

BRITAIN STEPS UP ATTACKS IN AFRICA

Selassie Rallies Tribesmen
In Ethiopia; Rerna Next
Goal in Libya.

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and Maraua, both west of Tobruk. Raids were made on Italians at Neghelli, Ethiopia, and Italian bombers were destroyed on the ground or shot down at Keru in Italian Eritrea, the British claimed. British armored columns were astride the main road junction south of Derna, opening the way to a direct advance on Benghazi across the Libyan plateau. Advance units were driving in around the fort system of Derna preparatory to investing it for siege operations. It was indicated that the important Italian seaplane base of Benghazi, 46 miles east of Tobruk, was cut off by the British and possibly in British hands. The base was reported abandoned by the Italians several days ago. An Australian report said that 25,000 prisoners had been taken at Tobruk, although the British high command estimate was more than 14,000 "so far."

Rome Admits Attacks

The Rome communiqué admitted the sweeping nature of the British attack in Africa, reporting that the Italian army in the Sudan and west of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and another British air attack upon Rhodes in the Italian Dodecanese Islands. The Italians claimed some resistance was still going on in the western fortifications of Tobruk and reported an air raid on Malta. The British, it was admitted, bombed Derna. Capture of some prisoners on the Albanian front was claimed. Other developments included: The Greeks claimed they had captured 250 Italians in fighting along Kilisur. Reports indicated that hostilities in that area were increasing in severity. Italian reinforcements, including mechanized units, have been brought up to meet the threat to Berat and Valona, while Greek forces have been strengthened, possibly for a major push. A frontier report from Yugoslavia said that the Italians had ordered the civilian population of Valona, threatened by a Greek drive, evacuated.

Japan's Offer Accepted

In the Far East Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka of Japan asserted that Japan would require 30 to 50 years for the "ideal" establishment of her "new order in East Asia." Matsuoka denied charges that Japan had aimlessly watched the war between Thailand and French Indo-China. The Japanese Foreign Office announced that both French Indo-China and Thailand (Siam) have accepted Japan's offer to mediate in their hostilities over frontier territory and that negotiations were expected to start in Tokyo soon. In addition to accepting Japanese mediation, Thailand and Indo-China have agreed to a truce, the foreign office said. Meanwhile, Bangkok reported hostilities still in progress with the Thailand air force carrying out a severe bombardment of Cambodia. A clue to Italy's economic and financial status appeared in an announcement of a new bond issue to be placed on sale in February—the first issue since the war started. It will carry 5 per cent interest and the bonds will be sold at a discount of 2 1/2 per cent.

MASS DEATHS IN RUMANIA BARED

Frontier Reports Indicate
2500 Slain in Bucharest
In 3-Day Revolt.

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been imminent for years due to smoldering unrest among the radical Iron Guard faction. Preparations were undertaken for the uprising with the motto: "victory or death." Many students were known to have participated in the break. Antonescu declared that they were misled by "brigand leadership." Antonescu was said to have welcomed the showdown with the Iron Guard faction after weeks of under-surface tension and clashes. Many jewelry shows were raided by "gangsters" during the battle. Antonescu's assumption of leadership of the Iron Guard, it was said, has given confidence to the public. The Rumanian leader has won the support of the Iron Guard on a number of occasions but was not active in the organization before becoming Premier and up to now had only been considered a Guard sympathizer. It was understood that the insurgents wrecked the machinery of the newspaper Universul which had always defended the Fascist movement. The Iron Guardist press refused yesterday to publish the appeals of Antonescu and today none of the Iron Guard newspapers appeared on the streets. Some elements of workingmen's unions asserted today that they had been "led into error" by Communist leadership. (This would indicate that some of the unions had joined the Iron Guard in the uprising.) Today it was noted that everywhere in Bucharest, at least, Antonescu's troops were in command with the Rumanian Army giving its moral support.

Iozzo Denies Knowledge of How Young Disher Was Shot

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Iozzo said he fell to the floor during the fight, tried to get up, fell again and "that was the end that I remembered." "I was at the bar," he testified, "starting to check the register and a little after midnight the colored fellow told me Dominic was having some trouble with a party. 'I saw a fellow arguing with Dominic and Mary (his son and daughter). The Disher party was back there. They were standing up in a group listening to the argument. 'A woman got in and started to push Dominic and he pushed back and her husband said 'Don't touch my wife or I'll cut your heart out.' Dominic said 'I don't touch your wife.' 'Then this fellow stick his hand

in his inside pocket and Dominic hit him and then they all started fighting. Then I pulled a black-jack. I said 'Quit now.' Let us alone. Get out. I held the black-jack up in the air.

