

ETHIOPIA

Just twenty-one years ago today grey-clad German hordes were hammering at the gates of Brussels. The Belgian Government had fled to Antwerp. Austrians were marching through Serbia, the Russians defeated a German army at an unpronounceable place. And now, only twenty-one years after those calamitous events, the world stands facing the danger of a similar, perhaps even a worse, catastrophe. The loud "No" that Mussolini shouted to the futile debaters of the Three-Power Conference has set the Governments of Europe to shaking in their shoes.

So war is inevitable. Those words were flashing through the air by radio and across the beds of the oceans, along the cables, today.

The new element in the situation is the state of fear that the Duce's emphatic "no" has precipitated throughout the chancelleries of the old world. Statesmen are staying awake nights. English Cabinet ministers even left their pheasant shooting and rushed to London to get their heads together. John Bull feels

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the necessity

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of strengthening his garrisons in the Sudan, which of course is perilous to the scene of conflict. Threats of native uprisings all over Africa are being taken seriously. ^{And -} Anxious eyes are being cast in the direction of the Balkans. It seems strange that people should be afraid lest a war on the shores of the Red Sea should bring about another and a worse one on ^{the Black Sea and} the shores of the Danube.

But stranger things have happened. [¶] And the British government are also said to be debating whether they should remove the embargo on the shipment of arms to Ethiopia. ~~Of course such a decision would be considered as unfriendly and by Italy. But Stanley Baldwin's cabinet considers Mussolini's abrupt rejection of peace proposals as being not too friendly either, in tone at least.~~

Meanwhile, Wall Street and Washington are excited over the rumor that Haile Selassie has succeeded in placing an order for war munitions with an American firm. In Washington that had the effect of stimulating fresh energy among the Congressmen, who want to establish Uncle Sam's neutrality not only in word but in act. They want to avoid the state of affairs established in the World War. And they say that in order to avoid it, Uncle Sam should decline to sell arms or ammunition to either side.

Optimists are saying: "There's still a chance for peace. The Council of the League of Nations is to meet on September fourth." On that occasion Ethiopia will have a new champion. President DeValera of Ireland will take up the Ethiopian cause.

In the eyes of English and French statesmen, one of the worse consequences of this war will be the death blow it inflicts upon the League.

GERMANY

The world at large has been applauding the courage of Dr. Hjalmer Schacht today. Even for so important a man as the Economic Dictator of Germany, it was an act of real bravery to come right out in meeting and attack the Jew baiters. ~~He~~ But his speech didn't do ~~the~~ persecuted people much good. Outside of those who were actually present, few people in Germany today know about it. The official censor clamped down hard. The version of ^{Schacht's} ~~his~~ remarks given to the German public, was a strictly mangled and emasculated report. The newspapers of the Fatherland emphasized that part of his speech in which he urged all Germans to help the Hitler regime by investing in government bonds. Not a word ~~is~~ about his warning that the smashing of windows, and the persecution of people who buy from Jewish merchants was harmful to the entire country and a serious danger to its economic structure.

~~Hitler's Number One~~

Hitler's Number One ~~official~~ financial man is not unknown in America. As a matter of fact, ^{as I have mentioned before, is} his full name ~~is~~ Hjalmer Horace Greeley Schacht. His family ~~were~~ used to live in Brooklyn. His origin is not German, but Danish, though he himself was born on Prussian soil.

^{— the East Prussian city of Königsberg —}
Incidentally, the place where he delivered that speech ^{has} been the

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center of some of the most savage attacks upon Jewish people. Many ~~people~~ today are asking: "What will the Hitler firebrands do to Schacht to punish him for those remarks?" It's been only fourteen months since Franz von Papen, then Vice Chancellor, delivered a similar address, attacking the Nazi ~~extremists~~ extremists. And what happened to him is a matter of history. His speech was a prelude to the terrible blood purge — *and he lost his job.*

~~L.T. SUNOCO, MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1935~~

~~Good Evening, Everybody.~~

Our Congress today showed that it's in earnest about getting through with its labors and going home Saturday night.

It will be a tough hot job with eleven presidential "must" measures to push through. But a ^{swift} ~~good~~ beginning was made today. In the first place, the Guffey Coal Bill was passed through the House.

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^{have} had. For a while it looked as though his wishes would be defeated.

All through the afternoon's debating and voting the issue was touch and go. But finally it was passed by a vote of 194 to 168.

Just 26 votes to spare. This Guffey measure, as you may remember,

applies the much contested principles of the NRA to the soft coal

industry. The Department of Labor says it is badly needed, ^{and if} ~~it~~

it doesn't become law, there's sure to be a strike in the soft coal

fields; ~~That would~~ ^{involve} some four hundred thousand miners.

