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WEDDINGS "BY NUMBERS".

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This bridal procession has no bridesmaids, or nonsense of that kind. Everyone is a--

--bride or a bridegroom. Fourteen-hundred of them! Some in orange blossoms and--

--brocades, others in simple going-away suits, but all in a flush of excitement.

In the dimly lighted church of Santa Maria, this wholesale--

--marriage is solemnized. Signor Mussolini arranged it, and he hopes the future baptisms--

--will be on the same scale. It's a sort of wholesale order for a future--

--generation. The Duce was going to kiss every bride, but he realized in time that even a Mussolini has his limits of endurance. Each first child of these unions is to--

--receive a baby outfit from the Dictator. Of course, they don't know that yet!