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# Real Food and Cigarettes Put Captives in Such Gratified Frame of Mind That They Open Their Hearts

to Y. M. C. A. Workers and Make Startling Revelations Regarding Conditions in Austrian Army.

### By E. A. BATCHELOR.

That "the shortest way to a man's heart is through his stomach" has been proved in Italy. The American Y. M. C. A., by a few acts of kindness toward Austrian prisoners captured when the Italians made their Plave drive, were able to secure information of immense value to the Italian army.

These prisoners were in bad shape, particularly in regard to food. In fact, they were literally starving. They said that they had been living chiefly on black bread and gave the Red Triangle workers samples of this food to prove how inadequate it is for the sole ration of fighting men. The bread was hard, heavy and thoroughly unappetizing.

Some real food and cigarettes put the captives in such a grateful frame of mind that they opened their hearts to the Y. M. C. A. workers and, with perfect candor, made startling revelations regarding conditions in the Austrian army.

With one accord they said that they are heartily sick of the war and tired of being starved. Mutinies of serious proportions are prevented only by the fact that many German officers have been placed with Austrian regiments.

These men, schooled in Prussian discipline, do not hesitate to shoot any man that is slow about obeying the order to advance, so the soldiers face the alternative of fighting the Italians or being murdered by their commanders

## Opens Prisoners' Eyes.

It was a revelation to those prisoners to see American soldiers and Y. M. C. A. workers. They had been told U-boats would prevent the United States getting any considerable num- Y. M. C. A. activities in Italy. Spien-



ber of men overseas. The fact that already hundreds of thousands of Yankees are fighting in Europe opened their eyes.

The prisoners are desperately anxlous for peace and rapidly getting to think that even a defeat would be preferable to existing conditions,

Apparently the hatred of Germany is growing more intense every day and it is only a question of time before Austria will seize an opportunity to desert her ally.

The treatment accorded prisoners by the "Y" was an eye-opener to the Austrians. They have been told the Yankees either killed their prisoners or abused them so death would be preferred. They hardly could believe a man in an American uniform would hand out food and tobacco.

Work among the Austrian prisoners is just one small part of the American

did results have been obtained amo the Italian soldiers, whose physical welfare and comfort are being enhanced constantly. Not long ago refreshments were served to 6,000 troops in seven hours at one of the kitcher The men arrived tired and dusty with their heads down and left for the front singing and laughing.

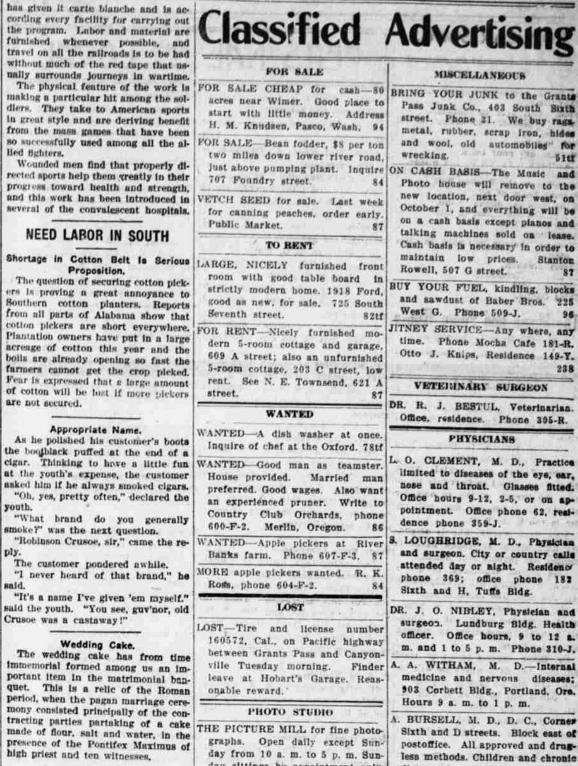
In Genoa, Florence, Rome and Venice- the Red Triangle has been displayed and fine work is being done for men on leave and among the wounded. At Genoa the association comes into intimate contact with American sailors forming the gun crews of merchant ships. These sailors find the home atmosphere of the hut very pleasant after their long and monotonous voyages and are as happy as schoolboys when they see the well-known sign.

### Army Appreciative.

The Italian army is so appreciative of the work of the association that it

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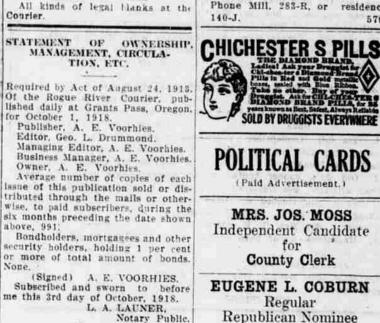


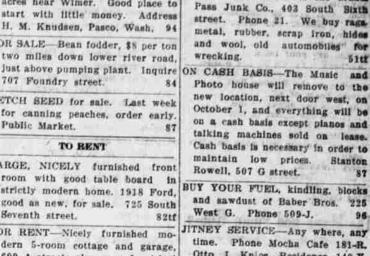
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