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Incredible Italy

We borrow the above striking title from the New York "Times," as well as the following passage, which goes a long way towards justifying it:

"The French and British have been fighting for little hills, for 'rising ground'; the Italians have been scaling mountains. The French and British have been going forward, but the Italians have been going upward; the French and British fighting horizontally, the Italians perpendicularly. Now they are on a plateau and can go forward, but what a plateau! It is of volcanic creation, and it consists of craters, rocks, and caves; it is like the pictures of the dead moon. It is bare and blasted and waterless; never was a battlefield in such a petrified spasm of nature. Because there is no water the Italians build an aqueduct, bit by bit, as they go along. This land of caves and hiding places and desolate rocks has been fortified by the Austrians and complicated with barbed wire and chevaux de frise until nature and art have made it seemingly impassable by man.

"But to the Italians these incredible obstacles come as a relief, a modification of their task to the comparatively easy. For two years they have had to fight their way up into the air. They have had to ascend the steep faces of high mountains which ordinary men do not ascend in time of peace, and these mountains have been infinitely fortified and garrisoned by a powerful enemy. The other armies opposed to Germany have had to attack soldiers, the Italians have had to attack peaks. Peak by peak they took them. They have taken heavy guns and supply trains up mountains hitherto ascended only by Alpine climbers who roped themselves together. They have swung bridges from one mountain peak to another. They have built trenches, fortifications, roads, tunnels, retaining walls, 10,000 feet above the sea level; all this in the face of an enemy fighting desperately on the defensive."

This was written a fortnight ago. Since then the Austrian defence has been stiffened by generous reinforcements from the Eastern front, until its total forces are estimated by Italian observers at two-thirds of the Austrian effectives in the field. In the face of this our Allies have struck again on the old battleground, familiar from two years of titanic struggle, of the Trentino. If they have struck with any force and intend to go on striking there, the news is most surprising. Trent was among the first, and will always be one of the chief objectives of Italy, but Austria's overwhelming attack last year left her a long distance from it, and that the attempt has been renewed now is, to say the least, significant.

There are two possible explanations. One is that the blow is intended as a strong diversion from the major operations against Trieste, which will be resumed in force if the diversion succeeds in drawing many enemy troops away. This may well be the real case. The other is that Italy is confident enough of the whole situation and her own strength to extend the range of her arms over the greatest front possible. If this be so, it is most encouraging. It must be remembered that the tactics of the Allies are all thoroughly co-ordinated, and that Paris and London are as well apprised of what goes on in Italy, and as much responsible for it, as Rome is. The new offensive would then have two meanings, first, that the French and British in France have weakened the Central Powers far more than is apparent to the lay observer; second, that the return of Russia is confidently looked for in the near future. In spite of the first of these, it is hardly likely that Italy would undertake such a task if the second were not probable. And there are growing hopeful signs of it. The Russian soldiers have ceased fraternising with the enemy. Delegates from all the Allies are in Petrograd bringing a combined weight to bear against the misguided spirit that has temporarily seized the Russian people. President Wilson's message, from a quarter which can have no interest in the smallest "annexations" or "indemnities," has explained those words in language plain to all who are willing to understand. All this will have its effect. If Russia reenters the arena at any time this summer, her temporary defection may prove a blessing in disguise. A sudden and vigorous assault now would probably roll up the whole eastern front of the enemy. It is good to see a few signs already of an awakening in the fighting that has been going on of late along it, desultory and disconnected, it is true, but still fighting. And certainly, if Russia does come back and success crowns her arms, Italy will have contributed her share towards it.

Salmon Plentiful; Codfish Scarce

The fishermen in and around St. John's never saw salmon so plentiful before as they are this season. Yesterday and again this morning they were selling in the market for almost as cheap a rate as codfish, as the supply exceeded the demand. Generally speaking, it is said, a superabundance of salmon is an index of a bad shore codfishery, and judging from present indications this theory is correct, as so far some of the local fishermen have not caught enough codfish for their own consumption.

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Margaret O'Connell (Peg), Miss Mary Doyle.

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TO-DAY'S Messages.

9.30 A.M.

ITALIANS BEGIN TRENTINO OFFENSIVE.

ROME, To-day.

The Italians have begun an offensive in the region southeast of Trent, and have captured two important points of vantage from the Austrians, according to an official issued to-day. Monte Ortegon, east of Cima, Undice and the Angello Pass both were taken, in addition to more thaan 500 prisoners.

1.15 P. M.

THE KAISER IN ALSACE.

GENEVA, To-day.

