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ITALY'S PART.

We have had little to say during the eight months of war which are past with regard to the part that Italy was destined to play in the great struggle because that part was so clearly than two million men under arms. indicated by Italy's situation that none could fail to comprehend it. Italy is not a sentimental nation. However imaginative her people may be, individually, they are at the same time practical to the last degree. They are necessarily the lead in focussing public attention upon the so because of the long hard struggle for existence which they have had to wage by reason of the poverty of their country. Their Government is even more necessarily so, on that account.

No well informed person can have doubted that Italy would have nothing to do with the war until she was quite ready, and her own interests required that she should take an active part therein. It was well known that her sympathies were with Britain and France, particularly with Britain, which she has long recognized as her special diplomatic and natural friend. It was quite as well known that her interests as well as her sentiments, ran counter to those of Austria, into temporary alliance with which country in association with Germany she had virtually been forced by her own weakness. plants of the Dominion for the production of It was as good as certain, therefore, from the beginning of the war that Italy would detach herself from her nominal allies, and in the end find herself in the camp of their opponents.

and be assured of nothing, from their opponents. scant fifty thousand men in England or at the have been spoiling for a fight for months. the earliest effective date.

Allies remains to be seen. She has a large and of the Canadian Club of Winnipeg, is most time-friendly or otherwise, in the world-struggle. powerful army which must, of necessity, sumout striking a direct blow she can afford the Al- be educated. lies very considerable relief both in the eastern and western fields by compelling the with- Canada to obtain recruits. We have had no tivities in direct assistance of the Allies, will be asked for have been readily obtained. developed in connection with the clearing of to the markets of the world.

great assistance to the Allies through the influ-spring, the militia camps in the various militia ence of her example on the Balkan States. Rou-districts are available for training recruits. mania seems likely to follow her at once into the These camps are in every way suitable war. Greece may do likewise. In that case, for this purpose. At Petewawa, in our own Bulgaria could scarcely afford to stand aloof. province, for instance, there is ample opportu-It looks now as though the Germanic Powers nity for the training of a whole brigade instead may soon find themselves directly opposed by the of one regiment. It should be utilized to its whole of Europe, with the exception of the nar-full capacity. row fringe of the small northern States, includzation.

BRITAIN'S ARMY.

000 men draws attention for the moment from to assert that the provision of equipment for can be trusted. If it were not so you wouldn't the question of munitions to the question of those who have already enlisted has been at- be reading of the courage and heroic deeds of numbers. From all figures available the United tended to with reasonable dispatch. In this men who daily risk their lives for others. Kingdom has long before this supplied the two most important particular the government has million men originally contemplated. Late not measured up to its plain duty. Energetic events have probably shown the need for a great- steps should at once be taken to remedy this Chicago, we are told, is the following: er effort. Figures for recruiting in Manchester, defect. recently published in the Guardian of that city. The business of buying equipment for our of less than \$1,000 a year, must not marry with- This homely truth must bear in mind: offer a startling point for estimating the res- soldiers is a business problem which should be out first consulting the officials of the bank and "The 'going-to bees' are not the kind ponse of the nation as a whole. At a recruiting entrusted to business men. We have in Cana- obtaining their approval."

The Weekly Ontario ment was made that Manchester alone had sent for this particular work. The C. P. R., the woman comes forward to defend such action.

The Weekly Ontario as many men into the new armies as the whole Grand Trunk, the Dominion Iron and Steel Co., what a pass we have come to. And yet this of Wales, namely, about 85,000. That is to say, in fact, every large corporation in this country devoted two columns to a defense of the officials Manchester with a population of about 740,000 has a special purchasing department presided shows the enormous ratio of more than 11 per over by trained experts. Here is the machinery of that bank. She defines as "fatuous" the thecent. of the total population, a ratio which for right at hand to deal with the problem which ory that happiness draws dividends. She says the entire Kingdom would give more than five now confronts this country. If the government man is more stomach than heart, and declares

> 85,000 gives a ratio of 5 per cent., which for the responsibility to purchase all equipment requirfigures are indirectly confirmed by the statement for more men. More men properly equipped even granted. from Premier Asquith several months ago that, should be given him. Canada should do her exclusive of Territorials, the nation had more share. So far we have not sent more than a

CANADA SHOULD DO MORE.

