

ETHIOPIAN FORCES CLOSE IN ON MAKALE

LAVAL GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED IN OFFICE

WINS VOTES OF CONFIDENCE BY NARROW MARGIN

Reveals Britain And France Moving Close To A Military Alliance.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—After a fight against what appeared for a time to be a certain defeat, Premier Laval today had the backing of the Chamber of Deputies for his foreign policy.

Although the fall of his government has been predicted in many quarters, the Premier yesterday won from the Chamber of Deputies two votes of confidence. The first was by the narrow margin of 20 votes, the second, indicating a return of confidence, by 43 votes.

The votes ended a two-day debate in which M. Laval had answered bitter criticisms of his international policy with a vigorous rebuttal which swung the balance in his favor.

Outstanding points emerging from the Chamber's debate anxiously watched by all Europe, were:

1. Premier Laval revealed that France and Britain have been drawing closer to a military alliance in case of war since Oct. 16.
2. He warned Reichsbanner Hitler that Germany must leave its isolation and return to collective security of the nations, or an accord with France will be impossible.
3. He admitted Britain and France are trying to bring Germany back into the League of Nations.
4. He declared League action on the oil embargo against Italy depended on the United States.
5. He formally denied the historic Laval-Mussolini accord of Jan. 7 last gave M. Ducloux a "free hand" in Ethiopia.
6. He added that last July 19 he has warned Mussolini that France would stand by the League of Nations, now opposing Italy's war on Ethiopia.
7. He affirmed that the Franco-Soviet Mutual Assistance Pact is not a military alliance and is not directed against Germany.
8. He reiterated that the road to peace is still open and that he is continuing his efforts to settle the Italo-Ethiopian conflict and avert war in Europe.

The two votes yesterday showed signs of a return of confidence in the Premier. His opponents' move to vote a motion of non-confidence was defeated by 208 to 276. Then the second vote on a pro-government motion of confidence, was carried 304 to 231.

The powerful Radical-Socialist group demanded the non-confidence vote, while the second motion

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ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

- *Opening skate at Millen Rink tonight, 8 to 10. L-4194
- *Play, Red-headed Stepchild, Cardigan Hall, Friday, January 2d. L-4098-12-28-30-31-1-2.
- *Poultry, Buying dressed chicken and fowl until March. Market values. Correct grading. Geo. Lightner Co., next Queen Hotel. L-3593-12-20-1f.
- *Hockey and skating, York Central Rink Tuesday, Dec. 31st. York Married Men vs. East Royal Married Men, January 1st. School team vs. Married Men. Special skates. L-4123
- *The Salvation Army "Watch Night" service Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 11 p. m. All welcome. Special entertainment, Wednesday at 8 p. m. consisting of vocal and instrumental numbers, special feature "dying of the old year." Admission 10 and 15 cents. L-4125

His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Kennedy will be at home on New Year's Day from 3 to 5:30 p. m.

Hon. Mr. Dunning Voices Thanks To Both Parties At Nomination Convention

Finance Minister In Grateful Mood Following Proceedings Which Will Enable Him To Sit In Parliament As Queen's County Representative.

Nomination as Liberal candidate to the Federal seat vacated by Mr. J. J. Larabee was unanimously tendered to the Hon. Charles A. Dunning, Minister of Finance, by the Liberal Association of Queens County at a convention held Saturday afternoon in the Grand Theatre.

"Profound and grateful thanks" to the Liberals of the County—and also to the Conservatives for the intimation contained in Saturday's Guardian that they would not contest the by-election—was expressed by Mr. Dunning in his speech of acceptance, which was made at the close of the convention, after a preliminary speech by Hon. J. E. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries, who accompanied the Finance Minister from Ottawa.

Mr. Russell C. Chandler, President of the Queen's County Liberal Association, presided. Seated on the platform, which was gaily adorned with flowers and flags, were Premier Lea and other members of the Provincial Government, Senator Sinclair, Messrs. A. E. MacLean, Dr. Grant and Peter Sinclair, M.P.'s, and other leading Liberals.

