

## Our War Album.—11. The Foreign Secretary



*Viscount Halifax*

*Photo, Howard Coster*

As Lord Irwin he was Viceroy of India from 1926 to 1931, and his statesmanlike handling of a difficult situation won for him widespread admiration. Succeeding Mr. Anthony Eden as Foreign Secretary in February, 1938, he played a prominent part in the Munich Crisis.



# ODD FACTS ABOUT THE WAR

## "Order of the Danzig Cross"

The first recipient of this new decoration instituted by Hitler was Field-Marshal Goering, who received it at the hands of Herr Forster, former Nazi leader of Danzig.

## Sugar from Timber

Germany is importing large quantities of timber from Rumania. It is said that this will be converted, by a new process, into a sugar substitute.

## Crime Reduced by War

Instead of encouraging crime, the black-out would seem to have lessened it. This is partly due to the large numbers of extra police on duty, and also to the difficulty of using cars for escape.

## Incitement to Disorder

The Curator of the Musée Grévin, the French Madame Tussaud's, has had to banish the wax figure of Hitler to the basement, in order to put a stop to hostile demonstrations by visitors.

## One Per Cent

British ships lost during the first two months of the War amounted to one per cent of ships arriving safely in port. The same figure, one per cent, represented the proportion of Nazi ships which in the same period reached home.

## Change of Opinion

A young and arrogant German airman, taken prisoner after an unsuccessful raid on Britain, was amazed to note signs of evident prosperity and of lavish defence measures. He had been told that the U-boat campaign was starving Britain out.

## Word of an Englishman

The pilot of an R.A.F. flying-boat, who made a forced landing in Iceland, later flew off again. Owing to language difficulties there was a misunderstanding about the question of parole, and some of the Icelandic officials maintained that he had broken it. So the young airman went back voluntarily to be interned.

## Stripping the Poles

Three "confiscation commissioners" were appointed under Herr Himmler to superintend the annexation of Polish property in areas to be repopulated by German Balts. Poles had to surrender all valuables and foreign currency, and property was confiscated and handed over to Germans whose property had been damaged.

## Disappointing!

In the event of an air raid warning it is considered undesirable, according to the Ministry of Home Security, that the general public should seek shelter in the cellars of licensed premises, whether in permitted hours or at other times.

## Hope They Get It

The German-American Mixed Claims Commission has just awarded a sum of about £4,250,000, plus 5 per cent interest for 20 years, in settlement of 153 American claims arising out of German sabotage in the last war.

## Berliners Must Walk

An official order has been issued by the Nazi authorities prohibiting the use of private motor-cars for any private purposes.

## Combatant Chaplains

In the French Army, priests are given commissioned rank and, while carrying out their religious duties, they remain combatants. Of the 500 already mobilized in the Archbishopric of Paris, 400 are in combatant units at the Front.

## New Foreign Legion

South Africa is to establish a Foreign Legion in which aliens, especially German Jews, Austrians, Poles and Czechs, may serve in her defence if required.

## No Make-up

By a Danish decree, all ships in Danish waters must fly the flag and bear the identification marks of their own country, and not those of any other country.

## A.R.P. Sidelight

A woman who applied recently for a gas-mask was asked by the A.R.P. officer how it was that she had not already obtained it. "I didn't bother," she said, "but now they won't let me into the cinema without one."

## They Breathe Again

When Austria was absorbed into the Reich, a number of her Army officers and men sought refuge in Italy. Germany wanted them included in the 10,000 German nationals forcibly repatriated from the Upper Adige, but Italy decided that they were political refugees and could not be surrendered.

## On Second Thoughts—Murdered

General von Fritsch, former German Commander-in-Chief, was stated to have been killed in action outside Warsaw on September 22. Yet three soldiers were executed in Germany for his alleged murder.

## Scuttled to Avoid Capture

The German tanker "Emmy Friedrich," posing as a neutral, was stopped by a British cruiser. Rather than surrender her cargo of 40,000 barrels of Mexican oil, the captain opened the seacocks, smashed the valves, and took to the lifeboats.