At present there's a truce between the ^{men} ~~and~~ and the mine owners. But that

truce expires September 16th. And it exists only because the miners

felt sure the bill would be passed.

This afternoon's victory in the House goes only half the way toward making the Guffey Bill a law. It's got to run a still tougher gauntlet in the Senate. And that'll make the problem of cleaning up the Senate's work by Saturday pretty rough going.

SENATE FOLLOW LEAD

~~But the President also got one point nearer to his goal~~
~~for this season.~~ The Senate ^{has just} passed the new Frazier-Lemke Mortgage Act. It's purpose is to replace the old Farm Mortgage Moratorium bill sponsored by the same two Congressmen. The first bill was knocked out by the Supreme Court. When that happened, President Roosevelt remarked philosophically that he was not surprised. He said it had been hastily drawn and insufficiently considered. Well, the new bill has been devised with more care and with a keen eye to complying with the Constitution.

Now that the Senators have said: "Yes", this measure is ~~now~~ up to the House. The leaders don't expect that it will run into much controversy there.

Just to show that the boys and girls on Capitol Hill weren't idle, they hustled through a couple more items on the President's "must" program. The Representatives accepted the report of the conferees on the Eccles Bank Bill. That cuts through one of the hard knots they had to untangle. And it also goes to the Senate. ~~It remains to be seen whether it will pass the said~~
~~scrutiny of~~ ~~senator class.~~

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Another thing the House did was ~~to~~ vote "yes" on the act establishing pensions for railroad workers. That also ^{must} ~~has got to~~ be okayed by the Senate, before Mr. Roosevelt gets a chance to sign it.

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Chubby Mr. Hopson, the vice-president of Associated Gas & Electric, lost his usual good humor this afternoon. The Senators got his goat. For a while he endured a barrage of questions with good nature. But it finally became too much for him, when he ^{blurted out:} ~~said:~~ "You're unfair. You don't want the truth. You won't let me finish my answers." His face flushed and beads of perspiration stood out as he shook his finger at the Chairman. Senator Black replied, "We are perfectly willing to let you finish your answers, but we don't want speeches." To which the ~~the~~ utilities big shot retorted, "That shows you don't want the truth."

The Senators were questioning him closely on the profits he had made out of utilities. Mr. Hopson admitted frankly that whenever he saw a statement in a newspaper which he considered unfair he immediately "hopped ^{on}" any such paper.

The Senators are not through with Hopson yet. Nerves were at a high tension in that committee room, and it looks as though more ~~xxx~~ exciting sessions were to come.

G.O.P.

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One of the most exciting things in the news is the surge of enthusiasm among Republican leaders. It now becomes apparent that next year's presidential campaign, instead of being a Democratic walkover, will be a red hot ding dong affair. Especially if the G.O.P. nominates Senator Borah, the grand old man of Idaho. That poll conducted by Robert H. Lucas of the Republican National Committee has had a galvanic effect.

To be sure, Senator Borah has been frequently mentioned as ^{of} desirable president ^{in timber} in by-gone years. But hitherto the leaders have been afraid of him. Mr. Lucas's poll shows a tremendous change in this respect. Senator Borah was tops in the voting, with three hundred and thirteen. His nearest competitor, ^{Colonel} Frank Knox, the brilliant editor and owner of the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. The significant thing is that the men voting were county chairmen and other leaders, the men who run the convention, the men who have the job of getting out the vote. Never before has any such large proportion of these openly favored the nomination of the Idaho statesman.

In previous years they've been ^{leery} ~~afraid of him~~. At election time he's always strictly regular. But on the floor of the Senate he has resolutely declined to play party politics. And that has

earned him the respect, fear and annoyance of both Republicans and Democrats, conservatives and liberals.

There's a story that the late President Harding once asked Borah to be administration leader in the Senate. The Big Potato statesman declined, saying: "I am sorry, Mr. President, you can get along without my support, but I can't get along without my views." Will Rogers once said: "There are three parties in the Senate:- Republicans, Democrats and Borah."

His behavior as a senator has frequently baffled his admirers. More than once small groups of his colleagues have been willing to follow him and make him their leader. But invariably they would find themselves out on a limb with the lone wolf from Idaho loping off in a different direction.

Another Borah anecdote tells of a reply he made to the late Calvin Coolidge. Before the Convention of Nineteen twenty-four, Coolidge is supposed to have said to Borah: "I'd like to have you on the ticket with me." Borah's reply was: "Which end of the ticket, Mr. President?"

