

# Allies Still Face Big Task in North

### Must Prevent Reinforcements Reaching Nazis in Norway To Complete Triumph.

By DE WITT MACKENZIE  
The second vital phase of the battle for Norway—the allied attempt to oust the German invaders and gain control of this land of fjords and mountains—gathered headway today.

The first phase, the bloody and destructive naval battle which grew out of the Nazi occupation, still continues with the Anglo-French naval forces at this writing recording a very considerable victory.

Nothing was reported overnight to controvert the claim by British first lord of the admiralty, Winston Churchill, that England still ruled the waves.

To secure the benefit of their naval success, however, the Anglo-French brotherhood, co-operating with Norwegian regular troops and rugged volunteers armed with shotguns and what-not, must clear the country of German troops.

**What Control Means.**  
That will involve the landing of allied expeditionary forces—a heroic and sanguinary business. The meaning of control of Norway is this:

For Germany: It would prevent the opening up of a new land front for allied operations against Germany's right flank. It would secure the continuation of iron ore supplies from Sweden—an absolute necessity for the reich. It would be a heavy blow to the efficiency of the allied blockade. It would secure large food supplies from Scandinavia and, by the same token, deprive England of them.

For the allies: It would enable the opening up of military operations against Germany from the north. It would deprive the reich of sorely needed supplies, including the Swedish ore. It would lighten the straining effect of the blockade immeasurably.

**Allies Still Face Big Job.**  
Churchill yesterday said that Hitler's invasion of Norway "has doubled the efficiency of the allied blockade." That figure sounds rather high, but the first lord didn't explain how he arrived at the estimate. In any event, he perhaps was counting some of his chicks before they are hatched, for the allies must certainly oust the Germans from Norway in order to cash in on their naval triumph.

Churchill also said that the allies will take what they want on the Norwegian coast, as soon as the British fleet has reached its primary goal, that is, destruction of German sea power. They haven't waited to reach that goal, however, before striking against the invading troops. Various landing operations are reported as boiling up.

Speed is the essential in the landing operations. If the Germans succeed in entrenched themselves it will be a herculean task to eject them. The immediate allied concern therefore is to prevent Nazi reinforcements from reaching Norway, and at the same time get expeditionary forces ashore at strategic ports.

## New Service Station to Rise at Sutherlin

SUTHERLIN, April 11.—A. L. Real has announced that contracts have been let and work will be underway next week for a service station to be constructed on the avenue in Sutherlin. The structure will be of concrete and will cost approximately \$4,000. The station will be complete in every sense of the word and will require 30 days to build. The Standard Oil company has leased the station and will take it over immediately following construction.

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# SERIAL STORY K. O. CAVALIER

BY JERRY BRONDFIELD

**CAST OF CHARACTERS**  
VAL DOUGLAS—girl sports writer, shipped on a freighter to find excitement.  
EDDIE CAVALIER—a prize fighter headed for the title, has a secret to settle with Val.  
CAPTAIN STEVE HANSEN—skipper of the Northern Belle.  
DUFFY KEISO—Cavalier's manager.

YESTERDAY, Eddie is in good shape, gives the sea air credit. He admits to Val that she wouldn't be an bad if she could just forget she is a newspaperwoman. When Val takes over preparing Eddie's diet, Cavalier kids her, finds himself peeling potatoes. Only after he has peeled 25 pounds does Wong let him know that an electric peeler would have done the job in 15 minutes.

**CHAPTER XI**  
"If I got a thousand bucks for each one I ate I wouldn't touch a one," Eddie Cavalier pushed the potatoes away from him distastefully.

Val grinned. "I'll have a double helping tonight," she said and Steve Hansen roared. "I took a beating in my second amateur fight that I'll never forget," Eddie said to Mike Kelly, "but that was mild compared to what I'm taking aboard this mud snout."

But he grinned as he said it. Val Douglas liked that grin. It was big and boyish and she wondered why she'd never noticed it before.

The sky was overcast and there was a slight mist in the air when they had finished eating and went up on deck.

"Pretty raw night," Captain Hansen observed. "I don't like the looks of this," he said thoughtfully.

"And I've read every piece of printed matter aboard ship," Eddie crumpled. "Including the seaman's manual and the calendar, from January to December."

Val laughed. And then before she hardly knew what she was saying: "I've got some checkers down in my cabin."

"Well," he said delightedly. "What are we waiting for?" They left Steve Hansen standing there. "Well, I'll be—," Steve said softly, and reached for his pipe. "I wonder..."

Val curled her legs under her on the small divan and shook the little wooden discs from a box.

