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—DANCE AT Maple Leaf Gardens tonight. Nurses Alumnae dance, at Blanchard's Orchestra. L-537.

—DEATH OF CHILD MOURNED—The death took place in the Prince County Hospital at Summerside of Thomas, little two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Paquet of Borden. About a week ago the little one was taken ill and entered the hospital for treatment. Good hopes were held for his recovery but she suddenly passed away on Sunday evening, September 22nd. Besides the sorrowing parents, there are left to mourn two brothers, Ivan and Dennis, and two sisters, Constance and Barbara. The funeral took place on Monday to Seven Mile Cemetery. —A.

—TONIGHT old chicken supper at Central Bedoune Hall, prepared by Women's Institute. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross. L-536.

—FAREWELL PRESENTATION—On Monday evening, Sept. 18th, the residents of the school district of Emerald, along with many friends from surrounding communities gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Murphy, Emerald to bid farewell to their school teacher, Mr. Maurice DeRosa, who is leaving tomorrow morning for Ottawa to fill a civil service position. On behalf of those present Mr. Clayton Green read a fitting address and Mr. Ambrose Carr made a suitable presentation in reply. Mr. DeRosa thanked his friends for the kind words expressed in the address and for their many acts of kindness and hearty cooperation shown to him during his stay in their midst. Complimentary remarks were made by Mr. P. H. MacKenzie, also by Messrs. C. W. Croken and John White. The evening was very pleasantly spent in dancing. Mrs. Murphy was assisted by Mrs. E. Cox, Mrs. A. Corr and Mrs. J. Truitt in serving delicious refreshments to all.

Kensington And Vicinity

Miss Alberta Ross of Ellerslie was a recent visitor to Kensington the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Ingils.

Mr. Clayton Rogers was a business visitor to Summerside recently.

Miss Margaret Matthews has resumed her duties in MacKenzie & Co. Dry Goods store, after two weeks holiday in Montreal, Que., where she visited her brother Heber.

Mrs. Roscoe Walker of Springbrook is enjoying a pleasant holiday with relatives and friends in Kensington.

Mr. Lloyd James of Charlottetown was in Kensington Tuesday on business.

Mr. Morris Kshetevsky and Mr. Ray Hamilton were business visitors to Summerside on Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles D. Howatt of Kensington and her sister Miss Annie Ladner, R.N. of Boston, Mass., are visiting with relatives and friends in the western section of the province.

Hon. Col. J. L. Ralston, Canada's Minister of Defence who was on a short visit to his constituency in this county was a visitor to Kensington Monday evening where he attended the Masonic meeting of Grand Officers which was held here. The Hon. Premier T. A. Campbell of Charlottetown accompanied him.

Masons from all sections of the province were visitors to Kensington Monday evening attending the Masonic meeting which was held here.

Mr. Evans Ingils and son Mator are busy repairing the stire of the Presbyterian Church here which was damaged during the recent bad storm.

Personals

—Mr. Ernest Strong of Summerside is visiting in Montreal. S

—Mrs. C. B. Jolly was a visitor to Montreal over the week-end. S

—Rev. J. B. Wilson returned on Tuesday evening from Montreal, N.B. where he was attending a Baptist church meeting. S

—Rev. Mr. Woodside, of York, P.E.I., was a passenger on the ferry Tuesday returning from the mainland. S

—Miss Zilpha MacQuarrie, of the staff of Rogers and Ames, Summerside, is spending her vacation in Saint John, N.B., and other parts of the Maritimes. S

—Senator Creelman MacArthur was a visitor to Moncton, N.B., on Tuesday, in connection with the pig iron industry. S

—Mr. Vernon MacQuarrie, of Wilmot Valley, has returned to Halifax to continue his studies at Dalhousie University. S

—Miss Freda Dingwell, who has been on the office staff of R. T. Hanson, Ltd., Summerside, has resigned, and is being a position with Messrs. Peole & Thompson at Montague. S

—Mr. E. Fred Buchanan has returned to Moncton after a pleasant holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Buchanan, Summerside. S

—Mrs. J. W. Sheen has returned to her home in Kensington after visiting in Toronto the guest of her sister Mrs. R. Montgomery Owen and Mr. Owen. S

—Lieutenant Maurice B. Lodge, R.C.N.V.R., who has spent a few days at his home in Borden left on Tuesday morning for Victoria, B. C. He was accompanied as far as Cape Tormentine by his wife and little son Graham. —A.

