

LEAGUE COVENANT VIOLATED SAYS ETHIOPIAN KING

Japan Maneuvers To Win Support Of France, Italy

Revises Request For Upper Limit

Would Allow Soviet Russia Much Larger Fleet Than Present One.

By Associated Press

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Japan's delegation to the international naval conference maneuvered today to win the support of France and Italy in the Asiatic empire's demand for sea power equality.

Japan revised its request for common upper limit on naval tonnage to include the five powers—Japan, the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy—instead of the first three only as previously suggested.

However, informed sources said they did not consider the new tactics would prove successful, although it will bring the French and Italian delegates more generally into the debate.

Again Monday.

As a result of the new Japanese plan the French and Italians are expected to present more detailed (Continued on page ten.)

November Relief Totalled \$3,422; Needs Still Acute

Local Office Expected To Complete Records By Next Week-End.

Closed doors and lowered shades at the county relief office indicate that all types of direct relief has been stopped and needy families are being transferred as rapidly as possible to the WPA through the U. S. Employment Service.

November's report for ERA, released today by Mrs. Ben Goforth, head case worker for this county indicates that \$3,422.76 was given for relief last month and that other donations were made in the form of supplies.

All operations of the relief administration are expected to cease by at least another week when all the records for work since 1932 have been checked and placed in order for a final inspection.

Mrs. Goforth said she has made no plans for further work when the work at the local office is ended.

Persons receiving direct relief 1,787 from 377 families. This was a drop of 10 families during the (Continued on page ten.)

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Aside from some belated long liquidation and moderate selling from abroad there was no appreciable selling pressure yesterday. No doubt it may take a day or two for full recovery from the decline, but at times sharp advances occurred on comparatively small buying orders when contracts appeared scarce. The demand, besides the usual trade operations, was sound character and also replaced by recent sellers. Selling orders just before the close eased market 5 to 6 points from the best, the close being 3 to 11 points higher than previous close.

We believe cotton is cheap and that the continued absorption of contracts into trade channels will tend to a gradually tightening supply and higher prices.

We recommend purchases at current prices.—E. A. Pierce & Co.

THE MARKETS  
Cotton, spot - 12 to 13c  
Cotton seed, wagon, ton - \$35.00  
Cotton seed, car lot, ton - \$38.00

New York cotton at 2.30: Dec. 11.50, Jan. 11.52, Mar. 11.35, May 11.30, July 11.15, Oct. 10.96.

City Schools Get Two Weeks, 1 Day Christmas Season

The Christmas holidays for the Shelby public schools have been set to extend from December 19 to January 6. This gives two weeks and one day from school.

All holidays have to be made up by the extension of the time at the end of school term. In other words, the school operates 180 days exclusive of holidays.

The one extra day is added to the usual two weeks Christmas vacation to enable the schools to close on Friday at the end of the term. Two days were taken out at Thanksgiving, and two more will be taken out at Easter; the extra day rounds out a full week.

Besides, the school authorities were eager to cooperate with the business people, who wish to employ school boys and girls to assist with the extra heavy Christmas sales. They are also eager to cooperate with the boys and girls who wish to make a little money by working during the rush shopping days.

It is not being encouraged by the school folks, but pupils will be excused from school, who have a chance to start to work earlier than the regular adjournment of school and whose parents request that it be done. An investigation discloses that most of the managers of the various stores will not want their extra help before December 19.

Ginnings Ahead By 3,870 Bales

There had been ginned in Cleveland county 43,662 bales of cotton prior to December 1 this year as compared with 39,792 bales prior to the same date a year ago, according to official figures gathered by Thayer C. Beam, special agent for the bureau of the census.

This placed the 1935 crop 3,870 bales ahead of 1934 and without doubt establishes Cleveland again as the leading cotton producing county in North Carolina. The honor of the biggest crop was held for one or two years by Robeson, but this year Robeson drops to second place.

It is estimated that the crop will reach around 44,000 bales this year.

Seamstress Dies At South Shelby; Rites Saturday

Miss Bell Taylor, 54 year old seamstress of South Shelby died at the Shelby hospital yesterday after a vicious attack of pneumonia. She had been ill nearly two weeks.

