Still confident they can take the series despite the 10-5 setback they suffered in the opening game last Thursday night Johnny Squarebriggs' Collegians went through a stiff practice session at the Forum last night in preparation for the second game of the City Hockey League finals at the Forum tonight.

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Definitely behind the eight ball as a result of the Summerside team's victory the youngsters nevertheless intend to go all out in tonight's struggle in an effort to get back on even footing with their heavier, more experienced foes.

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Outside of the disastrous second period in the first game Collegians were just as good if not a little bit better than the Summerside squad. But the visitors paid off with their well-timed offensive but in many of the fans' minds it is still doubtful whether they can stage a repeat performance.

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Collegians were full of vim and vigor at last night's workout and despite the fact that they are the underdogs in the betting are confident that they can tie the series up tonight. That their chances hinge greatly on the outcome of tonight's encounter is a well known fact and Coach Squarebriggs is likely to adopt an all out offensive from the opening whistle to the final one in an effort to get back into the running.

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In a letter from "Sport Fan" received yesterday he asked for statistics on the City Basketball League, finals of which are at present underway. We are sorry that the information desired was not available at the time of writing but can assure him of having it published at the very first opportunity.

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Borden Nationals with the New Brunswick-P. E. I. intermediate hockey title safely tucked away are awaiting the Nova Scotia winners to be named before embarking on the last stage of their playoff jaunt. A definite threat for Maritime honors the Borden team are working out every opportunity they can and should put up the stiffest kind of battle no matter which team they meet.

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Maj. Conn Smythe, managing director of Maple Leaf Gardens, announced recently a campaign will be launched immediately "to stop the practice of free and open betting" on National Hockey League games at the Gardens.

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Garden officials and city police will co-operate in the drive and signs outlining the law on gambling in public places will be posted in the building, he said.

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"We have no objection to our patrons having a little wager with each other on a game. But when known bookies move in and set up business without paying any rent, I think it is time to call a halt.

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"If known characters considered undesirable make their way in and continue to practice the art of making and laying bets, they will be asked to leave and their ticket money will be refunded."

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President Roosevelt's 1945 okay to baseball was the most important sports pronouncement since Pearl Harbor. It was far more significant than his experimental "green light" of 1942.

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When the President in effect said "Play ball" at a recent press conference, his attitude indicated clearly that professional baseball—the nation's key sport—had passed the hump. That it had proved its worth in the war effort.

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F. D. R. gave a reassuring go-ahead to the diamond game just when the nation is approaching its peak in fighting, production and casualties. He gave it when Congress is wrestling with the manpower problem. He gave it when the country is still adjusting itself to the drastic curfew, and when the turf world is still hoping for a removal of the racing ban.

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The combination of these various conditions produced a situation of such gravity that you can bet your last buck the President's okay followed thorough investigation and long deliberation.

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You can bet also that if he were not completely convinced that baseball had proved its wartime worth, the President's words never would have been spoken, and the national pastime would have gone the way of racing and late-night entertainment. It was too touchy a problem to kiss off with spur-of-the-moment pleasantries.

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It is true that the President modified his blessing by repeating that he did not believe baseball should use perfectly healthy men who could do something more useful in the war effort.

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To use this seems a minor modification because of the words "perfectly healthy." Although the President, as usual, was not quoted directly at the press conference, the words "perfectly healthy" appeared in all the stories about it that we read. The expression probably was his.

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Mr. Roosevelt is not a loose man with words. It is our belief that he chose the words "perfectly healthy" to serve as a red light for overzealous draft boards and examiners who, during the past couple of months have been inducting into service players previously classified as 4-F.

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Because of this apparent discrimination against 4-F players, the major leagues were losing so many seasoned performers that some owners were becoming genuinely worried about being able to put worthwhile teams on the field.

SPORTING NEWS

Leafs, Canadiens Meet Tonight In Semi-Finals

MONTREAL, March 19—(CP)—With the stage set for the all-Canadian hockey clash here tomorrow when Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens meet in the firts game of their best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-final series, fans were getting ready tonight for a fight to the finish between the two rival teams.

Leafs and Canadiens have been rivals for years and plenty of fireworks are always expected when they meet. Records for season just concluded indicate that players for both Toronto and Montreal will play as hard as ever in the coming series.

