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Says First Major Clash Raging on Ogaden Front

Details of Battle Meagre, However; Minor Skirmishes On North Sector

Harar, Ethiopia, Oct. 30.—Thousands of Ethiopian and Italian soldiers were locked in the first major battle of the month-old war in Ogaden, southern Ethiopia, tonight. Information from the south said the armies of Dejazmatch Nasibu and Ras Desta Dempo, numbering approximately 350,000 well-equipped warriors, were attempting to halt the Italian advance toward Jijiga, Harar and Dire-daw, a point on Ethiopia's only railroad. The Ethiopians were reported standing their ground admirably against Italian armored cars, baby tanks and airplanes. Three Italian columns were reported attempting to converge on Magalo, trading center for the southeast, which was bombed and set afire yesterday. The Ethiopians were reported massed on the western side of the ruined town. A fierce battle there was imminent, if not already in progress, all information indicated. The Italians were reported following their previous tactics of first blasting out the path of advance with aerial bombardment, then sending in armored cars and columns of Dubats and somalis, native mercenary troops, to "clean up." This strategy has pushed the Italian advance about 70 miles up the valley of the Webbe Shibeli, but the effort to grasp Magalo met resistance. It was believed Ethiopians under Dejazmatch Nasibu, after permitting the Italians to penetrate deeply into the Fafan and Webbe Shibeli valleys, had sortied from strongholds at Dagaburrah and Gorahai and launched an offensive on which the fate of the southern campaign may rest. The battle either would stall the Italian advance definitely or would endanger the Ethiopian defenders' position immediately southward of Harar and Jijiga. A rout of the Ethiopian troops would throw them back on the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railroad, prime objective of the Italian drive from the south and which Dejazmatch Nasibu is determined to hold at all costs. The utmost secrecy surrounds all movements of Ethiopian troops. So guarded have the authorities become that this correspondent had difficulty re-entering Harar today from the outskirts.

Order Work To Proceed At Once On Port Project

Morehead City Commission Proceeding With Plans for Building Port Terminals

Washington, Oct. 30.—With the release by Comptroller Gen. McCarl of approximately \$1,500,000 in old public works funds the war department today ordered work to proceed at once on improving the harbor at Morehead City, N. C. The allotment was made in connection with a PWA grant of \$455,000 to the Morehead City port commission for construction of port terminals. The Morehead City commission already is proceeding with its plans for building the port terminal.

John B. Lewis Heads Red Cross Roll Call

Dr. Paul E. Jones, chairman of the Farmville Unit of the Pitt County Chapter of the American Red Cross announced today that John B. Lewis had been appointed Roll Call chairman to head up the campaign for members which will begin on Wednesday, November 13. The quota for Farmville has been set at 250 members and it is felt that there will be little difficulty in reaching this goal. The chapter had nearly this number two years ago. Among other activities the local Red Cross sponsored a course in First Aid at the High school this year, taught by Dr. John M. Newborn, and a course in Home Nursing under the direction of Mrs. Newborn. Life Saving work will be undertaken again next summer in the local pool. These activities have made a substantial contribution to the safety and health of Farmville. A fine corn and hay crop, one of the best reported in recent years, is being harvested in Brunswick County, says farm agent J. E. Dodson.

Troops Seize South Carolina Road Funds

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 29.—Troops seized state highway funds at the citizens and Southern bank today under Governor Olin D. Johnston's edict changing the road administration. A detachment led by Maj. Frank H. Barnwell of Florence was reported to have entered the bank and taken charge of road department funds there. The amount involved was not immediately available. Similar action was expected at other banks under terms of the executive order which took control of monetary matters as well as other authority from an antagonistic highway commission. Roy A. Powell, secretary to the governor, said that there was "nothing definite for publication at this time on the procedure being followed." Some banks halted payment on state highway checks it was understood on opening this morning. Apparently sure of his hold on state highway affairs Gov. Johnston today demobilized half the troops who took control of the road department yesterday and ordered all machine guns removed. Reports from Washington indicated there was a possibility of scrutiny of the palidity of the road administration he had set up before further federal road funds will come into the state.