"I Wanted to Bluff 'Em"

"I wanted to bluff 'em out. I didn't intend to hit anyone. Then a fellow hit me with a beer bottle. I learned later he was Virgil Disher Jr.

"I fell to the floor and I tried to get up and then somebody kicked me or knocked me against something and I fell again and that's the end that I remember.

"Fifteen or 20 minutes later I learned Dominic had been shot and somebody else had been shot and I started looking around to see what had happened. Pretty soon the police came and arrested me for vagrancy."

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Considerable cloudiness tonight and tomorrow; slightly colder tonight with lowest temperature 30 to 35; much colder late tomorrow with cold wave tomorrow night.

Sunrise 7:00 Sunset 4:50

TEMPERATURE

Jan. 24, 1940

6 a. m. 30.0 12 1 p. m. 30.0

6:30 a. m. 30.0

BAROMETER

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. .00

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 .00

Deficiency since Jan. 1 .00

MIDWEST WEATHER

Indiana: Considerable cloudiness, light snow or snow flurries in north portion tonight and tomorrow night; temperature below zero in north portion, zero to 10 above in south portion by Sunday morning.

Lower Michigan: Mostly cloudy, light snow tomorrow and in north and west portions tonight; somewhat warmer tonight in south portion.

Ohio: Snow this afternoon, cloudy with light snow tonight; somewhat colder in south portion tonight; tomorrow mostly cloudy with light snow in extreme north portion.

Kentucky: Mostly cloudy and colder with light snow in east portion tonight; tomorrow generally light and slowly increasing temperature in west and central portions.

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES, 6:30 A. M.

Station	Weather	Bar.	Temp.
Indianapolis	Cloudy	30.10	7
Bismarck, N. D.	Cloudy	30.10	7
Boston	Cloudy	30.18	25
Chicago	Cloudy	30.15	25
Cincinnati	Cloudy	29.92	25
Cleveland	Cloudy	30.15	25
Denver	Clear	29.95	19
Des Moines	Clear	30.15	19
El Paso	Clear	30.15	29
Fort Worth	Cloudy	30.15	29
Los Angeles	Cloudy	29.91	19
Memphis	Cloudy	30.15	29
Minneapolis	Cloudy	30.15	29
Mobile, Ala.	Cloudy	30.15	29
Mt. St. Paul	Cloudy	30.15	29
New Orleans	Cloudy	30.15	29
New York	Cloudy	30.15	29
Omaha, Neb.	Cloudy	30.15	29
Portland, Ore.	Cloudy	30.15	29
San Antonio	Cloudy	30.15	29
San Francisco	Cloudy	30.15	29
St. Louis	Cloudy	30.15	29
Tampa, Fla.	Cloudy	30.15	29
Washington, D. C.	Cloudy	30.15	29

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here is the Traffic Record

County City Total

1940 2 0 2

1941 4 3 7

Jan. 23

Injured 9 Accidents 23

Dead 0 Arrests 54

THURSDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convicted Fines

Violations 17 14 \$135

Speeding 17 14 \$135

Reckless driving 5 5 27

Failure to stop at

through street 8 8 24

Disobeying traffic

signals 5 4 18

Drunken driving 3 2 60

All others 35 32 47

Totals 74 65 \$341

MEETINGS TODAY

Signa Chi, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

Exchange Club, luncheon, Hotel Severin, noon.

Optimist Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Phi Delta Theta, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

Federation of Community Clubs, meeting, Hotel Washington, 8 p. m.

Kappa Sigma, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

Indianapolis Producers' Commission Association, annual meeting, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Association of Indianapolis Bank Travel Agents, luncheon, Hotel Severin, all day.

Claypool Hotel, meeting and afternoon, 8 p. m.

Mid-winter meeting, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Hotel Severin, 8 p. m.

Indiana Hardware Association, convention, Hotel Severin, all day.

Standard Oil, meeting and afternoon, 8 p. m.

Claypool Hotel, meeting and afternoon, 8 p. m.

Hotel Washington, 8 p. m.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indianapolis Town Hall, lecture, English Theater, 11 p. m.

Home School, home coming, all day.

Phi Delta Theta, State Alumni Association, dinner dance, Columbia Club, 11 p. m.

Link-Belt, conference, Hotel Severin, 3 p. m.

Kappa Sigma, dinner, Hotel Washington, 7 p. m.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records in the County Clerk's Office. The Times therefore, is not responsible for errors in names and addresses.)

