

Mussolini Offers Suggestions To Premier Laval

Three Hundred Italians Reported Blinded while Cutting Down Deadly Cactus.

ADDIS ABABA, Oct. 22—Three hundred Italian soldiers constructing a road from Mount Mussa Ali to the Ethiopian border on the central front were reported blinded when they attempted to cut down the deadly *Duphobia* cactus, the emanations of which are said to be capable of causing total blindness.

Apparently the Fascist forces had not been warned against this pernicious fungus, which in South America countries is cut down only at a distance with long, pole-like scythes.

PARIS, Oct. 22—Unofficial circles reported yesterday that Premier Mussolini has sent suggestions for an ending of the Italo-Ethiopian war to Premier Laval of France.

Laval, these sources said, will transfer the proposals to London as soon as debate in the British Parliament this week on the international situation is ended.

Although declining to comment on the report, French officials said "the greatest problem now seems to be to get Emperor Haile Selassie to accept Italian terms."

Laval is expected to discuss Mussolini's reported suggestion for settlement of the Ethiopian war with the cabinet, which voted him full confidence to handle the international question at its last meeting.

Mussolini's conditions were published here as the disarmament of Ethiopia an international protectorate over Amharic regions, and an Italian protectorate over the remainder of Ethiopia, all of which Emperor Haile Selassie thus far has rejected.

Conferred in Rome

In Rome Sir Eric Drummond, British ambassador, and Fulvio Sivich, Italian under-secretary for foreign affairs, conferred yesterday. A spokesman said there were grounds for the belief that withdrawal of some of the British fleet units from the Mediterranean in exchange for withdrawal of some of the Italian troops from the Libyan-Egyptian border was under consideration.

In Paris unofficial circles reported Premier Mussolini had made suggestions to Premier Laval for ending the campaign. Laval was expected shortly to forward the proposals to London.

A dispatch from London, however, said it was understood Britain and France had rejected a new peace plan by Mussolini. It was said to be formulating a new proposal for presentation shortly to London and Paris.

Strong Ethiopian forces were reported defeated in a fierce battle last Friday at Dagnerefi in that region.

On the northern front troops on both sides apparently were gathering for an anticipated clash near Makale. Emperor Haile Selassie sent 8,000 of his Imperial Guardsmen yesterday to Dessaye. The Italian minister to Addis Ababa remained there, leading to reports Mussolini might be negotiating through him for peace terms with the Negus.

Britain applied neutrality rules forbidding Italian warships and war supply ships to remain more than 24 hours in British East Africa ports and allowing them only sufficient fuel and supplies to take them to the nearest Italian port.

Germany officially left the League of Nations yesterday while the League marked time, hoping for peace before applying its economic boycott against Italy.

LABATT WITNESS FAILS IN WORD SPELLING TEST

McCardell Admits He Had Help in Writing Notes

LONDON, Ont., Oct. 22—Defence counsel, in cross-examining Michael McCordell, attempted to show that the witness was not the author of the John S. Labatt ransom notes, as the trial of Jack Bannon on charges of kidnapping and armed robbery of the wealthy London brewer proceeded today.

Asked to spell 20 words which appeared in the notes, McCordell, confessed kidnapper, misspelled three. He said that when he wrote the note he had a better speller than he to assist him.

Among the words of which he was asked to spell by the defence counsel, A. S. Ferguson were: "representative," "body guard," "instalment," "accomplish," "amount," "received," "co-operating," "jeopardy," "gracefully," "successful," "identification," "referring," "dangerous," "peace," "proceed," "designated," "Labatt," "patience," and "brewery."

McCordell said he had not seen Bannon since the day the kidnap cottage was rented at Muskoka; that was the last direct connection Bannon had with the kidnap scheme. Mr. Justice G. F. McFarland issued a warning that newspapers carrying advance and anticipatory stories of the trial would be penalized.

McCordell earlier told Mr. Ferguson that he had had no steady employment during the last six or seven years in the United States but that he had odd jobs.

"You have been engaged in illegal activities?" asked Mr. Ferguson. "I've done a little bootlegging," answered McCordell.

McCordell denied he had ever said that Albert Pogram attended a meeting in 1934 at a Detroit hotel at which Meisner, Bannon, Knowles and himself discussed the kidnapping.