The attendance, notwithstanding advertisements to the contrary, was open to the public, by no means taxed the seating capacity of the theatre.

Mr. Dunning's nomination was moved by Dr. J. J. Yeo, President of the Charlottetown Liberal Association, seconded by Mr. William Shea, Iona, and supported by Peter Sinclair, who will be the Finance Minister's colleague in Parliament.

Nominations were declared to be closed on motion of Mrs. J. A. Lawson, seconded by Mr. J. D. Riley and Mr. Dunning's nomination was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

A resolution commending the services of Mr. Larabee was also adopted unanimously.

Telegrams of congratulation were sent by Mr. George J. Tweedy, Secretary of the Association, from Prime Minister Mackenzie King, the Nova Scotia Liberal Association, and Mr. George W. McPhee.

Following the convention proceedings a reception for Hon. Messrs. Dunning and Michaud was held at Government House.

MR. DUNNING'S ADDRESS
Voicing "profound and grateful thanks" to the Liberals of Queens County, Hon. Mr. Dunning, who said he was also grateful to Mr. Larabee for vacating the seat in his favor, "No man," he added, "ever lost anything by doing what he felt to be right." (Mr. Larabee has been appointed to a newly created position in the Marine Department.)

"I want to say 'Thank you, also' to the Conservative party for the intimation contained in this morning's Guardian to the effect that there will be no contest in the by-election," Mr. Dunning continued. "That is very pleasant. It comes home with particular force

to me today, because, as some previous speakers have indicated, I think I may truthfully say that I am facing problems greater than those faced by any Finance Minister before. I do not think you will misunderstand me when I say that I am facing those problems today because of what I believe I owe to this Canada and its people. And it is heartening to feel, here today, that the Conservatives of Queens County are taking the attitude that the people of Canada having spoken their will with regard to government, it is the duty of all good Canadians, in times like these, to stand behind that government, co-operate with it, and give it a change to put its policies into force." (Applause.)

He thanked also the party's "generous opponent, the good old Guardian," for its "kindly editorial this morning; a little bit acid, but under the circumstances acid

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1936 TO BE YEAR OF DECISIONS

Washington Views Coming Year With Mingled Hope And Apprehension.

(By Byron Price, Associated Press Staff Writer)
(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Washington is saying a none-too-regretful goodbye to 1935 as it turns with mingled hope and apprehension toward 1936.

There is room for doubt whether any responsible leader, in the administration or in the opposition, feels the genuine glow which comes from complete satisfaction as he looks back over the old year. It has been a year of trial and error, of increasing confusion, mounting deficits, and growing controversies. Some recovery gains are manifest, but both their cause and their permanence are matters of dispute.

The year has raised many questions, and answered few. The universal expectation is that 1936 will be a year of decisions. By the end of another 12 months it will be known whether the business revival is momentary or enduring; whether major administration policies are to be invalidated by the courts; or survive as the law of the land; whether Mr. Roosevelt is to have another four years in the White House; whether, in short, the new deal is to be written down in history as a significant success or an inglorious failure.

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MANCHOUKUAN ARMY INVADES NORTH CHINA

Japanese Planes Escort Force Into Chahar Province.

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.—A Manchoukuan army thrust forward today in Chahar Province of Northern China, said a Chinese report.

Escorted by Japanese airplanes roaring overhead, the army was reported to be attempting to seize a considerable area from control of the Chinese government.

The invaders were driving a wedge toward the city of Shanghai, on Chahar's western frontier, thus hoping to isolate the northern half of the frontier.

Chinese observers said this thrust into Chahar was Japanese-inspired in an effort to cut the important trade routes between China and outer Mongolia, which is under Soviet protection.

