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The Ministry of Supply's appeal to housewives to save clean, disused newspaper has been renewed. Old newspapers are urgently needed for special purposes, including the making of fresh supplies of newsprint. Nearly 1,400 local councils have just been asked to do all they can to collect newspaper and keep it separate from other waste paper. Housewives are asked to make separate bundles of newspapers and other waste paper. A final hint is: "If you must use paper for fire lighting, use as little as possible and see that it is soiled or greasy paper, which would be of little value as salvage."

—Evening News, Nov. 12.

WE TOLD YOU SO

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Education Chief Clerk Resigns

The retirement of Mr. S. E. Allen, Chief Clerk to the Portsmouth Education Committee, was announced at the meeting of the Committee yesterday.

The Chairman (Alderman F. G. Foster) said that Mr. Allen had not recovered, as he had hoped to do, from a serious operation and on the advice of his doctor he had felt it necessary to resign.

"Mr. Allen has served us faithfully for many years," said the Chairman. "He has served us well under adverse war conditions. We have worked harmoniously together, and I think it is for the Committee to do their best for him in the time when he feels it essential to retire. He was appointed Executive Officer of the Juvenile Employment Bureau in March, 1917. In March, 1927, he was appointed Chief Clerk for elementary education in succession to Mr. G. W. Allen. In 1932 he was appointed Chief Clerk for elementary and secondary education when the Education Department was reorganized under the scheme of the re-constitution of committees. Had his health permitted he could have served for another two and a half years. I thank Mr. Allen for his services."

Councillor J. E. Lane said they all realized the value of Mr. Allen's work and he moved that the Committee should ask the Finance Committee of the Council to consider what they could do to help in regard to his pension.

Councillor J. J. Mahoney seconded.

Alderman F. Beddow spoke of Mr. Allen's work at the Juvenile Employment Bureau and for education.

Tributes to the work of Mr. Allen were paid by Councillor W. T. Fellows from the point of view of a teacher and member of the Committee, Councillors R. Mack, Mrs. Childs, J. T. Triggs and J. C. Juniper, Miss F. M. Mewes (a teacher), and Mr. L. D. Fitzgerald as a co-opted member.

The proposal by Councillor Lane was carried unanimously.

AIR RAID CASUALTIES DOWN

Civilian air raid casualties in the United Kingdom last month were 2,510 fewer than in September.

Official figures issued last night show that in October 6,334 were killed and 8,695 detained in hospital. This compares with 6,951 and 10,615, respectively, in September.

Funeral of Sir R. Phillimore

A crowded congregation at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Sheffield, paid tribute to the memory of Admiral Sir Richard Phillimore who was buried there yesterday afternoon. He died at his residence, Sheffield House, after a short illness at the age of 75 on Friday last.

During a lengthy and brilliant naval career Sir Richard was the first Admiral to command a force of aircraft as part of the Fleet Air Fleet. He retired in 1929 and devoted himself wholeheartedly to public service in the Sheffield district, where his loss will be keenly felt by all sections of the community. Many villagers attended the funeral service.

The service at the church and graveside was conducted by the Rev. F. W. Martin (Vicar) and assisted by the Rev. E. S. Ut.erton. The hymns sung were "For all the Saints," "The day thy throne, gavest Lord," Psalm 107, the service concluding with "Eternal Father, strong to save."

Six bluejackets from H.M.S. Excellent acted as bearers, and H.M.S. Excellent furnished a funeral party, under the command of Lt. R. Johnson.

A detachment of the Sheffield Home Guard, in which Sir Richard was keenly interested, also took part in the service.

Family mourners were: Lady Phillimore (widow), Lt. Robert Phillimore R.N. and Mrs. Phillimore (son and daughter-in-law); Miss Margaret Phillimore (daughter); Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillimore (brother and sister-in-law); Rev. E. G. Phillimore (brother); Mr. Henry Phillimore (nephew); Lady Pole (cousin); Miss Audrey Phillimore (niece); Mr. Willis Fleming (brother-in-law); Miss Barbara Phillimore (niece); Lady Rose (cousin); Commander Francis Seymour, R.N. (cousin); Capt. Fane Dawson, R.N., and Mrs. Finch Dawson (cousins).

