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ITALY HONORS DOGS OF WAR

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DO SCOUT DUTY AND GIVE AID WOUNDED

Both Austrian and Italy Employ Dogs and Many a Bloody Fight Results When They Meet.

By Alice Rohe. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

ROME, Aug. 22.—(By mail.)—Reno is a real dog of war—not one of those symbolical dogs of war which typify the destructive onslaught of conflicting enemies. Yet Reno has done some pretty strenuous work against the enemy and as a result he is wearing a medal about his neck suspended by a tri-color ribbon.

Reno saved his master Lieutenant in a hand-to-hand combat in Cadore. In consequence he is the pet of the regiment.

Italy's dogs are playing an important part in the fierce struggle which is going on at the frontier. Austria has mobilized her canine soldiers with great success and today when dogs in those mountainous confines of Italy's old provinces there are conflicts which would make dog history for all time.

The Italian war dogs are largely mastiffs. Reno is a big white "molosso" (mastiff) and is typical of all these faithful four-footed soldiers. The dogs are turned loose, unleashed and go forth scouting, beating

about in the brush and woods scenting the enemy's approach. When it happens that they run afoul of Austrian dog scouts, doing similar duty, there is warfare of the wildest kind. Fierce and bloody it lasts till one of them has given his life for his country.

The Italian war dogs are perfectly trained. They follow the columns on the march. When a conflict occurs the dogs become half mad with ferocity, baying and jumping and leaping as though they would tear the enemy in pieces.

Reno, following the column one day, beside his beloved master, saw a hand-to-hand combat between the Italian officer and an Austrian. The officer was struggling bravely but it was due to Reno that he was saved. Leaping at the Austrian's throat the mastiff dragged him to the ground piercing his jugular vein with his sharp teeth.

From that day on Reno has never left his lieutenant. He sleeps with him, and eats mess with him. When he is not in service he plays with the soldiers, deporting himself as any dog would who did not have a great world destiny hanging over his head.

The war dogs beside scout duty and actual fighting are of especial use in the Italian campaigning for they carry flasks about their necks and in the mountain passes are first aid to many an injured soldier.

Cresceni Michele who recovered his speech and hearing through the joy of seeing his lieutenant again, and Saturnino Squillacioti, Neapolitan, who regained his speech through hearing a nocturne of Chopin, offered two incidents among the many strange emotional happenings recorded in Italy's warfare.

The Italian temperament seems to be giving daily proof of its actuality.

Cresceni, infantryman, was not actually wounded but was thrown to the ground and shocked by a shell bursting near him. He lost his hearing and speech and was taken to the hospital at Toronto. All known means proved fruitless to restore him to his normal condition. One day it was learned that his lieutenant had been brought to the hospital. Thinking to give him pleasure the infantryman was taken to the officer's room with whom he had shared joys and sorrows of warfare. The two threw themselves in each other's arms overcome by emotion. Releasing himself, his face beaming but covered with tears, the unfortunate soldier began to move his lips. With a supreme effort he forced strange unnatural sounds from his lips. By next day he retained his speech and hearing.

The case, one of the strangest recorded at the Toronto hospital, is regarded as having been a cure due to deep emotion.

The case of Corporal Squillacioti bears out the well known theory of the curative power of music. The Neapolitan like all his race is a lover of music. In violent combat he became suddenly mute. Taken to the hospital of Modena he failed to respond to treatment. One evening a doctor knowing of the corporal's passionate love for music began playing a Chopin nocturne on the hospital piano.

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YOUTH RECEIVES PAINFUL INJURIES IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT YESTERDAY

John, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tisdale, who reside at 1061 Winchester street, received painful injuries late yesterday afternoon when he lost control of the motorcycle which he was riding. He had ridden to the top of the hill on Lane street and while descending the machine became unmanageable and ran into the rear yard of Judge Hamilton's lot where it struck a raised sidewalk. The impact of the shock threw young Tisdale from the machine and he landed on his head and right arm.

When Judge Hamilton reached Tisdale he found him unconscious and Dr. Shoemaker was summoned to care for the unfortunate young man. He was hurried to Mercy hospital where it was found that he had a dislocated right wrist and a number of cuts about the head. He was taken to his home this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Tisdale only recently moved to this city from Medford and at the present time the father is employed by the Standard Oil Co.

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The ladies aid society of the Presbyterian church is holding a regular meeting this afternoon in the church parlors.

At the annual meeting of the local W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon, a large number of members were present and a most enjoyable as well as profitable session held. Officers for the coming year were elected and plans evolved to carry on the work with renewed vigor. The subject of caring for the visitors of the national W. C. T. U. to be here on October 17th, was taken up, and it was made certain that the visiting notables will be cared for. Mrs. S. E. Collier was again elected president. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Shoemaker.

HORSES WANTED—Will be in Roseburg Thursday, Sept. 16 and Friday, Sept. 17, to buy horses and mares, any color except gray, 15 to 16 hands high, 5 to 8 years old, weight 1100 to 1500 lbs. Horses must be sound and in good flesh. I also wish to announce this will be my last trip through this fall. EARL S. McNUTT. 970-216

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