BORDEN

Master Stanley Toombs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Toombs of Borden who has been ailing during the past week was stricken with acute appendicitis and rushed to the Prince County Hospital on Sunday where he underwent an operation and latest reports are that he is doing nicely.

Messrs. Hugh and Heath Frizzell of Clinton were visitors to Borden on Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Sharpe.

Mr. Vernon Campbell of Borden left on Monday and Mr. Blair Birch on Wednesday morning for Sackville, N. B. where they will continue their studies at Mt. Allison University.

Friends of Mrs. Stephen Doyle of Borden were sorry to learn that she had entered the Charlottetown Hospital for treatment and all wish her a speedy recovery.

Many of the students from Borden who are in Charlottetown colleges spent the Saturday afternoon at their homes here returning to the city on Sunday. —A.

Borden Dance TONIGHT

The dance of the week.
Presby's Orchestra.

DEGAULLE'S

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three big British warships were badly damaged, while the British naval guns and aerial bombs wrought great havoc in Dakar and inflicted heavy casualties. The battleships *Barham* and *Resolution*, the cruiser *Kent* were hit, Vichy claimed, the latter reeling away from the fight with a sharp list and trailing oil.

In addition, Vichy claimed its "reprisal bombings" of Gibraltar had damaged the British battle cruiser *Renown* and caused severe damage to the Gibraltar works.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

LONDON, Sept. 25—(AP)—The Ministry of Information statement on the withdrawal of the Dakar attackers, issued Wednesday night, follows:—

"The circumstances which led to the expedition to Dakar are briefly as follows:—

"Gen. De Gaulle had good reason to believe from information which reached him that a large portion of the French population of Senegal supported the free French movement and would welcome his arrival, and that a similar situation might be established there to which exists in French Equatorial Africa.

"He therefore proposed to His Majesty's government that he should proceed there with some of the troops at his disposal with the good will and support of Great Britain. His Majesty's government were all the more ready to afford Gen. De Gaulle this support as information had reached them that German influence was spreading to Dakar.

"Meanwhile, whilst the expedition was on passage, the Vichy government despatched three cruisers from Toulon, which passed through the Straits of Gibraltar and eventually arrived at Dakar.

"It is no part of the policy of His Majesty's government to interfere with the movements of the French men of war, so long as they are not destined for any ports under German control.

"For this reason, no hindrance was put in the way of the vessels in question passing through the Straits of Gibraltar. When having done so, they pursued a southerly course, they were permitted to proceed. They therefore reached Dakar without interference.

"What occurred after they put to sea again, stemming south, it was thought that they might be intending to interfere with the situation existing in French Equatorial Africa, which had already declared for Gen. De Gaulle.

"Ships of the Royal Navy intercepted their passage and insisted upon their reversing their course, which they eventually did, two of them returning to Dakar and a third, which was suffering from engine trouble, being escorted by one of His Majesty's ships towards Casablanca.

Emissaries Fired On

"On the morning of Sept. 23, emissaries of Gen. De Gaulle, flying the Tri-Color and a white flag in order to show their French nationality and their peaceful intentions, attempted to land at Dakar and were met with a hostile reception. They were fired upon and seriously wounded.

"Batteries of the port opened fire on one of Gen. De Gaulle's warships and subsequently on His Majesty's ships, which were standing by in order to render Gen. De Gaulle support and assistance if needed.

"Before returning the French fire, the admiral commanding made the following signal in plain language:—

"Will be compelled to return if you unless fire ceases. As the fire of the shore batteries did not cease, fire was returned, and both His Majesty's ship and the short battery scored hits and incurred casualties.

"Fire from the French battleship *Richelieu* was joined to that of the shore batteries, and consequently her fire had to be returned.

"The British naval commander warned French authorities that submarines would be engaged if they left the harbor. In spite of this warning, three submarines and other vessels were sent out against our ships and active measures had to be taken against them, with the result that two were sunk, but the entire crew of one were fortunately saved and will be repatriated at the first opportunity.

