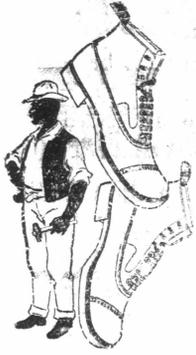


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## Italy's Part in the Great War

IT is almost exactly half a year since Italy declared war on Austria, on the Adriatic, narrowing to less than five miles at Plava to the north of Gorz and five miles at Tolmino. Of important places they hold Monfalcone, Gradisca, and Plava, some six or seven miles to the north of Gorz and on the eastern bank of the Isonzo. On the heights of Podgora they are almost at the gates of Gorz, which by this time must be denuded of its civilian population. The bombardment of that city has been recently reported from Vienna. Hitherto it has been rumored that the Italian artillery has been checked in its operations by considerations for the civilian population, which is largely Italian. In Italy's operations, both in the Tyrol and along the Isonzo, the usual advantages of the defensive have been enormously enhanced by the nature of the country. It has been a case either of mountain fighting or of frontal attacks on trenches cut in the solid rock.

Except as her pressure on Austria's western line has affected the general situation, Italy has apparently not participated in the common strategy of the Allies. It is conceivable that in a perfectly unified scheme of Allied operations, Italy might have been content to stand on the defensive against Austria, and place part of her armies at the disposal of the Allies outside of Italy. She is more favorably situated than either France or England for throwing considerable forces into the Balkans. But she refrained from doing so in Gallipoli at a time when her help might have been precious, she has not as yet participated in the landing at Salonica, and we are still to have confirmation of the rumours about the landing of an Italian army in Albania.

Yet it is not necessary to suppose that in this policy she has been actuated by purely selfish motives. In France and England there has been serious question of the wisdom of the Gallipoli and Salonica campaigns. It has been described as a frittering away of strength on a more diversion. Expert opinion on both sides still holds that the war will be decided along the main battle-fronts. General Cadorna, head of the Italian army, has been reported as firmly opposed to any policy of adventure outside of Italy. And his reasons may be two-fold. It is not only that more decisive results can be won by operations from a near base directed against the flank of the enemy, but in the special case of Italy there is always the danger of a concentrated attack by Germans and Austrians in case the Italian offensive should definitely fail. If Germany has found troops for a distant campaign in Serbia, she could operate with much greater ease and advantage from her own frontiers through the Tyrol. Events in the Balkans dictate a policy of caution. Berlin and Vienna speak of pressing on to the Suez Canal. But it is not at all unlikely that, with Serbia beaten down, the next blow will fall upon Italy's northern frontiers.—The Nation.

This result has not been attained by Italy's standing upon the defensive. Her armies have pressed the attack. On the Tyrol front they have been engaged in the conquest of the mountain passes. On the eastern front they have delivered three great attacks on a fifty-mile line from Tolmino to the Adriatic Sea, and are now engaged in a fourth assault on a narrower front, with Gorz as the sole objective. If one may argue from the tone of Mr. von Wiegand's story, the Austrians are not at all confident of their position. He speaks of Gorz and Tolmino as "still" in their possession. He speaks of the Austrian defensive position as one not particularly favorable and one which it was originally intended to abandon altogether. There may be here the foreshadowing of an ultimate evacuation of the line. Nevertheless, the Austrian showing on this front emphasizes the enormous advantages of the defensive in the present war.

The actual gain in territory by the Italian armies is small when measured by the standard of Teutonic achievements in eastern and southern Europe, and considerable when measured by the rate of progress in France and Belgium. On the Tyrol front the Italians have occupied a strip about forty miles long by ten miles wide along both shores of the Lago di Garda, with Riva and Rovereto as their objective. On the Isonzo front they have occupied a zone about fifty miles along and fifteen miles wide at its southern extremity since Italy declared war on Austria, on the Adriatic, narrowing to less than five miles at Plava to the north of Gorz and five miles at Tolmino. Of important places they hold Monfalcone, Gradisca, and Plava, some six or seven miles to the north of Gorz and on the eastern bank of the Isonzo. On the heights of Podgora they are almost at the gates of Gorz, which by this time must be denuded of its civilian population. The bombardment of that city has been recently reported from Vienna. Hitherto it has been rumored that the Italian artillery has been checked in its operations by considerations for the civilian population, which is largely Italian. In Italy's operations, both in the Tyrol and along the Isonzo, the usual advantages of the defensive have been enormously enhanced by the nature of the country. It has been a case either of mountain fighting or of frontal attacks on trenches cut in the solid rock.

## THE TRI-COLOR OF FRANCE

The French have always favored the colors of red, white and blue, and throughout their history red banners, white plumes and blue scarfs have been largely used in connection with royalty and the army.

The French national flag, the tricolor, however, which combines the three popular colors of France, is comparatively modern. The flag was first adopted about 1794. A decree was issued, which gave to all flags a knot of tricolor ribbons at the top of the staff, and later the red, white and blue design was chosen for the national flag. Some years after it was abolished for the white flag of France made famous by Henry IV., and it was not until 1830 that the tricolor came into its own again. Since then the flag has been the national banner of France.

The divisions on the tricolor are not all the same size. The red occupies the largest space, the blue design was chosen for the national flag. Some years after it was abolished for the white flag of France made famous by Henry IV., and it was not until 1830 that the tricolor came into its own again. Since then the flag has been the national banner of France.

The tricolor forms the base of nearly every flag connected with the army, navy and merchant service of France. The president's flag consists of the tricolor, with his initials in gold worked into the white stripe.—London Standard.

## WAS WITHIN THE THREE MILE LIMIT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Officers of the battleship Kentucky at Progreso, Mex., have reported that the American steamer Zealandia was one quarter of a mile inside the three mile limit when recently forcibly searched by a boarding party from a British cruiser and therefore was in a neutral port. They agree with the British representative that no papers were aboard the ship to show her nationality but were in the American Consulate ashore.

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