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the truths that undergird reality are
timeless.

If the meek are to inherit the
earth they must abound in meek-
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SOUTH FLORIDA IN PATH OF TROPICAL HURRICANE

SEA BATTLE FOUGHT OFF BRAZIL?

Dwellers on Coast report Sound of guns

Possibility Battle Began Friday And Continued On Saturday.

By E. M. Castro
Associated Press Staff Writer

MARAGOGY, Alagoas State, Brazil, Oct. 5—(AP)—Cannonading at sea accompanied by a display of searchlights last night was reported today by fishermen near Maceio, some 60 miles south of here, indicating possible continuation of a battle believed to have started between unidentified ships late Friday.

Fishermen at Pajussara Beach, near Maceio, said the rolling thunder of what sounded like big guns came in from far out in the Atlantic.

The people of this coastal town seem firmly convinced that two unidentified ships engaged in a half-hour battle, exchanging some 30 cannon shots about 20 miles southeast of here, last Friday evening.

"I haven't the slightest doubt that this was naval combat as

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Rotterdam Takes 75th Pounding



The above picture was taken from a Blenheim Bomber, similar to those which probably took part in last night's raids by the Royal Air Force. In this picture the planes were in a daylight attack on shipping in the harbor and on Nazi-operated factories. The bombers swooped as low as 60 feet over their targets to make sure there were no misses. Already fires can be seen springing up along the waterfront.

Red Army Turns Heat On Germans

Rising tide of Soviet counter-attacks reported rolling invaders back on two flanks.

By Henry C. Cassidy
Associated Press Staff Writer

MOSCOW, Oct. 5—(AP)—The Red army, getting its second wind after 15 weeks of attempts to break the German sweep, reported today that its rising tide of counter-attacks rolled back the long eastern front on both flanks of the long eastern front—on the bloody approaches to Leningrad and in the fields of the Ukraine.

In another pitched battle for Leningrad in which the ground was said to have been shaken by German bombardment, the Russians said they pushed the Nazis back two to three miles at some points. On the southwestern front where the Germans have moved through the rolling plains of the Ukraine as far as the gates of the Crimea, Red army units were said to have advanced as much as 21 miles in wide-open fighting.

The start of the 16th week of war found Alexander Shcherbakov, director of the Soviet information bureau, announcing these colossal Red army losses: 1,128,000 men killed, wounded and missing, and 7,001 tanks, 8,900 guns and 5,316 planes destroyed.

He ridiculed Hitler's claims of 2,500,000 Red casualties, and declared the Germans have suffered a 3,000,000 loss in their manpower, or almost as much in 15 weeks as the

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R.A.F. crew Sings praises Of Americans

HAMILTON, Ont., Oct. 5—(CP)—A Royal Air Force bomber from No. 33 aerial navigation school, R. A. F., at Mount Hope, which landed near Williamsport, Pa., yesterday, was back in its home base today and the four crew members, along with local officials, were singing the praises of the American people.

The big machine encountered bad weather on a flight yesterday. The crew landed and communicated with local officials, seeking instructions after reporting on weather conditions. They were told to remain there until the weather cleared. They took off late today and completed the round trip of 360 miles.

French Society Holds annual Convention

Hon. Marin Gallant, Urbanville, was elected President of the Assumption Society at the annual convention held in Charlottetown yesterday. Other officers elected were: Vice President, Mr. Jean F. Arsenault, Mont Carmel; Sec-Treas. Mr. Ulric Poirier, Mont Carmel.

The following were named to the Executive Committee: Messrs. Florin Dolron, Hope River, Andre Gallant, Rustico, Fred Gallant, Summerside, J. H. Blanchard, Charlottetown, Jean Richard, Mont Carmel, Aylre Arsenault, Egmont Bay, Arsenault, Bloomfield, E. F. Gallant, Wellington and Theodore DesRoches, Miscouche.

The annual convention of the branches opened with the delegates who came from distant parts of the province, attending High Mass at 10:30 at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, where a French sermon was preached by Rev. Alderic Melanson, Shediac, N. B., Chaplain of the Society.

