

TOTAL FACING CRISIS IN NATIONAL LIFE

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BY NORMAN MATSON.

ROME, Dec. 17.—(Special Cable).—The "Balkanization of Italy" is a phrase heard often in Italy in these days of extraordinary social confusion. Conservative leaders warn it is inevitable unless there is a return to respect for law and life. But "Balkanization" would be more accurate. Italy today in many ways is like the Mexico of some years ago. Civil government follows civil government and each admits its failure to win the country back to that ideal state wherein a central authority is respected by the whole country.

Peace Pact Torn Up.

Last summer's peace pact between the nationalist fascist and the socialists has been formally torn up. It was never effective, strong factions of both sides, and the pact refusing to recognize it, but its deliberate destruction is tantamount to repeating a declaration of war for the sake of emphasis.

Fascist Came of Trouble.

It has become apparent that the fascist must be disarmed. The other alternative is the one of submission to fascist dictatorship by Catholics, republicans and socialists. The strongest single group in parliament and counting among their leaders three ex-premiers, Nitti, Orlando and Giolitti. If this group takes over control it will be upon the pledge of disciplining the fascist. Premier Bonomi is in fact, if not avowedly, pro-fascist.

Home Congress Called.

When their leaders signed the peace pact with the socialists the rank and file disregarded it. Then the Home Congress was called for the purpose of organizing a political party. Twenty thousand members went into Rome. A railroad worker was killed and the general strike came as a reprisal. In the next three days five workmen were killed and ten injured in street clashes. The fascist lost one dead and five injured.

Young Go Armed.

Young Italians go armed quite as naturally as do our own mining camp braves. And he shoots as quickly. The peasant, normally peaceful, has become a fanatic and there are ugly stories of ambushes on lonely roads, at night and of massacres. The writer declined the gift of a neat little weapon made of a short length of tough wire and egg-shaped bit of lead and braided leather. It was offered by a most respectable citizen of a Tuscan town—an official, in fact. He said it was safer; his son always carried one, besides his pistol.

Normal Graduates 25

Eleven Portland Women and Girls in List.

Nearly All Who Completed Course Obtain Positions and Will Begin Work After Holidays.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special).—Final examinations for the fall term are over and the last few days have been given over to various commencement activities. Thursday the annual dinner to the faculty was given at the dormitory by the dean of women. In the evening a sacred concert by the women's glee club was enjoyed by a large audience.

Small Arms to Be Inspected.

Phone Line Reconstructed.

Police Are Stirred Till They Find It's German Money.

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MILITARISM YET PREVAILS IN CHRISTMAS TOY WINDOWS

Holiday Displays Contain Specimens of Soldier From Time of Caesar to World War—Guns Attract Youngsters.

BY DON SKENE.

CHRISTMAS is a holiday dominated by the spirit of childhood in all the shades of joy and sorrow that the day brings each year. The height of happiness to all is the sight of a group of laughing youngsters around a twinkling tree with its burden of gifts. The depths are touched when a ragged waif has faith crushed by an empty stocking.

Christmas, 1921, is far different to 200 ex-service men than the holiday.

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BY ANDRE TARDIEU.

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Goodwill, Not Text, Valued.

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When you want to be looked on as a person mildly insane or at least a wooden-headed nut, go out to the children's home and ask one of the little inmates how long it is before Christmas.

December 25 is a glorious date to the unfortunate youngsters there. It's the day of a wonderful Christmas tree, gifts and an overwhelming abundance of special food. Everywhere at the home knows how many days are left before the big holiday and the more skilled in mathematics can tell you how long it is in hours.

The "oops" are looking for little boys and girls.

Members of the police force are searching for needy cases among the city's children, for the purpose of bringing real Christmas happiness and cheer, with all the time-honored trimmings, into the lives of the unfortunate youngsters who are not reached by charitable institutions.

Coos county and Grants Pass, by the reconstruction of a six-mile line between Powers and the forestry station on Johnson mountain. The forestry department provided the No. 9 wire for the line and Chief Warden J. M. Thomas of the Coos county fire patrol association and his force of men, erected it. The forests in Coos county are well covered with telephone lines and the trails through the woods radiate in all directions.

