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### ITALY'S GAME OF WAITING

The Literary Digest has gathered some interesting information concerning Italy's position relative to the European war, which may be summarized as follows:

"A bluff with the cards on the table" is a phrase used to describe the curious game of international politics which Italy has been playing for some months past. The entire nation, we are told, is united upon one point: Italy must receive from Austria the territory she holds in which Italian blood, language, and culture predominate—the "Unredeemed Italy" of song and story. This is the price of Italian neutrality, and, failing to receive it, we are assured that the alternative is war, and war on the side of the Allies. While all Italy is agreed upon the end, there exists, say competent observers, considerable diversity of opinion as regards the means. The clerical party favor diplomatic negotiations and are committed to the views expressed by the Vatican organ, the Osservatore Romano, which thinks—

"The issues of the war are still uncertain. It is not yet possible to specify what the respective losses and gains are likely to be. In this uncertainty, how can Italy venture on hazardous decisions instead of securing her legitimate interests by opportune negotiations, maintaining her own strength unimpaired in the meantime, so as to make good her just aspirations at the proper time?"

These views appear to be held by many outside the ranks of the professed clericals, and they argue that by judicious diplomatic pressure the offers already made on Austria's behalf by the German Ambassador, Prince von Bulow, may be substantially increased. What the exact offers are is naturally a diplomatic secret, but the Echo de Paris states that it learns from a trustworthy source that Prince von Bulow has proposed to cede to Italy:

(1) The upper valley of the Adige, with Meran, and the Eisack Valley as far as the neighborhood of Franzensfeste, a few kilometers north of Brixen.

(2) The district on the east side of the River Ison, with Gorz (Goritz) and Monfalcone, which would bring Italy's new frontier to the immediate neighborhood of Trieste. Italy would then not have access to the Tyrolean Valley, which descends on Innsbruck, but would for a great distance be close to the line Innsbruck-Franzensfeste-Villach-Klagenfurt."

Meanwhile, to judge from reports in the Italian papers, the great majority of the population favors immediate war and views with extreme suspicion the present policy of the Government. This view is held by some of the most eminent men in Italy; for example, the famous historian, Guglielmo Ferrero, writing in the Milan Secolo, says:

"Italy is now in difficulties, not because Austria misled her, but because the Italian Government has failed to realize for what Germany has been preparing since 1905. Italy now pays dearly for her error, and, as the men who were in power then are still at the helm, it is to be hoped that they have learned their lesson and that they will not now be caught in a state of hypnotic trance as was the case in 1913 and 1914. These are not times for niceties."

Despite their traditional pacifist policy, the Italian Republicans and the Socialists are among the most enthusiastic supporters of an immediate declaration of war. Signor Salvatore Barzilai, the leader of the Republicans, warns the nation in the columns of the Secolo of the danger of "putting any trust in Austria."

It is worthy of remark that the organ of the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Rome Giornale d'Italia, perhaps the most influential paper in Italy, after months of baffling utterances worthy of the Cumaean Sibyl, has at last come out with a definite utterance on the subject of the Government's policy. In a leading article appropriately entitled "Plain Speaking," it says:

"Either Italy will be able to obtain peacefully an immediate, sure, serious satisfaction of her sacrosanct aspirations and an equivalent safeguard of her great and complex interests or she will have recourse to the supreme proof of arms. \* \* \* Whatever may be the truth about the development of negotiations whereof many papers affirm the existence, Italians may rest assured that the great interests of the nation will be maintained at all costs. Such is the will of the country, and such, according to our view, is the duty of the Government."

The adjournment of the Italian Parliament is viewed

in quite a different aspect by the Paris Gaulois and the London Daily Telegraph, which agree in thinking that it is designed to give Signor Salandra a perfectly free hand and, far from precluding Italy's entrance into the war, should be viewed as a very significant act in the opposite direction.

### TAX LEVIES HIGHEST IN WEST

A special bulletin on assessed valuation of property and amounts and rates of levy, recently issued by Director Sam. L. Rogers, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, and compiled under the direction of Mr. Starke M. Grogan, chief statistician in charge of the inquiry, shows a total property tax levy of nearly \$1,350,000,000 throughout the United States in 1912, amounting to \$13.91 per capita. These amounts represent increases of 86 per cent and 51 per cent, respectively, over the total and per capita levies in 1902.