Others present were:

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Osmond de Beauvoir Brock; Rear-Admiral R. A. Durlie, representing Admiral Sir William James (Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth); Admiral E. Bampfylde; Vice-Admiral A. W. Leveson; Rear-Admiral R. B. Davies, V.C.; Paymaster-Capt. Prior Heather, R.N.; Lady Helen Abney representing the Earl and Countess Carrara; Lady Stevenson; Lady Lovell; Rev. W. A. Parker (representing the Bishop of Portsmouth); Mr. J. Haller Clark (representing Tse H and Tsinan House Seafaring Toys' Club, Southampton); Capt. Noel Morgan (representing Stratford Burel District Council); Eger, Rear-Admiral H. T. Somerford R.N.; Mr. F. S. McEwen; Mrs. Derek Stephens; Col. A. Y. Jeanes; Col. and Mrs. R. Hutchins; Mrs. Fortescue; Mr. Carpenter Garnier; General and Mrs. Charlton; Brig.-Gen. G. L. Ricketts; Major Randolph; Col. and Mrs. A. Powell; Mrs. Meredyth; Capt. H. Arden Bradshaw; Mrs. Mott Radclyffe; Mr. Noel Skelmore; Mrs. Douglas Law; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Portal; Col. and Mrs. Wilson; Col. and Mrs. A. J. Sutherland; N. N. Salmon; Col. and Mrs. A. J. Pinsent; Mrs. Maclean; Mr. H. Austin; Mr. Pine; Mr. Stuart Wortley; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wright (representing Sheffield and District Horticultural Association), Major J. A. Norton, Major-General Sir Herbert Powell, Miss Dixon (representing Sheffield Nursing Association), Sister Evans (representing Diocesan Council of Mothers' Welfare), Rev. E. S. Phillips, R.N.

Lieut.-Comdr. R. A. B. Phillimore, R.N., and Mr. J. C. Phillimore (serial R.N.) were on service abroad, and were prevented from attending. Capt. Douglas Long, who was Flag-Lieutenant to Admiral Sir Richard Phillimore in two of his commands, was unable to attend owing to illness.

Employees from Sir Richard's estate present in the church were: Gardener, G. Howe; A. Privett; A. Knight; Robin Knight; D. Smith (farm staff); Messrs. J. Weeks; W. H. Lewis; T. Lewis; A. Lewis (dairy staff); Messrs. J. Spencer; A. Richards (garden staff); Mrs. Spencer; Mrs. Gaines; Miss Smith (indoor staff).

The beautiful floral tributes included those inscribed from outdoor staff and their families; indoor staff; Sheffield Horticultural Society; the Home Guard, Sheffield; children and staff of Sheffield School; and children and staff of Sheffield Infants' School.

Merchant Navy Casualties

The deaths of 203 members of the Merchant Navy and fishing fleets "by enemy action on various dates" are announced by the Ministry of Shipping.

They include 10 masters, 1 skipper, 11 chief engineers, a surgeon, and firemen, engineers, stewards, radio officers, pilots, cooks, carpenters, and various categories of seamen.

Also in the list are 14 messroom, cabin, or deck boys.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

November 13, 1915.

The Admiralty announced the loss of the Submarine E20. The Germans stated that three officers and six crew were prisoners.

Gifts of money for aeroplanes were made by Ashanti Chiefs, Jamaica, Rhodesia, Trinidad, Johannesburg, British Guiana, and Ceylon.

The Germans claimed to have captured a further 1,100 Serbian prisoners, after capturing 4 guns on the heights of Jastebac. The Serbs announced that their total casualties in the war were 30,000.

Three Austrian aeroplanes dropped bombs on the Italian port of Verona. Thirty people killed and 29 injured.

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Our Ministers—Suggested Changes

THOSE irritating people, the long-haired gentlemen of the pink and red persuasion, have now for some little time been suggesting that changes are impending in the Cabinet. Their method, which is in terms which indicate a certain impatience, not to say temper, announces that the suggestions are entirely without foundation.

It is a bit of real bad luck that virtually, simultaneously, the Press publishes the latest unemployment figures for mid-October, which show that we have still 800,000 unemployed, over 600,000 of them wholly so. Now these of the "True Blue" may also prove themselves irritating, only, considering their colour, they cannot be regarded as suspect, when they hope that their colleagues of the pink and red are merely engaged in what Lord Curzon described as an intelligent anticipation of events.