At 2:30 p. m. a meeting of the delegates was held in the Knights of Columbus Hall which was presided over by Mr. Charles M. Arsenault, Abram's Village. Mr. Fred Gallant, Summerside, acted as secretary. Reports from the branches at Bloomfield, Wellington, Egmont Bay, Mont Carmel, Summerside, Rustico and Charlottetown, were presented. An interesting discussion on these reports followed. Short addresses were given by Dr. Albert Sormany, Edmundston, N. B., General President of the Society, Rev. Father Melanson, Mr. Justice Arsenault, Hon. Marin Gallant and others. Resolutions of thanks to Rev. A. Macdonald, Rector of Holy Redeemer Parish and to the K. of C. were adopted.

Despite a heavy downpour of rain all of the delegates and many Academics of the City assembled for the evening session which was a decided success. Again Mr. Charles Arsenault presided. Interesting addresses were given by Mr. Justice Arsenault, Prof. J. H. Blanchard, Hon. Mr. Gallant, Dr. A. Sormany, Father Melanson and Dr. Albert Sormany.

A very interesting film showing the progress made by the Assumption Society since its organization in 1903 was shown by Dr. Alphonse Sormany assisted by Mr. Leo Arsenault of Moncton.

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Report Winds Reaching 100 Miles Per Hour

The Bahamas and Florida warned well in advance; No serious damage reported from Nassau.

MIAMI, Fla., Oct. 5—(AP)—Full force of the 100-mile-an-hour hurricane headed toward the lower Florida peninsula is expected to lash this resort metropolis early tomorrow.

The storm winds swept over Nassau, the Bahamas, tonight and roared toward the Florida east coast resort area, the exposed Keys south of the mainland and vast Lake Okechobee.

All of the state south of Vero Beach was boarded up tight against the blow.

In a 10 p. m. advisory, the weather bureau re-emphasized its periodical warnings, but said that the storm had passed Nassau.

At 9 p. m., it said, the hurricane's centre was 35 miles west of the Bahaman capital, and that the wind had dropped to 45 miles an hour in Nassau.

As the blow approached the Florida coast, it progressed at a speed of 20 miles an hour, usually fast for a tropical disturbance in this part of the world.

At 10 p. m., there was no sign of approaching high winds. In Miami, the skies were overcast but little or no rain had fallen, and only light breezes blew over the city from the Atlantic.

All precautions were taken. Red Cross officials, with the backing of

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Halifax Firm Gets contract

OTTAWA, Oct. 5—(CP)—Award of eight construction contracts totalling \$135,000 was announced tonight by the munitions and supply departments.

Contracts, approximate cost, type of construction, approximate completion dates, and contractors employed include:—

General Reconnaissance School, Charlottetown, \$5,000, supply of top soil, immediately, Municipal Spraying and Contracting Ltd., Halifax.

Report three Ships aground Off Labrador

MONTREAL, Oct. 5—(CP)—A story in the Montreal Standard last night, date-lined from an eastern Canadian port, says that three ships are piled up on the rocks off the Labrador coast in the Straits of Belle Isle, and that two of them are a total loss.

The Standard story said that all were toward bound to St. Lawrence ports and were blown inshore in a terrific storm which lashed the coasting and the lower area of the St. Lawrence some days ago.

All three ships ran on the rocks within a few minutes of each other and within several hundred feet of the same spot," the Standard said, adding:

"The spot at which they went aground is well within the straits. Efforts were proceeding today to try and salvage one of the vessels which it is believed might be saved.

"This is the first time in the memory of old-timer mariners that as many vessels were wrecked at the same time on the St. Lawrence river."

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Official sources here remarked that more than a week ago there was a report about the grounding of one ship in that locality. Even this report could not be confirmed officially.

Retired U. S. Supreme Court Judge passes

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5—(AP)—Louis Dembitz Brandeis, retired United States Supreme Court Justice who was celebrated for his liberal views, died tonight at the age of 84.

Brandeis, who was appointed to the court by President Wilson and served for 23 years, suffered a severe heart attack at his home here last Wednesday.

His condition became steadily worse and physicians lost hope of saving his life when he fell into a coma Saturday night.

His death resulted from a recurrence of the heart trouble which prompted his retirement Feb. 13, 1939.

Interpreting The War News

By Kirke L. Simpson
Associated Press Staff Writer

Implicit in conflicting London and Rome accounts of recent sea-air battles in the Mediterranean is the obvious fact that heavy British reinforcements in men and fighting gear are being rushed eastward through those dangerous waters.

They may be destined to join battle with their Nazi foes, fighting beside Russian troops in defence of the Caucasus. Certainly they are destined to increase substantially the strength of British defence lines that now reach 2,000 miles or more, unbroken, from India to the Egyptian-Libyan frontier in the western desert.