Penalty records show Canadiens are the National Hockey League team hardest to get along with. Leafs are the second hardest by the same measure.

Leafs are expected to be at full strength in the tilt. On the Canadiens side, it was not certain tonight whether defenceman Frankie Edolls and forward Ken Mosdell would be on hand since they were still on the injured list in week-end games.

In the other series, Boston Bruins open against Red Wings at Detroit tomorrow.

Game Postponed At Berwick

BERWICK, N.S., March 19 — The sudden death game between Berwick and New Waterford for the Nova Scotia intermediate hockey championship, scheduled for here tonight was postponed until Wednesday. Ice in the rink here was not available for the game tonight.

The winners of the Nova Scotia title are scheduled to meet Borden, P.E.I. for the Maritime championship.

Ashby Aces Win Maritime Midget Title

TRURO, March 20 — Sydney's Ashby Aces won the Maritime Midget hockey championship here early today, defeating the Summerside Cookies 10-1 in a sudden death game.

The encounter did not get underway untill 11 o'clock last night.

The Summerside team, which advanced to the finals by defeating the Saint John Sea Cadets in the semi-finals was no match for the Aces.

Boston Post Selection For All-Star Team

Following is the first of a Canadian Press series of National Hockey League all-star selections by hockey writers in N. H. L. cities. A consensus will be prepared later.

By W. J. MOONEY
Boston Post

First Team: Goal, Durnan (Montreal); Right Defence, Bouchard (Montreal); Left Defence, Crawford (Boston); Centre, Cowley (Boston); Right Wing, Richard (Montreal); Left Wing, Blake (Montreal); Coach, Irvin (Montreal).

Alternate Team: Goal, McCool, (Toronto); Right Defence, Hollett (Detroit); Left Defence, Clapper (Boston); Centre, Lach (Montreal); Right Wing, Mosienko (Chicago); Left Wing, Carr (Toronto); Coach, Adams (Detroit).

Bill Durnan Is Awarded Vezina Trophy

MONTREAL, March 19 — (CP) — Surprising nobody at all, the National Hockey League announced tonight that Bill Durnan of Montreal Canadiens had been awarded the Vezina Trophy which goes annually to the goalie whose team is least scored upon during the regular season.

It was the second straight year that the award went to Durnan, who took it handily last season when he made his N.H.L. debut.

He let 121 goals by him in the 50-game schedule, an average of 2.42 per game. That was somewhat higher than his average a year ago when he had 109 scored against him, but he was still well ahead of any competition in the averages this season.

His closest rival was Toronto's Frank McCool, who let 161 goals by him in 50 games for an average of 3.22.

Ontario Sports Writer Dies At 58

PETERBOROUGH, ONT., March 19—(CP)—Fred D. Craig, sports editor of the Peterborough Examiner and one of the best-known sports writers in eastern Ontario, died tonight after thre days' illness. He was 58.

REMEMBER WHEN

Nineteen years ago tonight Johnny Risko, Cleveland's baker boy, defeated Paul Berlenbach, world light heavyweight champion, in a 10-round non-title bout in New York. Risko got no farther in the boxing hall of fame but he started Berlenbach downhill. Canada's Jack Delaney won the title from Berlenbach four months later.

Cornwallis Wins Halifax Senior Hockey Ch'ship

CORNWALLIS, N.S., March 19 —(CP) — The sailor puckchasers from H.M.C.S. Cornwallis here tonight clinched the Halifax Senior Hockey League title and the unofficial Maritime service championship by downing Halifax Navy 4-3 in an overtime contest. Bill Shill scored the winner in the second overtime session on a pass from Gaye Stewart, former Toronto Maple Leaf, to give Cornwallis the series in three straight games.

Frederic March Ill With Food Poisoning

NEW YORK, March 14 — (CP)—Frederic March, star of the Broadway play, "A Bell for Adano," was stricken with food poisoning during last night's performance and was forced to interrupt the show during the second act, Herman Bernstein, the play's general manager said today.

Bernstein said Mr. March's wife, actress Florence Eldridge, also felt it after dinner. Mr. March was reported by Bernstein as feeling better today and expecting to resume his role tonight.