The tax levy of New York for state, county, municipal, and other purposes in 1912 aggregated \$221,467,000—nearly one-sixth the total for the United States and over two and one-third times the corresponding figure for Pennsylvania, which had the second largest levy, \$93,375,000. Next to Pennsylvania was Illinois, with a total levy of \$84,834,000, followed closely by Massachusetts, with \$82,566,000. The per capita figures for these four states, in the order in which named, were \$22.80, \$11.52, \$14.37, and \$23.27. The greatest per capita levy, however, was that of Montana, \$26.83. Next in order were Nevada, with \$24.02, and California, with \$23.50. There were thus three western states in which the per capita tax levies were higher than those in any eastern state; and the per capita levies of two others—Washington, with \$23.21, and Oregon, with \$22.64—were nearly as high. The lowest per capita figure shown by any state in 1912 was that for North Carolina, \$4.33. Other states in which the levies were small are Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Texas, in all of which the per capita tax for 1912 was less than \$8.

### THE POWER OF THE WILL

Will is the part consciousness plays in evolution. It is the individual organism helping to make itself—man taking a hand in his own making, piloting his vessel of heredity through the sea of environment.

It is through will that we develop or neglect the capacity bestowed by heredity. A gifted person may idle away his time and become a nobody; a mediocre one may improve himself as best he can and become of consequence. It is for each man himself to say whether he will be all that nature permits.

Capacity undeveloped is as fruitless as no capacity at all, as a seed unown is as barren as dead seed. It is by will that we realize upon our capacities, that we choose to be or not to be what our inherent potentialities allow.

Within the limitations of inherited capacities and environment one becomes what he will. He cannot by willing enlarge his capacities, but he can develop them to the full. He cannot by willing create opportunities, but he can utilize them and help them arise.

One's life unfolds, like the rose, from within. No more pregnant words occur in holy writ than these: "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

As the seed is so is the flower; as the spring is so is the stream; as the tree is so is the fruit; and as a man's will is so is his life.

The workings from cause to effect are as absolute and immutable in the secret realm of the soul as in the outer world of visible things.

Will must find its own, as surely and irresistibly as the homing dove finds its cote, the bee the clover and the seed-shoot the light it seeks.

A man's will is the master weaver of his destiny.

The leading statesmen of the warring nations say that peace is afar off, but the American correspondents contradict them. The latter may not be in a position to know as much as the former but they are more likely to tell the truth about the situation than are the European diplomats.

Eugene claims the distinction of having the largest commercial club, population considered, in the world. But Salem is just beginning to get busy and may wrest the laurels from the university city.

Philadelphia is announcing a translation of languages found on tablets 4915 years old. We'll bet it isn't half as expressive or entertaining as the baseball language heard daily at Shibe park.

If Mayor-elect Thompson keeps his promise to drive all the crooks out of Chicago, that city will have to surrender its place as second largest in the country.

German socialists must be getting more government ownership than they bargained for. They want peace.

Seems like old times again to see Teddy grinning on the first page of every newspaper one picks up.

**MRS. MOSHBERGER DIES.**  
Caroline Moshberger was born at Arlock, Switzerland, December 27, 1840, died near Silverton, Oregon, April 18, 1915. She came to America when 10 years of age and located near Neely, Oregon. Was married to John H. Moshberger, November 15, 1866, whom preceded her to the grave 15 years. To Rev. Captain Cole, Tuesday, at the Bear Creek cemetery. Silverton Appeal.

### STATE NEWS

Louis Wolford, of Silverton, was arrested at 6:30 Sunday evening for speeding. He gave \$10 bail and left for home. He told the night sergeant he could not appear this morning for a hearing and questioned the right of the judge to declare the bail forfeited if he did not appear. He did not appear.

J. H. Harper was arrested Saturday evening for being intoxicated on the streets. When taken into custody he had two bottles of alleged liquor on him. One bottle was found to contain about 50 per cent coal oil and the other was a combination of bad whiskey and red pepper. He gave bail yesterday but did not appear this morning, and the judge declared it forfeited.

Boys with bicycles had their turn with the police Saturday evening. Clarence Coerin was arrested for riding a wheel on Commercial street without a bell; Percy Streiffeler for riding without a light, and Vera Coldbeck, when challenged by the officer, started to get away, but the minion of the law caught up with him. He then jumped from his wheel and tried to hide behind a house, but the officer caught him. Both boys were fined \$2.50 each.

