

Il Due Said to Be Ready for a European War

Rome, Oct. 15.—Italian government spokesmen said tonight Italy would keep her course in Africa regardless of League of Nations sanctions and would fight "even a European war" if compelled.

These declarations—in which the spokesman, however, declined to predict war in Europe—came after a day in which the holy city of Aksum, called the spiritual rock of the Ethiopian empire, was occupied peacefully by the second Italian army corps under General Pietro Maravigna, and in which Italian war correspondents in the Omager Sait region of Ethiopia, near the border of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, reported the surrender of Ethiopian chieftains and their tribes.

Rome hailed the "cordial reception" which General Maravigna was reported officially to have received from priests of the Coptic Christian church at Aksum as indicating a definite split between Emperor Haile Selassie and the Ethiopian church.

Official spokesmen here appeared confident the rest of the world "would eventually come to the Italian point of view." Sanctions against Italy, they said, might be annoying, but Italy will not abandon its program in East Africa because of them.

Asserting "we know we are a poor people," one spokesman said if necessary "we are prepared to fight."

He added, "if necessary the people will strip their ring fingers to help."

Unofficial discussions of a possible settlement of the East African war brought from government spokesmen the assertion that Italy is making no offer of terms to halt the campaign. The program in Africa, they said, is a military one, of protecting the frontiers of Italy's African colonies.

Funeral For Everett B. Fox Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Everett B. Fox, 38-year-old resident of the Foscoe community, were conducted from the Christian Baptist Church at Foscoe Tuesday morning, by the Rev. S. E. Gragg of Snails Mills, and Rev. Walter Greene, of Boone. The house was filled to overflowing with friends of the deceased and many beautiful tributes were paid to his memory. Interment was in the neighborhood cemetery.

Mr. Fox died Sunday at the Banner Elk Hospital where he had been taken two weeks ago for treatment for an illness which developed about a month ago.

Surviving is the widow, the former Miss Texie Adams of Vilas, and four small sons, Everett B., Jr., Eugene, Max Adams and Ben Allen. The parents survive as do the following brothers and sisters: Joe, John, Robert and Paul Fox of Banner Elk; George, of Plainfield, N. J.; Mesdames Birdie M. Moody, Mary Jane Gragg, Bessie Lee Teague, of Banner Elk, and Mrs. Effie J. Bird, of Elizabethton, Tenn.

Mr. Fox was born and reared in Watauga county, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Fox, and was one of the most popular young men of his neighborhood. He was a magistrate, had served previously as deputy sheriff and was recognized by his neighbors as a leading citizen, of industrious habits and admirable convictions. He had been engaged for the most part in farming and as a wholesale dealer in produce.

Cattle Loans May Now Be Negotiated

Mr. L. E. Francis of Winston-Salem, Secretary of the Production Credit Association, while in town last week, stated that his organization is now anxious to make loans to the farmers of this section for the purpose of buying cattle, and that all those interested should communicate with him at 221 First National Bank Building, Winston-Salem, or with Durham Moore at the S. C. Eggers office, Boone. The office at North Wilkesboro has been absorbed by the Winston-Salem office.

Mr. Francis states that the cattle loans are made on one to two years time at 5 per cent., and that no payments will be required until the cattle are sold next year. The money is secured by a chattel mortgage on the stock.

Law Enforcement Meeting Is Called

The law enforcing officers of Watauga and neighboring counties will gather in a district conference in North Wilkesboro Thursday, October 31, to discuss common problems and lay plans for continued efforts in crime prevention.

The counties forming this district are: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Davie, Iredell, Rowan, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin. The meetings, which are being held at eight different points in the state, are arranged through the law enforcing officers of the institute of government by the leaders of the city, county, state and federal agencies in North Carolina.

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SAYS MOTORCADE WILL STIMULATE TOURIST TRAFFIC

Officials of Leading Travel Agencies Tour State of North Carolina.

OVER THREE THOUSAND TO WORK ON PARKWAY

Hopkins Says Carolina Will Get Its Full Share of WPA Funds; Electrification Plans Go Forward; Other State News.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN, Special Democrat Correspondent Raleigh, Oct. 15.—North Carolina is offered an unusual opportunity to gain millions of dollars annually from the tourist industry in the visit of officials of leading travel agencies of the east for a trip of nearly two weeks in the Carolinas, starting last Sunday at Greensboro, Director R. B. Etheridge, of Conservation and Development, announces. About 40 representatives of agencies handling national tours are visiting the Carolinas on invitation of Coleman W. Roberts, as executive vice-president of The Carolinas, Inc.

The tour will take the visitors to all parts of the state and many places of interest, officials hoping that later tours will be arranged through these states. About \$75,000,000 was spent in 1933 in all-expense tours and not one dollar of it came to North Carolina, Mr. Etheridge has been informed.

PORT WORK TO START

Governor Ehringhaus has been advised in a copy of a letter written by Col. H. B. Hackett, assistant PWA director, to General E. M. Markham, chief Army Engineer, that the work on the Morehead City Port terminal should start in a very short time and that he knows "no reason why the harbor work should be further postponed." The letter refers to the \$1,550,000 port development money and of the \$312,000 loan and \$113,000 grant for the terminal. The Port Commission, the Atlantic and N. C. Railroad and the state "have met our conditions insofar as they are legally and financially able," Colonel Hackett writes. Governor Ehringhaus gave a hefty sigh of relief that this two-year preliminary work was apparently at an end.