## A.R.P. Animal Hospital

H.M. the King has offered the use of the royal mews at Buckingham Palace as a casualty station for horses, ponies and donkeys that may get injured in air raids over the Westminster area.

## Modern Exodus

According to Mr. Elliot, Minister of Health, the evacuation scheme put into effect the first three days of the War was an exodus bigger than that of Moses. It was the moving of ten armies, each of which was as big as the whole B.E.F. lately gone overseas.

## Healthy Evacuees

During the two months of migration, fewer cases of epidemic disease were reported than in the two corresponding months of peace.

## Tobacco by the Ton

The French State Tobacco Monopoly has bought 400 tons of Greek tobacco, and orders for a further 600 tons for later delivery have been placed.

## Holiday Task

It is reported that the provision of food and other necessities for the 100,000 Germans forcibly transferred to the Reich from the Baltic States has been assigned to the "Travels and Holidays" section of the Nazi Strength Through Joy organization.

## Height, not Length

If a German dog is more than 16 inches high he is entitled to a food ration card, for such dogs can be requisitioned for military purposes. Dachshunds, apparently, must go hungry.

## Trawler Skipper's Bravery

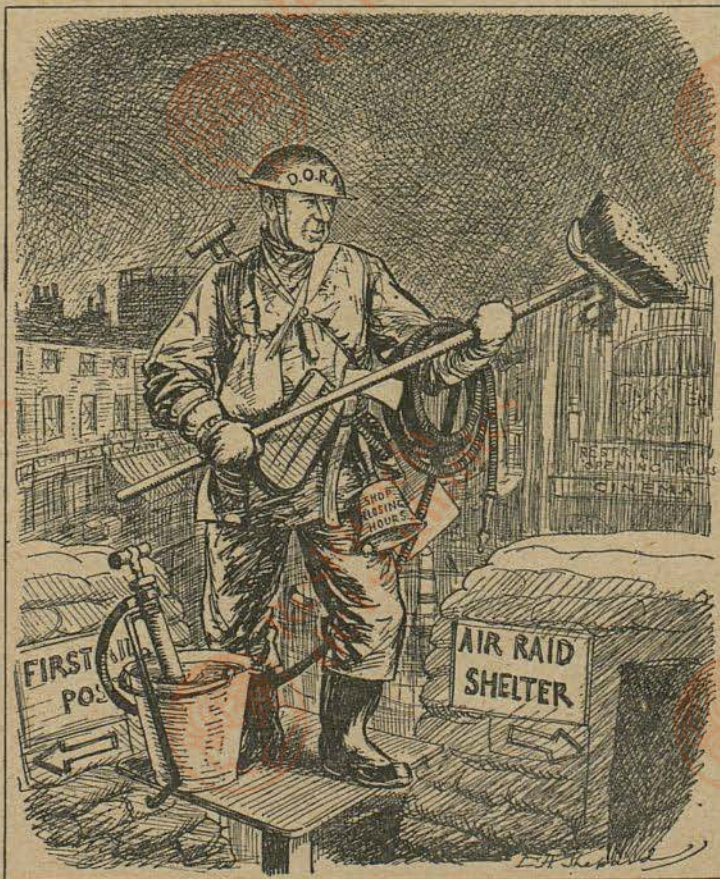
A drifting mine near an East Coast town was beached single-handed by Skipper Leo Romyn, who, disregarding great personal danger, waded into the sea, fastened a rope to the mine and dragged it 100 yards away from near-by property before securing it.

## Ad Infinitum

Himmler is organizing a new super-Gestapo to spy upon the Gestapo itself. It is to consist of 120 officials, whose names are to be kept secret.

## Hard-worked Spies

Members of the recently formed "People's Information Service," a spy organization for reporting signs of dissatisfaction or criticism among the people, have been working overtime since the Nazi-Soviet Pact.



DOING HIS BEST

"It's Dora this, and Dora that and Dora you're a flop,  
But it's 'Thank you, Uncle Dora,' when the bombs begin to drop."  
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