The reason for their hope is this. You cannot expect Joan Citizen to send his sons and daughters into the Navy, Army and Air Force and Auxiliary Services and himself to work to the bone 17 hours a day, either in his office, at his bench, on his machine, or in additional voluntary work unless he has full confidence in those whose duty it is to use, direct and co-ordinate all this personal sacrifice, labour and enthusiasm in the most efficient and effective way. That full confidence is not there.

John Citizen is out for only one thing, that is to down Hitler and Hitlerism in the quickest and most effective way. He may be, and it is desirable that he should be, a fierce party man in peacetime, but in these times he cares not a jot for any party, except the war party, which includes us all, or for any colour, pink, red, or even "true blue," provided it is not black—or yellow. But he sees with concern the leaderships of the great departments continuing to be treated as party spoils and divided according to party and personal claims, instead of being allotted to the most qualified men in the land, and he sees also that Parliament, having decreed an extension of its existence has deprived him of the power to put this right by means of his vote.

He was sure that Mr. Churchill would remedy the situation when he took office. Mr. Churchill, in two attempts, has tried partially done so, and John Citizen found excuses for him in the conditions of the moments. But now it could seem that he is not working further. In a sentence that is either a discouragement to John Citizen, or, John being the sporting chap he is, feels that he is, a challenge, which will bring him to loggerheads with the Government, and neither of the alternatives is helpful to the full use of the country's war effort.

So let Mr. Churchill get to work a third time and begin by giving us a new Chancellor of the Exchequer and a new Foreign Minister. We mention these two out of a number because they are Conservatives, and we cannot be accused of party or personal prejudice. The administrative qualities and experience of a great party manager are not necessarily the qualities of a great war-time Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the exceptional qualities of heart and mind of the most loved Viceroy of India of recent times are likely to prove more profitable in the India Office smoothing most Indian difficulties than in circumventing the gangsters with whom a war-time Foreign Office has to deal, and whom he has, Mr. Chamberlain, proved to be morally incapable of understanding.

Jervis Bay's Epic Fight

THIS war has provided many instances of British heroism at sea, but to-day's story of the Jervis Bay will rank as one of the most glorious in the annals of the fleet. Out-gunned and with odds overwhelmingly in favour of the enemy she threw herself into an engagement which from the start could have no other end than death to the majority of her officers and crew. But that is a way our men of the sea have, whether they belong to the Royal Navy, the Royal Naval Reserve, or the Merchantile Marine; it is not their custom to surrender to any force, however superior in numbers, or to scuttle their vessel and throw themselves upon the mercy of their adversaries. This is the kind of action in which the German navy excels. With everything in their favour they are good fighters; they glory in smashing to pieces an enemy who has little chance of hitting them back.

With no hope of survival, but with one object in view, that of defending the convoy, the Jervis Bay steamed right into the teeth of the German warship's guns, and kept the enemy busy while the convoy dispersed over the Atlantic. Such heroism cannot be described in words. With one of his arms almost torn away, Capt. E. S. Fegen remained on the bridge of his blazing ship to the last. He died a hero's death, going down with the British flag still proudly flying and fighting to the last. His sacrifice and the devotion to duty of his gallant crew saved 29 out of a convoy of 38 ships. In this way the men of the sea ensure our food supplies in time of war.

Warships Shoot Down Raiders

British warships shot down three German raiders which attacked a convoy in the North Sea on Monday. These are in addition to the 25 planes which fell to the R.A.F.

An Admiralty communique states that H.M.S. Vivien (Lt.-Comdr. F. H. Beattie) shot down one Junkers-88 and also so severely damaged another that it is not likely to have regained its base.

H.M.S. Londonderry (Comdr. J. S. Dalisson) shot down another Junkers. H.M. ship St. Mellons (Temporary Lieut. H. L. Forster) shot down one Messerschmitt and damaged another enemy aircraft.

That night Germany broadcast a claim that five of our ships, totalling 37,000 tons, were sunk in this attack. This claim was "improved upon" by the German High Command communique, which claimed that seven merchant ships of about 44,000 tons were sunk.

