

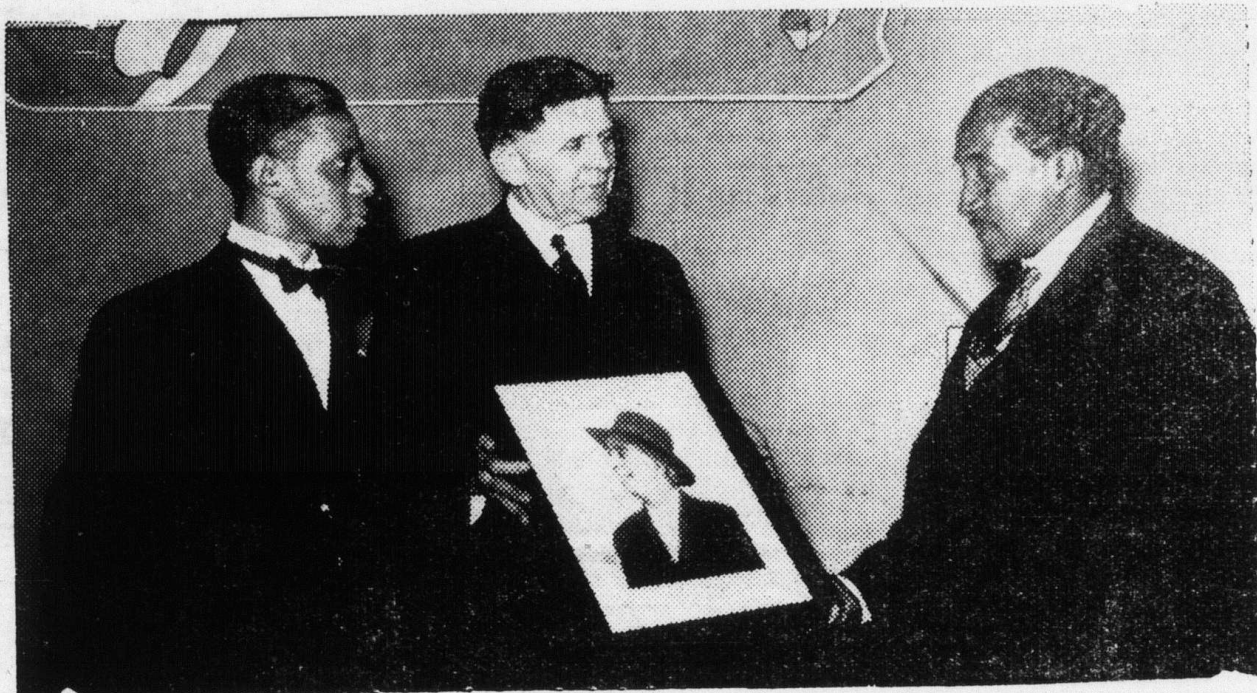
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Presentation of an Enlarged Picture of the Late Richard B. Harrison to officials of the B.M.E. Church.

PRESENTATION OF PICTURE MADE TO LONDON CHURCH

An enlarged photo of Richard B. Harrison was recently presented to the Beth Emanuel Church by his honor, Mayor Wenige.

The evening was dedicated to the memory of this great actor, who paid his last visit to his boyhood home one year ago, just before passing to the Great Beyond.

A very excellent address was given by Mr. Maine, ex-President of the Rotary Club, who expressed the pleasure of his Club in entertaining Mr. Harrison to lunch while in the City. Mr. Maine also spoke of the credit and inspiration the Tuskegee University is to our people, also to the struggle and sacrifices endured by its founders to maintain its upkeep. Mr. Maine expressed his belief that every time Mr. Harrison took his part on the stage he in his own way was portraying a sermon, so deeply interested he seemed in his work. A letter of regret owing to inability to be present was read from Rev. Dr. Mac Greger by Rev. Jackson; also a letter from Col. Walter Brown of Western University. A very interesting address was delivered by Rev. E. K. Richardson, Secretary of the B.M.A. General Conference. Mr. Richardson said he only knew of one more painting that had been presented to our group, that of the late Wm. Hubbard, ex-council man of Toronto, which now hangs in that City Hall.

Mr. Walter Cromwell, president of the C.L.A.C.P., gave a short but striking address, expressing his pleasure in having been an old acquaintance of Mr. Harrison, but regretted that the opportunities were not offered in Canada that our boys and girls might be enabled to become great men and women without leaving Canada to achieve their aim in life.

A very pleasing duet by Mrs. Molloy and Mrs. Hill was rendered, also a reading by Miss Kay Jenkins, "Christ Washed the Feet of Judas," by Paul Lawrence Dunbar; a piano duet by Misses Margaret Jackson and F. Drake. The Choir directed by Mr. Paul Lewis, assisted in the program.