Or they may be taking post for offensive action during the winter fighting season in the North African desert, providing events on the Russian-Nazi battle line warrant another British counter-stroke against axis foes in Libya. Prime Minister Churchill's recent intimation that his government has weighed unfavorably counter-invasion proposals as a means of relieving pressure on Russia does not rule out that possibility.

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British Coast Shakes; R.A.F. In night action

LONDON, Oct. 6—(Monday)—(CP)—Royal Air Force bombers pounded the Boulogne area early today and the British south coast was rocked by the force of the attack.

The Boulogne assault came after British raiders sprinkled bombs and downed the French coast shortly before midnight last night.

British fighters tangled with German raiders Sunday night over the southeast coast, but low-hanging clouds hid the combatants from view of ground observers.

Late Friday and early Saturday Royal Air Force flyers took advantage of bright moonlight to lash at shipping centres of the four German-occupied countries across the channel from England.

Rotterdam, still bearing the scars of Germany's invasion of the Netherlands, took its 75th aerial pounding since the Nazis captured it. The air ministry gave no details on the damage but an authoritative source indicated the raid was not on a large scale.

Other raids reported by the air ministry were made against Antwerp, in conquered Belgium, air bases and docks at Aalborg in German-occupied Denmark, an airbase in northern France and Brest and Dunkerque.

Shortage of Teachers in N. B.

FREDERICTON, Oct. 5—(CP)—A serious shortage of teachers in New Brunswick was revealed in a statement Saturday by Education Minister C. H. Blakeney, who appealed for applications to fill positions in about 75 school districts where schools were unable to start fall term.

Many vacancies had been caused by enlistment of male teachers in the armed forces, he explained. He particularly requested applications from former teachers—married women and older men.

The department is attempting to meet the shortage at present by issuing temporary, local third class licences.

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Religion "private Matter" in Russia

MOSCOW, Oct. 5—(AP)—S. A. Lozovsky, Soviet spokesman, declared Saturday "the big rumour" over religion in the U. S. S. R. came from opponents of aid to Russia.

The Soviet state, he told correspondents, considers religion a private matter for its citizens and has as a basic policy freedom of religion as well as freedom of anti-religious propaganda.

Lozovsky asserted the Soviet constitution guarantees religious freedom—but "assumes that freedom of religion will not be utilized for the overthrow of the prevailing regime."

Lord Haw Haw In mysterious Goings-on

BERLIN, Oct. 5—(AP)—"Lord Haw Haw", German's star anti-British radio commentator, is the centre of mysterious goings-on over the air.

The German short wave radio announced today that he had been ruled from the air but would state his case in a talk entitled "Why I Was Banned From the Air", at 9:30 p. m. A. S. T. Tuesday.

Saturday in Berlin there was only denial of a report he had been banned.

In the Sunday announcement, as recorded in New York by NBC, the short wave speaker said that "Haw Haw" had been banned from the air and will not speak from the air next week when he will be allowed to state his side."

That was heard at 6:30 a. m. NBC said, but neither "Haw Haw" himself or a reasonably satisfactory double—A. S. T. sounded like a recording—was on the air one hour later in a series of news items, comments on Hitler's speech of Friday and the chances of early German success on the eastern front.

On Saturday there was a similar sequence of events. "Haw Haw", whose real name is William Joyce, is a 35-year-old former British editor with a pronounced Oxford accent and a Fascist turn of mind. CBS said "it can be assumed with a good deal of certainty that the 'banning' of Lord Haw Haw is just another Berlin 'stunt' designed to call the attention of American listeners to Berlin transmissions."

Daredevil Still atop 1,280 foot peak

4,000 Watch Rescue Operations; Five Nights On Mountain.

SUNDANCE, Wyo., Oct. 5—(AP)—A ladder of iron rings and ropes inched upward on Devil's Tower for the expected rescue tomorrow of a daredevil marooned for five days atop the 1,280-foot peak.

George Hopkins, 30, of San Antonio, Tex., who won a \$50 bet by floating to the volcanic rock's comparatively small but flat surface, donned a fur-lined aviator's suit and took refuge from rain again tonight—his fifth monotonous overnight stay on the spire.

Four experienced rock climbers today added rungs to the hemp ladder being built up the sheer formation. Their progress in the rain and fog was slow.