Hamilton Wins Second Game

HAMILTON, Ont., March 19 — (CP) — Hamilton defeated Frood Open Pit 6-0 tonight for their second straight victory in the best-of-seven series for the Ontario Senior Hockey Championship. The O.H.A. champions were masters of the northern team, representing the N.O.H.A.

Famous Night Insanity Case Is Recalled

PHILADELPHIA, March 19 — (CP)—James E. Macusker, 72, owner and editor of "The Journal Of Commerce" for more than 50 years, and legally insane at night and sane in the daytime for eight years, died here Saturday.

In 1923, his wife, Mrs. Jeannie Macusker, appeared as complainant against him in domestic relations court on a charge of non-support. The court committed Mr. Macusker to hospital for observation and later there was a hearing on the question of his sanity.

The judge decided that Mr. Macusker's mind functioned normally for 12 hours daily beginning at 8 a. m., but between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. was swayed by delusions in which he imagined himself the victim of a political plot to ruin him and was convinced of his wife's infidelity.

From 1923 to 1936, Mr. Macusker went about his customary affairs between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. After 8 p.m., in accordance with an order of the court, he entered the Friend's Asylum and was put to bed, to remain until the dawn of legal sanity at 8. a.m.

In 1926 the court order was amended, leaving Mr. Macusker's nights at his own disposal, and in 1931 a jury erased the whole incident with a verdict that Mr. Macusker was "sane from 1900 to date."

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THE CANTERVILLE GHOST
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ROBERT YOUNG
A gal and a guy scare up a million laughs . . when they turn the tables and haunt a ghost! A new slant in fun!
SOURIS, THUR., 8 P. M.
MONTAGUE
SAT. 7:45 and 9:45 P. M.

SPORT FORUM

Sir,— In last Friday's issue of the Guardian and "In This Corner" section of the sport page there appeared several paragraphs in connection with juvenile hockey as it concerns Charlottetown and although no definite slam was directed to any party or parties connected with the subject, it however left a question open that should be answered and explained to all hockey fans in Charlottetown. Therefore the purpose of this letter is to enlighten all and sundry the true facts surrounding the juvenile hockey situation in this city, the home of the Maritime juvenile champions. Last year the juveniles brushed aside all provincial opposition and advanced to the N.B. - P.E.I. finals which was played in Saint John resulting in the continued march towards the Maritime finals with Sydney Cape Breton. At this stage of the game M.A.H.A. apparently set out to capitalize on the situation. The speculation started with M.A.H.A. auctioning off the Charlottetown juvenile Canadians to the highest bidder with a knock down price set before negotiations were started. We wanted these finals played in Charlottetown and the following is what M.A.H.A. demanded to allow the game or games to be played here.

A straight guarantee of $500. (five hundred dollars) plus 60% (sixty per cent) cut of the gate which would work out as follows.—

On a 2000 (two thousand) attendance at 40 cents would gross $800. (eight hundred dollars). From this amount the govt. tax would be $80. Which would leave $720. (seven hundred and twenty dollars) sixty per cent of this would be $432. to M.A.H.A. plus $500. guarantee or a total of $932. to M.A.H.A. from a total gate of $720. after deducting the govt. tax of $80.

This boils down to the fact that Forum would lose $212. in cash plus the use of the rink whereby the M.A.H.A. would profit to the tune of $932. less about $300. for bringing the team from Sydney or in other words a net profit to M.A.H.A. of something like $632 (What for)?

This is why the juvenile hockey playoffs were not played in Charlottetown last season. Do the hockey fans in this city know that this snappy bunch of hockey players who are the Maritime champions are playing the game for the love of it (unusual these days) and do not get a dollar from M.A.H.A. to finance their trips away from the city to enable them to advance to the Maritime finals? But in order to go out of town for games they must canvass the hockey minded citizens and the Forum to get enough money to barely pay expenses to outside points with the M.A.H.A. sitting back and smiling and waiting for the finals to roll around when they can make a grab and stabilize their positions with the C.A.H.A. at the expense of the hockey players and rinks concerned. I do not intend to let the Charlottetown Forum stand criticism when the said Forum is with the juvenile and all other teams in the interest of building up hockey players. We, the Forum, are always willing and ready to co-operate with all classes of hockey but being a business concern we cannot loosen the purse strings of the M.A.H.A. at our, or the hockey teams expense and only ask for a fair and reasonable break and at the same time having the interests of the teams at heart.

