

# WORLD CRISIS PRECIPITATED BY MUSSOLINI

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mean the proclamation of Italy to the world as warring on a peaceful nation.

Reliable authority said the committee of five would make no further offers to Italy. It was said also that in the league council Russia, Turkey and other nations would denounce even the concessions already made to Italy as unfair to Ethiopia.

In any event, responsibility for rupture of any negotiations is certain to be placed squarely upon Italy. Thus, though hope was not abandoned completely because continuance of the rains in Ethiopia promised to hold Mussolini's legions on the Ethiopian frontier, the day was a black one for Europe.

Mussolini's momentous decision was announced at the end of a long cabinet session. The cabinet will meet again Tuesday.

(United Press Staff Correspondent) Geneva, Sept. 21 (AP)—League of Nations leaders today described Italy's rejection of their peace plan as "disastrous."

Dr. Salvador de Madariaga of Spain, chairman, will submit an emergency meeting of the committee of five which submitted the peace plan to Italy.

This committee will submit a report to the council. It was expected that the report would be accompanied by recommendations, which if the committee has no suggestion to make as regards further negotiations, may envisage the ominous possibility of penalties against Italy.

The committee report probably will be made to the council early next week.

The council then is expected to proceed under article XV of the League covenant, which is the one directly preliminary to imposition of penalties on an aggressor.

The committee of five is only an unofficial body, operating for the council.

Now the council itself must draft and publish a report, which is likely to go farther than that of the committee.

Of the 14 members of the council Russia, Turkey and possibly Rumania and others would sharply oppose even the concessions which the committee of five made to Italy, on the assertion that they are excessively generous at the expense of Ethiopia, a League member entitled to League protection.

An intense struggle within the council is foreshadowed, for the present crisis might well mean the end of the League as an effective body.

If Italy and Ethiopia both rejected the council's report, the covenant would forbid them to go to war within three months of the date of the report's adoption.

If Ethiopia accepts—and it was said authoritatively it will accept—and Italy rejects it definitely, Italy can never legally open a war on Ethiopia.

Geneva, Sept. 22 (AP)—An Italian spokesman said today the action of Italy's cabinet in rejecting the League of Nations' peace plan implies that revised proposals would receive the most friendly consideration by the Italian government.

The spokesman also asserted the cabinet's communique constitutes the first official recognition of the League's mediations.

Baron Pompeo Aloisi, head of the Italian delegation, was said by his countrymen to have been instructed by Mussolini himself to explain the communique in this sense to the five-power committee which formulated the proposals.

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# "Storm over the Andes"



An American aviator of fortune in a South American war is the keynote of the major picture at the Capitol theater in a double bill with Pat O'Brien in "Front Page." Jack Holt is the star of "Storm over the Andes," with Mona Barrie and Antonio Moreno the featured players. A midnight matinee will be offered at 11:30 o'clock.

# DANCES WITH FANS



Sally O'Malley, attractive mistress of ceremonies, and fan dancer with the "Kentucky Coon Hunters," unit coming to the Hollywood theater stage with the show opening Sunday for a three day engagement.

# Political Complexion Of Legislature Stands While Personnel Shifts

Seven changes made in the senate and house of the Oregon legislature since the regular 1935 session, and probably four more to be made before the special session which was expected to be called within three weeks, failed to change the control in either house.

The senate, previously with 17 republicans and 13 democrats now stands at 19 republicans and 11 democrats—the two changes resulting in republican appointees for democratic vacancies.

The house, which boasted a democratic majority for the first time in 35 years, has a lesser list for the party, appointments, should they withstand the contests expected for several seats, resulting in a loss of three democrats. The house now stands at 25 republicans and 35 democrats.

Two vacancies now exist in the house. The Lincoln county court has so far failed to name a successor to John E. Coater, democratic speaker at the regular session. Whether or not Coater would be named to succeed himself was not known. He became ineligible by accepting a federal job.