"The forces of Gen. De Gaulle attempted to make a landing which was not successful, and when it became plain that only a major operation would be possible, the fall of Dakar, it was decided to discontinue hostilities, as it has never been the intention of His Majesty's government to enter into serious warfare operations against those Frenchmen who felt their duty to obey the commands of the Vichy Government.

"Gen. De Gaulle himself was most anxious that he should not be the cause of bloodshed to his fellow countrymen.

"The forces concerned are therefore being withdrawn from the region of Dakar."

SILENT FILMS STAR DIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 25—(AP)—Marquette Clark, star of silent film toys, died today in Leroy Sanitarium. Pneumonia was the immediate cause of death.

Clark, included in the United States-Canadian joint defence agreement, would be threatened by Japanese raiders.

Attendance At Exhibition Good Despite Rain

Mount Carmel And Egmont Bay Agricultural Fair Held Yesterday.

In spite of the downpour of rain there was a good attendance at the Egmont Bay and Mount Carmel exhibition which was held yesterday afternoon at the exhibition grounds at Abrams Village.

Exhibits were all of an excellent order and the judges were delighted with the progress made in the various departments.

Rev. F. X. Gallant of Egmont Bay presided and in his genial way welcomed the visitors and speakers.

His Honour, Lieut. Governor B. W. LePage, opened the fair and praised both the management and exhibitors for the courage and initiative in carrying on in spite of adverse conditions. He referred to the splendid cooperation which was always been in evidence between the management and exhibitors in the settlements of Egmont Bay and Mount Carmel. His Honour stated the importance of the fair to the fishermen to carry on as the success of the producer would be one of the deciding factors in winning the war. There was a great feeling of confidence in ultimate victory and it is important that every one endeavour to obtain that end.

Hon. Thane A. Campbell addressed the gathering and congratulated the exhibitors on their splendid exhibition. The weather made some difference to the attendance but could not dampen the spirits of the exhibition. He felt that they were wise to carry on with the exhibition.

It did much to stimulate a healthy competition among the farmers and was a great encouragement to them to improve their stock. Owing to the German occupation of many of the countries which were producers, there was bound to be a shortage of the necessities which would be Canadian produce. Premier Campbell's advice to the farmer was, in the words of Winston Churchill, "to continue doing what you are doing at the present time until you are called upon to do something else."

Hon. W. H. Dennis, Minister of Agriculture, spoke briefly and very highly of the exhibits in all departments. There was an improvement and greater interest shown.

Mr. Walter Shaw, a farmer, farming generally. Mr. Shaw praised the farmers of the island for their efforts in putting over the exhibition in spite of the weather. He was greatly handicapped the harvesting of the crops, said Mr. Shaw, but he hoped that the weather would prevail to finish the harvesting. He said this year had been one of searching for the farmer. From a producer's point of view he mentioned the things that you are doing to improve the quality of farm products. This investigation to find improvement in methods was of great national importance and ought to be carried on at this time of crisis. The present was not going to bring an inflation of prices as was the case in the last war, but if the quality of the product of the matter it would mean increased markets in the future.

With Denmark and Holland out of the picture in the export of farm products for Great Britain and other countries there was a tremendous opportunity open to Canada to find new markets.

Mr. Shaw advised the farmers to take care to recover from the devastation which has taken place in their country. Mr. Shaw advised the farmers to make their program flexible enough to help win the war. It is necessary to have the very best production to obtain and retain the markets that you are open to. These new markets will have an important bearing on the rehabilitation of the farms of the province if farmers go to work in the right way.

Mr. Shaw spoke of the great danger of bacterial ring rot appearing in the potato crop, if this matter receives no attention, the potato crop there will be a tremendous prospect for seed potatoes from outside the province if we can assure seed potato buyers that the disease should be carefully watched. Mr. Shaw spoke highly of Mr. Peppin's address given in the afternoon on that important subject.

Mr. Justice Arsenault and Rev. Nazare Poirier spoke in French on the educational factors and congratulated the exhibitors on their excellent showing. Hon. M. Gallant also addressed the gathering in words in French.

S. G. Peppin gave an address on controlling the bacterial ring rot. Mr. X. O. Gallant, president of the Exhibition, spoke briefly, thanking the exhibitors and visitors. From the agricultural point of view, the exhibits showed improvement in quality and there were also some outstanding exhibits in horses and cattle.

