

THRONE OF RAS TAFARI TREMBLING

Provincial Rulers Dispute Title As 'King of Kings,' 'Light of World'—Royal Blood Diluted, Is Claim—Coronation Is Hit.

ADDIS ABABA, Abyssinia.—(AP) It is a shaky throne which Ras Tafari erected for himself in this strange city and which he ascended with the title of Emperor Haile Selassie I.

The tumult and shouting of the coronation pageantry had scarcely dimmed before feudal rulers of the provinces began to argue that several of their own claims to be "King of Kings of Ethiopia, Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Elect of God, Light of the World."

These provincial rulers are so many petty kings. They are the real powers of the country and it is said that the new emperor won their support by promising to crown them formally as kings some time after his own coronation.

The mutterings against Haile Selassie I. say he lacks sufficient royal blood to give him a clear right to the throne and all its titles. They point out that he is the son of only a nephew of Emperor Menelik.

Menelik Still Idol.

Menelik, who led Ethiopia's armies in their victories of 35 years ago, against the Italians, is the idol of his people.

Indeed there are great sections of the ignorant masses of the land who believe he still is on the throne. It is nothing uncommon either for Abyssinians to take an oath upon the name of Menelik with the same faith as they would in the name of God.

Hence those who have lived in this wild, primitive, highland country and know the almost continuous strife between the rival tribal groups saw little promise of permanence in the 1930 coronation.

Few Communications.

The emperor's influence is secure only in the Addis Ababa district and possibly along the route of the French-Ethiopian railroad. Outside those limits he must depend upon holding the good will of the tribal chiefs who control three-fourths of the country.

It is true that Tafari has a trained army of his own of 50,000 or 60,000 men, but the country lacks roads, telegraphs and other communications.

After his coronation broke out in the interior, it would take the emperor weeks to get his army there and then he would have to face a force of perhaps greater size and made up of equally good fighting men.

His advantage would lie in the armored tanks, machine guns and airplanes which foreign governments have bestowed upon him. But an imperial victory by means of these foreign engines of war would not enhance the standing of Tafari in the eyes of the people.

Dependent on Powers.

In the last analysis his permanence must rest upon the support of the three great powers, England, France and Italy, which, by virtue of colonial possessions, are next door neighbors to Abyssinia and hem the country in from the sea. They exercise a sort of benevolent protectorate over the realm.

But here again the frail emperor can be sure of the disinterestedness of his support.

All three of these powers have material interests in Abyssinia and none of them could balk if opportunity presented itself for extending colonial frontiers or gaining a preponderant influence over this country.

Another source of danger to the emperor is Lij Yasu, grandson of Menelik. Lij Yasu was designated by his grandfather to succeed to the throne and actually occupied it from 1913 to 1916.

He was deposed because of attempts to change the religion of the country and lives in exile in the district of Fitcha under guardianship of Ras Kassa.

It is held by some natives that he was wrongfully deprived of his throne.

