"CRACKED GUNS"—FRENCH ARMS CHARGE

"I Must Succeed"

—MOLLISON

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last night, smiling grimly as he thought of all he has at stake.

Then, jokingly, he added: "Well, if I fail I will probably have to ask you for an office-boy's job. But I'm a Scotsman. I would not risk my bank balance if I did not think I would win through."

He will take off from Floyd Bennett airfield, New York, next month in a Bellanca "Flash" low-wing monoplane, only machine of its kind in existence, which now awaits him in Delaware, USA.

He will race across the Atlantic for Croydon airport—has set himself a time limit of 17 hours for the 3,000-mile flight.

Within 24 hours of landing at Croydon he will, weather permitting, take off again to attack whatever record has been established for the London-Cape flight by competitors in this month's Johannesburg Air Race.

Confident of success in both these projects he is planning to crown them both by flying round the world at the equator.

He has trained for these flights as thoroughly as an Olympic athlete, and talked to me with the easy self-assurance of a man who has decided to take the train to Brighton.

Like A Boy

He told me of his Bellanca Flash like a small boy talking of his first railway engine.

"She weighs nearly four tons when loaded, carries 600 gallons of petrol, 42 gallons of oil," he said.

"In addition to her great speed she has a range of 4,000 miles.

"I am calling her after a friend of mine—but I won't tell you the name yet. I want to keep that as a surprise.

"Everything is fixed ready for me to take off at the first favourable opportunity after October 15. I shall fly the Atlantic by night, arrive at Croydon in the morning.

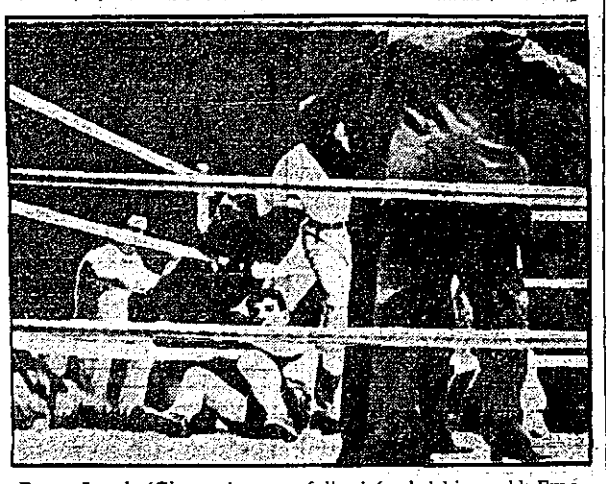
"The 'plane has cost me a hell of a lot of money.

"I am very far from being a millionaire. That is why I have to succeed.

"I shall start to cross the Atlantic some time between October 15 and 20. I think I shall do New York to London in 17 hours.

"Weather permitting I shall take off within 24 hours to attack the Cape record. Amy holds that record now. I think that some one is bound to break it during the Johannesburg air race, which starts on September 29."

BENNY LYNCH DELIVERS KO



Benny Lynch (Glasgow) successfully defended his world, European and British fly-weight boxing titles at Shawfield Park, Glasgow, last night, knocking out Pat Palmer (London) in eighth round. In picture Palmer is lying in his corner. Seconds have invaded the ring. Fight described on Page 21.

"Shackleton Of France"

ONE MAN ESCAPES

ONE man is left to tell the tale of disaster which overtook France's most famous exploration ship Pourquoi-pas (Why Not?) off the Icelandic coast yesterday.

He is Eugene Gouidec, who for many hours after his rescue lay in a hostel, too exhausted even to give his name.

Gouidec, one of the vessel's crew, says the Pourquoi-pas was forced to return from Cape Reykjanes on Tuesday night to seek shelter at Reykjavik.

Aground

At five o'clock yesterday morning, she ran aground. Shortly afterwards, sprang a leak and the engines stopped.

Terrific seas broke over the ship, making it impossible to launch the lifeboats.

The crew put on their lifebelts, but the boat was continually submerged by huge waves and one by one they were washed overboard.