Funeral services for Miss Taylor will be held at the Second Baptist church Saturday at 1 o'clock and interment will be in Rutherford county. Rev. C. V. Martin will be in charge.

Surviving Miss Taylor are four brothers and three sisters. They are B. B., J. V., J. L., and G. L. Taylor, and Mrs. Sally Yarboro, Mrs. Sallie Wood and Miss N. E. Taylor.

Two More Add To Will Rogers Fund

Two more contributors have added to the Will Rogers Memorial fund, campaign for which will close Saturday, Dec. 14th.

Previously acknowledged - \$73.49  
Miss Lillian LeGrand - 1.00  
No. 3 high school - 2.00  
Total - \$76.49

Kiwanis Honors Hoy Birthday In Ladies Night Entertainment

Kiwanis, in their annual ladies night program honored Clyde R. Hoy on his 57th birthday last night at the Hotel Charles, when a huge birthday cake, bearing lighted candles was presented to him with the words, "Our Next Governor."

Nearly 150 guests were present and the affair was the outstanding event of this club during the year now closing. Ex-Senator D. Z. Newton presented the cake on behalf of the club and in well chosen words told how Mr. Hoy rose from his first job as janitor of the church at 14 a week to his present high position in state

Aid U. S.-British Air Service



Official conversations between the United States, Canada, Irish Free State and Great Britain at Washington, D. C., are leading up to establishment of North Atlantic airways soon. Secretary Cordell Hull, Assistant Secretary of State Walton Moore and Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador, are shown (left to right) arranging the details.

Farm Rehabilitation Work Sees New Era In Cleveland

Tenants And Families Get New Lease On Life In Program; Work For New Year Already Begun

Brought back to earth in reality and in truth is the story now being told to their friends and neighbors by some 61 farmers and their families who have during the past year been making a living and getting a new lease on life under the farm rehabilitation and resettlement program.

A new year has just begun under the local administration in charge of George Dedmon and many acres of grain are now being sown and fall gardens prepared by men who were "down and out" as tenants. The work began last spring as farm rehabilitation, and was a part of the ERA, but since has been changed to the Resettlement Program under the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Methodist Union Will Not Affect Local Churches Soon

Two Children Burn To Death In Burke

MORGANTON, Dec. 13.—(P)—Two children of Mrs. Ralph Spainhour, a widow, burned to death late last night when fire destroyed their farm home near here. Those who died were Barbara, 12, and Dan, 11.

Mrs. Spainhour escaped with two other children as did Mrs. W. I. Spainhour, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Ralph Spainhour. No others were in the two story home which was destroyed. Preliminary investigation led to the belief that an oil lamp exploded.

Two Mill Groups In Banquets Saturday

Two mill groups will hold their annual Christmas season banquets Saturday night.

Eighty of the "key men" in the Shelby Cotton mill will gather at the club room at 6:30 and after a sumptuous meal served by the ladies of the village, Rev. R. M. Courtney of Central Methodist church will deliver an address. R. T. LeGrand will preside.

Clyde R. Hoy will address the key men of the Dover and Orville Mills at a banquet to be held at the Cleveland hotel, Saturday night at 7 o'clock.

Dr. J. W. Harbison Leads Duke Body During New Year

Dr. J. W. Harbison, of this city was elected president of the Cleveland-Rutherford counties Duke university alumni unit at the annual meeting here Wednesday night.

Troy McKinney was chosen vice-president and Miss Isabel Hoy was named secretary. Mrs. Paul Mauney of Kings Mountain is the alumni representative.

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U. S. Enumerators Come From Relief Roll, Says Houser

Salaries Are Named By Leaders

Pay Ranges From \$27 To \$36 Per Month; Cleveland Pay is \$32.00.

Enumerators and other workers to be employed in the business and industrial census will be certified for work by the WPA, it was announced yesterday by E. A. Houser, jr., district supervisor.

He stated that he will have nothing whatever to do with the selection; all workers will come from the unemployed relief rolls. Request was yesterday filed with Miss Ruth Catlin, district WPA supervisor, for the 55 enumerators.

