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ETHIOPIA IS A STRANGE COUNTRY - IT IS CALLED **ABYSSINIA BY FOREIGNERS**

a Quarrel

It is well to have some first hand telegraph wires to make bracelets and shamma thrown over one shoulder. one may see fifty to a hundred men knowledge of Ethiopia. It is now and necklaces. Consequently the train Ninety percent of the faces were com- and women bathing together-all will be for some time in the public may be anywhere from a day to a pletely black though a certain beauty stark naked. They are not in the week late. eye. Richard Haliburton, who writes for Giraffe Creates Problem

the Toronto Star, visited Ethiopia, he The greatest excitement of the jourtells what he saw there in an enter- ney happened at the half-way point taining manner. From his story we where the ascending and descending Paris, though it has less than 80,000 a hundred naked bathers leaped from extract the following

living in the crazy, bewildering coun- route to Djubuti and Europe. The trans planted forty years ago when King excessive drinking is the rule. Contry of Ethiopia. If you look at a map of Africa you offered numerous problems to the who founded the modern empire of any citizen of Addis Ababa found on

is called by foreigners-situated at the into an open top box car but his made it his capital. northeast corner of the continent, twelve-foot neck towered high above near the southern end of the Red Sea, the roofs of the rest of the train-

I noticed the slave quarters at the ^c Cut off from the rest of the world much too high to get through the palace. Slavery is one of the most by deserts and mountains, by the numerous tunnels along the way. savagery of its people, by its self-con- An ingenious device solved the dif- pia. Of the country's 10,000,000 people sure from the barkeeps themselves. tained character, it has remained com- ficulty. A halter was put over the gir- 2,000,000 are slaves. In Addis Ababa At the first moment of my arrival pletely and proudly independent, while affe's head, attached to which was a the proportion is one in four. It's in Addis Ababa, on decending from all the rest of this vast continent was rope fixed at the lower end to a wind- difficult at first glance, to tell who the Rhinoceros Express and crossing being colonized and annexed by the lass. By means of a handle, a black is slave and who is master, as all are the platform I ran in between two European powers. Ethiopia has never Somali boy could wind up the rope- black or dark brown. It takes a dis- Ethiopians and was suddenly stopped been conquered. Its people firmly be and down came the giraffe's head, cerning eye some time to begin to short by a chain stretching from the willy-nilly, for the passage through notice the finer faces of the master right wrist of one to the left wrist lieve that it never will be. Ethiopia's kings claim descent in the tunnel. Out of the tunnel the class.

an unbroken line straight down from attendant released the rope, and the The importation of slaves is now a tined to see 20 times a day. the son of King Solomon and the giraffe pulled his head up again. capital offence, for the present em-The building and maintenance of peror, seeing in the custom an ex-Queen of Sheba,

all black, or very nearly.

races, it has continued to be, since the Nearly 20 years of suppression has hibition America, bootleg slaves are year 300 A. D. fanatically and milit- not entirely quelled these wild desert easy to buy if you know the right for safe measure. antly Christian. It has a black pope dwellers. Only two months ago 2,000 bootlegger. As long as the importation They may be chained for days or

The country is older than recorded history, but its capital, Adda Ababa, was built only forty years ago.

Spend Nights in Rest-houses dertake a journey typical of this wierd brought two elderly chiefs to the cap. Abyssiniane - grooms, chauffeurs, ship. land. Ethiopia has no seaport-the ital. The chiefs confessed, and were gardeners, office boys. (all with Murder in Addis Ababa is frequent, of the Red Sea, and runs 500 miles to amuse themselves. inland to the Ethiopian capital.

After two days of this close associa- dignity of the master. The trip takes three days of day- tion with his guard, one of the old light travel. All night the passengers chiefs complained to the court. He must sleep at rest-houses along the stated that his two wives had come way, for night travel is too danger to Addis Ababa with him, and that ous. Bandits, wild animals, violent it was his custom to sleep between rains that sweep away the tracks them, but now he was chained to a are only part of the hazards that guard his domestic arrangements in scarlet cloth that floats out be accepting a cash payment as explatwould have to be faced. The Galla and were suffering from no end of em-Dankall natives along the route are barrassment and inconvenience forever tearing up the rails to pound could he be unchained at least for the into spears and cutting down the night.

