

DOG-TIRED



Shearing sheep on the Royal farm, Capel Curig, N. Wales, is Mrs. Esme Firbank, featured in the book, "I Bought a Mountain." But it's the patient resignation of the dog (who also appeared in the book) which made us look at the picture twice. He's fed-up with doing nothing.

Japs advance in Papua

WHILE Allied planes continue to pound Japanese invasion bases, Japs who landed on the north coast of Papua have made a further advance down the track that leads to Port Moresby, and their planes have raided Port Darwin and Townsville.

Allied patrols have been in contact with the Japanese at Oivi, fifty-five miles from Gona and about the same distance north of Port Moresby. The Japanese, however, have still the formidable Owen Stanley Mountains between them and their goal.

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SOVIET CALL TO WOMEN

near the Don around Kalach, about forty-five miles west of the city.

The Germans claim that the river to the south has been reached and that German troops have crossed it.

A further threat to Stalingrad is developing at Tsimlyansk, 100 miles south-west of the city, where the Germans are turning in big forces.

The Russians are still keeping up heavy pressure at Voronezh, on the Upper Don.

Moscow radio reported last night that the 323rd German Division, just arrived from France, had been smashed near the city.

An enemy report claimed, however, that the Germans had crossed the river at two points south of Voronezh—at Pavlovsk and at Svoboda.

A call to every woman and child in Russia to arm with axes and stones to attack the invader was made in Red Star yesterday.

U.S. CHIEFS CONFER

President Roosevelt yesterday summoned the U.S. military and naval chiefs for a conference, for the first time since Admiral Leahy's appointment as the President's Chief of Staff.

LATEST NEWS

HUNS BEATEN BACK AT TSMILYANSK

Moscow early today said German thrust south in Tsimlyansk sector but were beaten back by counter-attacks. South of Voronezh a Russian unit broke enemy defences and inflicted 1,000 casualties.

U.S. ARMY NOW 3,600,000

United States now has about four million men in arms. President Roosevelt revealed yesterday. If this figure includes all American armed forces, it is taken to indicate that the Army may already have reached a total of 3,600,000.

STEEL HOLDS UP U.S. SHIPYARDS

America's shipyards are operating to only one-half of their production capacity because of the lack of steel plates. Admiral E. S. Land, of the Maritime Commission, told the Senate two-men committee investigating war production, cables John Walters from New York.

"Our shipyards are not operating to capacity," he said. "We have 268 ways capable of producing 1,600 to 2,000 ships of 10,000 to 21,000,000 dead-weight tons per year."

"Production this year will be at rate of 8,000,000 to 9,000,000 tons."

GENERAL MISSING

Major-General O. H. Mead, of the New Zealand Army, a lieutenant and four RNZAF personnel are missing from a flight over a sea route.

WE'LL SCOURGE THE REICH: RAF CHIEF

A MESSAGE to the German people from Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, Chief of Bomber Command, was broadcast last night.

"We are going to scourge the Third Reich from end to end," his message said. "We shall be coming every night and every day, rain, blow or snow—we and the Americans."

"We are bombing Germany, city by city, and ever more terribly in order to make it impossible for you to go on with the war. That is our object. We shall pursue it remorselessly."

"We prefer to hit factories, shipyards and railways. It damages Hitler's war machine most. But those people who work in these plants live close to them. Therefore we hit your houses and you. We regret the necessity for this."

When U.S.A. Joins In

"It is true that your defences inflict losses on our bombers, but our losses are less than 5 per cent. of the bombers which we send over Germany."

"Such a percentage of loss does very little even to check the constant increase ensured by the ever-increasing output of our own and the American factories."

"America has only just entered the fight in Europe. The first squadrons, fore-runners of a whole air fleet, have arrived in England from the U.S.A. Do you realise what it will mean to you when they bomb Germany also?"

"You Can Make Peace"

"You cannot bomb American factories. Your submarines cannot even try to prevent those Atlantic bombers from getting there."

"One final thing. It is up to you to end the war and the bombing. You can overthrow the Nazis and make peace. It is not true that we plan a peace of revenge. But we shall certainly make it impossible for any German Government to start a total war again."

"When?" asks Belisha

"How much further has the summer to advance before the threats offered to Germany to bomb her cities one by one to destruction are implemented?" asked Mr. Hore-Belisha, former War Secretary, speaking in London last night.

"The time factor makes it even more imperative to carry out this plan. If in the hour of Russia's need we cannot dispatch full-scale military aid to the Continent, then how else but by carrying out the bombing policy can the promise made at the Washington conference to divert German strength be fulfilled?"

"If success or failure are the standards by which our war direction is to be judged, then it is plain that there are serious defects."

"Unless these are remedied, inescapable consequences may ensue."

