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Fiddling While Rome Burns

A DISPATCH from Geneva doesn't sound very encouraging. Listen to this:

"On the vital point of determining who is the aggressor, centered the League council's gravest responsibility. A telegram from Rome convinced officials Premier Mussolini plans to contend Ethiopia and Ethiopia alone, can be regarded as the aggressor. British circles said Italy would justly allege there had been continual irritation along the Italo-Ethiopian border."

So that's it! If the League council can't decide who is the aggressor in this invasion of Ethiopia, without calling a star chamber session, to consider the matter, pro and con, then what chance is there for any effective action, in the matter of sanctions, economic or otherwise?

If this represents the temper of the League and the atmosphere in which the special session of the council will meet tomorrow, then the war will be over before anything of consequence is done to prevent it.

Time is a vital factor in this unholy business, Italy is in no position to carry on a prolonged war, over 1000 miles away in darkest Africa. The first blow has been struck, now the slogan will be full steam ahead for Il Duce's legions, so the job may be done in the shortest possible time.

If the League has to spend a day debating who started this fracas, how many days will have to be spent deciding just what sanctions should be imposed,—where, when and how!

IF ONE of these thick-necked, squint-eyed, ham-fisted, groan and grunt gladiators who occasionally grace our Main Stem, were to suddenly leap upon an inoffensive High School boy, pop him in the eye, throw him in the gutter and start jumping on him, would Chief McCredie, rushing to the rescue stop to inquire who started the trouble?

We hope not. If he did, there would be only two possible explanations. Either the "chief" wanted to see the High School boy done in, or he had no desire to mix it with a professional bruiser, and decided it wise to spar for time.

A similar explanation seems the only answer to this doubt in Geneva as to whether Mussolini or King Haile Selassie, took the initiative, in this one-sided conflict, and the strange mood of legalistic and meticulous deliberation which pervades the preliminary discussions.

EVERYONE KNOWS who started this trouble, and why.—a plainer case of unprovoked military aggression for imperialistic conquest has probably never been presented to the modern world. The fact is self-evident. The issue isn't debatable.

Waiting any time or thought over this phase of the problem, can only mean that certain members of the League, are a trifle backward about going forward in this matter of protecting Ethiopia against conquest and destruction; and opposing the Italian juggernaut with something more effective than a slap on the wrist.

It doesn't look very promising as far as interfering with the conquest of Ethiopia is concerned,—as for preventing war, well—that's off,—the war is ON!

CCC for Permanent Relief?

IT IS NOT too much to hope that within a year or two the federal government's part in the unemployment burden can be carried largely through the Civilian Conservation Corps. While one of the more expensive forms of relief, this is one of the most constructive, economically and socially. It has given thousands of city youths the benefit of healthful outdoor work. It has taught them useful occupations. It has contributed to permanent conservation work of genuine national benefit. Here is the equivalent of a large standing army, putting its time into useful work instead of shining buttons and marching on parade grounds.

In the state of Delaware, for instance, CCC camps have taken in about 1,000 young men from the state. For two years they have been working on the mosquitoes. The pest has been virtually exterminated. Where two years ago residents were driven indoors in late afternoon by clouds of mosquitoes, now one can go for weeks without ever hearing or feeling one. In addition to the gain in physical comfort, the extermination of the mosquito has increased the milk production of dairy herds; cattle can now feed on marsh grass; hay production has increased; muskrat colonies, a source of considerable income, have multiplied; and wild life is more plentiful. This work has cost the federal government about \$400,000 a year. The state guarantees to take over and provide maintenance which will cost about \$50,000 a year.

THERE will always be some unemployment slack, even at peak periods, and there will always be constructive conservation work to be done. The CCC provides a useful means of meeting these needs. Mr. Roosevelt contemplates making it permanent.

Then it is reasonable to count upon the new social security legislation to aid, with the states participating, in caring for the class of unemployables incapacitated by age.

These considerations, plus the fact that there always will be federal work to be done, makes it seem reasonable that within the near future the federal government, without forcing anyone to starve, can materially reduce the burden of relief expenditures and thus check the mounting debt.—Review of Reviews.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BAD news from abroad:

"Italian consuls in Ethiopia ordered to seek safety."

That is bad news because it indicates that the beginning of war is near. The beginning of war is near. The beginning of war is near.

WHERE is always bad news.

(If you are inclined to doubt the statement that the outbreak of war is bad news, consider where the world

might be today but for the World war in Europe.)

A war near between Italy and Ethiopia, this headline catches the eye.

"France Bolsters Border Defenses. Nation Seeks Agreement with Britain to Stop German Attack."

The trouble with war is that it is like a match tossed into dry grass. Once the fire is lighted, no one knows how far it will spread.

MORE interesting news from abroad

—contained in this dispatch from London:

"Authoritative British sources tonight gave the first official hint that the United States and Germany as well will be approached for their

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

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LET LEFT-HANDEDNESS ALONE.