William Knight, republican, resigned his seat this week because he held a position in Douglas county as deputy district attorney. The county court will meet Monday to name his successor. It was reported here that Knight may resign his position with the county and accept appointment to succeed himself. In any event it was believed a republican would be named.

A third resignation may be filed. James H. E. Scott, republican from Umatilla county, was reported seriously ill in a Portland hospital. Reports stated he expected to resign his seat. At any event he did not expect to be present at the special session due to his illness.

One vacancy still exists in the senate, the seat held by Walter Fisher, democrat from Douglas county. Fisher was declared ineligible because he was a member of the World War Veterans State Aid commission. He resigned that place recently and was reported in line for re-appointment to his seat in the senate next Monday.

The two changes in the upper house include J. G. Barrett, republican of Heppner, to succeed Jack E. Allen of Bendleton, and Nate Boody, republican of Portland to succeed Ashby G. Dickson. Allen resigned to become manager of the state liquor control commission. Dickson was declared ineligible when he accepted the position as NRA attorney. Dickson has stated he would contest for his seat.

The organization as far as president is concerned in the upper house, will remain intact with Harry L. Corbett to head that body.

Changes in the house to date include the following appointments: J. S. McKevitt of Eugene, republican, to replace Howard Merriam, republican, recalled by Townsend pension plan supporters. Giles French, republican, to succeed Paul Lynch of Mitchell, resigned. A. S. Grant, democrat, to succeed J. Richard Smurthwaite, democrat, resigned. Robert Farrell, Jr., republican, and Harvey Wells, republican, of Portland, to succeed Lew Wallace and William Johnson, both democrats declared ineligible. Wallace, who just resigned the state game commission membership which caused his ineligibility, stated he would fight for his seat. Johnson likewise would like to be reelected.

The battle over the speakership in the house to succeed John E. Coater will furnish caucus news. William Graham, Portland democrat, appears to have the edge at the present time over Howard Latourette of Portland and Moore Hamilton of Medford. Earl Hill, republican of Lane county, has indicated support of Graham. He had been mentioned as a candidate representing the republican minority.

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the recesses of the west-bound Santa Fe Chief and learning Barrymore was not aboard, turned back to Emporia.

Again in Kansas City, she took up her post, watchfully waiting at the Union station. John was coming in on the Burlington's American royal train.

Barrymore, who ran out on Miss Barry after a spat in New York and has been running most of the time since, called on a time-tried stratagem, which worked admirably. He quit the train at an outlying station, and disappeared, as completely as he had hoped to do.

Later reports, from railroad officials said Barrymore had hopped a taxi, scuttled to the first westward station out of Kansas City and got on a train for the film capital.

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went off. It certainly was Mooney. I couldn't have been mistaken."

Mrs. Mooney had a music studio in the Eilers building where Spencer said he was employed as a janitor.

He had no adequate explanation for his absence except that he knew that Mooney was a "labor agitator" and he thought at the time that he might have had something to do with the explosion, for which Mooney was arrested, convicted of murder, and sentenced to die.

Spencer was in San Francisco during the trial. He said he left in 1918. He worked on construction projects and railroads in Carlin, Nev., then drifted to Oregon 15 years ago. He has worked in hop fields here and assists a nephew in operating a variety store.

He said he was willing to go to San Francisco to testify at the hearings at which Mooney is seeking a writ of habeas corpus which would free him from the life sentence to which his original sentence of death had been commuted.

Sheriff Mass notified Frank P. Walsh, Mooney attorney.

San Francisco, Sept. 21 (AP)—Frank P. Walsh, New York attorney representing Tom Mooney in habeas corpus proceedings, appeared skeptical of the story told by M. R. Spencer.

"We've had hundreds—yes thousands—of such stories during the years since Tom Mooney was convicted of murder," Walsh said.

"I don't know just what I'll do about Spencer's story. I'll have to consult Tom and the other attorneys, J. T. Finery and George Davis."