The court received the old bandit's There certainly are no Christian mor problem by speeding up his execution al standards. Ethiopians marry and before another embarrassing night divorce and marry again in reckless came down. succession. A boy begins marrying The arrival twice a week, of the at 14 and continues until he dies. It Rhinoceros Express is an event. Sev- is not at all unusual for a chief to eral hundred natives are gathered to have had fifty wives.

watch it emerge. They were all dress- One of the most extraordinary With This Country Mussolini Has Chosen to Pick ed exactly alike-long white cotton sights of Addis Ababa is the public shirt, white drawers tight around the bath. Here, in broad day, outdoors knees, and a white shawl called a in a small steaming pool, at any hour,

and refinement of feature distinguish- least self-conscious. The day I hap-

ed these people from the savage pened by I had a pocket full of copblacks of the Congo.

Two Million Slaves

per pennies. I threw two or three in-Addis Ababa, in area, is as big as to the mud beside the pool. In a flash trains meet. For on the descending people. The city sprawls through a the water and scrambled for the coins. For the last seven days, I have been train, travelled a fullgrown giraffe en great forest of eucalyptus trees all One sees many drunkards in fact, portation of this enormous beast had Menelik, the conquering hero-king sequently there is a law punishing will find Ethiopia-or Abyssinia, as it railroad. His body could be squeezed Abyssinia, built Addis Ababa and the streets after eight o'clock. The result of this order is that the dip- ELECTRICAL WORK. somaniacs choose to get locked up all night in one of the bars.

> It has been suggested that this curdeeply rooted institutions in Ethio few law is kept on the books by presof the other. This sight I was des- HABERDASHERS:

This chain usually, links a debtor this railroad has cost many a life. The cuse for European power to seize and a creditor, or any two people who This country has 10,000,000 people, original builders in 1916 had to be ac- "purge" his country is doing all he companied by a small army to fight can to put a ston to it. But the law companied by a small army to fight can to put a stop to it. But the law to run away before the debt is paid, Surrounded by Moslems and pagan off the hostile Dankali tribesmen. is constantly broken, and as in pro-

and a black priesthood that complete swarmed down the tracks, and across tion of "black ivory" continues to even months. They must eat, sleep, the borderline of French Somaliland, be highly profitable, slave-running walk, together, as inseparable as Siamese twins. But instead of loath-

will continue. There was a roar of indignation in Almost every townsman in Ethiopia ing each other as one would expect Paris. Immediately an army started owns one or more slaves. At the them to, those I saw always appeared out from Addis Ababa to try and cap- American legation here in Addis Ab- to be the best of pals, and smiled and To reach Addis Ababa one must un ture at least the leaders. This army aba the minister employs half a dozen joked over their forced companion-

only country in Africa without one- sentenced to be hanged. But while beards. They may be paid no more and can be punished only by the embut a railroad starts at Djibuti, a waiting execution they were chained than \$10 a month but each one owns peror. The sentence, both for man-French colonial port at the entrance in Ethiopian fashion, and turned loose a slave or two, and delegates to that slaughter and murder, is death by slave any work or errand beneath the shooting. Immediately the murderer has heard his fate he is marched off

to the execution field behind the railroad station. Buying One's Life

the capital is a provincial chief, or his lady, riding into town. He is always With him goes the family of the mounted on a mule richly caparisoned murdered man-agreeable, usually, to hind. The chiefs will be arrayed in a ion of the crime. The murderer helmet of monkey fur and purple coat starts off with an offer of \$100 to the and protected from the sun by a spe- victim's family to try and stop the cial umbrella. And behind him trot- execution. They refuse. \$250-the ting swiftly and tirelessly, in his re- procession is nearing the deadly field

