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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 party 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
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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, detachments of picturesque black Askari native troops with drums, chanting songs in the Tigrine 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 Sosima, 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 Damanil 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 1896.

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 men 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 bomber squadron) could have demolished the little town with half a dozen bombs.

This squall village lies cuffed 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 intersected by little 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 artillery, telephone lines and even electric lights, the first in northern Ethiopia.

100 Reported Killed

By Times Special
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 Telegram dispatch from a correspondent with the northern Italian forces.

Haile Selassie's warriors, reportedly under the leadership of Ras Siyoum, 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 that advanced against outpost west of Aksum after fording the Setit River.

Duce Withdraws Troops

By United Press
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.

Informed 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 the United Press learned today.

The invitation was submitted by Franz von Papen, German ambassador to Austria.

Hitler was operated on by the Berlin surgeon, Prof. Sauerbruch, three months ago. The small tumors of the vocal cords from which he suffers are not of a malignant nature, at least in their

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



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

AWAIT SWIFT REPRISAL

Mad 21-Year-Old Gunman
Hunted as Bloody Batt-
le Nears.

BULLETIN

By United Press
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.

By United Press
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 Krompier, 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.

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

The 3000 workers had raised \$312,467 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 increasing 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.

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 gangster leader for a half hour just before he was shot down, authorities said.

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