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## The Italian Cultural Society Forum

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MR. JOSEPH A. SCRAMUZZA SPEAKS

### "Foreign Languages in Education"

It is not the habit of the editor of this column to make the thoughts of other men appear as his own with out due appologies to whomsoever it is due. Neither is it customary to search beyond the circle of the Italian Cultural Society of Birmingham to find speakers who are capable of expressing themselves in public matters which are of cultural interest, such as the study of the Italian Language. But when a man or woman is found in any part of the United States whose ideas coincide with those of the Italian Cultural Society this column is always open to them.

Mr. Joseph A. Scramuzza, of Louisiana, delivered the following address during a "Virgilian Society Program" over radio station WDSU. We should note his remarks about the "Foreign Languages In Education" and follow through.

"The Virgilian Society again takes pleasure in addressing the radio audience. It may not be amiss this evening to restate that the objects and purposes of the Virgilian Society are cultural, social and educational, and that one of the chief requisites to becoming a member of this organization is a college or university degree.

"Last week and the week before, the Society presented nine reasons why the study of Italian is so important. The Society hopes that many parents are prevailing upon their children to avail themselves of the opportunity presented to them to study Italian, and that a great many of the children have already enrolled.

"Last June, at the graduation exercises, the Society made gold medal awards for the proficiency in Latin in each of the Public Schools. In addition, gold and silver medals were awarded for proficiency in Italian at the two high schools having organized classes. This practice will be repeated in June, 1934, and at that time the Society hopes it will likewise be able to award medals for proficiency in Italian at the high schools.

### Ottobre 28, Roma Sara' Pui Grandiosa

Nell'occasione dell'anniversario Fascista il 28 Ottobre e per diversi giorni dopo, Roma sara' piu' grandiosa che per il passato, in accordo con diversi annunci ricevuti dall'Italian Tourist Information Office di New York.

Rimodellazione della capitale d'Italia e' pressa per ordine speciale di Mussolini. Vi saranno numerose parate e festività. Cio' sara' un'opportunita' per osservare i regimenti Italiani marvellosamente organizzati fra i farmaiuoli moderni, durante recreazione. Questi sono lavoratori uniti.

Gli uomini che usualmente, sono negli uffici, nel loro lavoro di guidare il progresso Italiano, si trovano dove i visitanti possono osservarli.

Ottobre 28 e' l'ultimo giorno di molti delle esibizioni nella Citta' Eterna. La piu' importante e' l'esibizione della Rivoluzione Fascista che il Duce recentemente dichiaro' da' un accurato ritratto dell'avanzamento e progresso d'Italia dopo la guerra.

## Columbus Day

What a stir in the harbor!  
What a stir in the street!  
What a stowing of cargo!  
And noisy hurring 'feet!

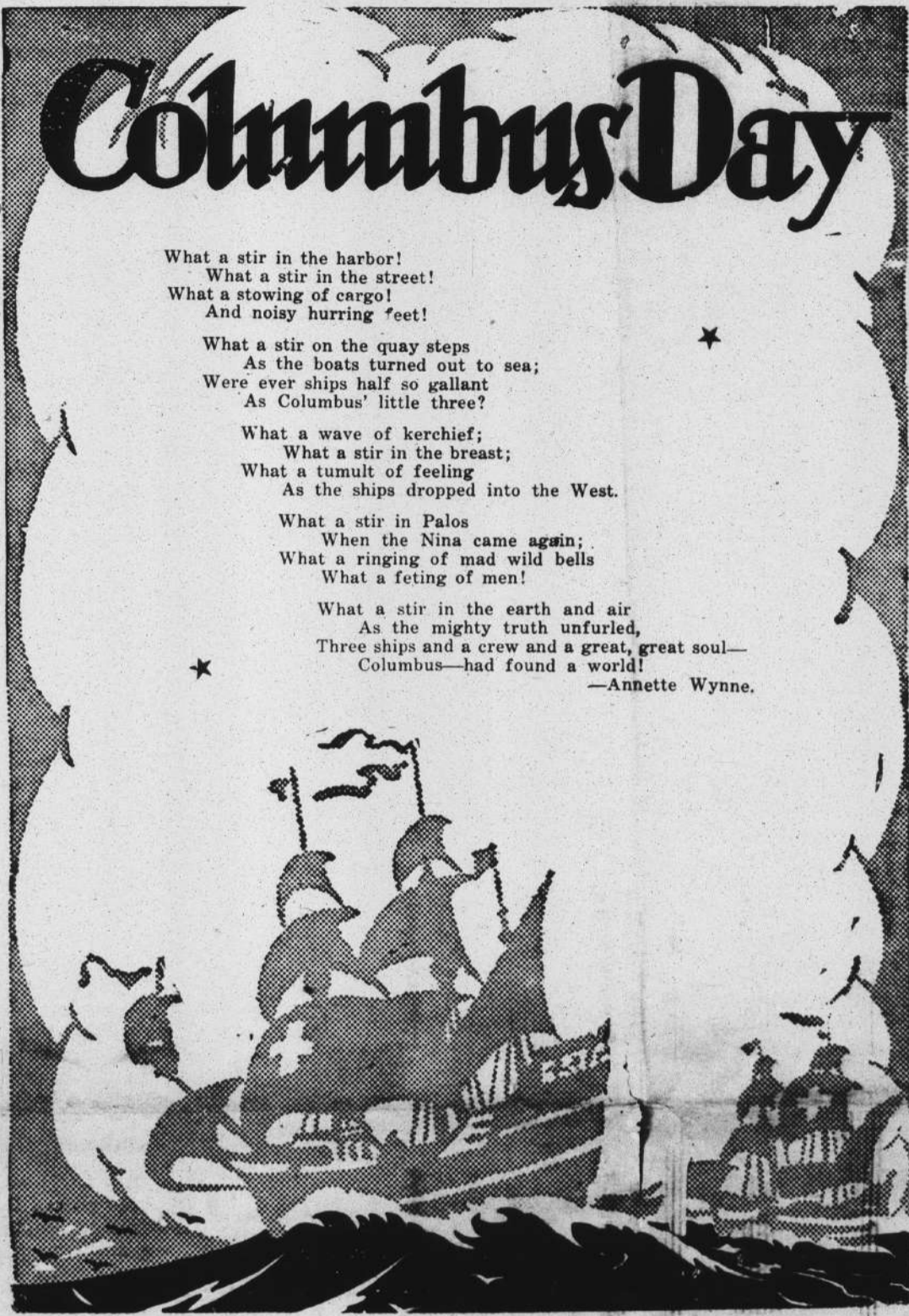
What a stir on the quay steps  
As the boats turned out to sea;  
Were ever ships half so gallant  
As Columbus' little three?

