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THE TREND OF FASCISM

Reviewing the career of Premier Mussolini in Italy, and to what it is leading, a London correspondent concludes a long article with the following warning:

"Thus Fascism, even though it may not immediately lead to war, is incompatible with lasting international peace or that ideal of permanently outlawing war which has gripped so many people during the last few years. But the answer is clearly not to drift along as we are today and as we did before the Great War. It is to meet fairly the claims Italy can put forward on the grounds of population, but also to make it clear that any attempt to put the new Prussianism into practical effect will meet with the same uncompromising resistance as it met in 1914.

"From either point of view the conclusion is the same. It is that the problem can only be dealt with by the nations collectively. Only so can they find Italy that legitimate place in the colonial sun to which she may be entitled. Only so can they make clear to her that the lure of militarism now being waved before her can do nothing other than lead her to the same end toward which it led Germany.

"There is little doubt that the progressive peoples, in their reaction from the war and their pursuit of wealth and pleasure, have largely forgotten a lesson which seemed so clear during the Great War, the lesson that nothing short of effective international organization for peace can prevent recurring world war. They have been content to drift, with the inevitable result that militarism has already made considerable headway in re-establishing its hold on mankind.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Wars never originate suddenly. To those who have been asleep they may seem to come like a thief in the night. But the seeds of war are planted long before they blossom, and they come to maturity slowly. Those seeds have been planted in Bolshevik Russia and in Fascist Italy. Unless the rest of the world organizes in time to insist that justice, freedom and peace shall be given to all, they will eventuate in war as certainly as similar seeds of war, planted in Tsarist Russia and Prussian Germany, eventuated in war."

RAILWAY ECONOMY

With the Southern Pacific as well as other railway companies, rigid economy is enforced and practiced in all departments of operation and management.

In 1925 the company received an average revenue of 1,382 cents for hauling a ton of freight one mile. Therefore, a ton of freight must be hauled approximately 2.2 miles to produce gross revenue sufficient to purchase three cents worth of pins. That, however, is only half the story.

As operating expenses alone use up roughly 71 per cent of the gross revenue, the railroad must haul a ton of freight approximately 7 and one half miles, before it can go into the market and purchase the paper of pins. Out of the remaining 29 per cent has to come overhead and taxes.

"The price of pins," said Mr. Dyer, "illustrates the amazing importance of little things in railroading. By having pins made of steel instead of the usual brass, we were able to save more than \$1,500 a year.

"Hundreds of little economies such as reusing old twine from incoming packages, making baggage mats out of worn-out air hose and utilizing old locomotive boiler tubs for telephone conduit effect savings of tens of thousands of dollars annually. These standards of rigid economy, extending into every phase of railroad operation and administration, are largely responsible for the fact that railroads still are able to show small profits instead of deficits."

The state market agent calls attention to the fact that these are the days of various and conflicting crop estimate reports, sent out to flirt with market prices, and we read of bumper crops, of failures, depending on the source of the reports. But do we ever read of estimates of production of manufactured products, of shoes, clothing or any standard necessity articles? The heads of industrial concerns run their own business and the government doesn't send out any bulletins concerning their output. If they over produce the information is not given to the world, and if a surplus has to be sold cheaply abroad the foreign prices does not fix the home price. But with cotton, wheat and other agricultural staples, the price at home

is determined by a few big men in London—what they will pay there will be the market price here. Farmers are asking what the manufacturers get, and it would seem that congress should give them the same protection. Any industry that has to sell its products at the prices of lower-standard Europe and yet has to produce them under the high American standard, that industry is certain to fail after a matter of time.

From a British Columbia paper we learn that success has attended efforts made to induce Mexican millers to purchase a portion of the wheat they need from Canada. During 1925 shipments were made through New York brokers and later direct from Canadian exporters through New York. Now shipments are being made through Vancouver via Panama Canal to Vera Cruz and Tampico. This is a new market for Canadian wheat and promises to be an increasing one. In the eleven months ended February, 1926, Mexico took 110,068 bushels of Canadian wheat, this being more than double the quantity taken in the same period ending February, 1924.

Who knows but that in the old convention days the Mellons and other machine politicians of Pennsylvania paid more than a paltry million and a half to get themselves and their henchmen into office. Even so, the same election methods may be employed now—and investigation proves that they are—but the provisions of the primary law result in bringing the rascally useages of the dishonest politician into the light of publicity, with possible prosecution awaiting them.

One of the best cartoons we have seen in many a day is by Thomas in the Detroit News and reprinted in the Oregon Journal. Uncle Sam is depicted as the Judge of the bench. He asks the big Pennsylvania political boss in court, "Why did you spend all that money?" The boss replies: "It's all the fault of the primary system—I used to buy a convention for next to nothing."

Master of the Rolls Once Not Empty Title

In the days before printing, the old records were always written in a form which made them literally a roll, says the Dearborn Independent. One sheet of parchment was used and the next one was sewed to its bottom edge, and the process repeated until a document might consist of a hundred or more sheets, or skins, as they were then called, all sewed together in one long strip. A piece of wood was then fastened to either end in the manner of a modern map and the strip rolled up from the bottom into a great roll or bundle. The reader began at the top, slowly unrolling one end as one rolled up the other end on another stick.

