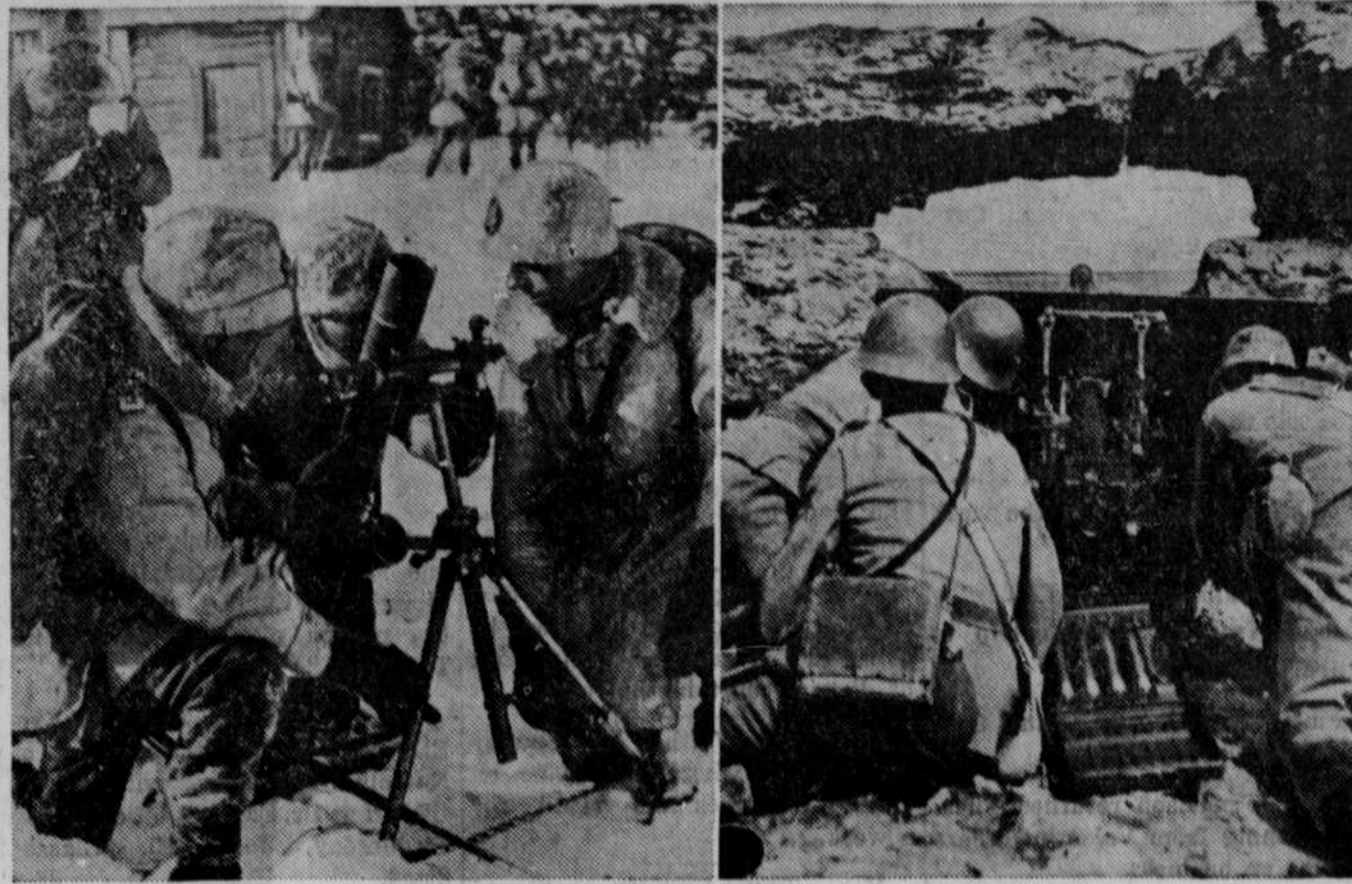


British Women Prepare Fodder for War Machine Swedish Troops Practice Arctic Circle Maneuvers



In response to Winston Churchill's call for 1,000,000 British women to aid in the production of munitions, these women workers mark shell cases before the projectiles are filled with explosive. Their workshop is a shell shed in a munitions depot of the British ministry of supply. Some 3,000,000 British women did this work during the World war. An even greater number of French women are taking an active part in war-time activities, many of them working on farms and in industrial plants.