Spencer's story checked with Mooney's own alibi, introduced through photographic evidence. The photograph, purportedly taken on the Eilers building about the time of the bombing and showing a man whom Mooney identified as himself on the roof, is before Referee A. E. Shaw, San Francisco lawyer, taking the testimony in Mooney's latest fight for freedom.

The hearings were in adjournment today after three days of testimony in which Mooney and his wife recounted their movements on Preparedness day and challenged the credibility of state witnesses who had identified Tom as one of the bombers.

Mrs. Mooney was the only witness at yesterday's hearing, marked by frequent clashes between the Moon-

# STARTS FLIGHT OVER ATLANTIC TO LITHUANIA

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stop flight to Kaunas, Lithuania, a distance of about 4,500 miles.

The plane, Lituanica II, lifted from the field at 5:45 a. m., eastern standard time, and soared into the air after a northeast run of 3,000 feet in a dead calm.

Waitkus kissed his wife, Martha, goodbye and climbed into the cockpit. He posed briefly for cameramen before warming the motor.

The sun, an enormous red ball, rose over the eastern horizon just before he gave his plane "the gun" a half hour later.

Slowly the Lituanica II gained altitude. Little more than a hundred feet up it became a speck in the distance, and was gone.

The route planned by Waitkus would take him over Newfoundland, Ireland, England, Denmark, and the Baltic sea, entering Lithuania by way of Memel.

The total load with which he took off was 8,000 pounds.

His wife, to whom he was married a year and a half ago, planned to remain in New York until Wednesday. She will sail then on the Normandie to join him in Kaunas.

Waitkus planned to fly the great circle route, going by way of Newfoundland. For food he took five ham and egg sandwiches, a quart of coffee, a quart of lemonade, two gallons of water and fruit.

The plane is a Lockheed Vega monoplane, it has a v-wasp motor of 550 horsepower supercharged.

The flight is a cooperative venture sponsored by the Chicago Lithuanian newspaper Nautienos and the American Lithuanian Transatlantic Flight association. Waitkus regards it sentimentally as an attempt to complete the flight started by Yurius and Girenas.

Waitkus' equipment includes a radio compass with outside loop aerial.

He also took with him a collapsible boat, kites, a Very pistol and flares.

The plane, capable of 200 miles per hour top speed and cruising speed of 180 miles per hour was loaded with 700 gallons of gasoline and 38 gallons of oil.

He said he would fly in the stratosphere at an altitude between 10,000 and 15,000 feet. He expected the flight to require 28 to 30 hours.

Waitkus is a reserve army officer at Selfridge field, Detroit. He entered the primary training school for fliers at March field, Calif., in June 1929.

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# The Warbling Sleuths in "The Nitwits"



A wry faced Woolsey expresses displeasure at the discordant notes emitted by Bert Wheeler and Betty Grable. Bob, Bert and Betty are seen in the new RKO Radio musical mystery-comedy, "The Nitwits," starting Sunday at the State theater, as members of Tin Pan Alley where they dance, prance and sing; two men are mysteriously killed; and the comic team uncovers a deep-dyed blackmailing plot.

# WATER SINKING FUND CREATED

A sinking fund into which the Salem water commission will pay \$73,985 every year is planned by the commission as a means of paying principal and interest on the \$1,180,000 water bonds with which the water plant was purchased. This policy was established at a meeting of the commission last night.

Payments on the principal of the bonds will start in 1940. The commission plans to pay into the sinking fund each month, its calculations showing that \$3110 can be paid in monthly for interest fund and \$3955 for the principal payment fund.

Manager Cuyler Van Patten was authorized by the commission to buy an addressograph for \$1093.25 and a billing machine for \$2275. The commission is still hoping, however, to recover similar machines that were removed from the office here by the Oregon Washington Water Service company, and should it do so will be able to dispose of the new machines by a trade-in arrangement. Pending installation of its own machines the city water commission is paying the O-W company \$100 to make out the monthly bills at its Vancouver office.

Manager Van Patten reported cash receipts of \$11,302, this being the first report of receipts made since the city took over the plant. Not all bills have been collected.

