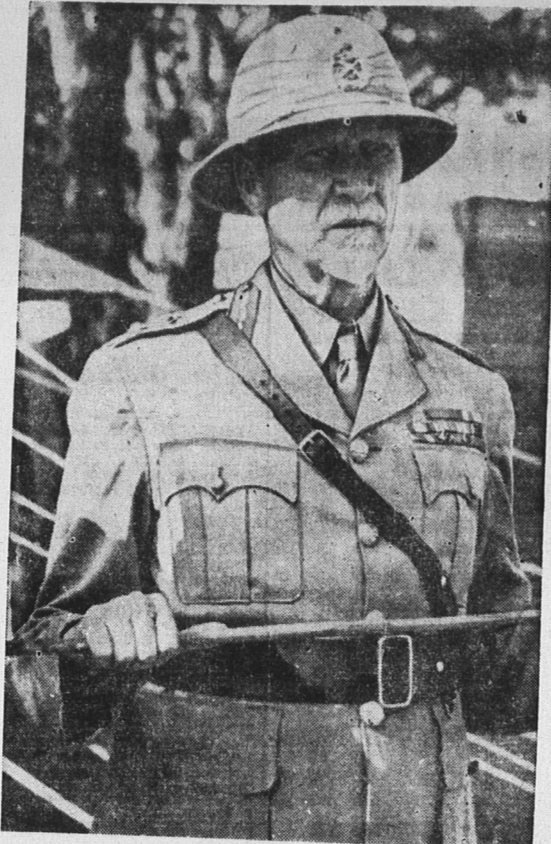


NEWS of the WORLD in PICTURES



Sir Victor Sassoon, widely known British banker of Shanghai, said: "The internal situation in Japan is anything but good" and that "there is a definite shortage of food." He arrived by Clipper in San Francisco en route to New York. "Labor is short and inefficient machinery is not being repaired and so production is dropping." Sir Victor said. "Oil reserves now are down to a year's requirements. Some no doubt have been sent to Germany." Regarding the tripartite Axis pact, Sir Victor said it was Japan, not Germany, which asked for the tie-up to safeguard her position in regard to Russia, and that "no thinking Japanese wishes to go to war with the U.S." Sir Victor is seen with Gertrude Lawrence.



Hero of the last war and raller of South Africa to the empire's cause in this one, Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, prime minister of South Africa, is shown here during a visit to the East African front. The South Africans are reported to be pushing up from Kenya, driving Italian border forces back into Ethiopia. Gen Smuts overcame opposition of nationalist elements and became premier of South Africa when parliament defeated Gen. Hertzog's neutrality proposals.



John Chipman "Chips" Kerr (CENTRE), winner of the Victoria Cross in the last war, arrived at No. 2 Manning Depot in Brandon this week to train in the same R.C.A.F. unit as his son Roland (LEFT). An other son, Leslie (RIGHT), is already in the R.C.A.F. stationed in eastern Canada. The 46-year-old veteran from Spirit River, Alta., won his V.C. at Courcellette during the Battle of the Somme in September, 1916.



"All that any movie director could ask" was the Free French raid on Merzouk. Its backbone was a detachment of lean, hard-hitting native troops in khaki. Along with them, just for the ride, went native sheiks in gorgeous robes of callon. Around the fringe straggled a rabble of camel men, jackass tenders, drum beaters and mechanics for the jalopies. A native trumpeter sent them into the desert with a blast on a seven-foot trumpet. Ludicrous as it appeared, the little force thrust swiftly northward to the Fezzan oasis struck successfully at the base Italian aviators were using to bomb the Sudan, and marched home again. A column of typical camel corps troops is seen (TOP), and (BOTTOM) is a close-up of a desert warrior.



Pictured aboard a train as they started for a honeymoon in Sun Valley, Idaho, are Annie Laurine Dodge Lange, widow of millionaire Danny Dodge, and her new husband, Dr. William A. Lange of Detroit. The pair have been engaged for some time, but their marriage Jan. 30 came as a surprise to all but a few close friends. Mrs. Dodge, a Manitoulin Island telephone operator before her first marriage, was widowed by an accident during the honeymoon.



GIVEN MISSION IN U. S.

Sir Edward Peacock, Canadian-born financial expert, is to visit the United States to tap Britain's last assets there. He will examine the possibility of selling British-owned and controlled businesses in the U. S., in order to raise funds for purchases of planes, ships, tanks and munitions.



EXPECTS CRISIS SOON

Frank Knox, secretary of the U. S. navy, told the U. S. Senate foreign relations committee that information from "inside Germany" indicates a German attempt to invade the British Isles may begin at any moment. Knox said "certain menacing developments" indicated "a very grave crisis" would come within 60 or 90 days.



