

How Italy Comes Into The War

German Diplomats Pleaded and Tempted in Vain After People Demanded Lost Territory Back

The entrance of Italy into the world war which began last August brings the number of states engaged in the conflict up to 11. Italy, allied with Germany and Austria-Hungary since 1882 in the Triple Alliance, was called upon last summer shortly after the assassination of the Austrian Crown Prince at Sarajevo, Bosnia, to support the Germanic empire. She declined, and there began a series of diplomatic negotiations which soon resolved themselves into efforts on the part of Germany and Austria-Hungary to induce Italy to remain neutral.

Von Bülow's Failure

Prince von Bülow, an astute German statesman, whose wife is an Italian woman, says the Boston Post, was sent to Rome with instructions to do all in his power to save the situation. He labored indefatigably for months, but in vain. He offered Italy certain parts of Austrian territory as the price of her neutrality, but her answer was always: "It is not enough." It now appears that Austria did not really believe that Italy would enter the field against her.

In the meantime there had arisen in Italy a war party led by the "Irrredentists," which made its voice heard in no uncertain terms. Despatches from Rome for months past have indicated that the sentiment for active participation in the war was far stronger than that in favor of continued neutrality. For months the diplomatic exchanges between Vienna and Rome have been constant, but the most persistent efforts of the diplomats to keep Italy out of the war were futile. The Triple Alliance was announced by Italy May 4, but even after this diplomatic endeavor was continued, Austria offering Italy further concessions as late as May 10.

So far as known the Italian fleet is mostly in the Adriatic, under the command of the Duke of Abruzzi, who is known to most Americans through his visits to the United States some 10 years ago. It is generally believed that the fleet will proceed promptly against the naval strength of Austria in these waters.

On the Adriatic are the Austrian ports of Trieste and Pola, and Fiume is in Hungary. The Dalmatian coast is also Austria's. The Dardanelles are less than 800 miles from southern Italy, and her participation in the operations against these Turkish positions should be expected.

One great purpose of Italy in entering the war is to gain possession of "Unredeemed Italy," a sweep of Austrian territory to the north and east near the head of the Adriatic Sea. This region, which includes Trent and Trieste in Italian in all but nationality, to attain it has long been her cherished ambition.

The territory in dispute may be defined roughly as the sections of Austria south of a line drawn in the Rhaetian Alps, where Italy, Austria and Switzerland meet, eastward to the Carnic Alps, and thence southward along to the Italian Alps and again eastward so as to include Fiume.

The first part of this territory forms a wedge penetrating Italy between Lombardy and Venetia and cutting Lake Garda, while the second portion includes the peninsula of Istria and runs northward to the Julian Alps, between the Tagliamento and Saverisera. This territory is called "Italia Irredenta" (Unredeemed Italy) because it once formed part of the Italian states of the Middle Ages, and because the majority of the people are of Italian stock. For the same reason the Dalmatian Islands are considered to be part of "Italia Irredenta."

The district of the city of Trent known in Italy as the Trentino, once formed a part of the Roman colony of "Trentini" which in 1027 passed under the rule of a bishop and then, after various changes, came into possession of Austria, together with Lombardy and Venetia.

After the defeat of Austria in 1859 by Piedmont and France, and even after Piedmont had taken over Lombardy and the kingdom of Italy had been founded in 1861, Austria continued to hold

Venetia, until her defeat in the Austro-German war of 1866 gave it to Italy. There was left in possession of Austria, however, the wedge of the Trent district, as a menace to Italy.

The territory to the eastward which Italy desires is made up principally of Istria. In early days a part of the Republic of Venice, it passed to Austria together with Dalmatia, with the abolition of the republic in 1797. In 1806, Austria was compelled by Napoleon to cede Istria to France, but in 1813, Austria seized it and has held it since that time.

Aside from the Dalmatian Islands, the territory sought by Italy includes about 8,000 square miles, with more than 1,000,000 inhabitants.

When the war began Italy's army was considerably below the normal peace footing, estimated at 800,000 men. Almost half of these troops were in Tripoli. Three classes of men were called to the colors immediately and others were summoned from time to time until now the active or first line army numbers more than 1,000,000 men of all arms.

The age limit of active service in Italy is 32. Men between that age and 50 form the Territorial army, consisting of eight classes amounting to about 1,150,000 second line troops. There are also about 1,000,000 men trained, but exempt from military service, who in case of urgent necessity could be called to arms. Volunteer corps likewise could be formed, so that Italy's total war strength including resources of all kinds, is figured at about 4,000,000 men.

In eight months she has spent \$400,000,000 in military preparations. Profiting by the lessons of the war to date, particular attention was paid to artillery, and her equipment in this arm, from machine guns to heavy guns are reported to be superior to the now famous German and Austrian type, and in military circles there have been rumors that she has evolved a field piece of about three-inch calibre exceeding in range, accuracy, ease of handling and effectiveness of projectile even the famous French "75."

Italy has a powerful fleet of modern warships. The Duke of Abruzzi, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, who is the chief naval officer of Italy, recently assumed command of the five dreadnoughts, the most powerful squadron ever assembled under the Italian flag. In addition, Italy has eight battleships of the pre-dreadnought type, nine armored cruisers, thirteen protected cruisers and the usual complement of destroyers and torpedo boats. She also has twenty submarines.

Italy's population (1910) is given as 33,288,000. Military or naval service is compulsory and universal.

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Cottage Pudding.

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