As for the series this year the M.A.H.A. wired for our proposition and suggested a straight guarantee or percentage (if the percentage is higher) see the catch?

I, as manager of the Forum, wired the president of M.A.H.A. a fair and reasonable proposition for this season's game or games but at time of writing have not received reply, and if we do not have the games in Charlottetown this season it is not because the Forum is holding out for any definite or set guarantee, but has offered a straight percentage on an equal fifty fifty basis, and offering the M.A.H.A. one half of the gate receipts without an outlay of a dollar by them, except bringing the team from Saint John.

In conclusion let me state that if the M.A.H.A. is, according to their constitution, a body to encourage and build up and govern hockey (amateur) why do they hold out for such outrageous and unreasonable demands unless it is for monetary reasons. If the entire set-up of M.A.H.A. and C.A.H.A. have arrived at a point where money comes first and hockey next then all I can say is the sooner we break away from M.A.H.A. the better for all concerned. We have given the fans of Charlottetown snappy and high class hockey this past season and the M.A.H.A. is not even in the picture, which is as it should be.

I am, Sir, etc.,
C.F. ARCHER
Manager Forum

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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DON'T FORGET GYRO Dance at the Charlottetown, Easter Monday. Dancing from nine to one.
3—20-22-26-28-29-31

POTATO GROWERS' MEETING — The National Film Board is providing new films on potato blight, weeds and fertilizers. These will be shown and discussed at the potato meeting, March 22nd.
3-17-31

COME TO THE GYRO Dance at The Charlottetown, Easter Monday. Dancing from nine to one.
3-20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 31

FIREMEN CALLED — The firemen were called to a residence at 169 Queen St. last evening at about six o'clock. The trouble was a stove which had been shut up tight and which had begun to smoke. There was no damage.

HORSE GOES THROUGH ICE — The firemen were called shortly before six o'clock last evening to rescue a horse that had broken through the harbor ice off Fort Edward. The driver of the horse had succeeded in removing him however and the firemen's assistance was not needed.

POLICE COURT — At the Police Court yesterday two female defendants in an Excise Act case were adjourned until today. Two drunks were remanded one week. A person charged with using insulting and abusive language was fined $10 and costs or twenty days. A drunk had his bail bond of $5 estreated.

PLATE GLASS BROKEN — A large plate glass window was broken in the store of Kelly and McInnis in the early hours of Sunday morning. It is said taxi drivers across the street heard the crash and immediately called the police who, though quickly responding to the call, could find no one about the premises.

RECEIVES EFFICIENCY MEDAL — Mr. W. H. MacLeod has received the Canadian Efficiency Medal awarded to his son Norman L. MacLeod, at present serving with the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals on the Western Front. Sigmn. MacLeod enlisted early in 1939 and has been overseas for more than four years.

K. OF C. SING SONG — A large group of servicemen enjoyed the regular weekly sing-song at the Knights of Columbus Hut when solos were sung by two airmen, LAC. Curran and LAC. West. They were introduced by D.E. Noonan, master of ceremonies for the evening and musical accompaniment was supplied by Mrs. Joseph Dougan and Miss Marian Dougan. Young ladies present as hostesses served lunch for the guests.

SERIOUS FIRE — Fire destroyed two large barns Saturday evening the property of Everett MacLeod of Clyde. A large quantity of feed and a threshing machine were lost in the blaze. Though Mr. McLeod was absent at the time of the fire, his wife and family succeeded in rescuing the stock and most of the farming implements. The heavy loss was partially covered by insurance. The fire started on the roof of one of the barns but it is not known how it became ignited.

DRAFT DEBATE CONTINUED — The Draft Address debate was continued in the Legislature yesterday afternoon and evening by Premier J. Walter Jones, Mr. Heath Strong, K.C., Fourth Prince, and Mr. George E. Saville, Fifth Kings, the latter moving the adjournment at 10:30. The report of the Department of Education for the period ending March 31, 1944, was tabled. The House adjourned until 3 P. M. today.