In fact, states the Admiralty, no ships were sunk. Two ships sustained some damage, but both are now safe.

ECONOMY CALLS FOR AN ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT

Lessons From Childhood

By JAMES BAYES

WHEN you come to ponder over it, it is surely a strange thing that we should have got into the habit of associating the word "economy" with stinting and with mean, dreary people. We forget that the two races which excel in its practise—the Scots and the French—are regarded by the world as the most intelligent and the most imaginative in the world.

It does not need a war to make the French mother get busy with her needles to work out how to convert an old blouse into a bright dress for her child. She does it as a matter of course, partly because she would be stupid to throw away good material, and partly because it is fun to achieve the transformation, and when the dress is admired, to enjoy her little boast—"You remember that blouse of mine with the buttons down the front . . .?"

We English lost something when our standard of living rose so high. We lost that lively appreciation of economy as a science—the fascinating science of taking nothing at its face value, but delving tirelessly into its possibilities.

Born of necessity among the poor, this science of getting the best out of simple things has been of immense benefit to mankind. Even the very rich have reason to be grateful to it, for many a dish to be found on the menu of a luxury hotel originated in the home of some peasant hard put to make what was to him the same old food taste a bit different.

OUR STANDARD OF LIVING

Well, here we are in 1940, faced with the realization that the English standard of living will not be rocketing much just for a while, and (as I heard someone put it the other day) "we've got to come down to economy."

That very remark, one fears, is symptomatic. It is a pity, but it is true, that a nation with a high standard of living always has a good proportion of citizens whose major preoccupation is what is known as "keeping up with the Joneses." The higher the standard the more widespread the disease. In the United States, where the standard of living is supposed to top the world, the number of good folk joined in the race is said to be immense, and the pace is terrific.

But it is not a pity, it is equally true, and equally a pity, that the Jones's always seem to be just one step ahead in this marathon, for no one has a chance to keep up with them, and the race just goes on and on—unless there is a war.

The last time the runners were called off the course put a big absorbing contest was round about 1914 or 1915. But such is human nature that immediately after the signing of the armistice and before even the English Football League had resumed operations, the other great national sport was again in full swing, with its devotees hareing after the Jones's.

So it is that when a Twentieth Century war brings the call for economy this hard core of frustrated Jones-chasers has to be tackled.

No doubt you will say that if an appeal to patriotism has not the desired effect, taxation will. Up to a point that is true. But having an obstinate desire to see some good squeezed out of this war, I should like to go further and see a permanent cure effected among the Jones-chasers. Our social life would be immeasurably healthier for it.

Admittedly, it would be a tough job. You are dealing with people who really feel in their bones that it is a grander thing to be able to boast that you paid so-and-so for a frock for your child than to use your ingenuity in producing one from an old blouse. They are tied hand and foot, these luckless people, by Veblen's law of conspicuous consumption.

THE CHILD'S MIND

Since, for better or for worse, we have got to "sell" economy to the people of this country, why not link a bit of imagination to the truth and publicize the fact that economy is not necessarily a matter of scraping and starving but is intelligent and even entertaining study? Why not try and show the Jones-chasers what they have been losing all the time they have been striving to keep up appearances?

Economy would be far more widely appreciated in its true light if only persons would take to looking back on the days of their childhood and reflecting on the fuller use they then made of the things around them.

A child is seldom content to take anything at its face value and let it rest at that. Its mind is always probing possibilities in the most ordinary things, and consequently the world surrounding it simply teems with interest.

In my own nursery days I had a rocking-horse. When one was in the saddle it was, of course, just a horse. But when one sat underneath it on the rocker, and made suitable noises, it became a most satisfactory semblance of a Zeppelin. And if one squatted on the front of the rockers, beneath the head on which was pinned a card with the magic scribble, "No. 144: Kilburn Park Station to Watford") it became the very embodiment of a London bus.

MAKING THE MOST OF RESOURCES

Few indeed must be the children who do not at some time or another play the "desert island" game. The rules are that you deliberately narrow yourself on a note with one or two of your favourite books and pledge yourself to subsist on them for the afternoon. Long years after those books are remembered as no other books, even though you can barely recapture the deep thrill of those afternoons of sofa-exile. And the reason, of course, is that you exacted every bit of value from the material at hand.