At the same time, northern Hopeh province was thrown into turmoil by an invasion of 2,000 irregulars under the pro-Japanese leader Liu Kwai-Tang.

Chinese reports said Japanese army leaders are bargaining with the leaders of the new north China council for the establishment of a pro-Manchoukuan-Mongol regime in the seized Chahar districts.

Students Enroute To Nanking
KAIFENG, Honan Province, China, Dec. 29.—(A. P.)—Collegiate-co-ed army, undaunted by a bitter blizzard that killed two of their number, besieged the railroad station here tonight and fought for passage to Nanking.

They want to protest government policies in North China, where two provinces now are in a status of semi-autonomy.

Girl students swarmed into the station and sat in unheated railroad cars. Boys occupied the platform, defying icy winds and troops who attempted to oust them. Many among the throng of 18,000 were incapacitated by the cold.

The demonstration caught the public fancy, however, and the students received many contributions of food.

Rail authorities remained away from the students, undaunted, went ahead with plans for patriotic New Year's demonstration. Locomotives were hurried away to other points when the students first appeared Saturday.

Fears were expressed, meantime, for 100 other students who have started on foot for the capital. It was thought they were in danger of being kidnapped by bandits seeking sons of important officials.

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Discovers "Ghost Ray"

(C. P. Havas By Guardian's Special Wire)
LONDON, Dec. 29.—A "ghost ray" capable of rendering the human body invisible was reported with the arrival here of Dr. Stefan Friib, distinguished Hungarian scientist.

Dr. Friib, it is said, stumbled on the ray by accident while experimenting with mercury vacuum lamps in his Budapest laboratory. He noticed certain objects became blurry in appearance and then faded entirely from sight when subjected to rays whose exact nature he has not yet been able to determine.

Later the scientist experimented with two men. He was said to have succeeded in making them invisible for brief periods. Dr. Friib came to London to continue his experiments, it was understood.

MILNE STAGED "KIDNAP CASE"

Confesses To Hoax Inspired By Need Of Money.

(By Dale Harrison, Associated Press Staff Writer)
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Milne "kidnap case" has fallen apart, leaving drama-loving Caleb Milne at a prisoner in truth instead of fancy.

The 23-year-old heir to a textile fortune confessed yesterday that his kidnapping two weeks ago was a hoax inspired by need of money and by a belief that resultant publicity would help him get a job on the stage.

His confession, made to government agents early, was followed within a few hours by his arraignment on a charge of attempted extortion. He was ordered held under bond of \$2,000 for a hearing Jan. 9.

The specific charge was that Milne deposited "a letter in the United States mails demanding \$20,000."

Milne, an amateur actor who wanted to act professionally and who also had the urge to write mystery stories—ambitions which with little success—disappeared two weeks ago from the modest room he and a younger brother occupied here. He was found four days later living bound and gagged and with one arm punctured as though by hypodermic needles.

They were pin pricks, his confession explains—beside a roadway near Doylestown, Pa.

So realistic was young Milne's plight that he was taken hurriedly to a hospital and kept in seclusion for many hours, his condition being described as "too serious" to permit questioning.

A few hours after Milne was found, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation, announced at Washington: "It is definitely a kidnapping."

The New York police, on the other hand, listed Milne merely as a "missing person." The only action following Milne's return, was to take his name off the list.

The slip in young Milne's plot lay in the manner in which he was trapped. The federal agents spent several hours having the men who found Milne and who cut away his bonds, show in what way Milne was bound. Their demonstrations convinced the agents that Milne could easily have slipped from his bonds—a most suspicious circumstance.

They questioned him repeatedly, but his story was well organized. Only after being required to repeat it many times did it develop flaws, the agents said. Finally, in the early hours of yesterday morning the youth confessed.

His confession told of the "kidnapping" in detail. "I admit that my alleged kidnapping was perpetrated by myself," he began. "Because of my desolate financial condition and inability to find a job, I felt that if I could get some publicity I could get a job."

