

Our War Album.--9. Chief of Imperial Staff



Sir Edmund Ironside

When Viscount Gort was appointed C.-in-C. of the British Field Force, he was succeeded as Chief of the Imperial General Staff by General Sir W. E. Ironside. His name first became known to the general public in 1918 when, at the time of the Armistice, he was appointed to command the Allied expedition to Archangel, in North Russia.

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ODD FACTS ABOUT THE WAR

Making History

A detachment of the R.A.S.C., Cyprus Section, has sailed from Cyprus. It is the first time in history that Cyprus has contributed a unit to the British Army.

Cigarettes by the Million

The Navy, Army and Air Force Institute has already sent out 60,000,000 cigarettes to the B.E.F. During the Great War this Fund raised enough money to provide the men with 300,000,000 cigarettes and nearly 5,000,000 packets of pipe tobacco.

Refractory Czechs

Inhabitants of Prague boycotted their trams the day that all receipts were being set aside for the German Winter Relief Fund. Workmen walked in large bands to the city, their weekly tickets stuck in their hat-bands. Small parties of city men clubbed together and used taxis.

Sign of the Times

The King of Saudi Arabia, who had ordered armaments from Germany just before the war, has cancelled his instructions.

Changing the Tune

Anti-Communist papers published in Germany have been having a thin time recently; so thin, indeed, that some of them have quietly died. Others are having to alter their editorial standpoint, and concentrate upon the anti-Jewish campaign.

Thought They Were on Maneuvres

German prisoners captured on the Western Front had not been told that there was a war on, and thought that the gun firing was target practice.

Log of "Courageous"

The logbook of H.M.S. "Courageous," sunk by a U-boat, was seen floating in the sea and was picked up by a Holland-America boat, whose captain handed it to the British authorities.

French Eat Less Meat

In order fully to supply army needs first, the French Government has ordained that Monday is to be a meatless day, and Tuesday a beefless day.

Too Many Eggs

According to Mrs. Eileen Murphy, of the British Commercial Gas Association, Hitler, a vegetarian, eats far too many eggs and too much fat. Both foods upset the liver when taken in excess, and an ill-balanced diet produces an ill-balanced man, and is even stated to be the cause of most crimes.

Not Enough Eggs

During the week ending October 24, every German was allowed to buy a single egg on production of his ration card.

Glazier's Dream

Two million square metres (about 50 acres) of window glass were, it was estimated, necessary to repair the windows of Warsaw. The Reich commissioner ordered 100,000 square metres to be going on with.

Sister Susie's Activities

Ten times the quantity of wool used in peacetime is now being supplied by the trade, chiefly to those knitting for the Forces.

Another Straw in the Wind

"In memoriam" notices are increasing daily in the German papers, but few men are now stated to have died for the Fuehrer. It is rather for the Fatherland, or even for the German army, that they gave their lives.

Hiding the Eiffel Tower

The Eiffel Tower in Paris is now being camouflaged. Forty tons of grey paint are required for this task.

Every Man His Own Greengrocer

It has been calculated that the produce of an average allotment will keep a man, his wife and three children in potatoes and vegetables for 212 days out of the 365.

Sunk In

The Minister of Information stated that he had learnt from authoritative sources that the propaganda on the subject of Nazi fortunes abroad had gone home in Germany and had reached its mark.

Guarding Hitler's Home Front

About thirty per cent of Germany's Storm Troopers are used on the home front, according to one of them who broadcast from Berlin. They have many duties, from assisting the police in carrying out raids and rounding up offenders against defence regulations, to helping the military in loading war material.

Education of the Poles

Russian language classes have been started in various areas of Poland now in Soviet occupation.

Well, Well

"Let Chamberlain be told that we and the whole world believe more in the word of a German officer than in the words of the entire British Government."

