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## ITALY'S 'BIG PUSH' IN ETHIOPIA MAY START ON MONDAY

### The War Today

ADIGRAT—Italy's armies ready for "big push" into Ethiopia. Attack may start on Monday, anniversary of Fascist march on Rome.

LONDON—Ethiopians reported repulsed in attack on Italian flank. One hundred reported slain. House of Commons hears intimation naval parley will include seven nations.

WASHINGTON—United States apprehensive on navy conference, fearing nation will be made "the goat."

All Seems in Readiness for Smash Starting From North.

By Webb Miller

ADIGRAT, Ethiopia, Oct. 24.—I have the impression after a visit to the extreme Italian front line that everything is ready in the military sense for an advance southward.

Premier Benito Mussolini's attachment to anniversaries is well known. The fact that Monday is the anniversary of the start of the Fascist march on Rome in 1922, and the presence at the front of his "Oct. 28" division of Fascist black shirt militia, may mean that the attack will start on that day.

Again the mountain trail to the front is jammed with infantry, donkeys transporting canvas sacks of water, detachment of picturesque black Askari native troops with mules, chanting songs in the Tigre language.

Thundering artillery tractors with wheels five feet high clamber over rocks as big as houses, helping motor trucks up inclines of 35 degrees.

Gen. Umberto Simma, commanding the Oct. 28 division, personally accompanied me to a wonderful observation post which commands a view 50 miles ahead toward the dim mountains of the hell hole of Danakil on the left of the Italian line, shimmering in heat.

Outposts Are Fortified

The black shirts of the Oct. 28 division are busily fortifying the outposts, placing solid stone walls and even rolling up huge stones for Italians who died in the campaign of 1936.

The hard, continuous labors which these volunteer Fascists—many aged between 40 and 55—willingly endure at this altitude is astonishing.

Despite erroneous reports abroad I am able to confirm that Adigrat has not been damaged by Italian aerial bombs, as all bombs were purposely dropped outside of town.

A French military eye-witness of the bombardment said that the only casualties were two natives wounded and five oxen killed.

Town Is Intact

The town is intact. Had he wished to, Count Ciano (Count Galeazzo Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law, who commanded the bombing squadron) could have demolished the little town with half a dozen bombs.

This squalid village lies cupped in a lovely mountain, rimmed with a valley of green fields of corn and millet and dotted with herds of humped African cattle, donkeys and goats. It is intercepted by the attack streams where hundreds of naked Italian soldiers are bathing.

Gen. Ruggiero Santini's camp with its tents and men is spread over the valley. Smoke rises from camp fires. There are hundreds of motor trucks, a big assemblage of tanks and anti-aircraft, telephone lines and even electric lights, the first in northern Ethiopia.

100 Reported Killed

LONDON, Oct. 24.—An Ethiopian attack on the Italian line between Aksum and the Sudanese border was repulsed early today after loss of more than 100 men by the attackers, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from a correspondent with the northern Italian forces.

Halle Selassie's warriors, reportedly under the leadership of Ras Seyoum, were attempting to cut the Italian right wing and also to divert Italian troops to Aksum from points farther east on the Italian line.

Several forays were made against the Italians and it was believed that renewed attacks were being planned today. There were about 800 men in the Ethiopian force, west of Aksum after fording the Setit River.

Duce Withdraws Troops

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Italy notified Great Britain today that it has instructed a division of troops to move away from the Egyptian frontier in Libya, but it was indicated Britain has no intention of responding immediately with a reduction of her Mediterranean fleet.

Informal sources emphasized that Italy's action is in no sense a part of any bargain. On the contrary, it was said, although the gesture is fully appreciated in London, there is no definite indication whether the Libyan troops are merely shifting their position or returning to Italy.

Also, it was declared, the Italian forces in Libya still are left considerably above normal, and four times as great as the British forces in Egypt.

Diplomatic negotiations were expected to continue.

## Ruthless Gang War Is Feared After Shooting of Schultz, Four Aids



Dutch Schultz

### \$400,000 GOAL OF DRIVE TODAY

City Fund Workers Report \$312,947 at Third Meeting.