To-day England is anything but a desert island, and we are far from marooned, but there is a great need for a revival of that faculty, so well developed in children, to make the most of the resources around us.

The trouble is that "economy" and "economics" are words which hold different meanings for different people. Even the dictionary definitions range as widely apart as "frugal use" and "distribution of wealth." A new word or phrase is badly wanted to convey the imaginative and creative values of the science which is so important to the success of the war effort.

City children evacuated to the country find new adventures on the farm, steeds and in the meadows. Their old-time town games are left behind, but they have plenty to interest them in their outdoor recreations.

City Topics

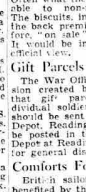
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The world is full of wonders, but nothing is more wonderful than man.

—Sophocles.

Medal and Promotion

Sergeant Pilot Ernest Ronald Abbott, second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Abbott, of Married Quarters, Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal and gazetted Pilot Officer for his services over Germany. Pilot Officer Abbott attended Purbrook Park County High School and joined the R.A.F. as a boy 12 years ago. The Abbotts are a Service family. Mr. Abbott is a retired Warrant Officer, Royal Navy, his three sons are in the R.A.F., and his only daughter is in the W.R.N.S.



Employment After the War

Norwich Council is getting anxious about the prospect of post-war unemployment, and is urging that plans should be prepared now to cope with the situation after the cessation of hostilities. In order to prepare plans it is necessary that the policy of the Government should be known, and with this object in view Norwich is urging that the Association of Municipal Corporations should get in touch with the Government departments concerned to ascertain what action is supposed. Support for this move has been asked from Portsmouth City Council, who have referred the communication to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

Condition of Sale?

It is illegal, we are told, to impose a condition of sale on unrationed goods. In regard to biscuits, however, shopkeepers are telling would-be purchasers there are "none available." Often what they mean is "none available for non-registered customers." The biscuits, incidentally, are kept on the back premises and are not, strictly speaking, "on sale" in the strictest sense. It would be interesting to know the official view.

Gift Parcels

The War Office corrects the impression created by a recent broadcast, that gift parcels intended for individual soldiers in the Middle East should be sent to the Army Comforts Depot, Reading. Such parcels should be posted in the ordinary way. The Depot at Reading can only accept gifts for general distribution.

Comforts For Jack

British sailors in a destroyer have benefitted by the thoughtful work of a knitting party of about a dozen Portsmouth women under the leadership of Mrs. A. Poke and Mrs. Ricks. For these men out on the high seas they have knitted 225 garments.

Hants Needlework Guild

In connexion with the Hants Needlework Guild, Portsmouth Branch, Lady Dupree and Mrs. Atkinson Dove, Presidents, wish to express their thanks to their subscribers, and also to the Presidents of the county branches—Romsey, Droxford, and Bishop's Waltham—for their contributions of 376 garments, which have been distributed.

By The Way

County Talk

A few days ago two bluejackets stopped Major C. H. Hannington, J.P., on the Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, and asked to be directed to another district in the City. They did not know, by his uniform as Commandant of the Special Constabulary, that he was on their right course, and as the sailors left him they passed a regular police officer, who heard one of them remark: "Cor blimey, Fred that was a polite Bobby!"

Frost: Motorists Warned

In present circumstances a car immobilized by frost can certainly not be repaired for a long time and may possibly be out of action for the rest of the war owing to the heavy demands made by the national war effort on the engineering trade, states the Ministry of Transport.

The methods of avoiding frost damage are well known and should be brought into use before the colder weather comes.

Christmas Gifts for Ships

The largest warship, H.M.S. Hood, is the special care of the R.N.V.R. and R.N.D. Associations War Comforts Fund, and the work has been so successful, that the fund has also taken under its wing a light cruiser, an auxiliary cruiser, and a Royal Naval Air Station in Scotland—a total personnel of more than 3,000. The Committee have also been asked to assist with comforts for seamen in Royal Naval Barracks.

Practically all the woollen comforts asked for by the first two ships have been supplied, and news has been received that 400 knitted articles are on the way from New York. Five hundred are also coming from Toronto, and more are promised. More games and books for all the ships are still wanted.

An effort is being made to provide Christmas presents for the ships and it is proposed to send games and other appropriate gifts to each mess.

