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Current Events in Review

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Italy Takes Addis Ababa; the Emperor Flees

EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE of Ethiopia gave up the hopeless fight against the Italian invaders and fled from Addis Ababa with his family.

Mussolini's victorious troops soon after marched into the capital, the first to enter being a picked regiment representing all units of the Italian army, the Askari, infantry, artillery, air force, engineers, grenadiers, bersagliers, Alpini, cavalry, marines and Fascist militia-men.

Their coming was welcomed by the foreigners who remained in the city, for as soon as the negus left, the natives began to pillage, plunder and burn. The business center of the town was speedily wrecked and the government buildings were stormed and razed, these including the treasury from which the state's store of gold was stolen, and the armory. The streets were strewn with corpses and the Ethiopians, crazed by liquor, rushed about shooting at random and gathering up their loot to carry it to the hills.

Only one foreigner was reported killed. That was Mrs. N. A. Stadin, American wife of an Adventist missionary, who was struck by a stray bullet. Nearly all other foreigners were gathered in the well fortified British legation, but American Minister Cornelius Van H. Eggert with his wife and the male members of the staff remained in the American compound. They were armed only with rifles and pistols and were under orders from Secretary of State Hull not to risk their lives uselessly; but they were determined to hold the legation and radio station as long as possible. This plucky little group was attacked repeatedly by marauders but repulsed all onslaughts. Mr. Eggert was in wireless communication with Washington. The British legation offered to send a detachment of Sikhs to escort the Americans to the British compound, but Mr. Eggert declined to leave his legation at that time. Next day he and his staff evacuated the compound.

Haile Selassie went by train to Djibouti, French Somaliland, and was received with all honors at the governor's palace. He and his family boarded the British cruiser Enterprise and sailed for Palestine.

So ends the military part of Mussolini's African adventure, a success despite the opposition of the League of Nations and the imposition of economic and financial penalties. The duke announced the victory to his country from the chamber of deputies and there was wild rejoicing throughout Italy. It is taken for granted Mussolini will set up an Amharic state in part of Ethiopia under a puppet emperor.

Vandenberg's Name Is to Be Presented

SENATOR ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG of Michigan has asked Gov. Frank D. Fitzgerald of that state to present his name to the Republican convention in Cleveland for the Presidential nomination, but the senator insists this does not make him an active candidate.

"The Michigan state convention generously instructed the Michigan delegation in Cleveland to present my name," the senator said. "But the delegation is unpledged—at my request. It is free to vote as it pleases. I have not sought a delegation here or elsewhere and I shall not do so. I have not sought the nomination and shall not do so. My situation is not changed in the slightest."

Friends of Senator Borah in Utah tried unsuccessfully for a Borah pledged delegation from that state. The Republican state convention in Ogden voted to send an unpledged group to Cleveland, following the recommendation of the resolutions committee.

The Arkansas delegation also will be unpledged, though the state convention approved an "expression of good will" toward Gov. Alf Landon. Col. Henry Breckenridge, who offered himself to the Democrats as a Presidential nominee aspirant merely so that disaffected members of the party might have some place to go, received

about one-seventh of the votes in the Maryland preference primary. The rest, of course, went to Mr. Roosevelt. Breckenridge made no campaign.

Radicals Control French Chamber of Deputies

FINAL elections in France put complete control of the chamber of deputies in the hands of the revolutionary "Popular Front," a coalition of Communists, Socialists, Radical Socialists and minor left wing groups. The new chamber does not meet until June, and the confusion is so great that there are fears of chaos and financial panic in the interim. Many believe the Popular Front will be unable to form a stable government to succeed that of Premier Sarraut. The lead must be taken by the Socialists, for they now form the largest group in the chamber with 146 seats. The Radical Socialists have 115, the Communists 72 and minor left parties 44. The National bloc, including the center and right parties opposed to the leftists, have 236 seats.

