

The limit of depression in the world's affairs has been passed and now we can look forward with confidence to the coming of better times, it may be gradual but even so it will be more lasting.

There are many about us in need of friendly assistance especially during the winter season. We admire the large band of splendid workers who do so much and so quietly to help their fellow beings. The general support of the organizations whose objects are philanthropic is commended to us all.

Here we see the French delegates arriving at Clarence House, London, Eng-land, to attend a session of the Naval Conference. On the left is Vice-Almiral DURAND-VIEL, chif of the French naval staff.

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the border of their Somaliland they seem to still have Gorrahei and Gerlogubi; and on the other front they are 30 miles beyond their border. There have been some 10,000 Ethiopians killed, mostly by bombs from planes. Their own casualties have been among their colored troops, although it is reported that many of their white soldiers have been sent home because of sickness. To date the Ethiopians must be credited with waging a victorious defensive. They have the laugh on the Italians, who boasted they would be in Addis Ababa "long before Christmas." Their guerilla tactics have destroyed so many caravans and outposts and so threatened the Italian lines of communication that Mussolini's generals have been forced to proceed with great caution and in some cases to withdraw from ground that had been captured. On the southern front the Italians are virtually back to the points they had reached within two weeks of the opening of hostilities. On the northern front they seem to have difficulty in maintaining themselves in Makale. The whole world is wondering why they do not push on from Makale and forestall the rainy season that may open in a few weeks. The answer probably is that they are afraid to move on until they have completed the good roads that are being built from Eritrea to their present front. In the absence of such roads the wet season would bring them sure disaster The League of Nations counted on the Italian army conducting a continuous and well-sustained offensive in which vast quantities of shot and shell would be used. But all the ammunition so far used in the Ethiopian war would not equal the quantity fired in a single day of one of the nameless battles on the western front during the Great War. It is a fair guess that Eritrea is glutted with war material that the Italian command expected it would have used long since.

With renewed hope and divine blessing may all have comfort and freedom from distressing care all through the year.

Our people may feel assured that courage, application and thrift will win the day.

> MURRAY MacLAREN, Lieutenant-Governor.

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