Van Patten said \$1.75 each had been saved on an order for 1000 new water meters to be delivered over a year's time. Meters that ordinarily cost \$9 each are to be bought at \$8 and 75 cents each will be allowed on the old meters.

Joseph Martin who has been in the employ of the water utility here for over 30 years was moved up to the post of chief pump operator on recommendation of Manager Van Patten. The commission abandoned the practice of the private utility in allowing employees a half rate on water.

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# PLAN TO DIVIDE BRITISH FLEET IN 2 SECTIONS

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6,717 men. Motorized artillery supplies also were on board.

The Italian press declares Great Britain already has "adopted sanctions against Italy" and warned that Italy will be bound to respond whenever Mussolini sees fit.

(By the Associated Press) Britain, frankly pessimistic that Duce would have a change of heart on his announced program of "marching straight ahead," continued its own "marching ahead" with warships into the Mediterranean.

The report that Britain and Spain had come to a secret understanding was taken as evidence that the British empire was preparing for a possible conflict by every means. These impressions were strengthened by Spanish troop movements to points of strategic importance along Spain's Mediterranean coastline.

European capitals had feared that a blunt "no" from Mussolini to the League of Nations five power committee's recommendations would call forth "sanctions" at Geneva—a move which diplomats feared might result in a general European war.

Great Britain made it clear that no ship will be withdrawn from the Mediterranean until the East African dispute is well on the way to a settlement.

France, too, while avoiding any show of military preparations or talk of sanctions for the present, continued to reinforce her troops in French Somaliland, bordering both on Italian Somaliland and Ethiopia. The French cabinet was called to consider the nation's future course.

# CLERGY PAYS LAST RESPECTS TO PRIEST

Sublimity—That Rev. Francis Henry Scherbing was well liked among his colleagues was demonstrated when more than 80 members of the Catholic clergy from the Willamette valley parishes attended funeral services for him at St. Boniface church here. That he enjoyed the affectionate regard and respect of the people of the Santiam valley was equally evident for the church was filled and there were more than twice as many people who could not find room inside, but clustered around the church during the services amplified by a public address system.

The pontifical high mass was led by His Excellency Archbishop Edward D. Howard who in the sermon took occasion to eulogize highly the ability, devotion and service which Rev. Scherbing had exhibited. The deceased was buried in the parish cemetery beside the former pastor, Rev. A. Lainck, after serving 21 years as priest in this vicinity.

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# THOUSANDS OUT AT FALL OPENING

Thousands of people thronged the business district for the fall opening sponsored by the Salem Ad club Friday night and as far as could be estimated, established a record attendance for events of this kind. Oscar (Frosty) Olson was general chairman of the opening celebration.

Music for the evening was provided by the Salem municipal band and the colorful Scotch Kilkie band of Salem, which appeared at intervals throughout the district. Additional color was contributed by the bright-colored Silverton 4-L band and the Willamette university band.

As usual, establishments cooperating and announced as official fall opening stores, attracted the greatest number of persons who were bent on a "treasure hunt" for nearly \$500 worth of fall merchandise.

GOING TO PHILIPPINES  
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# THEORY OFFERED AS CRASH CAUSE

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—The airplane crash in which Will Rogers and Wiley Post perished in Alaska on Aug. 15 probably was caused by the "extreme nose-heaviness" of Post's craft, the bureau of air commerce reported today after an investigation.

As the bureau made public its report, Chairman Jesse H. Jones of the reconstruction finance corporation, a close friend of the Rogers family, arranged to reveal later in the day plans for a memorial to the screen and stage actor.

The bureau of air commerce report followed closely the lines of a preliminary report issued several weeks ago, in which engine failure and nose-heaviness of the craft were blamed as principal factors in the tragedy.

"A study of the effect of the various changes made on the airplane," the final report said, "indicated that it was decidedly nose-heavy and must have been extremely difficult, if not impossible, properly to control without the aid of the engine."

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