

MORE TROOPS TO E. AFRICA MOBILISATION COMPLETE

ETHIOPIA CALM

ROME, Friday

Two more transports are to sail for Italian East Africa today.

The mobilisation of the two divisions intended for the «protection» of the Ethiopian frontiers of Italian Somaliland and Eritrea is now complete, according to last night's papers. That means that all the reservists of the year 1911 are assembled in the Sicilian ports of Messina, Syracuse and Palermo.

The mobilisation has had no effect on Ethiopian opinion, according to reports from Addis Abbaba. The Emperor has made no preparations for war, neither is the prospect of an agreement any nearer.

The Government here is understood to be far from confident of the outcome of the negotiations now in progress.

Italy's Demands

Italy is demanding that before the fixing of the Somaliland frontier, and before a neutral zone is set up in the disputed area, Ethiopia shall accord full satisfaction for the Walwal and Afadub incidents. Moreover, the Duce refuses to agree to any mediation by a third party, or to the appointment of a neutral tribunal to determine the actual responsibility for the incidents.

The Supreme Council of National Defence announces that Italy's supplies of war materials are now rendered practically independent of foreign countries in wartime. The statement was issued at the Council's fifth session under the presidency of Signor Mussolini.

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«PHANTOM FLIER» MYSTERY SOLVED AT LAST

OSLO, Friday

The mystery of the «phantom flier» of Norway, who was arousing intense interest by making alleged nightly flights along the northern coast of Norway has now been solved.

The army and a large number of navy ships, as well as wireless stations and coast guards were involved in the hunt for weeks. It has now been revealed that it was just another advertising stunt.

Most of the stories concerning the Phantom Flier were invented by a merchant. Some years ago he came into possession of the Polar island Jan Mayen, which he was anxious to sell to the Norwegian government.

In order to enhance the importance of his island, he began circulating the rumours of a mysterious flier. The idea was to indicate the value of the island as an air base.

It is asserted that the merchant, whose name is not given in the reports of the solving of the mystery, even offered the island for sale to the Soviet Russian and Japanese governments, so as to stimulate the interest of the Norwegian government. He claimed that the other governments were competing for possession of his island.

The authorities are investigating the matter thoroughly, in order to ascertain whether an action for damages will lie against the merchant whose hoax put the Norwegian army as well as navy to considerable expense, not to mention trouble.

For weeks the flights of the phantom flier kept the centre of interest on the front page of the Norwegian papers, and received much space in daily reports in the press of the world.

All sorts of wild rumours cir-

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BRITISH CABINET DECISIONS SIR JOHN SIMON TO BERLIN?

PARIS COMMENT

PARIS, Friday

The decisions taken by the British Cabinet on Wednesday, which the British Chargé d'Affaires here formally communicated to M. Laval the same night, are causing eager discussion in the French press, and giving rise to many speculations.

The British Government, according to some papers, will address a questionnaire to the German Government in order to clear up the questions left open by the German reply to the London communiqué.

The whole press attaches great significance to the British Government's standpoint concerning the simultaneous treatment of the problems enumerated in the London communiqué, which are considered to form a single indivisible entity. It is also admitted that the possibility of Sir John Simon's visiting Berlin is being seriously considered in London.

Russian Note

The handing in of the Soviet Russian note has attracted no less attention here. The papers agree in describing that document as a most important contribution to the carrying out of the work of peace on the basis of the London declaration.

L'Oeuvre speaks of the «excellent Franco-British atmosphere» and of the «efforts to bring about a rapprochement between Britain and the Soviet Union». The newspaper is nevertheless apparently not quite reassured concerning Britain's future attitude.

It asks what that attitude is likely to be in the event of Germany's refusing to bind herself in all the matters at issue. There are only two alternatives, according to L'Oeuvre.

Either Britain will adhere to her decision of Wednesday, in which case Germany's position would become serious; or else she will endeavour to induce France to substitute another formula for that of mutual assistance in the case, for instance, of the North-Eastern Pact.

There is more likelihood, however, in the opinion of L'Oeuvre, that Britain will adopt the first of those alternatives.

SOVIET RAILWAYS SERIOUS SITUATION REVEALED

MOSCOW, Friday

Catastrophic conditions on the Russian railways are revealed today as the result of the investigations of a Commission appointed by the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party.

Numerous officials in leading positions were found to have not the slightest idea of the official service regulations. That was so even on the Vladivostok-Pogranichnaya section of the Trans-Siberian railway, which is of the highest military importance in view of the tense situation in the Far East.

