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SEVEN YEARS OF FASCISM

The celebration of the seventh anniversary of the Fascist march on Rome took place on Saturday, says the London Times. The work accomplished by Signor Mussolini during the past seven years has compelled the reluctant admiration even of those who have displayed the greatest antipathy towards his methods. The whole face of Italy has been transformed under the influence of Fascist enterprise. New roads, new railways, new public buildings, new streets and suburbs forming whole townships, meet the eye of the traveller on every side. Nor are these signs of material achievement confined merely to the great industrial centres of the North and to Rome itself, the Eternal City, which has been changing almost beyond recognition during the past few years. The new process of reconstruction is everywhere in evidence, not only in the country districts and Tuscany and the Romagna, but also in the hitherto backward regions of Sicily and the Mezzogiorno, where the most striking advances are being made in sanitation, irrigation, and agricultural methods.

CAME TO RESCUE

The transformations effected in the political and moral spheres have been no less striking, though their real significance is far more difficult to estimate. Fascism arose as a counter-revolutionary movement opposed to the Communist anarchy which, after the conclusion of the war, was threatening to overwhelm the social and economic life of Italy. It was successful because it represented a really vital national need which was urgently felt by the vast majority of Italian citizens. Signor Mussolini saw clearly that order and discipline were the two things which above all others were necessary to the Italian people; and with indomitable energy he set out to establish them under the aegis of his own absolute domination. Having made himself complete master of the machinery of government, he deliberately destroyed all those organs by which non-Fascist opinion can become articulate. But it is clear that in doing so he has not contented himself with the role of a destroyer. During the past few years his internal policy, however difficult it may be to interpret its exact significance, has clearly been directed towards a single aim—the construction of a political machine which not only will outlive its author but will also secure the permanent domination of the Fascist Party and its ideals.

FLIES IN OINTMENT

The Duce has certainly succeeded in awakening in the minds of the Italian people a new national consciousness. But this success has only been possible because for the moment the ideals of the Fascist Party have been a genuine expression of the popular will. In the long run Fascism can only survive if it continues to satisfy the political and social needs of the strongest section of public opinion. As soon as it fails to do this it must either perish through internal disruption or be destroyed by some form of violent revolution. By suppressing all criticism and permanently depriving the Opposition of all legitimate methods of expressing minority opinion the Duce appears to have deprived his own party of the only means of judging its own conformity with the popular will and measuring the forces which it is attempting to control. Not content with sitting on the safety valve, he has removed the pressure gauges as well. There lies the danger. Apart from the shadow of popular election in the constitution of the new Chamber, which only deliberates but does not legislate, the whole of his internal policy seems based upon the complete suppression of any articulate expression of any form of public opinion—other than that of the Fascist Party. Such a Constitution may work well for a while, so long as the government clique is sufficiently intelligent to rule, like the Platonic guardians, in the interests of the whole. But modern history has yet to show the oligarchy which has succeeded for any length of time in living up to that example. Meanwhile the world will watch with interest the gigantic and original political experiment to which Fascist Italy is committed.

Don't Trifle with
Bronchitis

There are few "colds in the head" that do not extend into the bronchial tubes and they often develop into bronchial congestion or bronchitis. Many cases become serious and last for weeks and there is always a tendency for bronchitis to become chronic and return again and again. For this reason you cannot afford to neglect any cold and should take quick

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ITALY HAS
A NEW ERA

Entry of Fascism Put New Life Into People and Brought Prosperity

ROME, Dec. 14.—That Italy during the last seven years has made enormous strides in her material development must be obvious to the most superficial observer. By sea and by land, in the mountains or upon the rivers, in the cities and in the fields, great enterprises have been resolutely undertaken. The mercantile marine has been encouraged, with a result to which the shipping statistics bear ample witness; and a passion for the sea, that "source of health and of life," has been deliberately encouraged in the people. Imposing monuments and town-planning schemes have embellished Italian cities. Afforestation is covering with trees the bare mountain-sides. The lamentable state of many of the roads is slowly being improved, and special roads reserved for motor-cars have been constructed. The railways, once a byword for dirt and unpunctuality, are run with efficiency. A network of air lines covers an Italy where, only a few years ago, civil aviation was at a low ebb.