What a wave of kerchief;  
What a stir in the breast;  
What a tumult of feeling  
As the ships dropped into the West.

What a stir in Palos  
When the Nina came again;  
What a ringing of mad wild bells  
What a feting of men!

What a stir in the earth and air  
As the mighty truth unfurled,  
Three ships and a crew and a great, great soul—  
Columbus—had found a world!

—Annette Wynne.



## Deve la Citta' di Birmingham, Negoziare in Elettricita'?

Il nove di Ottobre gli elettori della citta' devono decidere questa importante questione. Deve la citta' di Birmingham negoziare in elettricita'?

Questa e' una questione molto importante, e estende branci che grappano alla vita del futuro. Cio' sara' di effetto a tutti i residenti non solo ora ma pure per il futuro remoto.

Ed e' per questo fatto vitale che gli elettori dovranno pensar, seriamente a qual lato schierarsi, prima di votare, se hanno a cuore il benessere della comunita' e la prevenzione di un'altra fallita.

Molti cittadini sono contrari e oppongono l'idea della citta' andare nel negozio di elettricita'.

Questi cittadini sono opposti a questo supposto esperimento, perche' capisce che questa proposizione e' fuori tempo, impraticabile e sicuro di aggravare la croce, sulle spalle dei cittadini che pagano tasse senza portar profitto ai clienti che consumano elettricita', e loro credono che voi verrete alla stessa conclusione dopo aver considerati i fatti in questione.

Molte volte, la Citta' ha esperimentato e sempre ha perduto moneta.

La citta' non ha i mezzi finanziari necessari per l'intrapresa e le persone che pagano tasse non vogliono che altri bonds siano usciti. Il comprare del sistema elettrico resultera' nell'avanzamento della fare dei carri.

La Contea e la Citta' soffrira' col perdere le tasse pagate dalla compagnia di elettricita'.

In comparazione con altre citta' i nuovi prezzi di elettricita' in Birmingham sono veramente molto bassi, in fatto sono piu' bassi dei prezzi in effetto in altre citta' in Alabama, dove la citta' e' proprietaria della pianta elettrica.

Non abbiamo garanzia che se la pianta elettrica appartenesse alla Citta' le rate sarebbero ridotte.

Le rate, se l'elettricita' appartenesse alla citta', possono essere cambiate a qualunque tempo dai commissionari della Citta' perche' non vi e' legge di regolazione.

Competizione del sistema elettrico, se fabbricato, risultera' in una immenza perdita.

La citta' un tempo addietro possedeva una pianta elettrica a Nord Birmingham e dovette venderla nel 1927 a qual tempo i Commissari

della citta' asserirono, che la vendita era forzata per ragione della grande perdita sostenuta anno dopo anno.

E questo e' quel che dissero:

Perche' gli abitanti di Nord Birmingham hanno fatta una petizione alla citta' raccomandando di vendere la detta pianta elettrica.

Perche' i clienti della detta pianta non ricevono buon servizio come il servizio degli altri clienti del resto della citta'.

Perche' i clienti di Nord Birmingham pagano una rata eccessiva della rata pagata nel resto della citta'.

E perche' dal 1910 la Citta' ha operata la pianta con una annuale perdita di piu' di \$11,000.00.

La proprieta' da parte della citta' e' provata d'essere un esperimento costoso, cosiche ancora si pagano interessi sui \$100,000 di bonds per il sopradetto esperimento.

