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Editorial

ABYSSINIA APPEALS TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

In a note to Sir Eric Drummond, the secretary general, Ras Tafari has asked the League of Nations to officially fix to the League's treaty register, Abyssinia's interpretation of the Anglo-Italian "sphere of influence." Abyssinia's interpretation is clearly stated by Ras. He says; "In our view, they (England and Italy) had no right to contract such an agreement, but as they had, of course, no intention of violating Article 10 of the Covenant, their agreement could have no legal force, and, in our regard, is null and void." Some several months ago Tafari had lodged a protest with the League in which he stated that the British and Italians had no right to enter into an agreement regarding the territory of a third party, and secondly that the treaty is a violation of both Articles 10 and 11 of the League covenant.

"Abyssinians very naturally were troubled on learning that two great powers had come to an understanding as to their course of action towards a friendly country which, like them, is a member of the League, without informing that country in advance. They interpreted this action as an indication to combine to exert pressure upon it in order to obtain economic advantage, if Abyssinia should consider its interests dictated that those advantages be withheld," he states.

Of course, as we expected, Secretary Drummond side-stepped Ras' request, stating that it was impossible to register such a document along with treaties, although he promises "to make suitable references in printing the treaty series containing the Anglo-Italian exchanges, notes and agreement," and to circulate the Abyssinian documents to all members of the League.

The course which the secretary has taken in this matter is open to criticism. It does not speak well for the League's ability or its good intention to settle amicably questions arising out of misunderstandings between weaker nations on the one hand and powerful ones on the other hand, and again, the question comes to our minds; "Why print in the official treaty series interpretative documents submitted by Dublin and

Downing Street in the Anglo-Irish treaties and then refuse a similar request from Ras Tafari of Abyssinia?" The two cases offer no difference in kind; and yet there is a difference. And the League is SUPPOSED to have come into existence to level this very difference. But its failure to deal fairly, justly and firmly with the present situation has not helped its prestige nor will it inspire confidence in the minds of those who have always looked upon the League with suspicion. There are some who have always held that the League is simply a pact between a few powerful nations to control the world.

It would seem as though Britain and Italy have abrogated to themselves certain rights in Abyssinia without consulting anyone. Their "sphere of influence," their projects to build railways through Abyssinian territory and to claim and exploit certain areas of territories has been decided upon between themselves, without so much as asking Ras Tafari's government to consent. However, when Abyssinia voices protest, Sir Austen Chamberlain very courteously states that it was not intended to coerce Abyssinia in any way and that the African kingdom was free to make decisions unimpeded by outside pressure. However that may be, the thing has a sinister flavor; it savors of the attitude that might must always be right. It will take a good deal of explaining to explain it away.

We are watching, with millions of other unbiased people, the attitude of the League of Nations in the Abyssinian situation. We are waiting with anxious longings, for we are convinced that it is on these "little things" that the League's influence will either live or die.

And for Abyssinia, all men with just and true hearts can have nothing but praise. Abyssinia of today, as Abyssinia of yesterday, will not be insulted and maltreated without a VIGOROUS protest. Ras Tafari would not have been deserving of the mantle of his illustrious forbear, King Menelik, had he acted otherwise.

NEW RACE JOURNAL FOR SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 18.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau).—"The People's Eye Opener," 208 Villita St., is the latest addition to the Race journalistic ranks in Texas. U. S. Tyler is the editor and J. T. Barber advertising manager of the "Eye Opener," a clean cut 5 column 8 page paper using four pages of "patent"

ENGLISH NEWSPAPER COMMENTS ON AMERICAN MOBISM.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has received a clipping from the Western Press, of Bristol, Eng., commenting on American lawlessness, in which occur the following sentences:

"The Negro question in the United States is undoubtedly at the root of much of the violence and intimidation that is practised there. We in Europe can show nothing to match the dementia of a mob that still tears a Negro to pieces or burns him alive for his

crimes. * * * It is an odd illustration of the difference between theory and practice in the United States that thousands of men who nominally possess full political rights dare not exercise them for fear of inviting the vengeance of their fellow citizens."

Risks His Life To Rescue White Man

Colored Laborer Saves Fellow Worker Through Heroic Efforts. Buried to Neck, but Aids Friend.

New York, Oct. 13.—(Special).—By scooping away sand from the face of William Reinert for half an hour on Tuesday, Benjamin Langford, a colored laborer, saved his fellow-worker who is white, from being smothered to death in a shifting 100-foot sand pile at W. 19th St. and Coney Island Creek, Brooklyn. Langford himself was buried to the waist and both were eventually rescued.

Goes to Rescue

Reinert, who is 31 years old and lives at 6 Liberty Place, Weehawken, N. J., had slipped from the crest of the pile and rolled into an artificial pit formed by the sand and an adjoining mound of crushed stone. No sooner had he come to rest at the bottom than the sand started to shift. Before he could regain his feet and struggle out of the amphitheatre he was buried to the neck.

Seeing the plight of his companion, Langford, who lives at 135 Albany avenue, Brooklyn, scrambled to his aid. The sand kept pouring in from above and Langford had to work like mad to keep Reinert from going under. Meanwhile he shouted "police," "help," "fire" and everything else calculated to arouse the attention of persons in the nearby street.

But the deluge only increased in velocity, and Langford was growing tired. The fight was just becoming hopeless when a policeman in the street heard the calls.

Battalion Chief Michael Shanahan was summoned with Fire Rescue Squad No. 2. When the Chief peered into the arena he saw Langford, a puffing automaton, frantically brushing sand from Reinert's head. A temporary scaffolding was rigged up and a rope lowered. Langford was told to grab the rope, but he refused and fastened it under Reinert's arms. When Reinert had been drawn to safety, he allowed himself to be hoisted from the pit.

Both men were exhausted. They were revived by a stimulant and allowed a day off by their employers, the M. J. O'Hara Contracting Co.

FLORIDA NEGROES AID MIAMI SUFFERERS

Associated Negro Press.
Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 13.—The appeal for aid for the sufferers in the storm stricken district of this state met a ready response from the people of Jacksonville and other sections of the state here during the past two weeks. B. C. Vanderhorst, general manager of the People's Insurance Company, called a meeting of the business men of the city and started the appeal, which resulted in the raising of over \$600 by the local branch

of the Business League. Mr. Vanderhorst later went to Miami, taking a trained nurse, Mrs. R. L. Brown, with him, who is now supervising relief work at that place and nearby vicinity. The insurance company also organized other relief stations through its agents in that district.

The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge of Masons, D. D. Powell, Grand Master, gave \$500 to the work and the St. Joseph Aid Society sent its Grand Chief, Dr. T. H. B. Walker, with a carload of supplies and money to the district.

At the terminal station in this city members of the Daughters Elks here under Mrs. Hattie I. Williams, and the Colored Travellers' Aid, did heroic work in assisting the distressed refugees who passed through here en route to their homes in various parts of the country.

KANSAS CITY LEAGUE TEAM TO PLAY 25th INFANTRY

Nogales, Ariz., Oct. 18.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau).—The Monarchs of K. City, composed of members of several of the National Negro League teams, will visit Nogales Oct. 21, 22 and 23, for a three days' series with the 25th Infantry at Camp Stephen D. Little. The Monarchs will spend the winter in Los Angeles playing winter baseball at the White Sox Park.

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