Open Air Opera in Rome

Rome — the name that has stirred the imagination of nations and individuals for many centuries—is still potent to cause intense interest to-day. Most people think of it as either the centre of the largest church organization in Christendom or as the ancient city, wherein lie hidden the keys of history. The Rome of to-day is more than this; it is the Capital of one of the worlds foremost states; it broad and splendid avenues, beautiful parks, magnificent fountains and stately buildings are worthy of its importance, past and present.

The right way to enter Rome is from the north and by motorcar; thus you follow the path of history. This is the route and the method I adopted for my party when visiting the Eternal City the last two summers. In 1932, coming south-west from Florence and stopping overnight at Perugia, we entered the city and crossed the Tiber on the famous Milvian Bridge. Continuing along the ancient Via Flaminia we passed a huge Fascist camp in which were congregated fifty thousand Avanguardisti from all parts of the Kingdom of Italy. This is the "Campo Dux," a tent city which rises magically from the soil every September. It is a real, self-contained city with electric light, radio, telephone, post office, barber and cobbler shops, and it is the cherished ambition of every Avanguardisti—as the adolescent Fascist boys, between fourteen and eighteen years of age are called—to have the distinction of attending this camp.

We passed through the Porta del Popolo, the massive gate constructed in 1576 on the site of an older gateway erected by Flaminius when he built his great road. Here we found ourselves in one of the busy centres of the city, bus lines and tram cars constantly moving around the great Piazza. Rising from the centre the high obelisk, brought from Egypt in the year 30 B.C., and the eight fountains flashing their merry welcome, met our gaze and, just around the corner, we entered our hotel—one of the finest in Rome, with a garden extending up to Pincian Hill. This garden was a veritable fairyland; its semi-tropical vegetation, fountains, twinkling lights among the trees, etc., was a delight to behold and, when added to this, we experienced the wonder of seeing the full moon gradually entering a full eclipse, our cup of happiness filled to overflowing.

Are you looking for something different in the way of entertainment for your church, society, club or institute?

Capt. F. H. Reid, the well-known traveller, who has been contributing the series of articles to this paper, under the heading of "Travel Impressions," has what is, perhaps, the finest collection of European views in the country. Pictures taken with his own camera, beautifully coloured, showing some of the out-of-the-way places, as well as the localities about which you have read and heard. Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Jugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Holland, Belgium, and British Isles are included in this unique collection.

For particulars regarding this, communicate with Captain Reid at Room 421, 73 Adelaide Street West, Toronto.

To recount our experiences in full would take too long, besides, the real object of this article is to relate one incident. On our second evening in Rome we were advised that a performance of "Rigoletto' was being given by the Opera Nazionale Dopolavoro in the open air, not a great distance from the hotel. We all decided to go; the hotel management procured tickets for us and provided the bus to take us over. Hurriedly finishing dinner, we packed into the bus which crossed to the other side of the Tiber and, following the road along the bank, landed us in front of a large open space, under the shadow of the Castle of St. Angelo or, as it is sometimes called, Hadrian's Tomb.

When first built, this building must have presented an imposing appearance. Its base was square and on the top was erected a round structure, in the centre of which was the sepulchre of the Emperor Hadrian and his consort Sabina. The roof of this tower was covered with a deep layer of earth and planted with cypresses — all through Italy the cypress tree is still used to ornament cemeteries. This was the tomb, but it ceased to be used as such when the Emperor Aurelian transformed it into a fortress. After this it passed into the hands of the Popes and was converted into a prison with loathsome dungeons. The tales of misery and horror, that have come down to us, are hardly consistent with the figure of the angel that spreads its wings over the building. This figure, by the way, is said to have been inspired by the legend which tells that Gregory the Great, after praying for deliverance from a pestilence, was crossing the bridge over the Tiber and saw above the Castle a vision of the Angel Michael sheathing his sword.