Perche' allora, ripetere?

Dalle tasse che ora sono pagate dall'elettrica Compagnia la citta' riceve annualmente la somma di \$203,516.00. Se la citta' opera per se stessa la pianta elettrica, allora queasta somma sara' perduta alle scuole.

Il debito della citta' e' \$19,966,000 e l'interesse e' quasi \$9,000,000 all'anno. Il sistema di utilita' pubbliche che sara' considerato nell'elezione del giorno nove presente hanno una valuta, determinata dagli assessori, di \$34,000,000 in approssimazione di tre quarti o 75% del presente debito della citta'.

Se questa moneta potrebbe essere ottenuta al 5% di interesse, l'ammonto di interesse da pagare sarebbe di \$1,700,000. Siamo noi in posizione di creare quest'altro debito e cosiche' pagare piu' interessi?

### Le Presente Rate

Le presente rate sono approssimamente le piu' basse di 19 alte citta' nel Southeast. Una delle quali e' Jacksonville Florida usualmente citata, una dei migliori esempi d'operazione Municipale. Cosi' pure Birmingham ha prezzi piu' bassi per l'uso domestico che altri 14 citta' in Alabama serviti con operazione municipale.

La speranza che "Muscle Shoals Power" si poteva ottenere ad un prezzo minore e' stata

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## Ferrovia in Georgia, Pronta a Comprare Acciaio in Birmingham

### CAMBIAMENTI CONTEMPLATI PER DISARMO

Si apprende che importanti, cambi militari sono contemplati dal Capo del governo Italiano, il quale ha assunto il portofoglio della guerra, cosiche' il controllo di tutti i servigi.

Si suppone che il Duce capitana' un movimento fra le potenze europee pel disarmo riducendo le forze armate e la durata del servizio militare.

Si dice che il progetto ha per mira l'incorporazione di parte delle famose Camicie Nere nell'esercito regolare, e l'incorporazione di un'altra parte della milizia nel corpo di polizia.

Attualmente, l'esistenza della Milizia Fascista quale ente separata, rende la discussione del disarmo con l'Italia un po' difficile.

### Ammette Attempito Di Recoverare La Somma D'ostaggio

Un ex cognato di George Kelly, (Machine gun Kelly) Langford Ramsey e' stato arrestato a Memphis, Tenn., Mercoledi; il giorno dopo l'arresto di Kelly, in quella Citta'.

Agenti del departamento di giustizia dissero che lui confesso' di aver fatto un viaggio, recandosi a Coleman, Tex., da parte di Kelly, per scoprire e otterere approssimamente \$75,000, in moneta stata sepolta e ricavata nell'ostaggio di Charles F. Harshell.

Questa moneta e' stata ricoverata dagli agenti federali.

### L'inizio Del Servizio Aereo Roma-Berlino

Il Generale Italo Balbo ed il Ministro tedesco Goering hanno finalmente portato a capo le trattative gia' da tempo in corso per stabilire un servizio aereo giornaliero da Roma a Berlino. Le due capitali sono ora unite con la nuova linea in nove ore e 25 minuti. La e' Berlino, Monaco, Venezia, Venezia, Roma.

I rapporti, amichevoli fra questi due paesi, saranno cosi' aumentate.

### Lettere Italiane Fermi In Posta

Signor Michelangelo, Signor Calogero L. Signor Terrantello Giovanni. Mrs. Damico Camille.

Si prega a questi signori di presentarsi alla Posta e ritirare queste lettere.

—W. COOPER GREEN  
Il Postmaster.

### STAMFORD ATHLETE BREAKS RECORD IN MUSSOLINI STADIUM

ROME—Henry La Borde, of Stamford, Conn., was the most successful of the Americans to take part in the athletic contests held at the new Mussolini stadium of the Italian capital. He broke the local discus throwing record, with a cast of 41.90 meters.

GIORNALE E' DEDICATO AL GRUPPO DEL SIMPATICO E CARATTERE DELLE NOTIZIE ITALIANE TENENDO SEMPRE IN MENTE E NEL CUORE IL MIGLIORAMENTO FISICO, MATERIALE E MORALE DEI COMPONENTI LE DETTE COMUNITA'.

La Ferrovia Centrale di Georgia ha domandata l'approvazione della Corte Federale per comprare 3,000 tonni di acciaio in questa Citta' e Distretto, a secondo un telegramma ricevuto da H. B. Pollard, indirizzato al signor E. P. Stowall agente generale in questa Citta'.

Il telegramma e' come segue;

"Io ho oggi avvisato il Governo che Central of Georgia Railway hanno intenzione di comprare 3000 tonni di acciaio per le ferrovie se questo prodotto e' fabricato a Birmingham e distretto e se l'approvo della Corte Federale sara' ottenuto

"La nostra Ferrovia e' in buona condizione e abile di servire nella condizione attuale piu' traffico che quello mantenuto al presente, ma noi siamo pronti di cooperare con qualunque movimento nel limite di ragione.

