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## ITALY AGAIN TALKS OF QUITTING LEAGUE

### Long-Threatened Strike Of Soft Coal Miners Is Begun With Nearly 300,000 Idle

#### QUARTER MILLION WORKMEN GO OUT IN PENNSYLVANIA

Paralysis of One of Nation's Basic Industries Follows Breakdown of Conference

#### EFFORTS CONTINUE TOWARD NEW PLAN

Operators and Miners Only 1-2 Cents Per Ton apart In Negotiations Over Wage Agreement; Further Meeting Set for Hour During the Afternoon

(By The Associated Press.) The long-threatened soft coal strike was on today. In Pennsylvania and West Virginia more than 250,000 men joined the walk-out. In Illinois about 25,000 were said to have been affected. Even in Washington State, orders were issued for the 2,000 members of the United Mine Workers to strike immediately. In the capital an afternoon conference was planned to try to get miners and operators to compromise the 1-2-cent wage rate difference that blocked wage negotiations at 2:30 o'clock this morning. Union leaders claimed these figures for other states: Alabama, 20,000 idle; Illinois, 25,000 affected; Washington State, 2,000 ordered to strike; Montana, 1,600 affected; Tennessee and eastern Kentucky, "the miners are not working"; Indiana, 8,500 affected; Ohio, 30,000 idle; Kansas, 3,000 affected; Maryland, 6,500 affected; Colorado, "the miners

### MAXWELL TO CLAIM DEALERS' LICENSES ON SCRAP TOBACCO

#### Leads British Fleet



Sir Roger Backhouse Biggest responsibility entrusted to any military or naval leader since the World War rests upon shoulders of Sir Roger Backhouse, commander-in-chief of British fleet, as he assembles forces in Mediterranean under secret orders. (Central Press)

\$1,000 Per County Levy May Remove Weed from Sales and Lift Prices for Others

#### SOUTH CAROLINA IS READY TO JOIN NOW

Will Cooperate in Any Reasonable Movement, Governor Johnstun Advises Governor Ehringhaus; Assurances Also Given by the Governor of Virginia

Raleigh, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Efforts to secure better prices for tobacco in North Carolina received new momentum today when A. J. Maxwell, State revenue commissioner, assured representatives of tobacco growers that his department would do everything in its power to enforce license laws relating to marketing of scrap tobacco.

The 1935 legislature passed a law levying a license fee of \$1,000 per county on dealers in scrap tobacco. "Strict enforcement of the law will certainly take several millions of pounds of tobacco off the market," said Dr. Clarence Poe. James Lipscombe, of the American Tobacco Company, and Andrew J. Bullington, of Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company, telegraphed this morning their concerns would have representatives in Washington Wednesday for conferences between growers' representatives and AAA officials. Answers had not been received from

#### FORK UNION BANK ROBBED, ONE SHOT

Richmond, Va., Sept. 23.—(AP)—State police reported today that bank robbers held up a bank at Fork Union, Va., and shot and critically wounded a trooper tentatively identified as W. R. Thompson, in making good their escape.

#### Ray Bailey Free By Shooting Out Of Police Cordon

Brevard, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Ray Bailey, Western North Carolina desperado, wanted for murder of a Green ville, S. C., policeman in 1932 shot his way to freedom out of a police raid in the mountains near here early today, wounding one deputy slightly.