Dr Charcot said when the Pourquoi-pas left on this tragic trip: "This voyage will be the last one I shall ever undertake."

Dr Charcot left France for Greenland last July to pick up the members of the Greenland expedition.

Dr Charcot was 69: leaves a widow and two daughters.

During the world war he took a leading part in the anti-submarine campaign of the Allies, since he knew northern waters intimately.

The expedition, whose members Dr Charcot was bringing home, sailed from Copenhagen on April 25 this year, and reached Christianshaab, on the west coast of Greenland, in the middle of May.

Crossing the great ice-cap and mountain ranges at an altitude of from 6,500 to 10,000 feet, they were entirely cut off from communication with the outer world for seven weeks.

—*Reuter and BUP messages.*

MAIDEN VOYAGE

The new 15,000-ton liner Dunvegan Castle will start from Tilbury on her maiden voyage to Capetown tomorrow.

TREASURY BANS FUNDS FOR SPAIN, EITHER SIDE

Daily Express Industrial Reporter

THE Treasury has placed a ban on the collection of funds for Spain in Government offices.

An appeal for funds was made by the Civil Service Clerical Association three weeks ago. It has met with a discouraging response, brought threats of resignation from association members.

Now the Treasury has sent a circular to all departments prohibiting the exhibition in any Government office of any poster or subscription list dealing with the association's appeal.

Civil servants are also advised that the Treasury disapproves of office hours being devoted to collecting funds for either side in the civil war.

"The result of the Treasury circular," explained a member of the Civil Service Clerical Association to me, "is that any member who wants to contribute will have to send his subscription directly to the association's head office. Judging by my own department, few members will go to the trouble."

Alcazar Women: 'We Stay'

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the question to his officers of letting the women and children leave. The officers had taken it up with their families and relatives who are with them.

The women, especially those who have husbands or brothers inside, said the deserters, rejected the idea and elected to share the fate, whatever it might be, of their men folk.

Colonel Moscardo, whose wife is not with him, sent a message to her that he would "die like a Christian soldier."

Perhaps it is not only determination to stay with their husbands that inspires the women in the vaults and tunnels underneath the wonderful structure up there on the height. They have not yet given up hope of relief by General Franco's columns.

The besiegers continue the bombardment daily. Also, they persist with their plans to blow up the Alcazar. A tunnel, the entrance to which is through a little shop in one of the buildings closest to one corner of the Alcazar, is being steadily driven deeper.

Mine Trap

Two miners are working in the low, narrow tunnel with compressed air drills. The atmosphere is hot and stifling, and the workers are troubled by dust.

A small petrol engine furnishes the power for the compressed air pump.

They hope soon to begin the work of tamping in the dynamite.

One of the three deserters said that the chug-chug-chug of that little petrol engine, which they could hear plainly, and the purpose of which they knew, was getting more on the nerves of the garrison than all the shells and airbombs so far fired or dropped on the Alcazar.

The presence of the 400 women and children will now be no deterrent on the attempt to blow up the garrison.

"They have had their chance," was the laconic remark of an officer.

The ancient, narrow and crooked streets of Toledo are almost deserted. A reign of terror has stalked through those streets. No one knows how many of the population have been executed by the Government Militia.

Toledo's inhabitants were largely Conservative or Clerical. An officer told me that on the "Plaza de Execution," not far from the famous Cathedral, more than 400 persons had been shot, perhaps 100 of them priests. He was not sure about the exact number.

Heavy Shelling

The setting sun was once more gilding the Alcazar as I took my last look from a thousand yards away on the other side of the Tagus River.

Shells from the eight-inch mortar and six-inch howitzer, one every five or six minutes, were biting big chunks out of the remaining walls.

Great geysers of stone, dust and yellowish sulphur smoke leaped high and then drifted slowly away. Pity and horror filled my heart as I thought of those 1,800 souls, 400 of them women and children who have nothing to do with this struggle, waiting, fearing, hoping. . . .