Claypool Hotel, 8 p. m.

HALIFAX NEARS U. S. IN WARSHIP

New Envoy Will Land at
Annapolis in Powerful
Craft Late Today.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 24 (U. P.).—Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador designate, arrived in the United States today aboard the new British battleship King George V, one of the most powerful fighting ships in the world.

The King George V, after a secret dash across the Atlantic, entered American waters shortly after midnight and was moving slowly up Chesapeake Bay toward the seat of the U. S. Naval Academy.

Embassy Officials on Way
A group of British Embassy officials were on their way from Washington to meet him.

Inasmuch as the waters at the Annapolis docks are not sufficiently deep to accommodate a vessel as large as the 35,000-ton King George V, the ship was expected to drop anchor several miles off shore in the Roads.

Word from London revealed that the King George V is one of five fast, heavily armored vessels laid down in the first half of 1937 and rushed to completion.

Four Other Ships Ordered
Today's announcement was the first news, because of war time secrecy on naval matters, that any of the new ships was in service.

Four more battleships, Lion, Temeraire and two whose names have not been made public, were ordered in 1939. All are believed to be of 40,000 or more tons.

King George V and her sister ships mount a new and improved 14-inch gun with an effective range exceeding that of earlier 15-inch guns. They have a speed of more than 30 knots and are heavily armored. The total weight of armor is believed to be 14,000 tons, and the armor is reported to be 16 inches thick at the water line.

WOMAN, 71, INJURED
CRITICALLY BY AUTO
Mrs. Ary Bethuram, 71, of 533 Buchanan St., was injured critically last night when she was struck by a car near her home and knocked to the pavement. She was taken to City Hospital where physicians said she had received severe head injuries.

Marion Holton, 19, of 619 Weghorst St., driver of the car, was charged by police with having inadequate brakes, only one headlight and no driver's license.

Always Carried Blackjack
Iozzo depicted telling any police officer that he had gotten a gun that night. He said that he always carried the blackjack in his pocket. He also said he once paid a \$10 fine on a charge of resisting an officer.

The jury can return one of five verdicts. It may find the 53-year-old defendant guilty of first degree murder, the penalty for which it may set either death or life imprisonment; guilty of second degree murder, the penalty for which is life imprisonment; voluntary manslaughter, with a penalty of two to 21 years in prison; involuntary manslaughter, with a penalty of one to 10 years in prison, or not guilty.

A 20-page document of instructions will be read to the jury by Special Judge Frank A. Symmes. Mrs. Rosa Iozzo, told how she and her husband, both immigrants, had come to America and struggled to make a home for their children.

Attack Rae Testimony
The defense also attempted to discredit testimony given by Roderic Rae, police criminologist, that Iozzo had fired a gun the night young Disher was killed.

Other testimony was aimed to show that two other star State witnesses, both of whom said Iozzo had a gun that night and one of whom said the defendant shot Virgil Disher, were not at the cafe the night of the shooting.

SCAN STREET PETITION
The Works Board today took under advisement the petition of the W. Michigan St. Civic League for the resurfacing of W. Michigan St. from White River to Warren Ave.

The league also asked Board members to consider resurfacing Holmes Ave. from Michigan St. to Walnut St.

BIRTHS
Virgil, Jean Owens, at Methodist. William, Katharine Wood, at St. Francis. Joseph, Audrey Hotzeller, at City. Gerald, Rena Reynolds, at City. Meredith, Florence Wagner, at Coleman. Fred, Mary Brown, at St. Vincent's. Ferdinand, Josephine Montani, at St. Vincent's.

DEATHS
Clyde Cullum, 75, at Central Indiana, arteriosclerosis. Katie A. Hilgert, 85, at 520 E. Vermont, cardiac vascular renal. James Walter Spang, 4 months, at Riley, tuberculosis. Margaret Smith, 21, at 945 E. Market, lobar pneumonia. Alma Lynn, 13, at City, rheumatic heart. Walter M. Rank, 5 days, at 528 S. Holmes, bronchopneumonia. Susanna M. White, 75, at 1540 Carrollton, coronary occlusion. Sophia E. Clemens, 78, at 1520 Lexington, influenza. Katherine Reick, 73, at 3356 Park, encephalitis. Caroline Moser, 75, at Methodist, uraemia. Mary Ann Matouk, 19, at St. Vincent's, diabetes. Nellie Conney, 67, at 450 W. 17th, coronary occlusion. Bertha Parker, 54, at 817 Laurel, chronic myocardiitis. Charles R. Wilson, 56, at Metropolitan, arteriosclerosis.