FOUND DEAD IN BASILICA—Michael Braham, aged 74, and a former resident of Kensington, was found dead at 7:30 yesterday morning, his body lying at the bottom of the concrete steps leading to the basement of St. Dunstan's Basilica, Coroner Dr. J. D. McGuigan, upon viewing the body, decided an inquest was unnecessary. The deceased had been living in the City for the past year. When he failed to appear for breakfast yesterday morning at his boarding house, 236 Grafton Street, the police were notified. A brother, James, lives in Kensington, and a sister, Mrs. Coleman Cameron, at Richmond.

PREDICTS VICTORY — Prospects for a sweeping Conservative victory under the leadership of Hon. John Bracken in the next Federal election were described in addresses delivered yesterday by Mr. R. A. Bell, Ottawa, national director of the Progressive Conservative party, who spoke before the women's organization in the afternoon and before the Queen's County executive and poll chairmen last night. Mr. Bell predicted that the results in North Grey would be repeated in many districts through the Dominion when the opportunity came, and stated the Conservatives now felt assured of such a victory at the polls as would give them a working majority.

Personals

Miss Nona E. Bruce R.T. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Munro Bruce, Valleyfield, P.E.I. left on the 14th for Kingston, Ont., where she takes up her work in the Kingston General Hospital. Her many friends wish her success in her work.

FILLONGLEY, England — (CP) — Lord Norton, who succeeded to the title in January, 1944, after the death of his nephew, has died in this Warwickshire town, aged 90. He was a son of the first Lord Norton.

SECOND GAME
THE FORUM TONIGHT -- 8.15
Collegians vs. S'Side Flyers
PLEASE: BE EARLY DO NOT SMOKE (PLAYERS' REQUEST)

Sport Shorts From Britain

By Allan Nickleson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, — (CP) — Post-war football suggestions coinciding with development of air travel, call for formation of a continental league with matches between main cities and also international games between countries The games would be played in mid-week to interfere as little as possible with the regular leagues in each country.

Whether the Football League, which embraces all main circuits in England and Wales, ever would permit air travel to matches under their jurisdiction is not known There is no mention of it in post-war plans so far but the League banned air travel to its players before the war.

When a Scottish combined services soccer team flew to Belgium recently for two week-end matches it was only the second time that a representative team from Britain had travelled by air. The first was last September when an English combined services team played in Paris and Brussels.

More than $900 000 will be required to restore London's war-damaged professional football grounds to their 1939 state. And since clubs are thinking more of rebuilding with improvements than merely of repairing, the total will likely be much higher.

Millwall, for instance, hopes to replace its burned-out stand with a two-story structure. Framework of the West Ham stand stood up to a flying bomb but club direcors may resurrect pre-war plans for a double decker stand on the opposite side of the track.

Even those grounds which escaped damage through enemy action will require considerable expenditure. In many instances, metal railings have been taken away for scrap and labor shortage has resulted in general dilapidation.

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George Thomas Bates a one-time jockey, makes something around $23 a week as a London bus conductor. But he pockets a good deal more by "going to the dogs."

Because Bates owns five greyhounds and finds it profitable business One of the dogs, O'Grady's Fancy, he bought last year for $160. Since then the dog has made a clear profit of $9,000 in running races and Bates has refused an offer of $4,500 to sell Another of the dogs Jollrover, has given Bates a clear profit of $45 a month over a considerable period.

And why does this man continue as a bus conductor?

"I believe in security," he says. "As a conductor, I know that I can definitely take home so much a week to my wife".

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When Ned Tarleton defends his British featherweight boxing crown against that rugged London fighter Al Phillips, it will be his last contest—win, lose or draw The fight probably will come off late next month and if Tarleton at 39, Britain's oldest champion, should lose, he probably will concentrate entirely on managing boxers He already manages Ernie Roderick, his brother-in-law who holds the British welterweight title, and recently took over Tom Short, 23-year-old lightweight A southpaw, Short is stationed on the same R A F station at Tarleton and won a recent London bout by a knockout in two minutes and 22 seconds.