The most far-reaching undertaking is the great scheme of land reclamation. Launched last year, it followed upon the "battle of the grain," the "battle of the rice" and other engagements, and, in the opinion of the war correspondents, is certain to prove an Austerlitz. Nearly 4,000,000 acres will, it is calculated, be reclaimed, and another 1,000,000 acres will be rendered capable of intensive cultivation. Nor is land reclamation alone involved. Provision has been made for works of irrigation, for the construction of rural boroughs, for the building of aqueducts of drinking water, for the construction of roads between farm and farm, and for the laying of electric lines. All these undertakings are giving daily work to tens of thousands of laborers, and will eventually provide a livelihood for hundreds of thousands of peasants.

Property In Trust

It has been reckoned that, when this new scheme is completed, there will be an annual increase of 20,000,000 quintals in the national production of cereals, as well as a large increase in every sort of agricultural product. Such an increase, if realized, should relieve the Italian budget of the heavy burden imposed upon it each year by the import of foreign foodstuffs. Hitherto a weakness of the Italian industrial system has been the small demand for manufacturers in the populous but poor districts. If the prosperity of these masses could be assured by scientifically controlled internal migration and by the development of agriculture in all its branches, the home market would be much increased in value and the economic gain to the country as a whole would be correspondingly great. The whole scheme is an excellent illustration of Fascist theory and practice. For here have been made to understand that they hold their property in trust for the general welfare of the nation.

This reawakened patriotism, as might have been expected, has been accompanied by some exaggerated manifestations. Signor Mussolini himself has given offence more than once by the blustering tone of his utterances. Unfortunately, it has only too often been the more histrionic and sensational passages of his speeches which have been telegraphed abroad or have been re-echoed in yet more perfervid terms by his extremist partisans at home. One should not take too tragically Signor Marinetti's futuristic statement that every Italian is worth any 10 foreigners whatever. The exact sciences are not an indispensable qualification for membership of the Italian Academy. When one recollects that for many years the Italians had been suffering badly from an "inferiority complex" and that Italy's claims to be treated as a Great Power had been admitted in some quarters with a condescension more galling perhaps than a downright refusal would have been; when, moreover, due allowance is made for the Southern temperament and for the Italian love of adjectives in the superlative, it becomes a questionable whether Signor Mussolini has been so desperate a swashbuckler as he is often thought to be.

Italy needed to be pulled together with a strong hand. Neither Bolshevik propaganda nor "dolce far niente" could be combated by academic discourse of sweet reasonableness. But this tub-thumping is not the only manifestation of the revived Italian sense of nationality and power. The best and more thoughtful Fascists have been insistent in preaching and practising the old heroic virtues of discipline, duty, and sacrifice, and in so far as they have succeeded they have created a more virile and better ordered Italy.

Rights of Man

While Fascism has been busy creating an Italy new from the material and moral standpoints, it has itself undergone, and is still undergoing, profound developments. It is unnecessary to recapitulate all the measures whereby the Fascist State has been built up and safeguarded. Its construction has involved the aboli-

News of the Mines
AROUND PRINCE RUPERT

Woodbine Work to Continue All Winter; Mandy Enthusiastic Over Taku River

A second ore shipment consisting of twenty tons has just been made by the Blackhill Mining Co. at Stewart to the smelter at Selby, California. The grade of this ore is said to have run well over \$100 to the ton. Accompanying the Blackhill shipment was six tons from the Melvin property which adjoins the Prosperity group on the north fork or Marmot River. The Melvin, it will be remembered, caused considerable excitement during the past summer with its extremely high-grade ore and the present shipment is said to have a high native silver content. Development continues to proceed satisfactorily at the Blackhill. Winter camp buildings have been completed and provide adequate accommodation for the crew. Tunnel work has proceeded to such an extent that it has now become necessary to install track and an ore dump car from the face to the dump. Pack horses taking supplies into the property are loaded with ore on the return trip out to Stewart.

