

MUSSOLINI GIVES ITALIANS CHANCE FOR CHEAP TRIPS

Excursion Rates Enable City Workers Visit Sea and Mountains—Idea Catches Fancy of Poor Men

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ROME—(UP)—A spark from the agile brain of Premier Benito Mussolini has lighted another fire which is fast welding the Italian people into an even more united and home-loving nation.

One day in his immense office, resembling a feudal banquet hall, Mussolini resolved to make his countrymen better acquainted with each other and the beauties and wonders of their homeland.

Crab orders electrified his aides into action and a few days later 45,000 poor Italians were joyriding to new places, new scenes, new friends and new wonders. Mussolini's low priced, popular excursion trains had caught on like wild fire.

Cheap excursions are not new, but they never have been given the magnitude and importance which Mussolini imparted to Italy's popular Sunday trips. Mussolini's idea is a double header.

By cutting the price of certain train fares more than 80 per cent he encouraged the poorer city workers to go to the seashore and mountain resorts for sunshine and recreation. This will have an unlimited effect upon the health and well being of the nation.

But another point was certainly in the mind of Mussolini, these popular excursions are teaching untravelled Italians of the beauties and wonders of their own country. Not only does it increase their attachment and pride in their homeland, but it also opens their eyes to the many things which have given them such advantages and pleasures.

Berly estimates indicate that Mussolini's plan is not costing the nation one cent in railroad losses, but is building up a national spirit and pride which can not be purchased with money. For the same price, 10,000 inland residents of Milan and Turin to the seashore of Venice and the Adriatic. Practically every passenger saw Venice for the first time. For 18 lire, less than one dollar, they were taken nearly across the peninsula. For the same price, Romans went to Naples and Pompeii, while Neapolitans came to Rome.

Clever Schedules
The itineraries and time tables were cleverly arranged. Southern Italians were taken north and central Italians were given the choice of going south or north. In one day figuratively speaking tons of provincialism were rubbed off. Office boys who looked upon Neapolitans as slothful and dirty barbarians discovered they were proud of Italy's beautiful Naples.

The special trains depart every Sunday at six a. m., returning about midnight the same day. Tickets are placed on sale early in the week-end and are exhausted long before Sunday. The train facilities are insufficient to meet the popular demand.

Another amazing thing about the scheme is the smoothness with which it has operated so far. On the first day 50 special trains crossed and criss-crossed Italy without a single mishap or tie-up in the general service. A few years ago even the general service could not be operated according to schedule.

LONDON—(UP)—All women will have to be dressed in blue and men will have to wear a blue slip on their evening dress coat lapels at the Blue Shirts' ball, organized by Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson and to be held at Dorchester House November 5.

The object is to further the Blue Shirts' organization's propaganda against alleged Soviet propaganda. One thousand invitations are being issued to most of London's society leaders and to Blue Shirts' supporters all over England. The proceeds are to be devoted to charity.

The choice of the date, explained the commander, was made for symbolic purposes. November 6 is Guy Fawkes day when, in 1605, Fawkes planned to blow up King James I and the Houses of Lords and Commons. No better day could be chosen by the Blue Shirts, said the commander, to celebrate their anti-communistic activities.

The Blue Shirts—sometimes called English Fascists—are an organization recently formed for the purpose of "fighting by peaceful means, especially propaganda."

TRAIL CITY, S. D.—(UP)—That a mongoose is not the only animal that will fight a snake is the opinion of Mrs. Oscar Cole, who recently saw her big black tomcat corner and attack a rattlesnake.

Mrs. Cole was out in her yard when she heard a great commotion across the road near an old shack. She found that the cat had cornered a large rattler. The cat with its quick movements kept beyond the reach of the snake's fangs, but whenever the rattler would strike, and thus uncoil, the cat would rush in to close quarters and claw and bite.

COUNTY BRIEFS

WILLIAMS CREEK

WILLIAMS CREEK, Ore., Sept. 1.—(Special)—Friends are sorry indeed to hear that Phillip Heetebry has had to be retired from the ministry because of ill health.

Mrs. Gibson, who underwent an operation about a month ago at the Grants Pass hospital had to return last Monday and undergo a second operation. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Savage of Spokane, is with the family for a while.

Miss Eunice Blodgett, who spent several weeks in New York this summer, has returned home. She attended the Columbia university one term while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Holzhauser and daughter, Fay, Mrs. and George Truxant spent three days last week near Crescent City camping and fishing.

Mrs. Stella Stratton is spending a few days with Mrs. Goldie Griffith at Wilderville.

George Learned, Mrs. Albert Learned of Medford and the Misses Gray of Murphy called on friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Ollie Clark of Gold Hill is visiting her niece, Mrs. R. F. Lewman.

