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Fascisti Of Italy
Not Understood.

Although the new political party in Italy, the Fascisti, which recently gained control there and whose leader, Benito Mussolini, is now premier, has been receiving much publicity and the name for the past few months has been commonly enough seen, there are few people who understand exactly the origin of the party or its principles. The general idea is that it is a communist organization but that belief is rather far from the actual fact. While some of its elementary principles may be Socialistic its later developments, since the Great War, have been vastly different until now communism and fascism are widely different. Communism has been revolutionary while fascism is exactly the opposite. It is on that point that two creeds really split. At the same time, the fascisti party is not a pacifist party. The part it took in the Great War showed that.

Fascisti Conceived In
Principles Of Liberty.

The Family Herald and Weekly Star recently carried an interesting account of the inception and development of the fascisti party and the part that Benito Mussolini plays in it. The article follows:

"A single twig can easily be snapped, but a bundle of them tied together cannot be broken save with much strength and dexterity. The Romans knew this and they tied a number of rods together, inserting an axe in the handle, and the victors carried this before the magistrate as the badge of his authority. This bundle was called fasces.

"One man cannot do very much working alone, but a number of men, bound together by a common purpose can accomplish a great deal. So the new party which took form in Italy, a body of men actuated by a single aim, called themselves Fascisti. The Italian likes a picturesque touch in all matters, and as Garibaldi had captured the popular imagination in '60 with his red shirt, so the Fascisti have adopted a black shirt.

"In 1914 when the war broke out Europe was divided into two camps. On the one hand was the Triple Entente—Britain, France and Russia—on the other the Triple Alliance—Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy. But the third member of the Alliance refused to go to war.

"There was in Italy a body of men who realized that the war against Germany was a war against militarism, and who ardently desired that Italy should join the ranks of those fighting for Liberty.

"At that time a thirty-year-old man, Benito Mussolini, was editor of the Socialist organ Avanti. Mussolini believed in the internationalism, the universal brotherhood of labor; but the events of 1914 shattered these ideals. He became a supporter of the party demanding intervention, and was forced to relinquish his editorship of the pacifist socialist journal. He immediately started another paper, the Popolo d'Italia, and in this he called upon all who believed in Italian action to work together toward that end, no matter what their political color might be.

"So the Fascisti were born.

Development Of Party
After Great War.

When the war was over and the Bolshevik menace loomed over Europe the Fascisti turned their energies against their old foes, the Socialists. Their leader was the former Socialist editor, Benito Mussolini.

Now a curious thing happened. The Fascisti numbered about four hundred thousand men, well organized and armed, owning motor lorries, accustomed to war and endured to its hardships and horrors. To put them down would mean putting the whole of Italy under martial law, and from this the Italian government shrank.

So the Fascisti waged war upon the Socialists, yet their leader, a former Socialist himself, has never denied the syndicalist origin of his party, and has long been known to be aiming toward a republic. In fact it would have surprised no one if the Fascisti and the Socialists amalgamated.

The Socialists, it is known, were weary of their official leaders; while Mussolini was aware that the Fascisti could not develop unless it got into touch with the working classes, and unless it created economic organizations.

Italy's various statesmen endeavored in vain to form a government in the face of the energetic Mussolini, and eventually the King called upon the Fascisti leader to form a ministry.

This he has done.

Past Has Been Opposition;
Program Not Known.

The duty of an Opposition, it has been said, is to oppose, and this Mussolini's blackshirts have vigorously done in the past. In fact they have done little else, and consequently their constructive program, their economic platform, if they have one is unknown.

In foreign policies they are intensely national. According to speeches made before ascending to power they want Fiume; they will tear up treaties made with Adriatic nations; they will make the Mediterranean an Italian lake.

But those speeches were made while the Fascisti were still in Opposition.

It is probable that Benito Mussolini's government, if it survives the elections, will devote itself to ameliorating the present hard lot of the Italian workman and peasant, to making the budget balance—a quite a difficult task in itself; while in foreign politics it may do little more than maintain a "bold front" to the world.

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HERE is a banquet joke. What's the difference between Prince Rupert and Chicago? Prince Rupert has the beer and Chicago wants it.

