

DAMAGE WROUGHT BY FOE IN ITALY

Wanton Destruction and Pillage Revealed in Report.

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Systematic System of Cruelty and Oppression Inflicted Wherever Enemy Set His Foot—Facts Gathered by Italian Committee Surpass Anything Hitherto Believed Possible—Exceeds in Atrocities Destruction Suffered by France and Belgium.

(Special to the Italian-American News Bureau, Chicago.)

The committee appointed to investigate the violations of right perpetrated in Italy, and the inhuman treatment of prisoners of war has made its first report.

The material to be considered is vast, and the preliminary disclosure the enormous damage done by the enemy wherever he set foot in this country. The losses due to airplane bombing and bombardment along the coast, already gathered by the military governors and placed on file, and of the nonmilitary buildings destroyed or damaged are receiving first attention.

The public has received fragmentary news of what was done. The reality surpasses anything hitherto believed possible. It is the result of a systematic system of cruelty and oppression intended to intimidate or massacre the inhabitants.

At the same time steps were being taken to get all data about the loss of shipping due to submarine warfare. It is estimated already that the Italian merchant navy has lost 1,000,000 tons of shipping, both of sailing and steam vessels.

Heavy Loss in Vessels.

The value of the cargoes sunk is huge, and includes Italian shipments by foreign as well as by Italian vessels. A rough estimate places it at a billion lire. The responsibility of Germany has been established clearly, especially when it comes to shipping belonging to neutrals or allied countries, carrying Italian cargoes, and frequently also the Italian ships, whenever the submarines did not show their colors before attacking.

The devastation of the invaded parts of Italy exceeds perhaps in atrocity and intensity the analogous destruction suffered by Belgium and French Departments. For this

reason, which must be set forth in strong relief there were several causes. The density of the most advanced industrial life; the highly developed intensive agriculture, and the raising of every kind of domestic animal on a large scale.

In an area smaller than one-tenth of Belgium, there was a fabulous and densely populated people, about one-sixth of the whole of Belgium. Workshops gave employment and wealth to every village. Villas and stately palaces with priceless collections of art and important libraries graced the countryside and cities.

At the beginning of the invasion, the German soldiers wanted the first fruits of pillage, and, from the first, they gathered, the other troops were prevented from doing so. In order to let the German looting and soldiers have the first pick of what was worth carrying off. Thus, when the Germans left Italy, the Austrians followed in their footsteps and redoubled their acts of oppression and barbarity to give vent to their insatiable and often deluded rapacity.

The depredations fell on the poor as well as the wealthy. Articles of even the slightest value were the objects of their cupidity. No house escaped the iron hand of the invader. All household linen was carried off without pity. Shirts and mattresses were torn from the sick and bed ridden, and every sign of resistance was met with inhuman cruelty.

Five victims, even in the poorest houses, were carried off, even to the tables around which the families gathered to eat their miserable food.

Food Carried From Tables. In the country besides the damage done to every crop, a complete devastation was wrought, cutting down vines and fruit trees purely from wanton savagery, or for the firewood the enemy needed. Thus one of the sources of agricultural wealth for centuries was destroyed.

All metals, as has been related, were the special objects of cupidity and were taken without the least pretext of legality. The number of bells taken from the churches is estimated at 12,000. It gives an idea of the extent and thoroughness of the pillage committed in private houses and public buildings.

The sanctity of sacred places was not respected. In almost all the churches religious paraphernalia were stolen with sacred vestments and articles used in worship, often of great historic or artistic value.

Big Saving in Hauling. If our main highways were improved with permanent surface, we would certainly save 8 or 9 cents per ton mile in hauling the immense interstate commerce that each year originates from agriculture, mine and forest.

State News

An average of eight arrests a day are being made in Salem for violation of the traffic rules.

Fire at Dufer Sunday destroyed the Jackson-Mercantile company's general store, entailing a loss of \$25,000.

Rev. Charles E. Doham, pastor of the First Baptist church at Eugene, has been voted a salary increase of \$100 a year.

Oregon now has the second largest agricultural college in the United States. There are 2871 students actually on the campus at O. A. C.

The Frink orchard of 375 acres near Medford has been sold to A. C. Moore of Honolulu for \$70,000. There are 140 acres in apples and pears.

The association of Hood River Valley orchardists, numbering 200 members, has pledged itself against sale or lease of real estate to Japanese.

More than 100 young men who are interested in foreign trade lines have registered in the University of Oregon extension classes in foreign trade.