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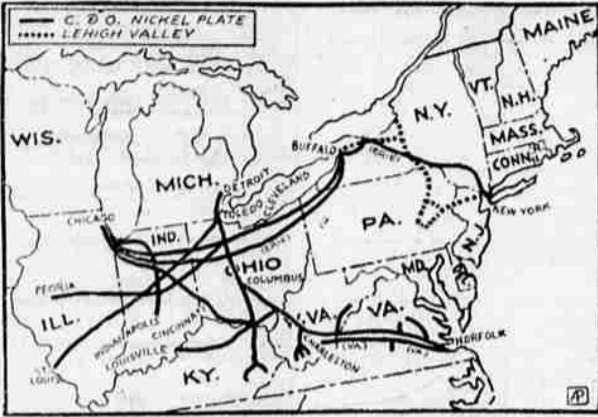
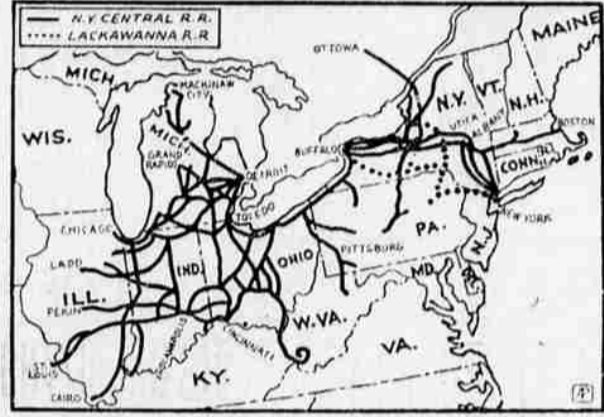
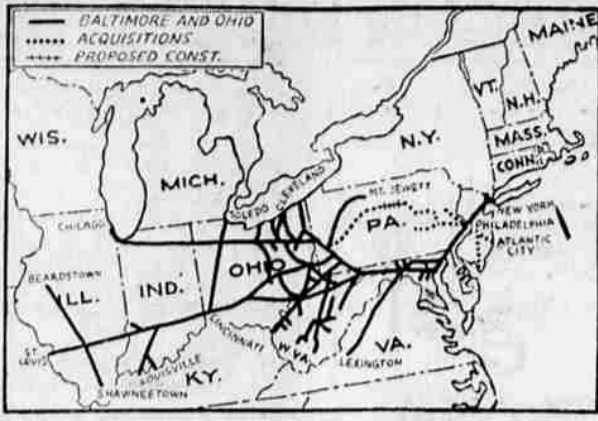
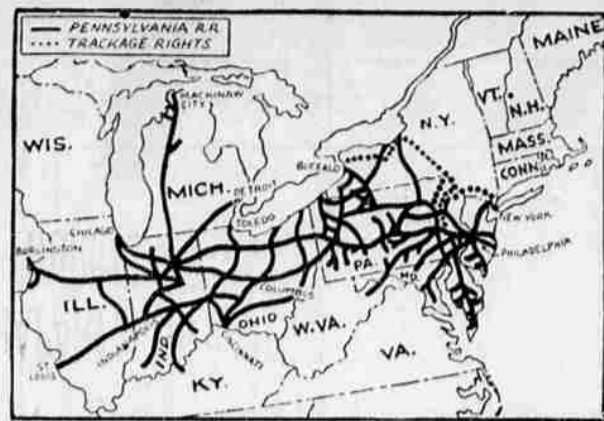
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LINE OF EASTERN RAILROAD SYSTEMS IN PROPOSED MERGER



A proposal to consolidate eastern railways into four major systems has been agreed upon by railway executives. Announcement of the agreement was made by President Hoover. The four major groups in the plan are the New York Central, the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and Ohio and the Chesapeake and Ohio, which, with the Nickel Plate, is the Van Sweringen system. In the consolidation the New York Central gets the Lackawanna; the Pennsylvania retains control of the Wabash and the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton; the Baltimore and Ohio gets the Reading and the Central of New Jersey, and the Van Sweringen system will add the Lehigh Valley and possibly the Pittsburgh and West Virginia and the Western Maryland. The Van Sweringens already control the Wheeling and Lake Erie. Maps above show makeup of the four systems under the proposed consolidation.

place and some foreign observers think it possible that an attempt may be made to restore him to the throne, despite his Moslem tendencies.

Yet even the most pessimistic of the foreigners hope that Haile Selassie I. will be able to prop up his shaky seat. All the other Rases of the country are anti-foreign in policy where as the emperor is trying to lead his people out of barbarism.

Savagery Common.

Abyssinia, for the most part, lives in savagery, darkness and ignorance. Disease is rampant, robbery common and moral standards almost non-existent except as applied to property.

That thief who is caught frequently is deprived of a hand or a foot and, despite edicts of the emperor to the contrary, criminals are hanged on trees and left as warning to other malefactors.

The emperor has forbidden slavery, but in the outlying provinces human beings are sold for less than the price of a goat, and the wealth of a man is estimated by the number of his serfs. A millionaire has 5,000 or more slaves to do his bidding.

Human life, under such conditions, is held cheaply, no matter what the rank of the possessor. No the emperor, wherever he goes, is accompanied by scores of vigilant guards and menacing machine guns, placed in strategic positions, overawe those who might plot a rash.

GANGSTERS SHOOT KING OF BOMBERS

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The career of the "bomb king" of Chicago—James Beucastro, one of the original 28 "public enemies"—has ended, temporarily at least.