From this form rolls came to stand for manuscripts, particularly official manuscripts or court records. The keeper or master of the rolls was then the high officer who kept the records of the English courts of justice. Today the president of the chancery division of the high court of justice in England, ranking next to the lord chief justice of England, is called the master of the rolls. Originally the master of the rolls had the custody of the records, but in the course of time this charge became merely nominal.

President Signs Good Roads Bill. Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge signed the federal good roads bill under which the federal government appropriates \$75,000,000 to aid the states in highway construction during the next three years.

"Ma" Sunday Goes to Hospital. Staunton, Va.—Suffering a recurrence of a stomach trouble of long duration, "Ma" Sunday, wife of the evangelist, left Staunton for the Mayo brothers' hospital at Rochester, Minn., where she will undergo an examination.

Dancing to Paradise

It is the belief of the Ponapeans, a tribe of South Sea Islanders, that unless you are a good dancer you will never go to heaven!

According to their creed, every soul passing to the "Great Beyond" is obliged to cross a bridge guarded by demigod watchmen waiting to pounce upon him and draw him down to the lower regions.

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BAPTISTS AT HERMISTON

A party of Athena people motored to Hermiston Sunday afternoon to attend the Baptist Young Peoples Union district rally. A most interesting program was presented and those present felt well repaid for the trip. The party going from here included, Mrs. Bollinger, Mrs. F. L. Pittman, Kohler and Reeve Betts, Margaret and Dorothy Lee, Darwin Phillips, Ted Walden, Granville Cannon, Frank Williams, Juanita Woodruff and Belle Anderson.

DIED SUDDENLY

Mrs. Edith Pearson, aged 67, who for many years had made her home in Echo, dropped dead at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth McGinnis at Pendleton. Mrs. Pearson was calling at the McGinnis home and had just seated herself in a chair when her death occurred. Heart disease is thought to have been the cause.

WILLIAM McBRIDE HERE

W. M. McBride of Portland, passed through Athena, the fore part of the week on his way to Walla Walla, where he was called by the critical illness of his daughter, Mrs. Edith Lumsden, who was recently operated on at a hospital in Walla Walla.

SCOTT'S WHEAT

J. N. Scott brought some sample heads of wheat to town Wednesday from his farm west of Athena. Of the Federation variety, in common with other fields in this vicinity, the prospect was "good to look at."

Mrs. W. T. Purcell of Weston last week received a very substantial prize in the way of a check which was given in a contest recently concluded.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of Union High School District No. 7 of Umatilla County, State of Oregon that the Annual School Meeting of said District will be held at the school house; from 2:00 o'clock p. m. to 7 o'clock p. m. on the fourth Monday of June, being the 28th day of June, A. D. 1926.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 17th day of June, 1926.
LAWRENCE R. PINKERTON
Chairman Board of Directors.
Attest: ERNEST A. ZERBA
District Clerk.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. Schrimpf, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed their final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, the 17th day of July 1926, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day as the time and the County Court room of the County of Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place for hearing said account and report. Objections to said final account and report should be filed on or before said date.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 12th day of June, 1926.
E. C. SHRIMPFF
B. B. RICHARDS
Administrators

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of John Bell, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to an order made and entered in the above entitled matter by the above entitled Court on the 3rd day of February, 1926, we J. V. Bell and Catherine Bell, Administrators with the will annexed of the estate of John Bell, deceased, will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand all of the right, title, interest and estate of John Bell, deceased in and to the following described realty, to-wit:

The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 33 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 34, Tp. 5 N. R. 34 EWM, Umatilla County, Oregon.
The estate herein is the owner in fee simple of said described realty,

subject to a certain mortgage thereon in the sum of \$18,500.00 to The Prudential Insurance Company of America, dated January 19th, 1924, payable on or before 10 years, in annual installments as follows, to-wit: beginning on the 1st day of February 1927, and on the same day in each year thereafter \$550.00, and the balance of said principal sum payable on the 1st day of February, 1934, with interest at the rate of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum, payable annually.

We will receive bids upon said described property at the law office of Watts & Prestbye at Athena, Oregon, up until 10:00 o'clock A. M. Saturday July 3rd, 1926, at which time we will dispose of said property to the highest bidder.

Dated this 4th day of June, 1926.
J. V. BELL
CATHERINE BELL
Administrators with the will annexed of the Estate of John Bell, Deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the matter of the Estate of W. R. Taylor, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed their final account, as administrators of the Estate of W. R. Taylor, Deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Umatilla, and that Saturday, the 10th day of July 1926 at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of the said day, at the County Court Room in the Court House in Pendleton, Umatilla County, State of Oregon, has been fixed by the said Court as the time and place for the final hearing and settlement of said account.

All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at such time in said Court and file any objections as they may have to such account or any part thereof.

NELLIE TAYLOR
SHELDON D. TAYLOR
Administrators of the Estate of W. R. Taylor, Deceased.
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