

# FASCIST REIGN FIGHTS UNREST IN HARD TIMES

### Business Depression Provides Problem for Mussolini Government — Prices Up, Wages Down.

By Hamilton Whitman  
ROME.—(AP) The fascist regime, like many another national administration, is feeling the reactions of the business depression with accompanying unemployment and political unrest.

There have been a number of recent instances of communist and anti-fascist activity. Attempts of the government to improve economic conditions by scaling down costs have not stifled all the undercover mumbblings.

**Unemployment Grows**  
Unemployment, government figures show, is on the increase. Many key industries are operating on part time; others have announced winter shutdowns.

To combat this situation, Mussolini's government started a rigorous campaign for wage and price reductions. It set the example by reducing the salaries of government employes an average of twelve and a half per cent.

The pay cuts have spread thru all phases of Italian industry. But rents and prices of manufactured articles have followed the downward trend somewhat slowly. The average reduction in them has been about ten per cent.

**Seek New Markets**  
Business interests are reaching out for markets in other countries and are getting every possible aid from the government. The outstanding accomplishment in this respect was the commercial accord with Russia, by which the soviets agreed to buy \$10,000,000 worth of Italian goods within the year ending June 30, 1931.

While it was not so nominated in the bond, there has been a natural reciprocal purchase of coal, oil, timber and ores from Russia and industrialists see in this trade a source of low cost raw material that will help Italy to get increasingly larger slices of foreign markets.

The line of this vision takes in South America and it also sees opportunities in the Balkans and Near East.

**Persians Turn Modern.**  
TEHRAN, Persia (AP)—No longer is the Persian woman shut up in the harem. Now she receives her husband's visitors in her salon. With Persian men adopting European customs, they allow the women to walk abroad in their company, and the veil gradually is being discarded.

**Hood River.**—Blue Ribbon Dairy plans installation of ice cream manufacturing plant to deal with local trade.

**Salem.**—Bids called for recently by state highway department for construction of 125 miles of highway in state.

**Newport.**—J. C. Broadway of Salem, purchased interest of J. Lee Stewart in Post Office Drug store.

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## GOVERNOR TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

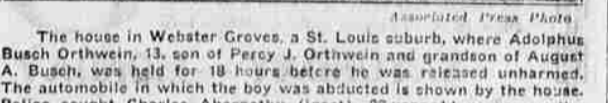


Julius L. Meier, (right) first independent to be elected governor of Oregon, was sworn in by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahon in the capitol in Salem.

## WHERE KIDNAPED BOY WAS HELD



The house in Webster Groves, a St. Louis suburb, where Adolphus Bush Orthwein, 13, son of Percy J. Orthwein and grandson of August A. Busch, was held for 18 hours before he was released unharmed. The automobile in which the boy was abducted is shown by the house. Police sought Charles Abernathy (inset), 23-year-old negro, as the kidnaper.



Associated Press Photo

## HELD AS LINGLE KILLER



Leo Brothers, St. Louis gangster, arrested in Chicago and held as the killer of Alfred "Jake" Lingle, Chicago Tribune reporter, last summer. The arrest was made under the direction of Pat Roche, special investigator for the Illinois state's attorney's office, Chicago. Roche said Brothers had been identified by several witnesses to the slaying.

Associated Press Photo

Oregon City.—A. G. Stevens, contractor, started construction of new cannery building, near here.

## FRANCE BUILDS NEW DEFENSES ON EAST FRONT

Parliament Appropriates 4 Billion Francs for 200-Mile Cement Chain On New Line.

METZ, France.—(AP)—A cement defense chain, adapting its links to the ground along the 200 miles of France's new eastern frontier, is being built with four billion francs appropriated by parliament. All the lessons of the World war are being put to profit in this work along with any other ideas that may have come to the French staff since 1918. The new first line contains no forts, such as the stronghold of Verdun. It is rather a long line of field works, but it probably will not be fully described until after the next war, if then. About all that can be said of it is that it is a continuous system, that much of it is underground

and some of it even under water. It embraces all that the French know about the ability of field works to resist modern arms.

**Follows Valleys**  
The new line also differs from the old in that it has no natural lines of defense, such as the Vosges Mountains, as a foundation. It follows the Rhine and Saar river valleys from the Swiss border to the frontier of Luxembourg.

After the war of 1870 the French found it would be too costly to construct a continuous system of frontier fortifications. So they built the forts of Verdun, Toul, Epinal and Belfort, with outlying batteries.

Where they could not complete the line, they arranged these batteries so an enemy coming through the gaps would be under heavy cross fire.

Such was the gap of Charms, through which Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria tried to go in 1914. There are no such breaks in the new line.

**Brisbane's Today**  
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er goes off the mountain road! Merely living to be old is nothing out here; you are requested to consider Ed McGilly, aged 102, who sleeps every night as guest of the state in the Pioneer's home. Every morning he starts out in the mountains prospecting for gold, walking up grades of 45 degrees, returning to his friends in the evening.

Daniel J. Seaman, who looks after the pioneers, of whom Grandmay Gray is 193, shows you his printing office where, in his weekly "Stars" he was first in Arizona to print this column.

Earl Sande, champion jockey, learned to ride on Prescott's little bull ring track. And in Prescott, Mergenthaler developed his line type machine.

"In fact," says Miss Sparkes, "there is no excuse for living outside of this country. Everything you want is here, roses perpetually blooming. And not far off pine trees and perpetual snow."

Leaving Prescott, to which this column will return later, the car with the cowboy driver goes on 100 miles farther to this prosperous city, center of the world's greatest single irrigated tract of land. The Roosevelt dam supplies the water.

The Western Fruit Jobbers' association has a convention attended by 15 railroad presidents, one railroad chairman, 30 railroad vice-presidents. General Atterbury of the Southern Pacific, speak at a luncheon of about 1000 in the open air, an airplane taking photographs.

You know why so many big railroad men are there when you learn that the rich irrigated soil of this valley sends out thousands of carloads of melons, lettuce and other products. You meet one man whose company cultivates 29,000 irrigated acres, tractors working 24 hours a day the year around. A farmer who uses his tractor for two weeks then puts it away to rust can't compete with that.

More about this state tomorrow. You ought to see Arizona with one

county bigger than New Jersey, its total population less than that of Newark. Plenty of room, wonderful opportunities here. When you come bring money. And don't forget to stop at Prescott and ask for Grace Sparkes.

Then come here and talk city with W. W. Knorr, the newspaper monopolist of Phoenix. And from here travel down to Tucson, on to Nogales where Mexico begins.

If climate interests you, if you would be rid of sinus or other trouble, come to this state. The crowd sitting outdoors at luncheon today wore their hats to ward off the hot sunshine.

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### Broadcloth Prints

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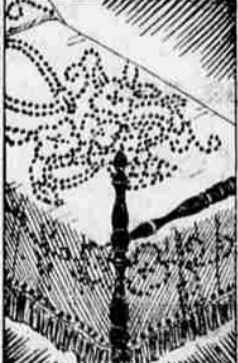


### Hundreds of Main Floor Bargains — See Our Windows! See Our Store Displays!

### Percal Prints

New for Spring! Smart new Percal prints, 36 inches wide, yard

25c



### Bed Spreads

Special \$3.95 Rayon bedspreads on sale tomorrow

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All women's shoes in our basement store. Values to \$5.25, reduced to \$2.98 and \$3.48. — Nothing higher!

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Beautiful Rayon prints for spring. 36 inches wide. Regular special, yard 35c yd.

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