Professor W. J. Reid, who judged, said he never saw such improvement in the horses at Egmont Bay. General purpose classes were very outstanding. There were many outstanding animals in this section. Mr. Ben Poirier won the first prize in the general purpose class, and also champion in the general purpose class and Dennis Arsenault third.

Charles A'Len won the prize for the 2-year general purpose colt. In the mare gelding 3-year-old class, Ben J. Arsenault 2nd, and E. Arsenault 3rd.

In spite of the rain, there was an interesting pulling contest. There were two pulls. The first of 3,700 lbs. was won by Egmont Bay.

In the cattle class, the Jerseys were outstanding in the mature class. The Holstein end was of good quality. There were few young stock shown in Guernsey except a two-year-old heifer, a quarter of special mention. The champion yearling calf was also a Guernsey. There were some excellent showings

Are Held In Assault Case

QUEBEC, Sept. 25—(CP)—An official at provincial police headquarters said tonight that two youths, who gave their names as John LeBlanc and Romeo Joseph and their addresses as New Brunswick, were being held here in connection with the assault last night on Albert Morissette of Rimouski and the theft of his automobile.

The youths, arrested by provincial police at Lauzon, across the St. Lawrence River from here, will be taken to Rimouski or Riviere-du-Loup for questioning, the officials said.

Morissette, 45-year-old taxi driver, was said to have suffered serious injuries about the head and body when knocked unconscious by two strangers while driving them from Rimouski to Bic. The pair was said to have thrown the driver to the road and made off with the automobile.

Milk Prices To Advance In 6 N. B. Areas

FREDERICTON, N.B., Sept. 25—(CP)—The retail and wholesale price of milk will advance in six areas on October 1st, according to orders of the New Brunswick Dairy Products Commission, which are published in today's issue of the *Royal Gazette*.

The areas affected are Sussex, where milk will advance from nine cents to ten cents a quart and Dalrymple, Chatham, Campbellton, Woodstock areas, where milk will advance from 10 cents to 11 cents a quart.

The price of cream is only affected in one area, and that is Chatham, where a two-cent advance per half-pint will be in effect on milk. This will bring cream that is selling at 13 cents retail in Chatham to 15 cents per half-pint.

The advance in the price of milk is attributed to the higher cost of production, including the advance in the cost of feed and considerably higher cost of labour.

There is a possibility that an advance may be ordered in other areas in the province that have not been mentioned in the *Gazette*.

It was learned this morning that before any advance is ordered on other areas, local conditions in those that will have a bearing on production price will be taken into consideration.

NEWSMEN CARRY

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ed. By the time someone brought up the sand it was too late. Flames were leaping and lighting up a crater 18 feet across in one direction, and 30 feet in the other.

The raid was in progress across the street was gone.

Staffer Edwin Stout set up temporary headquarters in another newspaper building a quarter of a mile away. Fifteen minutes after the bomb fell he was sending messages through to New York.

"What is this was going on in the bomb fell he was sending messages through to New York.

Chief Milo M. Thompson had made his way to the Associated Press secondary bureau, prepared for just such an emergency, and the time the raid ended. Thus our bureau and the Canadian Press had the choice of two locations, while the raid site was in progress.

"Cockney said a Cockney taxi driver, who is an old friend of the Associated Press staff, "they don't like you fellows neither."

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French Planes Continue To Bomb Gibraltar

GIBRALTAR, Sept. 25—(Thursday)—(CP)—The command of this mighty British fortress announced today that "large numbers" of French planes bombed the rock Wednesday for 2 1/2 hours. More than 300 bombs were dropped by about 100 planes, the authorities stated.

It was the second successive heavy assault by the French-type planes on this famous outpost of their erstwhile allies. It could not be determined whether the planes were piloted by Frenchmen, Germans or Italians.

The announcement said: "A large proportion of bombs dropped into the sea and on barren parts of the rock, but many fell on buildings, roads and defences.

"Considerable damage was done to private property and government properties, but little damage to military works and personnel.

"One small ship was hit and subsequently sank in the harbor.

"There were a number of casualties, including some fatal ones.

"The fortress anti-aircraft guns were very effective throughout. The gunners stood up to the heavy bombing magnificently.

"Several enemy aircraft were shot down, three for certain and two more possibly."