More than 600 officials are unfit to retain their posts, in the opinion of the Commission. The latter recommends that they be suspended from their duties and given a course of intensive instruction, at the end of which and after a strict examination they may be reinstated.

The Commission of Inquiry was appointed as the result of several accidents which revealed a serious state of disorganisation on the railways. An appalling condition of neglect was revealed by the routine inquiry which followed a particularly serious accident on the Moscow-Leningrad line.

Railway workers gave evidence on that occasion to the effect that a large section of the line was being worked with a single track, as sleepers and rails which had been cracked by severe frosts had not been replaced. The danger caused by the condition of the track was increased by the fact that the signals were unreliable.

So erratic was their behaviour that drivers were in the habit of ignoring signals altogether, as it was impossible to tell what they meant. The signalmen, it was proved, were not at fault; the bla-

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ARMS PARLEY ADJOURNS CONTROL PLAN AWAITED

U. S. DRAFT

GENEVA, Friday

The Second Committee of the Disarmament Conference, the task assigned to which is to determine the general conditions of a disarmament agreement, adjourned itself indefinitely here yesterday, as had been expected.

The work of the Second Committee, which began last Monday, will not be resumed until the Committee for the supervision of armaments manufacture and trade has arrived at some tangible result.

Yesterday's session of the Second Committee was concerned exclusively with a technical debate on several articles of the United States proposals, so far as they affect the work of the Commission for the permanent supervision of disarmament.

Soviet View

The Russian delegate M. Borstein made a long declaration at the close of the session. He stressed that Russia had never opposed the appointment of a permanent Disarmament Commission.

He expressed the view, however, that such a Commission must crown the work of disarmament and not be discussed now, before disarmament is an accomplished fact. Until such time as a disarmament agreement is signed, declared M. Stein, the task is to organise peace.

That, he explained, is why Russia last year advocated a plan for converting the Disarmament Conference until further notice into permanent Peace and Safety Conference. M. Stein expressed regret

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INTERNATIONAL FILM CONGRESS

BERLIN, Friday

In an apparent effort to remove or at least lighten the effect of the black eye administered in the opinion of the world on German stage and cinema productions by Nazi political restrictions, the Reich government has announced the convening of an International Film Congress to be held in Berlin.

The congress is to be attended by representatives of almost all the film making and film using groups and organisations in Europe and overseas. It will take place on April 25 and last until May 1. The congress was announced yesterday by the Reich Film Chamber, at whose instigation the congress is being convened.

Eight hundred delegates are expected to arrive in Berlin for the meetings from foreign countries. As the annual congress of the Reich

Federation of German Film Theatres takes place at the same time, it is believed that 1,500 film experts from all parts of the world will assemble in Berlin during the last week of April.

The last international film congress to take place in Berlin was in 1928. Conditions have changed vastly in the German cinema industry since then. Once among the leaders of the world, within two years German films have fallen far below their former level because of the restrictions placed upon actors, writers, directors and producers by the government.

As in Soviet Russia, the cinema in Germany is used now chiefly as an instrument of propaganda.

The result is the only one which could be expected—the art of the cinema has had to be abandoned.

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«NELL GWYNN» AT THE PRINCIPAL

For some obscure reason, the British film studios turn out better costume and period pictures than any other type of cinema. For most producers and directors, such pictures are the most difficult to make convincing and to produce properly.

British companies have proved before that costume and period pictures are their forte, and they prove it once again with «Nell Gwynn», which is now playing in English at the Principal.

The two largest parts in the historical film are played by Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Anna Neagle. Both turn in top-notch performances, leaving little to be desired in their characterizations.

«Nell Gwynn» necessarily depends on characterizations to a great extent, but the cast—all of it—is so good that the picture not

only does not suffer, but is made by them.

Apparent care has been exercised in the selection of the sets and costumes, while the mood of the times and of the plot is well sustained throughout. Actual historical scenario writers, but to expect too much.

If one is to single out the most competent and pleasing performances, Anna Neagle as Nell Gwynn have to be mentioned at the top of the list. She is fine throughout and she has achieved her present acting and dancing ability, as complete assurance before the camera, in the short space of a few years. «Nell Gwynn» is without doubt her best performance in the cinema to date.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke is excellent

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AIR RAIDS

March 19 is the date set for the
raid rehearsal in Berlin. On
at day all lights will be extin-
ished in the city, all traffic will
stopped, and the capital to all
ents and purposes, between the
urs of eleven p.m. and mid-
ght, will be under attack from
of air.