Works Funds On Way Here

Additional WPA Projects Calling For \$13,835,828 For North Carolina Approved.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Comptroller General McCarl today approved an additional \$13,835,828 worth of WPA projects in eight states. This brought to \$2,585,123,291 the total list of approved projects, from which state WPA administrators will select those most suitable. At the same time, McCarl released \$20,059,000, bringing to \$1,041,947,649 the total WPA money available for immediate expenditure. The bureau of public roads also announced that President Roosevelt had approved 893 highway projects, to cost \$37,274,000, which will be financed from a \$200,000,000 work relief allotment to state highway departments. Contracts have been awarded for 278 of these projects at a cost of \$12,905,000, of which 172 are under construction. With remaining allotments threatened with reduction because of delay in starting highway and grade crossing elimination work, the bureau announced the President had approved 187 grade crossing projects to cost \$14,081,000. Of these, for which another \$200,000,000 was allotted, 74 to cost \$4,279,000, are now under contract. Work on 41 already has been started. The President has allotted \$1,060,207,381 to WPA, including \$31,572,219 approved today. The President also approved an additional \$77,619,622 worth of WPA projects, bringing the total he has approved to date to \$3,830,843,803. With the exception of \$2,559,935 worth of Kansas projects those approved by McCarl today were new. No details were given. Projects were: Iowa \$3,153,164; Michigan \$12,876,265; North Carolina \$13,835,828; Ohio \$42,992,831; Texas \$18,616,522; West Virginia \$16,323,753; and Wisconsin \$27,125,984.

HOME EC CLASS HAS MITE BOX

The first-period class of Home Ec, made up of eighth grade girls, is making a mite box. That is, they are going to stop going to shows, buying candy, apples, drinks, and put this money in the mite box to buy various things needed in the Home Ec. Cottage. We began Monday and will last through out a week. Sallie Wainwright, Reporter. Officers and members of the class are: Teacher, Miss Alice Coggins, president, Ethel Lee Little, vice president, Myrtle Ruth Harris, secretary, Dorothy Skinner, assistant secretary, Mary Brock, reporter, Sallie Wainwright, members, Ruby Kate Wooten, Nannie Gray Wilkerson, Mildred Everett, Nannie Mae Joyner, Frances Watkins, Medelaine Wilson and Lottie Smith. The girls of the Home Ec. classes are deeply grateful to Mrs. J. Y. Monk and Mrs. P. E. Jones for recent contributions of china.

Farmville Rotary Club Entertains At Ladies Night

Maynard Fletcher Delivers Address, Irvin Morgan, Toastmaster; Teachers Were Honored Guests

Last Tuesday evening the Farmville Rotary Club held its annual Ladies Night at which the Rotarians entertained their wives and the faculty of the Farmville high school. The meeting room was attractively decorated with Hallowe'en favors and colors. A well prepared and splendidly served turkey dinner was enjoyed by all. The meeting was called to order and opened by President John Lewis and then turned over to Irvin Morgan who acted as toastmaster. John Thorne made the address of welcome and Miss Mattie Lee Eagles gave quite an original response. Miss Mary K. Jerome, of the Farmville high school faculty, sang two numbers—one for the ladies, and one for the men. J. I. Morgan introduced the speaker of the evening, Maynard Fletcher, of Washington, N. C. Maynard delivered an excellent address on the "ships" of Rotary—membership, fellowship and "service-ship". His address was as interesting as it was timely.—Contributed.

Consider Grade Crossing Plans

Road Board To Go Over New Plans At Meeting In Raleigh Friday and Saturday.

Raleigh, Oct. 30.—The State Highway Commission will consider a second partial program of grade crossing elimination projects under the federal program at its meeting here Friday and Saturday, Capus M. Waynick, chairman, said today. First partial program embodying the expenditure of approximately 32 per cent of the total allotment to North Carolina was approved by federal authorities a few weeks ago and several of the projects are already under way in the State. Chief Highway Engineer W. Vance Caise said that plans for the second program would be gone over with the commission and that a final draft would be forwarded to the United States Bureau of Public Roads about two weeks later. The commission will also canvass bids taken on 11 road and bridge projects which will be opened soon. A discussion of prison plans will also be taken up and definite action on plans for the new woman's prison to be built near here is likely. With all its draw backs life is still a splendid adventure. The book "Why We Behave Like Human Beings" had a big sale in spite of the fact that most of us don't.