"I termini sottomessi del Presidente, apparentemente, sono di vantaggio per tutti coloro che hanno interesse nel sopradetto e se la corte approva, noi allora faremo arrivare i necessari inordinati per le riparazioni, e non potremo essere rimandati ad altro tempo.

"Ho specificato Birmingham come punto di partenza, cosiche' questo movimento potra' ottenere tutto il possibile".

### Politiche Non Devono Controllare L'unione

Due agenti della Federazione Americana dei Lavoratori che rappresentano approssimamente 1000.000 lavoratori, hanno promesso di contestare tutti gli sforzi fatti e da fare da parte delle forze politiche, in ordine di prevenire, dette forze, di attenero controllo dell'unione.

Sedute in preparazione della convenzione la settimana ventura "the building and metal trade" departamento, adottato una risoluzione promettendo supporto e assistenza all'unione locali, sia finanziaria che morale.

Il gruppo di "metal trades" hanno ricevuto un statemento fatto da William Green, presidente della Federazione, che in Giugno, Agosto e Settembre il numero dei nuovi membri e' di 1, 500,000 e che 3000 nuove "Charters" sono stati concessi.

### IN ONORE DELL'ANNO SANTO

Una nuova serie di monete di oro, argento e rame, portanti l'effigie di Sua Santita' Pio XI e le insegne dello Stato di Citta' di Vaticano sara' emessa questo autunno in Italia in commemorazione dell'anno Santo.

There exists no cure for heart wounded with the sword of separation.—Htopadesa.

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## FIORE DEMANDS ANSWER OF AUTHOR

### ACCUSATIONS UNFOUNDED REGARDING CLUBS

I am addressing this article to the readers of this journal because in the issue of two weeks ago an author verbosely expressed himself in the article under the caption "Italo-American Political Club Organizing." The article was written with the direct intent of creating a sensation. The sensation was to be used as a means of creating a new political organization. We have no objections to the formation of other organizations but we do, absolutely, detest the way the author of the article in question laid his foundation: depreciating the work and progress of others to cause his to stand out. This kind of civic work is nothing less than deplorable.

First of all, I say without a moment of hesitation that I am pleased to see the Italians of our community express their desire to participate in the administration of public affairs.

Second, I would like to state that, in my opinion, the fundamental purpose of all political organizations is to promote the welfare of the state; to perpetuate the ideals which actuated the founders of our government as the same is exemplified in the Constitution of the United States. I would like to see their constituents understand the principles of government as laid down in said constitution, and for the purpose of securing the blessings of the American citizenship and prosperity. If the potential club members of the stated caption, hereby and herewith declare myself in accord with the movement.

But what about this gentleman who wrote the unethical article "Italo-American Political Club Organizing"? Do members of his calibre have any effect upon the success of the organization? Indeed it does. To the best of my knowledge and in my opinion he is the offspring of good parents. His social reputation is fair. His manners are mediocre. His dressing taste is excellent. His verbose disposition, irrespective of its sincerity, is excelled by only a few. His ability to ORGANIZE is several thousand degrees below the mark of POOR. This young man is full of vitality. His vitality exceeds his mentality. This is evident throughout his twelve inch column of Bolshevik expressions. Less than common sense will permit a man or woman to know that fire can not be fought with gasoline. It is also silly to expect pineapples to grow on tomato vines. And it is just as silly for the author of the article to advocate "what we Italians need most of all is organization," when, in the next assertion he contradicts that very statement by charging officials of other organizations with "lack of leadership" and elevating themselves "at the expense of the club's membership." Again I say that the young man vitally interested in political aspirations but lacks that factor with which to achieve them, common sense.

Now to address the GREAT EMANCIPATOR OF THE HOUR, the author of the stated article.

1. What is meant by organization? Does it not mean "the act of organizing"? Have not the Italians always participated in this act? In view of what you wrote, "what we Italians need most of all is organization," were you not somewhat hazy about what you were saying? 2. What is meant by leadership? Does it not mean "the office or position of a leader; guidance? Why have't you attended the meetings of "both political and social" organizations to express your opinions in order to aid the "leaders" to know

just exactly how to guide you? Did you refrain from attending those meetings because your presence was not desired; because your annual dues were several years in arrear, or because your individual opinion could not outweigh the opinion of the majority? I challenge you to answer. You can not do it satisfactorily.

3. State publicly to substantiate your statement, "it seems that in the past the leaders of our clubs, both political and social have been working for their own selfish good, and not for the betterment of the group as a whole", the names of the leaders you have reference to and what they RECEIVED "for their own selfish good." You can't. You do not even have the courage to try to answer this question. The lack of courage is based on your ignorance of facts and based on prejudice only. And in passing I wish to remind you that ignorance is the basis of prejudice. In naming the "officials" and their "benefits" can you state them from actual facts and not from hypothetical cases? I challenge you.

4. In view of the third question asked you, what do you mean by "you can rest assured nothing will come our way until we are united?" Does not that statement insinuate, suggest, or hint that you are seeking THAT which you so illmannerly accuse leaders of other organizations of? I dare say that your mind is to full of prejudice to answer this question with logic and satisfaction.

