

GENEVA

The League of Nations certainly astonished the world today. The swiftness of the actions at Geneva was a startling contrast to the delays, postponements and long laborious arguments that it required before that body finally made up its mind. However, once that decision was recorded, action has now come with startling rapidity.

The boycott of Italy has already begun. The Committee appointed to decide what form the sanctions should take has completed its work and the program was announced today. The punishments to be inflicted upon Mussolini are threefold:-

First, a world wide embargo on arms and ammunition. That means the Duce will not be able to buy any weapons, any arms, any war material from France, England, Belgium, or any of the other fifty-one nations who are joining in the boycott.

By the same token, the embargo on the shipment of arms to Ethiopia has been lifted. This means that henceforth war supplies can be shipped openly through the Sudan, through British Somaliland or through French Somaliland by that railway from Djubuti to Addis Ababa - if the Italians don't blow it to bits.

The second point in the sanctions program is a general boycott of all Italian goods. That will be a serious blow to Italian commerce. It means the country's only European customers will be Austria, Hungary and Germany.

The third point was to cut off all credit from Mussolini's country. None of the fifty-one boycotting nations will lend him a cent or extend him any credit on his purchases. That probably is one of the most serious measures that could be enforced.

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The first actual action was ^{that} taken by John Bull: ~~last night.~~ ~~That was~~ the refusal of His Majesty's Postmaster General to relay the speech of Baron Aloisi, the Duce's delegate in Geneva. The Italians had hoped by this means to place the Italian side of the dispute before the American people. But the action of the British Post Office made this impossible. The refusal was ~~xxxx~~ announced without ~~any~~ explanation.

There was another interesting feature in the statement issued by the Sanctions Committee of the League. In defining war-supplies, the Committee adopted the list announced ten days ago by President Roosevelt when he explained what ~~manufactures~~ ^{products it is} ~~it was~~ now unlawful to send to either of the belligerents.

The question now arises, "How long can the Duce wage his war in Africa with his sources of supplies so mercilessly cut off?" Of course he could buy quite sizeable quantities of munitions from Germany and Austria. But then comes another question: "What will he use for money?" It is generally believed that Italian finances are not in any too brilliant shape - in fact that's the main reason given for Mussolini going to war - divert the attention of the Italian people. So, though both Germany and Austria would be quite willing to sell him all he can buy, the probabilities are that they will want cash.

The Sanctions Committee intimated that if the first list of punishments is not effective, the League is prepared to go even further. A blockade, of course, would be enforced only as a last resort, because Mussolini has publicly announced that a blockade means war. But it is difficult to see quite how he can go to war with fifty-one nations. It has been hinted that the first move will be for all those fifty-one countries to withdraw their ambassadors and ministers from Rome. This would be

done to emphasize the complete isolation, the political ostracism of Italy.

It is curious to observe that although three Italian armies are fighting on Ethiopian soil, the Italian Minister is still in Addis Ababa - delaying his departure. To be sure, he won't stay there long. The Ethiopian Government firmly and none too politely invited him to leave several days ago. The accusation was made that the Duce's minister and his staff were actually functioning as spies. As they didn't hasten to accept that invitation to leave, Haile Selassie followed it up with the announcement that if the Italians aren't out of there by noon tomorrow, he'll put them out. Thereupon, the Italian Minister stated in the most dignified way that he is leaving tomorrow morning.

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The news that the Italian Minister was about to leave had one strange consequence. It created a small panic in Addis Ababa. The inhabitants suddenly realized that, so long as Italy's diplomats were still in the capital, it was safe from the Duce's bombing planes. The inhabitants are now afraid that as soon as the envoy departs a shower from T.N.T. will drop on them. All the foreigners who are still there are busy decorating their houses with their national flags, in the hope that they can be seen from aloft and will be thus immune.

MUSSOLINI FOLLOW GENEVA

It is a somewhat unusual situation when no news is considered to be news. ^{But} That's the situation in Rome today. An atmosphere of the utmost secrecy and mystery has surrounded all the government buildings on the banks of the Tiber. Naturally, there ^{has} been intense eagerness to know what Mussolini would have to say in reply to that pronouncement from Geneva. ^{IT} Mussolini has said nothing.!

^R In fact, ~~His Highness is somewhat~~ his silence is some ^{thing} ~~thing~~ terrific.!

The consequence is ~~that~~ it has been construed to mean that the Duce is preparing something that will astonish the world and explode a mine under the League of Nations. Italy's Premier ~~usually~~ usually has plenty to say for himself when the time comes. However, it must be remembered that this conjecture is nothing but a conjecture, a rumor based on the acute tension in Europe.

SMUGGLING

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The manufacturers of one European country didn't wait for the Sanctions Committee to lift the embargo on the shipment of arms to Ethiopia. A short while ago an investigator ran into an exceedingly curious piece of information. It seemed to indicate that almost half the population of Ethiopia must be taking piano lessons. Extraordinarily large shipments of cases labeled "pianos" were being sent from Belgium for export into Haile Selassie's kingdom. But that problem was soon solved. The real contents of those cases labeled "pinaos" were guns and ammunition.

The proceeding has been something like this. Agents in Antwerp and Amsterdam ordered consignments of machine guns, rifles and ammunition. These were then crated in piano cases marked "Piano, fragile." The smugglers always took the precaution to include some genuine piano cases, actually containing pianos among their freight. Then, before the vessel carrying them left port, Belgian government inspectors would go down into the hold, rip open a few ~~cases~~ of the cases most easy to reach, discover that they contained real pianos, and give the load their okay.

In this fashion contraband of war has been going into Ethiopia by the railway line from Djubuti to Addis Ababa. It has been

a vastly profitable trade, as Haile Selassie has paid cash and premium prices for all such shipments of weapons. Many cases labeled "canned fruit" and "vegetables" actually contained ^{can} ~~high~~ explosives^s. ~~Probably the story has been exaggerated, but a vast quantity of contraband is supposed to have been sneaked into Ethiopia in this fashion.~~

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The fair land of Greece has taken a second step towards bringing the genial King George back to the throne. That second step was to restore George's citizenship. How can you be King and not be a citizen? Soon after he was chucked out twelve years ago, the Republican government passed a law which declared that members of the royal family were no longer citizens of Hellas. That law has now been annuled by the present temporary government under the leadership of General Kondylis. So it is evident that Kondylis and his colleagues are quite in earnest about bringing George back to Athens,

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Anyhow, it now looks as though Greece will again have a word for government, that word being "monarchy". It is curious to reflect that since the World War Greece has had more changes of government even than France. The monarchy has been restored, abolished and repudiated no fewer than three times. There have

been seventeen different governments, four dictatorships, nearly three hundred cabinet ministers, and six revolutions -- a constant tug-of-war. Almost the only fixed feature on the political landscape there, was Constantin Venizelos, the grand old fox of Crete, foxed himself into exile, and is now marooned in France.

The expulsion of King George twelve years ago was not due to his being personally unpopular. As a matter of fact, he is an exceedingly genial, jovial, democratic fellow. Today he is forty-five years old. He is one of the best dressed men in Europe. In person he resembles a successful American business man. The outstanding features of his head are a pompadour that is growing thin with the years, and an amazing pair of ears which stand out at right angles to his face - like Lawrence Tibbett -- "the better to hear with, my dear."

George has had only one year on the throne. He became King in Nineteen^e Twenty-two and then an exile in Nineteen-twenty-three. Since he retired, he has spent much of his time hunting lions and entertaining political lions and lionesses at his headquarters on fashionable Dover Street, in London. His political

career has been helped considerably by his divorce from Queen Elizabeth, a sister of King Carol of Roumania. Queen Elizabeth, was quite unpopular in Greece. So the separation has been all to the good so far as George's place in the people's affections is concerned.

INTRODUCTION TO COMMERCIAL

Just a moment. A telegram [!] ~~has just come in.~~ Ted, Pearson, ^{bat out a few,} will you ~~come to bat for me for a couple of moments~~ while I study this [^] ~~thing here, take the mike will you?~~ [^]

TED PEARSON:- O.K. Lowell. Take your time. Hey, if its clear out in your corner of the world tonight or tomorrow night, just remember that a great, silvery, full moon is going to be flooding the landscape with its soft light. Mile after mile of open road is calling to you to come out for a moonlight cruise. As quiet as the moon's travel across the sky is the knockless power that Blue Sunoco will put in your car. This weekend, this fall, this month, this year and every year, Blue Sunoco's uniform, never varying top quality is always yours at regular gas price. Get the Blue Sunoco habit -- you'll never regret it! Happy miles this weekend, to you, ~~from the Sunoco family, Lowell Thomas and your announcer, Ted Pearson~~ And here's Lowell Thomas again.

FOLLOW COMMERCIAL

Well, Ted, here's something from Africa.

The world was startled this forenoon by the report that Haile Selassie's fighters had recaptured Aduwa. They were supposed to have slipped in at night, evading General DeBono's advance guard, taken the City by surprise, and slaughtered twenty-five hundred Italian soldiers.