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Good Will Indicated Is Held More Vital Than Text.

TROUBLE SEEN IN CHINA

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"Mother! Mother! Mother! They Won't Have Any Left for Christmas!"

NOBODY knows the cause of this young lady's alarm, save that the store was crowded with people and she concluded that there wouldn't be enough watches to go round!

And maybe she's nearer right than many a Christmas veteran! For, even as this is being written for this newspaper, every counter in the store is lined with gift buyers.

And we are going to be sold out of lots of things long before Christmas eve. THIS isn't being written in order to stampede folks into buying in a hurry. It is merely the record of a plain, but interesting fact.

For the cash register tells us that we are actually selling three times as much as we did in the same period last year. And you can't fool a National Cash Register!

ONE of the store's old friends said: "I'm making my Christmas money go a long way this year—not that I want to be 'cheap'—but I figure when I get a watch and chain for the price of the watch alone I'd be fourteen kinds of a jackass if I neglected to do it."

PRACTICALLY everything in the store is marked down from a fourth to a half. A store full of gifts that last—and scarcely anything full price!

Ever the finest diamonds and the most wanted White Gold Bracelet Watches are selling way below their former prices.

A NEWSPAPER man called for another advertisement. He was "loaded for big game"—and he said "you ought to use whole pages now—time's getting mighty short, you know."

"Why use whole pages?" "Why?" he echoed. "Why, to get all you can while the getting's good!"

"But what's the use getting more business than we can attend to? Yesterday afternoon the crowds were too big for the store—and it will be even worse next week."

"Here's the kind of an advertisement we ought to run. We ought to tell the people of Portland as politely as we know how—something like this:

Notice to Gift Buyers "If you cannot come in the mornings—please don't come in the afternoons. We have more business than we can attend to—and it only makes us feel bad."

"How's that for an advertisement?" "That," the newspaper man conceded. "That would make a hit."

Inasmuch as it's written, it may as well be printed!

ESTABLISHED IN 1870 FRIEDLANDER'S 310-312 WASHINGTON ST. Bet. Fifth & Sixth

not guilty was entered by the management of the company and a trial will be had in justice court here next week.

Legion Auxiliary Elects. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special).—The American Legion auxiliary has elected the following officers: Mrs. W. J. White, president; Mrs. H. W. Titus, vice-president; Mrs. G. B. Fletcher, secretary-treasurer. The name was changed at the annual meeting from the women's auxiliary to the one now used.

Give Exquisitely Styled Slippers

Our distinctive new models for street, afternoon and evening wear leave nothing to be desired in super styles. And we have the better makes of hose to match.

For evening or afternoon wear suggest slippers in cloth of gold, cloth of silver, black, black and white, black and red, black and blue, black and green, black and purple, black and pink, black and tan, black and brown, black and grey, black and white, black and red, black and blue, black and green, black and purple, black and pink, black and tan, black and brown, black and grey, black and white.

Ornaments, rhinestone, cut steel and beaded; straps of all designs to attach.

GORDON HOSIERY

KNIGHT SHOE Co. Morrison, Near Broadway.

Make Musical Gifts Gifts of genuine enjoyment and utility; gifts, too, that charm musically; gifts that give a lifetime of pleasure, that educate and refine, and gifts that beautify the home—these we show in variety—would not your home welcome? A Beautiful VICTROLA or a BRUNSWICK A Lovely GRAND PIANO or a PLAYER PIANO A Modern UPRIGHT PIANO or a GOOD USED PIANO A Dozen VICTOR RECORDS or PLAYER ROLLS A New PIANO BENCH, PIANO STOOL or LAMP Or For a Friend A MERCHANDISE ORDER for RECORDS A VICTOR BOOK OF THE OPERA All these and a wealth of beautiful and musical gifts that will add to each day's enjoyment for years to come—Make it a Musical Christmas and you enrich the entire household. Wiley B. Allen Co. MASON AND HAMLIN PIANOS—MORRISON ST. AT BROADWAY OTHER STORES: SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND, FRESNO, SAN DIEGO, SAN JOSE, SACRAMENTO, LOS ANGELES

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