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## Ethiopians And Italians Quit Addis Ababa, It Is Believed Hostilities Near

### Italy Moves Nationals and Archives of Lega- tion to Safety From Air Raids.

ADDIS ABABA, August 27—Ethiopian natives and Italian authorities alike began evacuation of the capital today amid rapid-fire developments indicative of a general belief that hostilities were almost at hand.

Prices of the scanty food commodities soared; the Italian government began evacuating its citizens and removing legation archives, and other diplomats acted for protection of their legations in the event of air bombardments.

Acting on Premier Mussolini's orders, the Italian legation shipped 60 cases of official archives to Djibouti, French Somaliland.

This action was followed immediately by a suggestion from the Belgian minister, as dean of the diplomatic corps, that Emperor Haile Selassie incorporate the British, French, German and Belgian legations into a special international zone immune from bombardment. These legations are situated in the same general area of about 18 square miles.

### Want Own Guards

The Belgian minister also asked the Emperor to give the United States and other foreign legations permission to bring in emergency troops, as the British are doing.

The Emperor increased the imperial guard, which protects the city, from 3,000 to 6,000. The capital police force number were raised from 3,000 to 5,000. Five hundred special detectives were appointed to round up spies and suspicious characters.

Uneasy residents began evacuating the capital, fearing immediate air raids, after the week-end instructions from the Emperor. The foreign legations began laying in emergency foodstuffs—an action followed quickly by others determined to remain in Addis Ababa. Soaring commodity prices resulted.

### The Italian Legation Advised All Its Nationals, Except Those Whose Presence Is Imperative, to Leave.

Countering Mussolini's dispatch of additional troops to Eritrea, the Emperor sent a quantity of arms and munitions to waiting warriors on the outskirts of the capital.

### Financial Panic

A virtual panic was caused among merchants when the National Bank refused to give out foreign currency. The Franco-Ethiopian railway thereafter declined to accept Ethiopian thalers from passengers, insisting upon French francs.

Selassie faced new financial difficulties, the thaler falling sharply after the American adviser, Everett W. Colson, recommended that the Emperor forbid that foreign money leave the country. The thaler formerly 2.60 to the United States dollar, dropped to 3.20.

### The "King of Kings" Directed That No Ethiopian Employed by Foreigners Shall Be Liable to Military Service.

He also repeated his warning that any Ethiopian attacking or menacing Italians or other foreigners would be shot.

To frustrate any possible attack, four native armed guards accompanied the Italian official courier when he departed for Djibouti.

### Seen as Significant

ROME August 27—Two developments, disclosed casually by the Roman press, galvanized official sources into expectancy of an imminent war-like declaration by Il Duce.

First, it was disclosed Premier Mussolini held his first long-distance telephone conversation with High Commissioner de Bono of Eritrea and Italian Somaliland Saturday night—immediately following the departure of 8,000 Blackshirts, including Il Duce's two sons.

Then, Mussolini summoned his ministers to meet him near the mimic battlefields of Bolzano.

The first crystallized more than ever the popular conviction of Il Duce's all-seeing interest in the campaign because he hovered near a telephone to talk to de Bono while his own sons were sailing.

### Emperor Starts Fast

ADDIS ABABA, August 26—Hoping for peace, Emperor Haile Selassie and the Empress Quizer Menen today began a month of prayer and abstinence from meat.

The population of the countryside was reported following their sovereign's example, even the wild warriors whose principal diet is raw meat. As a special example, the emperor will fast four days longer than his subjects. Special peace services are held in the churches.

Princess Tsahai, 16 year old daughter of the emperor, has enrolled as the first student in the newly established

## Tomorrow's Conference

Members of the Boards of Trade from all over the western section of New Brunswick will be here tomorrow to join with our local Board in a discussion which should be of mutual advantage to all. Delegates are expected to arrive from Saint John, Edmundston, Perth, and all up-river points, and also from sections in Charlotte County. The gathering will take place at the Loyalist Building at 12.30 o'clock, Atlantic Standard Time, which is 1.30 o'clock our present Daylight Time.

As the problems to be discussed are of mutual benefit to all our citizens, and to business men in particular, it is important that a large attendance of our merchants and others be present.

The Fredericton Board of Trade has always taken an active interest in everything that makes for the good of our city and community, and The Daily Mail as a Home Community Paper has ever been pleased to give this body our most hearty support. During the past year the Fredericton Board of Trade has increased by leaps and bounds until it now embraces nearly all the leading business and professional men in the community. If the members of the Board will now work side by side and pull side by side, much may be accomplished.