Frank Smith was arrested last night on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was found in a room in the I. O. O. F. building with Mary Hill by Officers White and Varney. He gave bail in the sum of \$30 and the girl \$15. He appeared this morning in the police court and pleaded not guilty, and was cited to appear for trial at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

A call was sent into the police station last night from 1133 State street that a burglar was in the house. Officers White and Varney investigated. The lady of the house asserted a man was seen in the house wearing a black mask, about five feet eight inches tall, and wearing dark clothes. It is believed he jumped out of a window. No articles were missing.

Rogue River Courier: In the small rose park on the north side of the railroad track and near the First national bank building there can be seen a couple of the sacred cherry trees of Japan, now in full bloom. According to Attorney E. S. Van Dyke, an authority upon poetry, mythology and history, these are trees about which the song of Nippon is entwined and when one notes their rare beauty he does not wonder that they awakened the poetry of the little people of the island empire.

### ADVERTISING PAYS.

(Medford Sun.)  
A special dispatch to the Portland papers of Wednesday from Eugene commented upon a recent sale of a general merchandise business for \$35,000, which 12 years ago had been purchased for \$1400. This business had been built up solely by newspaper advertising, the owner being one of the most extensive advertisers in the city.

The same moral is demonstrated in every community in the country. The most successful business men in Medford are the largest advertisers, without exception. They do not advertise because they are prosperous—they are prosperous because they advertise.

The editor of the Capital Journal can vouch for the truth of this statement in the main. Mr. Stanley probably expended more money in advertising than any other merchant in Eugene, and repeatedly asserted his belief that a business could be successfully conducted in no other way. He retired from merchandising in independent financial circumstances, the close confinement having impaired his health.

### LAUSANNA HALL NEWS.

Mr. Rutherford, superintendent of schools at McMinnville, is a visitor of Miss Stella Coyne.

Miss Edith Lorenzen's mother, of Astoria, is a week-end visitor at the hall. Miss Mildred Bartholomew's sister, of Portland, is visiting her and will stay over until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Seun, of Portland, were entertained at Lausanne last night. Mrs. Seun was one of the judges on delivery at the centennial contest last night.

### CHOOSE ANOTHER FATE.

They had scrambled through the first dance on the program and he was leading her back to a seat.  
"I could die dancing, couldn't you?" he asked.  
"No," she replied, "there are pleasanter ways of being trampled to death."

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### MT. ANGEL NOTES

Joe Kirsch of St. Johns, was in Mt. Angel Sunday. He was initiated in the K. of C. order at the big initiation.

The McLaughlin stock horse, which was shipped here some time ago in hopes of finding a buyer, was shipped back to Oakland, California, Wednesday. It was a fine animal, but conditions were not favorable for the sale of such stock at the present time.

N. B. Travis, who has been running a grocery store in connection with his plumbing business, has decided to close out the grocery store and confine his efforts to the plumbing line. He has put in a stock of bicycle supplies and will do all kinds of repair work.

It is predicted that there will be unusual activity in building and improving residence and business property during the coming summer. A new building is talked of on Charles street back of the Oswald building. No definite plans have been made as yet, however. Others are looking forward to a better appearance of things in the city.—Tribune.

### FARMER-PICNIC MAY 15.

A special meeting of the Commercial club was called for last Thursday evening for the purpose of taking up the matter of holding a farmer's picnic and picnic in this city in the near future. County Agricultural Editor J. Chapin was present and furnished a great deal of useful information concerning the proper conduct of such meetings as was proposed.

As usual a good attendance of the business men of the town turned out and all were quite busy in discussing the plan, and all seemed light in heart of it. Mr. Chapin was in plain speaker, and said many things worthiest to all.

The institute and picnic will be held during the entire day, and there will be something doing all the time. Mr. Chapin will have charge of the institute work and will be assisted by competent help. Governor Withycombe has consented to be present and deliver an address. The business men of Silverton will serve hot coffee to all the farmers and their families, and all are cordially invited to bring their lunch baskets and spend the day with us.—Silverton Appeal.

### FIELD LIMITED.

Old Sparkleigh (trying to make an impression)—So, Miss Bright, you have taken up kindergarten work? Despite interested in childhood, I suppose? Miss Bright—Not in second childhood. Mr. Sparkleigh.—Chicago Tribune.

## A Message to the Sufferers

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