

ALL ITALIAN WATCHES BATTLE OF VERDUN

Historian Says Sentiment for Greater Participation in War Grows.

ALLIES EXPECTED TO WIN

Conflict of Ideas Growing From Titanic Struggle Counted on to Retard Progress More Than Material Losses.

BY JOHN F. BASS. War correspondent of the Chicago Daily News. By special cable.

MILAN, Italy, March 7, via London March 8.—The whole of Italy is hanging breathless on the battle of Verdun. Popular feeling is increasingly favorable to France, and there is a growing pressure felt in political circles for a wider participation of Italy in the war.

Italy Watches French Struggle. On this subject Guglielmo Ferrero, the famous historian, said to me in an interview today:

"Italy is watching with strained anxiety the result of the present conflict in France because it is known that the welfare of Italy is inextricably interwoven with the success of France, Britain and Russia. The relations between Italy and France since the beginning of the war have been cemented into a friendship that I believe will be permanent. These relations prior to the war were not good, owing to the triple alliance treaty, which, though its content is still secret, I believe was broken by the central powers when they entered upon a war of aggression and conquest without consulting us, thus treating Italy like a vassal state.

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CALIFORNIA GIRLS GO EAST TO DANCE AND FROLIC IN THE SNOWS.



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LOS ANGELES GIRLS TRIPPING LIGHT FANTASTIC IN CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK. NEW YORK, March 7.—(Special.)—The sight of six perfectly moulded damsels dancing in the snows of Central Park caused many of the curious to linger, shivering and chilled, and watch the barefoot girls go through their rhythmic motions with no care for wind or weather. For protection from wintry blasts they had nothing but the gossamer cloth that all ancient Greek and Roman dancers wore. Yesterday's exhibition in the drifts consisted of interpretations of various Greek and Roman dances. The girls went through the figures with the utmost abandon for cold and snow and frolicked and gambled as if dancing on the velvet grass. The girls are members of a school of Los Angeles, Cal., and have given exhibitions in dancing schools and private parties.

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GERMAN MUTINY REPORTED

Petrograd Has Report of Trouble in Garrison at Shavli.

ROUMANIAN FIRED ON

Austrian Gunboat Attacks Steamer; Several Killed.

TROOPS DEFEND VESSEL

Army Expected Soon to Join Cause of Allies Following Loss of Life in Spirited Engagement.

Sunday's War Moves

EXCEPT for infantry action, the fighting in the Verdun region virtually has ceased for the moment. The north and east of the fortress there has been no infantry engagement since Saturday, when the Germans succeeded in reaching a small French trench to the north of it.

PRIMARY DUE TUESDAY

MINNESOTA TO VOTE FIRST TIME FOR DELEGATES.

CUMMINS AND ESTABROOK NAMED BY REPUBLICANS AND THIRD CANDIDATE IS W. G. WEBSTER, OF CHICAGO.

"BIBLE HAS 1000 JOKES"

M. A. BERGER SAYS HUMOR HAS MUCH TO DO WITH LIFE OF SCRIPTURES.

LAUNDRYMEN GIVE NOTICE

TACOMA RESIDENTS WARNED AGAINST BUYING COLORS THAT WILL RUN.

ITALIAN SLIDE BURIES 252

SEVERAL HOUSES IN AGORDO DISTRICT ALSO COVERED BY AVALANCHE.

DAKOTA MEN BUY INTO BANK

SILVERTON, OR., MARCH 12.—(Special.)—T. T. and T. P. Ristelein, capitalists from Grand Forks, N. D., have purchased the stock in the People's Bank, held by O. L. Hattberg and L. Ames. T. T. Ristelein, who has bank-

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ing and farming interests in North Dakota, will divide his time between there and Silverton. At a meeting of the directors Saturday afternoon, the following officers were named: President, E. S. Porter; first vice-president, J. W. Hyett; second vice-president and cashier, T. T. Ristelein.

Infected Dog Gets Wild. GATEWAY, OR., March 12.—(Special.)—A coyote with the rabies and a Scotch collie belonging to C. P. U'ren have been causing considerable commotion in and about Raskala for the last month. Some time ago the collie fought with a coyote. This coyote bit several sheep of the Conley band that wintered at Jersey. The sheep went mad and had to be killed, and the coyote was also shot.

Last Sunday the animal visited several neighbors, bit a dog and a hog and killed several chickens. He also attacked his master and was promptly killed.

Jitney Firm Incorporated. ALBANY, OR., March 12.—(Special.)—The first corporation to be formed in Linn County to handle the jitney business was organized yesterday. Articles of incorporation were filed in the County Clerk's office here for the Le-

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