

### ITALY TO MODEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON AMERICAN PLAN

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Changes in the public educational system of Italy, based upon methods in vogue in the United States, are one of the indirect possibilities of the war, according to Countess Maria Loebl, envoy of the Italian government to the United States, who is obtaining data in this country regarding betterment legislation in Italy for women and children. The 500,000 American soldiers who went over seas in the first contingent, I am told, included many

boys of German parentage or extraction. Their splendid loyalty and brilliant fighting was the admiration of all," said the countess. "Only the principles of democracy taught in the public schools of America could have brought it about and that is why I believe Italy will adopt the American educational idea."

"Teachers in Italy are poorly paid and overworked. It is one of the aims of the suffragists of Italy to improve their condition."

"The war has given an impetus to education in Italy. Every young person is more than ever desirous of learning new things. In the hospitals, 0-34, between Palmanova and Cormons, near Gorizia, where I served for a time as a nurse, educated young women taught the illiterate young soldiers during their convalescence how to read and write. The government has supplied the nurses with millions of primary school text books. The American Red Cross and the

Young Men's Christian Association have done inestimable good in Italy. They have dealt bountifully with our impoverished people in giving them food, clothing and shoes. I am hopeful they will introduce the idea of the American public playground in Italy, also public baths and dormitories such as they have here. It is for improvements such as these that the women of Italy, if ever they are enfranchised, can be depended upon to secure for the people."

### SENATE DISMISSES CONTEST OF NEWBERRY'S ELECTION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Proceedings before the senate elections committee contesting the election of Truman H. Newberry, republican, as senator from Michigan, were ordered dismissed today by the committee on a vote of six to five.

### ALLIES PROTEST DUTCH VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY LAW

PARIS, Nov. 21.—The allied governments have decided to send an official protest to the Dutch government against the violation of Holland's neutrality as a result of her permitting German troops to cross the province of Limburg in their retreat from Belgium, according to the Echo de Paris. Limburg is a long irregular prov-

ince of Holland, nearly 105 miles in length. For 28 miles from its lower extremity it lies between the province of Limburg, Belgium, and Rhine province, Germany. At the widest point in this region it is 19 miles between Belgium and German soil. Just north of Sittard, Limburg province narrows down to less than five miles. It was reported from Paris on November 19 that German troops returning to Germany from Belgium had to cross the Dutch province of Limburg and the charge was made that the passage was made with the authorization of the Dutch authorities.


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