Let us welcome and encourage our visitors who are coming here to discuss matters with us. Let our members sit in with them and discuss the mutual problems which may come up.

This gathering is just what is needed. We hope that it will be only the first of many, similar gatherings and that it will be a success.

It will be a success if everyone will help to make it so.

## FREDERICTON GIRL APPOINTED TO VOC. SCHOOL

Miss Gertrude Cremin, of this City, To Be Physical Instructress at Saint John.

Miss Gertrude Cremin, daughter of Mrs. Cremin and the late Charles Cremin of this city, has received an appointment for one year as a member of the teaching staff on the St. John Vocational School, according to an announcement today from the vocational committee. The Fredericton girl will succeed Miss Eleanor Ledingham who was part time physical instructress last year.

Miss Cremin is the holder of a first class superior teacher's license from the Provincial Normal School and also is the possessor of a McGill University diploma for physical education. She will be the physical instructress at the St. John Vocational School, and also will teach academic subjects. Besides her other accomplishments, Miss Cremin has completed two years of the Arts course at the University of New Brunswick. In recent years she had been employed by the Y.M.C.A. at the city playgrounds. The young lady's salary will be \$1,000. Miss Cremin's appointment will be learned with pleasure here, where she is popular with everyone. The local girl has all the qualifications to guarantee her success in her new position and the well wishes of friends here, young and old, will go with her. It is expected that Miss Cremin will leave to take over her teaching duties early next week.

### ROTARY LUNCHEON

At the weekly Rotary luncheon held today a discussion was held on ways and means of raising money for community welfare work. In this connection the proposition of the usual Rotary auction was suggested, but action will not be taken until later. Johnny Thompson, son of George R. Thompson, appeared before the Rotarians and invited them to attend the sports being held this afternoon at Wilmot Park in the "Playground Day" program. George Armstrong acted as chairman.

United States Nurses' Training School. The Princess, educated in England, Switzerland and France, can speak nine languages, including African dialects.

The capital is still excited over the emperor's verbal warning to civilians to be prepared to evacuate within a week in the event of war.

## FOREST FIRES ABATED IN MOST SECTIONS N. B.

Hazard Lessened in Most Places—Organizations Furnish Relief to Stricken Families.

G. L. Miller, Chief Provincial Forester, reported today that all fires in the province were abated today, although most of them were still being patrolled. The fire fighting crews have been considerably reduced as the hazard has lessened. At Gagetown where the danger was still great at the first of the week, improvement is noted in the situation. There is no immediate danger of further outbreaks in any section of the province. The Forest Service, in conjunction with several social organizations, are busily preparing at the present time in calculating damage and furnishing relief to the areas where the fires struck most devastatingly last week.

## PADDLES 100 MILES WITH BROKEN LEG

VICTORIA August 27—With his leg in a plaster cast from a compound fracture and carrying a set of crutches W. H. Lambert, veteran Vancouver canoeist, paddled his tiny craft from the mainland city to Victoria a distance of approximately 100 miles without mishap.

Lambert left Vancouver on Thursday evening and hauled his canoe out of the water in Victoria's inner harbor at 9 p.m. Saturday. He has been paddling for pleasure for nearly 30 years and has made the Gulf of Georgia crossing from Vancouver to Victoria numerous times.

## REGIMENT EXTENDS TERM OF BENNETT

OTTAWA Ont., August 27—Premier Bennett's term as honorary colonel of the Calgary Highland Regiment has been extended to January 2, 1940, it was announced yesterday.

J. H. Wood, Calgary publisher and member of Canada's delegation to the League Council at Geneva has had his term as honorary lieutenant colonel of the Calgary Highland Regiment extended to November 9, 1940.

## ASK FEDERAL AID RE FOREST FIRE RAVAGES

Premier Dysart Announces that Province, Municipalities and Federal Government Likely To Co-operate in Work of Relieving Fire-Stricken Areas, Families.

In a statement made today Premier A. A. Dysart who is in the city this week, summarized the damage done by the recent serious forest fire outbreaks. He complimented the generous response of the Red Cross Society for their fine relief work.

He pointed out that the loss has been so complete and so extensive that "government assistance—federal, provincial and municipal—must be forthcoming."

