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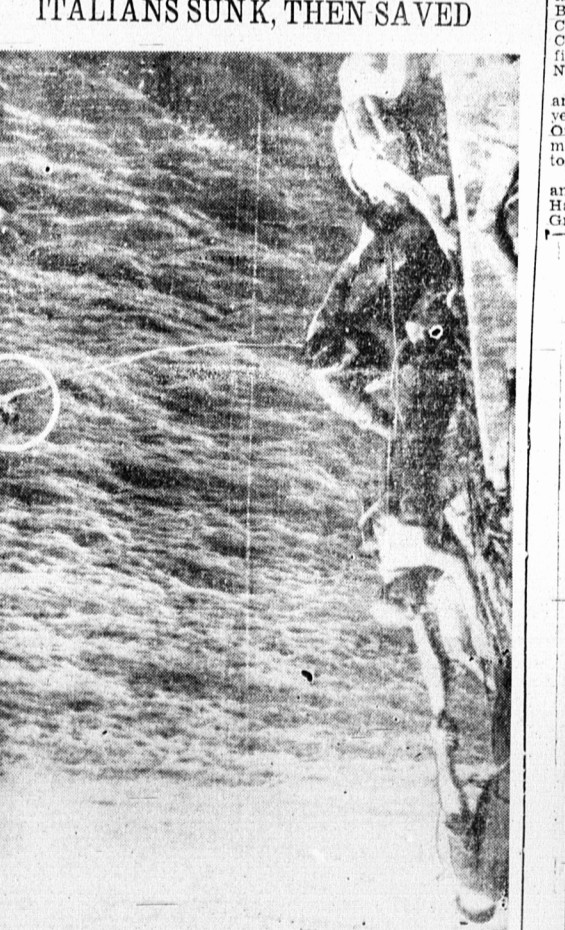
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BATHING AS USUAL  
POLKSTONE, England —(CP)—Henry Bull, an all-the-year-round bather, who has not missed his sea dip for nearly 13 years, has been given special military permission to bathe at his beach, a restricted wartime area.



**Italy Getting Jittery**

Fascist newspapers are carrying pictures of a balloon barrage to protect Italy against British bombers, and sandbags are being put around monuments. The arch of Constantine and the ruins of the Roman forum are disappearing under wooden skeletons and sacks of earth and stone. In Venice the lacework arches of the Doges palace are bricked up and the gingerbread facade of St. Marks church (ABOVE) is a sordid pile of dirty sandbags.



The Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni, said to be the world's fastest warship, didn't have speed enough to escape the guns of the Australian cruiser Sydney in the Aegean sea northwest of Crete, where they battled last July. The Colleoni was sunk by shellfire, but almost all her crew of 550 were saved by the victor. In circle is an Italian seaman being hauled aboard.

**CANADA'S WAR CHIEF**

REAR-ADMIRAL PERCY W. NELLES

Chief of the Naval Staff  
By KEN CLARK  
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
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Rear Admiral Percy Walker Nelles, born at Brantford, Ont., 1000 miles or more from the sea, was in the birth of the Royal Canadian Navy. Today he heads it. On his "eyes" and "no" hang the success of operations and the lives of thousands of navy men.

He is the man back of the tremendous expansion of Canada's navy since August, 1939, a short wiry man who wears his gray hair close-cropped, reads with horn-rimmed spectacles, and smokes cigarettes with cork tips.

He is 48 but looks considerably younger. He has two dogs, a Cairn and a Dachshund, the latter being British born and raised in the proper tradition.

The Admiral likes hot weather and despises December to April in Ottawa where he has been in charge of the navy since 1934.

In August a year ago the Royal Canadian Navy was equipped with 15 vessels, carrying in size from one small sailing vessel to six modern destroyers. The personnel on active service was 1,774. Today the force numbers 113 vessels, manned and maintained by nearly 9,000 officers and men and in the near future 100 more vessels will be in operation.

In a comparatively simple industrial organization an expansion of this kind would be considered as almost impossible feat. But those who know the Admiral say he was the man to do it in a highly-specialized and complicated structure such as the modern navy.