But to come back to the open air opera. We soon found ourselves in a huge jostling crowd, which, in spite of what seemed a small army of police and soldiers, were endeavoring to cram into the narrow entrance that led to the seats. Loud voiced police were competing with an equally noisy audience and I had an altercation with one important person, who seemed to be an inspector. It was when I was endeavoring to shield one of my ladies who had become alarmed and was in danger of being crushed; of course I was blamed for pushing and had difficult in making it understood that I was not at fault. However, we finally got through and experienced no trouble in getting our seats, where we had time to watch the interesting audience gather before the performance started. It was estimated that there were 15,000 people there. Volpi, the great Italian tenor, was to be in the title role and much excitement was manifested. At the end of the huge enclosure a large stage was set up and, when the time came for the curtain to rise, the air was tense with anticipated eagerness. Finally a bugle sounded and a hush, preceded by a hissing sound, came over that vast throng—a marvellous exhibition of interest and control that would not have seemed possible had one not been there to see it. Behind us there was one interruption. A woman was disputing the right of someone to have a seat that she claimed; we thought that the people around her would have mobbed her for disturbing the performance.

The opera proceeded. It was gloriously staged, The electrical effects were marvellous and the members of the cast did their work as smoothly as the finest company in the most up-to-date theatre. Of course Volpi was magnificent and the audience nearly went wild at the conclusion of the familiar numbers, particularly after the singing of the quartette. It is impossible to describe the feeling that went over us during this unusual entertainment; when the storm scene was being enacted, its effect was so realistic that we could almost feel the rain descending on us; when the chorus sang, under the moonlit Italian sky, we were transported; even to those of us who had heard the opera before, it was new.

The final curtain had to be raised many times before the audience were satisfied with the sight of the principals. We made our way out of the open air auditorium much more leisurely than we entered. It was interesting to watch the individuals who made up the throng and to hear their excited comments on the performance. Outside the soldiers and police were lining up to march away; the crowd dispersed in an orderly fashion; we finally secured taxis and the pleasant and exceedingly worth-while evening ended.

Supposing that next week I take you into Jugoslavia for a change.

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Toronto Secures 82 New Concerns

Launched by Industrial Commission Since 1929— Up Swing in 1933

Toronto.—Since 1929, when the depression first struck industry, the Toronto Industrial Commission has been instrumental in launching 82 new industrial concerns in Toronto which have contributed an annual "new" payroll of $1,929,026 to Toronto residents and have invested $3,028,700 in plants and equipment, it was revealed at the annual meeting of the commission.

During 1933, it was also disclosed, a definite upswing was revealed when employment between May 1, 1933, and the end of the year advanced by 12 per cent. and 22 new industrial concerns, employing 561 persons, investing $742,500 in plants and equipment and occupying 232,700 square feet of floor space, established plants in Toronto. In number of industries, resulting employment, plant and equipment investment and floor space required, this exceeded 1932 by a wide margin.

During 1933 the commission was consulted by an increasing number of local manufacturers seeking new lines to manufacture, larger and more suitable manufacturing space, market information, both domestic and export, and information on obscure sources of equipment and materials, it was noted in the report for 1933. A lengthy list of manufacturing concerns which utilized the commission's services was appended to the report.

The meeting of directors returned the same officers for 1934 as directed its operations in 1933. They were: Hon. president, Mayor W. J. Stewart; president, C. L. Burton; vice-presidents, Samuel McBride, John A. Tory, F. E. Waterman; city council representative, Mr. McBride; Board of Trade representatives, J. H. Black, C. L. urton, William Inglis, Harry McGee, F. D. Tolchard and John A. Tory; Canadian Manufacturers' Association representatives, A. B. Cooper, F. E. Waterman, A. Ross Robertson; Toronto Hydro representative, E. M. Ashworth; T.T.C. representative, D. W. Harvey; harbor commission representative, George W. Porter; exhibition representative, H. W. Waters. Mr. Robertson replaced Roy D. Kerby who resigned recently when he moved to Oshawa. H. B. Keenleyside was reappointed general manager and secretary.

Queen of Greenwich Village Organizes Costume Ball

New York.—Cynthia White—some call her Greenwich Village's Queen-without-Portfolio—beckoned with a wand magically preserved from a moribund past.

And so, by subway and taxi, they went to Wester Hall—Tibetan Lamas from Far Rockaway, Brooklyn Mandarins, toreadors from Spanish Harlem, Broadway tic toc lassies and just plain "Gents" in two-pant suits.

It was Greenwich Village's annual costume ball, promoted for the 17th time by Cynthia, who "knew the village when."