"Representations have already been made to the federal government for financial assistance and I am confident of receiving the same generous response as was extended to the stricken areas of Saskatchewan where crops alone were destroyed, whereas in this province our inhabitants escaped with their lives," Premier Dysart pointed out.

The premier stated also that departmental officials have been early on the ground and a careful survey is being made of the stricken areas where relief is presently to be administered.

Few counties in the province have escaped the fire damage, he said. The most harrowing tale comes from the county of Gloucester where substantially 600 people have been left penniless and homeless. Upwards of 100 homes with outbuildings, foodstuffs, farm machinery, fodder, have been swept clean. Clothing household effects, bedding all have been consumed in the ravaging flames. Growing crops were destroyed even.

The premier paid high compliment to the Red Cross Society which he said, answered the call for assistance promptly, indicating the fine spirit of sacrifice which characterized this organization during the Great War still lives. Food, cooking utensils, wearing apparel, blankets and tents have been rushed in alleviating to some extent acute suffering.

"I appeal to all charitable organizations the province over to follow this fine example set by the Red Cross and I anticipate generous response," said the premier.

## NO FEAR OF WAR, VISITOR DECLARES

MONTREAL, August 27—However strongly the average Briton feels on the subject of Italy's probable invasion of Ethiopia, he realizes that England will not go to war to defend the ancient African kingdom according to J. K. Potter British businessman today in Montreal.

The British people as a whole dislike the way Italy is going to gobble up Abyssinia, Mr. Potter said. "Their objections to Mussolini's adventure are based on their belief that the whole thing is horribly unfair."

"But," he added, "the British government is motivated by a number of other considerations, chief of them being the theory that if Italy gets tangled up in a long and expensive war in Africa, then the Germans will have a chance to over-run Austria, and also that if the Italians do not meet with immediate success there will probably be a Communist revolution in Italy."

"I am sure that Britain's efforts to avert the war in Africa are because she does not want another war in Europe and because she would rather have Mussolini in power in Italy than have a revolution there, which might also lead to another European war," he said.

"When I was in New York I was asked by Americans there, why England does not simply step in and forbid the war," Mr. Potter said. "The people there seem to think that it is England's job to stop hostilities. I pointed out to them that the United States also signed the Briand Kellogg pact and is therefore just as much morally bound to stop the war—and that they seem to be avoiding their responsibilities even more than England."

"The truth is," he continued, "that Britain is no longer a powerful military nation. Our army is ridiculously small. Our navy, though large, has many more obsolete ships than the Italian navy and is not as strong in the Mediterranean as the Italian."

"Hence," he concluded, "I do not believe that anything at all will be done to stop Mussolini. The League of Nations has already been discounted."

### SCHOOL APPOINTMENT

Miss Jean Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Todd, George Street, has been appointed as teacher at the school at Nackawick. Leslie Simms, also of this city, is teacher in the school at Lower Southampton.

## Friend and Employee Of Lebatt is Mixea Up in Kidnapping

### BALBO'S ARRIVAL EXCITES PARIS

Denies Significance But Rumors Persist Regarding Unheralded Visit

PARIS, August 27—The unannounced arrival of Marshal Italo Balbo, Italy's leading aviation expert and colonial governor, stirred rumors in Paris that important diplomatic moves may be under way among the powers in a last effort to stave off an Italo-Ethiopian war.

French government quarters denied any significance to Marshal Balbo's sudden arrival from Rome. Balbo himself stated simply that he was here to return the visit made to Italy recently by General Victor Denain, French air minister.

Balbo maintained his journey was "strictly private." He said he would return to Rome tomorrow. He said he would see no one officially while in Paris.

But rumors persisted that Balbo, who as governor of Libya is a colonial authority as well as being an air expert, might be here as Premier Benito Mussolini's emissary.

The League of Nations special arbitration commission which is investigating the origins of the Ualul order dispute transferred its activities from Berne to this city today. The Italian and Ethiopian inquiries into the Ualul incident were pursued independently. Formal deliberations of the commission as a whole will be resumed tomorrow.

## FOOD PRICE SPREAD DISTURBS PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D. C. August 27—President Roosevelt was described by a group of Western Congressmen who visited him yesterday as disturbed about the spread in food prices between the farmer and the consumer.

A Congressional resolution authorizing a Trade Commission investigation of profits made by middlemen handling farm products is on his desk awaiting signature.

The Westerners went to the White House to urge that no reduction in the cattle tariff be authorized in reciprocal trade treaties which the Administration is negotiating with various countries.