He has had long training in the tradition and technique of the best navy there ever was. He is a man of executive ability who delegates responsibility and above all he is a man of vision.

This is what the Admiral sees for the future of the Royal Canadian Navy: not a predominant force competitive with the striking power of the British or United States navies, but a comparatively small extremely modern and efficient force capable of meeting all Canadian defence needs.

This is what he thinks about the current controversy as to relative value of the naval and air arms: "The (Great Britain and Canada) would be in no better position than Belgium, France or Holland, if it were not for their navies."

As long as trade and commerce is water-borne and has not taken to the air, he believes the navy will be the factor it has been in the balance of power and the strength of nations. That is a pretty liberal statement for a bred-in-the-bone navy man.

**Amry, Navy and Church**

Most of the Nelles family were not service men. The Admiral's father was Brig-Gen. C. M. Nelles and his brother, Norman Cunningham Nelles, a Royal Military College man, was killed near Ypres in 1915.

But the family for a good many years were men of peace, churchmen in the church of England. The Admiral's grandfather was an Archdeacon on the Mohawk Reservation near Brantford, the ancestral home of the Canadian Nelles.

"I played with beads because I didn't want to go into the army," the Admiral said once in an interview. "I never had a minute's doubt. The navy was to be my career."

He went to Lakeside Preparatory School in Peterborough, Ont., and Trinity College at Port Hope but in 1908 when he was 16, he signed up as the second of the first seven Canadian naval cadets.

There had been Canadians who went into the British navy before, that of course, but this was the first batch for the Canadian service, trained as such.

The Admiral is careful to be exact about being the first Canadian-trained officer to command a British cruiser. He wasn't the first Canadian to do so, he was the first Canadian-trained officer or an officer trained for the Canadian Navy.

Admiral Nelles served as lieutenant with the Royal Navy for three years from 1914. In 1917 he came to Ottawa as flag-lieutenant to Admiral Kingmill. Later he returned to England and took a staff course.

He brought the destroyers Skeena and Saguenay across the sea to Halifax after their purchase in Great Britain and he was com-

**Canada May Enter Union With 21 Republics**

(By Ross Munro, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15—(CP)—As Canada looks to South America for new trade outlets and develops its military understanding with the United States, speculation revolves in Washington over the possibility of Canada entering the Pan-American Union of 21 American Republics.

The stage props are already here for Canada to play its role in this theatre of western hemisphere relations. A high-backed mahogany chair inscribed with the word "Canada" and the Dominion's coat of arms has been gathered dust in the basement of the \$1,000,000 Pan-American Union building here for 30 years awaiting entry of Canada into the American family of nations.

John Barrett, seven director of the 50-year-old International Union of American Republics, who retired in 1920, described these preparations for possible Canadian membership in the Union in 1926.

"When the present Pan American Union building... was being erected and we were planning the future as well as the present use of that temple of Pan Americanism," Barrett said, "I suggested to Elihu Root, then secretary of state and chairman ex-officio of the governing board... that we should look into the future and consider the entrance of Canada into the union and so prepare decorations and wordings which could not easily be changed later on."

"After consideration and consultation not only with President Theodore Roosevelt, but with eminent Latin American statesmen," he (Root) instructed me, first to place the escutcheon of Canada in the patio or court alongside those of the United States and other American countries; second, to include a Canadian panel in the bronze frieze and of the governing board room, and third, to have a chair made carrying the name 'Canada' for the governing board room."

Trade Minister MacKinnon is understood in Ottawa to have plans afoot to broaden the commercial intelligence service in South America and possibly establish consuls and even send ministers to some Latin-American capitals. Markets which have been lost in Europe probably could be replaced in the south, Mr. MacKinnon believes.

**CANADIANS DISPATCH TWO AND HALF MILLION AIR LETTER MONTHLY**

In the first seven months of this year, the planes of the Trans-Canada Air Lines carried 355,262 pounds of mail, according to latest statistics. Sometimes there are as many as 60 air mail letters to a pound, but the accepted average is 50. This means that from the first of January to the end of July, the TCA transported nearly 18,000,000 letters, an average of more than 2-1/2 million a month. In July alone, the biggest month in the air line's history, 60,552 pounds of mail were flown, which works out to 3,327, 600 letters.