(German newspaper)

They Don't See Eye to Eye

The little Belgian newspaper, "Indépendance Belge," has incurred the wrath of Berlin on account of its "insufficient sympathy with Germany." The paper, which circulated in secret during the Great War, has a definite anti-German tradition.

"Public Pole No. 1"

This is the name given to the Polish Ambassador, Count Raczynski, by Dr. Tancred Borenius, Finnish envoy in Britain.

A.R.P. in the Holy Land

Haifa recently staged a full-dress rehearsal of Jewish and Arab A.R.P. wardens and civil guards. An A.R.P. exhibition in Jerusalem, organized by Jews, has attracted a large number of visitors.

Psychological Case

The "New York Herald Tribune," in discussing Sir Neville Henderson's dispatches from Berlin, agrees with him that Hitler will bequeath "a fascinating study . . . to the biographer with pathological leanings."

"Traitor of Stuttgart"

A French ex-Government official, Paul Ferdinand, broadcasts to his fellow-countrymen every night from Stuttgart, appealing for a Franco-German entente at the expense of the "common enemy, England." The French military authorities have decided to try him, although absent, on a charge of high treason.

New National Language

When the University and school of Lwow reopened, students found that the official language was henceforth to be Ukrainian.

Change in the Axis?

One morning it was found in Berlin that a street sign bearing the name "Mussolini Square" had been scribbled over with the words "Stalin Square."

Generous Tribute

"That was a damned good shot!" was the remark made by the late Capt. Makeig-Jones when his ship "Courageous" was struck by a torpedo.

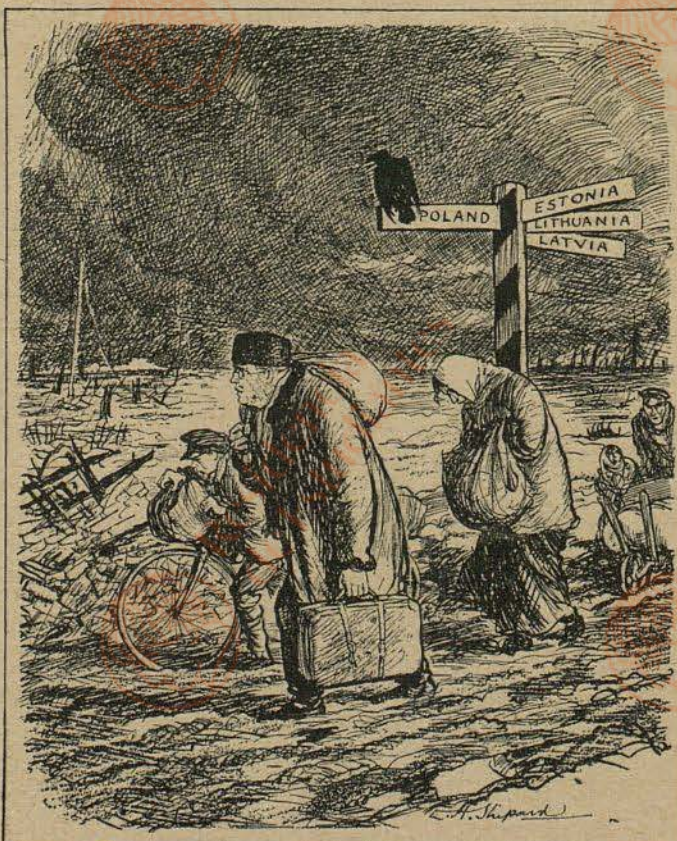
New "Hymn of Hate"

Each verse of Germany's new Hymn of Hate, which is very popular in the British Army, ends with the refrain:

"England is the curse of the world,
She knows but greed and hate
and gold."

Tommy to See for Himself

Hitler's "Mein Kampf" is one of the books officially recommended for sending to British troops at the Front. It is included in a list of 1,321 titles compiled by the National Book Council and sponsored by Major-Gen. J. H. Beith (Ian Hay), Director of Public Relations at the War Office.



Lebensraum.

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