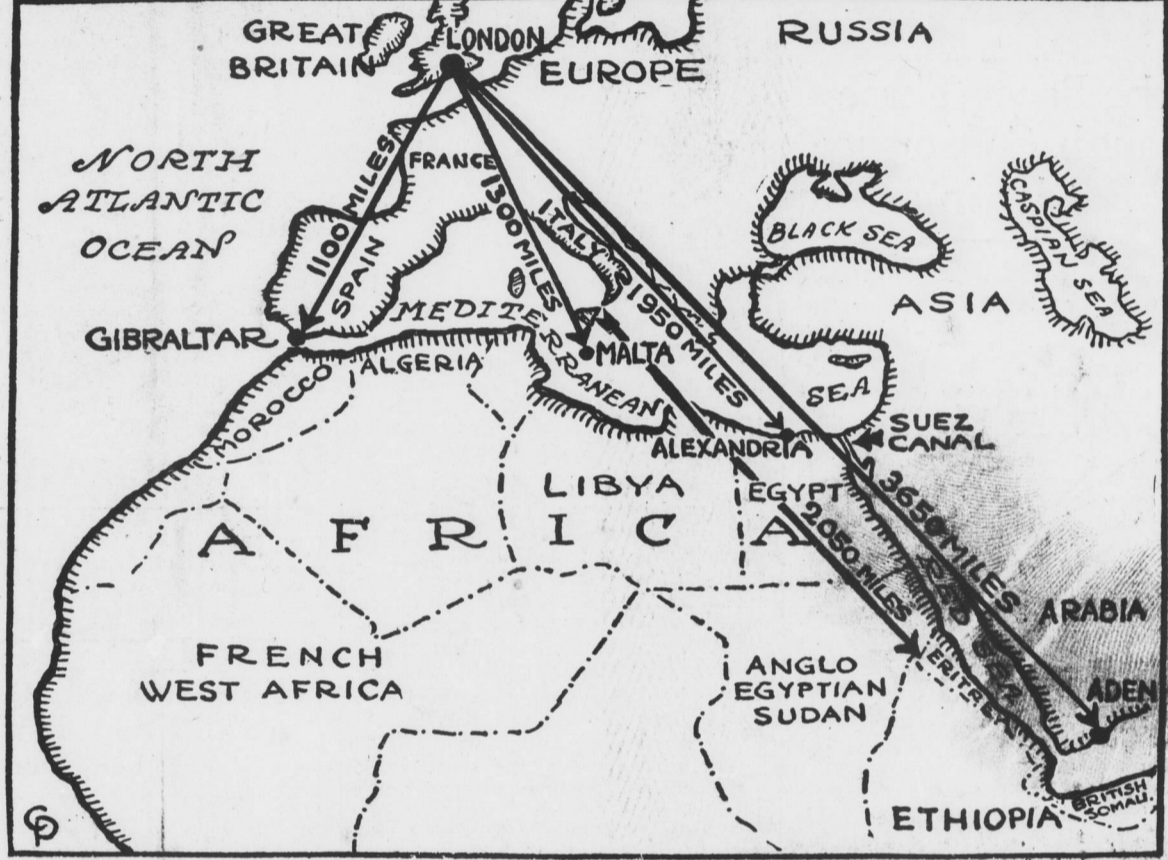
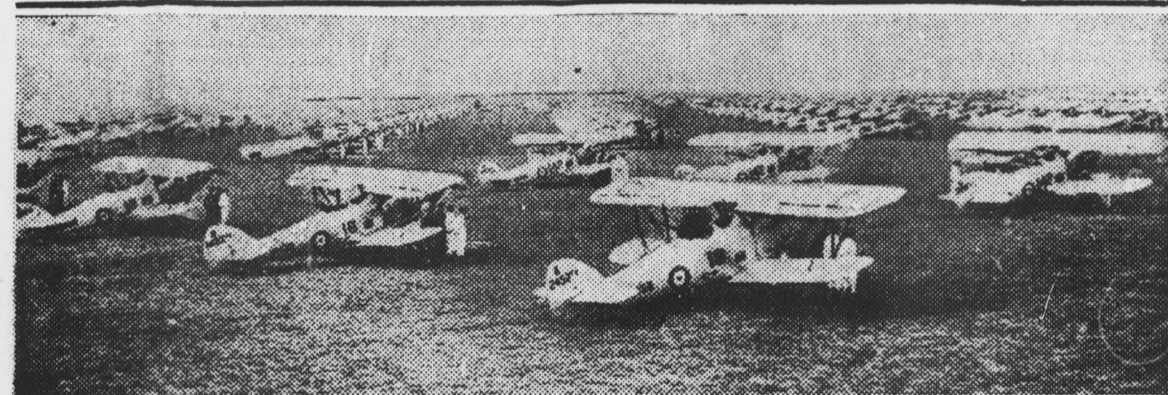
#### LITTLE POLITICS IN TOBACCO MEETING

