

Refugee Columns Used To Block Allied Traffic In Murderous Nazi Push

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to country back roads and somehow got around and escaped."

MACHINE-GUN CONTROL

Others from the Brussels area, others from beyond Amiens and Roye, as well as a group of Dutch clerymen, gave me detailed accounts, equally terrible, of machine-gun control of all roads used by the Germans, on which civilians could not set a foot or a vehicle. Refugees could not even use country dirt roads, but had to labor, however slowly and helplessly, across fields, marshes and woods, and cross rivers somehow, other than at the sentried bridges.

This proves how important, in the eyes of German strategists, is war traffic, and how deliberately they planned to render impassable all Allied roads by shoving not thousands, not tens of thousands, but hundreds of thousands of refugees ahead to cripple the British and French power of manoeuvre during the German attack.

The British and French armies could just as easily and savagely have controlled traffic in the same way as the Germans did. Doubtless some strategists held that in view of modern total war we should have done so, but to the imperishable glory of the French and British soldiers, it can be said that through the past ten days of fury and anxiety never for an instant did either army, down to its simplest, poorest devil of a traffic policeman, treat the pitiable horde with anything but the full measure of humanity.

TERROR BOMBING TACTICS

I will go so far as to say that whenever the traffic jam of refugees seemed to slacken, the German reconnaissance had bombers do terror bombing to accelerate the tide. The only possible explanation of the savage bombing of Tournai at 4 o'clock in the afternoon was to drive back to the roads the exhausted thousands who had congested in that city, unable to move farther. I saw it again at Amiens and other towns and cities, where random bombing could not have been on military objectives, but only to drive out of the cities and on to the highways, the homeless multitude.

In an earlier despatch I called the refugees the "sixth column." God be praised, we can beat them and still be human.

At the very worst of my experiences up the hill I walked through a village packed with refugees, when in a little yellow church Mass was being said by a tall, amary-looking French priest. The church was packed full and crowds crunched outside, listening but unable to see, in uniform, I was able to push my way past the humble refugees, mostly Belgian. While I was watching this unerringly pitiful service air strens tant to scatter, I spoke to the priest, who was the last, but he just stared at me with smouldering eyes, and was the last, but he I was left alone and walked up to the altar where Mass lay unfinished, and felt shy, as a Protestant, to standing in so strange a place and time. I felt that even I could utter some prayer, yet with my steel helmet in my hand I could only think how vain it was to pray for big things, how vain to pray for humanity. So before I knew what I was doing, with the throbbing of Heinkel's nose beating in this silent place, I made a prayer for only a little of humanity. I prayed for babies under one year of age.

A FURIOUS WEEK

By GREGORY CLARK (Copyright 1940, Star Newspaper Service)

LONDON, May 22—After one furious week as a war correspondent I am back in London with the rest of the British and American correspondents, the reason being that all our cars were taken from us for a much more important job than being potted in newspaper columns about that fast moving scene in France. Without our cars we are far more helpless than refugees, and about twice as useless.

Now that the names of cities and towns are in the official communications, it is possible to tell the story of the most hectic experience of my life. I feel sorry for myself, not because I have lost all my kit in the burning of Amiens or because I have been potted over the country like a pheasant in Pelee Island on opening day, but because the biggest story of my time has been snatched away from under my nose.

The plight of the English and American correspondents who have spent eight patient months waiting for the very day to come. The answer is that in a war like this, the less revealed the sooner we can surprise the Germans. Every day's news on the front places him in greater risks and intact armies wait to see where he sticks his neck out the thinnest.

Bomb Blows Up Hotel

I began my week by arriving at night by train in Arras and seeking a hotel. The first trickle of refugees were in the city and I had some difficulty getting a room. I had finally located a room and was arranging for a porter to carry my heavy war bag when a Heinkel arrives low over the city and crosses it, quartering three times as though taking geometric measurements and suddenly with a most horrible snoring roar dives and lays four heavy bombs and hundreds of small incendiary bombs within half a block of where I waited for the porter. The second heavy bomb blew the hotel I was going to into a flaming inferno. Incidentally this was the first bombing of the city since the slightly ignominious feeling.