Additional subscriptions to the Indianapolis Community Fund reported today at luncheon amounted to \$92,017.40, bringing subscriptions to date to \$404,970.11. The latter figure is 55.9 per cent of the \$724,360 goal.

Community Fund canvassers hoped to reach the \$400,000 mark at the fourth report meeting in the Clappol at noon today.

The 3000 workers had raised \$312,947.62 up to yesterday.

The special gifts division, which started in advance of the general solicitations which began Oct. 18, hoped to report additional pledges of \$60,000.

Leaders again stressed that increased giving must continue and more gifts must come from those who did not pledge last year if the fund's goal is to be achieved.

The fifth report will be made at noon tomorrow. There will be no report Saturday. The drive will close Monday.

Local canvassers expressed interest in an address to be broadcast tonight at 8:30 (Indianapolis time) by President Roosevelt in behalf of the annual Mobilization for Human Needs drive.

### COURT DISRUPTED BY THREATENED BATTLE

Two Lawyers Separated by Burly Detectives.

Criminal Court was thrown into an uproar today as two burly detective sergeants assigned to the court broke up a threatened hand-to-hand encounter between two Indianapolis attorneys.

Court was crowded for opening of the trial of Ernest Tait, Donald Nye and James Flaherty on burglary charges, and the commotion led many to believe an attempt to escape was in progress.

It developed that Lawyers James Lamkin and W. A. Whetsel had some difficulties over a personal matter.

The disturbance followed continuance of the trial until Tuesday after Special Judge James D. Ernst had been served with a temporary writ of prohibition barring him from presiding over the joint trial. Counsel for Flaherty and Nye seek a severance.

KERN ASKS EXTENSION OF LIGHT CONTRACT

Requests Continuance of Present Temporary Agreement.

Mayor Kern today requested the Works Board to secure another temporary extension of the street and public buildings lighting contract with the Indianapolis Power and Light Co. The old contract expired April 1, but was continued by mutual consent until Nov. 1.

COLLINS IS ARRESTED

Alleged "Switch and Sell" Stock Salesman Held in Chicago.

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Mob Chief Is Shot Down in Newark Cafe; Two Guards Killed.

AWAIT SWIFT REPRISAL

Mad 21-Year-Old Gunman Hunted as Bloody Battle Nears.

BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Hope for the recovery of Arthur (Dutch Schultz) Flegenheimer, millionaire gangster and New York's public enemy No. 1, was abandoned late today.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The terror of a ruthless gang war hung over the New York underworld today. Arthur (Dutch Schultz) Flegenheimer, head of a multimillion-dollar gang, his chief lieutenant and three of his bodyguards were wounded during a wild night of assassinations. The next move was up to the Flegenheimer mob, and police feared the reprisals would be fast and bloody.

Flegenheimer, one of the nation's biggest criminals, was reported dying in a Newark hospital. Two of his gunmen, Otto Berman and Leo Frank, already were dead, and Bernard Rosenkrantz was expected to die at any time.

In a Manhattan hospital Martin Krompfer, Flegenheimer's chief lieutenant, also was reported in a dying condition. He was shot down in a theatrical district barber shop an hour after his chief and subordinates were shot in a Newark chop house, across the Hudson River from New York. Sam Gold, a bookmaker, also was dangerously wounded.

Mad Gunman Hunted

Police immediately sent out a new general alarm for Al Stern, mad 21-year-old gunman believed responsible for at least seven killings in the last two months. He had been reportedly identified as the gunman who emptied his pistol at Krompfer and Gold.

A general roundup of criminals also was ordered, but brought scant results. Almost all persons connected with the rackets apparently had gone into hiding.

A theory that Flegenheimer and his aids were "put on the spot" by a woman was investigated.

The woman, smartly clad in a brown velvet ensemble and a silver fox neck piece, was with the notorious gangland leader for a half hour just before he was shot down, authorities said.

Police later found an abandoned automobile. In it was a sawed-off shotgun, which authorities believed might have been used in cutting down Flegenheimer.

Woman's Glove Found

Directly under the sawed-off shotgun authorities said they found a woman's glove. It was a white fabric and for the left hand.

Stool pigeons brought the alarm of the underworld to New York and Newark detectives. They reported the Schultz gang of the Bronx and the Amberg gang of the tough Brownsville section of Brooklyn were locked in a bitter battle.

