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The head of the Free French navy, Admiral Muselier, inspected his forces on the East Coast. Note the cross of Loraine, symbol of Free France. Wrens were in the march-past, but from a strictly professional point of view the Admiral was chiefly interested in the men. And a good show they made. The threat of Vichy to convoy French food ships has given Britain, as well as the Admiral furiously to think.

Tin hats for all is the goal of some Ministry of Supply factories now in full production. The machinery has been set up, and gently but firmly persuades thin sheets of steel to get into shape. Millions of helmets are wanted as soon as possible.

Definitely as worn everywhere this season, by everyone who wants to be here next season. Wartime millinery calls for a man's touch.

They're all battleship-grey, so we shan't have to waste time choosing one that matches the shelter carpet. The first deliveries will be for firewatchers. The new helmet differs from the military type in having a lace-up inner part, to fit tight, so needing no chin-strap. In a few weeks everybody'll be able to buy one for 5/6.

Buckingham Pelace has had another bombing. The main part of the building escaped, but a direct hit shattered the North Lodge, where falling masonry killed a policeman. There were no other casualties. The bomb here was one of seven that straddled the palace. A useless raid this, and now that we're bringing some night bombers down this side of the war has take a brighter

turn.