Swedish troops who guard their country's northern frontier pictured at training maneuvers within the Arctic circle. It was in this area that Soviet warplanes bombed the Swedish village of Pajala. Left: Soldiers operate a mortar, similar to the Stokes machine. Right: Nature made this emplacement, used by an anti-tank gun crew near the border north of the Gulf of Bothnia.

Strange Facts

- Human Hair Mats
- Buddhist Masses
- Beetles on Pay Roll

Several cottonseed oil mills in the South still use the coarse hair of Chinese women to weave the mats through which the oil is separated from the seeds after they have been mashed by hydraulic process. One large mill in Memphis purchases 2,000 heads of such hair a month for this purpose.

The Japanese hold the world's most sentimental ceremonies—Buddhist masses for the "souls" of such objects as ships that have been sunk, oysters that have been eaten, dolls that have been smashed and needles that have been broken in the past year.

Because of its high nitrogen content, most of the hogs' hairs obtained in the slaughtering houses of this country is made into fertilizer.

More fish is used in manufacturing processes and products than is eaten as food.

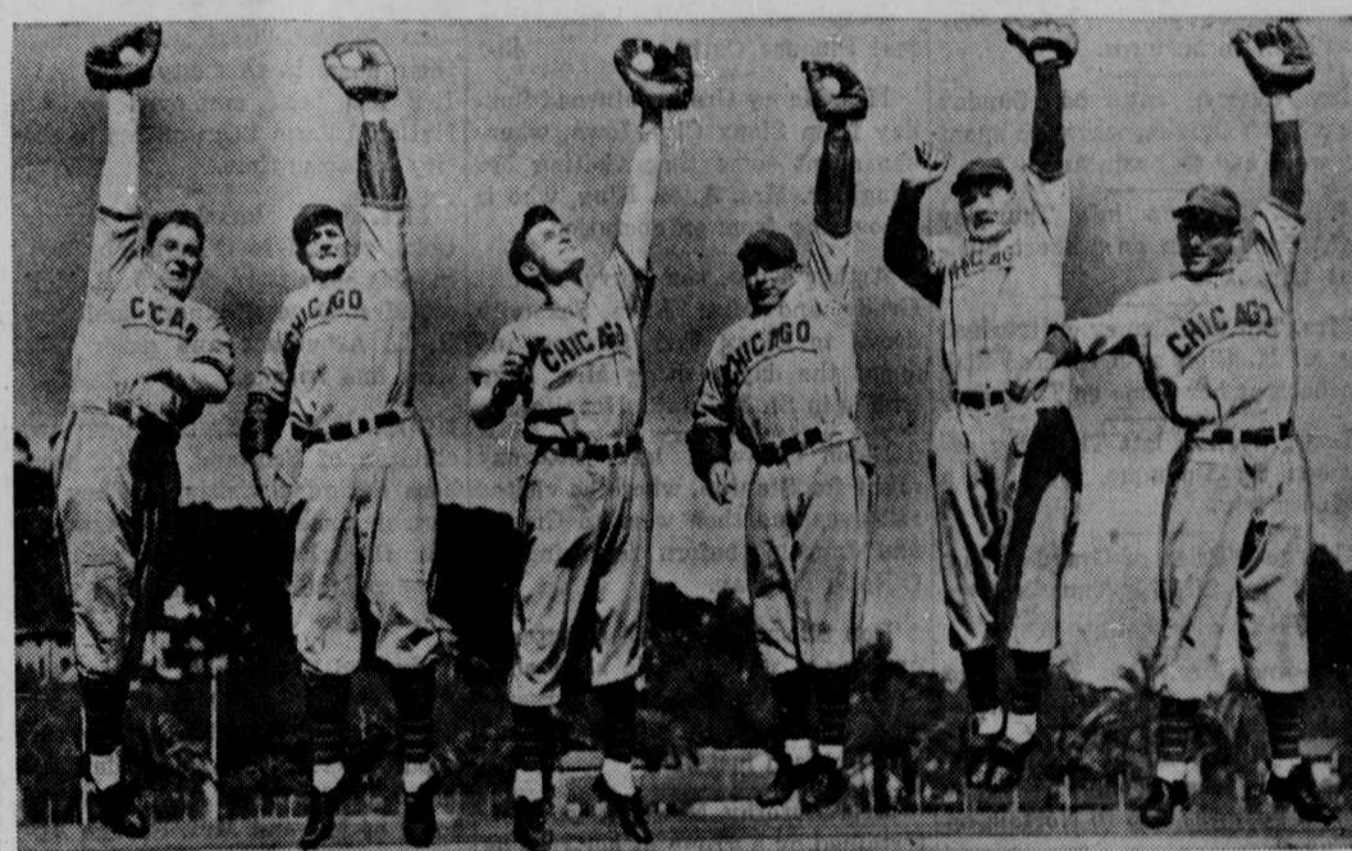
The American Museum of Natural History in New York keeps a small "army" of live beetles, whose job is to clean the bones of animals before they are mounted.—Collier's.