Schultz, millionaire at 34, victor over the Federal government in its efforts to send him to prison for alleged income tax evasion, a ruthless but quiet spoken gangster of almost unlimited power, was caught by his assassins in a moment of relaxation.

With Berman, Rosenkrantz and Frank, he had gone to the Palace chop house in Newark. The restaurant and bar was empty except for the gangsters and a bartender, Jack Friedman. While they sat drinking and talking, two gunmen apparently were watching through the street windows.

"Duck," Gunman Cries

The gunmen entered, pistols in hand. "Duck," said one to the bartender. Friedman flat behind the bar. Berman, Rosenkrantz and Frank all apparently began shooting, but were not fast enough. The assassins disappeared through a rear door.

At the hospital where Schultz underwent an emergency operation and a blood transfusion, police asked him who shot him. "I don't know," he replied. "But they were pretty good shots."

Accepts Pacific Mail Bid

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The Postoffice Department today announced acceptance of the bid of Pan-American Airways Co. for carrying air mail over the 8000-mile trans-Pacific route to be established between San Francisco and Canton, China.

## GO-TO-CHURCH CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN NOV. 1

Mass Meeting Scheduled in Movement to Increase Attendance.

CIVIC LEADERS TO AID

Indianapolis Federation and Layman's League Are Drive Sponsors.

A "Go-to-Church" campaign, with 165 church co-operating, will be launched at a mass meeting in Tomlinson Hall Nov. 1.

The drive is to climax several weeks of preparation by district committees. The campaign embraces Marion County, its objective being to increase church attendance during November. Hundreds of men will take the field following the mass meeting to establish contacts with men and boys in an effort to interest them in church work.

Campaign sponsors are the Christian Layman's League and the Indianapolis Church Federation. Final arrangements were made yesterday by a committee headed by P. A. Wood, statistical committee chairman, and including James M. O'Connell, league president; Eugene C. Foster, vice-president; and the Rev. Virgil P. Brock, promotional director.

Others at the meeting included A. B. Cornelius, Harry W. Krause, Culver S. Miller, John S. Lloyd and Herbert F. Mitchell, the latter manager for the visitation campaign.

Mayor Kern and a group of civic leaders are interesting themselves actively in promoting the mass meeting and the campaign to follow, according to Mr. Brock.

Other community leaders enlisted in campaign are: Dr. Ernest N. Evans, Indianapolis Church Federation secretary; William H. Book, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce secretary; Paul C. Stetson, Indianapolis schools superintendent; Clarence C. Baker, Hawthorne Community Center director; Dr. James W. Putnam, Butler University president; Dr. J. J. Good, Indiana Central.

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### THOMAS PREDICTS ERA OF TYRANNICAL CHANGE

Hanover College Refuses to Cancel Engagement of Socialist.

HANOVER, Ind., Oct. 24.—An era of tyrannical change for the United States as result of disintegration of old institutions was predicted by Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, in an address before Hanover College students here yesterday.

Mr. Thomas spoke despite protests of district American League officials. The student council of Hanover College refused to cancel his engagement.

LIBERAL PARTY TAKES CONTROL IN CANADA

Cabinet Is Installed in Simple Ceremony at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—New Liberal government with the undisputed mandate of the electorate to carry out its policy of free trade and "sane government," today began the task of guiding Canada's destiny for the next five years.

Headed by W. L. Mackenzie King, twice before Prime Minister, the new cabinet was installed in a simple ceremony last night, succeeding Richard B. Bennett and his defeated Conservative government.

### 5 MILLION CHINESE FACE WORST FAMINE

Flood Waters Sweep Over Vast Areas in Two Provinces.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 24.—One of the greatest potential famines in modern history threatened 5,000,000 Chinese farmers today as flood waters swept over vast areas in Shantung and Kiangsi provinces.

Engineers of the National Economic Council reported that 3000 square miles—half again as much as Italian troops now occupy in Ethiopia—are under water. The farmers of the flooded region face the third successive loss of crops.

THREE HURT IN BLAST

Linton Residents Burned When Gas Stove Explodes in Home.

