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THE SEA WARFARE

As a result of the intensified activities of enemy submarines in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, instructions of extreme restrictions have been given to captains in order to avoid the sinking of their ships. For this reason, the companies are not in a position to guarantee the arrivals or departure with exactitude.

It is believed that it may be considered necessary for ships doing service between the United States and Latin America to use the system of convoy that is now in operation with merchant ships in the transoceanic services.

WHAT NEXT ?

What is Hitler's next move? As he is slipping away from Russia, evidently too tough, he must of necessity hunt an easier prey or else he will be loosing his rep, and that would be bad at home, for nazism thrives on new victories, but dies quickly on stalemates and failures.

Major & Mrs. Lynch

Our congratulations go to Major and Mrs. Thomas B. Lynch, progressive officers of the local Salvation Army, who have completed their 3rd year of service in their Master's vineyard here on the 29th instant. In three years Major and Mrs. Lynch have effected a renaissance of the Salvation Army work here and have carried it from the depths of chaos and confusion to the distinctive pinnacle of one of the strongest institutions in Port Limon.

Yesterday's Celebrations

In Port Limon yesterday, and throughout the Republic simultaneously, the 60th anniversary of President Roosevelt's birthday was celebrated. Yesterday morning a spectacular demonstration took place, in spite of weather conditions, through the principal streets. A demonstration which includes all representative Organizations, Lodges, Churches, Clubs, Auxiliaries, Government officials, members of the Municipal Board, etc., etc.

In San José, the birth anniversary of the popular defender of democracy was sumptuously celebrated, having started from Thursday to continue until Sunday, February 1.

The Interamerican Road

The Costa Rican Government has received direct communication from the Labour Department of the United States which gives account of the section of the Inter-

american road to be directed by experts of the Public Roads Administration of the United States, represented here by Mr. E. W. James.

The road will not only be of great importance for the defence of the United States but for all American countries in their continental protection.

The road is to be completed in the shortest time possible.

Our National Defense Plan Completed

The President of the Republic and the Secretary of Security were both occupied recently in the details of the different aspects of our National coastal defense against any possible air hostilities that may be contemplated. In San José were Northamerican military officials who studied our defensive arms, and the possible cooperation continued on page 8



V FOR VENGEANCE

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Thought For The Week

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

— St. John 10: 1

A Hemisphere Revolts

(By CYRIL CORNIFFE)

During the last world war, competent observers predicted a future conflict that would be fought on quite different lines: territorial rights would be a mere secondary consideration; it would be fought to preserve certain basic principles. Territories, entire States may vanish — many have gone for the nonce; old historic landmarks may be removed, or even utterly destroyed — this has been done. But a sense of that God-given right to man to live as a free agent remains where it was implanted — deep down in the hearts of those who are now fighting against this attempted new world order that is sponsored by Hitler and his pagan hordes. This has been a natural outcome. Providence has never at any time sought to impose the Divine will upon humanity, but left it to choose its own way of life. And so long as we remain sensible of that fact, we never can sit down tamely and allow any group of men to exercise such a power. Thus, we can see in

all the triumphs of the Axis Powers up to now only the signal of their defeat, it matters not how long this struggle may last, or what it may cost the democratic nations. Already, Hitler's "invincibles" are fleeing before the Russian armies with the swiftness of leaves in an autumn breeze; Japan, despite her years of careful preparation and planning, and her striking successes at the commencement of her campaign in the Far East, is beginning to have an experience of war that must be causing her Statesmen many bitter regrets. Today it is not only the free nations of Europe, of Asia, of Africa, and of Australasia that are in arms against this new wave of terror that has already swept over practically all the States of western Europe; a whole hemisphere rises in revolt — a hemisphere of peoples though diverse in many human particulars, are identical in thought and feeling and in the resolve, to crush once and for all the power of the dictatorships and provide living space in the world for free peoples. This hemisphere bloc, comprising as it does, over twenty-one sovereign states, confers upon its founder the honor of leading the largest and most powerful confederacy the world has ever known. And if yesterday's events in this city were meant to do honour to Franklin D. Roosevelt, the man in question, on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday, well does he deserve it. Honour to whom honour is due. And we now acclaim: Long live ROOSEVELT! Long live the DEMOCRACIES!