PARKWAY EMPLOYMENT PLANS

More than 3,000 people will be employed for a year in construction of the Parkway between North Carolina and Virginia national parks, the work to start with the \$6,000,000 President Roosevelt recently restored for that purpose, but the entire 500-mile project to cost about \$20,000,000 Washington officials say. Work has started on 12 miles in North Carolina, another 8-mile section has been let and others will follow soon. Work in Virginia is delayed because of delay in securing and turning over right-of-way. The Parkway is designed for passenger traffic and will be devoted largely to recreational purposes, and not be used commercially, officials state.

"Beware of 'G' Men" is the big red-letter poster warning that has been sent for prominent display in all banks in North Carolina which are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation by Paul B. Brown, secretary of the N. C. Bankers Association. The poster reminds (Continued on Page 7)

Mrs. John Smith Dies From Lingering Illness

Mrs. John Smith, 28 years old, died Friday at her home in the Poplar Grove section, after a long illness with an incurable malady.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon from the Piney Grove Advent Christian Church by Dr. F. E. Warman and interment was in the cemetery nearby.

Active pallbearers were: Harlie Dotson, Clyde Williams, Bill Dotson, Orin Sherrill, J. C. Houser, James Dotson. Honorary: Ernest Vannoy, Jim Hodges, Geo. Main, Frank Brown, Russell Maltba, Alfred Dotson, Fred Winkler, Glenn Minton.

The impressive floral offering was borne by the following young ladies: Bonnie Dotson, Gladys Winkler, Helen Maltba, Lillie Robbins, Josephine Hodges, Pauline Williams, Ruby Robbins, Kate Hodges, Imogene Greene, Orlie Williams, Gladys Brown and Callie Oxentine.

Surviving is the husband and four small children: Mildred, Everett, Juanita and Joe Smith.

Deceased was the former Miss Chanie Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Wallace of Trade, Tenn., and had lived in Watauga since her marriage in 1923. She had been a member of the Christian Church in her home neighborhood and was a lady of admirable temperament, who had acquired a large number of friends throughout this section.

Scenes From Region of Ethiopian Conflict



Above are scenes from the Ethiopian front and a map insert indicating the northern battle front where the Italians attained their first objective in the capture of Adowa. It was here that Italy met with crushing defeat in 1896. Top, left, Natives of Adowa, armed for the defense of one of their rock forts. Lower, left, Ethiopian cavalry moving up to the front from Adis Ababa. Right, recent photograph of Premier Mussolini as he addressed thousands of Italiana at Rome encouraging them in their great mobilization program.

FIGHTS FOR LIFE

Hauptmann Case May Finally Reach Supreme Court



Bruno Richard Hauptmann, convicted slayer of the Lindbergh baby who has obtained permission from New Jersey's highest court, to appeal his conviction to the Supreme Court of the United States. The finding of the lower court in the case was confirmed last week by the court of errors and appeals, and but for this last move on the part of the prisoner, it would only have remained for a new date of execution to be set.

CORN-HOG PLAN TO BE LEFT TO VOTE

County Farmers Are Asked To Indicate Their Belief in Referendum.

The Secretary of Agriculture has called a referendum for October 26th in order to determine whether the Corn-Hog growers desire an adjustment program for 1936. Unless the majority of growers vote to have a new program, it is very likely that the Agricultural Adjustment Administration will not offer a new contract, says Assistant County Agent E. L. Daniel.

All farm owners on which hogs or corn has been produced this year will be eligible to vote regardless of whether they signed a reduction contract or not.

This county has thirty-seven Corn-Hog contracts and ballots have been mailed to these signers. Other owners and operators who wish to voice their opinion in the continuance of the program should come to the County Agent's office and cast their ballot.

CHEATS THRESHING MACHINE

Mr. R. A. Taylor of Route 1, in town Friday, says there is one man left who has the industry to thresh his own grain by the use of the ancient, though altogether practical flail. Mr. Riley Miller, of Three Top Creek, Ashe county, is reported to Mr. Taylor to have threshed over 400 bushels of buckwheat by the primitive and laborious method.

The Science Society of China was founded 21 years ago by Chinese undergraduates at Cornell University.

BANK PROPOSES TO PAY DIVIDEND

Directors In Meeting Last Week Speak Encouragingly of Fiscal Outlook.

A further dividend of at least ten per cent. is to be paid on the preferred stock of the Watauga County Bank on November 30th, as a result of the action of the Board of Directors in quarterly session last Thursday. It is explained that it is possible that the State Banking Department and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation may authorize a greater dividend at this time, when the recommendation of the directors is acted upon by them.

Forty per cent. of the preferred stock held by depositors in the institution before its reorganization has already been paid.

The directors made encouraging reports of progress during the past quarter, found that deposits were showing regular and satisfactorily large increases, and that the Federal guarantee had all but eliminated fear of banking institutions.

TEACHERS WILL MEET SATURDAY

Demonstration School Place For Ingathering of County Tutors.

County Superintendent W. H. Walker has announced a meeting of the teachers in all the schools of the county, both high and elementary, the assemblage to be at the Demonstration School building in Boone next Saturday at 3 p. m.

Mr. Walker is especially anxious that there be a full attendance, and an unusually valuable program has been arranged, as follows:

1. "Functions of the State School Commission—Allotment of Teachers and Salaries of Teachers"—By Dr. B. B. Dougherty, President Appalachian State Teachers College and Member of the State School Commission;
2. "Teaching School Children to Observe State Transportation Rules and Regulations"—by Mr. S. F. Horton, principal Cove Creek High School;
3. "Teaching School Children to Respect Care for School Property"—by Mr. C. M. Dickson, principal Bethel High School;
4. "Compulsory School Attendance Law"—by Mr. Wade E. Brown, attorney-at-law;
5. "Keeping the School Register and Making Monthly Reports"—by Mr. Dave P. Mast, principal Blowing Rock High School;
6. "Values of the North Carolina Educational Association"—by Mr. Roy Dotson, principal Boone High School;
7. Election of Officers.

This is the regular fall evangelistic meeting began at the Boone Baptist Church last Sunday, and the series of services will likely continue for ten days.

Rev. A. P. Stephens, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Morehead City, is doing the preaching, and his able sermons are attracting large congregations. The services are being held each day at 3:30 and 7:30 p. m.

Rev. J. C. Canipe, the pastor, is anxious that the church and community shall have a real spiritual awakening. He states that the other churches and pastors are cooperating nobly, and extends a cordial welcome to all.

ANNUAL BAZAAR

Announcement comes from the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Boone Methodist Church that their annual bazaar and oyster supper will be held this year on Friday, November 1, at the Quails Cafe. The public is cordially invited.

SPEED PLANS TO BOOST PRICE OF IRISH POTATOES

Five Million Dollar Program Aimed at Improvement In Price of 1935 Crop.

PROPOSED TO DIVERT 12 PER CENT. OF CROP

Regional Meetings Announced by AAA, In Effort to Aid Producers of Staple Commodity, Independent of Tax Law.

Five meetings of potato growers in the largest producing states were arranged by the National Farm Administration Tuesday, in an effort to speed a five million dollar program for boosting quickly the price of potatoes—one of the farm commodities which has failed to react to the generally improved marketing conditions.

Although the potato tax control law does not become effective until December 1, the AAA has planned a surplus purchase program to increase the price of late potatoes of the 1935 crop. This plan, estimated to cost something like five million dollars, was disclosed to propose diversion of about 12 per cent. of the crop from the late states in the mid-West and Maine, and if successful should show results in a bettered price to Watauga growers for the spuds they yet have on hand. The surplus potatoes would be distributed to relief families or processed into starch or possibly alcohol. Formal announcement of the plan is expected within a few days.

20 Cent Advance Is Seen

The AAA hopes, officials said, that the surplus purchasing program providing for the buying of millions of bushels, will raise the price of potatoes throughout the country by from 15 to 20 cents a bushel.

Coincidentally it was disclosed that AAA officials are working on plans for the national allotment to growers to be made under the compulsory control law. Under the terms of the law, a tax of three-fourths of a cent a pound will be collected on all potatoes sold in excess of a national allotment. This national allotment must be announced by November 1, and it was said that the figures will probably be made public before that date.

Confidence was expressed by high officials that sufficient funds would be found to enforce the tax collections until an appropriation can be made by Congress.

The surplus purchase plan for this year's crop was said to be entirely separate from the plans of compulsory control. It was indicated, however, that the tax control problem may come up for discussion at the regional meetings.

RIVERS SAYS WPA PROGRAM TO BEGIN

Improved Business Conditions May Have Brought Delay, Says Director.

James C. Rivers, Sixth District director for the Works Progress Administration, who was a visitor with his family here over the week-end, expressed the belief that the gigantic federal program would be in full swing by November 15th, the date set for the assumption of the full relief load by the new agency.

"Improved business conditions in Tennessee," stated Mr. Rivers, "are believed to have delayed the start of the work, as in territories where the economic situation is more desperate the program is already going forward."

When questioned as to local projects, Mr. Rivers stated that allotments to take care of projects approved should come forward so that active work may start within the next few days.

Referring to the program for new school buildings in the county, Mr. Rivers expressed a "deep personal interest" along this line, and said he was anxious that the program be so administered that the work will be distributed equitably and satisfactorily over the county.

Mr. Rivers returned to his office in Winston-Salem Monday.

COAN TOLD WPA PROGRAM IS TO BE STATE-WIDE

Raleigh, Oct. 15.—George W. Coan, Jr., State Works Progress administrator, back from a trip to Washington, said today he was assured that the works progress program in this state "will be state-wide and that several projects in every county, giving employment to available relief labor in the counties, will be constructed."

Coan said the sum of \$8,650,000 announced as the state's allotment, "will be added to by whatever funds are necessary to give jobs to workers eligible for the works progress program."