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Face flatterer and back biter are the same.

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FRANCE SEEKS EARLY AFRICAN PEACE

Flandin Urges Acceptance Of League Plans

Italo-German Pact Feared If Peace Negotiations Fail To Materialize — Geneva Body Drafts Oil Embargo Plan.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
Foreign Minister Pierre-Etienne Flandin of France was reported in a well-informed Paris quarter Wednesday to have urged Premier Mussolini of Italy quickly to accept peace negotiations proposed by the League of Nations.

There was a general expectation at Geneva where the League had given Mussolini and Haile Selassie one week to reply to its plan that Italy and Ethiopia attempt to come to terms that Il Duce would not turn a completely deaf ear to the proposal.

There was fear, however, that he might take advantage of the offer only to delay the application of oil sanctions against Italy.

Reuters correspondent at Addis Ababa stated he had learned semi-officially that Emperor Haile Selassie probably would accept peace negotiations sponsored by the League. But the Negus, in a message read at a Moslem meeting, declared: "The war is only just starting now and all able-bodied men must go to the front."

Italian successes in Ethiopia since Feb. 10 were claimed by the Italian high command to have caused 30,000 Ethiopian casualties, while Italy's death toll was estimated at 2,000.

Eden Headed for London

GENEVA, March 4—Both Italy and Ethiopia will make uncompromising demands even before agreeing to peace negotiations, observers predicted tonight following the League of Nations conciliation move.

As Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, headed for London, carrying his report of the latest developments at Geneva, a League sub-committee was appointed to study and draft an oil embargo to be ready for application against Italy in the event Premier Mussolini rejects the League's conciliation proposal.

A second sub-committee was named to study effectiveness of sanctions now in operation.

Week to Reply In
Premier Mussolini and Emperor Haile Selassie have until next Tuesday to answer the appeal of the committee of 13 (the League council minus Italy) for the "immediate opening of negotiations within the framework of the League and the spirit of the League covenant with a view to prompt cessation of hostilities."

Presses for Action
PARIS, March 4—Foreign Minister Pierre-Etienne Flandin has appealed to Premier Mussolini to accept quickly League of Nations peace negotiations, a well-informed source said tonight.

Flandin instructed the French Ambassador to Rome to tell Il Duce, this source said, that France would be "unable to intercede for Italy again at Geneva without seriously compromising her political situation in Europe."

GENEVA, March 4—Two international problems caused speculation at Geneva tonight as League of Nations delegates awaited Italian and Ethiopian replies to an appeal for peace.

The expectation generally was that Premier Mussolini, declared the aggressor in the East African war, would not flatly reject the appeal. Some advocates of quick, relentless sanctions, however, were disappointed.

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Special Tribunal To Try Jap Officers For Treason

(By Glenn Babb, Associated Press Foreign Staff)
TOKYO, March 4—The military side of the liquidation of the Japanese emergency advanced tonight with the establishment of a special tribunal to try for treason 22 officers who participated in last week's coup.

Japan's search, however, for a man to lead her from the emergency caused by the bloody revolt made no progress. Prince Konoye, 42-year-old aristocrat, asked the Emperor to excuse him from "heavy responsibility" of the premiership on grounds of health.

SUSPECTED SABOTAGE ON BRITISH SHIPS

BRITISH NAVAL ESTIMATES INCREASED

Huge Sum To Be Spent On Defence Reorganization Program.

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
LONDON, March 4—The huge cost of Great Britain's defence reorganization program began to dawn today on a public still digesting details of the white paper outlining the defence and rearmament proposals of the government.

Members of Parliament learned that the regular defence requirements for the next fiscal year, irrespective of the special program disclosed in the white paper, total £155,250,000 (about \$775,000,000), which is £31,000,000 more than in 1935.

Experts estimated that the cost of the first year will be well above £200,000,000 or roughly one-fourth of the estimated total budget of £800,000,000.

Regular naval estimates were increased sharply today. This total which does not include additional costs outlined in yesterday's white paper is £69,630,000 (about \$348,150,000) or nearly £9,880,000 higher than the estimates for 1935.

Supplementary estimates last year, however, increased the appropriation for that period by 24,850,000.

