

NAVY

This coming Sunday is Navy Day, and falls just as Navy men, Government officials, and everybody interested in the fleet, will be thinking about what part the United States will play in the Naval Conference just scheduled for December second. No high expectations of great results are cherished in Washington, no prodigies of disarmament on the sea are in prospect.

Washington feels that the world crisis over Ethiopia makes it virtually impossible for the nations to think seriously about cutting down on their warships in a drastic way. Bigger navies are more likely than smaller navies.

This is borne out by reports of who Uncle Sam's delegates to the Conference will be. For Chief Delegate the name of Admiral William H. Standley is prominently mentioned. Some of you may remember that he was on the air with me as guest speaker a year or so ago. He's Chief of Naval operations and is known to be a strong advocate of a big navy. And they say the other American delegates are likely to be big Navy men. In the past, Washington has sent to Naval Conferences a certain proportion of small Navy advocates in its delegation. But not this year. And by the way, on Navy Day you are doubly welcome at all Navy bases.

ETHIOPIA

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There's plenty of wonder -- why the Italians are making no forward move on the northern Ethiopian front. In the South, General Graziani's army is pushing on and on. Obviously a careful advance, but still an advance. We hear today of two more villages occupied by the Italians in the great valley of the Webbe Shibeli <sup>Waybay Shebrayay</sup> River.

But the northern Italian army is standing still. Not that there's no ~~new~~ news about it today, but the news is defense, not attack. Rome reports an Ethiopian offensive led by Ras Seyoum, the commander of Haile Selassie's northern army. Attack beaten back, says Rome, when two batteries of artillery shelled the advancing Africans.

The supposition is that the Italians in the <sup>wild, mountainous</sup> North must be busy with huge engineering preparations for a heavy forward thrust.

## HAILE SELASSIE

Amid all the rumors and counter-rumors, reports un-trustworthy and more untrustworthy, I can give you one piece of authentic news from Addis Ababa. This morning Emperor Haile Selassie had breakfast. I can also state that he was not the first one to take a bite of the royal breakfast. It was sampled, to begin with, by an important functionary of the court, the official taster. Ethiopian history has its incidents of palace poisoning. So it's kingly routine to have a lord high taster, who tries every plate of food for poison, before the viands are hoisted to the royal mouth.

What did the Lion of Judah have for breakfast, why kippers, undoubtedly. They're his favorite morning repast. Imported direct from Scotland. The descendant of the Queen of Sheba is quite a cosmopolitan in the art of dining, and in the morning he loves his herring.

The pride of his palace is a spic and span modern kitchen, with flooding electric lights, an-up-to-date range, and burnished copper pots and pans. Yes, as late as half a dozen years ago, the palace at Addis Ababa had a traditional Ethiopian kitchen, consist-

ing of an open fire, a big pot suspended over the blaze, and a small negro boy to stoke the flames.

Haile Selassie made a tour of Europe some years ago, and one evening had dinner in a Parisian restaurant. He had lamb outlets, served with Sauce Bordelaise. The royal potentate was so delighted with the dish, that Henri Chambard, the chef, was brought into the royal presence. Haile Selassie offered him a fat salary, paid thirty years in advance - thirty in full - to become imperial chef. Who could turn that down?

In the Ethiopian capital Chambard's first six months were a time of horror, pain and anguish. He had to wrestle with that pot hanging over the open fire. He was in despair.

But the great Henri Chambard learned how to prepare a favorite Ethiopian dish, much relished by Haile Selassie. The name of this East African edible, translated into English, is - "Hot-Pot". From descriptions it's a kind of stew. The Emperor Haile Selassie, in addition to kippers and hot-pot, likes fried eggs.

What about it? Well, the renowned Trocadero Restaurant

in Paris has a new chef. Henri Chambard, just returned from Ethiopia. In the land of the Queen of Sheba, Madame Chambard was lonesome. There are a number of white women still in Addis Ababa. But they're the wives of diplomats, and not too chummy with the wife of a chef. So Madame was irked by the solitude. And the King of Kings has lost his chef.

SANCTIONS

Here's something we don't know anything about. <sup>And</sup> The news gives us the reasons why we shouldn't know anything about it. The big question-mark is the peace terms Mussolini has proposed. The insistent report is that both the French and the British governments have received peace proposals from Rome, the terms being kept a dead secret. The statesmen <sup>say it</sup> would be <sup>unfortunate</sup> ~~in a bad way~~ if Mussolini's offer became known, because if it <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ turned down by London - that would have <sup>an ugly</sup> ~~a bad~~ effect upon the prevailing mood of peace. The expectation is that London will say "No". That's why we are not supposed to <sup>about the offer,</sup> know <sup>in fact</sup> don't know.