That night the people of Arras turned out to watch in horror the great fire as block after block went up. The war was still far off. Today Arras is the scene of terrific fighting, and is as desolate as it was in the days we Canadians knew its ruined cellars. Four miles away the great Vimy memorial raises its tragic pylons in the midst of the typhoon. In all the little villages we knew round about the stillness, and the tanks stand in the crooked streets of poor old Arras. All this within the one savage week.

I went forward the next day to visit Louvain and Brussels and saw the first unforgettable, plodding armies of refugees, almost wholly women and children, and a few old men. The most terrible aspect of this pilgrimage to nowhere were the cripples, aged, aged people trying with courageous pitiful beyond the heart's bounds to keep up their own.

Trampled to Horrible Death

When one plane dove to machine-gun us, I saw two toddling children, hand-in-hand, trampled to a horrible death by stampeding Belgian horses.

I saw five of kindergarten age, hand-in-hand, playing around a game, singing in a field on the roadside where the families had stopped to figure out the problem of the burial of one of their number who died of injuries. The body lay under a red counterpane on the grass while the children played 20 feet out in the field. This was war as a war correspondent had not expected to report. What he expected to report was the gain and loss of ground, the valor and conquest he did not see at all.

I went to a Journal, which was so jammed with refugees that I thought of Labor Day at the Exhibition, but instead of the sound of barkers and the din of music there was just the rumble

Sent Back to England

With our cars gone to other work and with our news limited to what we could hear from official communiqués, already issued in Paris and London and having to send copy by messenger since wires were busy with more urgent signals it was decided to get rid of us before Germans did it with bombs. So like a little regiment we were marched aboard ship and were sent to England to be reorganized as they said into a smaller and more mobile unit, so in our one shirt, each, and

Leading Point Getter Well Known Here

A slow or a fast track makes no difference to Bonar Lindsay, Westmount High track star. Yesterday afternoon the fleet-footed athlete won the 100 yard dash in six years old mile mark tumbling out of the record books when he clipped 11.2 seconds off the old time of 4 min. 55.2 seconds on the muddy track in Westmount High School's 42nd annual track and field meet at Molson Stadium.

Lindsay splashed his way around the rain soaked cinder path in easy Chicago 020 010 010x-13 13 0 Babich, Heuser and Hayes; Lee and Tresh.

Washington 001 200 01. 002-7 14 3 St. Louis 100 010 011 003-8 10 1 (Twelve innings.) Masterson, Hutson and Ferrell; Cottman, Kennedy and Switt, Susce.

The heavy rain forced officials to cancel many events. These will probably be held either today or tomorrow at the school grounds. The running of these postponed events will be held in the hands of the winners for the complete meet.

BEALE LEADS SENIORS

In the events already held Bob Beale leads with an aggregate of 16 points. Beale scored first in the 100 and 200 yard dashes, and finished third in the broad jump. Lindsay is trailing Beale by six points.

Sandy McGoun and John Newman are tied for the intermediate honors with 18 points each. Newman scored first in the 100, 440, 880 shot put and placed second in the 120 yard low hurdles. McGoun won the 200, low hurdles, broad jump and 440 yard dash. Lindsay placed second in the 100, 440, 880 shot put and placed second in the 120 yard low hurdles. McGoun won the 200, low hurdles, broad jump and 440 yard dash. Lindsay placed second in the 100, 440, 880 shot put and placed second in the 120 yard low hurdles.

Neville Lefcoe won the junior aggregate with 15 points. Charlie Van Wagoner placed second with 11 points. Van Wagner broke his own low hurdles mark of 18.4 when he finished up in 19.9.

Major Jack led the girls' events with a first in the broad jump and 100 yard dash. The three-legged team was won by E. Lewis and Joan Warrington.

BOYS Senior

100 yards dash—Beale, (2) Seaman (3) E. Wilson. Time 11.0. 200 yards dash—Beale, (2) R. Seaman. Time 25.0. 440 yards dash—Beale, (2) Seaman.

(The Bob Beale referred to above is well known in the City. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Beale of Westmount, P. Q., who together with their son are annual visitors here. His many friends will be pleased to hear of his athletic attainments.)