Emperor William and his staff visited Alsace on Thursday going close to the Swiss frontier at Wallkenstene, Kaesenger and Farrette, says a telegrom from Porrentruy to La Suisse to-day. After reviewing troops and examining the defences carefully, the Emperor left for Karlsruhe.

SEEKING PEACE WITH RUSSIA.

COPENHAGEN, To-day.

The unsuccessful attempt made recently by M. Riseow, Bulgarian Minister to Germany, to open negotiations for a separate peace with Russia through letters to Maxim Gorky and the Russian Minister at Christiania and Stockholm is publicly approved by Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria in an interview in the Vossischezeitung of Berlin. M. Radoslavoff expresses the conviction that in time the offers will be met with success. A despatch from Amsterdam says Lt. John Joseph Schaumburg, the first German airman to use an airplane in battle and also the first to throw bombs from an aeroplane, was shot down in the battle of Messines, falling dead inside the German lines.

IRISH M.P. DEAD.

LONDON, To-day.

James Chambers, M.P. for Belfast, South, recently appointed Solicitor General for Ireland, died in Belfast yesterday. He was a Unionist.

CRISIS IN ITALIAN CABINET.

ROME, To-day.

A crisis in the Italian Cabinet has developed, when least expected, only a few days before the re-opening of Parliament, which is fixed for June 14. For some time a disagreement between the members of the Cabinet has been known to exist, especially between Baron Sonnino, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the other Ministers. Friction reached a climax when the members of the Italian Mission had to be selected. The Baron put his veto on the appointment of several persons whom the other Ministers considered most suitable for the task, and declared that he would resign if their appointment was insisted upon. 'Wishing to avoid a crisis in such a grave moment of the nation's history, the Cabinet acceded to Sonnino's opinions. This was one of the chief causes of delay in the appointment of the mission, in addition to the refusal of the Duke of Abruzzi to return to America for personal reasons. The life of the Cabinet, however, seemed assured, particularly after the recent successes on the Carso front, when suddenly a proclamation was published announcing the independence of Albania under an Italian protectorate.

PRO-CONSCRIPTION MEETING IN TORONTO.

TORONTO, Ont., To-day.

A rousing pro-Conscription meeting was held last night in Massey Hall, the second withiu forty-eight hours. Liberals and Conservatives alike passed a resolution for the "Conscription of the man power, the material power and the moral power" of the country.

CANADIAN TUG

Swamped Outside the Narrows----Crew Safe.

At 1.50 p.m. to-day the Canadian tug boat Eugene F. Moran was swamped and sank outside the heads of the harbour. The tug boat D. P. Ingraham went to the rescue but did not reach the scene before the former disappeared beneath the wavs. The unfortunate ship's fate was watched by thousands of people who lined the water front. The crew, including the Captain, number thirteen, all of whom are safe.

Particulars are not allowed to be published till an official report is made.

Personal.

Mr. Wm. Campbell, Postal Inspector, who for the past ten days has been on a tour of inspection in Placentia Bay, reached the city yesterday.

Mr. W. J. Pike, local manager for the Mutual Life Insurance Co., left for Halifax by to-day's express to attend the annual convention of eastern agents of that concern. He is accompanied by his little daughter.

Messrs. T. J. Duley and H. R. Brookes left by to-day's express for Doyle's Station on a fishing excursion.

Paymaster Wells of H. M. S. Briton left for Fischell's, St. George's, today on a fishing trip.

A Sad Case.

Two police officers were called to Petty Harbor last evening to take into custody a young widow, who was acting strangely. On being conveyed to the city she was examined by Dr. Cowperthwaite, pronounced violently insane and taken to the Lunatic Asylum. A pathetic circumstance in connection with this case is that the husband of the poor and afflicted creature was killed at the Petty Hr. Power House some few years ago and it is supposed that brooding over that tragedy accounts for the present unbalanced state of mind of the young woman.

Reid's Boats.

The Argyle leaving Placentia today on western route.

The Clyde left Twillingate at 4 p.m. yesterday, outward.

The Dundee left Port Blandford at 9.10 a.m. yesterday.

The Ethie arrived at Humbermouth at 1.50 p.m. yesterday.

The Glencoe delayed at LaPoile on account of fog.

The Home not reported since leaving Lewisporte yesterday morning.

The Diana north of Wesleyville.

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Ladies' Pumps $2.00

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6 to 10 . . . . . $1.50 to $1.70
11 to 2 . . . . . $1.75 to $1.95

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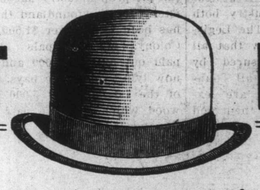
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT  HAT?

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