A stone-built, unpretentious cottage in Helston, Cornwall, bears a plaque denoting that it was the birthplace of Bom Fitzsimons, old-time world heavyweight champion. The plaque was hung over the doorway by A. W. Weston of Bournemouth, a keen ring follower who has held "Fritz" as a hero since schooldays. Although Fitzsimons' name always was spelled with a double "m", the present owner of the cottage told Weston that the champion's birth certificate showed the surname to have only one "m". The spelling on the laque was made to conform with the certificate. The laque reads: — "Robert Fitzsimons, champion of the world, 1897. Born here in 1863."

An historic link with the British turf was broken when Anthony de Rothschild, banker millionaire, sold out his famous stud at the Newmarket December Bloodstock Sales.

Difficulties of carrying on the stud prompted the sale and Rothschild now has no racing or breeding interests. He may, however, return to the turf after the war. The de Rothschild family has been connected conspicuously with racing and breeding for more than 50 years, but Anthony has not had a horse in training since the start of the war.

The 21 mares and foals he sold at the sales realized the remarkable figure of $197,550. Mrs Florence Nagle, a well-known English breeder, paid the highest price for a de Rothschild lot with $28 675 for the mare, Summer Season, in foal to classic winner Blue Peter.

Incidentally, the highest price for a foal at the five-day sales was $18,800 for an eight-month-old filly by the unbeaten sire Nearco Capt. Marcus Boynton, young Yorkshire breeder-owner was the purchaser.

Steeplechasing, after a two-year government ban because of feed and transport difficulties, opened Dec. 26 at Windsor There was a large entry list and the chasing season will find no shortage of jockeys. Licenses have been granted to 98 to ride as professionals and 12 as amateurs. One hundred and eleven trainers have been licensed.

Difficulties include such crack riders as Frenchy Nicholson, Sam Magoo, E.C Taylor and W. Hollick

Gordon Roll, a millionaire British Army private who has been behind barbed wire in Germany for three years, is planning for the peace.

One of the best known racecourse figures in the years before the war Roll, by mail from his prison camp, has asked his trainer to buy 20 yearlings. He left the choice of the horses to the trainer.

Throughout his confinement, Roll has whiled away the hours by studying horses' performances and the wagering on them by mail So far, he is several hundred dollars "in the red."

Probably the greatest owner of racehorses in the world is the Maharajah of Gwalior who is reputed to have 150 mares at the stud in India There are between 20 and 30 more awaiting shipment to him from England.

At the recent Newmarket sales, Madrassi, and Mushban were purchased for him by an agent and will stay in training to race in England next season.

Awarded Certificate

A Certificate of Merit has been awarded Bty. Sgt.-Major W. T. (Bill) Crockett of the 2nd Hy. A.A. Regt. ourseas, signed by Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, in recognition and appreciation of outstanding good service and great devotion to duty during the campaign in France. Bty. Sgt.-Major Crockett has also seen service in Belgium, and is at present serving in Germany.

Gracie And Walton Tied For A. H. L. Scoring Honors

NEW HAVEN, CONN., March 19 (AP)—Bob Gracie and Bob Walton of Pittsburgh ended the American Hockey League's individual scoring race in a tie for the lead with 94 points, it was reported today by president Maurice Podoloff, who released the official statistics for the regular campaign.

The top penalty violator title went to Pete Bassone, Cleveland, who by being sent to the cooler for two minutes last week, closed with exactly 100 minutes off the ice. Frank Kane, Indiananpolis was runner up with 95.

U. S. Soldiers Want New Tanks, Not Talk

(The following dispatch on United States tanks is by a correspondent who just returned to London from the U. S. 9th Army front.)

By WES GALLAGHER

LONDON, March 16—(AP)—The reaction of American tank soldiers who have had to do the fighting is that they want new tanks on the battle line and less talk about them in Washington.

(Seventeen words censored from this paragraph.)

(Gallagher's dispatch was written in response to information that there had been much discussion in Washington about the new General Pershing tank, equipped with guns of 90-mm. calibre, nearly four inches.

(War Secretary Stimson said last week the General Pershing "is an answer to the German Royal Tiger in the sense that it is an improvement in line with the American concept of offensive warfare."

(Gallagher apparently was not permitted to say whether the Pershing has been in action in Europe.)

