

L. T. - Lunoco - Thursday, Sept. 12, 1935.

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR:

I mean, an Ethiopian Happy New Year. For today is Tut  
the first, Tut being a month in the land of the King of Kings. *And,*  
*Tut the First is Abyssinian)*  
~~and that is East Africa~~ New Year.

Ethiopia follows the old <sup>Coptic</sup> ~~Julian~~ calendar, established  
~~by Julius Caesar~~ The western nations, some centuries ago,  
changed over to the Gregorian calendar, established by Pope  
Gregory. So the passing of the years in Addis Ababa doesn't jibe  
with the cycle of time in Paris, Berlin or New York. Moreover,  
the Ethiopians date their era, not from the birth of the Saviour,  
but from the martyrdom of some <sup>special</sup> ~~about three hundred years~~  
~~ago~~ So at Addis Ababa it's not nineteen thirty-five, today is  
the first day of the month Tut of the year Sixteen fifty-two.  
This is all according to the Coptic Rite, the form of Christianity  
that flourished in Egypt and spread to the south.

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*But,* The New Year festivities in the domain of the conquering Lion of Judah, were darkened today by the shadow of the impending war. The Ethiopians are convinced that the Italians are going to launch their drive on September twenty-fourth, or, as a descendant of the Queen of Sheba would say, on Tut the thirteenth.

The Ethiopians are facing the danger bravely, <sup>and are by no means</sup> ~~but they are not~~ <sup>merely</sup> saying "Tut, tut".

At Geneva we find Great Britain backed up with some powerful support today. Not ~~in~~ so much material power, moral power. Holland, Sweden and Belgium are not mighty military states. But just the same, they are important at Geneva, because they speak for <sup>what is termed</sup> "The Conscience of the League." That's what they call it - the ~~multi~~ small disinterested nations, Conscience.

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Today the delegate of the Netherlands got up and declared: "My government is for everything that British Foreign Minister Sir Samuel Hoare said yesterday." <sup>And,</sup> <sub>^</sub> Sir Samuel's demand was for united League action against Italian aggression. So today Holland endorsed the British stand and demanded the same thing. And so did Sweden, another member of the Conscience group. And another

nation to speak up in similar terms was Belgium. The angle to the Belgian declaration is that the Brussels government is closely tied to France. Belgium saying "No" to Italy. France saying neither "No" or "Yes". Silence that seems to say -- "No we don't want you to do it, but if you insist - Yes."

Sir Samuel Hoare yesterday emphasized collective action and today the Conscience League continued to stress on - collective. Nobody suggests doing anything alone. All together, or not at all.

The Conscience spoke some words of good will toward Italy. The still small voice, as expressed by Holland, Sweden and Belgium admits that Italy needs things, needs a source of raw materials, needs room for expansion. But that, they say, is no excuse for going to war. Nobody explained how Italy could get these things without war.

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The<sup>se</sup> Declarations of the British Foreign Minister are getting a lot of applause, including applause in Washington.

Secretary of State Hull declared today that Sir Samuel's appeal was interesting, able and timely.

Today our own land of the free appears once more in the crisis. A call for action, peace action. By Senator Pope of Idaho, who is touring Europe, getting first hand impressions of the war danger. This afternoon he put a message on the trans-Atlantic cable to Secretary of State Hull.



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Senator Pope suggested that a conference be called of all the nations that signed the Kellogg Peace Treaties outlawing war. The United States and France were the two governments that took the initiative in putting across those treaties. Senator Pope, in calling for a Kellogg Pact Conference, suggests that either the United States or France should call the confab. The purpose of it all would be to do something decisive to avert war in East Africa. Senator ~~Frank~~ Pope thinks the Kellogg signatories should form an agreement with teeth, ~~in it~~ enough teeth to declare Italy an outlaw if she goes ahead and attacks Ethiopia.

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FOLLOW ETHIOPIA

*Here's*  
~~There's~~ a hint of how dramatic that European crisis has  
*It's*  
been, from a chat I had, not with a statesman, but with an elevator  
man. And he philosophized it with one phrase, "It wasn't like that  
during the world war -- not in Malta."