Economic War Against Italy Gaining Strength

League Staff Considers Imposing Penalties; Roman Legions Near Makale

The economic war of the league of nations against Italy steadily gained strength today. The league sanctions staff meeting to consider means for imposing penalties announced 36 nations already have agreed to participate. The league gave approval to both of the economic sanctions the "buy nothing from Italy," boycotting and the prohibition against the export of certain key products to the aggressor nation. Definitely Il Duce's armies pushed ahead in east Africa. On the South front his Roman legions were marching on before Geriogrubi, the metropolis of Ogaden province, preparing to attack the town. They had crossed more than half of the Ogaden desert in their drive north to Harar. On the northern front, the advance progressed so easily that Italian officers believe the mountain pass at Makale would fall without a battle. At home the fascist government strengthened its war time food pro-

Retail Sales In September About \$300,000,000

Sales Tax Receipts In This State Will Amount To \$870,000; May Go Still Higher

Raleigh, Oct. 30.—Retail sales in North Carolina amounted to approximately \$300,000,000 in September, based on the sales tax receipts of \$870,000 already received by the Department of Revenue, Director George Scott of the Division of Collections and Accounts, pointed out today. Additional receipts today and tomorrow may make the figure go still higher. In addition, the department collects about \$10,000 a month from the tax of one-twentieth of one per cent on wholesale sales, indicating a wholesale volume of at least \$20,000,000 a month, not including sales made outside the state, which are non-taxable. The taxable retail sales have not dropped under \$25,000,000 a month since the exemptionless sales tax went into effect in July, Scott pointed out. Including the retail sales of sweet milk and other articles which are still exempt from the 3 per cent retail sales tax, Scott estimates that the retail sales alone for this year are averaging \$30,000,000 a month or \$360,000,000 a year. The taxable retail sales have been averaging about \$20,000,000 a month or \$240,000,000 a year. Thus on the basis of the sales tax collections from taxable retail and wholesale sales for the past three months, it is estimated that these combined sales aggregate at least \$584,000,000 a year. These figures do not include real estate sales, sales of farm produce by the farmers, the sales of minerals and timber, which are non-taxable under the sales tax and other exempted sales. If all these other items should be included, the total sales in the state would easily amount to \$75,000,000 a month or almost \$900,000,000 a year, with-out including the sales of goods by manufacturers, none of which are subject to taxation, since most manufactured goods are sold in interstate commerce and hence not taxable by the state.

GREENVILLE PREPARES FOR ARMISTICE DAY

Greenville, Oct. 30.—At a joint meeting of the executive and Armistice Day committees of the Pitt County post of the American Legion, Legionnaires C. L. Adams, J. H. Rose and A. D. Frank reported that an interesting program was being planned for Armistice Day. A big barbecue dinner for all ex-service men, members of the auxiliary, Gold Star Mothers, members of the George B. Singletary Chapter, U. D. C. Mayor, Aldermen, members of the County Board of Commissioners, is being arranged. Greene County tobacco growers have purchased 33,000 pounds of tax free allotments from other growers who did not produce their full amounts.