Well, that was exciting, but later information now indicates that it's highly improbable. For one thing, the report is not confirmed from Rome. For another thing, it was in direct conflict with other bits of news that verified as authentic. For instance, we learn that General DeBono, Commander-in-Chief, of the Northern Army, made a stately and impressive entry, surrounded by his glittering staff, into Aduwa today. He took final formal occupation of the City in the name of the government and of his sovereign, King Victor Emanuel. That could hardly have happened if the story of the Ethiopian recapture of that historic place were true.

Another official bulletin. At the same time that he took official possession of Aduwa, General DeBono widened his

front on the north. The advance guard is operating methodically to eliminate all the Ethiopian sharpshooters. And - the division stationed at Adagrat is pushing ~~xx~~ ahead to cut the trade route from Makale.

And - from London:- The Cabinet issued a sudden call for an extra session of Parliament, October Second. The motive is obvious.

And one from home:- The Longshore strike in Texas and Louisiana. Eight seaports tied up. Three thousand men out.

WOMEN

The American Federation of Labor has seen a new light so far as women are concerned. Their Atlantic City Convention decided today to give official recognition to women workers. Considering the active part played by women in so many strikes, it seems ^{odd} ~~curious~~ that the Federation should have waited this long. ~~But they have now decided.~~ Especially when you think of such famous labor leaders as Mother Jones. Some twenty-five or thirty years ago, she ~~was~~ was one of the most picturesque characters in America, and certainly the most interesting figure in the Coal Miners' Union. I remember her as an old, gray-haired woman, leading one of those ^{most} bitterly contested of all coal strikes in Colorado. Mother Jones was no mere agitator. She fought side by side with "her boys", as she used to call them.

In spite of her years, she even went to jail with them.

Rugh, now the A.F. of L. extends a blanket invitation to all women workers in America. The heads of the Federation figure on organizing teachers, beauty shop operators, waitresses, textile workers, garment workers, department store sales ^{women} ~~men~~, -women who work ^{— include the stenogs in my office,} with their hands and professional women as well. ^{As a prelude to}

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this departure, it is proposed to put a woman on the Executive Council of the Federation.

HOOVER

Several hundred New Yorkers have just seen Herbert Hoover in a new role. Usually Ex-President Hoover is noted for the gravity and seriousness of his expression. But people who attended the Leland-Stanford Alumni Dinner at the Waldorf saw a totally different Herbert Hoover, a genial jovial person with a broad smile and an amazingly happy expression. What is more, he interpolated his speech with jokes - panicked them, wowed them. And that's something unknown in pre-New Deal history.

The line that got the biggest laugh came when Mr. Hoover said: "I found that honorary university degrees are good for two things. The first is that they enable you to subscribe to the alumni funds. The second I discovered one time by accident. During a gasoline famine, by using my honorary title of Doctor I got enough gas to get home on."

FOLLOW BASEBALL

Now that the World Series is over, ball-players such as belong to the Order of the Masons are looking forward to another bout with bats and baseballs; an all-star Masonic diamond contest to be held at Trenton, New Jersey, tomorrow, Columbus Day.

Jimmy Foxx, the home run slugger, of the Philadelphia Athletics, is the Chairman for the Trenton Forest of the Tall Cedars. And he'll run off a ~~game~~ game in which the hitters and fielders will be Big League stars. No fewer than twenty big shots of the diamond will be in that game. Lefty Grove, Sad Sam Jones, George Earnshaw, Waite Hoyt, Red Ruffing, Herb Pennock, Jimmy Wilson, Frankie Frisch, Pie Traynor, the Waner brothers - Big Poison and Little Poison, and so on.

ENDING

Well, there's a double inducement for all of us to get out and enjoy the crisp Autumn air this weekend. October is the month when Nature puts on her greatest show, and we mustn't miss that. Our American Indian summer is the envy of the whole world. Colonel Barron of Crawford Notch tells me that the colors in New England are the most beautiful this year than at any time during the past forty years! Or, you might try the Adirondacks, or the Pocanos.

And, I suppose a few hundred thousand of you will spend part of tomorrow with your hearts in your mouths - at the football game, cheering for Deal Old Hobart, or Dear Old Knox College.

At any rate, half of America will be on the highroad. And I've just been reading in the papers where the accidents have been usually high this year - the President's sons have had plenty of company. So let's all remember that brake failure causes more trouble than any other mechanical defect. Let's get 'em lined, and take every other possible precaution, and then fill up with Blue Sunoco and enjoy that wonder of wonders, the trees turning to red and gold, and --

So long Until Monday.