

# MISRULE IN ABYSSINIA FOLLOWS EMPEROR'S DEATH

## Revolution and Civil War Break Out New Ruler Deposed and an Em- press in Power

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, Feb. 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Abyssinia has been having a stormy time since the death of Emperor Menelik. In the past few months the new Emperor has been deposed, civil war has broken out, and several battles have been fought between the factions, in one of which nearly 25,000 men were killed. The new ruler is Empress Zauditu, a daughter of Menelik.

An account of happenings in Abyssinia has just reached London from Europeans living in the capital, Adis Abeba. One letter says:

"Lidj Jassu, the young emperor who succeeded his grandfather Menelik, had gradually come under Turkish influence, and had in many ways offended the Christian population. The legations of the Entente powers in September sent in a joint protest and this was followed, a few days later, by a meeting of the ministry, which declared the emperor deposed, and enthroned in his place the Princess Zauditu, with Ras Tafari as Regent and heir to the throne.

"Things were quiet for a few weeks while the deposed emperor's partisans were gathering. Then suddenly Mikael, ruler of Wollo and the most powerful chief in the country, declared himself in favor of the deposed emperor, and marched against Adis Abeba. The first battle was fought some distance outside the capital, where the government army of 5,000 men, under Ras Sul Seged, was virtually annihilated and Seged killed. There was a good deal of excitement in the capital and the legations prepared for attack, but the enemy was slow in appearing and the new empress had time to mobilize a strong force, which under the personal command of the war minister, met the enemy on October 27. The battle lasted all day and resulted in the enemy's complete rout. The empress' side had 10,000 killed out of 60,000 engaged, while the enemy is said to have lost 15,000 killed.

"The manner of fighting was primitive. At first they fired with rifles, but becoming tired of this, they threw these weapons aside and dashed at one another with scimitars and spears.

"There was great rejoicing in Adis Abeba over the outcome of the battle and on the return of the victorious army a grand review was held by the empress in person. She sat on cushions covered with gorgeous tapestries and nothing was to be seen of her face, but two eyes peeping through a heavy veil. Even her hands were hidden beneath the robes.

"Each chief rode at the head of his men and as he approached the empress he dismounted, drew his sword and danced about her, shouting the deeds he had done. This was kept up until the chief became exhausted when he prostrated himself and withdrew.

"The commander of the enemy's army, Mikael, was led up chained to the chief who had captured him. He was a fine looking man of 65, dignified, but extremely sorrowful. Other chiefs who had been captured followed him, all in chains and each carrying a large stone on his shoulder as a sign of submission."

# NEWS OF NORFOLK

## Mass Meeting For Y. M. C. A. Campaign in Simcoe Is Successful

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(From our own Correspondent)  
Simcoe, Feb. 16.—The mass meeting held last night in the auditorium of St. James Methodist church in the Y. M. C. A. campaign, passed off to the satisfaction of the committee in charge. The 215th band, about 30 strong, with Postmaster Raymond, C. W. Bishop and Chaplain McKegney of the 215th, came over on the 6 o'clock car. The party were billeted at the hotels for supper, after which the band formed up at the armories and took a route march to the church. There was a good audience, good order, good music, splendid and forceful addresses. Mr. Bishop made an eloquent appeal for support for the Y. M. C. A. at the front, and the scholarly veteran, Mr. Raymond, made an equally strong appeal for support for the boys in the trenches.

Rev. A. B. Farney, chairman of the organization, was called away just as the meeting got under way, to meet at the depot the remains of the late Judge Robb, and during his absence his Worship Mayor, Williamson filled the chair. Lt. Col. F. L. Alken, recently returned from the front, exhibited some trench souvenirs, including a German helmet and types of British respirators.

Mayor Williamson thanked the people of St. James' church for their prompt offer of such a good substitute for what the town lacks, a suitable place for a public meeting, and the pastor, Rev. J. H. McBain, responded with the remark that the exercises and program of the evening were quite in keeping with the place, in fact he thought the church had received a second dedication.

Today the envelopes passed around on Wednesday are being collected and in case any citizens are absent from home when the collector calls they are requested to deliver the envelope to the ward captain, or to Mr. F. H. Cook, the treasurer, as promptly as possible and with all the blanks filled in.

Squires James Earl and Robert Craig presided yesterday at a hearing in a matter of a couple of children from Forestville, whose parents were not appearing providing them with suitable home clothing, food and education. The children were ordered to be kept at the shelter here till the parents satisfy the Children's Aid Society that they can take proper care of them.

The spring sittings of the supreme court will open here on Tuesday before Judge Falconbridge. There are three civil and no criminal cases listed.

Mrs. James Piddin, of Lynwood Avenue, is seriously ill.

Orvil Otercho, was apprehended in Brantford and lodged in gaol on a warrant issued by James Earl, charged with altering a receipt. Duncome Bros. are named as interested parties. He got bail yesterday.

The flag is at half mast on the court house.

The funeral of the late James Robb, formerly county Judge for Norfolk, is being held this forenoon, at St. John's Cemetery, Woodhouse. There is 10 o'clock service at Trinity church, conducted by Rev. A. B. Farney. The bearers are: His Honor Judge Bole, Crown Attorney T. R. Slaght, Frank Reid, W. C. J. King, H. S. Falls and Hal. Donly.

**MAYOR INDIGNANT.**  
Mayor Bowby has returned from attending a conference on the Hydro Electric question in Toronto yesterday and was this morning exceedingly indignant over the policy of the Hydro Electric Commission of Ontario allowing the export of power to the United States, and hence forcing the consumers here to pay higher rates. When questioned as to why his name did not appear on any committee, he replied that he had no time to devote to the matter and that although requested to act on a committee he had refused to do so.