The HOPPER By VERN BOXELL

Our legislators, who have been on a political jag for 15 days, have been slapped into unhappy sobriety by a long string of figures that spell "budget."

Two days ago they were battling over patronage bills and tossing in measures to repeal this tax, cut that rate and give more funds to this. Then came the figures.

These showed a proposed increase in expenditures of about \$7,000,000 for the next two years. Most fiscal experts agree that under the present laws that will leave Indiana just about even by 1943. Although we probably will be "in the black" about \$1,000,000, it will be a "deficit" because the State needs a working balance of more than \$5,000,000.

That's the dark picture, and the present Legislature can blacken it by adding to the outgo or subtracting from the income.

Dawson Tells Why
The official G. O. P. attitude was summed up by Lieut. Gov. Charles M. Dawson yesterday when he charged that the high budget demands "are the outgrowth and product of the last 10-year, politically-controlled expansion of departments and branches of government and the too rapid extension of government subsidies in a wide field."

He said the present Legislature had "inherited a terrific task" and called for public help "to break down that theory of government which has loaded the State with extraordinary financial burdens, taken the government farther and farther from the control of the people and brought us face to face with financial burdens that in the end can only mean confiscation of the essentials of life."

He asks for a halt to "mounting government costs due to unwarranted expansion of government services."

C. of C. Gives Warning
In this connection, a recent 11-year study by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce provides interesting information. It presents a comparative, factual picture of governmental finances and social security without arguing the merits.

For instance, State aid to local governmental units, including \$10,000,000 in U. S. funds redistributed by the State, has increased from \$2.60 to \$14.80 per capita—or from \$9,000,000 to \$51,000,000—in that period.

High Point in 1938
Tracing general fund balances through the years, the C. of C. shows that it grew from \$1,859,000 in 1930 to \$13,997,000 in 1940.

The high point was reached in 1938, when it was approximately \$25,000,000. At that time—and in the 1939 Legislature—there were loud cries to slash taxes. There were charges that the balance was "too big."

The State instead launched a program of new buildings and remodeling for State institutions. That and increased welfare outlays resulted in bringing the surplus down to the \$14,000,000 anticipated on July 1 this year. And \$7,000,000 of that will be distributed to local school units two weeks later.

Net receipts for the State have increased from \$50,370,000 in 1930 to \$127,113,000 now. Expenditures increased from \$51,828,991 to \$127,962,000. Both still are mounting.

Security Costs Up
The chief factor in the increases of the last 11 years, of course, is the Social Security program—a complex mixture of Federal, State and local enterprises calling for a total annual outlay of \$150,000,000 as compared with \$11,300,000 in 1930.

Indiana provided \$34,000,000 plus \$13,000,000 in U. S.-collected Social Security payroll taxes last year.

The one bright spot, the C. of C. points out, is that the costs

'LION OF JUDAH' RAISING ARMY

Selassie Hoists Flag and
Calls on His Tribesmen
To Free Ethiopia.

LONDON, Jan. 24 (U. P.).—A campaign to drive the Italians out of Africa gained momentum today coincident with the announcement that Haile Selassie, refugee Emperor of Ethiopia, had returned to his homeland to raise an army to fight beside the British.

It was announced officially at Cairo that Selassie had re-entered Ethiopia Jan. 15, immediately after the British drove a spearhead into his country for him, and that he had personally hoisted his red, green and gold flag just across the frontier from Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

The "Lion of Judah" was flown to a place near the frontier in a British plane and he went to the border in an automobile, it was revealed. He walked across the border, through a pass cut in a wooded section, and hoisted his flag in a simple ceremony around a wooden flagpole.

He was surrounded by aides and soldiers, the nucleus of an army he is raising and placing under oath to "fight to the death to rout the Fascists."

dropped \$8,000,000 during the 1940 fiscal year and "presumably, with an extensive national defense program, the end of the current period will show a still further reduction in costs of certain direct assistance programs."

That's the picture Indiana legislators are studying today. It doesn't fit in with their pledges of gross tax adjustments, free textbooks and repeal of some revenue-raising measures.

Some say they are going through with the program—at least the textbooks and gross tax cut. Others gaze into the crystal ball and say there's nothing to worry about with the increased revenue from defense industries and better business. They hope for a "Houli."

Then there are others like Rep. Roy Harrison (R., Attica), who told his powerful Ways and Means Committee: "Gentlemen, we can not be concerned with platform promises now."

And Governor Schriker, who said after a conference with Rep. Harrison: "We are not very far apart in the matter."

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