"I'll take the black," she said. "Perfect match for your hair," he observed. "And that's a concession. I didn't think you had any at all."

She beat him the first game and then he beat her three straight.

"You can't even make it interesting," he lamented. "Even when I pull my punches."

"Oh, you weren't trying?" "Practically playing h l l a d-folled."

She pushed the checkerboard aside.

"What are your plans for the future, Eddie?" The suddenness and earnestness of her question surprised him for a long moment. He blinked a couple of times and fumbled for an answer.

"I get it," he said slowly, meaningfully. "Your story again, eh?" She felt a light flush creeping up her face. "Forget it. 'Nother game?"

"I'm sorry," he said, strangely contrite. "I'm sorry I said that. But—why did you want to know?"

She looked at him levelly. "I'm really interested. I've wondered why you took up fighting since the first time I saw you in the ring and spoke to you."

"It's paid me well. It's the thing I can do best. And it's honest work."

"For the most part," she admitted. "I intend to keep it that way," he said quietly.

"Do you like fighting?" "Why not? Oh, I'll admit it's no fun getting belted around and stopping a lot of leather with your face. But I don't stop so much," he added significantly.

She smiled slightly. "Yes, I know. You're a pretty slick article. Haven't got a mark on you. Not a smudge of a bruise either."

He held up his hands. "See these? A long time ago I hoped they'd hold a surgeon's scalpel score days. But things don't always work out. He leaned back against the cabin wall.

There was a funny feeling inside her as she waited for him to continue. She didn't dare utter a sound for fear it would break the spell. This was the Eddie Cavalier she had never known—the Eddie Cavalier the boxing world had never known, for that matter.

"Two years of college was all I was able to get in. My father was killed in an auto accident and I had to drop out of school to keep things going for Mom. I'd been contender waterweight champion in college and when Duffy Keiso came along with an offer to turn pro I jumped at it."

He looked at her keenly. "Simple, isn't it?" She nodded. "Simple enough. But what about the future? I suppose you'll sink your savings into a restaurant. Just like Dempsey, Walker, Cansport and some of the others."

# FLAPPER FANNY

By Sylvia



"By the way—a guy was here before and he said he wanted to contact you. Did he?"

## Russia Moving Army to Balkans

**Rumania Takes Steps to Meet Nazi Mobilization Threat; Embargo Placed on Seeds.**

BUCHAREST, April 12.—(AP)—Large numbers of soviet Russian troop reinforcements were reported today to have moved into the Odessa region from the north. Odessa on the Black sea, lies about 25 miles from the Rumanian Bessarabia border.

(Russia lost Bessarabia to Rumania in the post-world territorial changes and has never renounced her claim to it.)

Meanwhile the Rumanian government issued a decree that all national defense factories must immediately store supplies for use in case of general mobilization.

Supplies must be sufficient for 15 days, the decree said. At the same time an embargo was put on export of sunflower seeds to Germany, which previously has bought almost the entire Rumanian crop to replace her deficiency in fats.

**Allied Force Inadequate**  
The freely-expressed fear in the Balkans that Germany might move into southeastern Europe was heightened by the comments of numerous British and French officials in the near east that allied forces were unable at present—to resist effectively.

These officials said the British-French armies in the Levant were strong enough to defend that area but were not yet prepared for any major expedition away from their bases.

They said the largest force which could be sent out of Palestine, Syria and Egypt was 200,000, small

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# Churchill Praised In British Victory

**Initiative in Spurring British Navy Recognized; Spirit of Nelson Among Ships Seen.**

By DE WITT MACKENZIE  
The Anglo-French brotherhood has served its cause right well thus far in the battle of the Norwegian main.

The spirit of Nelson surely was abroad among the English ships as they maneuvered against the enemy on the green waves of the storm-hashed North sea and drove their steel noses fearlessly into hostile waters.

With the action still continuing it is too early to talk of final results, but we can say that the allies already have won a far-reaching moral victory.

Few things could do more to raise British and French prestige among the neutrals at a critical moment when some of them had begun to believe that the allied governments were indeed, as their own people charged, lacking in initiative against the blitzkrieg methods of Herr Hitler.

**Praise for Churchill**  
And so I feel constrained to ask the reader to meet once more Britain's first lord of the admiralty, Winston Churchill—the man behind the gun in the demonstration of naval might and prowess against the Nazi invasion of Scandinavia.

Mr. Churchill, you will recall, was the political lone wolf who the other day was elevated through public insistence to the directorship of war operations for his Britannic majesty. The public demanded greater initiative, and figured that this many sided genius was the one to give it to them.

He was, and he is. His personality has been keeping sleepless vigil over the great maps at the admiralty.

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