The Canadian Club of Winnipeg, has taken ry out our plain duty. necessity of Canadians shouldering a larger share of the Empire's burdens in the Great War. the helm. Last week that Club adopted, by a standing vote a resolution urging upon the Dominion Government "the extreme importance of Canada's making such immediate preparation as would enable her in time of need to exert the full weight of her power," and urging the government to present number of men provided;" to "maintain Laurier makes that quite plain. It is up to Sir for the German steamers laid up in American their own medicine. War is a horrithe present militia force of Canada, and to take Robert to say the word. immediate steps to proceed to enroll and organize a force as reserve of 250,000 men to receive pecially in shooting;" and to "employ to the utnent as a peace advocate is the nation's choice val vessels of Germany interned at Newport And we fear that the average man most limit of their capacity the manufacturing for Minister of Munitions. arms and munitions of war, or provide them otherwise."

We knew that Italy must ultimately side grave responsibilities which our membership in as the press despatches say, that it showed that rules of warfare the German steamers in Ameri-London Advertiser. with the Allies because she could hope for little, the British Empire entails. We have as yet a hostilities had been opened by the enemy. They can ports would not be subject to condemnation We believed that she coud not have gone to war front. As we have had occasion before to point much sooner because her preparations were not out. Canada should by this time have at least appeared even yet. Italy is now at war on the another two hundred thousand in training for army to put behind their ultimatum." side of the Allies, and for her own interests, at reinforcements. We have fallen far short of this standard, and we are making no great ef-What Italy, being so at war, can do for the fort to attain it. For this reason the resolution en decrepit Spain much thought as an influence mon peremptorily to face it Austrian and Ger-Clubs might well give an expression of opinion. ference. Sometimes a nation is happiest when man forces urgently needed elsewhere. With- It is a subject upon which the public might well it is weakest.

No special efforts have been put forth in drawal to face her troops now otherwise employed. She has a navy almost as strong as es made in England by Premier Asquith, Mr. en the Navy since Wilson was inaugurated, Secthat of Austria; and with such naval support Lloyd George and other prominent leaders of retary Daniels made this statement: "The Bu- We that so glory in your high decision, as France and Britain can supply, she will easipublic opinion. The arrangements for the enly be able to defend her own shores in addition listment of volunteers by the Department of that will shoot farther, shoot straighter, and hit All Europe in our blood, but yours our vision, to threatening Austria most seriously. It seems Militia and Defence have not been such as to harder than any gun now in use or known to be probable, therefore, that her first important ac-stimulate recruiting. Yet all the men so far designed by a foreign country."

We have the utmost confidence that the men the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmora and the of Canada will volunteer to serve overseas if message to Mrs. Drew, aunt of the late W. G. Suppose that some fine morn in May Bosphorus, so that Russia may be made more the opportunity is offered. Recruiting, however, C. Gladstone, M.P., who died in action: "I am A honey-bee should pause and say, effective in the field by being adequately supplied must be systematically carried on. Euipment so grieved to hear of the sad death of your dear "I guess I will not work today, with munitions of war, and more valuable finan- must be immediately provided. Men must not nephew, a terrible blow to his mother. How cially by getting her enormous stock of wheat be housed in makeshift barracks for seven or your dear father, the People's William, would Or some time in the bye and bye, eight months before being despatched to Eng- have grieved, although proud of his hero grand- I'll be so diligent and spry Indirectly, Italy seems destined to be of land or France. With the opening up of the son."