A cavalry unit will be established at the Oregon Agricultural college. It was department plans are carried out and the arrangement is satisfactory to the college.

A jobbing firm of which the members are W. J. Busick and F. A. Jacobs, is to be established in Salem at once. Mr. Jacobs has had 12 years experience in Portland.

Indicative of the great demand in Salem for houses and apartments in the leasing of fifteen apartments in the new apartment house to be built by Salem men.

Otto Post, assessor Sherman county, has completed the assessment roll, which shows a total valuation of \$11,556,160. This does not include railroads and other public service corporations.

IMPORTANT TO SERVICE MEN

The Bureau of War Risk Insurance wishes to emphasize the importance to service men of one of the provisions of the War Risk Insurance Act upon the fulfillment of which may depend the validity of their claim to compensation under the act.

The War Risk Insurance act provides that "No compensation shall

be payable for death or disability which does not occur prior to or within one year after discharge or resignation from the service, except that where, after a medical examination made pursuant to regulations, at the time of discharge or resignation from the service, or within such reasonable time thereafter, not exceeding one year, as may be allowed by regulations, a certificate has been obtained from the director to the effect that the injured person at the time of his discharge or resignation was suffering from injury likely to result in death or disability."

Many discharged men are not familiar with or are inclined to disregard the provision of law and are allowing their rights thereunder to lapse.

Request for the certificate mentioned above should be made to the Chief Medical Advisor, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C.

The Meanest Man.

The meanest man in the world, regardless of previous conclusions, is the man of our acquaintance—you know him, too—who took out a card in the American Society of Astronomy and now doesn't have to give excuses when he gets in at 4 a. m.—Tampa Tribune.

BIG ENTRY LIST FOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

PORTLAND, Oct. 15.—With less than 24 hours left before the closing of breeding class entries for the Pacific International Livestock exposition, November 17-22, eleventh hour entries are now pouring in with every mail at headquarters, 431 Northwestern Bank building. All entries not in by noon tomorrow will be barred from the big November show and competition for the \$75,000 cash premiums.

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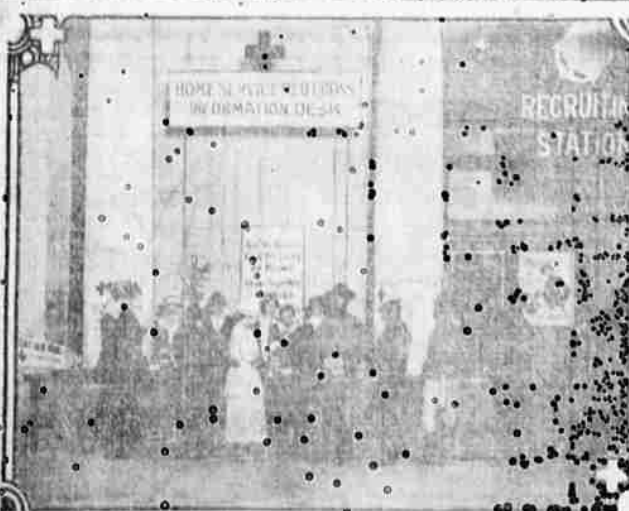
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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. Repatriating Prisoners.



When hostilities ceased there were in the hands of their Teuton captors millions of prisoners of war of all Allied countries; the terrible plight of whom is well known to all the world. Red Cross workers, carrying relief supplies of clothing, medicines and supplementary foodstuffs, penetrated the Central Powers as soon after the armistice as the military authorities would permit, and the work of getting the prisoners started back to their own countries was soon begun. In this photograph a group of these men are seen packed up and returned to something like normal health, awaiting the train that will carry them out of bondage.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. Home Service.



One of the most constructive activities of the American Red Cross in the war was home service in the United States. The Red Cross, in the work which under the peace program will be engaged in to benefit all who need the assistance it can provide, is now actively engaged in training social workers. Since institutions have been closed, soldiers and sailors are being helped. This photograph shows one of the numerous home service information bureaus which serve men and their families could bring their problems for solution.

brother of L. J. Simpson of Coos Bay has entered some fine draft horses and a string of fancy-faltered animals for the horse show; A. B. Cook of Townsend, Mont., is sending over a fine lot of Shorthorns, Day & Rothrock, of Spokane, have entered 21 stalls; Bullard Bros., of Woodland, Cal., have entered a big flock of fine Rambouillet sheep, and another very gratifying entry is that of the famous T. S. Gile of Davis, Yoak county, California.

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