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GAETANO SALVEMINI

Subject:

*"Italy and the Ethiopian War"*

To those who take an intelligent interest in the movements which are changing the world, and the personalities involved in them, it may seem a redundancy to explain who Professor Gaetano Salvemini is; more especially here in Montreal where he has lectured so often and so acceptably at the People's Forum. Since there are doubtless some, however, who are unfamiliar with his name, we quote again for their benefit from an editorial in the "New York World," written on the occasion of his first visit to America some years ago:

" . . . Gaetano Salvemini, professor of  
" modern history at the University of Flor-  
" ence for many years, did not believe in  
" bending to the storm in Italy. He was a  
" liberal before the Fascists marched on  
" Rome and he continued to be a liberal after  
" the Fascisti had canonized a new autocracy.  
" Professor Salvemini was a distinguished  
" scholar, with a reputation in every capital  
" in Europe. It would have been easy enough  
" for him to hold his peace and coast along  
" on a well-earned prestige. He did not hold  
" his peace. He attacked Fascism with as  
" much spirit as if Italy under Mussolini  
" were still a free country. . . . He is an  
" exile now, deprived of his civil rights and  
" property. He comes to this country to lec-  
" ture and deserves a welcome as a brave  
" man, a liberal who believes in liberalism  
" and one of the most distinguished scholars  
" of his generation."