The witness said that Bannon walked down the road when the Muskoka hideout was rented.

Recommend White Fish Fishing During Month of November

L. H. Parks, Supervisor of Fisheries, returned last night from Houlton, Maine, where he attended a conference of fisheries officials from New Brunswick and Maine. The conference was for the purpose of proposing regulations for fishing in the Chiputneticook Lakes between this province and the state of Maine. It is the aim of the officials to legalize the catching of white fish in Grand, Spence, North and Mud Lakes in the Chiputneticook chain during the month of November. The regulation will be recommended to the federal departments of both countries at Ottawa and Washington.

Those present at the conference were Mr. Parks, Col. E. H. Ritchie, chief game warden for New Brunswick; C. E. Kilpatrick, inspector of fisheries at Woodstock; W. B. Small, warden supervisor for the State of Maine and Lester E. Brown, chief warden for the state of Maine, both of Augusta.

Markets and Merchants

Farmers from different sections who have recently been coming to the City Market daily seem to be in favor of a daily market.

Discussing the matter with The Daily Mail today one farmer says that a daily market is much more convenient than the twice-a-week market days which have been the custom each Wednesday and Saturday for some years past. The farmer in question points out that advantages in the daily market include less crowding in regard to market space, the convenience of being able to find a market for their produce on any day in which they may wish to come, and the doing away with the possible loss, especially during the summer months, of keeping meat which may not be disposed of on the twice-a-week market days. If a man brings meat to the market on Saturday and it is not sold, he has to take it home and hold it until the following Wednesday, and run the risk of it not being in good condition on that day.

It is also claimed by citizens who visit the market that the daily market is much more convenient for the housewife than the twice-a-week market. On Saturday it is not always convenient for the housewife to leave her home and journey to the market. This takes a good slice out of her morning. The same thing applies to Wednesday, whereas the daily market gives her more scope in which to plan.

A number of local produce dealers recently petitioned the Fredericton Board of Trade to take action to prevent a daily market, but not one of these gentlemen was on hand to advance reasons why this should be done.

On the other hand, many of the merchants point out the advantage of the daily visit of the farmer to town, and the increased business arising therefrom.

The farmer is beginning to see the advantage of patronizing the Fredericton merchant rather than putting his money in an envelope and sending it out of the province where it never comes back. He sees that he is cutting off his own source of revenue by so doing. He cannot expect to sell his products to the local merchant whom he does not patronize. He sees that by the short-sighted policy of sending his money away he is slowly but surely driving the home-owned stores out of business, which will mean no market at all. This daily visit to the town will help to develop these local contacts with our merchants and it is, to our mind, a short-sighted policy to discourage the scheme. We want to encourage the farmer and to work hand in hand with him in his endeavors. In this way only will we have mutual friendship and understanding. The town needs the farmer and the farmer cannot market his products unless he has the merchant at his back. He cannot have the local merchant and the merchant's family and friends at his back if he sends his money away to the big mail order houses elsewhere. What do these big fellows know about our farmer, except that they get his money? Are the goods which they send better, or even as good as our local merchant has in stock? Can he get any accommodation from these people away from here? How much would they send him if he did not send every cent in cash with his order? Think it all over.

NEGRO RIOTERS SLAIN IN ST. VINCENT MELEE

KINGSTON, St. Vincent, Oct. 22—Three rioters were shot dead and several others wounded last night as a crowd of angry laborers armed with clubs and stones stormed business houses.

Bent on robbery and destruction, hundreds of Negroes surged through the streets of the capital after threatening disorders all day.

A number of stores were looted and cars owned by the administrator and other government officials were wrecked before an armed guard dispersed the rioters.

There was no assurance that the trouble was over, however, and guards were placed on duty for the night. All business was suspended.

First indication of the outbreak was given when crowds of noisy laborers began to gather in Kingstown.

In the afternoon an unruly mob carrying clubs, stones and various weapons surrounded the administrator outside the court house and demanded a hearing on workmen's problems.

Quiet was restored after the administrator promised to receive representatives on questions of minimum wages, workmen's compensation and customs duties. Meanwhile the police guard around the building had been doubled, and the crowd broke up without violence.

Before many hours they gathered again, their ranks swelled by laborers from outside plantations, who had planned to make a night of it in the capital.