5. You stated that "our political clubs in the past have not progressed, and have not gained the faith of the Italians." In regard to the first part of your statement I say that if you actually believe that "our political clubs have not progressed" I have only to call your attention to your lack of knowledge of current events and of civic affairs. And since you readily admitted that no progress has been made, I say that you do not really know what the clubs HAVE done. In regard to the second part of your statement, "have not gained the faith of the Italians", I ask you, since you are sure of your own faith, how can you speak for the faith of others? Further, how can any organization gain the faith of any of its supposed to be members when they do not have enough respect for their own welfare to attend meetings to which they have been continually invited?

5. You stated that "the president and other officials will be elected for one term, or one year". What was the actual motive of making that statement? Why do you not state what officials and of what political organizations you unmistakably have reference to? Do you not have reference to the Southern Democratic Club to which you owe the sum of two annual dues? Speak the truth like a man. Do you not have reference to its president and other officials who were re-elected by a unanimous vote? Do you not have respect for the opinion of the majority, or as you stated "the majority will rule?" And in reference to your statement, "we the members should not be a pedestal for any one man to stand on", is a point well taken. Members like you, are, literally speaking, too rotten to "be a pedestal for any one man to stand on".

7. Throughout your act of emancipation you repeated the well worn maxim "one for all and all for one". Are you man enough to state publicly the fallacy of all your statements in view of the mentioned maxim? You stated, one for all and all for one, yet you denounce "leaders" who have striven, and who con-

### BREVE NOTE DI Cronaca Coloniale Da JAKE G. GUERCIO

**Politica Italo-Americana**  
Il Segretario del neo club politico Italo-Americano cià dato l'annuncio che questa nuova organizzazione ha già iscritto finoggi circa 175 membri, si vede che tanto il presidente Avvocato Mike Trippi che il segretario Frank L. Romeo sono molti attivi per l'ingrandimento di questo "New Deal".

**Corispondenza Gradita**  
Molti dei nostri lettori ci anno riferito che molto le piace la comunicazione del nostro corrispondente e collaboratore Philip J. Capra, anche noi siamo liete d'avere nella famiglia del il Gladiatore un simile bravo e stimato giovane che non solo fa onore a st stesso e al giornale mo anche a tutti noi Italiani. Bravo Philip, continua così, che l'elemento giovane e con te'.

**Lewey Robinson**  
Il nostro caro amico Robinson è stato eletto si può dire quasi per il voto Italiano, lui ha dimostrato di essere un vero sincero amico della nostra razza, e noi molta l'abbiamo appoggiato e lui ne sarà grato verso di coloro che realmente hanno lavorato, per lui, ma coloro che noi sappiamo che anno lavorato e votato contro la sua candidatura, e ora si vantano e dicono che furono con Lewey Robinson, per ottenere qualche prestigio . . . . . questi galantuomini di quattro facci, si dovessero vergognare di presentarsi, fra di coloro che li conoscono, perche' tutti lo sanno che Mr. Robinson cià la lista fatta di coloro che oggi vanno da lui e lo dicono che erano con lui mentre non erano, e non solo questo ma anche si danno la spartatagine di dirgli, e parlargli male di color che relmente

tinuare a strivere, a perpetuare le ideali che actuated the founders of our government, as the same is exemplified in the Constitution of the United States of America.

If you think for one moment that you can "unite the voting power of the Italian Colony of Birmingham and the immediate vicinity into one civic body" by using the principles set out in your article, you will eventually wake up and find yourself sadly disappointed. You must remember that "to every action there is an equal and opposite reaction". To know the meaning of this rule is a blessing. To experiment with it is dangerous.

The author of the article in question was advised of the above remarks, in fact, I read them in his presence. He could make no answer. He knew he was wrong.

In order to patch up the damage made by his first article he attempted to spread a little "journalistic ungentine" over the mater by writing "HARMONY" in the last issue of the paper. He fell short of the mark of clearing himself by making the following statement: "nor was I trying to wreck or destroy any club, because I realize fully, that you can not build up a new organization and hope to prosper upon the ruins of an old one". Is that not continued slander?

In "HARMONY" he stated that he made no specific mention of names either of persons or organizations. The actual reason was that he did not dare to. He also stated that "we must not antagonize one another for if we do we will defeat ourselves". I appreciate that statement more than any other he has made because he frankly stated that he is defeated. I venture to say that he antagonized every intelligent American citizen who is a member of the clubs he did not dare to mention by name.

My humble advice to the young emancipator is to practice what he eventually realized; "we must all pull together forgetting personal or political differences" and "build up a better and brighter future for the Italians of the district".

J. J. FIORE.

### CITY OWNERSHIP OF UTILITIES MEANS MORE TAXES

(By Dr. P. T. Falletta)

For the past several days a good many people have asked me how I felt about the public ownership of Utility Systems, whether they be the Water Works or the Lighting System.

Very few cities the size of ours have public controlled Lighting and Water Works Systems, that are staying on the black side of the ledger. The smaller sized cities have fared very well because the upkeep and the initial cost has not been very great. This was due either to new equipment or a low purchase price from the already privately controlled system located in that particular city.