One inevitable supposition; however, is that in his peace proposals, Mussolini is continuing to suggest that the clamping down of the League of Nations sanctions be delayed. He would like to have a sufficient interval to talk things over, before the penalties are slapped on.

It has been supposed that London would cold-shoulder the request for a penalty postponement. And that supposition is amplified with the news of today's meeting of the Privy Council in London. The Council voted to put the sanctions in force on the day set by the League. That day is next Thursday.

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Big Ben chimed out chimed out closing time today,  
the famous clock on <sup>the big</sup> Parliament Building<sup>s</sup> in London. ~~and~~ Parlia-  
ment was dissolved.

The session was a <sup>sc</sup> shot <sup>A</sup> one, called merely to receive  
a report from His Majesty's government concerning their actions  
in the Ethiopian crisis. Also -- the British lawmakers were there  
to hear that they were lawmakers no longer, unless they're re-  
elected. The election is to be held on November Fourteenth.

The session was distinguished by peaceful declarations  
and by an easing of the international tension. And it served to  
materialize the decision of the Tory Government to go before  
the voters on a question of the League of Nations, Italy and  
Ethiopia. There's no doubt of the British voters being heartily  
in favor of what the Baldwin Cabinet has been doing. Even the  
Labor opposition is in favor. So it's <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>able</sup> ~~season's~~ time for the  
conservative M. P.s to go campaigning.

It all served to bring onto the world's stage today  
an elderly, bearded, dignified figure -- King George the Fifth,  
exercising the royal prerogative -- dissolving Parliament.

## KINGS

Kings in fact, figure more than once in the news this evening. There's another King George, or rather -- ex-king of Greece. Still in England, watching, keeping in touch by wireless with the government that has called him back to the throne. He'll return, if the election soon to be held, goes in his favor. And -- if the latest revolt that has just broken out doesn't succeed.

It won't succeed if the iron-handed Royalist leader in Athens has his way -- General Kondylis, who engineered the coup d'etat that overthrew the Greek Republic. As regent and virtual dictator, Kondylis today struck with three warships and two thousand soldiers, sent them hastening to the Island of Crete. That ancient turbulent isle is where revolt has once more flared against the Royalist restoration. Crete is burningly republican. It's the home and former stronghold of Venezelos, leader of Hellenic republicanism. The island, with Venezelos in command, took a prime part in the anti-Royalist revolt some months ago. Revolt crushed, Venezelos fugitive. Crete rebelled then because a Royalist restoration was in the wind. So now Crete rebels again, because the Royalist



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restoration has been put over in ~~There~~ Athens.

Reports are that thirty thousand Republican mountaineers are in arms, and the prospect is that they'll put up a fight against the three warships and two thousand soldiers that have steamed against them.

~~Iron man Kondylis is striking Republican elements in Athens, too.~~ The moment the news flashed <sup>of</sup> a revolt in Crete, arrests began <sup>in Athens</sup>. The first batch of prisoners was fifty army and navy officers, including one general. They're being deported to one of the Greek islands. <sup>H</sup> There's fierce opposition to the Royalist program. This, however, seems to be confined to politically-minded people. The mass of the Greek <sup>are</sup> ~~people seem~~ to be apathetic, not greatly concerned. So it's supposed in the coming plebiscite they'll <sup>v</sup> ~~note~~ <sup>note</sup> for things as they are, for Iron-man Kondylis, and for the exiled King George.

BULGARIA

Our next king in the news tonight is Boris of Bulgaria, and here we have a plot of drama and mystery. It sounds like something in a book, but it comes in news dispatches.

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We've had fragmentary reports about a plot to overthrow Boris. The plot was detected, and foiled. Right now the King and Queen are under heavy armed guard. Machine guns and gunners are on duty at the palace. Scores of arrests ~~were~~ made, and ~~are~~ still being made. These have been the general facts. Now we get an inside story of how the plot was discovered.

