

ITALIANS IN HOPE MUSSERMEN WILL TURN ON ETHIOPIA

Overtures Being Made in Case of War—Emperor Menelik Has Conquered Outlying Moslem Sections

By Andre Berding.
ROME.—(AP)—The Italian high command hopes that religion—not

their own—will aid them if war comes with Ethiopians.
Their hopes are based on the fact that the religion of the outlying sections of Ethiopia facing the Italian colonies is the same as that of those colonies, Eritrea and Somali—and namely, Moslem.
The religion of Addis Ababa and the majority of the empire is Coptic Christian.
Native Army Organized.
The Italian high command hopes that if hostilities begin the Moslem portions of Ethiopia will come over to Italy. The following points are cited as a basis for their expectations:
1. The outlying Moslem sections of Ethiopia—Galla, Somali and Sidama—were conquered by the late Emperor Menelik a generation ago, and those peoples live in a subjection under Haile Selassie which Italians

believe is intensely irritating to them.
2.—The relations between the natives of Galla, Somali and Sidama on the one side and Moslem Eritrea and Somaliland are reasonably close.
3.—A large native army, already more than 40,000 strong, will be created by the Italians. It is estimated by military circles that this army will reach 200,000 men. It will offer many attractions to the Galla, Somali and Sidama natives.
Overtures to Musselmen.
Already overtures are being made to the Musselmen in official speeches here by members of the government. Undersecretary of Colonies Alessandro Lessona told the chamber of deputies:
"Italy, although she reaffirms her fidelity to the religious ideals which irradiate from Rome and which have always inspired her policy, neverthe-

less in Africa wants the faithful of Islam to feel secure and tranquil in their traditional cult because she recognizes that it represents a form of the most noble and spiritual social life amid the furies of old and new barbarian paganism in Africa and elsewhere."
In the same speech Lessona delivered an attack on the religion of Ethiopia, saying:
"The Ethiopians make an arguing point of their Christianity and their centuries old resistance to the Musselmen invasion. However it is necessary to look with scepticism on the Ethiopian Christianity which offers us the spectacle of a Christianity impregnated with barbarism."
Official Plans Trip
Lessona has planned a trip to Moslem Arabia to interest the religious chiefs there in Italy's struggle with Ethiopia and to induce them to exert

their influence over the Moslems living in Ethiopia.
It is significant that at this juncture the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, has come to Rome, had long audiences with King Victor Emmanuel and Mussolini and been received everywhere with the greatest of honors.
Tallest Calf.
GODERICH, Ont.—(UP)—A tallest calf, born on the farm of Robert Durea near here, is thriving well and is apparently normal in every other respect.
On Enforced Diet.
PORTLAND, Ore.—(UP)—John Anderson lost his false teeth when he took a spill while ski-jumping on Mt. Hood. He is waiting until the snow melts to recover them.

WHO WAS FIRST WOMAN TO DRIVE AUTO IN STATE?

SALEM, Ore. (UP)—Who was the first woman ever to drive an automobile in Oregon?
Like the questions which swept the nation recently as to who owned the oldest pair of mittens or had the most ancient piece of wedding cake, the driving query has started quite a debate, especially in Albany.

It all started when Mrs. W. C. Templeton, wife of the Linn county assessor, claimed to have been the first woman automobile driver in the state.
Mrs. W. W. Crawford, also of Albany, came forward to say she started driving a car in 1907, three years before Mrs. Templeton said she had taken the wheel of a horseless carriage.
Mrs. Crawford didn't claim she was the first woman driver, but said she believed she was the first of her sex to own a car in the county.
Because the law requiring drivers to be licensed by the state did not go into effect until July 1, 1920, the dispute may be hard to settle officially. Records in the office of Secretary of State Shell show that the first woman ever to hold an operator's license was Grace S. Bailey.

Hillsboro, License No. 21 went to her on the first day the law became effective.
Arthur F. Allen, 726 S. 3rd St., Corvallis, drew operators' license No. 1.
Records show that Mrs. Crawford applied for a license June 30, 1920, and said then she had had 10 years experience driving a car, which would support her claim that she started to drive in 1907. Mrs. Templeton's application was dated Sept. 21, 1920. She listed ten years' experience.
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