Here in Birmingham we have a Company whose equipment is practically obsolete and in spite of that fact we are receiving good service, and about one of the cheapest rates of electricity in the entire country. The purchasing of the existing Company's plants will require a great deal of money. Our City Treasury is already depleted of funds and to raise this money will mean the necessity of more taxes to the already too great a number that we have.

On the other hand if we buy these properties, from the privately controlled interests, it will mean a great loss of money added to the expenditure of money for purchase of the properties. How will this come about? There will be a loss of revenue from the properties, both the Alabama Power Co., and the Birmingham Electric Co., because the public owned plants will be tax exempt. There will be a loss of approximately \$271,000.00 in City taxes that go to the upkeep of our Public Schools and also a loss of approximately \$141,075.00 that goes to the General and Road Fund of the County.

So in lieu of our loss of revenue from both of these Companies we will naturally have to resort to some source to obtain revenue to compensate for this, and this source may be an additional gasoline Tax or some sort of sales Tax on some Commodity. The result is evident; we will be taxed again and again to meet the deficit that will be incurred from the loss of taxes from the two mentioned Companies.

We are certainly anxious to have our Public Schools the best in the Country and we certainly do want our children to continue to go to school and not to curtail the number of months or decrease the number of the already too small teaching force. It is certain that we do not want any more taxes of any sort but would like to have some eliminated or decreased.

I want it to be clearly understood that my interests are for the Civic welfare of our Great City and that I do not own any stock in either the Alabama Power Co., or Birmingham Electric Co. Personally I am against Public Ownership of Utilities. When you go to the polls to vote on this important question of the day weigh the above questions very carefully.

anno lavorato e speso moneta per lui.

Una certa persona che si da' l'aria di Onesto Uomo. ebbe anche il coraggio di dire a Mr. Robinson, queste parole, Mr. Robinson io non ho votato per te' ma pero' non ti credere che io sono contro di te'.

Il motto e' "chi non e' per me e' contro di me".

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### ROMAN Around

By PHIL CAPRA

It's strange, but whenever I move in social circles, nowadays, it seems that conversation suddenly stops, and crowds disperse. Mighty peculiar, to say the least, and incomprehensible. Not even my best friends will tell me. I wonder??? Pshaw, it can't be—I've been a faithful adherent to all the usages of polite society, and I bear malice toward no one. For years I've used "Life-blooiie" soap; morning, noon, and night, I gargle with "Blisterine"; I drink "Columbus—Dated (1492)" coffee; my feet, I rub with "Absurdine Jr."; at night I sleep on "Defection Hot Air" mattresses; I shave with a "Pull-Bak" razor; and brush my teeth with a pink tooth brush. Now, what's the answer? I ask you. It all started since I turned columnist.

Reading around, I came across this piece of philosophy, by Don Blanding. It's a sum total of this, that, and the other; so I pass it on to you for what it's worth. I hope you like it.

- A handful of Memories,
- A cupful of Sorrow,
- A flagon of Happiness,
- Faith in Tomorrow,
- A measure of Taking,
- A measure of Giving,
- A curious Jumble

This business of Living.

The Jocelyn Club announces its annual Halloween Masquerade Ball. Time: October 31; Place: Highland Park; Music: Melody Mariners (also known as the Guy Bombardo's of the South). Wear a costume, and win a prize—or come as yourself.

Roman around . . . Gone but not forgotten—Annie Giardina, glamorous gal of Greenwood, goes back home to rest up from her vacation in the Magic City. Well, here's Mississippi mud in your eye! . . . Philip Lombardo, handball artist, takes on all comers at the Y. M. C. A. courts. His opponents say that he plays with a dead ball. You bet, when he kills 'em, they stay "kilt" . . . Fanny Guercio knocks 'em cold at dinner given by the Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. "They laughed when I got up to speak", says Fanny, "but I showed them. When I finished (3 hours later), they were all so quiet you could hear a pin drop". Sure, I know—everybody was asleep . . . Frank Romeo flits about town faster than any man I know. "Just a big needle and thread man, ripping and tearing around, huh?" . . . Who is the New Orleans lass that's going to visit us next week? Get out the brass monkeys—I mean, the brass band, boys, we're going to celebrate "Home-coming Week".

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The BUILDERS of AMERICA  
By A. PUCCIARELLI  
Chapter III.  
FRANCISCO PIZARRO

Immediately after the voyages of Columbus and Americus Vespucci along the northern coast of South America, men with adventurous spirit looked eagerly westward to the Darien regions, to go there and to exploit everything they could. It was in the neighborhood of Darien that Columbus reported the finding of pearls, in such quantities that the shores of the mainland bordering the Caribbean, came to be known as the pearly coast. Westward of the Darien over the great mountains, there were the glories of Peru and Inca yet unknown to the Conquistadores. A famous soldier of fortune, Francisco Pizarro, was to be the discoverer of the golden empire. Francisco an uneducated man all of his life, a native of the province of Estramadura Spain, his boyhood occupation, was swineherd, one day rebelled at the irksome business of herding swine, and decided finally to leave Estramadura to seek his fortune in the west. In 1510 he met Balboa with whom he sailed to reach the coast of Darien.