IS SUEZ CANAL TO STAY OPEN?

By Joshua Merlin

(Defender Foreign Correspondent)

GENEVA, Sept. 27— (Special) — Raymond Leslie Buell, president of the American Foreign Policy Association has just made public a study upon the question of whether the League of Nations may close the Suez Canal to an aggressor state and bring to light the fact that the canal is to "always be free and open, in time of war as in time of peace, to every vessel of commerce or of war."

Says Mr. Buell:

Article 16 of the Covenant imposes upon the league members an obligation to institute a complete embargo on the commerce of a state which goes to war in violation of the Covenant. On the other hand the convention of Constantinople of 1888 provided that the Suez Canal shall 'always be free and open, in time of war as in time of peace, to every vessel of the commerce or of war.'

His study gives the gist of the statutes of the Suez Canal as follows:

(1) The Canal is operated by a pri-

vate Egyptian Company, a minority of the stock being held by the British Government, upon the basis of a concession granted by the Egyptian government, which expires in 1968.

(2) The convention of Constantinople of 1888 provides that the canal shall 'always be free and open in time of war as in time of peace, to every vessel of commerce or of war, without distinction of flag,' and that the defence of the canal should, in the last instance, be referred to the concert of Europe.

(3) The British government established a unilateral protectorate over Egypt in 1914 and closed the Canal to enemy warships. This protectorate was terminated in 1922, subject to a reservation in regard to the defence of the canal.

(4) Egypt is nevertheless, the territorial sovereign over the canal, but is not a member of the League, nor had it acceded to the convention of 1888.

(5) Egypt has made no treaty recognizing the British claim to defend the canal.

Should the council proceed to authorize government to close the canal under Article 20 of the Covenant (which abrogates obligations or understandings inconsistent with the Cov-

GUILTY OF LARCENCY

Arrested following complaints that he had been frequenting Brown University dormitories claiming to be a former Dartmouth student seeking to enter college here, Herbert Ricks, 21, who pleaded guilty before Judge Luigi DePasquale in Sixth District Court to a charge of stealing a clock valued at \$15 from a downtown store.

According to police, Ricks' father is in California and his mother in Cleveland, the couple being separated. Ricks has no visible means of support, the officers stated. He sold the clock at a pawnshop for \$1.00, and also admitted stealing a tennis racket from a sporting goods store.

enant), it might be open says Mr. Buell, to the Italian government to challenge such action before the Permanent Court under the Optional Clause. The Italian government could contend that the Convention of 1888 was still in force and that Egypt instead of Great Britain, alone had jurisdiction over the canal. The court might then be put in a position of passing judgement on the relations between England and Egypt.

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EDITORIAL

WHAT WOULD ITALY SAY IF ETHIOPIA WANTED TO EXPAND

The argument is frequently advanced that Italy must expand colonially "in order to provide room for her surplus population."

For years Mussolini has bonussed the raising of large families in order to have an ample supply of recruits for the army. Having secured the recruits he must now find something for them to do.

It is further set forth on behalf of Italy that it is much better to go into Africa than into over-populated Europe which might create a general European war.

If this is correct, now or later war is inevitable because the world is over-populated and those who are the most fit will survive.

To concede such an argument is an admission that our so-called civilization is a ghastly failure.

Notwithstanding the large increase in world population there is plenty of food for everybody if properly distributed—science has taken care of that—but that eminently desirable achievement in the interests of humanity will not be furthered by waging war against Ethiopia.

The reasons advanced by Italy have no logical or moral basis. Supposing the situation were reversed and the Ethiopians were powerful enough to threaten Italy's existence—would the white races regard it as a plausible argument that the Ethiopians needed to expand colonially and Italy was the most suitable place?

Mussolini's entire argument rests fundamentally on Might not Right. But then was is seldom based on logic.

—TORONTO TELEGRAM

HELL IN AFRICA

Editor Vancouver Sun: Dear Sir—
With much interest did I read Mr. Gilroy Moore's article in your Sunday issue, under the caption "Hades Awaits Green Italian Troops"

Having spent several years in Africa and during the last war, under active service conditions in Central Africa, I quite concur with Mr. Moore that a particularly unpleasant sort of Hades may be waiting for the mighty Mussolini's bellicose legions for all their modern war material, including airplanes, etc., unless he has a kind

that will perch on trees.

I have not met Ethiopian warriors, but from association with the King's African Rifles (or Askari) and tribes as Awemba, Yows, Swahlili, of whom I have first hand knowledge, they are soldiers from babyhood, fierce and brave beyond belief, and under white officers, will I believe surprise even the best equipped, trained, barrack-square European troops is met in their own African jungle.