Britain's New Battleships

The British Broadcasting Corporation has announced that three new battleships have been placed in active service; each of 35,000 tons. It was also announced that work is being carried on to complete three others of the Lion's class which were commenced at the time the present war started.

Buy The Express

Excursion ---- To Colon And Back!

In regards to the Excursion to Colon, announced in our last issue, we have been asked by the promoters to announce that arrangements for the trip are proceeding satisfactorily. One obstacle, however, now stands in the way, but it is hoped that this Excursion will become a reality. In the mean time, persons desiring further information can call at the Express office on Monday, February 2, between the hours from 6 to 7 p.m.

Shoemakers Grievances Adjusted

One of the most important meetings ever held by the Shoemakers in San José took place recently in the office of the 'Commissioner of Supplies,' where it was manifested that the present rate in the prices of shoe making was not justified since there was no scarcity of materials. On the contrary, there are in this country at present, an ample supply in the botegas of different importers, which amounts in value to over 3,500,000 colones.

The result of the meeting was that the 'Comission de Abastos' decided to take control of the materials in possession of the importers and establishments, and so administer same in order that prices may not be risen.

In A Funeral Parlor

Tell me, sir, how much does a first class burial cost?

Including everything, absolutely everything, it will cost you three hundred and fifty dollars.

And how much less it will cost me if I contribute the body?

—TRIALS & TRIUMPHS of Marcus Garvey, written by Len S. Nembard, price only five colones. Apply to Edwin Horde, Box 424, Limon.

Between You And Me

(Edwin Herds, M)

I HEARD a man say the other day, "it is terrible hard to trust God and realize his hand in the passage of life." Well friend, if you can not trust a man out of your sight, he is not worth much.

Now and then I read my Bible, and I am very much impressed with the 16th chapter of Acts where I found these words: "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God, and the prisoners heard them." There they were guarded in prison, « in the dark, » but they prayed, sang praises and trusted God to the extent that he did protect them. "And the prisoners heard them."

I can appreciate the fact; Paul and Silas were not ashamed to acknowledge and trust God in the presence of prisoners, nor at midnight. And especially can we see the beautiful side of their faith, when we as christians, rather, we who are called christians,

won't hardly "go into our closets and shut the door with faith, to say nothing of calling on Him bravely in the presence of others." More of us need this sort of faith today! Here we are 'in the dark,' terrified by war, worried over the lack of economic security, plagued by the fear of unemployment, driven by a hundred different malices and hatreds!

The great psychologists are a unit in declaring that, when a man's religious faith goes, then his courage and his serenity go. Many people have been committed to hospitals for the mentally sick just because they have lost their faith in God and even in themselves. No man can live on the temporary and live serenely. Yes, we can trust God in these trying times, when we feel weak and not able to stand; as we find ourselves engulfed in an atmosphere of apparent chaotic darkness that continue to cast its shadows across the earth.

THANKS-- And Back To You

The Editor of this newspaper, through this medium, acknowledges New Year's cards and Calendars from the following persons in London, United States and Britise Honduras: —

Miss. E. Sylvia Pankhurst, London, England; Dr. F. D. Stark, Chicago, U. S. A., and Dr. H. S. Carmichael of British Honduras.