Prizes Presented To Winning Drivers

At a meeting held in the Old Spain Blue Room Monday evening the successful drivers of last winter's ice races staged by the Victoria Driving Club, were presented with prizes.

Six horsemen were presented with halters. A number of professional men, merchants and feed representatives of the City donated other prizes to the winning drivers.

These winning halters were Harvey Melody, Chas. Willis, Covehead, Convince, Mont Hyde, Clyde Rivers, Plucky bones, Hutch Walker, Charicktown, Mr. Tully, Len Stewart, Brackley, Leland, Neil MacKinnon, Cross Roads, Muir, H. Smallwood, Burnaby.

Other prizes were won by Princess Kalmuk, George MacDonald, Mermaid, Allie Burnham, A. B. Cutcliffe, Charlottetown; Jeanette Saworthy, Pictou; Turner, St. John's; June Set, Neil Darrach, West River; Little Peter, Bert Younker, Winsloe; Butcher Boy, James Rankine, Mr. Herbert; Heatherbelle, Sam Kennedy Jr.

NAZI PRIZE SHIP SUNK

LONDON, May 23—(CP)—A Reuters News Agency dispatch from Stockholm said tonight that the Swedish steamship Baltic, 1,966 tons, with a German prize crew aboard, was sunk by the British outside Stavanger, Norway. Details were available immediately.

FOR STEP - MOTHERS DEATH

LONDON—(CP)—Charged with manslaughter in the death of his 70-year-old step-mother, who died from starvation, a 56-year-old man was sentenced to six months in prison. The judge said the man had allowed her to "die by inches."

PARACHUTIST CAPTURED

ROUEN, France, May 23—(AP)—A German parachutist, carrying a bicycle and incendiary equipment, was reported captured tonight after he was shot down in the Grounny region near Rouen, south of the Somme, on a mission of spreading fire behind the Allied lines. The man had been ordered to mingle with Belgian refugees and set fires wherever he could. Officially he is Belgian nationality, the man was recruited by the German army last April.

Garcia Outfought Loses Title To Ken Overlin

By Sid Feder Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, May 23—(AP)—Ken Overlin, the ex-seller boy from Washington, won the New York-California version of the world's middleweight championship from Cefterino Garcia tonight with a "cut" a job of boxing and ring generalship at Madison Square Garden has seen in a long time. Overlin weighed 159; Garcia, 154 1-2.

Before a slim gathering, the much-travelled veteran took a 15-round decision from the slugging Filipino. What he really did, however, was to outfox, outmove, out-feint—in fact, almost out-everything-Garcia throughout the tussle. The Filipino was a baffled batter when it was all over.

On rare occasions was Garcia able to set himself to throw his deadly right hand, his so-called "bolo punch." Usually Overlin took it on the shoulder, the arm, or didn't take it at all, dancing in close out of its way.

FOOLING SKETTERS

PREAHAN, Australia—(CP)—Mistake-proof gaffers to protect them against malaria, were presented to nurses and masseuses of the Second Australian Imperial Force at a farewell party given them in the town hall.

"KEEP SMILING"

MANCHESTER, England—(CP)—Seaman Geoffrey Bailey, of H. M. S. Hardy, who won praise in the Battle of Narvik, wrote his father from a Norwegian hospital saying his right hand was gone but asking the folks to "keep smiling."

OUT OUR WAY



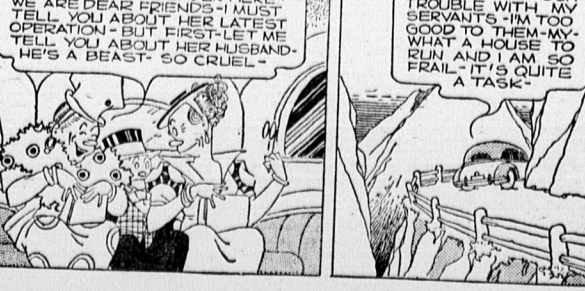
BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

TIPPIE AND "CAP" STUBBS



By Edwina

BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

Thimble Theatre - Starring POPEYE



1st Place Grip Tightened By Rochester Wings

MONTREAL, May 23—(CP)—Rochester Red Wings tightened their grip on first place in the International Baseball League today as they outscored Montreal Royals 5-3 behind Hank Gornick's fourth hit pitching.

