

ITALIAN RED CROSS QUICKLY FIELD

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GIRLS STUDYING NURSING

Country Finds No Lack of Volunteers and Duchess d'Aosta, Second Lady of Land, Sets Fine Example of Industry.

BY CAROLEN WILSON. (Copyright, 1915, by the Chicago Tribune. Published by permission.) ROME, June 17.—The Italian Red Cross service is already at the end of the third week of war, better organized, better equipped, than the French was at the end of the third month.

Of course, there is always the extending excuse that Italy has been making ready for months, whereas France was caught absolutely unprepared.

I had a long interview with the Conte Della Somaglia, president of the Italian Red Cross for the last four years, and he not only explained Italy's previous preparation, but took me to the train-sheds to see the sanitary trains waiting there, ready to be sent out, and showed me rows of first aid or splinting bombs and other rooms full of different new models of bandages and splints and contrivances for comfortable conveyance.

New Ideas Being Tried. There are scores of new ideas being sent in from day to day to the office of the Red Cross, which are busy as the traditional beehive, and all these things are carefully tested and wherever practical used.

I found the conte, a giant of a man with the beard of a fairy story, and the eyes of a child, bending over a new model of a mosquito netting so wired that it can be placed over a man lying on the ground without touching him.

"Expensive," said the conte, doubtfully, "and I'm afraid too luxury. That money ought to go for medicines. You are an American, aren't you? Do you want to tell your countrymen that although we have everything as ready as it can be, and although we have arranged for all that forethought can provide, still there are some things, owing to the impossibility of getting things from Germany, will soon be lacking to us."

"These are rubber gloves, anti-tetanus serum and fever thermometers. Money Always Welcome. "If some one wants to help—although money, of course, is always the best way of helping, to be sure—but if anyone wants to send some concrete things, those are the things that you shall need in time."

"But, really, we are wonderfully well organized," he said, "and our Red Cross has always been well advanced. Unfortunately," and his face grew serious, "we have had only too much experience with earthquakes, and the constant fear of a repetition of one of these shocks has kept us always in readiness."

"Our hospital trains have long been a fact, not an experiment, as was the case with the French at the beginning of the war. We had 22 of them ready to leave and there are others being prepared now."

These hospital trains are made up of 16 carriages, 10 for the wounded, one for operations, dressings, and pharmacy; another for cooking, and the remaining carrying supplies. Each train is equipped with 10 railroad nurses, 10 assistants, two surgeons, and two women for the cooking.

Mobile Units Are Useful. Then there are mobile hospitals and 245 mountain and camp units. These resemble our United States portable units and are made especially light to be carried by mules or pack animals over mountains or through the narrow passes.

The camp unit comprises three tents each for 25 men, a kitchen tent and 16 attendants. In a war like the present in that terribly mountainous country these units are used to give even greater service than the big hospitals back in the cities.

It has long been a lament in France that there were not more hospitals near the front. I have been told that all men with abdominal wounds are simply left on the field in France by the stretcher carriers, because it is impossible to get them in time to the base hospitals and there is no opportunity for more than a temporary bandaging at the front.

The first abdominal case ever received at the Neuilly ambulance, which gets many of the worst surgical cases, was brought in the first day of May, so that it is possible by now that more field work is being done near the front. I know a French officer who has often said to me:

"If I'm to die, all right, let it be quick, or if in a trench, let me be anything but an abdominal wound. You're just left there, if that's your trouble, until you die of peritonitis."

Equipment Includes 120,000 Beds. Besides this splendid equipment of mountain hospitals, the Red Cross has 120 base hospitals. Their campaign equipment, exclusive of the city hospitals, comprises 120,000 camp beds.

This, of course, is only the Red Cross and quite irrespective of the government, which also furnishes hospitals and units and materials. In Milan alone preparations have been made in hospitals, colleges and hotels for the reception of 3000 patients.

Too, there is the Croce Malta, the Sovereign Order of Malta, one of the most noble and exalted organizations in the world. For any one to belong he must have 16 noble quarters on his coat of arms. It is a relic of the old crusade days, an organization to do good whether in peace or in war.