NAZI CAPITAL

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The infantry barracks ablaze, damaged the docks and started a great fire on and about the railroad stations at the German-held French naval base of Brest, the coastal command issued a diving attack upon three convoys of German supply ships near the Frisian Islands, in the North Sea off the northern Dutch coast, and sank the largest.

Also bombed was a convoy of German merchant vessels off the coast of the Netherlands. One was hit by three bombs and left sinking and these other vital objectives: A power station at Pilsenerberg, near Frankfurt-on-Oder; the German communications near Magdeburg, freight yards at Hamm and Brussels, and several airbases.

Londoners Cheered

The people of London, who had suffered last night under the heaviest Nazi raid of the war, cheered the news that British planes had answered with a 2 1/2-hour assault upon Berlin.

In this raid, the second consecutive night, the Royal Air Force bombed the Siemens and Halske factories, which produce much of the electrical equipment used by the German army; a power transformer said to furnish much of Berlin's industrial power; a blast furnace in southern suburban Berlin and a canal bridge only two miles from Templehof airbase.

The Air Ministry news service, giving further details of the raid, said the Kingshead station, more than 300 miles from Germany's western frontier, was located half an hour before midnight and there attacked with sticks of high explosive bombs which were seen to burst in and around the target.

The main railway line near Magdeburg and the rail depot and distributing centre at Hamm also were attacked and a number of explosions on main line and branch lines were followed by a line of fires.

Hanover airbase was bombed from a high level and at Hage, to the north of Emmer, where a parachute flare revealed the wreckage of a hangar which had been destroyed in a previous attack.

French, Nazis Claim British Ships Damage

VIENNA, France, Sept. 25—(AP)—A statement by the Petain-Laval regime tonight claimed that the British battleship *Resolution* and the cruiser *Kent* suffered damage in the night when French aircraft attacked them off Dakar, Senegal.

Officials said that all communications with Dakar have been interrupted since noon yesterday. It was not explained how word of the alleged bombing of the British warships was received.

(There was no immediate comment in London on the Vichy claim.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 25—(AP)—The Berlin radio broadcast a Vichy claim today that "British battleship *Resolution*, 22,000 tons, had been 'severely damaged' off Gibraltar by air attacks ordered by the Petain-Laval regime.

(There was no comment from London on the Nazi claim.)

Use Minard's for dandruff.

Canadian Navy's Work "Wonderful" But In Background

(By Douglas How, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

HALIFAX, Sept. 25—(CP)—Canada's naval forces are not engaged in "headline activity" but they are "doing wonderful work in the background," Captain H. T. Dorring of the British Ministry of Information said in an interview here today. Capt. Dorring writes under the name, "Taffrail."

"The actual percentage of men of our navy who have been in actual contact with warships of the enemy is infinitesimal," he said. "But thousands of our seamen are toiling in the background, out of sight and out of mind, but doing in all sorts of filthy weather for weeks and months on end.

"It seems to me that there can be no greater credit in trading shells with the enemy than in doing this type of work." It is in this capacity, the Captain asserted, "that you will find your Canadian seamen, doing 'wonderful work.'"

The Royal Canadian Navy, the Briton declared, has multiplied its peace-time size by twelve since the outbreak of war, and "your ships are at sea on the average of 20 to 25 days a month."

Addition of overage American destroyers to the British and Canadian navies was "a most excellent increase at a very critical time. With a world wide convoy system to maintain, every destroyer able to do its job is extremely valuable.

"It was the task of her sea units to bring to Britain's shores seven-eighths of her food alone, to patrol 85,000 miles of trade routes in all corners of the globe, to ensure the continuance of sea communications and to deny them to the enemy."

Captain Dorring said "improvements are being made" in the oft-criticized Ministry of Information and that "relations with the press are getting better." But, he con-

