

# News Review of Current Events the World Over

League of Nations Assembly Seats Ethiopians—American Legion Elects Colmery Commander—Japanese Marines Occupy Part of Shanghai.

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**HAILE SELASSIE** couldn't whip the Italians in the Ethiopian war, but the fugitive emperor won the battle of Geneva and put Benito Mussolini's nose out of joint. After an exciting debate, the League of Nations assembly voted, 39 to 4, to seat the Ethiopian delegation, now headed by the emperor's American adviser. The negative votes were cast by Hungary, Austria and Albania, all under the thumb of Italy, and Ecuador, Ethiopia, Portugal and four other countries refrained from voting. Rather surprisingly Great Britain and France espoused the cause of Ethiopia, though it had been thought they considered the co-operation of Italy in the league of more importance than justice to the African realm. The heated debate was closed when Capt. Anthony Eden, British foreign minister, said:

"Enough of this nonsense! There never has been any sufficient ground to unseat the Ethiopian delegation." The credentials committee in recommending the action taken said it applied to the present session only. Its report asserted that certain documents which had been received by the members alleged that Ethiopian governmental authority has been set up in sections of Ethiopia not occupied by the Italians.

Seating of the Ethiopians made it certain that no Italian delegation would attend this session, and it was believed by many that Mussolini might withdraw formally from the league. It was a victory not only for Ethiopia but also for the smaller European powers, which felt that league submission to Italy would be disastrous to their own security. Sir Samuel Hoare, first lord of the British admiralty, added to Italian resentment against Great Britain by declaring in London that the British intended to maintain their supremacy in the Mediterranean and would modernize and consolidate their naval, military and air defenses between Gibraltar and the Suez canal "in the light of recent experience." Malta, he said, would remain the first and principal base of the British fleet in the Mediterranean and would be strengthened to meet conditions. Work on Cyprus as a military, naval and air base is being hurried to make that island a complement to Malta. Sir Samuel asserted that the development of Italian air power has not endangered the British position in the Mediterranean.

THREE members of the maritime commission authorized in the closing days of the last congress were appointed by President Roosevelt. They are: Rear Admiral Henry A. Wiley, U.S.N. retired; Rear Admiral Harry G. Hamlet, coast guard; George Landick, Jr., chief of the planning section of the procurement division of the Treasury department. The commission will administer the ship subsidy measure act as a regulatory body in conduct of merchant marine affairs, and operate generally in the nature of the interstate commerce commission.

VETERANS of two great conflicts, the World war and the Civil war, held their annual conventions, the American Legion meeting in Cleveland and the Grand Army of the Republic in Washington. The legion elected Harry W. Colmery, a lawyer of Topeka, Kan., as its national commander and awarded next year's convention to New York city. Mayor La Guardia personally led the Gotham delegation in the big parade. This delegation included an impressive display of police and fire department bands, motorcycle squads and mounted officers. In its business sessions the legion adopted a resolution asking the United States government to withdraw its recognition of soviet Russia. Other resolutions approved called for a 90 per cent reduction in immigration quotas and deportation of all aliens who are anarchists, communists, or affiliated with the Third Internationale; the removal from public relief rolls of aliens who have not applied for citizenship; universal application of the fingerprinting system in this country, and an investigation of methods used in disseminating "subversive doctrines."

The legion band championship was won by the Musicians' post, No. 394, of St. Louis, Mo.; second place went to Franklin post band of Columbus, O., and third to Musicians' post of Los Angeles. The Commonwealth Edison post drum

and bugle corps of Chicago won the drum corps tournament. Only about nine hundred survivors of the Union army were able to attend the G. A. R. encampment, and many believe it will be the last to be held. The aged warriors, headed by Oley Nelson of Iowa, the national commander, began their proceedings with a service in Washington cathedral. The route of the parade was six blocks on Pennsylvania avenue, the scene of the grand review of the Union armies before President Andrew Johnson seventy-one years ago.

C. H. Williams Ruhe of Pittsburgh, who ran away from home 72 years ago to join the Union army when he was only a lad of fifteen, today was unanimously elected to be commander-in-chief, and Madison, Wis., was named as the encampment city for 1937.

ASSERTIONS made by William Randolph Hearst and other opponents of the New Deal that the President "passively accepts" the support of the Communists have got under Mr. Roosevelt's skin. A statement issued through Stephen T. Early, his secretary, said:

"My attention has been called to a certain notorious newspaper owner to make it appear that the President passively accepts the support of alien organizations hostile to the American form of government. Such articles are conceived in malice and born of political spite. They are deliberately framed to give a false impression, in other words to 'frame' the American people.