The first open-air meeting of the Salvation Army was held July 2, 1935.

**Keep Minard's in the home.**

mander-in-charge at Halifax.

In 1933 he was promoted to captain, the first officer of the Canadian Navy to hold that rank. He proceeded to England to the Imperial Defence College and returned to Ottawa to relieve Commodore Hosi as chief of Naval Staff in 1934. In August, 1938, he was made rear admiral.

In 1915 the young officer Nelles was in Bermuda and there at the same time was United States Consul Allen, Lieut. Nelles married the consul's daughter, Helen Schuyler Allen. They have two sons.

The Admiral's career runs the circle of chancey times in the blue Caribbean and on other seas—for which he wears two strips of ribbons. He represented the Royal Canadian Navy at the coronation of King George V and King George VI.

He is a man willing to try the impossible. For instance he tries not to work at night. And his golf is reported to be bad, not so much because he is a sailor but from lack of time to get out on the course.

**Hear Italian Engineer Taken From Steamer**

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15—(CP)—Reports that lacked confirmation circulated on the waterfront tonight that an Italian engineer had been removed from the Philippine freighter Dona Aurora when the vessel was stopped by a British warship 100 miles off the California coast.

The reported stoppage of the Philippine motorship was said to have occurred Saturday, some hours after the Dona Aurora cleared San Francisco for Manila and the Orient.

**Bund Camp Raid Sequel To Explosion**

KENVIL, N.J., Sept. 15—(AP)—A sheriff's force raided the German-American bund camp at nearby Andover and investigation of the Congressional Committee investigating un-American activities searched employees' lockers at the Hercules Powder Company plant here today as sequels to an explosion which took at least 37 lives.

Sheriff Denton J. Quick of Sussex County deputized 18 small-town police chiefs and swept down on Camp Nordau. He said the force seized subversive literature and a rifle equipped with telescopic sights.

He then came here to check the Hercules payroll against a list of persons believed to frequent the bund camp. Andover is about 10 miles from the plant, scene of a terrific powder explosion Thursday.

Robert Baker, special investigator for the committee, said he searched such lockers as survived fire and explosion for evidence that any workers belonged to subversive groups. He declined to discuss his findings.

**Two Escaped Prisoners Were Re-captured**

DORCHESTER, N. B., Sept. 15—(CP)—After wandering in woods for about 24 hours after escaping from the Maritime penitentiary here Friday afternoon, Albert Toney, 17, and Benoit Fournier, 19, were captured Saturday afternoon at Memramcook East by R. C. M. P. Corporal D. T. Griffiths, Monday.

The fugitives apparently became lost. The arrest was made without difficulty when they emerged from the woods. A police dog had picked up their trail and reached the scene of the capture a few minutes later.

Toney, who hails from Kentville, N. S., and Fournier, of Bathurst, N. B., escaped from a truck while being returned to the penitentiary after working at a quarry. They were serving three-year terms for burglary.

**DRAGGER FLEET FOR U. S. NAVY**

BOSTON, Sept. 16—(CP)—Edward H. Cooley, manager of the Massachusetts Fisheries Association has announced that the U. S. Navy may acquire 19 of the wooden dragnets of the Boston and Gloucester fishing fleet under negotiations now in progress.

Although the Navy remained silent as to what use would be made of them, waterfront observers suggested that the dragnets might be used in searching for magnetic mines. The Navy recently acquired 12 trawlers of the Boston fishing fleet to be used in mine-sweeping operations.

The dragnets, most of them of recent construction, average about 100 tons, carry two masts and auxiliary motors and have an average capacity of 50 tons.

Spokesmen for the fishing fleet said their transfer would have little effect as the fleet numbered about 150 dragnets and more were being constructed. Approximately 200 fishermen might be "on the beach" temporarily, one spokesman said, but he added that new jobs would be open as new dragnets were launched.