Of the increased amount of nearly £10,000,000 in the current naval estimates £4,645,000 is required to continue new construction already authorized. Expenditure on the fleet air arm is moved up by £1,082,000, exclusive of the cost of new aircraft for the ships. Provision for maintenance of the fleet calls for an increase of £3,936,000. The fleet personnel also will be expanded by 4,613.

Army estimates to be published tomorrow and those for the air force on Friday will be correspondingly higher.

Cape Bretoners Interested In Library Plans

Widespread interest in the progress of the Prince Edward Island demonstration library movement is being taken in Sydney, Antigonish and other Nova Scotia centres, reports Miss Nora Bateson, director of the libraries, who has returned from a visit to the neighboring Province.

At Antigonish Miss Bateson attended the closing of the Folk School course held for leaders of study clubs in connection with the extension movement of St. Francis Xavier University. She spoke on the possibilities of public libraries in Nova Scotia.

She also addressed meetings at Sydney and New Waterford. At the latter place 800 people were in attendance at the meeting, held on Sunday afternoon in connection with various study groups of co-operatives, Mr. Keen, of Brantford, Ont., head of the Co-operative Association of Canada, was the chief speaker.

The need of library facilities through the mining centres of Cape Breton is felt and appreciated by the workers themselves, Miss Bateson reports. Their lively interest in this subject was noticeable everywhere she went.

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Sen. Hughes Urges Cut In Customs Duties

OTTAWA, March 4—Excessive customs and excise duties encourage liquor smuggling, according to the conclusion drawn by Hon. J. J. Hughes of Prince Edward Island from a long memorandum read in the Senate today. If those duties were cut, and the reduction passed on to the consumer, the demoralizing influences of illicit traffic in liquor would be correspondingly diminished.

Against this, however, was the argument voiced by Hon. Raoul Dandurand, government leader, that lower priced liquor would make it more accessible to people, and so defeat the ends of temperance.

Most of today's Senate session was taken up with a reading by the government leader of the memorandum prepared by Major General Sir James H. MacBrien, Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. This dealt with activities of the preventive service since the transfer in 1932 of that branch from the administration of the national revenue department to that of the R. C. M. P.

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CHURCHMEN VIEW FUTURE WITH OPTIMISM

Closing Sessions Of Diocesan Church Society Held Yesterday

Was Speaker

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
OTTAWA, March 4—A full week of debate on the Canadian-American trade treaty stretched ahead for the House of Commons today with a division on ratification not expected until next Tuesday or Wednesday.

The House heard various opinions from members living in different parts of the country. Harry Leader, Liberal member for Portage La Prairie and a farmer, praised the cattle provisions. John R. MacNeil (Cons. Toronto Bavenport), a retired industrialist, protested against duty reductions.

J. G. Turgeon (Lib. Carleton), whose riding stretches in the north of British Columbia, praised the lumber provisions while his father, a white haired Senator whose parliamentary experience goes back to the turn of the century, listened from a gallery.

J. J. Kinley (Lib. Queens-Lunenburg) said the worst that could be said about the treaty had been said by Conservative leader Bennett but his words could have no other effect than to convince the House the treaty was a good one.

The Liberal party was definitely elected to office on a policy of freer trade. The Liberal government had acted at once to bring about freer trade and Liberals were proud of it.

The fishermen of Nova Scotia were facing extinction unless something was done for them, said Mr. Kinley. The primary industry of fishing needed stimulation and Maritime members proposed to ask for it.

"My criticism of this agreement is that it doesn't go far enough," said Mr. Kinley. "I frankly admit I am disappointed because the fish of the good family are not included."

Mr. Kinley thought an effort might still be made to get lower duties into the United States on salt fish. He could understand American objection to Canadian fish but the United States was not a large producer of salt fish.

The Nova Scotian praised the provision whereby Canadians would be allowed to bring back goods from the United States to the value of \$100. At the very least, it would give "decent people a chance to be honest" because the goods were coming in anyway. He said he was thankful for the contents of the treaty although he would like to

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Looks Forward To Celebrating Her 104th Birthday

"Aunt Mary" MacSwain, oldest resident of King's County and second oldest person in Prince Edward Island will celebrate her 104th birthday, May 8, and Lorne Valley neighbors, many of whom are related to her, are planning a surprise party for the centenarian.