Says Sales Tax Repeal Would Ruin The State

Governor Ehringhaus Reiterates Opposition But Says It Must Be Kept

Raleigh, Oct. 31.—The sales tax—repealed in New Jersey, faced with repeal in Mississippi, berated seven days a week in North Carolina—saved this State from bankruptcy, Governor Ehringhaus said yesterday. But the Governor added quickly, talking as he studied a revenue collections report before him. "I am opposed to the sales tax. Yes, I am opposed to it, but in an emergency it was the only thing. As a result of it, the State is financially in first class shape. "If there were something to supplant the sales tax, I would be glad to hear about it. There appears to be nothing that will take the place of the State's most 'cussed' tax—a tax that nevertheless brings \$9,000,000 a year into the State Treasury." When Governor Ehringhaus came up from the Albemarle in January, 1933, to take the oath of the State's highest executive office, North Carolina was on the brink of disaster—along with the rest of the nation. To meet the existing emergency, he turned to a sales tax, a three per cent sales tax on everything except bare necessities of food-stuffs. He suggested such a tax, not because he favored it, but because it appeared to be the only solution in the emergency. The 1931 general assembly finally heeded the executive's message. A three per cent sales tax was passed after a bitter battle. And from that day hence that body has been "berated right and left. Governor Ehringhaus will tell you the sales tax saved the State. "Nine millions of dollars a year from the sales tax alone," the Governor pointed out — "that's a lot of money. It helps run the schools, and takes care of a lot of expenditures. Stop that influx of revenue and see where we are." Governor Ehringhaus said the surplus that is in the treasury could run the state for one year if the sales tax were abolished. After that North Carolina would be sunk. No other revenue, he said, brings in such vast receipts as the sales tax. "Abolish the sales tax and ruin the state," said Governor Ehringhaus. "That's what will happen." "There are two things that constitute the majority of North Carolina's \$30,000,000 appropriations: Schools and debt service. There is little left after they are taken care of. Cut appropriations and abolish the sales tax and you'll wind up behind the eight ball. It can't be done. "North Carolina doesn't try to hide its sales tax. That's why it is 'cussed' so much. That's why it is so obvious. (We don't pay any particular attention to federal tax on gasoline because the merchant does not remind you that you are paying such a tax. But when you purchase something that falls under the three per cent sales tax, the merchant will tell you that the extra penny is for the State." Now that North Carolina has balanced its budget, paid some of its debts, is able to borrow money whenever it so desires, all from the sales tax, the howl is to abolish the tax that feeds the land. "There must be some sort of tax," the Governor reiterated, "if you shove the tax back on land you will have a revolution."

AAA Tentatively Decides On It's 1935 Corn Loan

Decision Is Made After Mounting Returns of Saturday's Vote

Washington, Oct. 29.—Authoritative sources said today the AAA had reached a tentative decision on the amount of the 1935 corn loan. Indications were that it would be forty-five cents a bushel. The decision was made, it was reliably reported, after mounting returns from Saturday's national corn-hog referendum showed a vote of six to one in favor of a new production control program next year. Formal announcement of the corn loan was expected within forty-eight hours. Extreme caution is being taken to prevent leaks coming from conferences now in progress because some sources said there was a possibility that unexpected developments might result in fixing a forty cent loan. The 1934 loan was fifty-five cents a bushel.

CLUB PARTY

One of the most attractive parties given here during the early fall season was the bridge event of Monday afternoon, at which Mrs. R. A. Parker delightfully entertained members of the New Deal Club and special guests for eight tables, honoring Mrs. J. Leroy Parker and Miss Elizabeth Smith, assistant dean of East Carolina Teacher's College, Greenville. The residence on Wilson street was decorated in Hallowe'en colors and motifs, together with quantities of marigolds. Tallies and salted nut baskets were also in the prevailing colors. The club prize, a cigarette stand and set of ash trays, was won by Mrs. S. A. Roebuck, and the guest award, a lemon server, by Miss Elizabeth Smith, who was also remembered with a vial of perfume. Mrs. J. Leroy Parker's gift was a handsome silk coverlet. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. D. R. Morgan, Mrs. S. A. Roebuck, Mrs. Z. M. Whitehurst and Mrs. Juddments, consisting of salad in pumpkins, Walker in scoving delicious refreshment face mold, rolled and open, face sandwiches of orange and black bread, and spiced tea. No one is rich enough to do without a neighbor.

