

MEN, WOMEN AND EVENTS



BARON SONNINO, recently a visitor to London, is still the trusted Foreign Minister of Italy. It was this uncompromising old patriot who upset the von Buelow corruption campaign in Rome.



WHEN Thomas Nash heard the skirl of the 48th Highlanders' bagpipes in New York, his Jap blood roused within him. He decided to enlist with an Irish-Canadian regiment. His mother is an Irish-American.



MRS. ANN WILLING ASTOR, first wife of the late John Jacob, is more beautiful than most actresses who pose for the camera. Apart from this enchantment of delicate lineaments and lovely gowns, she is now engaged in London in war relief work. Since being here, it is rumoured that she has had several offers of marriage from English nobility; but all offers have so far been made in vain.

SINCE the deposition of the Czar, Russia holds the record for shuffling officials into the discard. There is not a cabinet minister or a high-commanding officer left who was conspicuous when the war began. The fortress of Peter and Paul contains enough celebrated prisoners to fill a large drawing-room. There is talk of sending the Czar and Czarina to Siberia. And Baron Heykling, former Russian Consul-General in London, married to a charming young woman, has been recalled to Petrograd.



THAT "the female of the species is more deadly than the male" has its latest proof in the Russian Legion of Death, the battalion of Russian women who have been fighting Germans on the east front. Each of these women carries a ration of cyanide of potassium in her knapsack, preferring death to German captivity. The leader of this remarkable group of Amazons is Mdme. Botchkaler, who is here shown wearing several medals for bravery. German soldiers do not care to encounter these soldieresses. The German officer is so proverbially chivalrous that whenever he comes within range of the L. of D. he puts his hand to his heart and says to the C. O.: "Kind madam, Kamerad! Do not take your cyanide of potassium. Kill yourself with my revolver and let me have the poison. We need it."

FIRST speech ever made by a Congress-woman in Congress is hereby photographed. Miss Jeannette Rankin, elected from Montana, waited a good while before facing Congress. When war was declared, on April 2, she voted for war, but was led from the House in tears. She is here seen talking to Congress, while a large percentage of the summer session male members look as though they would like to curl up in their seats and go to sleep. She had intended, she said, to give them a Montana breeze on woman suffrage, but decided that they needed more enlightenment on the copper question. She said that labour agitators were making so much trouble in Arizona and Montana that the Government ought to commandeer the mines; and she moved a resolution to that effect.