"The President does not want and does not welcome the vote or support of any individual or group taking orders from alien sources. This simple fact is, of course, obvious. The American people will not permit their attention to be diverted from real issues to fake issues which no patriotic, honorable, decent citizen would purposely inject into American affairs."

Mr. Hearst, who was in Amsterdam, promptly replied by cable, saying in part:

"The President has issued a statement through a secretary. He has not had the frankness to say to whom he refers in the statement. . . . I think I am justified in assuming that I am the object of the statement, and that I may courteously endeavor to correct Mr. Roosevelt's misstatements and to set him right. . . .

"Let me say that I have not stated at any time whether the President willingly or unwillingly received the support of the Karl Marx Socialists, the Frankfurter radicals, communists and anarchists, the Twagwell bolsheviks, and the Richberg revolutionists which constitute the bulk of his following. I have simply said and shown that he does receive the support of these enemies of the American system of government, and that he has done his best to deserve the support of all such disturbing and destructive elements."

FOUR Chinese gunmen in Shanghai killed one Japanese marine and wounded two others, and within a few minutes a Japanese landing party more than 2,000 strong had occupied much of the Hongkew section of the international settlement. The Japanese naval commander declared martial law in that area and troops stopped buses and street cars in the search for the slayers. Tanks, armored cars, light artillery and machine gun squads poured through the streets and on into Chapel, the Chinese district that was the scene of furious fighting between the Japanese and the Chinese Nineteenth route army in 1932.

Stirling Fessenden, American chairman of the international settlement, was warned by Japanese officials to protect their nationals, and the White Russian volunteer regiment and special police in the French quarter were hurriedly mobilized. Because of killings in Hankow and Pankhol, Japanese marines already had been landed in those cities. Transports bearing reinforcements arrived from Japan.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE'S senate committee on civil liberties, investigating the activities of strike breakers, was told that a preacher was hired as a spy, girls did undercover work, picketers were scalded by live steam and strikers were electrocuted by secretly strung wires on company property. Witnesses testified, also, that men who direct crews of ex-convicts, panhandlers and sluggers take a small fortune annually from industry to combat labor unrest.

TOM K. SMITH of St. Louis, Mo., was elected president of the American Bankers association at the convention in San Francisco. Orval Adams of Salt Lake City was advanced to the first vice presidency, though it was said this was opposed by some because of his pronounced anti-New Deal convictions. The executive council will select the meeting place for the 1937 convention. Mexico City was the only one to make a bid for the choice.

Resolutions reported by the committee and adopted called on governmental divisions—national, state and local—to bring their expenditures more definitely under control and return to balanced budgets, and recommended that chartering of new banks be limited rigidly to the economic needs of the nation.

GEORGE P. JONES of Minnesota, who has been serving as a special assistant to the attorney general of the United States since 1934, has been made judge of the federal district court for the Virgin Islands. This is a recess appointment by President Roosevelt and is subject to confirmation by the senate. Mr. Jones planned to leave for St. Thomas about October 1. He succeeds Judge Albert C. Levitt of Connecticut, who resigned August 1 because, as he alleged, the Department of the Interior interfered with the processes of his court.

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Jones in Washington by Ugo Carusi, executive assistant to Attorney General Cummings, in the presence of Mr. Cummings and a number of other officials.

CHIEFS of police of the United States and Canada, attending the convention of their international association in Kansas City, drew this picture of the typical American criminal of 1936: A lazy, vain, moderately educated city youth whose parents have separated; shielding his laziness and an inferiority complex behind a false bravado that leads him into crime; motivated by a desire to impress "the girl friend" with a flashy appearance of wealth. Chief William J. Quinn of San Francisco said the large majority of the 6,000 inmates of San Quentin prison are under twenty-four years of age and that 98 per cent of them come from broken homes.

SEVERAL columns of Spanish Fascists and Moorish legionnaires were reported to be making a determined drive toward Madrid under the direction of General Franco, and the loyalists were falling back at the rate of five miles a day.

The rebel garrison of the Alcazar in Toledo was still holding out though the government forces, after dynamiting part of the old fortress, made attacks with flaming gasoline. The defenders lost heavily but the survivors kept up their deadly machine gun fire and repulsed the charges of the loyalists.

The American State department ordered the embassy in Madrid closed and warned all Americans still in the capital that they remained at their own risk. The consulate at Malaga also was closed and the consul went to Gibraltar.

IMMEDIATE action toward putting in operation a two-fold crop insurance and drought prevention program was called for by President Roosevelt. It is designed to guard the farmers and the consumers against the danger of food shortages or price collapses. Two committees were named to work out legislation to be asked of the next congress. Mr. Roosevelt named Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace chairman of a committee directed to "prepare a report and recommendations for legislation providing a plan of 'all risk crop insurance,'" and suggested that the system provide for payment of premiums and insurance in commodities. This is in accord with Wallace's proposed plan under which farmers would put part of their crops of good years into a pool from which they could draw in lean years. It would serve, he believes, to keep surpluses from destroying the price structure in good years and provide an "insurance" against crop failures in other years.