**FARMERS' MUTUAL.**  
The annual meeting of the policyholders of the Brant Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held in the County Council chambers at the Court House yesterday afternoon at two o'clock. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Charles McIntyre; Vice-President, Jacob Messer, and Secretary, J. H. Campbell. Messrs. Hugh Allen, Duanyville; Charles McIntyre, Oakland; and Edward Knight, Vanessa, will compose the Board of Directors for the year 1917.

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# Daily Store News For SATURDAY'S SELLING

Many Lines of Winter Goods at Special Prices For Saturday



## Winter Coats at \$5.00

1 Table of Winter Coats in black, navy, green, greys, several styles and good range of sizes, regular up to \$18.50 ea clear at \$5.00

## Winter Coats at Cost

10 only Ladies' and Misses' Winter Coats, black, navy, grey, brown, and manish tweed mixtures, smart styles, both in belted and full ripple effects, regular up to \$32.00, to clear at cost price.

## \$225 Lamb Coat \$150

1 only Persian Lamb Coat, 42 inches long, semi-fitted back, shawl collar, belt in back, full ripple skirt, best satin lining, regular \$225.00, sale price... \$150

## \$225 Hudson Seal Coat \$150

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## Some Very Special Values in Dress Goods and Silks

10 Pieces All Wool Serge, 40 in. wide, old dyes, in brown, topue, myrtle, wine, black, worth to-day \$1.00, special at... 75c

2 Pieces All Wool Shadow Check Suiting, in navy and black, 42 inches wide, old dyes, regular \$1.35 yard, special for... \$1.00

50 inches wide All Wool French Coating Serge. These are old values and dyes, good weight and correct weight for suits, etc. These come in navy, myrtle, brown and black, worth \$2.00, special... \$1.50

Dress Goods at 50c

1 Lot Dress Goods Materials, in navy, brown, wine, green, 36 inches wide and worth 75c, special at... 50c

50 in. Wide Shepherd Check 43c

50 inches wide Shepherd Check, in black and white, fast colors, special at... 43c

### Silk Specials

300 yards Silk Poptins in black, navy, alicia, copenhagen, russian, rose, topue, and grey \$1.19

Silk Crepe de Chene \$1.29

36 inches wide Silk Crepe de-Chines, in black, ivory, pink, rose, maize, navy, brown, worth \$1.29, special... \$1.29

Black Duchess \$1.50

Black Duchess Satin, extra quality, best of French dye, 36 inches wide and worth \$2.00, special... \$1.50

### Shantung Silk 42c

500 yards Natural Color Shantung Silk, 34 inches wide, for middies and children's wear, regular 75c, special at... 42c

## February Sale of L-I-N-E-N-S

Special Values in Unbleached Table Linens

2 Pieces only of Heavy Unbleached Table Linen, extra value at, yard... 40c

1 Piece only of Unbleached Table Linen, 60 inches wide, special at, yard... 50c

3 Pieces of Unbleached Table Linen, 60 inches wide, special at, yard... 65c

### Grand Values in Linen Damask at \$1.00 Yard

3 Pieces of Fine Table Linen, 70 inches wide, all pure linen and good heavy quality, worth to-day \$1.25 to \$1.35 yard, sale price, yard... \$1.00

Roller Towellings, 15c Yard

5 Pieces of Heavy Roller Towellings, 17 inches wide, and all linen, cannot be replaced at 22c yard, sale price, per yard... 15c

### Special Values in Pillow Cotton, 33c Yard

5 Pieces of special Circular Pillow Cotton, in 40, 42 and 44 inch widths, selling now at 35, 37 1-2 and 40c yard, sale price, Saturday, per yard... 33c

Children's Coats, \$2.19

Children's White Bear Cloth Coats, lined with heavy flannel lining, sizes up to 4 years, regular \$3.00 and \$3.50, special at... \$2.19

### Special Values in Hosiery for Saturday's Selling

Ladies' 1-1 Ribb Fleece Lined Hose, full fashion double spliced heel and toe, sizes 8 1-2 to 10, special... 50c

Ladies' Fleece Lined Hose, in good heavy winter weight, in all sizes, special at 3 pairs for... \$1.00

Ladies' Fine Black Cashmere Hose, with rib elastic top double spliced heels and toe, all sizes, worth 75c, special at... 50c

Boys' and Girls' 1-1 and 2-1 Ribb Hose, in black, good wearing Hose, sizes 6 1-2 to 8, special at, per pair... 19c

8 1-2 to 10, special for... 23c

Children's Cashmere Hose, all wool, in black, white, sizes 4 1-2 to 6 1-2, special at... 25c

### Special in Silk Waists

\$1.98

5 Dozen White Habutai Silk Waists, new styles special at each... \$1.98

Voile Waists, 79c

Ladies' Stripe Voile Waists, all sizes, large collar, special at... 79c

Infants' Vests, 15c

Infants' Ribbed Cotton Vests, heavy weight and white, sizes 4 1-2 to 6 1-2, special at... 15c

Bleached Table Linens at Sale Prices

2 Pieces of heavy White Cotton Damask, 58 in. wide, special at, yard... 37 1/2c

A Very Fine Table Damask, 64 inches wide special at, yard... 65c

A pure Linen Table Damask, 66 inches wide, and worth \$1.00 yard, sale price, yard... 75c

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2 Dozen Fine Tray Cloths, in damask, and embroidered designs, extra special at, each... 29c

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