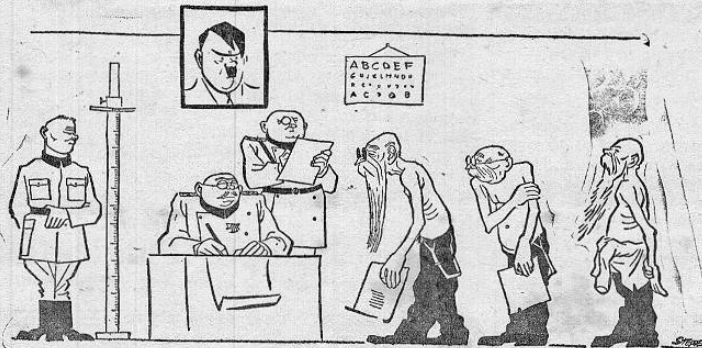
Attention, Please

The Costa Rican Foreign Minister has advised persons having relatives residing in Germany, Italy, Japan, or German occupied territories, to forward the names and address of such persons to the Secretary of State, with the view of making suggestions for their repatriation.

No More Of 'Em.

The Government of Costa Rica, through the Foreign Office, in conformity with article 9 of the Naturalization Law of the 13th of May 1889 amended June 29th, 1909, will not consider any application for Naturalization of Germans, Italians or Japanese.

De siste reserver



The New German Call Up after the recent experiences in Russia.

Cartoon from the Norsk Tidend.

Much Dissatisfaction Over British Failure To Recognize Haile Selassie AS Emperor

Great Britain's Intentions Are Uncertain; Maybe Abyssinia To Become Protectorate !!

London Press Carries Stern Rebukes

By Rudolph Dunbar

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LONDON — (ANP) — Two points of the utmost importance concerning Abyssinia still await clarification from the British government. They are: (1) the full recognition of the independence of Ethiopia; (2) the category of Italian property.

The mysterious attitude of the British government in creating these two points has produced a flood of stern rebukes in the press. One need not be psychic to foresee some sinister move in this deplorable situation.

The act which authorises the British government to do what it pleases with person and property was put through Parliament in about three hours, which clearly illustrates how rapidly and effectively democratic institutions can work. Within the course of a day, this Act was enthusiastically heralded as "Socialism."

Now, for the recognition of the independence of Ethiopia, the British government is moving with lamentable slowness.

A Berriedale Keith, professor, University of Edinburgh and leading constitutional authority in England, wrote the following letter in the Manchester Guardian:

"Mr. Churchill in May expressed the deep and universal pleasure of the British nation and Empire at your Imperial Majesty's welcome home to your capital at Addis Ababa. "Your Majesty," he added, "was the first of the lawful sovereigns to be driven from his throne and country by the Fascist and Nazi criminals and now is the first to return in triumph."

"We have naturally expected that long before this formal step should be taken of recognizing the Emperor as sovereign de jure and withdrawing the recognition of the King of Italy as Emperor of Ethiopia."

"The present position is wholly anomalous. Our recognition of the King of Italy as Emperor was conceded in flagrant violation of Articles 10 and 20 of the League Convention and was defended solely as a step towards peace. Italy deli-

berately violated her assurances and made war upon us. She forfeited thereby any claim to the maintenance of this recognition. Since then Ethiopia has been conquered with the aid of Ethiopian forces, and the King has lost any claim to be Emperor.

"None the less, we have withdrawn recognition, as that the King remains de jure Emperor, while Haile Selassie has no status at all in law. This merely plays into the hands of Italy, who can promise her people that Ethiopia will soon be regained and point to the fact that we dare not deprive the King of his de jure sovereignty. No doubt Italy still has friends in this country, but I think that it would far better consort with our national honor and our prestige in the Middle East if we declared that the King has ceased to be Emperor, and thus showed that we were really masters in East Africa. The way would thus be open for the recognition de jure as Emperor of Haile Selassie, thus ending in some degree a melancholy record of error on our part."

"If this measure were carried out it would be entirely in accord with International Law. Russia, to our great satisfaction, has just taken the step of formally cancelling her recognition of the conjuncts of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Norway, and Yugo-Slavia.