Jack Hill has moved his family from Grants Pass to the Sellers homestead, which he has purchased.

Miss Lucy Cobb of San Francisco is spending her vacation with her cousin, Mrs. Frank Bryan.

Claudia Corum and Mrs. Billy Billings of Medford were callers at the Tom Wilkinson home last week.

Miss Corum attended school at Williams one winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Holzhauser and John Lettcken made a trip to Talent for peaches Thursday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fergus.

Miss Bonnie Pollard of Wilderville has returned home after a visit with Mrs. Esther Large.

Albert Seeper, who grew up on Williams creek is visiting at the Pence home and other friends.

Mrs. John Pence and children of Klamath Falls, who has been spending the last two months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cougle, returned home Wednesday.

Harry Sorrells marketed a load of chickens in Grants Pass Tuesday.

A serious epidemic of matrimony seems to have struck Williams creek. The latest victims are Johnnie Spicer and Miss Sylvia. Both of Grants Pass. They left immediately for Florence, Ore., where Johnnie has employment. Their many friends join in wishing them happiness and prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sploer of Florence, Ore., spent the week-end with their parents here.

Placid Lumber Shipped.
LAKE PLACID, N. Y.—(UP)—A shipment of 100,000 board feet of Douglas fir for use in building stands at the Olympic stadium here is enroute from Seattle, Wash., via the Panama canal.

VALLEY VIEW

VALLEY VIEW, Ore., Sept. 1.—(Spl.)—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Graham and Mrs. Graham's niece, who visited her aunt last week, visited Crater lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Chaney had as dinner guests last Saturday evening, Mrs. Chaney's cousin, Miss Mabel Herbert, and Miss Alice Wilhelm. The young ladies have been visiting relatives in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Davenport spent the week end at Lake O' the Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Abrams were dinner guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gray of Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Schulling and family were Valley View visitors Tuesday from Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wilson of Richmond, Cal., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weagant, left for their home Friday. Mr. Milner is Mrs. Weagant's brother.

Ashland-Valley View Club held a meeting Monday evening at the J. R. McCracken ranch, all members being present. E. B. Foyer, John Billings, Harold Gilmore of Ashland, Bob Fowler, Jr. of Medford and Keith Lennox of Valley View were visitors.

R. G. Fowler of Medford, county club leader, was also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lytle of Bonanza arrived Wednesday for a short visit at the McCracken home.

Geo. Stowell of Eagle Point was a business visitor here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Davenport had as house guests Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Will Storey of San Francisco and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Conroy of Palo Alto, Cal., who were en route home from a trip through Yellowstone and Glacier parks.

Mrs. J. R. McCracken attended an executive board meeting at the home demonstration agent's office in Medford Wednesday.

Mr. Wendt of Ashland called in Valley View Monday.

Attending the missionary play given at the Methodist church in Ashland Sunday evening were Misses Rosina and Frances Gallatin, Mrs. J. R. McCracken, George McCracken, Mrs. E. C. Abrams and Bernard Abrams.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fehr and two grandsons, of Hamilton, Cal., visited at the L. H. Gallatin home this week.

Mr. Fehr is a brother of Mrs. Gallatin. Their visit was shorted by news of the death in Reno, Nev., of Mrs. Fehr's sister.

Those attending the Holy theater Friday to see the Arizona Wranglers were Mrs. J. R. McCracken and George, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Graham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bestwick and two sons, Mrs. W. A. Stratton and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stratton, visitors at the Stratton home.

The Misses Gallatin were hostesses for the wedding luncheon.

Misses Rosina and Frances Gallatin and Mrs. Heiney and daughter Agnes left Friday by motor for Portland, where the Misses Gallatin were guests at the wedding Friday of Miss

Audrey Wincombe, assistant state club leader.
Mrs. Chas. Allen, Miss Virginia Allen and Glenn Allen of Memphis, Tenn., left Saturday for their home. They spent the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Glenn. Mrs. Allen is a sister of Mrs. Glenn. Miss Beulah Otis accompanied them as far as Sacramento en route to her home at Fresno. She has visited during the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Jas. Lennox and family. These visitors have been the inspiration for many trips and parties and have made many friends who hope they will make another visit soon.

TOLO

TOLO, Ore., Sept. 1.—(Spl.)—Tolo Community club held the regular meeting August 27, with Mrs. H. F. Whetstone, Mrs. H. O. Lilla and Fred Pick of Jacksonville and two sons were visitors for the afternoon.

The next regular meeting will be held September 10, with Mrs. H. D. Hamor.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillipa and five young daughters have moved into one of the brown bungalows.

Mrs. Ivan Wilson and daughters, Joy and Billie, had their tonsils removed. While Mrs. Wilson was quite sick at the time she is much improved at this writing and the two girls got along fine.