## SEVERAL KILLED IN INDIA RIOTING

LONDON, August 27—Renewed Hindu-Muslim rioting in India caused several deaths and injuries to more than 50 persons over the week-end, the Daily Herald's Bombay correspondent reported today. The situation is still strained, the dispatch said.

Muslims at Secunderabad, State of Hyderabad attacked Hindus, who started a parade, carrying the image of Krishna past the Mosque. Police finally succeeded in dispersing the rioters but authorities were on the alert for attempts to renew the fighting.

## HARRY MOORE WINS SKEET SHOOT

Harry Moore won the A Class cup last evening at the Fredericton Gun Club Skeet Shoot at Marysville when he posted a score of 22. Edward Hagarman was second with 21. Malcolm Neill won the B. Class with a score of 21. Stewart Neill and Hedley Wilson tied for the C Class cup.

### MANY VISIT TRADE ROOMS

Up until last evening 624 parties had registered in the Fredericton Board of Trade rooms for the month of August, which on an average of three in a party would make in round figures about 1900 people. Alex. Murray and Oscar Harris, who are in charge of the Trade Rooms, report that cars from all over the United States and Canada have called seeking travel information and buying possibilities. One party that registered was from Tokyo.

## Louis McCaughey, General Salesman of Brewery Is Charged With Being One of Those Who Would Benefit From Plot.

LONDON, Ont., August 27—Suspension of Louis McCaughey as general sales manager of Labatt brewery was revealed here last night.

Disclosure of the former policeman's suspension brought a climax to a day of court revelations in which the friend and employee of John Labatt was named as one of those who were to benefit from the kidnapping of the London brewer a year ago this month.

The name of McCaughey was brought into the case by Michael McCordell, confessed principal in the abduction, who told Crown Attorney Norman F. Newton a clear, detailed story of the four-year-old plot, which collapsed when Albert Pegram, still sought along with Russell Knowles, deserted his accomplices.

McCordell named himself, Pegram, Knowles and Jack Bannon, committed for trial yesterday on a charge of kidnapping and armed robbery, as principals in the actual abduction. He told the crowded courtroom he was convinced McCaughey was to be one of the five to share what he called a \$200,000 ransom. Original notes from the kidnappers called for payment of \$150,000.

Hugh Labatt, brother of the kidnap victim and vice-president of the brewery bearing their name, suspended McCaughey, after he and Mrs. Labatt sat in court listening to the story told by McCordell.

McCordell declared the innocence of David Meisner, serving 15 years in prison for the kidnapping and Kingdon P. "Piccolo Pete" Murray, awaiting trial on a similar charge.

Permitted to sit down while he gave evidence because of a broken arm McCordell was definite in his declaration Meisner and Murray "had nothing whatever to do with the abduction."

Murray will appear in court today, when he will be given an opportunity to change his election for trial by jury. Informed authorities said he would ask to be tried immediately and the Crown would announce insufficient evidence to complete the case.

## FLOWER SHOW AT F'TON EXHIBITION TO BE GRAND ONE

The Flower Show in connection with the Fredericton Exhibition which opens on Monday morning, September 9th, promises to be the big floral event of the season.

More room than ever has been allotted for their display of flowers and everyone growing flowers should assist the Society by sending in some entries.

Besides the general exhibit open to everyone at the low rate of 25 cents for entrance fee there is a separate class open to members only so that all members can enter in both classes No. 81 and 82 and thus give them two chances to compete in.

### Prize List

In addition to the floral display the Agricultural Exhibits Division No. 7 are also under the auspices of the Society and it is hoped that besides farmers and market gardeners a large number of home gardeners in the city and vicinity will await themselves of the generous offerings in the prize list and send along something if only a few plates of garden vegetables.

Look carefully over the prize list it will pay you. The co-operation of all will make this an outstanding feature of the exhibition. For further particulars require of Geo. E. Fisher, President or L. C. Young, secretary-treasurer.

If you have not already received a prize list Mr. C. L. Sypher, Secretary of exhibition will gladly furnish them.

## SUNDAY FARMING URGED BY PRIEST

WALACEBURG, Ontario, August 27—Farmers were told to work in the field on Sunday to save their crops by Rev. Edward G. Goetz yesterday while speaking in Our Lady of Help Roman Catholic Church.

"Go home take your coats off and save your crops," said Father Goetz. "You have been hit hard by the weather—save what you can under the circumstances."