Governor Apparently Most Popular Speaker With Farmers Saturday

#### DEWOLFF HOPPER IS DEAD IN THE WEST

Kansas City, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Dewolff Hopper, famous comedian, whose stage career spanned more than half a century, died unexpectedly here today. The sprightly 77-year-old actor, had broadcast a radio program yesterday afternoon, although he was ill. Afterwards he was taken to a hospital. He died this morning of a heart attack. Hopper had been giving a series of broadcasts each Sunday, usually continuing here by plane.

### How Planes and Ships Could Bottle Up Il Duce



As Britain masses its gigantic air force to cooperate with its naval concentration in Mediterranean, observers believe it could bottle up Italian forces and prevent them from waging war in Ethiopia. Presumably, first step would be closing of Suez Canal, compelling Italy to support British fleet from attack by Italian air force. Distances involved are shown in map. (Central Press)

### COUNTER PROPOSAL FROM ITALY IS NOT LIKED BY BRITAIN

Another Deadlock May Result from Attitude After Italy Rejects League's Plans

#### BRITAIN WILL STAY IN MEDITERRANEAN

But Tension There Is Eased With Assurances To Italy That Fleet Mobilization Is Mere Precaution and Not Aimed at Sanctions If Italy Does Attack

(By The Associated Press.) The lobbies of the League of Nations were filled with reports today that the Italian delegation might quit Geneva as a result of the League's compromise plan for settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian dispute.

The committee of five entrusted the working out of the plan decided to submit the whole matter to the League Council, and it was said that Article XV of the covenant, which calls upon the Council to make decisions in the event of international conflicts, might be invoked.

From London came word, from an authoritative source, that Great Britain will not reduce her military and naval strength in the Mediterranean. Another possible deadlock in the Italo-Ethiopian conflict was indicated today by a report from Geneva that the British had found Italy's counter proposals to the League peace plan unacceptable.

The peace plan, offered as a compromise to both Italy and Ethiopia, was accepted by Ethiopia and rejected by Italy over the week-end.

The tense situation in the Mediterranean, where both Italian and British battle fleets were deployed, was eased considerably by an official communique assuring Italy that neither of the naval concentrations meant immediate war.

The communique was issued after Sir Eric Drummond, British ambassador to Rome, had assured the Italian government that the British fleet dispositions were solely precautionary and not intended as an effort to apply "sanctions" against Italy in the event of war with Ethiopia.

#### Woman Is Accused With False Claims As to Owning Baby

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. Nellie Tilton Muench, 43-year-old former society woman and alleged kidnaper, today was accused by a 19-year-old mother with "falsely" claiming a month-old baby as her own.

The accusation was made in a habeas corpus suit filed in the St. Louis court of appeals by Anna Ware, of Newton, Pa. She alleged that she was induced to come to St. Louis to give birth to her child and that the baby was then turned over to Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Muench.

Mrs. Muench, facing trial September 30, at Mexico, Mo., as the "finger woman" in the 1931 kidnaping of Dr. Isaac D. Kelly, wealthy St. Louis physician, announced the birth of a son August 18, the day after Miss Ware's boy was born at the home of a St. Louis midwife.

#### Legion Will Seek Bonus Once More

Organization Preliminaries Occupy Convention Starting at St. Louis

Municipal Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 23.—(AP)—The business of the bonus supplanted a carnal spirit here today when National Commander Frank N. Belgrano, Jr., formally called to order the first session of the national convention of the American Legion.

