

Smuggling Guns to Ethiopia New Game

Rumrunning Adventurers Now Turn to Arms.

Paris, France.—Europe's gangsters and international adventurers, who have found time on their hands since bootlegging booze into America became a dead industry, have discovered a new racket in gun-running into Ethiopia.

While the chancelleries are busy trying to find a solution to the quarrel between Benito Mussolini and the emperor of Ethiopia, Haile Selassie I, gunrunning racketeers are busy rushing into East Africa the munitions which may blaze when talking ceases.

With some 600,000 men to resist the might of Italy, and the need for airplanes, tanks and motorized artillery, the ruler of Ethiopia has sent emissaries to munition plants of Europe to try to obtain the equipment necessary to carry on war against the white invader of the kingdom founded, according to legend, by Solomon and the queen of Sheba.

Secret Orders Placed.

Owing to the ban on export of arms, the Ethiopians have not been able to buy enough war stocks, although the emissaries have offered gold from their fabled mines. Some secret orders have been passed and ships, under sealed instructions, have sailed mysteriously from several ports in Europe down through the Suez canal and the Red sea.

Normally, they carry trinkets and western goods for the emperor's people, but in reality they have been loaded to the Pilsnoll line with powder and arms.

The gunrunning racketeers are supplementing this traffic. Mostly Greeks, Germans, Armenians and other individuals of no defined nationality, they have spread their activity from the capitals of Europe to the shores of the Red sea and the inland frontiers of the emperor's kingdom.

Their agents throughout the western capitals are charged with the mission of buying all available rifles, shot-guns and revolvers and, if possible, machine guns. These are then shipped to the nearest port, where bartering goes on with the captains of vessels bound east of Suez.

Racketeers Charter Ships.

The smugglers' agents offer big rewards to sea captains who are willing to use up available space in loading guns for the East African war. As, however, the number of vessels available on the regular routes is limited, the racketeers have been chartering vessels of their own, idle tramp steamers, yachts and sailing craft.

Crammed full to the decks with grenades and rifles and machine guns, they steer for the Red sea, unload their cargoes and rush them over the caravan routes by camel and mule pack to the frontiers of Ethiopia.

Here the Ethiopians, hungry for the guns which they need to defend their soil, are ready with precious gold-dust tied in cloth, which they pay to the gun traders.

Throughout the vast desert wastes

of Arabia and the Yemen, where Lawrence roused the tribes against the Turks in the World war, the gun traders today are searching the land for guns which they can ship across the stretch of water which separates the Arabian state from Africa.

Arabian tribes, eager to help their Ethiopian neighbors against the invading Europeans, gladly contribute their sharp-shooting rifles to the cause, especially when they get well paid for their benevolence.

Mailbox's Use Disputed by a Mouse and a Woman

Washington.—Miss Frances Lundquist, of Brookfield, Conn., wrote her Uncle Sam an urgent note concerning the mutual disturbance of herself and a long-eared field mouse.

"Dear Uncle," wrote Frances, "What shall I do about it? A field mouse with long ears and big eyes has made a nest in my mail box, and every time I lift the top I disturb him and he disturbs me—and how! I had to leave this postcard on top."

The Post Office department said it would refer Miss Lundquist's appeal to the rural mail service, which is expert in solving field mouse and allied problems.

Robot Puffs Cigar and Reads Books

Montreal.—Mrs. Betty Laybourn, professor at the British Institute of Mental Science, has taught her robot, "Algi," how to see, read aloud and think.

Mrs. Laybourn has brought Algi to Montreal for a series of public demonstrations. She argues that the robot really thinks before it answers and can produce the right reply for the right question.

Algi has a mechanical nervous system inside a nickel-plated body which reacts to the vibrations of the human voice and controls the answers. The robot's ears are concealed microphones. The eyes are photo-electric cells which actually can read a book and repeat the words in the book audibly. Algi can smoke a cigar and fire a pistol whenever told to do so.