Now that it's no longer Bohemia, now that it has passed through the art era and the "Arty" epoch into something else again, she still promotes this torrid dance and packs them in.

A smallish woman, snappy-eyed, she annually gushes memories. She sat in her brevoort suite very busy arranging things but not too busy to lament the days when "the village was not a mere geographical unit, but a lovely state of mind."

More Red-Headed Boys Than Red-Headed Girls

There are more red-headed boys than red-headed girls, according to a report issued by the Medical Research Council, London, this conclusion having been arrived at by Miss R. M. Fleming, of the Medical Research Council sta., after a study extending 14 years and taking in 2,129 boys and 2,073 girls. The report also mentions the following facts:

The blue eye of a baby become brown, but no brown eyes ever become blue again. Changes in eye and hair color are always to darker shades not lighter. Boys and girls are equal in average height up to 11 years. Girls are taller than boys between 11 and 14. Afterwards boys become steadily taller than girls. Girls are darker than boys. The average head measurements are greater in boys than in girls at every age.

New Buttons Look Like Chips Broken from Peanut Brittle

Pris.—Fashions have gone Fascist.

The latest and most successful sports ensembles comprising black shirts worn with white skirts were shown recently at Worth's summer show of sportswear.

The skirts have a general tendency to be longer and waists are well-defined, in accordance with the new trend. The skirts feature the new "kangaroo" single pocket in the middle of the front. Buttons look like chips broken from peanut brittle.

Bathing suits are really glove-like tights, so that a second piece is worn, either a cape or skirt to be donned as soon as the bather leaves the water.

The suits are the most daring in history, generally made up of shorts and a separate brassiere. Sometimes a string of beads alone keeps the brassieres in place.

Women's Reserve Opens Recruiting Depot at Sheffield

London.—Domestic servants joining the unofficial "women's reserve" being organized by commandant Mary Allen, formerly of the Metropolitan police, are all eager to study firearms, says the commandant.

Although they are taught the nature of different weapons they are not given instruction in shooting, she adds.

The reserve, organized to act in case of war, a general strike or similar national emergency, has opened its first recruiting depot outside London at Sheffield. Whether the Steel City was selected because it was one huge arsenal during the war is not stated, but the recruits there are promised instruction in anti-gas methods, casualty treatment, fire drill and motor truck driving.

Among the first recruits at Sheffield was the Deputy Mayoress.

Resolves For the New Year

Let our hearts be kind and tender,
With the folk along life's way;
Doubly guarding every action,
Careful of each word we say;
Bringing cheer to those afflicted,
With misfortune and despair,
Always ready to be helpful,
Not forgetting them in prayer.

Let us cheer the sad and lonely
With brave words or willing pen,
Try to win them faith and courage,
Making life worth-while again,
Do not wait to send them bouquets,
When they fail to see or hear,
Grasp each chance of doing kindness,
Filling hearts with love and cheer.

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Young Scotswoman Does Botanical Work in Far North

Undertakes 500 Mile Journey With Sled and Dog Team When She Misses Steamer

After Miss I. W. Hutchinson of Kirkliston, West Lothian, had been searching for rare plants and flowers near Cape Barrow, on the Arctic coast of Alaska, she missed her steamer. It was the last steamer of the season.

Being a young Scotswoman of exceptional pluck as well as exceptional hardness, Miss Hutchinson hired an Eskimo dog team and set off by sled on a 500-mile journey along the frozen coast to Herschel Island, off Yukon. At times the temperature fell as low as 70 degrees below zero—but Miss Hutchinson arrived safely and reported to be quite fit. Her specimens were collected for Kew Gardens.

Miss Hutchinson, who spent some months in Greenland on botanical work last year, was introduced to Kew by the officials of the Botanical Gardens at Edinburgh, for whom she has done considerable work. She has recently been granted a special visa from the Soviet Government to visit Siberia for a short time to carry on her botanical researches.

Her work is considered so valuable that she is financed on those expeditions by a group of leading horticulturists, who are anxious to obtain seeds of rare plants.

"Driven to Matrimony By the Depression"

Kansas City.—It seems they both lost—the United States Government and the woman who wrote Dan N. Nee, collector of internal revenue, the following letter:

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