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He runs one of those far-journeying elevators in the  
towering R.C.A. Building in Rockefeller Center. His name is  
Alfred Gauci ~~xi~~ (pronounced Gauchi). He's a native of Malta and  
was telling me about letters from home -- letters that tell of  
warlike preparations at the great British Mediterranean Island-  
fortress - once the stronghold of the Crusaders. The people back  
*in Malta*  
~~at~~ home write and tell about gas masks. The British government  
has issued ~~gas~~ masks and taught the population how to use them.  
All set, in case of Italian air raids. And they describe how  
the harbor is enclosed with a great submarine net, precaution against  
the possibilities of undersea boats sneaking in and firing  
torpedoes at ships in the harbor.

Freddie, my elevator-man friend, told me how the Maltese  
g vividly remember the World War - and so do I, because I was chased

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in to Malta by u-boats. But then it was nothing like now, he adds, nothing like all this gas mask business for civilians.

In Ancient times the Greeks were renowned for intellectual subtlety and the utmost refinement of word splitting. The Ancient Greeks would have been delighted with something like -- a horse that's a cow, or an ocean that's dry land. From modern Greece we hear about -- a republic with a king. How come? It comes because the Greeks are divided into bitter factions. One side wants a republic. And the other side wants a king. It would occur to mighty few people that you could have both. But it does occur to the Greeks.

Premier Tsaldaris is an ardent advocate of a republic.

The Minister of War, General Kondylis, is in favor of having a king. The General put pressure on the Premier. But the Premier stays loyal to his republican principles. He says: - "The Republic will never die, but, ~~also~~, if you insist, we'll have a king also."

So that's that, and the date for a national plebiscite is set for October twenty-seventh. On that day the Greeks, splitting the political hair, will vote whether they'll have a republic with a king or a republic without a king. Anyway, they'll have a republic, with or without. Probably -- with. Because Royalist sentiment has been increasing by leaps and bounds in the Ancient Land of the Helens.



GERMAN TRADE

There's a slight tiff between the United States and Germany. It's of a strictly commercial nature. Your Uncle Sam is taking a smack at the German Fritz, a tariff whack.

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It is revealed that Secretary of State Hull has sent official word to Dr. Hans Luther, the German Ambassador, that Germany is not going to get any more preferred treatment in the American tariff schedules.

Beginning with October fifteenth, Teutonic goods coming into the United States will have to pay full 'Top-highest' duty. Hitherto they've been paying less, were given the benefit of tariff cuts, a preferred position.

The reason why the State Department is taking action against German imports is because Germany has been taking action against American imports. It is charged that Germany has been discriminating against American products, keeping them out, making them pay. So if you don't do right by our export-Nell, we don't do right by your export Nell.

In political and commercial quarters the action of the Secretary of State is taken as an indication that Uncle Sam is going to follow a definite policy of favoring nations that favor us and retaliating against those that don't. There's a prospect

of two tariff schedules, one high and one not so high, each to be applied to foreign countries according to the way they deal with our <sup>U</sup> goods.

MINNEAPOLIS

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Minneapolis is quiet tonight after a savage riot early today. It's the old story - a factory and a strike. And the result was two killed and fifty injured, when five hundred strike pickets stormed against an Ornamental Iron Plant.

It began with an advance of the column of pickets, three abreast. It extended for a whole block. The next thing you know, stones and bricks were raining on the Iron Plant. Inside the building were thirty strike breakers, scared pink, because the mob was after them. An armored car came dashing <sup>toward the</sup> ~~with~~ stone throwers. Tear gas bombs spread their noxious fumes. The strikers battled back with stubborn desperation. The police came charging. There was a smashing of nightsticks. Shots were fired. Three hours the battle raged.

Minneapolis had a violent city-wide trucking strike last summer. But that was comparatively tame beside the fierce concentrated bitterness of the struggle that raged today.

LONG

After huge thousands had thronged past his bier, Huey Long was laid in his grave today. And that was a signal for the bitterest sort of factional struggle to flare high.

One anti-Long leader, of national importance, is prepared to come out with a public declaration hailing Huey Long's assassin as a hero and a martyr.