Sometime after Pizarro's stay at Darien, Balboa was falsely accused of treason against the court of Spain and against the royal colony, he was found guilty the day of the trial, and was beheaded together with four others.

The death of Balboa was a good luck for Pizarro: as the result he was raised to the rank of Captain General. Wonderful success. From a swineherd to the rank of Captain General.

The tale of how Cortez had discovered and conquered Mexico was told in the colony steered in Panama. The Colonists said, "Why should not the amazing triumph be repeated in the South?" Pizarro's most cherished project was that of exploration. He determined to start out to explore the empire of the Incas. But for the project he needed partners. He found among his associates; Diego de Almagro and an influential priest, Hernando Luque. The day was set for the departure. On the 14th day of November 1524, Pizarro sailed from Panama in two small vessels and with a crew of one hundred men under his command. Two expeditions were made without reaching the golden empire. Pizarro returned to Spain for aid. Queen Isabella drew up the capitulation, and Pizarro set out for the conquest of Peru.

As Pizarro entered Peru he set out his men to work to build a town as the base of his expeditions. The town he built was called San Miguel, and it is the first Spanish colony of Peru. The task now was how to conquer the Incas without causing blood shed if possible. He gave orders to his men to let the natives know positively that the Spaniards were entering Peru not as explorers of their property but as missionaries, concerned only in their spiritual welfare. With this strategy Pizarro was able to win the confidence of the Incas, the chief of the Peruvians. Pizarro's aim was that of conquering the natives as soon as possible. Many peaceful attempts were made, but all turned without success. Finally one day it was determined to meet the Incas. Pizarro put his small army in order, a Dominican friar Vincent Valverde was to be the messenger of Pizarro to the Incas. The friar approached the Inca, and begged him to submit himself to the king of Spain and become Christian. The Inca refused to do it. The friar then cried with a loud voice, "Vengeance". Pizarro with his army rushed upon the monarch, but did all he could to prevent his men from doing bodily violence to the Peruvians and to the monarch himself. Pizarro was the same as Cortez when the later captured Montezuma in Mexico, the death of the Inca was the last thing Pizarro desired. The Incas in the hands of Pizarro the conquest of Peru was realized. The capture of the Inca brought an immense amount of gold as a ransom price, paid by the Peruvians to the Spaniards for the release of the monarch, whose release was never granted. The monarch was accused of conspiring against the Spaniards and to that ac-

SOUTHERN DEMOCRATIC CLUB TO MEET SUNDAY

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(Continued from page 1) schools which had not organized classes last year.

"The study of foreign languages is unfortunately looked upon with a certain degree of indifference, and in some instances, believed to be an unnecessary burden by most students and by a great many parents. Some men of high intelligence have recommended the discontinuance of teaching languages, except German and French. Unfortunately, these people have not given the question of the study of foreign languages sufficient consideration, otherwise that conclusion would not have been reached.

"I would ask, what the scientist would do without Latin and Greek to name and describe his discoveries? How can he better communicate his findings than thru the means of a common language which is studied by all scientists and understood by all of them. The combination of Latin and Greek has been indispensable in this respect. And who can deny that Latin has not enriched our language most extensively? Remove Latin and its influence from the English language and what will there be left?

"The Germans because of their prolific writings, especially in scientific fields, have created a necessity for learning that language. Their contributions in chemistry and medicine have made their language invaluable. Now, French is the diplomatic language, but at the present time it seems that the French language is being displaced by the English, and it will be just a question of time when the English will have become the diplomatic language.

"Like the German and the French languages, the Italian language merits every attention and consideration of our educators, because it is not only important from the standpoints of science, medicine, literature, etc., but it is likewise the language of culture, music and art. The contributions of the Italians today in all fields of science are very important so much so, that the knowledge of Italian has become a necessity. The language is soft, luxuriant, mellow and musical. In music, Italian is absolutely necessary, and if one must launch himself in a musical career, he must study the Italian language in preference to all other foreign languages. Equally important reasons can be presented for its use in other fields of human endeavor.

"The study of foreign languages in our schools should be encouraged. Those who adhere to the erroneous belief that a foreign language is not necessary to make their education complete will soon learn they are mistaken, and those who follow the advice of people to discontinue the study of a foreign language, will regret it. The Virgilian Society unqualifiedly emphasizes the importance and need of the study of foreign languages, especially Italian, and fully supports and recommends the inclusion of Italian in our system of education."

cusation was added an indictment of idolatrous practise, he was found guilty, and was put to death. Pizarro must not be blamed for the cruel treatment of the Inca, nor for all the bloody wars in Peru. Pizarro's greatest ambition was that of conquering peaceably, and to build colonies. Most of the disorder must be charged to the selfish, greedy soldiers of fortunes, who went out, not to build healthful, wholesome prosperous cities in the New World but only to exploit and to grab gold from the natives. Francisco Pizarro conqueror of Peru himself died by the hands of his enemies.

UN RAGGIO DEL PIANETA SATURNO SARA' TRASMESO A CHICAGO

FIRENZE—Un sottile raggio di luce del pianeta Saturno sa-

The Southern Democratic Club and its Ladies' Auxiliary will meet Sunday evening at the Dante Club Home to enjoy another of their "get together" periods. Remember when merriment reigned supreme among the members? Surely you do. You are assured entertainment of the same quality again. Do not forget your friends for they too are invited to attend. Do a good turn towards your fellow man by bringing him along.

A large crowd is expected and you are expected to be a part of it. You are expected to leave your undersired feeling of depression behind and join the crowd for a few hours of amusement. You need entertainment and you will have it.

At this time of the year the election of officers take place. Will you stay away and fail to cast your vote for your favorite candidates? Surely you will not. The election will prove to be an interesting one. You will have the opportunity of choosing the candidates according to the dictates of your conscience. Be there to express your desires by the use of your pencil. The success of the organization in public matters depends upon its representatives. Be there to elect the representatives you think will be most beneficial to the Italian Community.

To climax the program of the evening the newly elected City Commissioners will be there to share the good-will, hospitality, and reverence of the members while refreshments are being served.

The meeting will be held Sunday evening, October 8, 1933, at 2:30 o'clock in the home of the Dante Club, 614 South 29th Street, Birmingham, Alabama.

J. J. FIORE, Executive Sec.

DEVE LA CITTA' DI BIRMINGHAM, NEGOZIARE IN ELETTRICITA'?

(Continuazione dalla pagina 1) rimossa perche' il prezzo, ora, e' considerabilmente superiore di quello ottenuto per power nel distretto.

E' stato accertato, dalle file nell'ufficio della Commissione del Servizio Pubblico d'Alabama, che Birmingham Electric Company paga all'Alabama Power Company solo 6.53 mills per ogni kilowatt all'ora.

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ra' attratto da ultrasensibili strumenti astronomici, concentrato in cellule foto-elettriche e trasmesso a Chicago.

L'esperimento scientifico avra' luogo il 2 Ottobre "Marconi Day" alla Fiera Mondiale di Chicago.

Il raggio di luce sara' attratto dall'Osservatore Astronomico di Arcetri vicino Firenze. Numerosi scienziati, il capo dei quali e' Professore Giorgio Abetti, direttore dell'Osservatorio, sono gia' a lavoro per l'installazione degli strumenti necessari per l'esperimento.

L'Osservatorio trovasi nelle vicinanze della localita' dove mori' Galilei.

Dall'Osservatorio, il raggio di luce verra' trasmesso ad una stazione con onde corte dove verra' intensificato e trasmesso agli Stati Uniti.

Elettori Attenti!

Elettori Italo-Americani:

Il giorno 9 corrente siete chiamati alle urne per dare il verdetto sulla questione delle luce elettrica.

Il vostro responso e' grave anzi gravissimo di fronte al grave e delicato problema.

Pensate quindi, e riflettete saviamente prima di votare per non avervene a pentire amaramente dopo. La Birmingham Electric Co., coi nuovi prezzi di tariffa andati in vigore ci ha apportato una grande opportunita' e una grande economia nel costo, cio' che non possiamo assolutamente ottenere da nessun'altra nuova amministrazione.

Le conseguenze sarebbero per noi molto disastrose se l'azienda passa in mano dell'amministrazione della Citta'. Ricordatevi, che un antico Proverbio c'insegna.

Meglio il Vecchio conosciuto che il nuovo a conoscere. Attenti adunque e non lasciatevi ingannare. Votate tutti compatti in favore della Birmingham Electric Company.

V. GUERCIO.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 4th, 1933.

Egreggio Sig. Mazzara, Editore "Il Gladiatore" Signor Mazzara:

Saro' immensamente grato se lei accordera' spazio nel suo grato giornale, del cinque Ottobre alla seguente espressione personale in quanto alle utilita' pubbliche;

Ringraziandola distintamente, Devotissimo, JOSEPH MAGGIO.

La Citta' di Birmingham ha proposto di acquistare le pubbliche utilita' cospicue negoziare in Eletricita' etc.

Io sono stato residente di questa Citta' per lunghi anni e mi ricordo, chiaramente, quando la citta' aveva in possessione la pianta elettrica di nordo Birmingham e pure la continuosa perdita annuale sostenuta nell'operazione della stessa.

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Birmingham, Ala. October 3, 1933.

Mr. V. E. Mazzara, Editor "Il Gladiatore" Ensley-Birmingham.

DEAR ITALIAN FRIEND:

I want you to go the polls on October 9 and vote against City Ownership of the light and power plant for two reasons:

1. The City schools will lose thousands of dollars that the electric company pays in taxes to the City of Birmingham for education every year.

2. We don't want politicians to control our public utilities for, political machinery will cause a lower class of service through corrupt management of our light and power.

Be sure to vote AGAINST City Ownership of light and power on October 9. Don't fail me! I am expecting your help on this important question.

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