Second Maple Leaf Club Is Bombed

TORONTO, Sept. 25—(AP)—Another Maple Leaf Club in London operated by the Canadian Red Cross has been battered by Nazi bombs. It was stated in a cable received at Red Cross headquarters in Toronto last night. There were no casualties. The service provided by the Club will be carried on in other quarters and there will be no let up in the work. This was the second time within a week that Canadian Red Cross property in London has been damaged by raids. Last week the first Maple Leaf Club established by the Canadian Red Cross for Canadian soldiers was ruined by bombs. At that time the staff including Pat Tuckett, Toronto nurse, Jane MacLaren and Faith Watson, Toronto girls moved to the second club and played heroic roles in aiding air raid casualties in the district. They were all in the club when it was bombed, but escaped without injury. Canadian Red Cross workers are continuing their efforts day and night in England on behalf of people left injured and homeless by enemy raids. Mrs. H. P. Plumtree, chairman of war relief activities stated. Thousands of articles of clothing and hospital supplies as well as tons of food are being distributed daily. The Canadian Red Cross is raising ten thousand dollars to its London office to purchase urgently needed boots and shoes for homeless children. This is in addition to the ten thousand pairs of rubber boots being shipped from Canada in response to an urgent appeal from London. Thousands of blankets stored in Canadian Red Cross warehouses in England are being distributed daily and in response to a cable received yesterday, ten thousand more will go forward from Canada immediately.

Boston Opera House To Be Bus Terminal

BOSTON, Sept. 25—(AP)—Boston's opera lovers were stunned tonight with a report that the Boston Opera House, termed one of the finest in the world, will be sold for conversion into a market or a bus terminal.

A spokesman for the real estate firm of Cabot, Cabot and Forbes, Inc., which handles nearly \$3,000,000 in property for the Schwartz House, said virtually everything but the signing of papers had been completed preparatory to sale.

REGISTER CZECHOSLOVAKIANS

MONTREAL, Sept. 25—(CP)—Czechoslovakian men living in Canada are being registered at their country's consular offices throughout the Dominion in case it is decided to call them up at a unit to serve with British forces. Dr. F. Pavlasik, consul general of Czechoslovakia in Montreal, said today.

"The people should remember that Goebbels had a six-year start in molding a propaganda machine. We have made mistakes as everyone is bound to do but much of the criticism certainly has not been deserved."

The press, the Captain admitted, "cooperates wonderfully although they are liable to fly off the handle once a week or so." The criticism, however is "going down."

Captain Dorring explained the delay in releasing information on the sinking of enemy submarines or other warships. In the first place, to make the news public immediately would give "invaluable information to the enemy, and let him send out replacements." In the second place, to keep it secret makes for "uncertainty in the rear camp."

News of the loss of British ships was withheld until the next of kin were advised.

"People," said the Captain "don't seem to realize the speed at which news travels. I listened to what you might call a running account of the Graf Spee battle and knew of the fight only seven minutes after it started. The 'broadcast' came from means he did not care to disclose.

Captain Dorring declined to elaborate on a statement that British and American cooperation may extend to other areas of the globe, saying he had no comment to make on that subject which may be taken in the Pacific.

He came out of retirement last year and has "been all over the place" with the Royal Navy since. But he had seen no naval engagements.

"There haven't been many, you know," he added with a smile.

Captain Dorring was naval correspondent for the London Times and is noted as an author of tales of the sea.

Best Brains Working On New Weapons

How to Defeat Night Raiders, is Biggest Problem of Hour

By J. F. Sanderson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Sept. 25—(CP Cable)—In laboratories and workshops scattered through the country, finest scientific and mechanical brains of the nation are working on the biggest problem of the hour—how to defeat the night raider.

Technical experts already have turned out at least three new defence weapons against Goering's bombers but the experiments go on because a really successful counter weapon to the night raider has not been found.

"The three new weapons are deep secrets of the military authorities but they are popularly supposed to be a type of sky trap for planes, a shell that breaks into a spider web of steel cables to ensnare the propellers of bombing planes, and a self-propelling shell that explodes with terrific force and is lethal over a wide area.

Whether any of these developments, or indeed any sort of missile, contains an answer to night bombers remains to be seen, but there are experts here who believe the skies can be cleared of bombers only by fighting planes.

The Royal Air Force has new types of fighters coming into commission and is experimenting constantly with others, because it is admitted on all sides that neither Britain nor Germany has developed a successful night fighter. Britain's Hurricanes and Spitfires while supreme in daywork are almost impotent at night because of their limited range due to high rate of consumption of gasoline and general inability to intercept enemy bombers in the darkness.

The Germans have been experimenting with a searchlight mounting in front of their fighters, with a beam shining through the propeller hub, but so far it has not worked with any degree of satisfaction because of its limited power and range.