These fellows under white leadership, will harass and hide, ambush and slide, and the trained troops will never get a chance to use their war machinery unless they catch them in the open which is not likely.

Guerilla warfare is a little different to goose-stepping and band playing.

I hat to think of what is waiting for so many of the Italian youth, who are just being shipped to hell, you know, struggling with a convoy of heavy supplies, fever ridden, tired no sight of an enemy; then you camp and cook your evening meal, zing!—and your pal falls in the fire!

Where did it come from? Where shall you strike back? Nobody knows

I spent three years in such fighting and it would be going on yet, for the war never finished there, but in Europe, only eight of our section came back.

Besides the enemy, nature takes a hand, malaria, black water, incoufu fevers gigger fleas, infutsei worms, tistse uy, etc., Well, I agree with Mr. Moore. If the Ethiopians are as good as the Askari, the campaign will not be a picnic. For all the war material there will be lots of rusty iron next rainy season. G. F. JOHNSTONE
(Late 2nd S.A.R., Nyassa Contingent)

WAR ON ETHIOPIA A SUPER-CRIME

The army with which Mussolini is now invading Ethiopia was built as a force of aggression. It is being used for the purpose for which it was intended. Such a gigantic military power as has been assembled by the Italian dictator was unnecessary for defensive purposes.

The explanation of the Ethiopian campaign is plain. Ethiopia has certain rich resources which Musolini wants. To get them he means to slaughter the practically defenceless native population. What he is carrying on is not war but murder and theft on a gigantic scale.

That he will succeed in his immediate objective s probable. But his ruthless methods will not be tolerantly regarded. Even if triumphant in battle the material rewards cannot be such as to compensate for the world condemnation which must fall upon him. Only in Italy, where the people have seemingly been hypnotized by his Imperialistic oratory, is he regarded as of heroic proportions. Elsewhere it will be rightly concluded that the discription of "savage" belongs quite as much to the author of the Ethiopian invasion as to the benighted inhabitants of that unfortunate country.



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East Middlesex

LYSOL BOTTLE SUICIDE HINT

Mrs. Barbara Mitchel Dies under Peculiar Conditions

Curious at not having seen her lodger emerge from her locked room all day last Monday, Mrs. Mary Caution, 34 Camden street, made entrance through a window and was horrified to vnd the stiff form of Mrs. Barbara Birpo Mitchell, 23 year old matron lying in her bed with a suspicious looking bottle beside her on the pillow. She immediately summoned Dr. Worthy who on arrival pronounced the woman dead and notified the coroner. Mrs. Caution then telephoned her husband and the husband of the deceased who wrks in Neponset.

According to the story told, Mrs. Mitchell after her husband had left for work received a visit from her sister who on descending from the second floor room told her Barbara is not up yet and she doesn't want to be disturbed. The landlady thought no more of the matter until she returned from taking a music lesson at 4:30 p.m. She went up and knocked on the door (which was locked) but got no answer, so she went round to the window and climbed in. Mrs. Mitchell was lying on her back on the bed with the covers drawn up to her waist. Mrs. Caution opened the window and entred the room and on touching the woman's hand (still warm) was alarmed at the stiffness of it. She immediately sent for Dr. Worthy who came and quickly pronounced Mrs. Mitchell dead.

LONDON NOTES

Mrs. Joseph Cromwell has returned to the city after a three months visit with her mother and daughter at Waterbury, Conn.

Mr. V. Petgrave, of Toronto, was a recent visitor to London.

Mrs. P. Harris and son, of Toronto were the guests of her sister, Mrs. E. Groat, over the week end.

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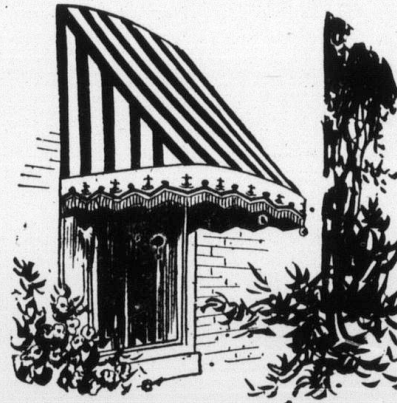


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THE FATES (By Edgar A. Guest)

The fates have little time for men
Who lose and never try again.
They're not concerned with timid
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Who stop before they reach their
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For nothing can make worse the
plight
Of those who think it vain to fight,
Who will not stay the battles through,
Leaves nothing for the fates to do.
The fates have little time to spare
On men who can't or will not care.
Their setbacks, blows and stinging
smarts
Are all bestowed on fighting hearts
They sift the sturdy from the weak
The gallant from the craven meek,
And when a man no longer tries

The fates will leave him where he lies

The fates are not concerned with
those
Who braves life's buffeting with
blows;

They only bother him who seeks
The hazardous and lofty peaks.
When once a man gives way to fear
The fates pack up and disappear.