There was a temporary interruption in ore shipping from the Premier mine last week when there was a break in the loading machinery at the dock. Repairs, however, were speedily made and the shipping facilities are now functioning normally again.

Development plans for the Woodbine property during the present winter include extensive diamond drilling with a view to determining as far as possible the extent and values of the various ore bodies located during earlier periods of development along the main level, according to a statement made recently by Hugh B. McGuire, who has long been associated in the control of the property. Mr. McGuire recently took over personal direction of affairs and declares that every effort will be made to determine as fully as possible what may be expected from the various deposits. Not only will they be drilled on a horizontal plane, but efforts

will also be made to determine their depth by the same method of exploration. Drilling will be continued until late next spring by which time, it is hoped, to know just what to expect. George D. Leyson, an experienced mining from the Cobalt district of Ontario, has been placed in charge as mine manager and the drilling work is being done by the Jesson company.

Recent discoveries in the Taku River district have been the most important events in the northwestern mineral area of British Columbia in years. Dr. J. T. Mandy, resident mining engineer here, told the recent meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy in Vancouver. He expressed the view that operators in the Taku area had accomplished remarkable results in a short time against the most adverse conditions. Dr. Mandy said that he attached great importance to the possibility of the mineral belt continuing from Taku River northward to Atlin district. This is ninety mile area, he explained, in which geological conditions are similar to those found in connection with the newly found ore deposits in Taku River.

The five-mile tram line built from Stewart to the Porter-Idaho property cost \$312,000 and constituted one of the engineering triumphs of the north, said Dale L. Pitt, general manager of the Premier Gold Mining Co., in addressing the Canadian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy in Vancouver recently. Mr. Pitt also described the old tramway of the Premier Co., which runs up the Salmon River valley from the dock at Stewart to the Premier mine.

The board of school trustees has decided to open a new public school division here after the Christmas holidays, using a room in the High School for the purpose. Thomas Warden of Victoria has been engaged as the additional teacher.

G. B. Williams has purchased the stock of the Peck & Primrose dry goods and grocery store here. He will dispose of the dry goods and then conduct a cash and carry grocery business.

The coldest weather of the present winter was experienced here on Wednesday morning when the thermometer descended to 16.5 degrees below zero.

The local Elks' Lodge is undertaking to provide Christmas cheer for sick and needy families here this year.

It is understood that A. M. Patterson will seek re-election as mayor of Prince George at the municipal elections here next month and that there will be no opposition to his candidature. Jacob Leith is being urged to run for one of the four aldermanic seats which will become vacant.

Hockey enthusiasts met in the City Hall here last night to organize the sport for the coming winter.

Paul Stimao, a foreigner, who has been living for some time in a shack in the vicinity of the C.N.R. roundhouse here, has been adjudged insane and is now on his way to Essondale, accompanied by Provincial Constable Howe.

District News

PRINCE GEORGE

Miss Ann Amelia Rutledge of Aleza Lake was married to John Ernest Mathelson of the same place in the United Church parsonage here on Wednesday. Rev. Peter Connal officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Mathelson have left for New Denver where they will reside. Mr. Mathelson having been transferred there from Aleza Lake as forest ranger.

Numerous complaints have led to the provincial police ruling that, in future, motor cars will not be permitted to park within fifteen feet of the post office street intersection here.

Charlie Houghtaling is establishing a gymnasium for those interested in boxing and other sports at the rear of his taxi office here. Workouts will be held every evening for local aspiring pugilists.

Live local turkeys are being offered to the housewives of Prince George for their Christmas dinners this year.

A Daily News want-ad will bring results.

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