Senator Hastings Will Not Seek Re-election

DANIEL O. HASTINGS, senator from Delaware, chairman of the Republican senatorial campaign committee and outspoken opponent of the

New Deal, will not seek re-election when his present term expires. He so announced in a letter to the party leaders of his state, giving as his reason the necessity to devote himself to his law practice. This may have influenced his decision, but it is more than suspected that the real reason was the fact that the du Pont family, all-powerful in Delaware Republican politics, had decided that the senatorial seat should go to Gov. C. Douglas Buck, who is related to the du Ponts by marriage. Senator Hastings has always been ready and eloquent in defense of the du Ponts against attacks by the New Dealers.

Navy Expansion Measure Passed by the House

SINCE international naval disarmament efforts have failed, those who advocate adequate national defense rejoice in the passage by the house of the bill appropriating approximately \$531,000,000 to build our navy up to treaty strength. Representative Marcantonio of New York and a few others put up loud opposition, but a record vote was not necessary. The objectors dwelt especially on a clause authorizing the laying of keels for two 35,000 ton battleships after January 1, 1937, should any foreign signatory to the London naval treaty start a battleship replacement program. Two days later they might have read dispatches from London saying rumors had reached there that Japan was considering laying down a 55,000 ton battleship armed with 21-inch guns.

Business Men Differ With Mr. Roper

DANIEL C. ROPER, secretary of commerce, appeared before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at its annual meeting in Washington and warned its members, most of whom are persistent critics of New Deal policies, that unless private enterprise takes up the slack in employment, business must pay the relief bill out of earnings.

"It is the responsibility of all business and industrial enterprises," said Roper, "and not of one particular segment of the government to increase its efforts for greater employment. If a substantial measure of increased re-employment does not take place the taxation for relief purposes will come largely from business earnings. There must be re-employment or a longer period of increased taxation."

Various members of the chamber replied spiritedly. Roy C. Osgood, vice president of the First National bank of Chicago, predicted that if the administration embarked on a sound fiscal program that would inspire confidence, business would make rapid strides toward recovery. He criticized the pending tax on corporate earnings as impracticable and a brake on business expansion and stability.

Huge New Tax Measure

Rushed Through House

WITH extraordinary speed which the opposition considered indecent, the administration's new \$303,000,000 revenue bill was pushed through the house. The vote, 267 to 93, was almost strictly along party lines. The roll call showed 82 Republicans and only 11 Democrats voted against the measure, while four Republicans deserted the minority to cast their lot with the administration.

The bill was handed to the senate whose finance committee, headed by Pat Harrison, had been studying it in secret sessions in order to be prepared for the public hearings that opened two days after the house had acted. There had been predictions that this committee would modify the measure radically, but the opposition to it in Democratic ranks seemed to have faded away and its passage by the senate without material change was deemed probable.

As passed by the house the bill provides:

1. A graduated tax on corporation income which, it is estimated, will force distribution of \$3,300,000,000 more in dividends and yield the government an additional \$620,000,000 annually.
2. A "windfall" tax on unpaid or refunded processing taxes imposed under the invalidated AAA, which is expected to yield \$100,000,000.
3. Continuation of the capital stocks and excess profits taxes for six months to yield \$35,000,000.
4. A refund of \$35,000,000 to processors who suffered financial losses under the old AAA.

Hagood Holds New Command One Day, Then Retires

MAJ. GEN. JOHNSON HAGOOD, assigned to the command of the Sixth corps area with headquarters at Chicago, held the command only one day, as a matter of form, and then at his own request was relieved of the assignment and retired from active service. He said he would remain in Chicago several months to do some special work for a mail order house and then would select a permanent residence and write a book telling "how the United States can get a very much better national defense at very much less cost to the taxpayer."

Young Farouk Succeeds to Egyptian Throne

FUAD I, king of Egypt, died of a gangrenous throat infection at his country place near Cairo at the age of sixty-eight. The crown prince, Farouk, a sixteen-year-old pupil in the royal military academy at Woolwich, England, was immediately proclaimed king and started for Egypt, sailing from Marseilles on a British liner escorted by a British warship in order to avoid going by way of Italy.

Before his death King Farouk, Fuad named a regency council of three to govern the country until Farouk comes of age. The young king, who is six feet tall and well educated, hopes to return to England to complete his studies at Woolwich.