The story begins with the Queen of Bulgaria, who is a daughter of the King of Italy. . She, ~~xxx~~ as it happens, is fond of parrots. So there are scores of parrots in the palace - Polly in a cage in almost every room. One talkative bird ~~x~~ lived and chattered in quarters assigned to a group of household military officers. Day after day, the parrot in the cage listened, while the officers talked among themselves in secret. Hearing, the bird remembered. Remembering, the parrot talked, and not in secret. It suddenly started shrieking wild and raucous yells: "Kill the king, kill the king, kill the king!" Before the guilty

officers could squelch Polly's wild outcry, somebody had heard the parrot screeching. "Kill the King!" - that was mighty strange!

So there was an investigation, and the plot was exposed.

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PROSPERITY

It looks as if the optimistic statements from Washington had their effect today. The Stock Market did another one of its climbing acts. ~~today~~. Prices up all along the line.

The traders may have had in mind the figures given out by Labor Secretary Miss Frances Perkins, her statement that jobs were up three hundred and fifty thousand in September. That brought the job situation to its best figure in the last five

years. Still there have been heavy layoffs in the automobile industry. That's seasonal, caused by inaction just before new models are brought out.

And retail sales keep giving us rosier reports. Columbus Day sales <sup>were</sup> up -- forty-three percent.

Banks join in the chorus. They sing a tune of a twentyseven percent increase in clearings in twenty-two of the nation's leading cities. That was for last week. The week before they went up twenty percent. ~~Following are nine million dollars~~

~~over~~ Exports of farm machinery are nine million dollars over last year.

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Fifty executives, leaders of industry, and bankers, have been spending a week touring the country. They have been visiting big plants such as the General Electric, Eastman Kodak, Mellen Institute, Rubber factories, and ending with the Bell Laboratories today.

The purpose of this unusual tour has been to see what plans industry is making for the future, what is going on in the Research Laboratories, what steps are being taken to provide new lines of endeavor, and new jobs for American workmen.

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~~This~~ grand tour of business executives and financiers will end with a banquet at the Waldorf tonight, where all those who have taken part in the tour will discuss the things they have seen. And the principal speaker will be Dr. Jewett, President of the Bell Telephone Laboratories. The Doctor will discuss "The Challenge to Change." *Great changes, not small change.*

The leader of this ~~ex~~ unusual tour has been ~~Mr.~~ Maurice Holland, Director of the National Research Council.

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Right now Phillipsburg, New Jersey, is staging a celebration. <sup>They've</sup> ~~is~~ just open<sup>ed</sup> the last connecting link of highway, on Route Number Twenty-two between Pennsylvania and New York. Governor Harry Hoffman of New Jersey cut the tape today and led the parade along a highway as modern as Blue Sunoco.

SCHULTZ

The passing of Dutch Schultz by gun-fire doesn't mean that the boss racketeers will be off the newspapers. Of course, the New York papers are still headlining the detective investigation of that burst of gangster bloodshed in the metropolis. But even ~~the~~ after that's over, the State is going to keep the Dutch Schultz case alive - that income tax end of it. We learn this from an announcement by the Commissioner of Taxes of New York State. His Department plans to keep going after the tax it claims the one time beer baron dodged, in the amount of Eighty thousand Dollars. The state is going to sue his estate for that.

A.A.A.

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There's a new note in the raging controversy about the Triple A - a voice speaking with a tone of determination, the President's voice. Far from weakening on the Agricultural Adjustment Act, with its crop reduction and bonuses to farmers, Mr. Roosevelt declared today the A.A.A. is a permanent institution and not a mere emergency measure. He says it ~~was~~<sup>is</sup> necessary to keep the Triple A going in a big way, thus preventing a slump in the agricultural market. He added it should be a permanent thing to give the farmer more incentive to conserve the soil-resources of the nation.

Mr. Roosevelt held his first press conference today after his sea going vacation, ~~and~~<sup>and</sup> He took occasion ~~in that first press conference~~ to uphold the A.A.A.



## MARTINI

One important biographical note about anybody is - what was his father's occupation? You will find sundry oddities along that line - a son of the old soak becomes an Evangelist, a railroad president whose father drove a twenty mule team in the old wild ~~xxx~~ west. The Rockefeller Center Weekly, tells one on the young lyrical tenor, Nino Martini, of the Metropolitan Opera House, and the radio and the movies. Now what would make an appropriate home and family origin for a singer of romantic operettic songs? You might think a long time before imagining anything so apt and to the point as the actual truth about Martini. The young tenor was born in the City of Verona, of Shakespeare's "Two Gentlemen of Verona." His father was custodian in charge of a national shrine there, the legendary tomb of Romeo and Juliet. "Oh Romeo! Where art thou Romeo." Singing tenor on the Raddio nowadays. And --

SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.