RACING HINTS

Bouverie's Selections.—12.15, Harroway; 12.45, Gormancus; 1.15, Arzon; 1.45, Nearsly; 2.15, Umbasia; 2.45, Lady Sybil. Doubts.—Harroway* and Umbasia. Newmarket Results.—12.30, Davy Delittle (100-7); 1.0, Nasrullah (8-100); 1.30, Valdivian (10-1); 2.0, Mah Iran (5-5); 2.30, Mahes (13-8); 3.0, Hars Bell (4-1).

Nurses get "kitchen pay"—Peer

DECLARING that if the rise in the death rate among tuberculosis patients increased it would make serious inroads among the workers in war industries, Lord Huntingdon, in the House of Lords yesterday, appealed for an increased wage for all nurses.

"There is no wonder there is a shortage of nurses," he said, "when a cook is offered as much as a departmental sister, a housemaid more than a staff nurse, and a scullery maid, aged 14, the same as a probationer nurse."

Under Control

We looked too much to cure rather than to prevention, he added.

Lord Dawson said that when the war came there was an increase in tuberculosis, as in the case of almost all wars.

"On the whole, tuberculosis is under control. Thirteen per cent. is a considerable figure, but there is no sign, so far, of the disease running away."

Lord Davies said the real problem was how further facilities and accommodation could be provided for treatment, for which there was a waiting list in England, Scotland and Wales of 2,561 civilian cases.

Want 12,000 Nurses

Replying for the Government, Lord Snell said that the points raised would receive the urgent attention of the Minister.

The problem was not one of accommodation, but one of staffing difficulties.

The position, unsatisfactory as it was, was not actually worse than a year ago, but was even slightly better.

There were now over 90,000 trained student and auxiliary nurses working in civilian hospitals—8,000 more than a year ago.

It was estimated that another 12,000 nurses were required.

MORE PAY FOR SHOP WORKERS

Shop workers in the retail drapery, outfitter and footwear trades in England and Wales are to get wage increases.

The increases, from August 10, will be 5s. for managers and managersesses of branches; 3s. in the case of smaller branches, and for men 21 and over; 2s. men 18 and 20, and 1s. 6d. youths under 18.

Women's rates go up by 2s. for those over 21, 1s. 6d. for those between 18 and 20, and 1s. for those under 18.



But he's modern!

Riding his "penny-farthing" is Mr. John Miller, of Oxlow-lane, Dagenham, cycle dealer. A fine-looking Scot, he's riding it in a race next Sunday, and hopes to add to his collection of trophies. Lest you get the idea that he's not kept up with the times, we're telling you he's also a radio expert! And that's modern enough.

Divorce Judge and Mr. X

THE Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, in Belfast High Court yesterday spoke of the associations between a wife and a man he referred to as Mr. "X."

The case was one in which he refused a petition for divorce by the wife and a cross petition brought by her husband.

Petitioner was Dorothy Mary Morrow, a singer, whom the Judge said had tried to procure a collusive divorce, to which the husband did not consent.

The Judge said that the wife's misconduct with a man he would call Mr. "X" commenced before she was aware of her husband's misconduct.

Proof of misconduct was provided for Mrs. Morrow by Jessie Wright, known to both the Morrows for many years.

"She satisfied me that, before the birth of a child to her, of which I hold he is the father, improprieties had taken place between them," the Judge declared.

"While Mr. Morrow denies the commission of misconduct, his evidence goes much further than that of Jessie Wright, alleging that on numerous occasions she came into their bedroom, and slept in bed with his wife and himself on the invitation of his wife."

MINERS AND OWNERS AGREE ON BONUS

After representatives of the coal owners and miners had met in London yesterday, Mr. W. A. Lee, secretary of the Mining Association (the owners' organisation), said that agreement had been reached on joint proposals regarding the suggested bonus on output.

MORE MEN IN TRADES TO BE CALLED UP

Unreserved and undeferred men in various occupations, hitherto available for service in the armed forces only as tradesmen, will in future be called up for service as non-tradesmen if not required for service in a trade capacity.

The occupations affected are among those included in the Schedule of Reserved Occupations with symbol "S.T.," and comprise certain categories of: Aircraft workers, bricklayers, coach trimmers, cutter electrical cable and wire rope makers, electric meter testers and magneto assemblers.

Sheet iron and metal workers, stationary engine, drivers and stokers, textile machinery fittings makers, motor-car and light vehicle (except cycle) body builders, railway, tram, bus and heavy vehicle body builders and wood sawyers.

48 hours work limit plan in U.S.

A maximum of forty-eight hours weekly for millions of men and women employed in war industries was proposed yesterday by eight U.S. Government departments, including the War and Navy Departments.

War contractors were told that the health of workers and the flow of production could best be sustained by giving one day's rest weekly, a half-hour meal period, and granting holidays, spread over the longest possible period.—Associated Press.



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