

ENGLAND

With heads still aching from the noise of those British elections, Stanley Baldwin's victorious government faces the most serious domestic crisis in its history. Another general strike, no less.

As in the terrifying days of Nineteen Twenty-Six, this danger has been precipitated again by the coal miners. They want a wage raise of Fifty Cents a day. The owners reply: "Can't be done." So the Union voted to walk out by fourteen to one. And, they are calling upon the rest of the trades unions in the British Isles to back them up.

Whether a general strike would have any more chance of succeeding now than nine years ago, is a matter of doubt. The menace to the welfare of everybody in a general strike then had the result of uniting all the other classes in a fierce, resolute opposition. Business men, big and little, petty tradesmen, millionaire industrialists, country squires, bank clerks, all enlisted, shoulder to shoulder, to fill the gaps caused by the

striking unionmen. The consequence was that the unions had to throw in the towel and cry: "Enough." It was a bitter experience for labor.

Then the next crisis in the English coal mines occurred in Nineteen Thirty-One. On that occasion the Union did the unprecedented thing of consenting to longer working hours. However, there was a string to it. They stipulated that the government and the coal owners should cooperate and devise a plan for permanent national wage agreements. The plan got no further. And today the miners are saying: "We got our longer working day but we didn't get what we bargained for; we didn't get a national wage agreement. We want it!" So, strike.

And in Egypt the General Strike against England begins tomorrow.

JELlicoe

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Echoes of the battle of Jutland ring in our ears tonight, Jutland and the fierce controversy that raged about it for years afterwards. Admiral of the Fleet Jellicoe has gone where no controversies can bother him, and no critics disturb his rest. Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Navy, First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, Governor-General of New Zealand, Lord Jellicoe had a career as full of honors as it was ~~later~~ of disputes. ^{TP} Right up to this day of his death, some of his captious countrymen insisted that his handling of the grand fleet through that historic battle with the German Admiral ~~Reinhold~~ von ^eSheer was clumsy and over-cautious. Jellicoe's partisans in England pointed out that, although the British lost more ships and three times as many men ~~as~~ as the Germans, nevertheless, the German fleet stayed bottled up in Kiel harbor for the rest of the War and emerged only to surrender.

Even before that much discussed battle, Jellicoe's conduct of the naval war had been criticized. His pugnacious predecessor, the efficacious and effervescent Lord Fisher, openly expressed his disgust, saying: "Imagine the most powerful

navy in the world afraid to go out and attack the enemy for fear of losing a few ships!" However, Jellicoe's policy was upheld by his government. And after the War, he ~~was~~ was given a peerage, than an earldom, a handsome sum of money, and a distinguished office in the colonies where I last saw him in the stately dignity of Governor General of New Zealand. I found him a fine old sea dog, the Admiral the British tars knew as "Hell Fire Jack". The curious part of that was that Jellicoe was an intensely pious, religious man. But it didn't prevent him from having a keen sense of humor.

JAPAN

The bit of surprise news came from across the Pacific today. The expected secession of those five provinces of North China did not come off as per schedule, and the Japanese war lords are excessively displeased. ~~over it.~~

~~The inference is that~~ Something mysterious is going on behind the scenes. The arrangements were that the establishment of the new, so-called independent republic, ~~but~~ actually under Japanese domination, ~~was~~ [^] to take place formally at noon today. But half an hour before time, General Hsiao Cheng-Ying, Chief of the Chinese Army Council, announced that the event was postponed for a week. According to some reports, General Hsiao's explanation was that this was done upon the direct and emphatic orders of Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek, Commander-in-Chief of China's army.

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P But another version informs us that the Governors of two of those ^{five} provinces have changed their mind; that they have decided to resist the pressure of the Mikado's generals. Whatever the cause, those ^{Nipponese} [^] generals are exceedingly annoyed. Major General Kenji Doihara,

Chief of Intelligence, promptly hopped on a plane and flew to

Tientsin, for the purpose of asking the Chinese chiefs: "What do you mean, postpone? What's all this nonsense about and who do you think you are anyway?"