RIGHT AT HOME

"Check!" says the man on the right—and he isn't calling for the bill. Pictured aboard the train which brought them to Collins Bay, these are fliers of the Fleet Air Arm, in Canada for advanced training and instructional work. Strangers to Canada, they needed no introduction to one of the nation's favorite games. There were Norwegians, Australians, New Zealanders, Poles and natives of the British Isles in the detachment of fliers who arrived at Collins Bay recently. Most of them were seeing Canada for the first time, but they had to view the scenery through one of the heaviest blizzards in years. This youth, LEFT, gave it up and sought the comfort of his berth.



SUCCEEDS SKELTON

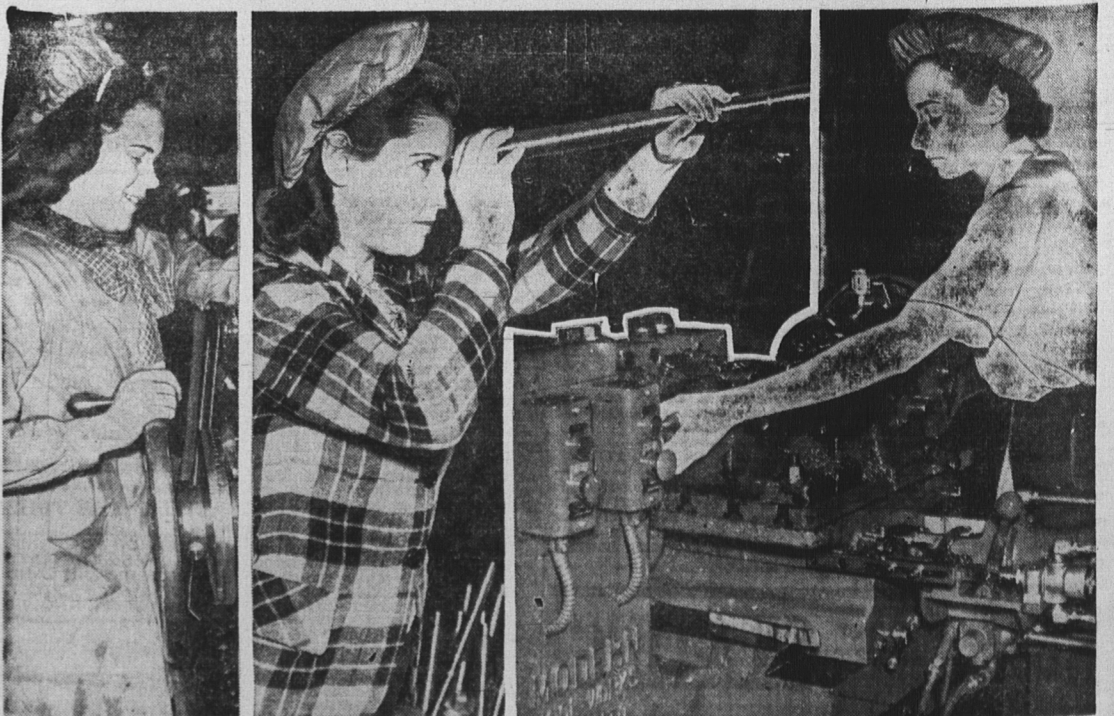
Norman Robertson has been appointed acting under-secretary of state for external affairs. It was announced at Ottawa. He is temporary successor to Dr. O. D. Skelton, who died recently.



TOO YOUNG FOR ARMY

Frank Jones, 16 (RIGHT), who came to Vancouver aboard a freighter from Kingston, Jamaica, to join the Canadian army, is back aboard his ship today, broken-hearted. The army turned him down. "Too young," the recruiting officer said. His pal, an 18-year-old Earl Latibaudiere (LEFT), will not be going back to Jamaica with him. He was accepted as a private in the 5th Coast Artillery, and is already in uniform. Jones, whose father is wireless operator aboard the freighter on which they worked their way to Vancouver, was turned down three times at the sub-depot in Seaford armories. He intends to seek entry into the Royal Navy.

Two things about their train ride from eastern Canada interested these R.A.F. men more than discussion of their exploits in the air. One was the unlimited supply of butter and cream. "They probably even grease the wheels with it," stut," exclaimed one. The other novelty was being allowed to leave up the blinds, after experiencing Britain's rigid blackout. Lighting his pipe at RIGHT is flying Officer H. W. Waylen, who holds the Auxiliary Flying Medal.



In big munitions plants in Ontario, hundreds of girls who used to work in stores, factories, offices, and many who never worked before, are now doing jobs that would wear down strong men. The three girls in these Star staff pictures are good examples. Florence Linnet (LEFT) must be within three-thirtieths of an inch when she cones a machine-gun barrel. She used to sell over a counter, but she likes her new job a lot better. Alma Thorburn (CENTRE) cleans out the bore and examines the barrel of a machine-gun. She must see that the thread in the bore is perfect before she hands on the barrel for assembly. At (RIGHT) Nancy Selter is hard at work on a sleeve barrel machine. Nancy used to work in a grocery store.