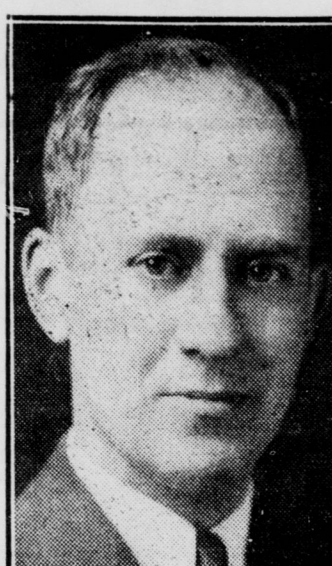
LINTON, Ind. Oct. 24.—Three persons were burned, one seriously, when a gas stove exploded at the home of Mrs. Mattie Herndon last night. In addition to Mrs. Herndon, who suffered severe burns to her head, arms and back, Sheldon Herndon, 28, her son, and Margaret, 24, his wife, were injured.

SUES CITY FOR \$25,000

Woman Charges Hole in Street Caused Injuries.

The city of Indianapolis was named defendant in a \$25,000 damage suit filed yesterday by Mrs. Genevieve M. Walsh, 559 N. Oakland-av., in Superior Court. The complaint charges that Mrs. Walsh suffered severe leg injuries June 3 when she stepped into a hole in the 1100 block on Lerch-st.

### HITS 'BANK NIGHTS'



Prosecutor Herbert Spencer

### WIND CHANGE SAVES MALIBU

Firefighters Now Believed to Have Brush Fire Under Control.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24.—A sea breeze whipping brush fire flames inland, saved the Malibu Beach motion picture colony from destruction today.

A thousand wearied firefighters cheered as the wind sent the blaze crackling into an unpopulated mountain area, back of the expensive beach homes which the film stars were beginning to evacuate.

Capt. Jim Morley of the sheriff's Malibu substation reported the shifting wind had brought the fire under complete control.

The fire veered toward new stretches of brushlands in the Santa Monica mountains, damaged to the extent of \$3,000,000.

The \$56,000 country home of Lionel Atwill, screen actor, was a heap of embers. At Escondido Beach, seven miles north of Malibu, the \$100,000 home of Charles Farrell was burned. Farther back the hills several summer cabins owned by actors had been reduced to ashes.

Fires centered generally in three sections, Altadena on the east, La Canada in the center and Malibu on the west.

### FT. WAYNE LABOR HEARING DATE SET

First Wagner Bill Dispute to Be Heard Nov. 6.

Notice of the nation's first hearing under the Wagner Labor bill on collective bargaining for company elections was sent today to representatives of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers and the Wayne Knitting Mills by Robert H. Cowdrell, Regional Labor Board chairman.

The hearing is to be held Nov. 6 at Ft. Wayne Federal Building. Ralph A. Lind, National Labor Relations Board representative, is to preside.

For several months company and union representatives have been conferring concerning the question of permitting only production employees to participate in company elections. The Wayne Mills so far have failed to recognize the American Federation of Labor in the dispute. The company's union workers do not want to recognize the organization favored by the mills, it is said.

### STEWART SAFE FOILS WOULD-BE CRACKERS

Burglars Enter Washington-St Store Through Third Floor.

Safecrackers, entering through a third-floor window, failed to get \$300 in change and an undetermined amount of yesterday's receipts when they broke into the W. K. Stewart Co. store, 44 E. Washington-st., last night. The safe was battered, but resisted efforts to pry off the door.

### BANGS GIVEN SETBACK

State Tax Chiefs Lop 20 Cents From Huntington Levy.

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Oct. 24.—The State Board of Tax Commissioners lopped 20 cents from the 1936 Huntington tax levy today and Mayor Clare W. H. Bangs suffered another reversal in his utility fight.

Bangs had proposed a 23-cent increase in the city levy to finance extensions and improvements to the municipal electric plant, his chief weapon in the battle with the Northern Indiana Power Co.

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## POLICE ORDERED TO HALT 'BANK NIGHTS' OF CITY THEATERS

Chief Issues Instructions After Prosecutor Spencer Asserts Drawings Are Illegal; Action Follows Riot at Rivoli.

