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SPLINI. WITHOUT WARNING, INTRODUCES MEASURE, RE-VERTING TO OLD CUSTOM.

OME. Dec. 22.—(Associated Press) Premier Mussolini, with his customdramatic effect, Saturday acceptd the challenge of the Opposition by introducing a Bill in the Chamber of Deputies modifying the Electoral Law. providing for a return to the old methods of election, and calling the Chamber to assemble Jan. 3, for the purpose of passing the Bill. The measure contemplates the holding of gen-

eral elections in March. The Premier flung this bombshell into the Chamber, which at the time was enjoying a peaceful atmosphere, thus giving startling notice that he and his Fascist followers were willing to let the country decide whether they have the confidence of the maority, or are trying to rule by a sort f usurpation as the Opposition has

The Premier's decision is interpreted as meaning that he intends to have the general elections in March or pril, and it has caused something of shock among the majority members,

s well as the Opposition. Former Premier Giolitti expressed tisfaction that Mussolini finally had lecided to return to the electoral sysem which Giolitti had always supported. This system, he argued, had worked well in Italy for over half a century since the constitution was ranted; therefore it had tradition behind it, was rooted in the spirit of the people and responded better to the feeling of the nation, each voter preferring to choose his own Deputy rather than to vote for a collective party ticket, which gave him the impression that he had no representa-

ive in Parliament. Former Premier Salandra also approved the Bill, saying that he and is friends had always supported a return to the old electoral system, but he expressed doubt as to whether he would stand again for Parliament in

the next elections. In expressing his support of the Bill former Premier Orlando said: "It s undoubtedly a master strike on the part of Mussolini to seize the bull by he horns, thus upsetting the plans of Opposition and even of some of his

The Opposition parties yesterday resolution expressing disaproval of Premier Mussolini's elector-Bill. It is declared that the Bill ends to cloud the political issues and it will make impossible, the holding of elections by the Fascist Government nder the conditions announced.

MONDAY STORIES.



per, by the dimly glowing taper, I am always shocked and saddened and I wring my hands and hair; for I always find on Monday tales of accidentson Sunday, ghastly WALT MASON tales of car colns, death carousing everywhere. balmy Sabbath morning father

When I read

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impatient warning, and colhis wife and children for a about the grad; all the streets cars are swarming, new pareach mement forming, for the day auto outing has become a fad. All the deaf and blind ng, all the locoed ones are exhibit curves in tooling e never seen before: all the and the feckless, all the dotty reckless, they are driving Sunday, you may hear their rs roar. Little boys and girls steering, down the street inly veering, crippled, people work throttle, taking chances all the and the crowner comes with kets, the morticians come with skets, and, though hardened, they ast shudder as they bear the bones In the Monday morning pahave read how Driggs, the per, drove his priceless car and ound it all around a banyan tree; We read how Loco Lossing raced mail train to the crossing, and his his were strewn in fragments all ut the windswept lea. It is sad, tragic reading, and I sometimes nk we're needing an inspection of drivers till the worst ones have canned, till the crippled and lrooling and the reckless cease tooling of the large and deadly nes which depopulate the land.

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69c

Control Making Good ernment control has been adopted last year.

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The "Albertan," which by the way of city's recent police court record, ing government control, points out this state of affairs has been brought about mainly by government control, points out about mainly by government control, and the state of affairs has been brought about mainly by government control, and the state of affairs has been brought about mainly by government control. comparisons of a like period a ing government control, points on ago. To those foolish enough to that in November last the total number of the control of th ber of police court cases in Calsulation of western centres was utation of western centres was the greatest decrease is shown in number of drunks, of whom 29 days a case for prohibition, it will convicted in November, 1924, as cuts resting to learn that since government with 86 during the same per pared wit

In Medicine Hat there were no con-

A Changed Premier

mared in Unionist circles, has besays the Sunday Times. "It was the grumble against him in his previous eadership of the party that he showed no initiative, that he was not mas-ter in his own house, and that he was run by his Die-hards. The story went that he rarely opened his mor the Cabinet, and decisions. If that

vere so, il a change tout cela. "The new man was at once seen in Chancellor of the Exchequer a man made it perfectly clear that he in the formation of his Cabinet. He made whom he knew would be much less tends to call the tune to which his "The Prime Minister, it is generally his selection off his own bat, without than gratissimus to the Die-hards. followers are to dance. To-day he onsultation with any section of his and in his Guildhall speech, and at the speaks with the authority that here-



party, and he chose for the post of first meeting of his Cabinet, he has

tofore he has lacked. -"What has produced the change? Probably the answer is to be found in the overwhelming yote of confidence which the country has given

Try baking sliced sweet po with marshmallows, chopped nuts and

Just Folks. By EDGAR GUEST.

THE BUSY MAN." The busy man may rush along. He has no time to stay, No time to stay to hear the things his neighbors have to say, He can't afford to waste an hour

profitless affairs, minutes are all precious things and few of them he spares; He's building up a business, and on that he's so intent

I often see the busy man go rushing through the street, take his stingy little nod, and chuckle as we meet, I never stop him on his way. His jaw

so sternly set Tells me there is a dollar near he's hurrying to get I know he hasn't any time to take one step aside Or that poor dollar which he seeks to

him might be denied. I'd like to tell that busy man so much on business bent
That he could be a kindly man and never lose a cent,
I'd like to stop him just for once and whisper to him this:

"The time you spend in friendliness is time vou'll never miss.
Success is not in what you gain, dispute is though you may, You build your fortune on this earth

by what you give away. "You think you're busy! And you are but when the game is played You'll wish somewhere along the way to help a friend you'd stayed

You'll wish you'd spent a little time to smooth another's way
Had stopped to give a helping hand; a cheering word to say, For you will learn when it's too late that men as rich as you Found time to win the world's res-pect and build a business, too."

Dust Storm Stops

Play in Australia SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 23.-Can. Press Cable via Reuters)-Littering the ground with rubbish, a duststorm swept across the playing pitch to-day causing the postponement until tomorrow of the first cricket test match between England and Australia, when the Antipodeans in their second innings had scored 257 runs for five wickets. The struggle will be resumed with Australia in a splendid position, leading their oppents by 409

runs with five wickets still to fall. In their first attempt the Australians amassed 450 runs. England replying with 298. The game to-day was featured by a brilliant exhibition by Arthur Richard on who scored 98 runs before he was caught and bowled by Freeman. He was at the wickets for two hours and fifty minutes and hit nine fours. Collins returned to the game and by patient, careful hitting obtained 58, being unbeaten when the game was

called off for the day. He scored a century in the first innings, but retired from the game yesterday on account of the death of his sister. His place in the field was taken by Ryder. in fine but sultry weather on a good wicket before twelve thousand spec-

tators. Throughout the day the Engish fielding was excellent and the bowling good. Gilligan, the captain of the Old Country eleven, was the recipient of numerous congratulatory cables on the occasion of his thirtieth birthday. For the next test match to take

place at Melbourne on January 1, the ame Australian team has been notided to be in readiness, although the sleven to be selected will not be mown until the day before the match, The score:-Australia, first innings 450

England, first innings 298 Australia, Second Innings. ardsley, b Tate 22

. Richardson, c and b Freeman 98 Celloway, b Gilligan - - - 23 collins, not out 58

No Minor Mussolinis.

London Daily News: Mussolini is Il the dominating figure in the life f Italy, but there are not wanting any signs to show that the policy Fascism is no longer the completedominating creed. During the dete in the Chamber there was a very nificant speech by Signor Salana, in the course of which he said: We want Mussolini, but we want olini only; the country will not ent Mussolinis in minor form. You all have no monopoly of the of the State. You shall not allow ir party organization to disturb and oy your work as a Government." re, in brief, is an admirable critin of the main weakness of Fasm and an expression of a widelyd opinion that a Government which almost entirely a despotic party zation it not likely to survive. it is fairly certain that Italy will ate no little Mussolinis, or cone the present policy of the great e when his power weakens or disars, it is time for him to read the ng on the wall.

