned chiefly with two trends in motion pictures, propaganda and the disregard for some of the moral guide lines of the Hays Office code.

Propaganda of a kind boosting national defence or running down dictators may be very worthy, but, say many writers and directors, it does not fit under the headings of entertainment.

The other side presented by the scenarists Charles Brackett and Billy Wilder, believes that any subject not harmful to the general welfare—especially when it is on every tongue and front page—is proper screen material.

Their theory may be seen in "Arise My Love," which ends with an indirect plea for "thousands of pilots to defend America."

### Chaplin Criticised

This is much less obvious propaganda than the outstanding example lately, the finish of Charlie Chaplin's picture. Many consider that the climax of "The Great Dictator" is weakened because he steps out of character and thus therefore the effect is lost.

The other trend in films has been noted publicly by the Legion of Decency.  
An official of the Legion, the organisation which forced Hollywood into self-regulation, said in a recent speech that the movies "old practice of neglecting to portray evil as evil would seem to be clamouring for a return engagement."

Anyone can see an increase in situations and dialogue in recent and current films which are obvious violations of the movies' own code in spirit if not in letter.

(Associated Press message.)

## MORE NAZIS INVADE RUMANIA

**T**HOUSANDS of German troops crossed into Rumania to-day to reinforce the Nazi divisions already patrolling the country.

Although a Rumanian official insisted that the new German troops were only additional corps to instruct the Rumanian army, the soldiers say a message from Lokoshaza (Rumanian-Hungarian frontier) carried full war equipment and machine guns, while field artillery and tanks were carried on goods vans.

(Associated Press message.)

## It's Vienna Music For the Dutch

Amsterdam opened its musical season with an Austrian orchestra in the presence of a German-Austrian Governor, Arthur Seyss-Inquart, who as German representative heard the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra play to a packed house.

The main tendency in Netherlands music this year, it is believed, will be to have many German artists and orchestras on the programmes.

Other groups will be welcome, but wartime travel makes it hard even for the Italian stars to fulfil engagements in the Netherlands. (Associated Press.)

## Britain Sends U.S. Plum Puddings

Large consignments of British plum puddings have reached American ports in good time for Christmas, and not a single pudding has so far been lost at sea. One consignment valued at £1,500 has just reached New York. (Reuter.)

## Lancashire Will Lead Onion Drive

By An Agricultural Correspondent

**E**NGLISH farmers are faced with the task of producing 250,000 tons of onions during the coming year to make up the supplies no longer obtainable from abroad.

County War Agricultural Committees are making a drive to get an additional 14,000 acres planted, and it will be necessary to get new ground under cultivation.

Special arrangements have been made to ensure that there will be an ample supply of seeds for the growers. Some of this seed is home-grown, but the bulk of it will come from abroad. California is one of the places from which supplies will be obtained.

According to present planning, all orders for seeds will be met practically in full.

### HAND-WEEDING

Lancashire will play a large part in this drive to produce more onions. The county has always been a good source of supply for the home market. Around Hesketh Bank and Carlisle Moss large quantities of storage onions are produced. Such varieties as Giant Zittau, Up-to-Date and Bedfordshire Champion have always done particularly well there, while in the Walton-le-Dale and Ashton-under-Lyne areas onions for punching for the Manchester market have been mostly grown.

In order to produce the mass of onions required field cultivation will be necessary. Such fields are usually five to six acres in extent, comparatively small as fields go, but that is because of the particular problems of cultivation involved. It is important, for instance, that labour is organised so that hand-weeding can be done right up to July.

Also equally is a menace that has to be fought by means of the application of naphthalene and the dusting of the plants with 4 per cent calomel dust.

These are all tasks that call for much labour and a high degree of organisation and it is the recruitment of labour that may put a limit on the acreage of onions sown.

### RICH SOIL NEEDED

Six pounds of seed are required for each acre to be sown and the ground must be made fairly rich for the successful growing of onions. The land needs, first, at this time of the year, a dressing of well-decayed manure; it is rather too late for the use of fresh farmyard manure. It will benefit, also, from the application of two hundredweights of superphosphate, three hundredweight Potash salts (high grade), one hundredweight of sulphate of ammonia to each acre; that is six hundredweights of fertiliser in all.

Onion-growing land is also better for lime and the quantity usually recommended is two tons per acre of carbonate of lime, applied in January.

All this means that the preparation of the soil is an expensive business, but, in the words of the Horticultural Superintendent of the Lancashire County Council, it is fully justified by the harvest that should be got from it.

After July the labour problem eases a little. No more hand-weeding can be done because the onion beds must not then be disturbed.

## Nazis' Brazil Move Hits at U.S. Trade

**A** NEW situation in trade practices is developing in Brazil—and possibly also in other Latin-American countries—aimed especially to hurt United States commerce after the war.

### OWN SPECIFICATIONS

Reports from a reliable source are to the effect that German agents are trying to introduce into Brazilian Government departments German standards or specifications on certain materials that the United States exports heavily to Latin America, such as railway materials and other supplies usually calling for technical specifications in the advertising for bids.