This type of preparedness is be-
coming commonplace in Europe.
Germany was one of the first to
prepare its citizens for the
emergency and eventualities of an
attack, beginning the educat-
ional campaign more than two
years ago.

France followed suit, and in ad-
dition to installing huge warning
sirens and building underground
emergency shelters, also held one
two rehearsals last year.

England has also had its mock
attacks on London, with the
palace suitably prepared, and
German staged one of the most
thorough and realistic attacks on
which ever carried out in peace
time.

There can be no doubt that
the dictum that the next war will
be fought in the air is being taken serio-
usly in Europe. There is no more
pressing object lesson than to
participate in such an attack re-
hearsal, unless it is to be caught
by an actual air raid.

With the increase in speed and
power which is being made yearly,
the boundaries of Europe are
shrinking and attack by air be-
comes more and more of a seri-
ous possibility.

Thus the proposal of M. Pierre
Laval, Air Minister of France, for
an international air force seems
a sensible method of prevent-
ing war as has been proposed. If
the manufacture and sale of arm-
aments cannot be stopped, at least
their use can and ought to be
prevented by some such method as
a strong police force.

This is no time to dally with
diplomacy over the question of the
war in the air. Prevention is mo-
re important than cure. The cure
being attempted now. Is the
prevention to be forgotten?

ON THE ISLAND

By The Wayfarer

Terreno had its share of gay
parties this week. On Wednesday
night there was an International
Fete at the home of Mrs. Gladys
Kidd. Among those present were Mr.
and Mrs. Norman Jacobsen, Miss
Nita Dreiberg, Mr. Ashley T. Day,
Mr. Bernard Townsend, Mr. Evan
Freer, and many others.

BIRTHDAY:—

Wednesday night was also the
big night at Tito's. The night club
in El Terreno celebrated its first
anniversary and received the con-
gratulations of a goodly portion
of the Anglo-American colony, in-
cluding Major and Mrs. Lee, Miss
Nan Wooller, Mr. Michael Cum-
berlege, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ja-
cobsen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ga-
vett, Major Goetz, Mr. Ronald
Goetz, Mr. Kevin Kavanagh, and
others.

DEPARTURES:—

The American colony is suffer-
ing severe losses this week. De-
partures for the mainland and for
the continent include that of Mr.
and Mrs. Dorr E. Newton of the

Hotel Royal. The popular American
couple expect to be gone for some
time.

ORAMA:—

Palma and El Terreno hotels re-
ported a large number of reserv-
ations by visitors. Most of the new-
comers arrived on Thursday morn-
ing on the Orama from England.

TRIP:—

The new streamlined modernist
motorbus is taking a happy party
of Island sightseers today on the
regular trip to Valldemosa, Déya,
and Soller. Sightseers include
Miss Chloë McMillan, her mother
Mrs. Edith McMillan, Miss Edythe
Wallach, and friends.

ART:—

At first sight the new addition
to the artistic backdrop for Ma-
dam Lena's famous bar and tea
room reminded somebody of the
infamous canvases of Herr Ernest
Untdumb, the noted Bavarian
painter. Second sights are rare and
constitutionally dangerous. The
canvas turns out to be a clever ad-
vertisement for a Palma dress

shop. The thing on the left side of
the painting is a solid gilt chair.

RETURNING:—

Mr. George Copeland, noted
pianist, is expected by his friends
to return to Mallorca during the
coming month. He will return to
his villa in Genova and the pre-
sent occupant, Miss Norris, is pre-
pared to move elsewhere at the
end of the present month. Mr. Co-
peland has been travelling about
Europe and giving concerts to en-
thusiastic audiences.

PARIS:—

The Wayfarer has word from
Mr. and Mrs. John Ferren, late of
Genova, Mallorca. They are in Pa-
ris and have been there since their
departure from these parts last
year. Mr. Ferren has shown some
of his latest paintings and has re-
ceived favourable comment from
those who know about such things.
Mrs. Ferren is fine and still as
beautiful as ever. They may visit
Mr. Ferren's family in California
and then are likely to return to
Mallorca for a long visit.

NEGRO SONGS:—

Mrs. Dinah Moore Bowden gave
great pleasure to her audience on
Sunday, at the weekly meeting of
the Majorca Society of Arts.