Today's morning session was dedicated largely to formalities marked by an address of welcome by Governor Guy B. Parks, of Missouri and

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#### REYNOLDS' DAUGHTER SUES FOR A DIVORCE

Reno, Nev., Sept. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. Frances Reynolds Colt, daughter of United States Senator Robert R. Reynolds, of North Carolina, filed suit here today to divorce Lee Baron Colt. She charged cruelty.

#### James M. Landis Heads Securities Commission Body

Washington, Sept. 23 (AP)—Selection of James M. Landis as chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission was announced today by Joseph P. Kennedy, retiring chairman, after a conference with President Roosevelt.

Kennedy said to newspapermen: "The commission meets this afternoon to elect a chairman. They will elect Landis. He's a damn good man."

#### Chance For Settling Of Strike Seen

Washington, Sept. 23 (AP)—Prospects of an agreement ending the soft coal strike were reported "good" today by the President's representative, which has been struggling to end differences between miners and operators. Edward M. McGrady, assistant secretary of labor, made that optimistic assertion, as he left the White House. He left with one of the President's secretaries a full report of the situation, but did not ask presidential assistance.

#### HOPE IS BRIGHTER FOR AAA HELP FOR BOOSTING TOBACCO

Determination of Farmers Saturday Believed to Have Impressed Chief J. B. Hutson

#### CONGRESSMEN AND GOVERNOR HELPING

With Cooperation From All Quarters, Belief Is Growing That Way May Be Found to Lift Prices for Remainder of Present Tobacco Marketing Season

#### ROOSEVELT LEAVES AS STORM HOVERS

Agriculture and Labor May Back Inflationist Move in Congress

By LESLIE EICHEL New York, Sept. 23.—President Roosevelt will start out on his western trip under the peace of a "breathing spell," but with a storm threatening to break. And it is not a political storm, although it may have political repercussions later.

Beyond the sunshine of improving business lie lowering clouds. Why the clouds? One-fifth of the population still is existing on less than subsistence levels.

In addition, there is a growing resistance on the part of labor and a large part of the farm population to conditions as they are—in spite of soothing words.

And the war situation overseas requires the most delicate handling to preserve American neutrality. "SHARE-THE-WEALTHERS" There is every indication that the agricultural groups will demand a larger and larger share of the national income.

#### New Move In East Britain May Make

London, Sept. 23 (AP)—Speculation as to whether further important military moves in the Mediterranean were contemplated was aroused today by the action of Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin summoning members of the imperial defense council to his office in advance of tomorrow's cabinet session.

It was immediately recalled by observers that the doubling of the British fleet in the strength in the Mediterranean began shortly after the cabinet meeting and defense council consultations one month ago.

#### 3 Long-Term Negroes Flee Prison Camp

Woodville, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Firing at a guard as they made their way to freedom, four long-term Negro convicts, all of whom participated in the rioting here last spring, escaped from the prison camp here at about 3:45 o'clock this morning after knocking a guard unconscious and seizing his double-barreled shotgun and 38-calibre pistol.

The guard, G. G. Ingram, who was taken to an Elizabeth City hospital, probably was saved from death at the hands of the convicts by Sanford Corey, another guard. Corey, seeing the prisoners striking Ingram, fired into the air. The quartette ran, climbed the fence around the camp and disappeared into the early morning mist.

Captain J. M. Tolar, superintendent of the camp, put bloodhounds on the trail and notified city and county of

#### Credit Abroad For Cotton Is Now Sought

Washington, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Senator Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, recommended to President Roosevelt today the establishment of commercial credit abroad to stimulate the cotton export market.

"Lowering the price of cotton," the Alabaman said on leaving the White House, will not increase exports. I think there is but one way—enabling foreign spinners to get American dollars.

Bankhead expressed confidence Mr. Roosevelt "will work out the best way." He suggested that some one be named to work out a commercial credit system and said he thought such a program was a proper function of a government export-import bank.

#### OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight.