

FASCISTI HEADS ALL YOUNG MEN

ROME, Dec. 22.—The advent of the Fascist government to power will have favorable influence upon the development of sport and athletics in Italy. Premier Mussolini's cabinet is composed mostly of young men between the ages of 30 and 40, the majority of whom at some time or another have taken active part in some branches of athletics and have retained a deep interest in sports. Mussolini himself is an expert fencer, and his under secretary of state, Finzi, besides being one of Italy's most renowned aviators, was at one time one of the best 5,000 metre runners in the peninsula.

The first effects of the assumption of leadership of the government by Mussolini, in the field of sports, already have been seen in the promise made by the premier that appropriations of funds to defray the expenses of the Italian Olympic team to Paris in 1924, would be forthcoming. The Olympic preparations in Italy which had been stagnant throughout the summer owing to lack of funds and consequent lukewarm enthusiasm, has taken on a new lease of life, and followers of athletics in Italy are rejoicing. The preparation of the Italian Olympic team will be directed especially toward the 5,000 and 10,000 metre races and the marathon. Although sprints will not be neglected, the Italian Olympic committee feels that they have better material for the distance events. Commencing Sunday, November 26th, when a full distance marathon was run at Milan, there will be 5,000 and 10,000 metre races in various cities of Italy, Milan, Turin, Genoa, Naples or Rome, about twice a month. It is the intention of the committee to have four full Olympic distance marathons run between now and the departure of the Italian team for Paris in 1924. The last one will take place about January, 1924.

Signor Tonetti, vice president of the committee, is sanguine that Italy has a first class chance of carrying off the blue ribbon of the Olympic games. In Arri Valseria of Turin and Hugo Fregorio of Milan, Italy claims to have discovered worthy successors to Dorando Pietri, whose dramatic failure in the marathon at London, and subsequent races in America against Tom Longboat, Johnny Hayes and Alfred Schrabbe, are well remembered in sporting circles. Both Valseria and Fregorio can run all day. What they lack just now is final speed for the last two or three miles. However, they have both negotiated the distance well under two hours and fifty minutes.

In the 5,000 metres Italy will present Ernesto Ambrosini of Milan and Primo Brega of Rome. Ambrosini ran a good second to Paolo Nurni at Paris some time ago, forcing the record breaking Finzi to the limit in order to win by ten yards in fifteen minutes and no seconds. Since then Ambrosini has run the 5,000 under fifteen minutes, fourteen minutes and 58 2-5 seconds to be exact.

Favosi of Milan and Fiorentino of Livorno are the best men for the 10,000. Fiorentino, who was champion of Italy in 1920, but was off from last season, is stepping in great shape just now, but he will rest up during the winter. He recently turned in 32 minutes 21-5 seconds.

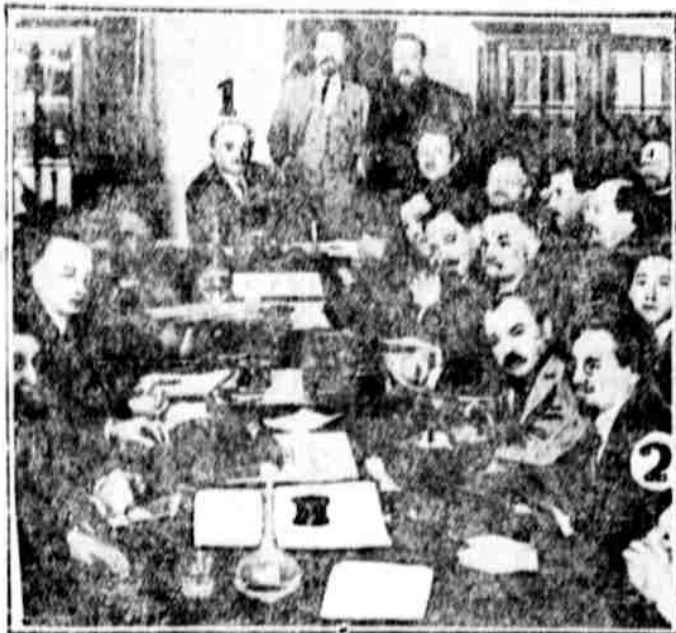
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MRS. SPEAKER



Mrs. Winifred Mason Houck, representative from Illinois, is shown while occupying the speaker's chair for the first time.