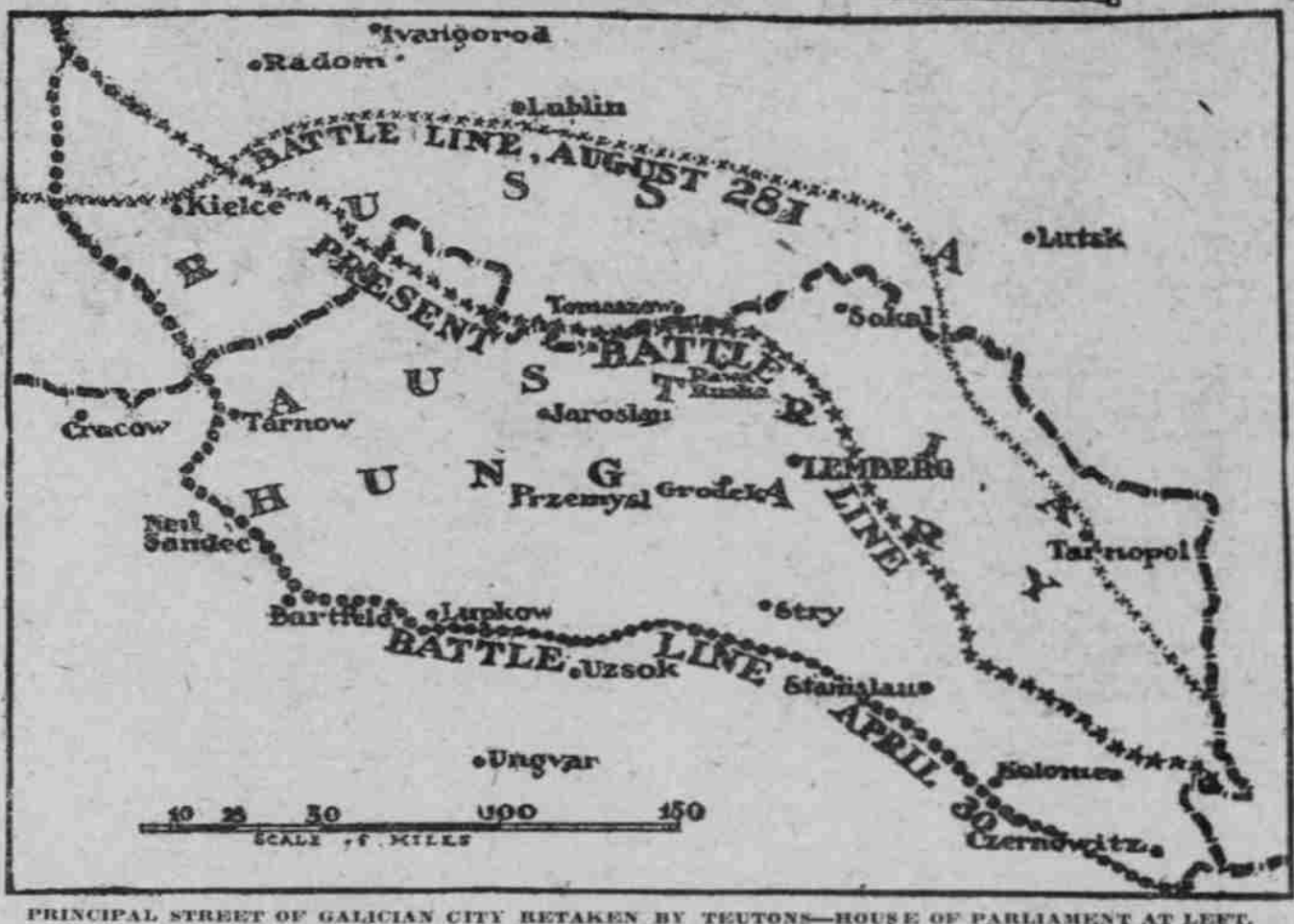
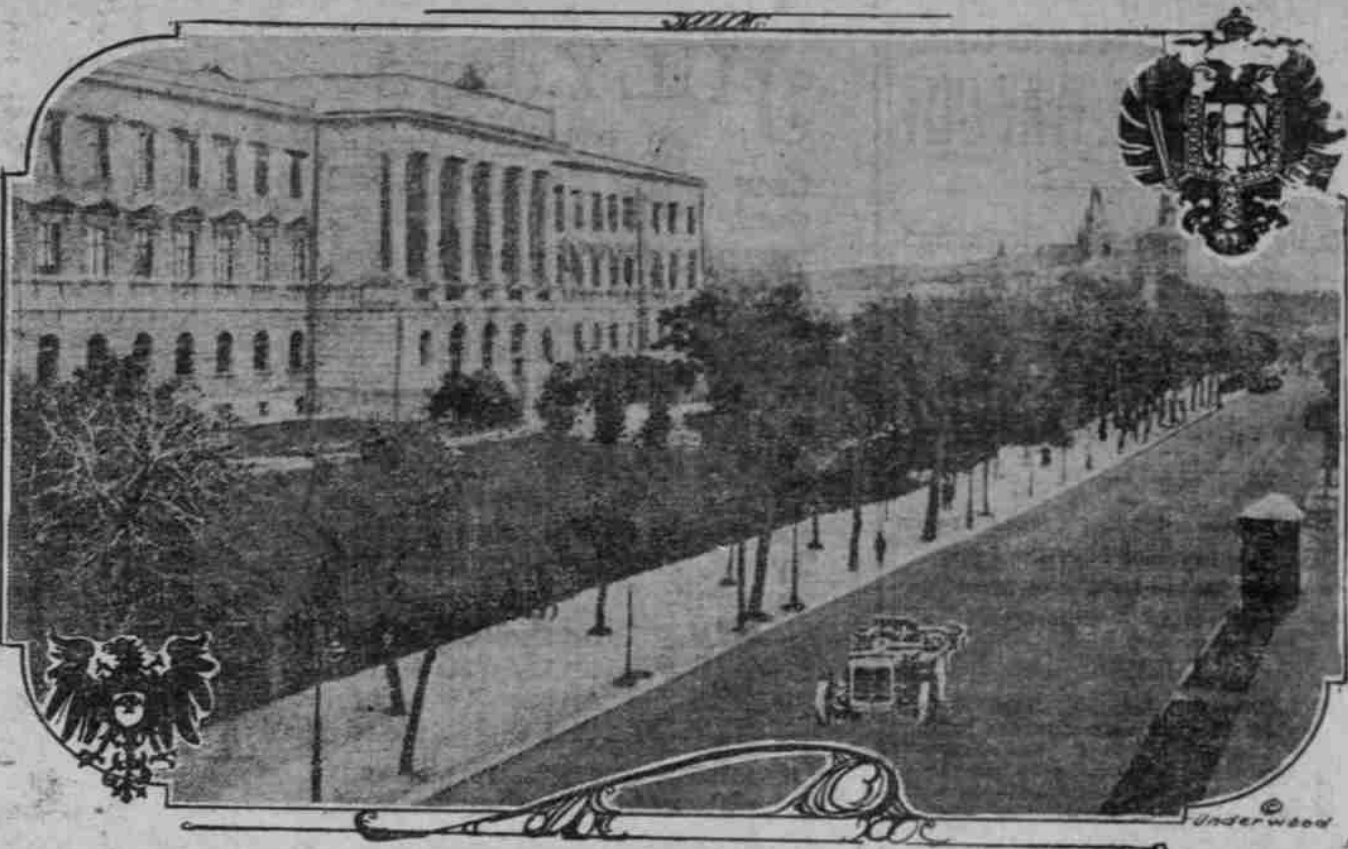
The members of the Croce Malta, which, as one may suppose, are the smartest, most important people in Rome, have given freely and already 14 hospital trains are on their way to the front, in many cases in the care of Princesses and Duchesses.