The grand old lady is known throughout the district as Aunt Mary by relatives, friends and acquaintances alike.

She was born on the Isle of Lewis off the North-West coast of Scotland and came to Prince Edward Island with her parents 95 years ago.

When she was a young girl, she became the wife of Captain Allan MacSwain. He died a few years after their marriage, but "Aunt Mary" still recalls the many exciting sea-voyages she made with her husband aboard his schooner until his death. She was widowed at 32 years old.

Ever since, Mrs. MacSwain has lived in Lorne Valley, a leading figure in the community. She has been comforted, she says, by her religion, "the most beautiful thing in my life."

Every day she reads her old Gaelic Bible, with the help of spectacles. "Aunt Mary" was once asked if she thought she would like a trip in an aeroplane, and she smiled and replied she would.

Only one other Prince Edward Islander—William Bernard of Hunter River—50 older than Mrs. MacSwain. He was 104, January 24.

When her birthday comes around in May, Aunt Mary's neighbors will have a big cake ready with 104 candles on it.

She is still in good health and expects to live for some time yet, they say she can't understand why she is left in the world when so many younger people are taken.

TWO NEW CASES DISCLOSED

Battle Cruiser Repulse and Submarine Lat-est Reported Damaged.

LONDON, March 5—(Thursday)—Two new cases of suspected sabotage have occurred on warships of the Royal Navy, it was learned on reliable authority today.

It is understood the ships are the battle cruiser Repulse and a submarine. The name of the submarine was not learned.

Lord Stanley, Parliamentary and financial secretary to the Admiralty, disclosed yesterday in the House of Commons that there have been recently six cases of damage or attempted damage to British warships undergoing repairs. In four of these cases, he said, sabotage was suspected.

The nature of the damage to the Repulse and the submarine was not made known immediately.

The Repulse is a 32,000-ton battle cruiser completed in 1916. She is due for replacement under the Washington naval treaty in 1939. One of the most powerful ships of the navy, her equipment includes six 15-inch guns and 15 four-inch guns. The Repulse has a speed of 31.5 knots.

The battle cruiser was scheduled to be sent to the Mediterranean to replace her sister ship, the Renown, after present repairs in dockyard were completed.

First Magdalen Trip About April 15

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
QUEBEC, March 4—First trip to the Magdalen Islands, cut off from the outside world all winter, will be made by the government ice-breaker Montcalm about April 15.

Information from the Department of Marine, Ottawa, today states the Montcalm, with passengers, mail and cargo, will leave around that date although a lot will depend on weather and ice conditions.

First liners up the St. Lawrence River for the 1936 navigation season will be the Duchess of Bedford about April 17 and Empress of Australia about April 24.

Elected To Dal Student Council

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
HALIFAX, March 4—Edward B. Barnhill of Bayfield, N. B., was elected president of Dalhousie Athletic Club at yesterday's annual student election.

The Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Club chose the following officers: President, Wallace M. Roy, of North Sydney, N.S.; Vice-President, Frances E. Drummond of St. John, N. B.; Business Manager, W. Murray Gou'd of Halifax.

Among those elected to the Student Council were: Clement J. Egan of Port Arthur, Ont.; Gordon Lea of Victoria, P. E. I.; Helen L. Holman of Summerside, P. E. I.

Italians Claim Ethiopia A Conquered Nation

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ROME, March 4—Torn by internal revolt and decisively defeated on all fronts, Ethiopia is a conquered nation, spokesmen for the Italian government claimed tonight.

"Nothing but miserable remnants, fleeing southward, remains of the four armies which the Negus (Emperor Haile Selassie) mobilized in the ambitious illusion he could defeat Italy's military forces and thus block the advance of civilization," Marshal Pietro Badoglio asserted in a communique to the war office from the northern front.

sources said a major revolt against the Ethiopian Emperor had broken out anew in Gogjam Province, northwest of Shoa, the province in which Addis Ababa is situated.