YARMOUTH, N. S., Dec. 29.—Lobsters taken by fishermen of western Nova Scotia this month were valued at approximately \$60,000, dealers here estimated. The fishermen will not put their traps out again until the spring.

IL DUCE FACES DIFFICULTIES AT HOME

Whispers Of Discontent And Pessimism Heard As Mussolini Grapples With Financial Problems.

(C. P. Havas)
(By Guardian's Special Wire)
ROME, Dec. 29.—Premier Mussolini tonight called the Cabinet to a special meeting at the Palazzo Venezia tomorrow to discuss Italy's budget for the next year.

Faced with the heavy drain of the military operations in East Africa and increasing pressure from the financial blockade clamped down on Italy by more than 50 nations, Il Duce is expected to outline to his ministers new measures to maintain financial stability.

During recent weeks enormous quantities of gold, silver and jewels have been donated to the government by Italians in all parts of the world. On Dec. 18, Italy's "day of faith," more than 10,000,000 patriotic Italians made donations of gold valued at nearly 1,000,000,000 lire.

Despite these spontaneous gifts from the people, the task facing the government during the coming year is considered difficult. In addition to financing the war, the government must get funds to continue the Fascist public works program, one of the basic principles of Il Duce's regime.

Meanwhile whispers of discontent and pessimism were heard over Italy's failure to win a single important objective in Ethiopia since the capture of Makale seven weeks ago.

While authoritative sources at no time openly admitted the army had struck unanticipated snags in East Africa, they implied as much in blaming Great Britain for "enabling the enemy to continue its resistance by shipping supplies into Ethiopia via Kenya Colony and British Somaliland."

ROME, Dec. 29.—(A. P.)—The destruction of two Italian airplanes beyond the front lines by pilots who escaped to their own forces under cover of an aerial bombardment was described today in an official communique.

After a squadron of pursuit planes had machine-gunned a retreating Ethiopian column 20 kilometers beyond the Italian line in the Tak-kake sector, a plane piloted by Marshal Alleva was forced down by a punctured gas tank on Christmas Day.

Marshal Vaschi landed to rescue Alleva, but the rough terrain damaged his plane.

The aviators destroyed both a plane and escaped, protected by a squadron which machine-gunned and bombed the pursuing Ethiopians.

Quake Felt O. British West Indies Island

PLYMOUTH, Monserrat, B. W. I., Dec. 29.—A sharp earthquake followed by several minor shocks over a period of three hours was felt on three British West Indies islands early today.

Monserrat, Antigua and St. Kitts, neighboring colonies, reported the heavy, prolonged shock, followed by others of lesser intensity. No damage was reported on any of the islands.

All three reported the first shock at 1.08 a. m.

Three Negroes Fire Victims

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 29.—Faith in Father Divine led three negroes to spurn rescue in a fire following an explosion in a two-story frame house here Saturday, but it could not save their lives.

Firemen, battling through the smoke-filled structure after it had been wrecked by a roaring blaze, found the two men and a woman burned to death, Dan Ruffin, 60, and his son, Fred, 38, were at the foot of a smoldering bed, in the attitude of prayer. Miss Elizabeth Dozier, 53, lay near by. She apparently had toppled from her knees.

The blast occurred in a ground-floor flat.

Ready To Launch Counter Attack Is Report

Ethiopians Also Push Toward Aduwa And Aksum In Effort To Drive Italians From Tigre Prov.

(By Christian Ozanne)
(Copyright 1935 By The Havas News Agency)
(By Guardian's Special Wire)
ADDIS ABABA, Dec. 29.—(C. P. Havas)—Ethiopia's war minister, Ras Mulugheta, swung into action today with 100,000 troops against Marshal Pietro Badoglio's main Italian white forces, centered around Makale.

Emperor Haile Selassie meanwhile ordered Ethiopia's northern general staff headquarters advanced from Dessye to Quoram, just south of Lake Achang and only 70 miles south of Makale.

