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ITALY CELEBRATES.

BIRTHDAY OF MILITIA.
ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.

-Rome-

Picture.:- To celebrate the founding of Italy's Militia, the Duce promotes--

--a fencing gala, and offers a Mussolini sword as prize. These contestants are fighting with epee, a slender flexible sword blade, triangular which--

--has three sharpened edges.

A lunge - and touche! A clean thrust which would have had--

--serious consequences if delivered in this bout. Stripped to the waist, the fencers may only--

--flick the flesh and indicate the hit, unless, of course, they--

--really want an inquest. When they get dangerously close, a--

--referee stops the fight and avoids a funeral.

The Duce himself is in this huge audience--

--watching the sport. Occasionally the clashes become very spirited. Enthusiasm takes the reigns, and--

--a real fight follows. Watch this ! That huge guard saved a sanguinary mess.