



POPULAR ENTHUSIASM FOR THE WAR IN ROME.

Fifty thousand civilians in front of the Italian Chamber of Deputies demonstrate that war has taken hold, not merely of the Army—but the People.

A UNITED NATION GOES TO WAR

NOW that Italy is at war, it is worth while to remember that she took plenty of time to do it—but more important to reflect that when she did the whole nation went in with a united plunge. England, Russia and France were forced into the war before any of them were ready. Italy waited until the whole nation was roused. The Triple Alliance had the tremendous task of organizing the three nations on a war basis, a task which is now only just getting well under way. Italy had ten months in which to make herself ready. The army that was a nation and the nation that was an army—in Germany—was met ten months ago by three nations which were not armies ready to take the field, and three armies which were not nations. Italy goes into the war with one united national purpose. The war party worked its way into the ascendancy against the intrigues of the neutralists manipulated from Berlin. There is now no peace party in Italy. There is no room for more than one opinion about the war. There is not, as yet, a necessity of a reorganized administration, such as took place in England, France and Russia; in England a coalition cabinet; in France a ministry reorganized during the first month of war; in Russia a new war minister appointed only last week.

When the first flush of national purpose has had time to spend itself in the grand frontal advance against Austria there may be time and place for new men and fresh measures at home. Up to the



AND THE KAISER IS STARTLED.

German Emperor with his war lords scanning the map of Europe, perhaps to see what changes Italy may make in the final result.

present, the kingdom south of the Alps and along the Adriatic has suffered no severe setback in the grand programme of getting from Austria what is Italy's by right. But the war as engineered from inside the Teutonic ring has forced all the nations to adopt new tactics, to wait and retire and reorganize. Italy may have her share of this. She will not decline it. There will never be any divided councils in that country as to the necessity of working shoulder to shoulder with the other members of the Quadruple Alliance to defeat Germany and Austria. And while the first impact of Italy may be followed by a reaction, and that again by a new plan of campaign, the entire weight of Italy's army and nation will not be flung against the enemy for some time to come; and when it is, with the unified co-operation of the three other great Powers, the strangle-hold on the Teutonic monster will begin to have its effect.

Meanwhile, we must permit the people of Victor Emmanuel and the soldiers of Cadorna to have their fling in Vive Italias and any other form of national enthusiasm to which the Latin temperament feels disposed. Italy may not march on Vienna much faster than Russia marched on Berlin. But knowing better what to expect, being better prepared and with her men and munitions of war concentrated within easy distance of the offensive front, the Italian army will probably be in no danger of even a temporary retreat.



THE ITALIAN RED CROSS OFF TO THE FRONT.

Italy went into the war with every part of her machine ready for action.



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