Like many others in gangland, he was shot. Five bullets pierced his head and body. Two assassins fired the shots last night after he stepped from the doorway of "Little Italy" into his automobile. He was taken to a hospital where his condition was reported to be critical.

BRAZIL GREET ITALIAN AIRMEN

BAHIA, Brazil, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Forty-four Italian airmen, led by General Italo Balbo, air minister, and Colonel Umberto Maddalena, one of the noble rescuers, were the honored guests of the government and Italian colony here today as their eleven seaplanes, victors over the Atlantic, swung at anchor in the harbor.

Tomorrow or the next day they will continue down the Brazilian coast to Rio de Janeiro to end a 7,000-mile trans-Atlantic flight from Orbetello, Italy.

JAPANESE PERISH DURING BLIZZARD

TOKYO, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The death toll in the blizzard which swept a large section of the far east during the week end was estimated to have left at least 30 dead in Japan.

The Japanese casualties included 20 fishermen whose boats were swamped off Sogomaru, Fukushima prefecture. In the region of Mts. six were reported frozen to death. Several women were killed by collapsing houses in Echigo province.

MOTHER VISITS ACCUSED DAUGHTER



Mrs. Ida Lane of Seattle, Wash., (left) met her daughter, Jean Dayle, in the county jail at Salt Lake City where Miss Dayle is held on a charge of murdering Sam Frank, Memphis, Tenn., auctioneer.

"DOWN!" IS CRY OF GERMANS IN POLITICAL ROW

BERLIN.—(AP)—Nearly all political slogans of the moment in Germany begin with the same word—"Down."

"Down with the hunger government!" yell the communists.

"Down with democracy and pacifism!" shout Adolf Hitler's national-socialists.

"Down with the Versailles treaty, the Young plan and Hollywood war pictures!" also cry the Hitlerites.

"Down with the public expenditures!" thunders and decrees the Brüning government.

"Down with prices!" roars everyone, meaning of course, the other fellow's prices.

Populace Joins Chorus With Demand for Lower Prices—New Taxes Increase Prices.

And prices, whether because of the unmitigated roar of the worldwide business depression, actually are showing evidences of a fractional decline.

In most cases the fraction is so small that the consumer refuses to get excited.

There have been reductions in numerous fields, but it is difficult for the government (which is trying to put through a general wage and price reduction program) to explain that the percentage of decrease for a single day or week cannot be expected to be startling.

The range of the price reduction campaign is a wide one. Milk dropped two pennies (one-half cent); some brands of tooth paste dropped as much as 20 per cent in a week; deep sea fish were cut 16 to 35 per cent.

Burglars Dissatisfied.

"But," say many pessimistic burglars, "our rent hasn't come down any."

"There's a new tax on everything we drink, including coffee; a new tax increasing the price of cigars; gas and electricity still cost as much; street car and bus fares are just as high; and as for taxicabs, it was only a few months ago that a special surcharge of 20 pennies (5 cents) a trip was authorized. Where are we saving any money?"

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harmonic band in musical comedy and vaudeville.

Minnitch himself is a young New Yorker, not yet 30, who was born in Russia and brought to this country as an infant.

This natural resource is still dormant, approximately only 350,000 horse power—a little more than 5 per cent of the potential power available having been developed.

He recommended "enactment of legislation creating a hydro-electric commission of three members to serve without pay, one of whom shall be, ex-officio, the state engineer, and which commission shall have jurisdiction over the use and development of the water power resources of this state for the generation of electricity."

This commission, Governor Meier said, "should have the power to issue permits to enable private corporations and municipalities to make the necessary preliminary investigations as to the feasibility of a proposed project, which permits should be limited as to time, be issued upon conditions that will require reasonably prompt action, and terminate upon the expiration of the period specified therein."

Limit on Return.

Further, he said, "provision should be made for the accurate ascertainment of the legitimate actual investment in any project constructed under a license, and the utility corporation, whether private or municipal, constructing and operating a project under a license, should be limited to a reasonable return upon the actual legitimate net investment thereof."

In this regard, the governor continued: "Provision should also be made for the setup of amortization reserves for the payment or reimbursement of the invested capital so that during, or at the expiration of the license, the invested capital so far as practical, could be repaid."

A considerable part of the governor's message was devoted to crime, its detection, punishment and elimination.