Mrs. Peterman was moved to her home from the Sacred Heart hospital and is gaining in strength.

Mr. Fenton, while running a piece of farm machinery, fell and was hurt quite badly. At first his injuries were thought serious, but he is getting better.

O. J. Stapleton was a visitor last week at the P. A. Tracy home.

The schoolhouse is undergoing a general cleaning for the opening of school. There will be quite a number more students this year than last.

NEWS OF DEPRESSION UNHEARD IN 'HOLLOW'

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—(UP) The depression apparently means nothing to citizens of "The Hollow," a little town in Virginia.

This was indicated recently when Postmaster Geren received a letter from J. J. Bryan of that community in which he was asked to contribute \$24,000 to aid in furthering a \$1,000,000 project.

Bryan further explained that he and his associates expected all businessmen to help, observing that every thing from one dollar to \$50,000 would be acceptable. He closed the letter by asking for a list of all the "moneyed men" in Columbus and "thanking Geren in advance for the \$24,000.

Gets Reply to Year-Old Note.
CLINTON, Okla.—(UP)—A bottle containing a note, tossed into the Mississippi river near St. Louis, more than a year ago, by Byron Newton, was found recently and on the anniversary of the occasion, he received a reply.

JOHNSON LEADER IN TRIBUTES FOR A'S GREAT CLUB

Consistent Baseball Draws Praise From Manager of Rival Senators — Says Own Team Play Spotted

By Ted Vosburgh

WASHINGTON (AP)—The sincerest tribute to the great baseball played by the Athletics this year comes from Walter Johnson.

"They haven't had a single slump all season," says the manager of the pursuing Washington Senators. "Even the best clubs generally slow down a bit at some point in the season, but the Athletics haven't."

For this showing he gives the greatest credit to the pitching of Grove, Earnshaw and Walberg and the batting of Cochrane, Simmons and Fox.

Walter's own team underwent a perfectly human slump which resulted in miffing a mid-season chance to overhaul the Athletics.

"Cronin, Myer and Manush all stopped hitting at once, just when we were within a game of the Athletics," he explains. "Before we knew it they had opened up a gap of a dozen games."

To Stand Pat
In spite of this failure he expects to make few changes in his lineup for next year, although he hopes that if the boys have to lose their batting eyes they won't do it all at once and just at the time the "big push" against the A's.

"Outside of trying to get a right fielder and a couple of young pitchers," says Johnson, "we don't plan any changes for next year."

Johnson has been using Dave Harris in right against left-handed pitchers and Sam Rice against right handers.

While both have done good work on occasion, Johnson feels he should have a younger player in the position to round out his team.

Sees Slump for Grove
The "Big Train" and his men have high hopes of ending the reign of the A's next year. They base their optimism on the contention that it isn't possible for any pitcher to have two such years as Lefty Grove has had this season and for a team to travel through two campaigns without a slump.

"Old Barney" speaks highly of the youngsters—Cramer, McNair and Williams—whom Connie Mack has found to plug important holes, but he believes his own young players are as promising. He expects to see Joe Kuhel, youthful Washington first baseman, improve his batting form considerably next season.

DUESSELDORF, Germany (AP)—There is smooth railway traveling from here to Moers, the line of more than two miles consisting of sets of rails welded into one piece.

GAS KEEPS FRUIT FRESH IN TRANSIT IS NEW DISCOVERY

Hermetically Sealed Cars Will Replace Expensive Refrigerator Equipment Is Belief of Italian Experts

ROME—(UP)—Italian engineers are nearly ready to announce an invention which will make useless all the expensive refrigerator freight trains now used for the transportation of fresh fruit and delicate flowers.

The lead cars will be replaced by simple hermetically sealed cars into which a special carbon gas is sprayed. The gas keeps fresh fruit fresh and preserves the perfume of costly flowers during long distance shipment.

According to information now available, the engineers who are finishing their experiments in the rich fruit region of Liguria, have found a gaseous derivative of carbon which can be solidified under pressure.

Blocks of this substance placed in a hermetically sealed car loaded with any perishable product slowly give off a certain amount of gas which completely preserves and refreshes the fruit or flowers. At the same time the gas disinfects the air and lowers the temperature considerably.

The advantage of the discovery, according to agricultural experts, is that it allows farmers to pick their fruit or flowers mature and ship them long distances without fear of their spoiling or wilting before arrival. Under the present arrange-

ment with refrigerating cars, the fruit or flowers must be picked and shipped before ripe and allowed to ripen or bloom during transit.

Ring Found After Seven Years.
DRESDEN, Tenn.—(UP)—After laying for seven years on the bottom of Reelfoot lake near here, a high school class ring, belonging to John Jeter of this city has been found. It was identified by his brother, Jeter lost the ring when he let a girl wear it while swimming.



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