Of course that poll conducted by Mr. Lucas was only a straw vote. But it must be remembered that the men who answered the

questionnaire are the men who will do the nominating next summer.

At any rate, it has ~~sent~~ ^{sent} ~~thrown~~ ^{up and down some} chills ~~of some~~ Democratic spines.

Kingfish Huey Long, who has announced that he will run against Mr.

Roosevelt, has also said: "But I won't run if the Republicans nominate

^{Ill support him."}
Borah. That sentiment has been paraphrased by other important

Democrats who don't altogether like the Roosevelt policies.

All this will add great interest to President Roosevelt's speech in Milwaukee Friday night when he ~~goes to~~ ^{is} address the Congress of the Young Democratic Clubs of America. The chances are we'll hear some straight from the shoulder talk. It's an open secret that the President will seize the occasion to make a stinging reply to critics of the New Deal. We shall all have a chance to hear it, because it will be on the air over ~~the~~ a nationwide hookup.

BUSINESS

Never was the economic scene in the United States so strange and full of contradictions as it is today. From one angle, we see millions on relief. From the other, millions enjoying not only comforts but luxuries.

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The reports from summer resorts, for instance, paint a picture of America playing more enthusiastically and spending more money than she has done ^{at} any time in the last five years. Hotels, amusement parks, beaches, bath houses, making money hand over fist. Baseball parks drawing bigger crowds than ever. A bumper season for passenger ships. Cruise vessels booked to capacity. Capacity crowds spending money cheerfully.

But we can't forget the other side of the picture. The relief stations are also doing tremendous business.

The Tall Story Club has been dormant for sometime now. But, it is likely to come to life with a bang, for one of its most ardent members, Carveth Wells, has just sailed on a tall story expedition.

Carveth can tell whoppers about more parts of the world than any other member of the Tall Story Club. This time, accompanied by his blonde goddess, ^{— his wife —} he has sailed for Mexico to visit the volcano Jorullo, where fish are erupted from the crater, a crater that spouts hot water. He's going to visit a tribe of Indians that still lives in the Stone Age, and also visit a town where they have a curious way of dealing with the dead. Bodies are kept in pigeon holes for which rent must be paid. Failure to pay results in eviction, mummies dumped into the street. Another curious thing he's going to do is make a collection of the Mexican water-front fleas in Vera Cruz. So you can imagine what sort of tall stories will result from all this.

ROGERS

Few aviators have had such a sad duty as that of Joe Crosson, the Alaskan pilot. With an escort of Uncle Sam's army and navy planes, he brought the bodies of Will Rogers and Wiley Post back to home soil. He flew from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Vancouver, and, landed in Seattle shortly after one o'clock this afternoon, that is, Eastern Standard Time. Three navy planes met him half way between Vancouver and Seattle. And an army pilot escorted him to the airport.

Joe Crosson has made many dramatic flights on errands of mercy. But never before was he so personally involved, as both Rogers and Wiley Post were intimate friends of his.

Although the funeral services for Will Rogers will be held in Hollywood, his remains are to be buried in his home state, Oklahoma, near the graves of his father and mother. Wiley will have his last resting place in Oklahoma City, near his home.

Congress offers to inter the bodies in Arlington National Cemetery and to buy the good old Winnie Mae for the Smithsonian.

TRAIN

A railway train arrived in New York today with as motley and melancholy a load of passengers as you ever saw. Three hundred unfortunates from all over the country were being deported. The train started from San Francisco with a handful, but at every stop it picked up additional riders.

Some of them are out-and-out criminals, but not all. A large number were good, honest folk, ^{except} ~~but for the fact~~ that they were in the country contrary to the regulations of Uncle Sam.

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One of the deportees was a Mohammedan gentleman named Omar Osman. For years Omar had made ^a ~~an honest livelihood~~ livelihood selling peanuts in Buffalo. But somebody tipped off the immigration sleuths, so Omar goes home ^e to Turkey. But ~~it's not so~~ he's not so badly off. He has saved Two thousand dollars. And a man can live ~~quite~~ comfortably in Anatolia on that.

One of his travel mates came from Ethiopia fourteen years ago, got in illegally, and is now going back to Ethiopia, ^{— just in time to save his country!} One can't help wondering just how he's going to get there. ~~Maybe he'll arrive in time to enlist and fight for his country.~~ During his fourteen years in the land of the free, he has learned three words in English. Those words

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are: "You tell 'em". Whatever you ask him, his reply is:

"You tell 'em." A reporter asked him: "What do you think of Haile Selassie?" And the reply of the subject of the King of Kings was: "You tell 'em."

And now Jimmy you tell 'em - and,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.