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HOW A PREMATURE ITALIAN PLAN FAILED -----oooo0000oooo-----

That Italy's aim in Abyssinia was a right about face to capture Egypt and possibly the rest of Africa was an opinion expressed by Lt-Col C.D.N. Campling, speaking on Tuesday night on "Aspects of War".

Italy's shipment of considerable quantities of war material through the Suez Canal prior to the attack on Abyssinia was the first of a combination of events. At about the same time there crashed in Egypt an Italian plane in which, it is said, were found plans for a full conquest of Egypt. The well-known aviator Campbell Black, then stopping over on a flight, was despatched post-haste to London with the captured information.

It was also strange that in Alexandria Harbour in which British warships were anchored a large Italian liner caught fire and, burning, moved toward the bottle-neck roadstead. It is assumed that the plan envisaged the sinking of the liner at the narrow entrance, thus immobilising the main elements of the British Mediterranean Fleet.

However, two destroyers steamed toward the

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