As the raging mob ransacked store after store the leaders took a frenzied delight in destruction and when fears were expressed they might burn the town the police drew their revolvers and made a determined stand. Ignored by the rioters at first and later attacked, the officers fired a volley that brought them to a halt with dead and wounded at their feet.

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SELASSIE WILL USE DOUBLE AT THE FRONT

ADDIS ABABA, Oct. 22—A dummy official called "Likamokwas" will serve as a camouflage to protect Emperor Haile Selassie from danger when he goes to the front.

The ghost sovereign, whose full name is Likamokwas Haile, dresses exactly like the Emperor, wears a false beard and carries an imperial red umbrella in imitation of former kings who regarded a parasol as an indisputable adjunct to battle.

The umbrella was intended to attract the attention of the enemy to Likamokwas and to divert notice from the real emperor who dresses in plain raiment and occupies a protected position while the enemy is attacking.

Former Emperor Menelek, Ethiopians say, had a twin king throughout the Battle of Aduwa in 1896 to whom was attributed his emergence alive from the fray.

DAYS SHORTENING

Yesterday was exactly two months short of the winter solstice or the shortest day of the year. There was one hour and fifty-nine minutes more daylight than there will be on December 21. The sun rose at 5:25 o'clock yesterday morning and dropped below the horizon at 5:04 o'clock last evening. On December 21 the sun will rise at 7:38 a.m. and sunset will occur at 4:18 p.m. The days will shorten gradually from now until Christmas, the climax being reached a few before Christmas after which the days will slowly begin to lengthen again.

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Friends will be glad to learn that Harold Gauthier, watchmaker at Mayor Bros., who has been critically ill with pneumonia recently, is now on the road to recovery, having successfully passed the critical point in his illness.

The entertainment now being prepared by the Historical Society will be the best yet. Reserve Nov. 13.

Maritime Merchants' Alliance Ideas Might Be Copied by Govt's

SECOND STORM IN A MONTH HITS JAMAICA

Banana Crop Damage \$2,500,000—Residents Evacuate

Having wrought an estimated \$2,500,000 damage on eastern Jamaica, a late-season tropical hurricane, last night into the windward passage between Haiti and Cuba.

The disturbance, moving at a leisurely pace of 10 to 12 miles an hour, slashed at Jamaica early yesterday and wrought heavy damage upon the island's banana crop.

After scouring Jamaica, the storm was reported heading north or north-eastward and Port au Prince in western Haiti and all the southeast shore of Cuba were "digging in" to balk its fury.

The storm was expected to reach the windward passage late last night and move out into the eastern Bahamas today. It was more than 300 miles from the Florida keys, visited with tragic results by a similar weather monster last month, and was not moving toward the peninsula.

HAVANA, Oct. 22—Inhabitants of the town of Caimanera, in eastern Cuba, are being evacuated in the face of a tropical hurricane, reports reaching Havana said last night.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, Oct. 22—High winds and pounding rains, forerunners of a tropical hurricane, last night isolated Santiago from most points east and north in Oriente province.

Only Baracoa and Guantanamo could be reached by wireless. Rivers were reported overflowing in some parts of the province.

Total Loss \$3,500,000

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Oct. 22—Jamaica's banana planters counted losses aggregating more than \$2,500,000 last night after the second destructive hurricane within a month had added \$1,000,000 to the previous toll.

Estates missed by the storm of Sept. 27 were stripped of fruit-laden trees yesterday, and it was estimated (Continued on Page Four)

New Government To Be Sworn In This Week

OTTAWA, Oct. 22—Swearing in of the new government may take place Wednesday, but Friday or Saturday was considered a more likely date. Thursday is Thanksgiving Day and if Mr. King is not ready to take office Wednesday it will have to go over until Friday or later. Later Mr. Bennett intimated tonight the government would be ready to resign after a cabinet council tomorrow.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, government leader in the Senate and minister without portfolio, and Hon. D. M. Sutherland, minister of pensions and national health, were the only absentees at the council.

OPERATED UPON

Mrs. H. S. Wright was taken to the Victoria Hospital yesterday and operated upon. Her condition today was regarded as satisfactory.

The Splendid Spirit of Co-operation Could Well be Introduced Into Maritime Provincial Affairs.