The fund has an office in those of the Ex-Services Welfare Society, 53, Victoria Street, and the Hon. Secretary, Lieutenant Stanley Geary, would welcome voluntary clerical and packing assistance. At present he has one woman helper and a Sea Scout.

The Daily Smile

"I always take things as they come," said the pickpocket, as he dexterously relieved the man ahead of him of a watch and purse.

"And I take men as I find them," added the policeman, as he clutching him gently but firmly by the arm.

LETTERS

War Weapons Week

Sir,—It seems very strange that no member of our City Council has answered Dr. Montague Wolf's letter of November 6 in which he asks, "Is it true, that there has been a huge sum of the ratepayers' money, or is it being collected in the Council, no one what answer can be found to satisfy the ratepayers?

Surely our City Exchequer should at once relate any suggestion or rumour that public money has been taken to complete the million pound mark of War Weapons Week if it is not true.

—Yours, etc., W.R.

Sir,—In a recent issue of your paper Dr. Montague Wolf expressed the view of thousands of ratepayers who are interested in questions dealing with municipal financial policy. Perhaps the opinion expressed by Sir Harold Brink of ratepayers associations can well imagine what his opinion is of the attitude of our City ratepayer.

As the ratepayers' associations seem to have gone to earth for the duration, there seems to be no method of applying pressure, other than by holding a protest meeting. How much longer are we to continue to pay 9 per cent. on the £1,000,000 we borrowed, which has passed the date for redemption?

Other municipalities have been allowed by the Treasury to embark on new issues—why not Portsmouth?—Yours, etc.,

C. C. Barnes,
146, Kensington Road,
North End, Portsmouth.

Old Comrades' Grouse

Sir,—On Sunday 10th surviving members of the 1st Portsmouth Battalion, 14th Hants, laid a wreath in memory of comrades killed in 1914-18 at the Cenotaph. When I went there on Monday morning someone had thrown it face downwards to the left. Do those responsible for such an act know there was a Portsmouth Battalion? I should like to let them know they were the first to volunteer when their country needed them in 1914.—Yours, etc.,

H. Kerslake,
Hon. Secretary, 14th Hants O.C.A.
30, Foster Road, Lendport.
Late R.S.M., Hants Regiment.

The C.O.: A Way Out

Sir—The case of the employee who registers as a conscientious objector is a very clear one. The nation, through its representatives, has respected his scruples and allowed him alternative employ. In strife between employee of a local authority is already engaged. To dismiss him is western—he will not be—he cannot readily be replaced, disloyal because it penalizes men for using a right recorded them by law and unfair because the same conviction is different, treated in different ways.

There should be one rule for all as there is one law. No man should be dismissed on the ground of his objection to bear arms, but no man should receive more in "compensation" for present than he would receive if he joined the armed forces. The difference between present salary and military pay should be given to the war fund, to the Red Cross and the war fund. This is fair and just to all concerned—the objector, people, who may demur to it.—Yours, etc.,

Hildenborough.

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HOME SERVICE

(202.5, 296.2, 391.1, 449.1, and 48.82 metres)

5.0.—News (Welsh). 5.5. Studio Service (Welsh). 5.20.—Children's Hour. 6.0.—Time, News. Announcements. 6.35.—Forces' Favourites (Norwegian). 6.45.—The World Goes By. 7.15.—Young Lady at Large. 7.40.—Listeners in a Wood of Wit. 8.0.—Symphony Concert (Poulenc). 9.0.—Time, News. 9.20.—On Deerstalk. 10.30.—Family Worship (Welsh). 11.0.—Geraldo. 12-12.20.—Time, News.

FOREIGN

(373.1 metres; 41.49 metres)

5.0.—Time; Violin Solos. 5.15.—How D'You Like Your Harmony. 5.40.—Parish Mag. 6.0. News (Dutch and French). 6.30.—Britain and Its Music. 7.6.—Michael Finnis and Band. 7.30.—Sports News from Canada. 7.40.—Butler Satan (recital). K.C.—Meet the Empire. 8.20.—Send For Doctor Dick. 9.0.—News (German). 9.20.—Henry Hall's Guest Night. 10.0.—Time, Epilogue. 10.15.—11.0.—Jan Reesinks.

The Bombed Churches

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