Watching them was a crowd of 4,000 persons.

A blimp is expected to arrive from Akron, O., Wednesday to attempt a rescue. Thrill seekers offered innumerable suggestions and theories of how to get Hopkins down.

But getting off the cylindrical shaped rock was like trying to climb down a skyscraper. Around it the wind shifts crazily. To descend from it by parachute is considered impossible. It's dangerous for airplanes to fly close. Sides of the tower are jagged and slant outward from the peak, making a descent by rope dangerous.

"This started out as a publicity stunt, but it backfired, then wild-fired," said Earl Brocklesby of Rapid City, S. D. "I'm worried about George."

Brocklesby made the wager with Hopkins. The daredevil had intended to attract attention to a forthcoming attempt to set a record for the number of parachute jumps made in one day.

(By The Canadian Press)

War—25 Years Ago Today

OCT. 6, 1916—German submarine U-53 put into Newport, R.I. for three hours and then returned to sea. British advanced their positions toward Lemberg, Galicia, along Brody-Lemberg railway.

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War Production To Be Vital Question

Key to solution said to be British plans for manpower.

(By Robert E. Bunelle)
Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Oct. 5—(AP)—Neutral observers said today the entire future course of the joint British-American war production program may be affected by a manpower debate to take place shortly in Parliament.

These sources said production experts are wondering whether the United States can best help Britain by concentrating on sending her all the machinery she wants, or by keeping it at home and concentrating on manufacturing the bulk of war material there.

Key to the solution was said to be the uses to which Britain expects to put her manpower.

Political sources said that the government's case in statements by Prime Minister Churchill and Labor Minister Ernest Bevin probably would be secret so as not to divulge exact figures on production which would allow Germany to calculate the number of tanks and planes Britain is able to build.

The newly-arrived United States minister to London, John D. Biggers, who is in charge of synchronizing and co-ordinating British and American defence production, soon will make a quick trip to Washington to report recommendations to President Roosevelt. He is known to be studying carefully the availability of manpower to Britain's industries in view of the drains which have been made by the services.

One school of thought, led by Mr.

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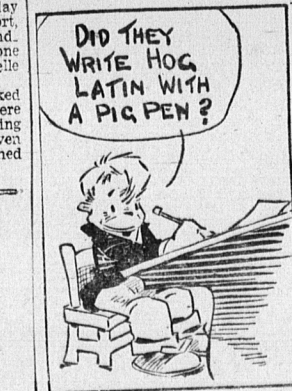
Germans claim Capture of Russian Island

BERLIN, Oct. 5—(AP)—The German high command tonight claimed that in a sudden assault the Russian-held island of Abukha had been taken by Nazi engineers who dashed in storm boats through the Baltic Sea from the recently-captured island of Oesel, off the Estonian coast.

A communique claimed their "bold action" resulted in the capture of the island garrison. The tiny island of Abukha lies between the coasts of Oesel and Estonia. Its capture appeared part of German mopping-up operations in the Baltic, which recently resulted in the seizure of Oesel itself, and the nearby island of Muhu.

(Moscow reports recently said, however, a hold-out Russian garrison still is fighting on Oesel.)

At the other end of the long Russian front, both the high command communique and German war reports admitted the Russians are fighting hard on the approaches to the Crimean Peninsula as attack and counter-attack follow in quick succession.



(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Oct. 5—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:	
Dawson	30 36
Victoria	42 38
Edmonton	31 30
Regina	35 42
Winnipeg	36 45
Toronto	57 61
Ottawa	56 61
Montreal	51 60

Synopsis: Showers have occurred in many parts of Ontario and it has been warm in the lower lake region, but quite cool in northern districts. It has been cool in the Prairie Provinces, fair in Manitoba and Alberta, but light showers have occurred in northern Saskatchewan.

High tide this morning at 11:34 and tonight at 11:39. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:38 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:55.

Last quarter moon Oct. 13, 8:53 a. m.

Summerside tide eighteen min. use later than Charlottetown. BORDEN—CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE

Leave Borden 9:25 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 4:45 P.M. 7:30 P.M.
Leave Cape Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:20 P.M. 6:20 P.M. 8:40 P.M.

WOOD ISLANDS FERRY
Leaves Wood Islands 6 a. m., 1 a. m., and 2 p. m.
Leaves Carleton 8:00 a. m., 12:00 p. m. and 4 p. m.

BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR EXCELS IN THE KITCHEN