COURT ACTION IS THREATENED

Bair Group to Go Ahead Unless Stopped by Officials, Says Owner; Declares Prize Awards Held Legal Elsewhere.

A police drive against "bank night" drawings conducted by a number of Indianapolis motion picture theaters was ordered today by Chief Morrissey as the aftermath of a riot and alleged fraudulent drawing last night at the Rivoli Theater, 3155 E. 10th-st.

Chief Morrissey said he has been advised by Prosecutor Herbert M. Spencer that the "bank nights" are lotteries and illegal. Accordingly, he ordered all police lieutenants and sergeants to notify theater operators to stop the practice immediately or arrests will be made.

Possibility of a court battle over Chief Morrissey's order was indicated by theater operators.

"Bank nights," where patrons have a registered number and win various amounts if their number is drawn, are conducted by most of the 25 neighborhood theaters in Indianapolis. The major downtown theaters do not hold them.

R. R. Bair, owner of the Rivoli, Uptown, Oriental, Strand and St. Clair Theaters, said he intends to go ahead with plans for holding three "bank nights" in his theaters tonight, unless stopped by police.

Held Legal, He Contends

Mr. Bair declared he does not believe the "bank nights" are lotteries and said that test cases in other cities have held them legal. He said he would not defy a police order, but to stop voluntarily would be an admission of "guilt" by the theater manager.

Discovery that more than half of the numbers were identical in the Rivoli "bank night" drawing last night resulted in arrest of two persons on vagrancy charges.

All in all, it was a very hectic evening at the Rivoli. The featured motion picture last night was "One Frightened Night."

Detectives are seeking for questioning A. E. Fletcher, 1825 Ingram-st., "the winner of \$550" who is alleged to have fled from the theater stage after his number was drawn and it was discovered there was a duplication of stubs.

Detain All Employees

Under arrest are Urban Anderson, 1820 N. Talbot-av., stage manager, and Raymond Vick, 23, of 933 Spruce-st. Vick was identified by Mark G. Margolis, 410 N. Meridian-st., president of the corporation operating the theater, as one of a group which dashed on the stage during the drawing.

Police temporarily detained all employees of the theater and Mr. Anderson and Vick were released on \$2000 bond after being slated for vagrancy.

Answering a riot call, four squads of police went to the theater and said they found the stage packed with irate patrons and the audience in an uproar.

A "system number" plan operates on a system whereby a theater patron is given a number and stubs are dropped in a locked barrel. Each drawing is for \$50, if claimed within three minutes, but if the lucky ticket holder is not present the "pot" is sweetened that amount.

Advances to Stage

The drawing was made in the regular manner last night, according to Mr. Margolis. Judges were selected from the audience and a little girl was chosen to do the drawing. She pulled out No. 6344, which was found to be Mr. Fletcher's.

Mr. Fletcher, according to Margolis, came to the stage to collect the prize and identified himself by his driver's license and photograph.

Suddenly, according to Mr. Margolis, several persons rushed the stage and one man reached into the ticket barrel and shouted: "They're all No. 6344. It's a fake."

"Call the Police"

Fletcher was said to have disappeared when some one cried "Call the police."

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Margolis and Earl W. Penrod, representative of a Des Moines (Ia.) syndicate operating bank night, charged that the ticket barrel was packed by outsiders in an effort to discredit the theater.

Searching for Mr. Fletcher, police were told at the Ingram-st. address by George Fletcher, his father, that he had not lived there for some time.

Police brought the ticket barrel to headquarters after restraining some of the more enraged spectators from damaging the theater.

The Northern Theaters, Inc., operator of the Rivoli Theater, today offered a \$500 reward "to any one giving information leading to arrest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of having caused forged registration cards to be inserted in the registration coupon container at the Rivoli Theater."

Dies of Hit-Run Injuries

EVANSVILLE, Ind. Oct. 24.—Injuries suffered when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver were fatal yesterday to Edgar Allen, 47.

Cheated

At least one policeman has a personal interest in the "bank night" riot last night at the Rivoli Theater, 3155 E. 10th-st. He has a season pass to the theater, but refuses to use it on "bank nights," paying his way in so he will be eligible for the drawing.

He is very irked about the bad investment he made.