Farmville Passes Total Poundage of Last Season

Kloman Accepts St. Mary's Post

Chaplain Has Had Long Career In Episcopal Church; Was Overseas Chaplain

Raleigh, Oct. 23.—The Rev. Henry Fletcher Kloman, 65-year-old minister of the Episcopal Church has accepted the chaplaincy of St. Mary's School for the remainder of the school year. A. L. Purrington, secretary of the St. Mary's trustees, received Mr. Kloman's acceptance yesterday. The new chaplain will begin his duties November 10. Mr. Kloman, veteran of the church, succeeds the Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher, young minister who resigned last spring. The new chaplain's last charge was in Cumberland, Md. Since he graduated from the Virginia Theological Seminary he has held charges in Baltimore and other Maryland cities, in Virginia, in Maine and in North Dakota, where he was dean of the Fargo Cathedral from 1916 to 1923. During the World War he served overseas as chaplain for the American Red Cross and now holds the rank of major and chaplain in the Officers Reserve. "During his career Mr. Kloman has taken considerable part in the educational activities of his church. He was born in Warrenton, Va. Mrs. Kloman was Miss Eleanor Marshall Trapnell, of Charleston, W. Va. Rev. Mr. Kloman was rector of the Episcopal Church in Farmville for several months this year, and made many friends here, who, while regretting that he had to give up this field, rejoice at St. Mary's good fortune in securing him for this important position.

Records Greatest Sale In History Monday And Forges Ahead This Week With Marked Increase In Patronage Noted

The sale of Monday of this week established a new record for the Farmville market in the number of pounds sold on a single day's sale; the largest figures in its past history and probably the peak of the future, until three sets of buyers are available, 687,742 pounds being sold for \$184,407.69, at an average of \$26.81. Official figures, released, reveal that 22,427,474 pounds had been disposed of on warehouse floors here this season, through Wednesday, for the sum of \$4,921,421.69, average \$21.94, as compared with 19,027,480 pounds sold during the entire season of last year, which closed on December 7, the receipts being recorded as \$5,741,545.62, and the average \$30.17. Sales last week went beyond the total poundage marketed last season as shown by above figures and those of this week have been marked by the large number of new patrons, who have "tired out" the Farmville market, and expressed themselves as pleased with the trial. With eighty-five per cent of this crop estimated as sold already, warehousemen are urging growers to grade the remainder of their crop carefully and well, and to give strict attention to the conditioning of offerings before placing them on the floors, in order that the highest dollar may be secured for their customers. Based on late estimates the market here is expected to sell around 27 million pounds this season.

MORE SPENT FOR RELIEF THIS YEAR THAN DURING 1934

Washington, Oct. 29.—An official summation showed today that the government, despite its program to end the dole, has spent more money for relief so far this year than it did during the same period of 1934. This year's relief grants were placed at \$1,227,973,573 compared to \$1,013,069,738 in the corresponding ten months of last year. The amount granted for relief since Oct. 1 has been only a fraction of what it was in October a year ago, however, and officials are predicting that increased employment from the works program will bring an end to all federal outlay for relief during November.

MRS. LYTE DIES IN VIRGINIA

Mrs. William Frances Lyte, sister of Dr. A. Sidney Venable, former pastor of the Farmville Presbyterian Church, died Tuesday, October 22, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. Spasy Nottingham, Northampton County, Va. Her body was laid to rest in the Holmes Presbyterian Church cemetery, Bayview, Va., on Wednesday, October 23, the services being conducted at the home by Dr. John R. Rosebro, pastor of the Bayview Church, assisted by her nephew, Dr. S. J. Venable, of Pocomoke City, Md. Upon the occasion of several visits to her brother, while he resided in Farmville, Mrs. Lyte won many friends by her charm of manner and exemplification of the Christian gentleness of her attitude towards life. These will deeply regret to learn of her passing and join with The Enterprise in extending sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Venable in their bereavement.

TO ATTEND DISTRICT MEET

A number of women from the Episcopal Auxiliary here, are planning to attend the District meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, which will be held in Greenville, on Thursday, November 7. Mrs. G. S. Vought is president of the District and will preside at this time. PROGRESSIVE BRIDGE CLUB Mrs. J. H. Darden was hostess to the Progressive Bridge Club, Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. T. B. Royster, of Durham, guest of Mrs. W. S. Royster, also enjoying the pleasures of the afternoon with the members. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. G. M. Holden. Mrs. J. Y. Monk won high score award, a lovely vase, and attractive table prizes of bowls of bulbs were won by Mrs. P. E. Jones, Mrs. G. S. Vought and Miss Tabitha DeVicenti. Delightful refreshments were served at the conclusion of the games.

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