

## Blew up "Eye" of Austrian Army.

STORY TOLD FOR THE FIRST TIME.

NEW YORK.—(Canadian Press).—Prince Gelasio Caetani, in a recent address here, recounted for the first time details of his famous war exploit—the blowing up of the mountain Col di Lana, the "eye" of the Austrian army, in 1916. Addressing the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, Ambassador Caetani, who was graduated from Columbia and obtained his first job as a "slag car pusher" in the workings of the Daily West Mine, Park City, Utah, spoke modestly of his feat. He said that other engineers, Bonfiole and Grimaldi, had contributed equally to the success of the mining of Col di Lana, a cone-shaped mountain in the Dolomitic Alps, 9,000 feet in height. "Col di Lana was the eye of the enemy," he said, "that spied every road of access, that looked over our defenses and our rear. We were called upon to blind that eye. An assault was ordered. And in the attempt to scale the bare and precipitous flank of the mountain, 10,000 of our bravest men met death. "Col di Lana had the voracity of a law crusher." Then Prince Caetani, an officer of engineers, was sent to the sector to replace an officer who had fallen in the assault. He joined the Italian party on the mountain side, but—"We had almost reached the peak; we hung with our fingers and shoe nails on the ice cliffs, but try as we might we could not make that last step," he continued. "Time and again our plucky little men tried to rush the gap, but machine-guns mowed them down and their bodies remained in a frigid No-Man's-Land. "One day Colonel Perelli asked me what I thought could be done. I told him we ought to get underneath them and blow 'em off. And so the mine was started, the thirteenth of January. "We worked three months. There were two engineer officers, Bonfiole and Grimaldi, besides myself, and eighty picked miners. We started surveying the position, a difficult task, through loop holes. Finally we started tunnelling towards the center of the peak. We bored 150 feet, then drove a 42 degree raise with the intention of getting close to the surface under the enemy's first line trench. Upon the suggestion of two of our miners we had an 18-foot sectional wood-auger forged. The rock was soft and decomposed. From the roof of the raise we drilled almost vertically until we broke through to the surface. By that time the Austrian sentries were feeling our blast under their feet. They notified headquarters that we were mining the Austrian position. Headquarters answered not to get caustically excited; that the Italians were probably only mining for shelter. They lost three days phoning up and down, and to this we owed our success. Towards the middle of March the enemy started counter-mining. We had started again drifting horizontally and were gaining depth. On the seventh of April the enemy blasted its first counter mine, but the shot had been placed too high and was somewhat off line. The shock, however, was very heavy and part of the ceiling of our tunnel caved, burying Bonfiole and four soldiers. We got them out alive and started again. The enemy then sank three shafts to locate us but we had gained further depth and passed under their shafts at not more than three feet distance. We could hear them walking and dragging bags full of dirt. April 15 we loaded five tons of 95 per cent. gelatine in two chambers about thirty feet apart and topped the galleries. At 10 p.m. April 17, I went up for the last time in the raise and connected the electric wires. I was alone, and in the silence of the underground world could hear someone picking hard and hastily above my head. That same night a prisoner told me that they would have fired their counter mine three days later. At 11 p.m. all our garrison was withdrawn into the several galleries. The last sentries were retired shortly afterward. Our trenches remained for a moment completely deserted. Bonfiole, Grimaldi and I and another officer were seated at the entrance of a gallery, 300 feet from the center of the mine. At 11.30 we received orders and pulled the strings of the detonators. There was a dull noise, a slight tremor. I thought the mine had failed and rushed to the nearby entrance, illuminated by the white glare of the moon, when suddenly all became dark. A cataclysm of earth and rock fell. When the stones stopped falling I crawled out of the half obstructed entrance. The snow cap of Col di Lana had become black. The whole topography had changed. Everything was silent, deserted, dead. Our soldiers crawled out of the galleries, walked quietly up to the peak and occupied the huge crater. Col di Lana was ours!"

### LET'S BE GALLANT.

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## The Menace

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#### ARTICLE VII.

Gentlemen voters of Newfoundland, you have a solemn duty to perform a duty that makes you do the part towards his country.

Newfoundland to-day stands in a most unpromising position. She is threatened with conditions that, if effect, will bring ruin and disaster to her people and position; brought about by the predictions and policies of one William F. Coaker.

To you, men of Newfoundland, Dominion that played a part "not the best," in the great battle right over night, many of whose are now sleeping in honored graves in France, Flanders and Gallipoli, doing their part to defeat military autocracy. Are we going to let their sacrifices? Are we going to get the purposes for which they fought, namely, Freedom and Justice? Coaker rule of this Dominion for that which will bring disaster to discredit to our country, and elect his candidates to position his Government, then you will seal your intentions and willness in this direction.

Newfoundland is appealing to save her from such rule. The working man this appeal is especially made, and must be answered way or another on polling day.

It is not a case of Squires as it is Coaker—the man who on long occasions dared law, order and justice to gain personal favor positions.

To the people on polling day an important issue is left to be decided. Newfoundland asks that it be with without fear or favor.

## Terrific Power

### of Explosives

The terrific power of explosives was shown when a firm of dealers in London was recently with the awkward job of breaking in a confined space, a large cast-iron vat the sides of which were more than three inches thick.

The method adopted was a modification of the "depth charges" proved so deadly to the German submarines. The vat was filled with water and a cartridge containing lb. of gelignite was suspended in the middle of the vessel. When the charge was fired the vat simply lapsed into a number of pieces of which fell outside the defined area. The shattering effect is due to the fact that water, being almost incompressible, transmits the full force of the explosion in every direction. Poachers make use of the same dodge when they fire a stick of dynamite in a salmon pool and kill the fish, which then rise to the surface.

Explosives are frequently used in breaking up scrap metal and, strong enough, they will do their work even when the cartridges are stuck on the plate, which is to be broken, with nothing more than a plaster of clay to secure them.

Cast iron is broken by placing "plaster shot," as it is called, on the strongest part, and the object is shattered by shock. When dealing with steel plates the explosive must also cause a cutting action; so the ridges are placed end to end and the part to be cut.

It may seem strange that an explosive should shatter a thick plate on which it is merely being placed, the reason is that the momentary distance of the air immediately above the exploding charge is greater than that of the plate beneath.

This air is pressing down on the plate with a weight of nearly one ton on every square foot. An explosion is really an instantaneous and terrific kick. Now no kick, however violent, can instantaneously jerk out of its way a column of air that weighs a ton; so, for a moment, the force of the explosion is transmitted downwards along the line of least resistance and splits the plate.

## Town of the Vikings Unearthed

The discovery near Gothenburg, Sweden, of ruins of Gamla Lodos and Nya Lodos, two ancient settlements of the Vikings, is considered one of the most important of its kind in Northern Europe during recent years. The ruins, which are of learning and trade of the Norsemen during the Middle Ages. Gamla Lodos has been completely excavated of Nya Lodos also nears completion. Among the interesting remains found are a church, with several smaller churches, city walls, a castle, houses, tools, weapons and coins, with other relics which throw much light upon the culture and early history of Scandinavia.

Cocoa is more digestible if allowed to cool and is reheated after the globules of fat have been removed.

Use a large quantity of water when cooking cabbage or onions as they are improved as the flavor is lessened. Oatmeal macaroons may be made with sponge cake batter, thickened with rolled oats and dropped on baking tins.

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