After Warbirds of Nippon Visited Chinese City



Street scene in Kweilin, Kwangsi province, China, after Japanese planes recently made a raid in which scores of persons were killed and maimed. Chinese soldiers of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's army are pictured patrolling the bombed area to prevent looting.

Cubs' Pitchers (Minus Dizzy) Begin Spring Work



Members of the Chicago Cubs pitching staff pictured limbering up in an early-season workout on Catalina island, Avalon, Calif. Left to right are Larry French, Bill Lee, Claude Passeau, Charley Root, Clay Bryant and Vance Page. Rain interfered with opening days of spring training. Dizzy Dean, No. 1 holdout, was conspicuous by his absence.

It Can't Sink, Claims Lifeboat Inventor



The invention of William L. Wheeler, Los Angeles, Calif., this lifeboat is claimed to be unsinkable. He invented the boat after three of his family had been lost in sea disasters. It is all enclosed, making it non-sinkable and non-capsizable. Buoyancy tanks underneath help keep it on an even keel. Designs for the boat have been completed by a famous artist, and application has been made for a patent.

Feminine Hercules



Miss Abbey Eville, telephone operator and feminine Hercules of Los Angeles, Calif., holds 180-pound Bruce Conner in the air by a hand grip. Miss Eville started exercising two years ago to lose weight. After working on horizontal bars and pole vaulting, she not only lost weight but gained unusual strength.

Finn Troops View 'Gift' From Invaders



White-clad Finnish soldiers give a "stolen" machine gun a thorough examination before putting it back in commission against its former owners. A foreign military observer estimated that 100,000 Russian soldiers lost their lives in bending the Mannerheim line far enough to threaten the city of Viborg. Finnish newspapers report that Russian material losses so far have amounted to 476 planes, 1,193 tanks, 302 field guns, 399 guns, 630 motor tractors, 117 field kitchens, 1,560 horses and much other miscellaneous equipment.

Dalai Lama



New spiritual and temporal ruler of Tibet, the world's only theocracy, is a six-year-old Chinese peasant boy, Ling-erg La-Mu-Tan-Chu, whose elaborate enthronement recently took place. He is accepted as the reincarnation of the thirteenth Dalai Lama, who died in 1933. Until Ling-erg is 18, a regent will perform administrative duties.

Moulding a Champion for Posterity



Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight champion, poses for sculptress Ruth Yates in her New York studio. The finished head of Joe Louis is at Dempsey's right. Miss Yates is making other heads of champions for her "sports hall of fame," which may find its way into Madison Square Garden.

Easter Service



The Christ, played by Grant H. Redford, meets Mary Magdalene (Mrs. Joy Dunyon) as natives of Utah practice their annual presentation of the life of Christ, which is given at dusk, Easter Sunday, in Zion National park.

As Byrd Expedition Crosses the Equator



Southward bound for the wastes of Antarctica, the Byrd expedition held appropriate ceremonies while the S. S. North Star was crossing the equator. Under the guidance of Dr. Alfred B. Geyer, a "southern cross" is clipped on the chest of Murray Wiener, assistant physicist of the expedition. Jack Gambole assists by washing Wiener's mouth.

Televisionist



Pictured at work in the office of his Fort Wayne, Ind., laboratory is Philo T. Farnsworth, who was recently designated one of the "ten outstanding young men of 1939." Farnsworth, who is now 34, had filed a patent application on a complete television system before he was 21.

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