Mr. Houser stated he also wanted to correct the wage schedules heretofore reported as to be paid during the census. Enumerators will be paid from \$27 to \$36 per month, depending on the counties in which they work, wage schedules varying in different counties. In Cleveland county the schedule will be \$32 per month.

Office workers will be paid the same scale. They, too, will be certified by WPA officials. There will be one stenographer and two file clerks in addition to an office assistant, all of whom will be certified by WPA officials.

The district office has been beset by people desiring jobs as a result of published information about rates. Since the entire project is a WPA matter applications should go to WPA offices.

Everything Ready For Big Tag Sale At Carolina Inn

Word has just been received from Raleigh that automobile tags will go on sale tomorrow, Saturday, December 14, instead of December 16, the date formerly planned. The Carolina Motor Inn will sell tags all day Saturday, and get many of the rush sales out of the way.

Auto license plates will go on sale in Shelby on Monday, December 16 at the Carolina Motor Inn on South Washington street, newly moved into the Hines building.

In less than two weeks more than 7,000 owners are expected to fall in line and purchase tags, as strict enforcement of the tag law will be made, according to highway officials here. Either a 1935 or 1936 tag will be good the period between the 15th and January 1.

The tags are already here, and the Hopper brothers are making arrangements to handle the crowds, and urge that every owner have their cards and application handy to save delay.

Automobile owners of North Carolina will save more than \$1,500,000 yearly beginning with the sale of 1936 automobile license tags through the reduction made by the 1935 legislature for the plates.

The new tags will go on sale at 49 branch offices and the state department on December 16.

At present the tariff for license plates for passenger automobiles is based on a rate of 55 cents per hundredweight with a minimum of \$12.50, but the rate for 1936 and thereafter until the lawmakers make another change will be 40 cents per hundred pounds and \$8 minimum.

Computation of the 1936 cost of 486,731 tags which were sold this year up through October 31 showed that the car owners would save \$1,508,250 on tags for the same machines if they averaged 2,600 pounds in weight. As more than 500,000 cars have now been licensed, the savings will exceed that figure.

The 1936 tags are going to be light chrome on black, which means light green on black.

YOUNG PEOPLES FORUM TO HAVE SPECIAL MEET

The Young Peoples Forum of the Cleveland colored high school will have a special service Sunday afternoon from four until five o'clock. It will be held at the Shiloh Baptist church.

200 Club Women At Annual Meet; Prizes Awarded

Achievement Events Carried Out

Rutherford Agent General Speaker; Cash Given To Score Of Winners.

Nearly 200 women from 15 home demonstration clubs met yesterday at the South Shelby school building for their annual "achievement day" when a special program was given as awards for the entire year's work were made.

Mrs. N. B. Lee, of Lattimore and president of the county council was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Virginia Sloan Swain, Rutherford home agent was the speaker and described "Interesting Home Hobbies" to the group.

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A style revue in the afternoon was won by Miss Velma Goode of Bowling Springs. More than a dozen persons modeled in dresses planned and made by themselves this year. Other places of honor went to Mrs. C. A. Morrison, Miss Minnie Gold, Mrs. P. L. House and Mrs. R. P. Dixon.

Cash canning awards were made to Mrs. Hunter Ware, Mrs. M. M. Mauney, Mrs. Louie Chapman, Mrs. W. C. Murray, Mrs. E. H. Moss, Mrs. Martha Hamrick, Miss Margaret Ford, all excelling in canning records.

Mrs. Hunter Ware and Mrs. A. P. Falls received \$25 and \$15 respectively for state canning honors.

Merchants Body Meets On Tuesday

There will be a meeting Tuesday night in the Woman's club room above George Wray's of the Merchants association which will be the final meeting of the year.

New officers will be elected and policies for the new year adopted.

Shelby Merchants To Be Open Later Until Christmas

Shelby merchants yesterday decided to keep stores open until 9 o'clock in the evening being open next Thursday, December 19, and continuing until Christmas.

Beginning immediately, it was decided, stores will remain open each afternoon until 6 o'clock, instead of 5:30 as has been the case. The longer hours are being offered customers in order to make their Christmas shopping more convenient.