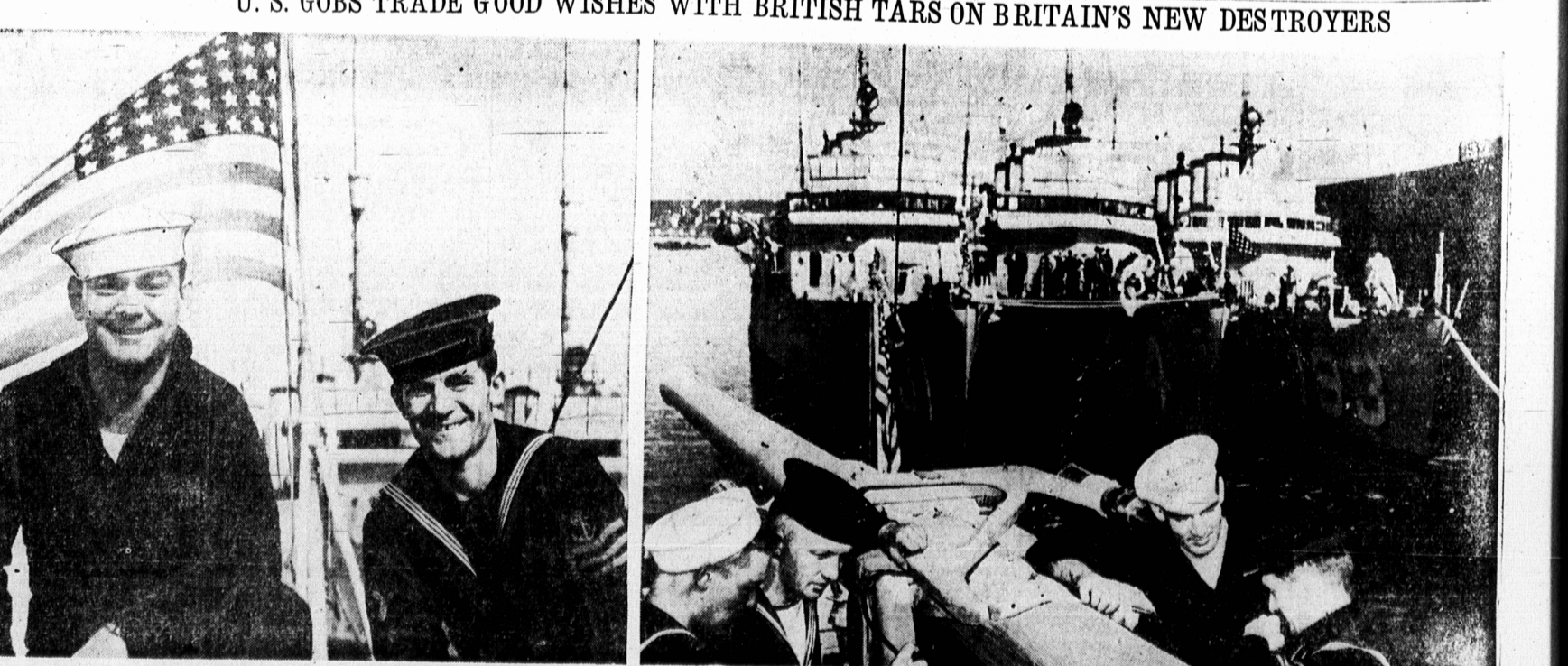
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**THURSDAY Afternoon**

Dame Fashion has been trying on new hats, dresses, fussing with colors. She's debated over the length of dresses and where the waistline should be. She's changed her mind dozens of times, but at last we've received her final decree. There are thrilling surprises in store for you... come in and see them Thursday afternoon, September 19th.

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The U.S. sailor (LEFT) and the Royal Navy rating having a friendly chat aboard one of the 50 destroyers released by the United States to Britain. The American bluejacket was one of the crew which brought the first group of vessels to Canada and the British tar will help sail them overseas for battle duty. Before they left their ships the U.S. seamen took their "opposite numbers" on a tour to acquaint them with their new craft. At RIGHT, the intricate mechanism of a gun is being explained to a British sailor. As they took leave of their ships, more than one of the Americans expressed the wish that they could be sailing them into action themselves.

**U. S. GOBS TRADE GOOD WISHES WITH BRITISH TARS ON BRITAIN'S NEW DESTROYERS**