Lenin Gets Back on the Job



Nicolai Lenin (1) attends the first meeting of the "Sovnarkom," the people's council, since his recent illness. Trotsky, his chief aid (2), is seated at the table where signs prohibit smoking because of Lenin's physical condition.

discuss throwing are giving the committee much concern, and they do not look forward to earning any points in these events, unless some phenomena should come to light between now and 1924. The best pointed Italy can boast just now is Zucca of Turin. His time for the 100 metres is 19.45 seconds.

In the aquatic events Italy expects to make a good showing. The Genoa quartet, as Baglioni, Costa Malito, Rastner and Panero are known, will give a good account of themselves in the tank. The first three have won the "swim across Paris," Malito defeating Billington of England in record time this year. Panero is a mere youth, but coming strong.

Amateur boxing, especially in the featherweight and lightweight classes, may also prove point winners for Italy, according to members of the Olympic committee. They claim to have a couple of future Johnny Dundees under cover in Calabria and Sicily, and they will spring them upon the unsuspecting feather and lightweights from other countries.

It was pointed out to the correspondent that although politicians in Italy are greatly divided on some of the issues of the day there is one point upon which unanimity has been reached: Sports.

PROTESTS JAP LAND LEASE

SEATTLE, Dec. 22.—A protest against Indorsement reported to have been given by the Yakima municipal association to efforts by Japanese to extend leases or land in the Yakima valley was telegraphed to A. H. Pail, secretary of the Interior tonight by the Rainier post of the American Legion of this city.

STREET CAR FARE CUT

SEATTLE, Dec. 22.—Fares on the municipal car system having been reduced to 5 cents from 8 1-2 cents effective March 1, Seattle officials are laboring to educate the public to ride more.

ON TRIAL



Here is the latest picture of Mrs. John Brunen on trial in Mount Holly, N. J., for the murder of her husband, John, famous circus owner. Harry C. Mohr is co-defendant with Mrs. Brunen.

LITTLE CITY SEES OIL MAGIC

PONCA CITY, Okla., Dec. 22.—The magic of black gold that spurts from the oil fields of Oklahoma and Texas, which has made millionaires overnight, is seen perhaps in few places more clearly than in this active little city of some 7,000 persons.

Ponca City boasts the distinction of having more laborers who are not farmers than any other city in the world—the result of an oil millionaire's riches which have enabled him to realize an ambition to make others happy. The man is Ernest W. Marland, head of the oil company that bears his name, and the golf playing laborers are his employees who, with the general public, are invited to use his private course, recognized as one of the best and most beautiful in the southwest. It is no unusual sight to see a foursome of bankers teeing off behind a group of men in jumpers and overalls.

Marland's golf course is part of his estate, located to make Ponca City his permanent home in 1916. Marland selected a cornfield on the city's outskirts as the desired site. Today the southern part of the field has been transformed into the most elaborate garden in the southwest, and by the side of the garden is his palatial residence, reputed to have cost approximately one million dollars.

At the opposite end of the estate is the golf course. This, too, has been landscaped and beautiful. A small stream flows through the course and has been dammed to form several small lakes. Clumps of trees and shrubs combine beauty with utility in providing hazards.

Two years ago Marland announced that he would build an athletic park, which, like his golf course and his garden, should be open to the public. Twenty acres adjoining the Marland refining plant were purchased and work commenced. The park was opened this spring. It is one of the most modern in the state, containing playing fields for football and baseball, running tracks, tennis courts and open sward to be used as desired. The concrete grandstand seats 1,800 and is equipped with club rooms, showers and other modern conveniences.

The Des Moines club of the western league will use the park for training next spring.

Mr. Marland's latest enterprise of this nature is the establishment of a game preserve. He has purchased 200 acres adjoining the city on the north and is directing a large force of men in beautifying the area and otherwise preparing it for use.

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Boston's Coal Problem



Hundreds of Boston citizens stormed City Hall to secure some of the 25,000 tons of coal which the city obtained to meet the fuel problem. Here is a part of the crowd thronging the fuel committee's headquarters.