WE knew a boy who is so sharp that every time he sits down he cuts a tooth.

TO the housewife: Do you know the difference between a cabbage and a banana. If not it's useless for you to go shopping.

WITH so much free water being distributed these days do you wonder why the civic water department doesn't pay.

"ARE you running for Mayor?" asked a wit of a local gentleman as he was hurrying down to the depot. "No, you idiot, I'm running for the train," he quickly replied.

Simple Simon met a pizman going to the fair, but not a word did either speak, for both their wives were there.

Ten Years Ago
in Prince Rupert

November 15, 1912

Cy. Peck was a passenger on the Prince Rupert this morning going south on a short business trip.

A crowded house at the Westholme Opera house last night heard Ralph Smith and J. Duncan Ross discuss the five issues of the day in Canadian politics. Alex. M. Manson was the chairman and excellent speeches were given.

News comes from Granby that there are four inches of snow on the ground. Prince Rupert has yet to have its first mantle of snow this fall.

W. W. Davis, one of the most popular local bank boys and a nephew of Col. W. M. Davis, late city engineer left for the south this morning to report at headquarters in Vancouver when he will be transferred to another branch.

P. L. Palmer, manager of the Prince Rupert Planing Mills, was a passenger on the Prince Rupert going south this morning on a hurried business trip.

Jack Burnsley, local agent for the Union Steamship Co., sailed by the Venture last evening for Vancouver. He will be gone about a fortnight and Ernie Unwin will relieve during his absence.

Joe Fadool, of the Asia Trading Co., left for Ocean Falls on the Venture last evening.

PECK CITIZEN
VICTORIA NOW

Urges People of That Place to
Cultivate Civic Pride and
Public Spirit

VICTORIA, Nov. 15.—"When I was in the north I hoisted for the north, but now I have been living for some months in Victoria I am a citizen of Victoria and I am hoisting for that city," declared Col. G. W. Peck, V.C., who addressed the Rotary Club last week here in remembrance of Armistice Day.

The Colonel told of the wonderful camaraderie of the war and the friendships that had been formed. He spoke of the community of interest in the war and asked if the same was being continued in civic life.

Following is the report of the address as given in the Victoria Colonist on Friday last:

A plea for a stronger and more aggressive community spirit, founded on faith in Victoria and a determination to give the city her rightful position as the best place to live and work in the Pacific Northwest, was voiced by Colonel G. W. Peck, V.C., D.S.O., before the Rotary Club yesterday at its luncheon in the Empress Hotel.

Col. Peck referred to the advertising of local bond houses, designed to strengthen the confidence of Victorians in their home city, and he declared that such advertising sounded the keynote of what should become the Victoria spirit. Civic loyalty, he declared, should be regarded as one of the first qualifications of every useful Victorian and he urged support of all movements calculated to hasten the city's advancement.

Public Spirit Needed

"What Victoria needs," he declared, "is more public spirit. There is no use looking for a finer place to live, because there is none. It is the duty of every one who makes his home here to work for Victoria and to see that his neighbor does his part, too, in promoting the community's welfare."

Colonel Peck applied the principles that had furnished the motive for fighting Prussianism in the war to the local community situation, and held that a successful war against the forces of pessimism and reaction would entail perhaps severe sacrifices. It could not reasonably be expected that Victoria would reach deserved place unless her citizens displayed teamwork in putting forward the city's interests.

Armistice Incidents

Col. Peck outlined in a graphic way some of his war experiences, particularly those relating to the Armistice period, and he described some of the situations at once amusing and pathetic associated with the Canadians' entry into the occupied area of France. He told of how French men and women alike surged around the marching Canadians and kissed them and cheered them on their way.

Mr. Armitage will arrive at the end of this week at Ocean Falls, where he will succeed R. H. Leighton, forest ranger there, who is being transferred to Hazelton as forest supervisor. Mr. Leighton will be going to Hazelton in the course of about a fortnight's time.

The Coughs
and Colds
of Children

Only the mother knows how hard it is to keep the children from taking cold, they will get overheated and cool off too suddenly, get their feet wet, kick off the clothes at night, and do a dozen and one things the mother can't prevent.

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