One competent observer declares that Japan's policy of conquest on the Asiatic mainland is liable to turn into a Frankenstein monster. Our authority for that is the Far Eastern Survey of the American Council at the Institute of Pacific Relations. The report says that the industries which are being developed in Manchukuo will eventually set up a ruinous competition with those already established in Japan. The Far Eastern Survey also claims that the huge cost of administering, defending and expanding Japan's new empire continent, may turn the great Nipponese adventure into a dead loss.

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The effects of this competition ^{have} ~~has~~ already been felt in Japan. The ironic part of it is that the new industries that have been encouraged in Manchukuo were founded on Japanese capital.

By way of an offset to Yesterday's ^{air battle} slaughter, the Ethiopians today were claiming a victory. ~~It is supposed to have been attained~~ ^{Won} by the officer who used to be ~~the~~ Emperor Haile Selassie's chief huntsman. He's in command of a thousand of the crack sharpshooters of the King of Kings. And he notified his sovereign that he has checked the steam-roller advance of the Duce's troops in the hills around Radowa. He also reported that many Italians had been slain. ~~All of this information comes from Addis Ababa.~~ And ~~It~~ ^{is} not confirmed by the other side.

To add to the general dullness of this curious war, ^{another} ~~an~~ untimely spell of rainy weather has descended upon invaders and defenders alike. ~~That was~~ enough to bring both armies to a stand-still. But ~~it was~~ not enough to stop the Ethiopian government from writing a letter. ~~It was~~ a note to the League of Nations. Among other things it accused Italy of a long list of atrocities, murders of civilians, crimes against women. This is strange in view of the statement made sometime ago by Haile Selassie that atrocity tales were untrue, that the Italians so far had conducted their warfare in quite sporting ~~g~~ fashion.

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Addis Ababa also took occasion to deny the stories that Ethiopian chieftans are deserting in droves to the Italian flag. Rasgugsa, they say, is the only Ras whom the Italians have been able to bribe so far.

The note to the League wound up by saying that Ethiopia will go on fighting as long as a single one of Mussolini's soldiers is on Ethiopian territory.

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INTRO TO DR. HAMBRO

London, Constantinople and Singapore are often referred to as "The Crossroads of the World." And another, surely is Rockefeller Center, Radio City. People from the ends of the earth meet here at the NBC studios. For example, the President of the Parliament of Norway is sitting beside me in the studio tonight, the Honorable C. J. Hambro. Next to the King of Norway he holds the highest political rank in his country. And, Mr. Hambro has been an important figure around the Council Table of the League of Nations, at Geneva, and, even as it is, we shall do our best to see that it is In fact, ~~as a member of the Executive Committee of the League, he has been Chairman of the Supervisory Committee,~~ and very active in affairs concerning the difficulty between Italy and Ethiopia.

So it wouldn't be quite right to let the President of the Parliament of Norway escape from the room without getting his slant on the news of the day, and world affairs.

DR. HAMBRO

L.T.:- Mr. Hambro, looking at it through your European eyes, as one long familiar with Parliamentary affairs, as one who has taken such an active part at Geneva, how do you size up the difficulty between Italy and Ethiopia?

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DR. HAMBRO:- Well, Mr. Lowell Thomas, I regard it as only a comparatively minor symptom of the disease which afflicted our whole civilization. And, the Ethiopian affair may be patched up by our old political arts and manipulations -- or, it may not! And, even if it is, we shall be no nearer than we were before to a world solution.

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L.T.:- It doesn't sound so encouraging. How do you arrive at that?

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DR. HAMBRO:- The basic cause of the critical condition today is not economic or political, but moral. The truth is we are in a widespread spiritual decline, an epoch of degeneration, if by degeneration we understand the process whereby a culture is being destroyed through its own products. There is a growing conviction among European statesmen today that any solution on

DR. HAMBRO Cont'd:- the usual diplomatic basis can at best be only temporary. Many of us European statesmen have come into touch during the past year with the work of the Oxford Group and have felt that here is a new hope for a more permanent solution.

Last year I asked them to come to my own country, Norway. The results have been overwhelming. In our neighbor state, Denmark, also, the Oxford Group swept the country.

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L.T.:- What do they think of this so-called Oxford Group inside of Scandinavia? Is it ever mentioned at Geneva, at the League of Nations?

