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The whole performance was so engineered that the Italian authorities could not possibly have been held responsible for it if there had .ations Followed

Two striking romances have lately been disclosed by the Italian police, one of the Monte Cristo tale of a bogue count who swindled hanks out of a million and a quarter of dollars, and spent the money as if it server who were serving life terms who two swindled hanks out of a million and a quarter of dollars, and spent the money as if it server the operation remains the country of the spent water, the other an uttend the training server police. The portated from neutral soil, strian consultate at Zurich has all the makings of a nevel of adventure. The Italian authorities had information even before Italy's entrance in Italy, seed the property dependence of the most confidential information. Ultimately suspicion was directed against Mer. Gerlach, the Pope's German private chamberlian, who had been an office, but the consultate at Zurich was the clearing home and more apparent that this conspiracy, had its agents in very hith places where, they enjoyed access to the most confidential information. Ultimately suspicion was directed against Mer. Gerlach, the Pope's German private chamberlian, who had been admined the provided with solutions with the Vatien. Month after month of investigation led had been affined to the conviction that the Austrian consultate at Zurich was the clearing home and headquarters of the whole Austrian estolonare in Italy, secret agents of the Rilain office for special provide access of the most confidential information.

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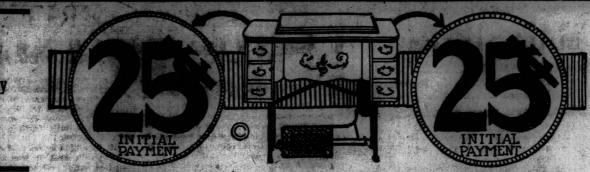
special reasons to avoid giving of-fence to the Swiss government. Above all things. Italy could not af-ford to do this because there is a strong pro-German sentiment in the sale with gas, it was necessary a about this method of protection so that they might thwart it.

strong pro-German sentiment in Switzerland, and the Austro-Germans would have all the advantage if Switzerland should be drawn into the war and its territory thus opened for a movement of their forces against Italy.

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The story goes that when long continued observations had established beyond reasonable question the character of the operations that were being conducted from the Austral England in Edulation to the consulate in Zurich, the Italian secret police decided not only that they would break un the business but that they would make a deservate effort to get possession of papers which would fix the guilt upon agents in Italy. Accordingly two

avoid even the suggestion that es-pionage was involved.

"Count Luca Cortese," who car-ried on this remarkable operation, is only 35 years old. He started life as



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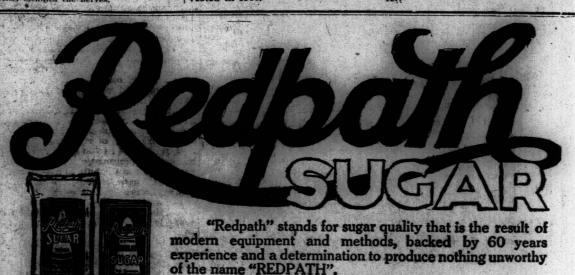
he turned up with unlimited means. He was operating, would have himself introduced by them mother and sister. Hved, having known almost nothing of him during his years of poverty, and speciacularly helped them with money and established his family in affined to the bank officials that he should be provided with such sums as the line of money as he required on conditions which were carefully indicated and with were hand advertise his immense wealth rather than to produce profits. Nevertheless his operations: impressed more than a few people that he had something like real financial golius, and he might actually have succeeded in making a fortune and paying off his debits if circumstances had been a little more favorable.

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It is marvelous how so olaces, unknown, in time ew more than a dozen mons of England, once flash of yellow by mot from their homes to t this year not in into wooden huts. The higher powers,

have laughed and a fe had yet been watchful, for training ground imagined that they we over procedure. Men h at the first appeal, think than did the public in how they were to be housed; yet the can clothes and the food appe gic of departments; how magic was, what a trium gence with organization be fully recognized. Lon Press-directed people c ficiency, efficiency was comed by the New Armie ry creed it was.

So, a certain Brigade Division found itself a country, wooded with pir tered, with villages hi foot of moore.—splen ground. It was a complet ienced Brigade, but motic, not so much for knowledge of war-craft, no particular thought of Unterden Linden with s bands, but an overwhelm ty about the proper me gaging an enemy whom ed to be as brave as he Generals and Staff office from the front held us a cold (but stuffy) gymr they told us the priceles Mons, and the turning mans from Paris gates. ed how seemingly tireso vial details were vital fare and how disciplin whim but an essential w

into practice in our I more vigour than ever were bothered with were bothered with trifles," but their impor carefully set forth; un umns learnt to march w and snap, even when ti forbidden to touch their les, a most trying degr who when well-paid their trades-unions ha filled themselv a remarkable pitch ness. But now, with staying power we co further afield, even twent in a day, so that our but the little willages to exciterrible carnage took plittle greens, and surged gotten churchyards. We

This theory was acc

rain, frost, or snow, we must have half-killed us of plain clothes, but now enjoy it, and were certain All this skirmishing an ing over the country-side tertained the inhabita real significance was lo they were ignorant tha rected and modified by experience of those alr phlets came to us full ted from the enemy, pied with infinite pains—the fare. Thus we learnt the strange life underground engines and ideas for a enemy so that when turn in the line that spi the, North Sea to Swit might not feel as green boy at school, but shoul cognize these new thing the initiative with the pr of frightfulness.

Looking back on the t were in real trenches be tangible enemy than tha

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