A reader sends this history: An aunt of mine was left-handed. They tried to make her use her right hand by rapping her upon the knuckles. She eventually got into the habit of using her right hand for many things, but her best work (she was a dress-maker) was always done with her left hand.



My sister is as a youngster of 4 she suffered a severe burn of the left wrist. The hand was kept bandaged for many weeks. Naturally she had to use her right hand then, and they thought she would be broken of left-handedness, but as the bandage was gradually eliminated she began to use the left hand again. In school they did their utmost to break her, but it wouldn't work. Now she is married and three of her four children are left-handed.

One day her oldest girl was doing her home work, when her father started to chastise her. He said the teacher was complaining to them that it was the parents' fault for not making her do things at home with her right hand. Then I came across the bit of verse enclosed, about making a left-handed child a nervous wreck by forcing him to change to right-handedness. This convinced the father, and he took it to the teacher, who was also convinced and she did not interfere any more. The child's nervousness stopped and her school work has improved remarkably since they stopped nagging her about her left-handedness.—B. J.

If there is a good reason for interfering in natural left-handedness, I have never learned what it may be. If you compel a left-handed child to change to right-handedness you put a great handicap on the child and very likely give him a lifetime ineptitude complex.

Many instances are on record which indicate that forced change of natural left-handedness to right-handedness is likely to produce stuttering or other impediment of speech; and in such cases the best remedy is generally resumption of unrestricted use of the left hand for all fine work.

Statistics show that three or four out of every hundred children are naturally left-handed.

It would probably be better for the world if there were more left-handed people in it.

This advice I would give all parents and all teachers: Let left-handedness alone. Nature knows best about such things.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Dye Dermatitis.

About every six weeks I get an irritation of the eyelids, not the eyes, but the skin of the eyelids sometimes the cheeks and over the bridge of the nose, with a kind of burning blistering. It is very unsightly.—Mrs. H. L. L.

Answer—A common cause of such dermatitis in women is irritation by some dye used in a cosmetic applied to darken the eyelashes or as "hair tonic" or in a hair wave or wave lotion.

Lemon Juice.

In your opinion is lemon juice a good thing to take to help keep the liver in proper condition? If so, what quantity and at what time in the day, on arising or at bedtime?

Answer—So far as I know, it has no more virtue for such purpose than has orange juice or tomato juice or any fruit juice which is fresh.

Barefoot Children.

Daughter has two children, 4 and 3 respectively. She lets them go barefoot in the house all winter. Or course they do not go out barefoot and she keeps the rooms warm with gas. The children seem healthy enough, but it seems to me . . .

Mrs. C. F. C.

Answer—If the children enjoy it, rest assured it is best for their health.

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Thoughts while strolling: Last of the middle hair parters: Owen D. Young. I always mix up Willie Gatcher and Edith Wharton. Ad fellows who look all right in derbies: H. L. Mencklen. Frank Crooninshield and Frank Case. For Ripley: Olive Earle has a shop in Brooklyn.

Memory: A bone collar button turning yellow. Look alike!

John D. Sr. and Daniel Frohman are always good for Page One burnday spreads. With side arrangements, the Waldorf's Oscar would make a bang-up John Bull. And Roxy could pass for Napoleon in one of those Little Corporal hats. How David Warfield made them blubber with his chin quivering!

I like that word for a partner of a loose evening—umpation. Nobody could flap back their glove and carry

London Little and the Late Montague (Miss) Pep capsule for those who have to begin all over again: When their right hands gave out Tad and H. T. Webster learned to draw with their lefts. Bill Corum is setting a swift pace for sports scribblers.

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Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 Years Ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

October 4, 1925. (It was Sunday.)

"Diabolical plot to rob citizens" discovered by weekly editor, in move for new water system.

Cool and fair weather prevails.

Federal labor bureau here unable to supply demand for pear and apple pickers.

Harry C. Fredette of St. Louis buys the Valley Fuel company.

County Bar association, by resolution, urges the removal of the county seat from Jacksonville.

Ashland makes effort to secure William Sunday, famed evangelist, to hold protracted meetings there.

Revised Regue river fish bill under consideration by sponsors of southern Oregon.

Twenty years ago today

October 4, 1915.

Nation discovered that by drawing

an uplifting message on the Indian adorning the Indian head nickel, it is a profile likeness of the Kaiser of Germany.

The Chinese pheasant hunting season expires October 10, and people living in the country will be glad of it. Hunters are running wild, shooting cats, dogs and stock.

The second frost of the season fell over the valley this morning.

Pletcher Fish, in popular songs, as the Page tonight.—(Adv.)

Editorial in Mail Tribune deals with "The Downright Degeneracy of the Republican Party."

Tolo

TOLO, Oct. 4.—(Spl.)—Mr. Miller of Gold Ray is in the osteopathic clinic instead of the Sacred Heart hospital, and is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deaver, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones and son, Kenneth Jones, who have spent the summer here, also Henry Hart, who has been visiting here, left Tuesday by motor car for Koshkonong, Mo.

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