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Read Negro Publications

and hear our side of the story for yourselves

You must read:

The Pittsburgh Courier

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Joe Louis Sued For \$10,000 Legal Service

CHICAGO — (ANP) — A suit to collect \$10,500 in fees and expenses from the recent divorce action between Joe Louis Barrow and his wife, was filed last Monday by Atty. Bindley Cyrus against Joe Louis. The divorce bill was dismissed when the couple be-

came reconciled last August.

The bill sets forth that Atty. Cyrus was hired by the couple on October 9, 1940, in connection with the suit and a property settlement. Mrs. Barrow's suit was filed last July, and the couple reunited during the hearing of her motion for tem-

porary alimony. The petition asks \$10,000 for fees and five hundred dollars for expenses incurred and advanced by the Attorney during the handling of the case. A jury referee was requested by the Attorney to decide the case.

Much Dissatisfaction Over British Failure

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and no jurist can question her right, or our right, to cancel recognition of a conquest. After accord ing a recognition which is overdue we should conclude a treaty of alliance and mutual assistance with the Emperor who is most willing to welcome our aid to reform. Unfortunately it seems that we are suggesting terms which would reduce the status of the Emperor below that of the Sultan of Muscat.

As the Emperor of Ethiopia is still at war with Italy as he has been since 1935, it is possible for him to confiscate property, but in fact he cannot confiscate until he can legislate, and he cannot legislate until he has been formally re-established on his throne, an event which has not yet taken place.

"We, in our turn, are bound by complicated obligations resulting from the Hague convention.

At the moment, the whole position is extremely complicated but we hope to be able to clarify it a little in a month or so's time."

On a point of International Law, the British government can put forth a discourse as the above mentioned only the assumption that the Emperor must be deemed to have recognized the conquest of his territories by Italy, when, of course, the Italian government could legitimately grant concessions, which the holders would retain until deprived of them by the Emperor on reconquest. But it must not be forgotten that the Emperor consistently refused to recognize the conquest, and guerrilla warfare was carried on in Ethiopia, so that Italy was never in effective possession of large areas of territory. The Em-

peror is therefore entitled to the advantages of "postliminium," whence it follows that every concession of lands or minerals made by the Italian Government is ipso facto cancelled by the resumption of sovereignty on his part.

The fact that Britain, in deliberate violation of the solemn obligation imposed by Article 20 of the League Covenant, recognized the conquest is wholly irrelevant, and it would be intolerable that Britain should now compel the Emperor to recognize the conquest. On the contrary, the time is more than ripe for the formal declaration by the British Crown that it cancels its recognition of the King of Italy as Emperor of Ethiopia, and thus makes reparation for a violation of the International obligation without parallel in modern history.

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Mr. George Davis Returns Sunday

Forty Costa Ricans returned on the Dutch Line steamship arriving here last Sunday mid-day. Among them were Mr. George Davis, our well known young citizen, and Mr. Luther Johnson—alias Appo-tito.

In reply to a question asked him, Mr. Davis said that living conditions in Colon were appalling, but he added that no one can justly complain otherwise. Of course, he was referring to work.

Mr. Davis is certainly looking the picture of health. He'll return within the next five weeks. We wish him every success.

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WILL BUSTAMANTE SURVIVE?

The Express learns with regret that all is not well with Mr. Alexander Bustamante at the Detention Camp in Jamaica as far as his health is concerned. The Labour Leader has lost over 16 pounds since his detention.

The Express hopes that Mr. Bustamante will not succumb to such a state.

Fire In His Rear

George Washington was once at a dinner party, where his host had set him with his back to a fiery red-hot stove. Finding it quite too hot for comfort, after some squirming, he beat a retreat for a more comfortable position, at the same time explaining the reason. "Why," said the hostess, jocularly, "I thought that an old general like you could stand fire better than that." "I could never stand fire in my rear," replied the General.

British Failure To Recognize Selassie

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If Mr. Eden is wise, he will hasten to accept an Envoy from the Emperor, whose right to diplomatic representation is beyond question, and thus remove the uneasy suspicion that the British Government is seeking to maintain the Emperor in tutelage. Such a move would provide Mr. Eden with a great personal sense of satisfaction. For, it would show that he had not labored in vain for the high ideals for which he was driven out of office in 1938.

From the first day the Emperor entered his capital in triumph (using the words of Mr. Churchill) the British Government should have fully recognized the independence of Ethiopia there and then. Should any of the cavalcade of Kings now in London reconquer their country, and return to their capital in triumph like Haile Selassie, would the British Government delay so long in recognizing their lawful independence?

Don't fail to see the
Big Assortment of HATS for Ladies & Girls
which has just been opened up at
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The only course compatible with British reputation at the moment is to restore full independence to the Emperor, and provide him with British Advisers who will be his servants — not his masters — for the purpose of reorganizing his administration, while his relations with Britain will assume the shape of a formal alliance, under which, on all matters of common interest, the countries will be kept in contact by their Ministers at Addis Ababa and London. If Britain is to build up a new international order, it must be free from jealous rivalries and the greedy exploitation of coloured people.

Acknowledgement

We are grateful to the Editor of the "Black Dispatch" of Oklahoma City, U. S. A. for placing us on their exchange list. Mr. Reece Donjee has been the Editor of that news paper since its inception and he has rendered faithful service to his community. He is also an Executive Officer of the N. A. A. C. P.

Why He Was In Jail

A kind-hearted clergyman asked a convict how he came to be in jail. The fellow said, with tears in his eyes, that he was coming home from prayer meeting, and sat down to rest, fell asleep, and whilst he was asleep there the count y built a jail around him, and when he awoke the jailor wouldn't let him out.

Undistributed Patronage

One of the best morsels of wit ever uttered by President Lincoln was when he had the smallpox in the mild form. It was smallpox all the same, and no one dared to come near the White House. The weary man enjoyed the respite wonderfully, although he said, "Is it not too bad that now while I have something to give everybody no one comes near me."

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Hitler On Hitler

News as extraordinary as a man biting a dog was flashed from Berlin this week. It was not the declaration of war against the United States. It was the announcement that some one was thanking God for Adolf Hitler. It is easy to guess who it was. The only person in the world who could thank God for Hitler is Hitler. But what must God think, at the moment when he has at last plunged the whole world into the inferno of war and soon death in the Pacific as well as the Atlantic, to be praised like this: "If Providence willed that this war should not be avoided, I must thank Providence for putting me at the head of the German nation." — New York Times.

Hit Some More, Oh Lord!

A Baptist Parson was making an impassioned appeal for funds wherewith to repair the chapel, when a large piece of the ceiling dropped on the head of a wealthy worshipper.

The injured man immediately called out: "I will give a thousand dollars to start the fund!"

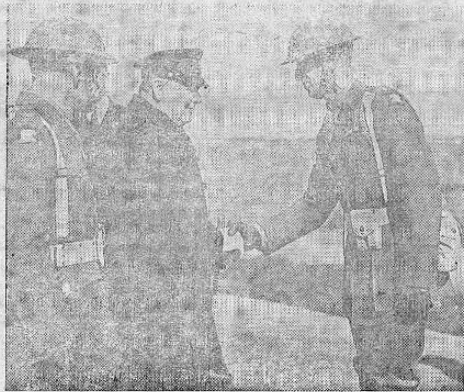
"Lord, hit some more wealthy members" exhorted the preacher fervently.

Russians Advancing

MOSCOW — The Russian High Command announced that, "on January 25, Russian troops continued their advance towards the West and occupied many towns, including Nelo-dovo, on the Riga railroad. On the 23rd January, 35 enemy airplanes were destroyed."