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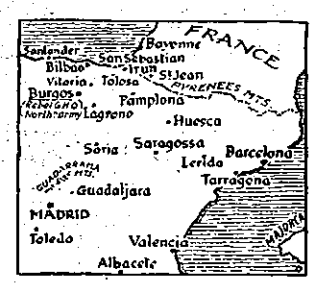

63rd Day of War

500,000 Trapped In Two Cities

Sharp fighting was reported last night between Saragossa and Huesca. Insurgents said to be within 15 miles of Toledo.

San Sebastian's victors are pressing on to Bilbao and Santander, where 500,000 people, defended by 40,000 Government militia, are hemmed in by enemy forces.

Soviet Radio Taunts: 'Hitler's Party Fell Flat'

MOSCOW TRIED TO HAVE THE LAST WORD IN THE PROPAGANDA WAR BETWEEN THE USSR AND GERMANY, WHEN THE FOLLOWING SALVO WAS BROADCAST YESTERDAY:—

"The Fascist parade is over, and now the entire world is asking with amazement what could have inspired this peep-show, more reminiscent of the reigns of Cæsars than of the twentieth century.

"The decadent Cæsars when they were awake long enough to listen to the mutterings of the people gave a show, flung a party, in which human beings were thrown to the wild beasts.

"The sight of the blood mingling with the sand in the arena was calculated to still the sufferings of the people.

"Hitler, Goebbels, Rosenberg, Hess and Co are well aware of the sufferings of the German people. They cannot give them bread, so they fling a party.

"But alas the whole party fell flat! All Herr Hitler could vouchsafe to the German people's long expected increase in wages was a gruff 'tighten your belt.'"

Sir E. Grigg: "Keep Out Of Spain, Europe"

Sir Edward Grigg, MP for Altrincham, Cheshire, said at the Altrincham Agricultural Show yesterday:

"The Government have been wise to pursue a policy of strict non-intervention in Spain and to try to persuade other Powers to do the same.

"Our business is to try to keep out of this clashing of extremes all over the world. We are clearly removed from both Communism and Fascism. The problem of how to keep out is the most important with which we are now faced."

Might Have Put Ships In Peril

Daily Express Staff Reporter

PARIS, Wednesday.

METAL tubes, intended for the guns of a new French submarine being built in St. Nazaire, which it is alleged were cracked, and then soldered over, are believed to be the cause of the French Government's judicial inquiry concerning famous munition firms — which opened today.

Neither of the firms—Schneider - Creusot and Brunon-Valette—was willing to discuss the affair today.

It is stated, however, that two months ago, at the Brunon-Valette tube factory, French Admiralty engineers refused to pass a consignment of tubes because they showed signs of having been soldered.

This might have caused them to explode under high pressure with disastrous consequences to the ship into which they were built.

Certain action was taken by the firm, and every one thought that the matter was closed.

But three days ago an inspector-general of the French naval technical services arrived at the factory.

He examined the consignment of tubes once more, and this time paid particular attention to the control-stamps affixed to the tubes, which purported to show that they had been passed as sound by the State supervisors.

Now comes the allegation that Government marks had been fraudulently stamped on the firm's products.

Abyssinia Sets League A Problem

GENEVA, Wednesday.—The League Assembly, meeting on Monday, will be confronted with one delegation that may be adjudged to have insufficient credentials, and another that has too many.

Reason: the Negus has decided to send a delegation. They may be found to have inadequate credentials. The Italians, whose credentials will be made out in the name of the King of Italy and Emperor of Abyssinia, will raise as difficult a problem.—Reuter.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, recovered from chicken-pox, will leave London on Sunday morning by air for Geneva.

IT'S ALL A MATTER OF LIGHTING

—and not years! Only a few minutes separated the taking of these two pictures, and moving two fittings and turning two switches made this change. And so a wise hostess will rely on Cromptons, properly placed! *"The Crompton Story of Seeing" will show you how to arrange your lighting and any Crompton dealer can supply Crompton lamps suitable for any domestic purpose.

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