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THE NIGHT WATCH

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«Daily Express» ponderously
informs me, is a noninflammable
fuel. Were it not for the obvious
fact that what the «Express» meant
to say was «a nonvolatile fuel», I
should leap to the inclusion that
we are on the verge of a new
era.

Fancy the economy that could
be effected by the development of
noninflammable coal. Every house
would be sold to its first owner
complete with furnaceful of coal.
And that selfsame coal would be in
that very furnace year after year.
No coal bills, no ashes to remove,
no shovelling. No heat, even.

But I have only started to out-
line the possibilities. Consider the
boon it would be to the cause of
disarmament if a latter day Hud-
son Maxim should come down from
the mountains with a nonexplos-
ive gunpower. And the fun our lit-
tle friends, the Nazis, could have
with a nonpenetrating bayonet.

Sooner or later, we all will be
educated into using nondissolving
soap, and from that stepping off
place it will be but a few centuries
before we abandon washing enti-
rely and the millenium will be
upon us.

«Almost anybody can write well
enough to get into the papers,»
an advertisement in «The Times»
declares. Well, we live and learn.
I had always supposed—and in my
early days as a newspaperman, a
hardboiled managing editor had
impressed upon me—that writing
for the papers was something of
a feat. And, taking certain unso-
licited contributions to The Palma
Post as a criterion, I still think it
is.

Also, I feel inclined to challenge
the advertiser quoted above when
he talks about «making money in
your spare time.» You may get in-
to print in your spare time; but
making money out of the news-
paper business is more than a full-
time business—it's all overtime.
To ramble a bit farther, I have
small coins to wager that Signor
Benito Mussolini will get his fin-
gers burnt if he tries to invade
Ethiopia, better but less correctly
known as Abyssinia.

It may be a bit discourteous to
remind Il Duce of the fact, but I
cannot help remembering what
happened to Italy the last time
she sent her soldiery to Africa to
teach the wild sons of the King
of Kings and the Elect of God a
lesson.

Fifteen thousand men were sent
to Italian Somaliland and from
there to Ethiopia. Forty-five hun-
dred returned. The warfare of
Africa and the manoeuvres of the
Italian army reservations are so-
mewhat different.

It is generally understood that
Mussolini is sending his troops in-
to Africa with the approval of
France, or at least of her foreign
minister, M. Pierre Laval. One won-
ders if M. Laval, like my humble
self, has not hit upon the likeli-
hood of Italy breaking her back in
jungle warfare and dropping out
of the ranks of the First Powers.

The Watchman

SPANISH-GERMAN AIR PACT

MADRID, Friday

An order of the Ministry of State ratifying the agreement on the establishment of air lines between Spain and Germany has appeared in the official gazette.

The agreement is the result of an exchange of notes between the countries concerned, dated December 28 and January 7. The text agrees in its main lines with the unofficial reports already published.

A German company is given the right to establish and exploit an air service from Friederichshafen to South America over Spanish territory, with stops at Barcelona and Seville. A Spanish firm is similarly given leave to operate a service over German territory.

The details of the routes, frequency of the services, the kind of aircraft to be employed and the connections to be made with other lines are to be communicated to the respective Governments four weeks in advance of the option being taken up.

The agreement further lays down that the companies referred to may extend their lines and operate the resulting services in common, both firms having equal shares in the traffic. Cooperation between the meteorological, radio and other ancillary services of the two countries is also provided for.

The conclusion is believed to foreshadow the establishment of a direct air service between the Spanish and German capitals, either by the extension to Madrid of the German line which at present makes Barcelona its terminus, or by the extension to Berlin of the line from Madrid to Paris, the inauguration of which is promised for the near future.

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WORLD EVENTS IN BRIEF

WASHINGTON, Friday

The Secretary of the Navy has informed the press that he is opposed to further construction of navy dirigibles.

CAPETOWN, Friday

The Union of South Africa and the Netherlands have completed an arrangement according reciprocal and unconditional most favoured nation treatment between them.

WASHINGTON, Friday

The chairman of the Appropriations Committee addressing the House of Representatives yesterday said «We are sitting on a volcano at home and abroad and cannot blind ourselves to radicalism within our borders and the warlike activities of foreign countries.» The speech was on the War Department Bill, which provides for the expenditure of \$100,000,000 more than has been appropriated in any year since 1921.

PARIS, Friday

The Stavisky Inquiry Commission has passed a motion completely exonerating former Premier Chautemps and his brother-in-law, M. Pressard, from complicity or

guilt in the Stavisky and Prince affairs.