ing Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. of this country in times of peace, the Militia improvement upon its predecessor. And even Holland is growing restive; she is said Department might well be excused if during the to have a million men under arms. Switzerland first two or three months of the war it had is understood to have ordered complete mobili- failed to keep pace with the unprecedented de- too much dependence upon a man who tells you Should tell you all the splendid plans mands made upon it. Ten months have passed that nobody is honest and that every man has Of which he dreams, the while the sands since war was declared and no sufficient steps his price." He is the man who's most likely to have been taken so to improve the efficiency of have his price in mind. It is not kind to think You'd wish to say to him, "O boy the department as to enable it to meet the de- all men dishonest, for the thought is not war- If you would reap your share of joy Lord Kitchener's call for an additional 300,- mands which are now required of it. It is idle ranted. The world is full of honest men who You must discerningly employ

meeting in Manchester late in April the state- da a number of men who are eminently fitted

ment was made that Manchester alone had sent for this particular work. The C. P. R., the woman comes forward to defend such actionis well advised it will at once take steps to create that "Cupid runs things on commercial lines." On the other hand, the population of Wales a board of experts secured from the companies How about all this? is about 1,700,000, and a Welsh contingent of mentioned and invest them with full power and The vast majority of such comments as are

sixth as many men as we should, and indeed, as Commercial Bulletin has a long article devoted there does not seem much difference we could send.

share, to make up for the lost time and to car-

But Mr. Asquith is still the master hand at

and energy into the new department of munitions, here ought to be shells galore.

the front at the strength of at least double the tics rests with Premier Borden. Sir Wilfrid United States would be badly off if it were not in giving the Kaiser's men some of

preliminary instruction in manoeuvres, and es- tion of Britain that the man who stood pre-emi- Prinz Eitel Friedrich, the latter two actual na- The very worst differ only in degree

There can be little question that we as on the allied side, that they welcomed the Aus-Canadians have not so far, fully realized the very trian attack on Italian seaports for the reason, tence and ammunition. While under recognized excuse for the use of the same method

The New York Tribune says: "The Swiss sufficiently advanced. We were certain that she three or four hundred thousand men under arms. may not have the naval equipment of this Rewould not declare war until she could hope to If we desire to measure ourselves by the stand-public, but if they get into a war with Germany bility in this direction. wage it effectively, in other words, not until the ard set by the Motherland we should now have because they take this country's attitude about Alpine snows had melted. They have hardly distwo hundred thousand men in the firing line and the Lusitania affair they'll at least have some

None of the great Powers seem to have giv-

The Queen of England sent the following

In the new British Cabinet Liberals still Of course you'd wish to say at once, strongly predominate both in point of numbers "O bee! don't be a little dunce and in holding important portfolios. There are And waste your golden days and months thirteen members of the old Government, eight Unionists and one Laborite. It is a strong cab- The things you're 'going' to do, and how inet, but in point of ability and administrative Your hive with honey you'll endow, Designed to look after the military reeds capacity it does not appear to be much, if any, But bear in mind, O bee, that NOW

> M . M . M The editor of an exchange says: "Don't put Suppose a youth with idle hands

Posted conspicuously in a national bank in With loyal heart and hand, whose skies

"Employees of this bank, receiving a salary And they who seek success to find

This, of itself, is bad enough. But when a

country as a whole would show a recruitment ed for our soldiers. The Department of Militia undesirability where money is scarce, leave love Allies. This method of warfare is of mroe than two and a quarter million men. would then be free to devote all its energies to out of the consideration entirely. It becomes a prohibited by one of the resolutions Only in Ireland has recruiting fallen below the the enlistment and training of a couple of hun-question of how much the man can do for the of the Hague Convention. That Ger-Welsh figures. Elsewhere it should be safe to dred thousand men who would speedily be able woman in the way of giving her things and pro-Welsh figures. Elsewhere it should be safe to dred thousand men who would speedily be able woman in the way of giving her things and proposed in the firing line and "do their viding comforts and luxuries. The fact that true their common practice. But in this at least one-third of the difference between bit" in the trenches in Flanders. Wales! 5 per cent. and Manchester's 111/2 per Our duty as Canadians, at this juncture, is and can even compensate in the case of necessi- the excuse that neither Great Britain cent. If we accept the ratio of 8 per cent. for to range ourselves alongside our brethren overthe forty-two millions in England, Scotland and seas and omit nothing that should be done to fact that it is better to starve on such a high therefore cannot object. The exact Wales, we get something like three and a quar- achieve a complete and immediate victory over thing as true love than to exist on such low ter million men exclusive of Ireland. These the Empire's foes. Lord Kitchener has asked things as some of the substitutes offered is not not appear; but, at all events, it