Egypt elected a new parliament, and though returns are not in at this writing it is believed the Ward or Nationalist party won a clear majority of the seats. The Wardists demand a free Egypt, completely rid of British influence and control. The negotiations for the new Anglo-Egyptian treaty were deferred until after the election.

Bringing Back CCC to Its Authorized Strength

DIRECTOR ROBERT FECHNER of the Civilian Conservation Corps moved to bring the corps up to its authorized strength of 350,000 by ordering state enrollment officers to disregard previous quotas and accept any qualified boy from a relief family.

At the same time, Fechner authorized enrollments in eight southern states omitted from the original schedule, while the War department ordered corps area commanders to report on the number of recruits needed in each state.

Estimating that between 30,000 and 35,000 new members would be required, Fechner attributed slowness of enrollments to improving business conditions. Vacancies also exist for 4,000 war veterans.

Pioneer Champion of Inland Waterways Is Dead

JAMES ELLWOOD SMITH of St. Louis, who died the other day at the age of eighty-five, had devoted much of his life and fortune to the cause of inland waterways transportation. He was one of the founders and the president emeritus of the Mississippi Valley association.

This Means Lake Navigation Season Is Open



WHEN the big buoys that mark the channels of the Great Lakes and the Detroit river emerge from their winter homes, it is a sure sign that the navigation season will soon be open. The huge markers, loaded with fuel and in new coats of paint, are loaded aboard lighthouse service tenders at Detroit for their annual spring migration.

BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

BILLY MINK BECOMES SUSPICIOUS

OF ALL the little people in the Green Forest there is none with sharper eyes, and keener wits than Billy Mink. Nothing goes on along the Laughing Brook, from its start in the Green Forest to where it joins the Big River, that Billy Mink doesn't know about. Billy is a great traveler. He is so full of life and energy that he cannot keep still very long at a time. Moreover, Billy is one of those little people to whom it makes no difference whether jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun is shining or gentle Mistress

curled up in a hollow log under a pile of brush close to the Laughing Brook. In a jiffy he was asleep. Right in the middle of the pleasantest of pleasant dreams he was awakened. Instantly he was wide awake as if he hadn't been asleep at all. Without stopping to think anything about it, he knew what had awakened him. Some one had just passed his hiding place.

Noiselessly Billy crept out of the hollow log and peeped from under the pile of brush. Walking down the bank of the Laughing Brook was a man. "I've never seen that fellow before," muttered Billy to himself. "It isn't Farmer Brown's Boy, and it isn't Farmer Brown. He seems to be look-

ing for something. I wonder what he is about. I think I'll watch him."

So, as silently as a shadow, Billy Mink followed the man down the Laughing Brook, and the man didn't once suspect it. You see, Billy can always find a hiding place if it be no more than a heap of brown leaves. He just slipped from one hiding place to another, always keeping the man in sight.

Billy became more and more interested and inquisitive as he watched that man. The man certainly did seem to be looking for something. He would examine every half sunken log in the Laughing Brook. He searched carefully every little hole. It didn't take Billy long to discover that this man seemed to be especially interested in those places where Billy almost always went when traveling up and down the Laughing Brook.

Billy stopped and rubbed his nose thoughtfully. He was growing suspicious. "I wonder," thought Billy, "if he is looking for me."

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MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

ORDINARY DISHES

THE cook who can present an ordinary dish in an extraordinary way is a genius. Many of our home-dishes with a bit of pep in the form of different flavors for seasoning, will become quite unusual dishes.

Beef Stew.

Take two and one-half pounds of chuck steak, wipe it with a damp cloth and cut into one and one-half inch

squares. Heat four tablespoonfuls of suet in a Scotch kettle, add the meat and brown well. Season with salt, paprika, a few dashes of cayenne, one-half cupful of diced celery and three tablespoonfuls of chopped onions. Cover with eight cupfuls of cold water, cover tightly and cook two and one-half hours. During the last 45 minutes add the following vegetables sprinkled with salt to season: Six medium-sized potatoes, six each of carrots and parsnips, scraped. When ready to serve thicken the stew with melted butter, adding flour and the stock from the stew. Cook well and pour over the meat and vegetables. Serve all together on a hot platter.