PARIS, Friday

The World Fair which was originally planned by the Doumergue government to be held in Paris in 1937, will be postponed until 1941 for reasons of organisation of finance, according to reports which were current here yesterday but have not been officially confirmed.

MARSEILLES, Friday

A headless trunk discovered by a fisherman floating in the sea near here is believed to be that of the German canoeist Karl Baltrusch, who with a companion arrived in Marseilles last month on a canoeing trip around Europe. During his stay Baltrusch made a solo excursion in his canoe from which he never returned.

PARIS, Friday

The visit of the Austrian Chancellor, Herr Schuschnigg, resulted in mass demonstrations of Communists and Socialists, but the police controlled the situation, making 500 arrests.

GLASGOW, Friday

The fire-resisting qualities of the Queen Mary have been tested by setting afire a petrol-soaked passenger cabin. When the blaze had subsided only the walls were scorched. The work is proceeding rapidly toward completion one month ahead of schedule.

WASHINGTON, Friday

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau has informed the press that the administration is satisfied with its monetary policy and does not contemplate any changes. Ex-President Hoover, commenting on the Gold Clause decision, said that the stabilisation of the dollar at its present value would do more than anything else to encourage recovery without waiting for foreign nations before the reestablishment of the gold standard.

GENEVA, Friday

The committee discussing the American arms control proposal adjourned *sine die*. Meanwhile it is reported that President Roosevelt has resubmitted to the Senate the 1925 Arms Convention, to permit a vote on the reservations which were objected to by other nations.

ARMS PARLEY ADJOURNS

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that this proposal, which was actually placed on the agenda of the present Committee meeting, had not been discussed.

The focal point of the disarmament negotiations has now shifted away from Geneva to the efforts being made by France and Britain to prepare the way for Germany's return to the Conference and to the League of Nations. Meanwhile the discussion of the American plan for the control of the arms traffic is keeping the Conference in being.

The American plan provides for the control by licensing of every stage of arms manufacture and sale, and for the reporting of every shipment of war material to an International Board of Control. M. Auber, French delegate, proposed in addition that the powers should declare their armament programmes in advance to the same body, but the suggestion was stillborn owing to British and American opposition.

«PHANTOM FLIER»

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culated, but no ship or airplane was ever able to come close enough to the mysterious visitor to see it plainly and identify it. The stunt was completely successful in arousing interest, but failed of its ultimate purpose, since the island remains unsold.

FILM CONGRESS

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It is apparently hoped that some of the art and much of the former high opinion of German films will be revived by the coming congress.

SOVIET RAILWAYS

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me lay with higher officials who persistently ignored repeated requests for the most necessary repairs and replacements of material.

«NELL GWYNN»

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as King Charles, but that is to be expected of him. The picture is competently and artistically handled, and the fact that it was banned in the United States is a reflection on the United States and not on the film or its producers. It is well worth seeing.

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HANDEL FESTIVAL CONCERT

The Capella Clásica de Mallorca is to give a Handel festival concert at the Almudaina palace at 8 p.m. on Sunday.

It will consist of a recital of the oratorio «Messiah», which is claimed will be the most ever heard in Spain. The evening is intended to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the composer's birth. The choir will sing twenty numbers—arias, recitatives, choruses—from the three parts of the oratorio. The Overture Pastorale will be rendered organ.

Tickets for the concert can be obtained from the office of the Capella Clásica at the Almudaina palace, opposite the Cathedral. Office hours are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 7 p.m.

The Capella Clásica is giving several concerts for March and April, the times and programmes of which will be announced in due course. One of them will be in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of J. S. Bach.

Bach's cantata «Wir danken dir, Gott dir» will be sung on that occasion. Other works to be heard in the Lenten concerts are the «Misa Pro Pace» by the Mallorquin composer Torrandell, and the «Cantata Good Friday» dedicated by the Mallorquin composer, Don Manuel de la Capella Clásica.

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and is made in a review of the results achieved by that body during the past twelve years.

The report stresses that Italy is now entirely independent of foreign countries for her food supplies, and that in case of need such vitally important raw materials as iron, lead, zinc and aluminium could be obtained and prepared at home. It goes on to say that, as regards coal, Italy hopes to render herself independent of foreign imports, firstly by developing water power in the country, and secondly by using charcoal, of which Italy possesses abundant quantities.

The statement concludes by affirming that the Italian textile industry could also be placed on an

independent footing in case of emergency, thanks to increased purchases of hemp.

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