A new wide tread and increased flotation has made the General Pershing a better wet-weather tank than the General Shermans, hitherto the main dependence of United States armored forces. (107 words deleted before and after this paragraph.)

Canadian Tanks

(The United States Sherman and British Churchill tanks are in use in Canada's armored forces. The proportions of each type employed vary according to the type of action.)

"Give us enough guns to knock out the Tiger and we will carry them around on trucks," is the tank man's answer.

Men and officers alike who have seen battle action day after day and fought in Shermans for two years say they are fed up with the statements coming out of Washington praising American equipment.

Arousing the most ire was a dispatch about a month ago which quoted the United States army chief or ordnance as saying the Germans lost two tanks for every one the Americans lost and that American equipment was superior in every department. It was carried by Stars and Stripes, the army newspaper.

One American Colonel who has fought across western Europe summed up the attitude of the tank men when he said:

"I would like to have him in the lead tank during one of our attacks some day. He would damn soon change his tune."

The German army may well have lost two tanks to every one lost by the Allies, but that does not mean they lost them in armored fighting.....

This figure apparently included tanks the Germans lost to the air force, bazookas, Artillery, Mines and all other means.

The heaviest armored fighting on the Western Front during the fall and winter was during the United States ninth Army's drive to the Roer in November. In that action men of the American 2nd Armored Division, experienced and skilled, considered the trade of two Shermans for one Tiger or one Panther "good hunting."

American tank men say they feel that the Germans have been using Tigers and Panthers for two years and that only as the war is nearing an end are the American armies able to produce their equal, and that only in dribble form. (16% words censored.)

There has been almost no tank-for-tank fighting in the 9th Army's Drive to the Rhine and the 1st and 3rd Army attacks in the south. The Germans have been using their few tanks to support their infantry counter-attacks and have used armor in small numbers. They have been depending on artillery and anti-tank guns to halt American armor, which they have been unable to do. (25 words censored.)

NEW DETAILS—

(Continued from page 1)

conspirator meetings, and he also sent an attorney named Langbehn to Switzerland to ask the Allies whether he, Himmler, would be acceptable in case Hitler ceased to exist.

In a meeting with Gauleiters seven days after the ill-fated attempt, however, Himmler claimed Poplitz had got in touch with him and that he had pretended to play along to get evidence on the plotters.

The ideal occasion for putting the plot into effect seemed to come when Hitler invited Mussolini to general headquarters near Loezen in East Prussia to attend a ceremony incorporating two Fascist divisions into the Wehrmacht.

Von Stauffenberg, as excutive officer to the chief of troop inductions, Maj.-Gen. Friedrich Olbricht, was the customary officer designated formally to take in the Italian units with a crisp, brief speech. Von Stauffenberg and his fellow-conspirators, however, assumed that Hitler as usual would preside over the ceremony in a bomb-proof concrete bunker.

Act Saved Hitler

Instead, Hitler desired to put on an act of fearlessness before Mussolini, and hence held the staff meeting that particular day in a wooden shed camouflaged as a grove of willow trees.

The session opened with a 10-minute address by Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel expressing gratitude to the Fascists. Von Stauffenberg followed. Stooping to fetch a piece of paper with his remarks from a brief case next to his chair, he also pulled out an egg-sized bomb and with his boot shoved it unobserved under Hitler's chair.

His brief address over, Von Stauffenberg left since he had no further business and Hitler called for the daily overall Wehrmacht report. Von Stauffenberg lingered outside a few moments.

There was a terrific explosion. Von Stauffenberg, looking through a door that had been blown open, saw Hitler lying on the floor, blood-covered and aflame, and took it for granted the Fuehrer was dead. He clamly entered a waiting plane and flew back to Berlin, certain the plot had been successful.

But he learned later that Hitler, while listening to the Wehrmacht report, had left his chair and stepped to a cupboard for a magnifying glass. Thus the bomb hit him indirectly. The effectiveness of the blast also was marred by the fact it was intended for a concrete bunker rather than a resilient wooden shed.

LONDON — (CP) — A limited number of deep-sea fishermen in the Royal Navy may apply for their discharge providing they return to their peacetime jobs, the Admiralty announces.

Meteors are relatively small stores of rock swept up by the earth as it revolves around the sun.

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