Chocolate Mousse.

Melt three squares of chocolate, add one and one-half cupfuls of sugar and one cupful of thin cream; boil one minute. Cool, add a teaspoonful of vanilla, a pinch of salt and the whip from three cupfuls of heavy cream. Add a tablespoonful of gelatin mixed with one-fourth of a cupful of cold water to the hot chocolate and mix all together after the gelatin is well dissolved. Pour into a mold and pack in ice and salt for four hours.

Forgiveness

Forgiveness to the injured does belong; but they ne'er pardon, who commit the wrong.—Dryden.

TRY THIS TRICK

By PONJAY HARRAH

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MAGICAL CORKS

THE magician displays a small cardboard box. He opens it and reveals two small corks inside. He closes the box, shakes it and reopens it. The corks have multiplied. There are four instead of two.

The box is prepared beforehand. Boxes of this type, obtainable at any drug store, actually consist of two lids, with a ring or collar between.

In the upper lid the magician glues two corks. He drops two loose corks in the lower portion. Thus, in performing the trick, he begins by showing only two corks, not revealing those that are attached to the lid which he removes.

Closing the box, the magician shakes it. In so doing he turns over the box. The lid which he lifts is the original bottom of the box. Thus the box contains four corks.

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AT DAWN SOME DAY

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

LET us arise at dawn some day, Not even wash and put away The breakfast things, but leave a few Behind for lazy-folks to do, Let us arise and see this earth The moment of its daily birth, Up yonder hilltop let us hike, See what a rising sun is like.

The woodlands will be dewy wet, But every flower diamond-set, The morning breeze a little chill, But we won't mind who climb a hill, The waking thrushes carolling, But you have never heard one sing Until you hear one sing to greet Another morning cool and sweet.

The bluest blue the distant scene, The woods around the greenest green, The whitest white the sandy beach, And heaven near enough to reach, For thus are waters, woods and skies When morning calls and earth replies, When first the shadows slip away— Let us arise at dawn some day.

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Triangular Pockets



Triangular pockets trimmed with appliqued flowers of red, white, yellow and green linen are fastened to the wide belt of this simple frock of navy blue sheer. The belt and pockets are detachable.

a two-pound can of corn sirup and two pounds of sugar, the juice and rind of two lemons, three ounces of ground ginger and six cloves. Cook slowly two hours. Put into a marmalade jar and cover tightly.

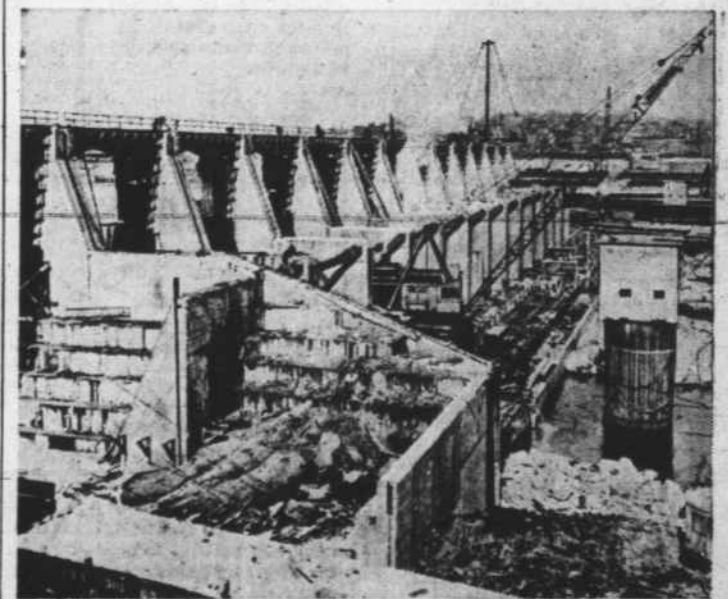
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Cofferdam of the Great Alton Dam



VIEW in the cofferdam at Alton, Ill., where Dam No. 26 is being constructed in the Mississippi river with Public Works administration funds. The project is part of a \$50,000,000 PWA program for improvement of navigation on the upper Mississippi.