Indeed, the Duchesse d'Aosta, second lady of Italy, is one of the most earnest workers among the wounded. At present in her little simple dress the Croce Malta wear white with a white Maltese cross on a green ground over the heart—she is making a careful inspection of all hospitals in the north, interrogating the directors and nurses and assuring herself that the attendants have not only knowledge but also common sense.

Volunteers Are Plentiful. There has been no lack of volunteers. During these 10 months all the serious-minded girls have been taking courses in the first simple requisite of nursing, and after a three or six-month course (without which they will not be accepted) they are qualified to go as assistants.

The regular nurses have had three years' training. There were at the beginning of the war, without counting volunteers, 4600 graduate nurses and

SCENE IN LEMBERG AND MAP OF SHIFTING EASTERN BATTLE LINES.



PRINCIPAL STREET OF GALICIAN CITY RETAKEN BY TEUTONS—HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT AT LEFT.

stretcher bearers, most of whom have had experience either in the earthquake or in the Libyan war, and also 2975 doctors, surgeons and pharmacists.

Of course, the wounded have not begun to come into any of the southern cities, and I understand that only a few are even in Milan. But from every indication it seems as if the Italian Red Cross was a well-organized, smoothly running agency which would meet by a large per cent both the loss and the suffering which other unprepared countries have experienced during the first months of war.

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70 MAZAMAS LEAVE

Party Off for Lark on Sides of Mount Shasta. Beginning the first lap of their second journey to Mount Shasta, 70 Mazamas left Portland last night by special train for Sisson, which will be the base for their advance upon the snow peak.

TRIP TO TAKE TWO WEEKS

Eastern People and Californians Among Those Starting for Camp. The party this year includes a great many Eastern people and Californians besides the ones who have registered from Portland. They will reach Sisson at noon today and proceed at once to the foot of the mountain for the ascent.

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30 SUBMARINES WANTED NAVY BOARD TO LAY STRESS ON UNDERSEA CRAFT. Daniels Says Larger Boats Will Be Favored and That Country Will Need All It Can Get. WASHINGTON, July 10.—Plans for making the American submarine more efficient than that of any other power are being worked out by the Navy General Board, it became known here today, in connection with information of the Navy which includes estimates for nearly the double number of undersea craft appropriated for by the last session of Congress.

"THE ARISTOCRATS OF THE ROAD" NOBBY TREAD TIRES UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY. "I told the naval committee last summer that I hoped they would add just as many submarines as they possibly could find money for," the Secretary said. "Just how many we will ask for next year has not been determined, but we want all we can get. I would not figure on a large increase in submarines of the same type as we now have. I think that we have got to go in for large submarines, although the smaller submarines are valuable for coast defense, which is our chief need."

FIREMEN PICNIC TODAY PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR ANNUAL OUTING AT CANEMAH PARK. Policemen Will Be Opponents in Baseball Game—Prizes Are Offered for Various Events. Music, sports, dancing, athletics, baseball and fun is the programme for the fourth annual outing of the Portland Firemen's Band, which will be held today at Canemah Park, near Oregon City. Hundreds of merry-makers are expected to participate.

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