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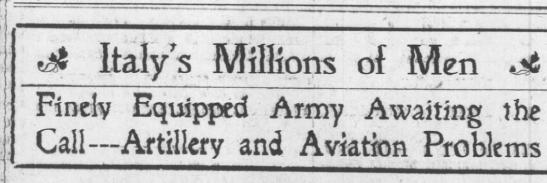
volley and charge. the Japanese army in Manchuria he The whole scene changed and broke. brought home the lessons of that olley was shot. The Boers occucampaign. Chosen as General Officer the position. Hamilton, shot Commanding-in-Chief Mediterranean through the wrist and covered with and Inspector-General Overseas Forblood, with Hector Macdonald and ces in 1910, he has visited the Colonmany others, were taken prisoners. ies and Dominions. It is accurate to Hamilton was wearing his father's say that no officer knows more about sword. He declined to surrender it the British Army at home and abroad even then. Luckily General Joubert none has a better vision of its capac arrived, and, admiring his courage, permitted him to retain it. Six Tall and distinguished, his features

months he was an invalid. To-day his paralysed and withered fingers on one hand he terms "my glorious deformity from Majuba.'

every distinguished soldier of his day. He returned to India, and was com-The Kaiser has decorated him with ng home on leave when he stopped at the 1st Class Order of the Crown of Suez. The Soudan campaign had be-Prussia and the 1st. Class Order of gun. The Gordon Highlanders had the Red Eagle. His medals and clasps gone up towards Wady Halfa. He and his "mentioned in despatches" surmounted all the red tape put in his) would fill much space. way and got his command, and fought

It is only one of the surprises of with distinction receiving the "D.S.O." "this secret war" that Hamilton has or his services appeared to command one of the finest

Returning to India, he became an fighting forces ever gathered under aide-de-camp on Lord Robert's Staff, the British flag. Much has been exand in those piping times of peace pected of his strong, determined, brilturned his talent to literary work. He liant officer in the past. With his published the 'Fighting of the Future,' (coadjutor, General D'Amade, in com-A Jaunt in a Junk' and a volume of mand of the French Colonials and verses. 'The Ballad of Hadji and the the Senegalese, his force has before Boer,' which won high praise from it one of the most difficult operations Andrew Lang, who decdicated a vol- of this greatest of wars. Lord Kitchume of poems to him in the following ener does not make mistakes in that inoc.



## By J. A. Sinclair Pooley, "Express" Correspondent.

HEN the European conflict | ninety-two regiments each 4,000 take part in any war, much less in a

## The peculiar physical conditions of Italy make it necessthat the army engineer corps shall be many-sided. Besides six regiments of sappers, it contains one regiments of miners. three regiments of bridgers, one regiment of Lagunari, one regiment of aerostatists, fifteen battalions of aeroplanists, with about 300 aeroplanes (not counting private owners and airmen), and three regiments of railway engineers.

Following the German example, the Italian Engineer Specialist Brigade formerly put their faith in dirigibles in preference to aeroplanes. The war has shown that the dirigible is a very much overrated weapon of offence, except for the slaughter of innocent women and children. Recently, therefore, there has been an entire revision of the Italian aeronautic services, and the aviators have been organised on a larger and broader basis. It is unlikely that either dirigibles or aeroplanes will be of much service in an Alpine campaign, but should the operations lead towards the Adriatic aeroplane work will be of the first im portance.

It will thus be seen that the Italian army, if it takes the field, will be in a cood condition to meet the enemy. The morale of the men is excel lent, and though there may be many who would have preferred that Italy remain outside the contest, when they have once donned the glubba they will rejoice to be once again at the old

The other day I was talking to a young officer just recalled to the colours. I had known him as a violent pro-German. I asked him now how he felt now that he was called up. He patted his chest proudly, and answered: "Now that I am wearing the uniform I have no more politics."

The neutralist movement in Italy is almost dead. For a complicity of reasons the nation now desires war. The army is young and energetic. It represents the flower of the land. One by one the classes have been recalled and drilled. New officials have been appointed, the nuclei of fresh regiments formed, and generals have been

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