School Teacher Learns She's Recorded as a Boy

St. Clairsville, Ohio.—Bertha Orferding, a school teacher, learned that she had been officially recorded as a male for the 36 years of her life. The discovery was made when she applied for a passport and was surprised to find that she had been listed as a boy when her birth record was submitted in 1899 without a first name. An order of Probate Judge Harry Albright was necessary to correct the error.

Spend \$1,000 Month on Dionne Babies

Famous Quintuplets Financially Independent.

Callander, Ont.—Through their physician, Dr. Allan Roy Dafeo, the Dionne quintuplets recently gave a message to the world. They said:

"Thanks for all your help, and we want you to know we are now self supporting. We say this because so many persons and organizations helped us when we were not able to take care of ourselves. Now we are making enough money to meet all our needs and allow us to save some. We thought you would like to know."

Doctor Dafeo sat back in a deck

HE STIRRED ST. PAUL



When Homer S. Cummings, United States attorney general, designated St. Paul as the "poison spot of crime" Wallace Jamie, twenty-seven, crime student, walked into St. Paul's public safety building and asked permission to hang around as a sideline spectator, to watch a police force in action. Jamie watched and worked with the knowledge he had obtained at the University of Chicago and Northwestern university crime schools, and brought into use a number of devices of his own invention. Through a monitor system he tapped all telephone wires in the public safety building and rigged up an instrument to record conversations of police officials. Inside of lamps and telephones he inserted microphones connected to his own office and recording machine. He established a close link between high officials of the police department and the crime element. The greatest shakeup in St. Paul's

chair on his front lawn and elaborated on the statement.

The girl babies of Olva and Elsie Dionne are not nearly as wealthy as many persons believe. They have \$45,000 in bonds and cash, and contracts now in force probably will bring them another \$50,000. In their 18 months of life the youngsters have spent a lot of their own money. How much, the doctor declined to say.

The Canadian Red Cross paid for the nurses for a year and, with the Ontario government, helped out in various ways. In the last four months the children have paid all their own expenses—and expenses of quintuplets are large.

No figures have ever been given out, but salaries of the doctor and nurses probably total \$450 a month. Other salaries, for an orderly, two maids and two guards, take perhaps \$250 more. That total of \$700 does not include upkeep of the hospital, which must be large, as all the staff, but the doctor, have their meals there. Everything the babies eat and drink is of the best and their food bill is large.

In addition there are many extras which all go to make \$1,000 a conservative estimate of the babies' monthly expenditure.

One of their chief assets is their home, valued at \$20,000. The small Dafeo hospital that was opened a year ago has been enlarged to a 12-room building with three baths.

The babies' \$45,000 in bonds and cash has come from endorsements of products they use—milk, tomato juice and the like—and motion-picture and newspaper photograph contracts.

turbulent police history ensued, and now he has been named deputy commissioner of public safety by H. E. Warren, commissioner.

Blame Henpecked Mates if Women Go Hysterical

Berlin.—"If women go hysterical their husbands are to blame in most cases, and especially the henpecked ones!"

This is the conclusion reached by Dr. G. Giehm, psychiatrist of a large sanitarium at Zepernick in the north of Berlin, as a result of an investigation of cases of hysterical women.

This kind of husband constitutes the greatest danger for the hysterical patients, he believes.

Naming Reno, Nev.

Reno, Nev., is named after Gen. Jesse Lee Reno, a federal officer in the Civil war.

OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Men



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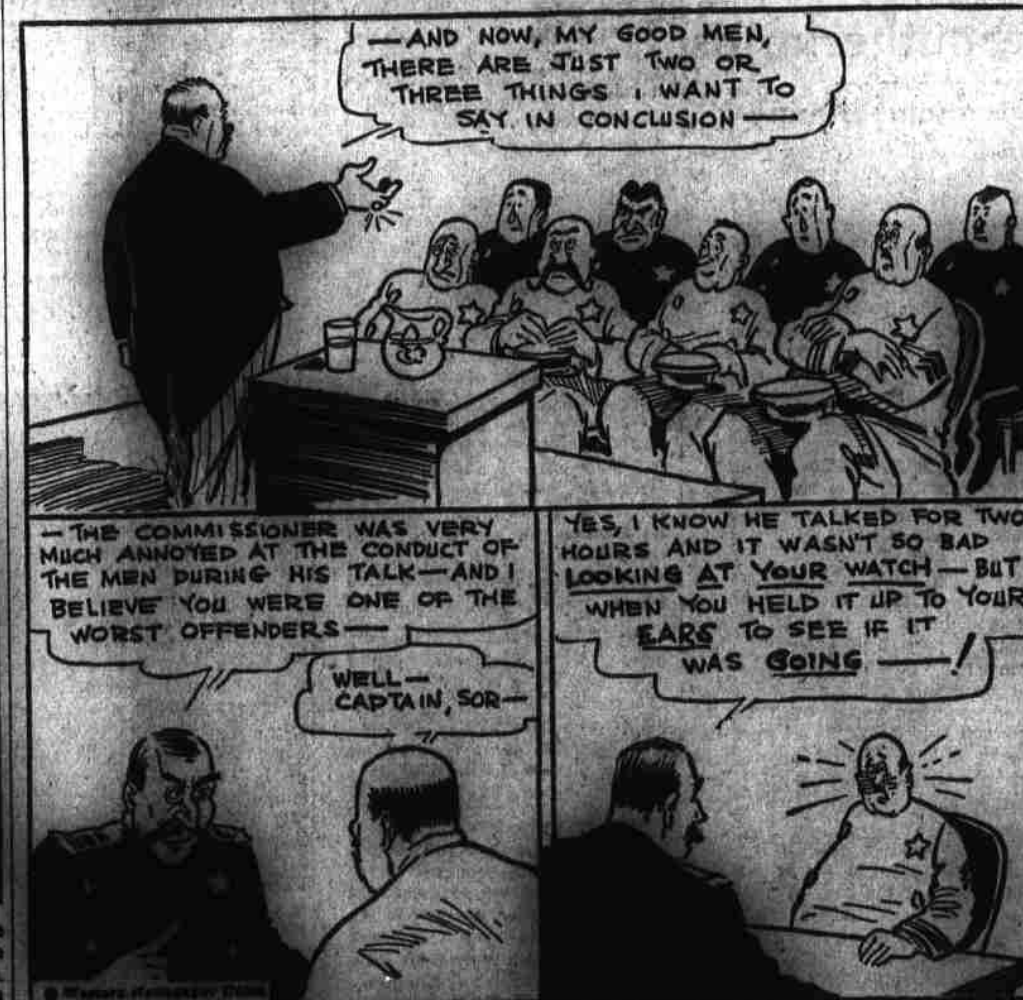
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FINNEY OF THE FORCE

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Time Out



Work Relief Job for the Imperial Valley



One hundred four-horse teams are here busy on one section of the All-American canal which will replace the main now serving California's Imperial valley. The new canal will have a width of 232 feet, a depth of 21 feet and will carry the water of the Colorado river 50 miles across the valley for irrigation purposes. The men and teams shown in the photograph above have moved more than 1,000,000 yards of earth with their Fresno scrapers.

Touch to Home

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Smiles

HELP NEEDED

"George Washington, Tubbs," said the judge, sternly, "you're entirely no-account and shiftless—and I'm going to send you away for a year with hard labor."

"Please, Judge," interrupted Mrs. Tubbs from the rear of the courtroom, "will yo' Honah jes kinder split dat sentence? Don't send him away from home, but let dat hard labor stand."

Wild Oats at His Age!
Insurance Doctor—How old was your father when he died?

Applicant (determined to pass one hundred and four).

Insurance Doctor—What did he die of?

Applicant—Strained his heart playing football.

Out in Front

"Are you a political leader?"
"How do I know?" asked Senator Sorghum. "I'm out in front, but maybe I'm only being pushed from behind by a stampede."