The Wings collected 10 blows, four of them doubles, off Kemp Wicker, Steve Rachmuck and Ira Hutchinson, and won the game with a three-run burst off Rachmuck in the seventh.

Boze Berger hit a home run with none aboard for Royals.

Claybourne-Shepherd Bout Draws Interest

Fight circles in the City are buzzing ever since the announcement of the date of the scrap between Tommy Claybourne and Bomber Shepherd which is scheduled for the Sporting Club on May 30th.

Claybourne by far the more experienced battler will likely enter the ring a heavy favorite to take Bomber and that is his well known punching prowess. Never taking a backing step Shepherd wades in all the time throwing a hail of leather and should be able to get inside Claybourne's guard.

Defending light heavyweight champion of the Island, meanwhile the two boys will be putting all they have into their final week of training so as to enter the ring in tip top condition.

Yanks Comeback Trail Blocked By Tigers 3-2

NEW YORK, May 23—(AP)—The American League comeback campaign of the world champion Yankees struck another snag today when the Tigers pushed back to a run in the ninth inning at Detroit to win a pitching duel between Buck Newsom and Red Ruffing 3-2.

The struggle got away to a home-run beginning with Joe Dimaggio and Hank Greenberg each hitting a four-bagger with a man on base. Newsom struck out seven. Yanks came after a single by Rolfe, and one to Dimaggio, whose homer came after a single by Rolfe. It was Newsom's fourth victory against one defeat.

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BASEBALL'S BIG SIX

(By The Associated Press)

Batting (three leaders in each league)

Player, Club	G	A	B	R	H	P	E
Hayes, Athletics	25	84	15	35	417		
Finney, Red Sox	25	10	21	43	391		
Radcliffe, Browns	26	110	15	43	391		
Danning, Giants	26	10	15	39	390		
Lombardi, Reds	25	88	16	33	375		
Gustine, Pirates	15	53	6	19	358		

Home Runs—

American League—Felix, Red Sox, 11. National League—Mize, Cardinals, 12.

Runs Batted In—

American League—Felix, Red Sox, 39. National League—Danning, Giants, 27.

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The Sox made 16 hits off southpaw Thornton Lee, but left 12 men stranded on the bases. The Browns scored three runs in the last half of the 12th, making to edge out Washington Senators 6-4 and gain an even break in their two-game series at St. Louis. George McQuinn homered twice, George Browns while Johnny Blackwood got a round tripper for the losers.

Cubs Victorious In 13-inning Game; Win 4-3

PHILADELPHIA, May 23—(AP)—Doubled by Bill Nicholson and Al Todd and a single by Bob Matlock gave Chicago Cubs two runs and a 4-3 victory over the fighting Philadelphia Phillies in a 13-inning National League game at Shibe Park tonight.

The first night major-league baseball game in history was played two years ago tonight. Cincinnati switched to "after dark" contests and it made an immediate hit when 20,000 persons turned out as compared with an average 5,000 for day games. To see the Reds defeat Philadelphia 2-1.

REMEMBER WHEN

(By The Canadian Press)

HERE ARE A FEW SOILED COLLARS, CHARLEY AND I'LL HAND YOU A CHECK NOW FOR THE TRIFLING SUM I OWE YOU BY THE WAY, I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ATTEND THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTIONS SOON—HAVE YOU ANY PREFERENCE FOR PRESIDENT?



With — Major Hoops

HO, I WASH YOU COLLA WHEN I CATCHUM TWO DOLLA TUTTY-FLY CENT LONG TIME YOU NO PA' HO!



By Edwina

I SOMETIMES THINK I SHOULD LIVE IN THE COUNTRY—THEN AGAIN MY SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY REQUIRE MUCH OF MY TIME—I JUST KNOW I CAN'T GET AWAY—AND—



By George McManus

I WANTED TO BUY A YACHT—BUT THERE'S NO WATER NEAR HERE—SO I GAVE UP—BY THE WAY—DO YOU KNOW MA STUBBS FOR THE MOVIES? I MAY GO TO HOLLYWOOD—MY FRIENDS ALL—HOPE DO—



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