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Guard Handicaps Chief

tinue of barefoot slaves-six-ten- the price mounts with each step. fifty slaves, each carrying a rifle and Sometimes this auction sale goes on a sword. Some of the great chiefs right to the edge of the grave, the family accepting the blood-money own 15,000 slaves. When the emperor himself goes only when sure it is every cent the abroad in his automobile, traffic is murderer has to offer. Sometimes congested for blocks by the army of the murderer will refuse to offer anyslaves and retainers that trot behind thing, and die, rather than deprive

Retainers Show Rank

One of the commonest sights in

It is the custom to bring along as his children of his property. many slaves as possible whenever If the murderer hasn't the price any Abyssinian appears in public, for demanded and agreed to, he is althe station is indicated by the number lowed three days to raise it. It's a of slaves he can display, and accord- frequent sight to see such a man

ing to their number is honor granted chained to a guard, begging in the him.

The present emperor, a truly en- days he has not been able to raise the lightened man, is stoutly opposed to price, the family may either take any mass emancipation of the coun what they can get, or else, if especitry's slaves. He is well acquainted ally vindictive, demand that the exwith the chaos and anarchy that ecution be carried out.

arose in America when, after the Until recent times the victim's famcivil war, such a sweeping measure ily killed their man in the same manwas attempted. He insists that some ned and with the same weapon as occupation and economic independ- "sed by the murderer, but this savage ence must first be provided for the system has lately been discontinued. freed man before he is freed. Other. By the same gesture he discontinued. wise exslaves to live, will be forced public hanging, which, almost daily, had entertained the populace in the to desort to banditry.

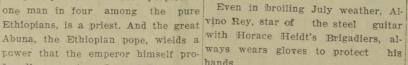
Religion Powerful Force

market place. But only last week this In this curious land of the moon, re- advance and progressive ruler remind-

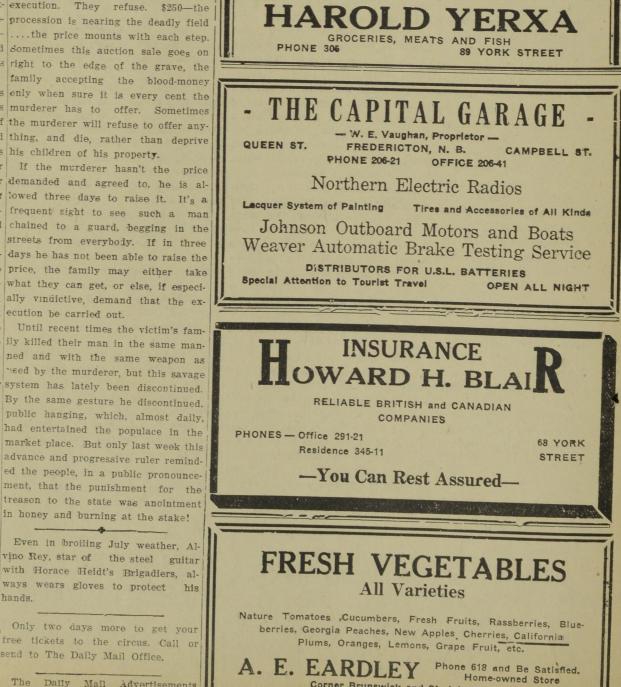
ligion is the most powerful of all ed the people, in a public pronounceforces. Ethiopia is a Christian nation ment, that the punishment for the of the Coptic branch, and has been treason to the state was anointment Christian for 1,600 years. The church in honey and burning at the stake!

completely dominates the people one man in four among the pure Even in broiling July weather. Alfoundly respects and carefully courts. hands.

However there is so much paganism and barbarism in Ethiopia that free tickets to the circus. Call or Christianity is scarcely reconizable. The religion of the people consist send to The Daily Mail Office. mostly of superstitions, fasts, incan-The Dally Mail Advertisements tations, and the wearing of charms. Bring Results.



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