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AUSTRIA'S WOES
INCREASE DAILYDifficulty of Picking Men to Fight
Her Various Foes—Anarchy in
Hungary

Rome, June 10.—Reports received here from various centres go to show that Austria is threatened with domestic complications which will have a disastrous effect on her military organization. A perfect reign of terror is said to exist at Prague and other Slav centres. The jails are full of political suspects, the newspapers have been suppressed and the population terrorized by an army of secret police.

A similar state of affairs prevails in the Trentino, in Istria and in Dalmatia. The difficulties of utilizing the army effectively are increasing hourly, as

it is impossible to send Slav troops against Russians, Croatsians against Serbians, Istrians or Dalmatians or troops from the Trentino against Italians, as they would undoubtedly desert en masse. If the Roumanians enter the conflict another 100,000 Austrian troops will become unreliable. Under the circumstances, Hungary and German Austria have to do more than their share of the work, and have lost hundreds of thousands killed, wounded and prisoners, with the result that Hungary is seething with discontent. Count Apponyi's brutal declaration to Kaiser Franz Josef of an impending internal catastrophe has made an enormous sensation in Austria.

Hungary is rapidly drifting into a state of anarchy. If Roumania and Bulgaria join the allies, it will be the last straw, and internal disorders will paralyze the military. All this, of course, increases the confidence of Italy and animates the army, causing it to push forward all along the line with irresistible elan. In spite of the fact that the Austrians hold strongly fortified and entrenched positions in the mountainous country, the Italians are driving them from one position after another.



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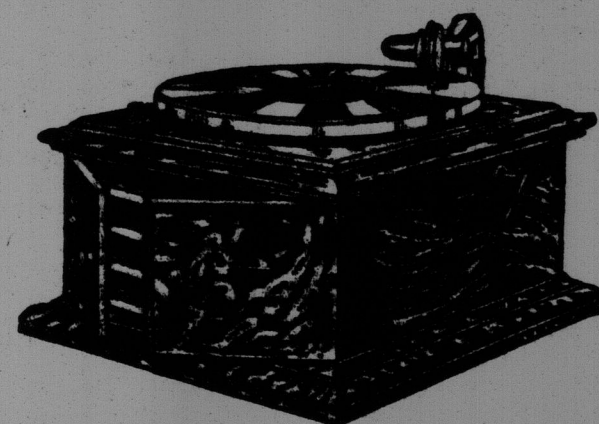
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