Morris L. Cooke, rural electrification administrator, was named chairman of another committee to draft recommendations for a permanent land use program designed to avert drought emergencies in the great plains area.

SPECULATION concerning what part Al Smith would take in the Presidential campaign seems to be settled by the news that he will deliver several anti-Roosevelt addresses, the first probably in Carnegie hall in New York in October. He is reported to be making out his own program and planning talks also in Massachusetts and New Jersey. It is said neither the Republican party nor the American Liberty league will be sponsor for his appearances. Until Mr. Smith announces his intentions it will not be known whether or not he will advocate the election of Governor Landon.

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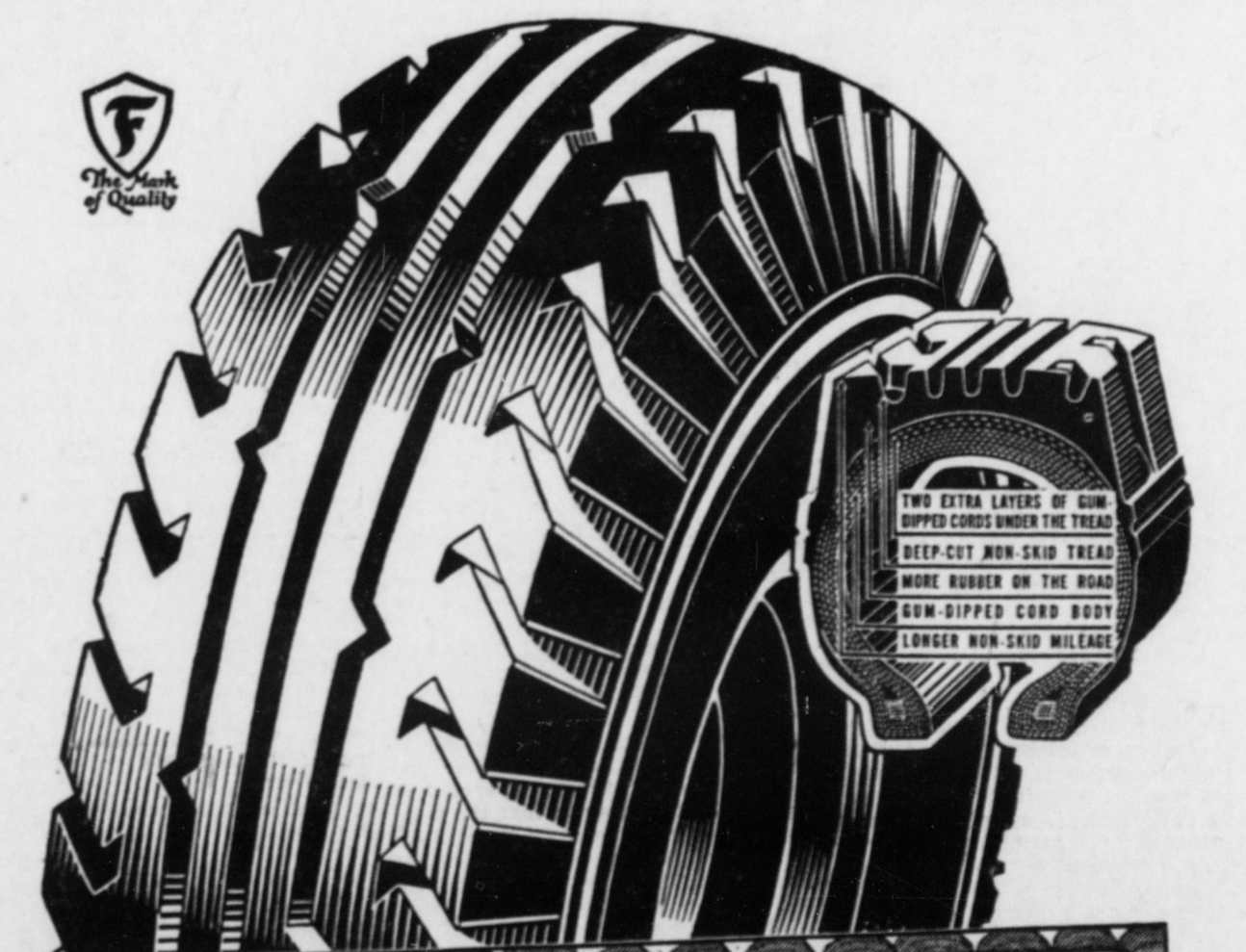
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