Bidders in such cases must meet the specifications called for, which, if the reported Nazi effort goes through, would not be on United States standards.

Germany is unable now to sell in Brazil, but it is known that some German business agents are pretending to represent American manufacturers to gain contacts for future business.

Three months ago agents of German firms were promising deliveries in October and November, but now they are not guaranteeing deliveries and no goods are entering from Germany.

### BOUGHT FROM U.S.

German houses established in Rio de Janeiro purchased in the United States enough to fill standing orders and maintain their selling organisations.

They are much concerned over the possibility of the United States entering the war, particularly German firms exporting from Brazil to the United States.

The Germans continue the purchasing of Brazilian stocks and are holding the goods in warehouses.

### BRUSSELS "OFF"

German-controlled Brussels radio station switched off the air at noon to-day when the Flemish news bulletin is normally given.—Press Association War Special.

## TROOPS SAVE TREASURES AT PEERS HOME

LORD and Lady Rosebery helped to direct salvage operations to-day when their Fifth of Forth home, Dalmeny House, was extensively damaged by fire.

### Furniture Saved

The fire was discovered at 8 a.m. and within a short time sections of Edinburgh A.F.S. arrived.

After an SOS had been sent to military units, officers, and men recovered furniture with the assistance of members of Lord Rosebery's staff.

Many valuable paintings in Lord Rosebery's collection were removed undamaged from the affected wing.

The A.F.S. obtained some of their water supply from a line of hose to the sea.

## Few Emigrants to South Africa

Almost the only emigrants now reaching South Africa are British. Even there have decreased in numbers according to the Census and Statistics Office in Pretoria.

In August 262 British immigrants entered the Union.

The flow of foreign immigrants, however, has nearly ceased, only 11 foreigners entering the country as immigrants in a month, of whom eight were Dutch, one an American and two of other nationalities.

Tourist traffic to South Africa was maintained at a satisfactory level this year, having regard to war circumstances.—Reuter.

## Amateur Billiards Championship

In the event of a representative entry being received the Billiards Association will hold the amateur championships for billiards and snooker, both of which are held by Kingsley Kennerly, of Birmingham.

Should it be inconvenient for the ruling body to hold the championship finals in London, as has been done in the past, a venue in the provinces will be selected.

## BLACK-OUT 5 22 p.m. to 8 54 a.m.

Moon: Rises 2 13 a.m. Sets 1 32 p.m.

## Boy Killed Joy-riding, Police Say

VICTOR OLIVER SAWYER (19), a garage hand, of Lessingham Avenue, Tooting, who was alleged at the South Western Court, London, to-day to have been taking a joy ride in the black-out when a boy was killed, was fined 40s. for not having an insurance policy and 7s. 6d. for driving without a licence.

He was disqualified from driving for eighteen months.

Further summonses for driving away a car from a garage and of driving dangerously were adjourned till December 28.

Mr. L. Walton (for the police) said Sawyer had never driven a car before. While he was driving, the car struck a kerb, and a boy named Fall was thrown out and killed.

In a statement afterwards Sawyer, it was alleged, said: "I shall never forgive myself for this."

## Nazis Try to Fatten Trout

A large scale attempt to increase the size of trout has been started by the German Institute for Baltic Fishery.

Claiming that the trout is a close relative of the salmon and was a salt water fish originally, the institute released 200,000 young trout into the waters of the Baltic near Danzig around the island of Rugen, near Wismar, and in the Lubek Bay.

Experiments have proved, it was stated, that trout living in salt water reach an enormous size.—Associated Press.

**RHEUMATISM & BAD CIRCULATION**  
Stated to be incurable, Miss Sharp, Appleby Bridge, Wigan, writes: "I suffered two years from Rheumatism and Bad Circulation and could not walk or sleep. My fingers used to go dead. I had no use in my limbs and was stated to be incurable. I took Vitadrol, and after three doses felt the circulation moving and now I can walk and do my own work. Vitadrol is invaluable for Rheumatism, Neuritis, Liver, Kidney and Stomach troubles. Sold by Boots, Timothy White & Taylor, Chemists, Stores, 3/- and 5/- per bottle, plus Postage. From VITADROL. Write for FREE BOOK 2s 6d. AMULET, LEON, Write for FREE BOOK 2s 6d."

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## AN APPEAL to the Citizens of Manchester

If we should have any falls of snow this winter it will be extremely difficult to clear the streets quickly and properly owing to the shortage of labour for casual duties of this kind, caused by the calls of the present national emergency.

The Cleansing Committee, therefore, earnestly appeals to all the citizens of Manchester to assist, for their own comfort and convenience, by clearing away snow from the footpaths in front of and alongside their homes, shops, or business premises, as soon as possible after the snow has fallen and whilst it is still easy to move.

The Committee's employees can then concentrate on keeping the roadways clear for trams, buses and other traffic to pass in and out of the City, to take munition workers and others to and from their duties and to help deliveries of food and fuel. They will also, with the assistance appealed for, be enabled to remove the snow entirely in a much shorter time.

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