For State Police.

"Oregon," he declared, "has no single body whose duty it is to bring to justice those who commit offenses against the laws of the state."

He said eight states have instituted state police departments, and "these state police not only enforce criminal laws generally, but also enforce the traffic, forest, game and prohibition laws."

"As executive of the state," he continued, "I am charged with the execution of the laws, and I am convinced that to enable me to rigidly enforce them Oregon must emulate the successful example of other states and establish a state police system. It cost the state of Oregon approximately \$910,000 during the last biennium to enforce traffic, fish, game, prohibition, forestry and arson laws, and the estimated requirement for the ensuing biennium is \$1,838,100.

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save the people of Oregon at least one-third, and possibly one-half of this huge expenditure."

Economy Needed.

Mr. Meier, after enumerating the various debts of the state and saying Oregon's bonded indebtedness "is the second greatest per capita in the United States, South Dakota occupying first place," continued with the declaration:

"These are stupendous figures and emphasize the need of rigid retrenchment in the future on the part of the state and its subdivisions to the end that our outstanding indebtedness may be reduced to the lowest possible minimum consistent with progress and advancement.

The debt of Oregon and its political sub-divisions, he said, amounts to \$230,198,114, of which \$23,152,245 represents outstanding bonds, and \$207,045,869, warrants and other obligations.

In the first few words of his address Governor Meier spoke of taxes and of the duty of the legislature to raise revenue. He mentioned two sections of the state constitution and said:

Government Cost High.

"One of the greatest problems is the increasing cost of government," Meier declared. "Administrative agencies have multiplied to a bewildering degree.

"Several separate commissions now exercise jurisdiction over matters affecting agriculture, several boards administer our labor laws, several agencies our health and several departments our finances, with little or no effective coordination between them.

"Legislation should be enacted consolidating these multiplied agencies into single departments, which would result not only in greater efficiency but in economy of administration."

"In the present state of bewildering confusion the governor cannot exercise the effective supervision and control which the people have a right to demand."

Governor Meier recommended enactment of legislation extending the home rule principle, "with adequate safeguards, to municipalities so that they may enjoy, if they so elect, the right to contract for franchises, or otherwise, with any public utilities as to rates, service and facilities within their boundaries."

He recommended repeal of the "so-called certificate of convenience and necessity act under which all competition is barred in the utility field."

Meier recommended adoption of the civil labor amendment to the federal constitution.

Favors Budget.

He mentioned the state budget commissioner in saying "I am strongly in favor of a budget system as it means intelligent state-wide planning. The head of this department should have the power to establish a uniform system of book-keeping as well as to inquire into the necessary expenses of every agency of the state."

Merit will govern Mr. Meier's appointments, he declared. "I reiterate here," he told the legislature, "with emphasis my pre-election pledge to the people: that merit and merit only—the fitness of the individual for the post—will be considered in making such appointments as come within the scope of my office."

Mr. Meier closed his address with a tribute to the late Senator George W. Joseph, his life-long friend and associate. "I construe my election to this high office," he said, "by such an avalanche of votes absolute conviction of the cause for which Senator Joseph so valiantly fought and sacrificed his life, and as an absolute mandate from the people of the state of Oregon to this legislative assembly to write these principles and policies into the fundamental law of the state."

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Touching upon virtually every phase of state legislation from penalties for bank robbers to taxation, embodying in his recommendations suggestions from various other department officials, Governor A. W. Norblad presented the outstanding points of his printed message in his first and last address before the state legislature here today.

The retiring governor consumed about twenty minutes in pointing out pertinent parts of his 66-page discussion of state activities and proposed changes, after calling upon the legislators and visitors to stand in silent meditation a few moments in respect to the memory of Governor I. L. Patterson who died Dec. 21, 1929.

Covers 42 Subjects.

Norblad's message covered 42 subjects, involving sectional, state and national affairs which affect Oregon as a whole. State building needs, improvement in the administration of justice, and discussion of state expenses, occupied the most space in his message, while the matters of taxation, changes in election laws and highway program also were emphasized by the executive.

Norblad concluded his message with a brief tribute to the efficiency of Secretary of State Hal E. Hoos, State Treasurer Tom B. Kay and State Budget Director Sam Kozler.



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