Business in Shelby has seen a sharp pick-up the past week, and last Saturday's sales were reported by some to exceed any one day's trading since the boom days of 1929.

Aboriginal Costumes, Senioritas Cop Annual Hilarious "Stunts"

An evening of unprecedented hilarity was enjoyed by a large audience at the local high school building Wednesday night when the most of the craziest and best executed stunts imaginable were put on by the faculty and student groups.

The dramatic club came forward the second successive year to win the award with a new version of the age old plot of a maiden, a villain, poor old father and mother, a forest, and plenty of money, action and pathos.

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Warns Lobbying



Brig. Gen. William Mitchell, wartime air force commander and stormy petrel of many army air force hearings, warned Congressional Committee on Patents at New York that lobbying is to blame for weakness of U. S. air equipment, which, he said, could not repel air invasion of the country.

Peace Plan Would Grant Two-Thirds Ethiopia To Italy

"Rectified" Boundaries To Give Italy Tigre, and Additional Somaliland.

ROME, Dec. 13.—(P)—The Franco-British plan for peace between Italy and Ethiopia, made public today, would give Italy sovereignty or control over approximately two-third of Ethiopia.

An Italian government spokesman said his government could make no comment on the proposal at the present but that it "is being studied with care."

The five points to the plan: 1. Italy would get sovereignty over Tigre province, already conquered by her military forces, except for the sacred city of Aksum and a corridor connecting that city with Ethiopia;

2. The Danakil frontier would be "rectified" so as to give the Aussa region to Ethiopia in full sovereignty;

3. The Somaliland frontier would be "rectified," running from the Kenya-Somaliland boundary intersection to Gorrabel, west of Guardafuu, to the intersection of the 45th degree and the British Somaliland frontier.

4. Ethiopia would get a free port on the sea, preferably Assab, and a corridor leading to it; France and Great Britain would undertake to get from Ethiopia guarantees against importation of arms and munitions.

5. France and Great Britain would agree at Geneva to urge Emperor Haile Selassie to grant Italy a "zone of influence" running from the Somaliland frontier, established under point 3, and extending across Ethiopia from the 35th to the 45th meridians of longitude and north to the 8th parallel; the emperor would have sovereignty over this zone of Italian influence, but would have an advisor who might or might not be an Italian. There would be a League of Nations committee to advise the Ethiopian monarch on internal affairs but no member of this committee could be a citizen of any other interested power.

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Special Meeting Asked To Settle Peace Plan Row

Mussolini Quiet On Late Proposal

Official Communique Reports Italians Defeated And Killed.

By Associated Press

Emperor Haile Selassie has asked the League of Nations to call a special meeting of the League assembly on the grounds that the Franco-British peace plan violated the spirit of the League covenant.

The plan, understood to offer half of Ethiopia to Italy in exchange for peace, already has resulted in a call for a session of the League council on Wednesday. Many smaller nations of the League were represented as opposed to the plan on the grounds it would give Premier Mussolini his objective in East Africa.

Rebellion against the proposal, meanwhile, was threatened in the House of Commons as British constituents protested the suggestion by letter and telegram.

Emperor Haile Selassie, who has not yet received the proposal, said he would reject it, if it provided for a partition of Ethiopia. Italians Killed

An official communique from Addis Ababa reported the defeat of an Italian host of of Makale by a strong Ethiopian patrol. Seven Italian soldiers were reported killed and an undetermined number wounded. The communique said the Italians (Continued on page ten.)

Late Bulletins

Japs Enter China KALGAN, Chahar Province, China, Dec. 14 (Saturday).—(P)—A small detachment of Japanese troops entered this gateway city of the Chinese northwest early today while the populace and Chinese soldiers gaped in wonderment. Not a shot was fired and not a voice lifted in protest.

Storm Warning WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(P)—The weather bureau issued the following warning today: Advisory 10 a. m. northeast storm warning, north of Boston to Eastport. Disturbance over South Carolina, probably will move northeastward attended by increasing northeast winds becoming strong with rain or snow.

More Drunk Driving RALEIGH, Dec. 13.—(P)—The state highway patrol today reported an increase in drunken driving in North Carolina during November as compared with the two preceding months.

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Shopping Days 11 Days Christmas