The Negus, who is at Dessye himself, was said to believe his commanders had surrounded Makale. Some quarter said the moving of the staff headquarters foreshadowed a smashing counter-offensive aimed at driving the Italians out of Tigre Province.

DRIVES TOWARDS AKSUM AND ADUWA
War Minister Mulugheta counted on the forces of Ras Seyoum and Ras Kassa to carry the brunt of the attack on Makale. At the same time smaller Ethiopian forces drove toward Aduwa and Aksum, two other important Italian-occupied centres in northern Ethiopia.

In addition to the 100,000 soldiers poised for an attack on the chief Italian strongholds, Ethiopian military authorities also have at their command more than 30,000 guerrilla fighters who have filtered through gaps in the enemy lines.

Paved Way
These forces, ranging behind the enemy lines in comparatively small bands, are credited with having paved the way for the projected counter-offensive.

General Ayele, who is leading an Ethiopian column which has beaten off a number of Italian outposts in the mountainous shire region, near the Eritrean border, has set up a base at the recently-recaptured settlement of Enda Silasi.

From this point, in extreme northwestern Ethiopia, he plans to launch an offensive on Aksum, Ethiopia's Coptic Christian holy city taken by the Italians without resistance early in the war.

Southeast of this force and closest to Makale is a seasoned tribal army commanded by Gen. Ayele Kibedem. Entrenched in the natural fortifications afforded by the Tembien Mountains, Ayele Kibedem already has captured Abbi Addi, only 25 miles west-northwest of Makale.

RETAKE ABBI ADDI

Ethiopian warriors slew 20 Italian officers and captured 100 Askari (natives in the Italian army), 12 machine guns and large supplies of smaller arms and ammunition in a sudden crushing attack on the enemy garrison at Abbi Addi, according to a government communique.

Encouraging reports also were received from Ras Desta Demtu's 50,000 tribesmen ranging through extreme southeastern Ethiopia near the Italian Somaliland frontier.

Specific reports of engagements in Ogaden Province were lacking, but Addis Ababa officials asserted Desta Demtu had succeeded in drawing General Rodolfo Graziani's Italian forces down toward the far corner of Ethiopia, many hundreds of miles below the main road to Harar and the Djibouti railway.

Reports received from the Shire region, just below Eritrea on the Northern Front, charged the Italians had burned many Coptic Christian churches while retreating after a recent defeat there.

Rome Comment
ROME, Dec. 29.—(C. P. Havas)—Premier Laval's dramatic victory in the French Chamber of Deputies was interpreted by Italy tonight as insuring new efforts for a peaceful settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian war.

French policy favors conciliation, Italian commentators said, expressing the hope the Chamber victory for France's premier would influence other nations to rally to support of the French stand.

Admitting the Hoare-Laval peace plan is dead, Italy does not expect any new proposal from Great Britain and France soon, but it is convinced a drastic oil embargo will be delayed and that the last word on a peaceful solution to the conflict has not been spoken, informed quarters said.

The authoritative newspaper Popolo d'Italia nevertheless, suggested a revival and reconsideration of the Hoare-Laval plan. "It could have served definitely as a basis for discussions," the newspaper said.

Maritime Provinces: Fresh northerly winds, probably strong off Nova Scotia with snowflurries; mostly fair and cold inland.

High tide this afternoon at 2.21 and tomorrow morning at 2. Sun sets this afternoon at 4.26 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.38. First quarter moon Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 11.15 a. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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Makes Appeal For Outlawing All War

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
LONDON, Dec. 29.—An appeal from Christian churches throughout Europe next Sunday for the people's assistance in outlawing all war was announced tonight by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In an address broadcast from Lambeth Palace, the Archbishop said he recently had invited the authorities of European Christian communities to issue a solemn reminder of the part the people should play in shaping the course of nations.

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