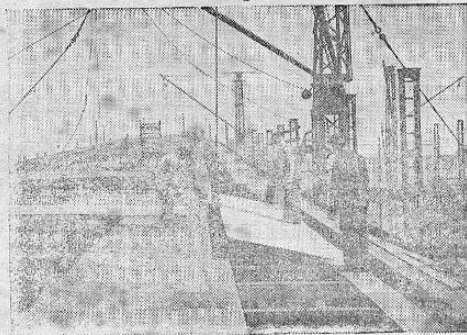


Mr. Churchill's Visit To Iceland



On the return journey from his historic Atlantic meeting with President Roosevelt, Mr. Churchill visited Reykjavik, Iceland, where he was given an enthusiastic welcome. Addressing the cheering crowd of Icelanders, the British Prime Minister told them that Great Britain and America would defend Iceland and, after the war, assure her independence. Here the Prime Minister shakes hands with an officer of the American Marines.

British Shipyards Build More Ships



Hoisting plates into position on the top deck of a new vessel, nearing completion in a British shipyard. Despite all the efforts of the Axis, British shipyards are busy night and day, repairing damaged vessels and building new ones — a vital part in the Battle of the Atlantic. And on the other side of the Atlantic the U. S. A. has embarked on the biggest shipbuilding programme in her history, and ships of her "Liberty Fleet" have already been launched as, to quote President Roosevelt's words, "the U. S. A.'s answer to aggressors who strike at our liberty."

Our National Defense Plan Completed

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tion in e x t e n d i n g over the whole country precautionary measures of defense.

The Coco island is considered to be a point which will be used as a Military and Naval base against any attack on the Panama Canal.

Personal

MR. PETER BLACKMAN:— We regret very much that we are unable to publish your letter of dissatisfaction in regards to an article appearing in one of our recent issues, in view of the fact that your letter exceeds 250 words — (527) —

a violation of correspondence rule set by us, and which is well known by you. If you will submit a letter to the Press with not more than 250 words, before next Thursday, we will give it the necessary publication in order to air your grievances.

The fact that you are not a correspondent of this newspaper does NOT deprive you of submitting letters to the Press.

— EDITOR

Good Memory

The story is told of a Kentucky colonel who had an argument with Satan. The latter claimed that no one had a perfect memory, but the colonel maintained that there was an Indian on his plantation who never forget anything. The colonel agreed to forfeit his

soul to Satan if the Indian ever forget anything.

Satan went up to the Indian and said, "Do you like eggs?"

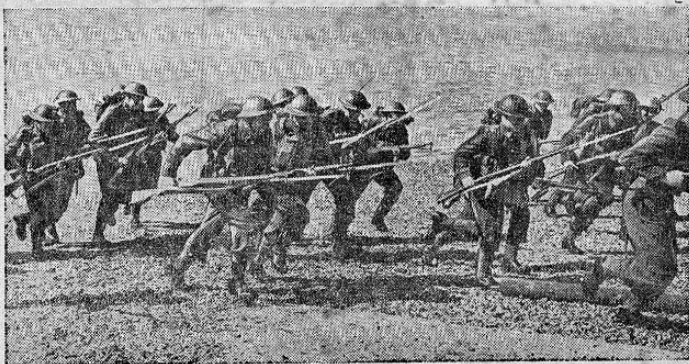
The Indian replied, "Yes." And Satan went away.

Twenty years later the colonel died. Satan thought, "Ah, here's my chance." So he went back to the Indian and, raising his hand, gave the tribal salutation, "How?"

Quick as a wink the Indian replied, "Fried."

The Pentecostal Union Baptist Church will baptize two new candidates tomorrow morning at 6 a. m. A large gathering of members and friends is anticipated for the occasion.

BRITAIN'S SEA-GOING SOLDIERS



El estrenamiento de la infantería de marina real británica es una tarea ardua, pues estas tropas tienen servicios tanto a flotes como en tierra, aquí se ven marinos en una playa haciendo ejercicio en una carga a la valloneta.

Buy Dr. Knowlton's Swamp Weed, a preparation highly recommended for Kidney ailments.