ADDIS ABABA, March 4—(C.P. Havas)—Far from regarding Ethiopia as a conquered nation, Emperor Haile Selassie feels the war has only begun, he said tonight in a message dispatched to this capital from "somewhere on the northern front."

It was confirmed at the same time that the Negus had left his Imperial base at Dessye on Feb. 21, heading for the sector where Italy since has claimed decisive victories. This information was contained in a telegram from Dessye.

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is delicious



Two brothers, Arthur, 19 (left), Betty, the fourth member of the little family, was missing. Daniel Bannister, 41 (lower center), stand in the shadow of the gallows at Dorchester, N. B., in criminal proceedings in which Francis Bannister (Upper Left), 15-year-old sister and daughter of the accused, is a material witness for the crown, and a five-month-old baby, said by crown to be Betty Lake (Upper Right), will be the chief exhibit. On the night of last January 5, or early on the morning of January 6, Philip Lake was shot to death, and his body was left to be cremated in his burning backwoods cabin, near Moncton, N. B. Lake's wife, Bertha, was beaten to death and another child, Jackie, 20-months-old, was left to freeze to death outside the cabin. Baby Betty, the fourth member of the little family, was missing. The crown contends that Arthur and Daniel Bannister killed the Lake family; that they kidnaped the baby that it might be presented as the infant of Mrs. Bannister, to the dismay, financial and otherwise, of two suitors, Frances Bannister, held as a material witness, may be put on the stand to refute the claim of Mrs. Bannister, that she is in fact mother of the baby. On the identity of the baby hinges the case. The crown must prove to judge and jury that the baby is Betty Lake, and not the child of Mrs. Bannister, in whose home, two days after the crime was discovered, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police found it.

Arthur Bannister Pleads Not Guilty To Murder Charge; 2 Witnesses Heard

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
DORCHESTER, N. B., March 4—A blue-eyed infant, central figure of a shocking triple tragedy at Pacific Junction Jan. 5, was identified in the Westmorland circuit court today as Betty Lake, daughter of the slain Philip Lake and his wife, Bertha. The witness, Ohio Blakney, neighbor of the "squatter" family, testified after the tedious task of selecting a jury had been completed in the case of Arthur Bannister, 19, on trial for Lake's murder.

Four members of the Bannister family are involved in the murder and kidnapping sensation. Daniel, brother of Arthur, and their mother, Mrs. May Bannister, face trials on charges of kidnaping and abducting Betty Lake, whom police found in the Bannister home five days after the child's father, mother and young brother met death. Frances, 15, daughter of Mrs. Bannister, is held as a material witness. The crown has contended that the women actually naked body of the entire affair occurred because Mrs. Bannister wanted a baby for extortion purposes.

George Ricker, clerk of the Moncton police court, and Blakney were the only witnesses heard this afternoon. Exhibits produced at Arthur's preliminary hearing were handed over to the circuit court by Ricker. Cross-examination of Blakney will continue tomorrow morning.

Blakney repeated preliminary hearing evidence of how he first discovered the three bodies before noon on Jan. 6. A body identified as that of Philip Lake lay in burned ruins of his shack. A bullet was found later in the head. Almost half a mile from the shack was the practically naked body of her 21-months-old son. No sign of the daughter was seen at that time.

Forty-five of 50 witnesses were (Continued on Page 7)

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Fresh southwest winds; partly cloudy and mild; probably some light rain in some districts.

TORONTO, March 4—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	0	12
Aklavik	32B	16B
Edmonton	20	38
Regina	5	26
Winnipeg	15B	0
Toronto	34	48
Ottawa	24	42
Montreal	28	44
Quebec	28	32
Saint John	26	34
Halifax	26	34
Charlottetown	22	36

Maritime West: Fresh southwest to west winds; partly cloudy and comparatively mild; somewhat lower temperature at night or on Friday.

High tide this morning at 9:26 and tonight at 8:50.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:53 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:30.

Full moon Sunday, March 10, 1.13 a.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY
Leave Borden 9:45 A. M. (Extra)
Leave Summerside 10:15 A. M. (Extra)
Leave Tormentine (Extra) 11 A. M.
2:30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.