Their only purpose is to test
The men who dare to do their best.
If you with doubt are sore beset
'Tis proof that you're not beaten yet;
If sting and smart are yours to bear
And danger lies the road your fare;
If from the dream which you pursue
The fates persist in holding you,
Rejoice! The sign is good, not ill!
It proves that you are fighting still!

LONDON NOTES

Master William Fields has left London to take up residence with his mother in Mount Clemens.

Mrs. F. Wiffen is spending a pleasant holiday, visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Hunt of Toronto.

Rev. and Mrs. Richardson of Brantford, were the guests of Mrs. Fountain city.

Mrs. Mary Drake Jr, has returned to the city after a long absence.

Miss Dorothy Moxely was a contestant over Station C.F.P.L. at London on the amateur Hour Program, Oct. 2, we are all voting for you Dot.

The Moxley-Brooks wedding has been announced, it will take place on the 5th of this month.

The Henderson-Smith engagement has been announced, the wedding will take place on November 28th.

Miss Dorothy Chandler will also appear on the Amateur Hour Program on Monday Oct. 7th.



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4. FINANCE—A Publicly owned Central Bank.
5. BUSINESS AND TRADE—Immediate steps for Reciprocal Trade and widening of foreign markets and real preferences for Empire Trade.
6. WAR VETERANS—As a veteran I will urge opening of the door still wider.
7. THE FARM—Reduction of Duty on Instruments of Production, as Binders, Ploughs, Cream Separators etc., and the opening of new markets for farm products.
8. DEMOCRACY—I am strongly opposed to the Blank Check Rule. The people have the right to say how their money will be spent. Repeal of Sect. 9J.
9. LABOUR—The Prevention of Combines and Exploitation by Big Business.



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Mr. Citizen, of London Has a Heart as well as a Mind!

Six years of unselfish service as Mayor of this city fails to reveal a single instance where George Wenige has refused to co-operate with an individual or an organization seeking the betterment of conditions in our civic life. No sacrifice has been too large and no expenditure of time too great to stint his devotion to the finest ideals of public service. There never has been any doubt about his appeal to the minds of the electors. Last December he carried every sub-division in London. That's a record of which anyone could be justly proud. But let us refer again to the heart



appeal he has made in the work he has done, not just because his office demanded it but because, with the love and understanding of a he-man, he projected himself into the life of the people. And the electors will bear these facts in mind next Monday when they face the ballot and ask themselves the question: "Who is the best man to send to Ottawa?" There is no doubt about the answer, "George Wenige, the man with training and experience, but also the man who has struck the responsive cords of our hearts as well as caught the clearest vision of our minds."

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(A Satire on the Aggressors, who claim to be civilized)

Let's go to Ethiopia and teach them all Christianity.

Let's take our guns and bayonets and show them how to live,
Let's give them amblyopia when they hear our profanity:

Freely we have received, now free let us give.

Let's show the Christian spirit and civilized urbanity—

We have the men, we have the guns, we also have the gas—
We'll use the Ethiopians to satisfy our vanity;

We'll Christianize these colored men, whatever comes to pass.

Let's go to Ethiopia and demonstrate the Golden Rule,

Let's do to them just as we would that they should do to us;
We'll take along our swords and bombs, and open up a training school—
Oh, what a jolly time we'll have and what a mucky muss!

God knows the Ethiopians have not a single right to live,

And if God does not know it, we do, and we could tell Him—

We are the Great White Super Race, decended straight from Adam's rib
God made the Black Man for a slave and gave us rights to sell him.Now out in Ethiopia, they do not know that pain is pain,
Those Black Men have no feelings, they really have no souls,
So we could just sl'p over there and re-enact the act of Cain—
We surely will be victor's, or we'll lie in six-foot holes!Now our religion teaches us to go and do just such and such,
And kill a few and wound a few and see what we can see;
We'll gloat about the Judgement Day when God says to us "inasmuch
As unto them ye did it, so ye did it unto Me.Now don't forget the slogan, men, let's got to Ethiopia,
We might as well get in the swim, and let things come to pass;
We may get hydrophobia and also some distopia—
Let each man learn the slogan and start braying like an ass.—STERLING L. SPICER
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He brought to London the Government build-
ing programme now going on.

He is enthusiastic in the public service.

He is always READY to take up with Ottawa
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