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DR. HAMBRO:- Yes, indeed, in Geneva this fall, shortly before I sailed for America, Dr. Benes, President of the League Assembly, gave a luncheon for several hundred delegates. Perhaps the most representative gathering of statesmen over a meal table since the Congress of Vienna. Abyssinian delegates, delegates from Italy; Christians, Mohammedans and Buddhists, as well as those who profess no religion. It's just this:- a moral feeling in international affairs.

DR. HAMBRO Cont'd:- Here in America your leading statesmen have ably diagnosed the fundamental national needs as a moral and spiritual Renaissance. But it is not enough for a country like my own to find such an experience. A great nation like America must demonstrate to the world that spiritual leadership which along can save civilization.

L.T. FOLLOW DR. HAMBRO

L.T.:— Thank you, Dr. Hambro. When you return to your task of presiding over the Parliament of Norway, and when you return to the Council Table of the Nations, in Geneva, I hope you and your colleagues will indeed be able to help bring about that moral and spiritual Renaissance.

RELIGIOUS BATTLE

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Fancy Brooklyn being the scene of a battle between Mohammedans and Hindus! Brooklyn is famous as the "City of Churches", Christian churches. It is strange to think of a pitched battle being fought in its pious precincts by followers of Brahm and Islam.

The fighting Asiatics were part of the crew of a British freighter, the DUNKIRK. All the way across the Atlantic there had been scraps, melees with fists and knives. But the animosity came to a head when the DUNKIRK tied up to a wharf in Brooklyn. It was a regular Kilkenny cat affair, with fifty-three followers of the Prophet and of Brahm^{a, Vishnu and Shiva} mixing it for all they were worth, knives flashing freely. One of the officers turned the hose on them, but even that didn't dampen their ~~xxx~~ ardor. It took a lusty division of New York's Finest, the cops, to restore peace ^{before} some of them had arrived among the houses as in Nowana.

MAYORS

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A profoundly relieved body of men were the mayors of the United States at Washington today. President Roosevelt's announcement that nobody will be allowed to starve took a ~~tremendous~~ load of worry off the City Fathers of America. Their reaction to the President's address was eloquently expressed, today. If Uncle Sam really stepped out of the relief picture, the honors of keeping the unemployed alive would fall largely upon the cities and towns. And most heavily, of course, upon the larger cities, where municipal taxes are already of staggering proportions.

The principal guest speaker at the mayor's conference today was the Secretary of the Treasury. But Mr. Morgenthau didn't have anything particularly new to say, he just put in a word backing up the President's suggestion for a tax conference. He told the mayors that the way in which our numerous taxes overlap one another drives the cost of collecting them way up to the skies.

One thing that happened at the mayors' conference today was somewhat astonishing. The nation's chief magistrates elected ~~Mr.~~ Fiorello LaGuardia of New York as their president for the coming year. Unless I am mistaken, it is the first time that a

New York mayor has won this honor. The old theory being that other cities are jealous of Father Knickerbocker. But, evidently the fable is not so true. The little mayor of the big town gets the large honor.

UTILITIES

Another challenge to the New Deal! A Philadelphia gas company throws down the gauntlet to the Securities Exchange Commission, declines to register, and serves notice of a hot fight in the courts. The corporation? The United Gas Improvement Company. The statement issued in Philadelphia declares:-
"We shall ask the Federal District Court in Philadelphia for an injunction to restrain the government from attempting to enforce the Holding Company Act. It is clearly unconstitutional."

Tomorrow the world will watch for that sky story - Lincoln Ellsworth's flight across the Antarctic. Two years he has waited down near the Pole - waited for good weather. And he's taken the jump.

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The Social Register, that compendious bible of the snobbish, contributes to the gaiety of nations once again. It has dropped from its august pages the name of the Countess von Haugwitz Reventlow, former Princess Alexis Mdivani, and before that plain Miss Barbara Hutton. As the consort of the ~~so-called~~ Georgian Prince, she was allowed to remain in that ^{sacrosanct} ~~sacred~~ volume. But her divorce and marriage to the Danish Count has put the Five-and-Ten heiress beyond the pale of America's nobility.

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Another young lady of azure lineage has also been conspicuously dropped. Miss Marjorie Oelrichs, daughter of a family that has long led the lists of fashion, ^{She too} has been exiled by the arbiters of society. She committed the heinous offense of marrying Eddie Duchin, ~~the~~ orchestra leader.

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And s-l-u-t-m.