> The New York Journal of Commerce and to the question of what effect a war between the between firing explosive shells and Let us set to work in earnest to do our United States and Germany would have on dropping bombs which crash into American commerce, and what would be the result of the disturbance that would for a time sending a poisonous gas over them exist in the shipping industry. Shipping ex- and putting them out of action perts expressed the opinion that the American, Either practice is horrible to con-British, French, Italian, Swedish, Dutch, Danish On the whole the gas clouds would and Norwegian lines would continue their sail- seem to be the least dangerous, as by When Mr. Lloyd George puts his enthusiasm ings. The United States indirect trade with the use of respirators, or even putting Germany and Austria would probably be cut off cotton in the nostrils, the evil effects and American shippers of cotton would suffer of this weapon may be minimized. because the traffic to Scandinavian ports would going to use poisonous gases to fight The issue of peace or war in Canadian poli- be discontinued. In regard to transports the going to use poisonous gases to hight the Allies, the latter will be justified ports. All of them are admirably fitted for the bly cruel and unnatural thing under transport of troops or ammunition. The big to differentiate between weapons that Vaterland, the Kronprizzessin Cecelie, the Kai- are permissible and those that are It is indicative of the spirit and determina- ser Wilhelm II., the Kronjrinz Wilhelm and the not. The very best are inhumane News; the Prinzess Irene and the Grosser Kurjudice in giving an opinion. No matfuerst would be available as army transports, ter how severely he might feel dispos-The Italian people are so eager for war, while the German freight steamers to the num-ed to condemn certain weapons used as prizes of war, Britain has led the way in using SCHOOL DAYS AT WEST HUNTtonnage that has taken voluntary internment, this arrangement contemplating that the steamer is to be returned to its owners at the conclu- to attend one of the best rural schools sion of the war, but without assuming responsition Hastings county. The building was

FROM AMERICA.

Oh, England at the smoking trenches dying.. For all the world, We hold our breath, and watch your bright flag system of heating, the ventilation

While ours is furled.

We who are neutral (yet each lip with fervor sequent falling away of the mortar. The word abjures.) In his recent letter giving a detailed review Oh, England, never name us the time server; Our hearts are yours!

> So trust your goal-Our speech, our soul.

THE "GOING-TO-BEES."

But next week or next summer, That all the world must see that I Am what they call a 'hummer'!"

In lazily reviewing Is just the time for 'doing.'"

Of life are flowing, flowing.

He who would win must work! The prize Is for the faithful one who tries

Your morning hours in sowing."

With toil-crowned hopes are sunny. That fill the hive with honey."

Nixon Waterman.

Other Editors' Opinions &

POISON IN AIR.

The use of asphyxiating and poito a declaration by the British Govleaves the way perfectly clear for the British war office to adopt any meas-

To an outsider, it may be confessed massed troops, killing or giving ghas-

INGDON.

strong and substantially built of stone and is doing service today, or at least we might say, the walls are doing service, for the interior is entirely changed. The two stoves that did service in heating the building have been displaced by a modern hot air furnace. We trust that with the new system has been changed as well for the only ventilation under the old order of things was caused by the shrinkage of the frame and the con-With a breath of cold air on one ear and a hot blast from the stove heated almost to white heat with dry hardwood on the other one experienced at the same time the sensation caused by both summer and winter temperatures. The walls and ceilings which in the olden days were blackened with smoke, now present a cleanly appearance having had frequent coatings of calsomine. The plaster and wooden blackboards have given away to slate, "the desks have been displaced by new ones, very like the same our penknives had defaced, and in many instances, the male teacher of the olden time is succeeded by the "sweet girl graduate" of one of our several normal schools. The curriculum of studies is supplemented by nature study a little hygiene with some supplementary reading which reminds us of the introduction of libraries into the public schools Another change as a natural result of the decrease in the rural population is the smaller average attendance of scholars, and this brings us to the point where we ask ourselves the question, "What is the next important change to be wrought in our school system?" — Campbellford Herald..

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