And, the Long machine grows louder and louder in its change of -- murder plot. There are declarations about a meeting, of which Huey Long had secret word, a meeting called to plot his death. Earl Christenberry, who was Huey's secretary repeats that he believes Doctor Weiss, the assassin, was present at that meeting and drew the short straw that made him the trigger-man.

At the funeral today the Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith presided, and said that he was going to demand a Congressional investigation of the killing of Senator Long.

Hoey - Rogers

~~GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY.~~

The killing of Evelyn Hoey, musical comedy actress, deepens in mystery tonight. Was it suicide or murder? H. H. Rogers, Jr., son of Colonel H. H. Rogers, the oil millionaire, is held by the police.

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The shooting took place on the Rogers Farm Home near Downingtown, Pennsylvania. There Evelyn Hoey was entertained by H. H. Rogers, Jr. He comes of a millionaire clan, which has known its share of family imbroglios. Evelyn Hoey was the flashing star who made Broadway smash hits in such songs as "What Is This Thing Called Love?" and "Find Me a Primitive Man."

There was a wild drinking party and a violent series of quarrels. It culminated in an altercation about the young actress<sup>s</sup> leaving the place. One version is that Rogers didn't want her to go. And he tore out the telephone wires to keep her from

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The man of ups and downs, tennis ups and downs, is by phoning. Another version is that he told her to get out. The certainty is that she went upstairs and was shot to death. Rogers claims she killed herself. The police wonder about that. All sorts of questioning and investigation are going on -- another sensational murder affair.

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TENNIS

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The man of ups and downs, tennis ups and downs, is up tonight, at the top. Wilmer Allison won the national singles today at Forest Hills. Yesterday he scored the greatest upset in a life of tennis upsets, by beating England's supposedly invincible Fred Perry. Today he forehanded and backhanded the life out of Sidney B. Wood. Wood didn't have a chance. Straight sets, six-two; six-two; six-three.

So the up and down man <sup>of</sup> ~~for~~ the racquet game, who flared to the top in nineteen twenty-nine, ~~but~~ didn't make the Davis cup team last year - is this year's number one courtier of the courts.

## MUSIC

I ran across a curious sidelight on the Will Rogers legend -- homespun humorist, really quite well educated, the cowboy philosopher who came from Claremore, Oklahoma, accent on Bronchos and Indians.

It ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> told <sup>to me at the Waldorf</sup> by Carlo Edwards, for fifteen years an

Assistant Conductor at New York's Metropolitan Opera House. He is now conducting Government Symphonies -- the man with the baton for the Works Progress Administration Symphony Concerts in New York.

A couple of summers ago Carlo Edwards directed a season of concerts and opera at Tulsa, Oklahoma, a flare of musical art in the Southwest. He needed a harpist. It's always difficult to find a virtuoso on that splendid graceful instrument of ancient Egypt. Somebody said: "Go to Claremore." Carlo Edwards went to Will Rogers' home town, and there he found an old harp builder, a master engaged in building magnificent instruments. His daughter was teaching harp. She had thirty pupils, accomplished harpists.

*And,* "You couldn't find thirty first-rate harp players in all

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New York City," says Carlo Edwards, the W. P. A. Orchestra

Conductor. "But there they were, in Will Rogers' Old <sup>Oklahoma</sup> Cow Town."

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A curious story from a stationery shop in Albany, New York, has an interesting implication <sup>regarding</sup> ~~on~~ the state of business. Mr. George Green, who owns this stationery shop, says he is selling twenty-five per cent less red ink now than he was selling six months ago. In other words, bookkeepers are using less red ink on the ledgers. If other stationers have the same fact to report, it means that the optimistic tales we're hearing are true. Let's hop<sup>e</sup> that business is showing its true colors. — black, not red.

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However, there's an anecdote going the rounds that puts a different complexion on it. The treasurer of a company reported to its board of directors that the concern was out of the red for the first time in three years. "But", he added, "we haven't any black ink in the office to show this fact in our books." Then up spoke one of the directors, "Why the deuce don't you go out and buy some?" To which the treasurer replied sadly: "If I do that, we will be in the red again." & s-l-u-t-m.

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