The annual meeting of the Maritime Merchants' Alliance last evening took the form of a dinner meeting at the Nu Palms. President J. E. Cook was in the chair and about seventy-five members and guests were present.

The reports showed that a very satisfactory condition of affairs existed in the Alliance during the past year and that the different members associated with the organization were well satisfied with the progress made and also with the manner in which they were treated by the wholesale distributors, Messrs. Kitchen Bros. of this city.

A feature of the evening was an address by J. A. Morris of Moncton, president of the Board of Trade of that city, who gave an interesting talk on Money and its effects on the producer, the merchant and the consumer.

Mr. Morris complimented the M.M.A. on the business way in which it was conducted.

He declared the M.M.A. was the first and best example of co-operation in Eastern Canada. Its members have progressed and benefitted and stood to benefit much more in years to come, he thought. A proper control of marketing such as practised by the M.M.A. was advantageous, he submitted.

Mr. Morris deplored the fact that "money matters are not studied in the common schools." Depressions were man-made and were a great deal the result of maladministration of money, he thought. "It is to the discredit of the governments of Canada and the banks that this country has never been free of the domination of Wall Street," he declared.

Since banks were operated, credit inflation at seven percent had been in effect in Canada but a currency inflation was needed, he claimed. The price of money should be reduced for the country and not for the banks, Mr. Morris contended.

He said that the M.M.A. was an important factor in aiding the merchant in the unfair competition of the chain stores. At Moncton after the M.M.A. had started to operate, he said, the T. Eaton Company's volume of business dropped from one million to four hundred thousand dollars.

P. S. Watson, Devon, president of the M.M.A., was added to the zone's executive and all officers were re-elected, as follows: President, J. E. Cook, president; vice-president, S. N. Keetch, Fredericton; secretary, W. A. Erb, Fredericton; additional members of the executive, C. H. Burt, G. A. Ferris, J. E. Searles and A. T. Sweed, Fredericton; Rowley Manzer and Elbridge Harrison, Marysville; H. C. Greenlaw, Millville; W. D. Hagey, Burt's Corner; T. T. Boyce, Napadogan; D. W. Kelly, Hoyt; Fred Embleton, McAdam; and A. M. Patterson, Southampton.

Votes of thanks were extended to Mr. Watson for his efforts and the wholesale distributors and their staffs for the zone. Those who spoke briefly included Mr. Watson; A. S. Rowe, manager of the central merchandising office of the M.M.A., Saint John; G. B. True, Woodstock, representing the Woodstock guests; Barry Allen, who gave readings; C. H. Burt, who read the minutes of the recent M.M.A. annual meeting.

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BRITISH GOVERNMENT BASES APPEAL ON LEAGUE SUPPORT

LONDON, Eng., Oct. 22—Britain in the grip of election fever, election platforms are rapidly being drafted by the major parties for the brief campaign which will precede the general election next month. The date is generally predicted as November 14, with nominations on November 4.

Observers meanwhile awaited with keen interest the speech today by Sir Samuel Hoare, foreign secretary, when Parliament assembled for a three-day session. He is expected to clear up uncertainties on just how tangible peace developments are and

to outline what foreign policy plan the government will place before the electorate.

Dissolution Friday

The debate will be devoted to the international situation and will be followed by dissolution Friday.

The government is expected to base its appeal on a promise to continue the present policy of supporting the League of Nations authority and a defence program involving strengthening naval and air forces. A large loan to finance new defence measures is being considered.

CAPTAIN OF AIR LINER KILLED, RUTH NICHOLS SERIOUSLY INJURED

TROY, N. Y., Oct. 22—Captain Harry Hubtitch of New York, injured when Ruth Nichols, one of America's ace air women, in the crash of a giant air liner today, died late last night in hospital. Miss Nichols was reported as "holding her own" and was given a "fair" chance of recovery.

Captain Hubtitch, who was co-pilot of the plane, died of severe burns and internal injuries less than 11 hours after the air liner crashed and burned near Troy Airport. It was believed that he was at the controls as the ship nosed down, struck a tree and dropped to the ground.

A few hours before the captain's death, four other persons employed by Miss Nichols and injured in the crash, were married in Troy.

Captain Hubtitch's wife and Clarence Chamberlain, owner of the plane, were at his bedside when he died.

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