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wine of human liberty was borne safely back to its altar. France had held true!

ITALY'S HUNDRED DAYS IN THE WAR

The First Phase of the Austro-Italian Conflict on the "Fish-hook" Frontier—A Clear Description of the Present Situation

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ON SEPTEMBER 1 the first hundred days of Italy's war were ended and the period supplies a useful measure of the first phase of the campaign of the Italian troops.

UNITED IN THE PRESENCE OF LOOT

THE real reason for the solitude of the contractor bosses for harmony has not yet been publicly confessed by them.

One of the considerations which led the lamb to consent to lie down inside of the lion at the now historical meeting of the Republican City Committee can be found in a casual glance at the list of great public works, the contracts for which are likely to be let during the next four years.

Our rulers are "out for their pockets" all the time; only they are not quite so frank about it as Richard Croker was.

A WATCH ON ITS WANDERINGS

THE duty of popularizing the wrist-watch for men has been laid upon a Philadelphia by the National Retail Jewelers' Association.

THEY OUGHT TO AGREE

THE conspirators, in Philadelphia, have said that they have decided to forget their differences and work together in the election this year because of its great national significance.

THE GREAT DAY OF FRANCE

A YEAR of calamity has passed since the great day on the River Marne. In that time the imagination of men has become hardened against the keen edge of disaster and is neither moved by fatalities nor thrilled by the spectacular and picturesque.

ANOTHER BOND WITH GERMANY

DIPLOMATIC relations are not the only field in which the American people now find themselves in accord with the German people.

THE PRESIDENT WENT TO SEE "THE KING"

The President went to see "The Kingmaker" at a Washington theatre. He knows how to be it himself.

PHILADELPHIA YOUNG WOMEN ARE MODEST

Philadelphia young women are modest. Only 18 of them responded to an advertisement calling for the most beautiful girl in the city.

As far back as the year of 1909, when the Bosnian episode first revived ancient Austro-Italian bitterness, Austrian engineers began the work of throwing round the great permanent fortresses of the Trentine Tyrol and the lower and upper Isonzo lines of permanent trenches, lined with cement.

Early in the present war, when Italy at last began to make insistent demands for a redrawing of her Venetian frontier, which should abolish the triumphs of the Austrian map-makers of 1866, Austrian military leaders took instant alarm.

The Great Fish-hook

Roughly speaking, the Austrian frontier resembles a fish-hook; the barb is the Trentino projection into the Po valley; the curve the mountain wall south of the Pusterthal valley from Cortina to Pontebba, and the shaft the Isonzo front from Pontebba through Tolmino to the Adriatic, south of Gorizia.

Trent itself lies just inside the barb; east of it are the Dolomites, rising to a height above 9000 feet; west the Ortlers, which are crossed by the Stelvio Pass at an elevation of more than 9000 feet.

A successful invasion from this direction would compel Italy to retire behind the Po and the Mincio. Venetia would be lost and the armies operating far to the east along the Isonzo might be enveloped and captured, certainly would be in danger at all times until the Trentine threat was removed.

Vagaries of Map Making

The problem supplied by the curve of the fish-hook related mainly to that which has been described. Here the Italian frontier follows the crests of the mountains, save about Cortina.

Italy's Task

Thus the Isonzo position rests upon three fortified points, Malborgetto at the north, Tolmino in the center and Gorizia and the Carso Plateau at the south.

Secondly, Italy was bound to follow the first advances by a serious and sustained operation, directed at reducing the forts about Trent and thus abolishing the dangerous enemy citadel within her natural frontiers.

Thirdly, Italy was bound to endeavor to push north over the Ampezzo and Monte Croce passes into the Pusterthal and thence west against Franzensfeste in the endeavor to isolate the Trentine salient and thus completely encircle it and insure its ultimate surrender to famine and exhaustion of ammunition.

Fourthly, there was the Isonzo problem.

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LEARNING HIS LESSON



that Napoleon advanced toward Vienna in 1797 and reached the summit of the Semmering Pass, before Austria yielded and the Treaty of Campo Formio brought peace.

A few miles south of Pontebba the Isonzo River begins to parallel the Austro-Italian frontier, a few miles to the east. Down this from Tolmino to Gorizia runs the Trieste-Trent Railroad, which is also one of the two lines connecting Trieste with Vienna.

The Austrian position is in the main behind the Isonzo, protected at first by the gorge. But near Gorizia it crosses the river and holds the Podgora hill, which is the key of Gorizia.

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first positions, the outside door, as it were, to the Italian plain, was accomplished with alacrity.

But the approach to the permanent fortifications was less successful. Patently the Austrians had digested the lessons of Verdun, for not yet have the Italian siege guns been able to drop shells in Trent.

As to the fourth task, that of forcing the Isonzo line, the situation is only different in a degree. Fort Malborgetto still holds out, although it has frequently been demolished in Milan reports.

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livered over a living sacrifice to his betrayer, or "has been a child in the hands of politicians, this man who was elected because of his independence," etc., ad nauseum.

You know, even though you would not say so, you know that the Organization will surely win the Majority and all that goes with it this fall unless they beat themselves by foolish factional strife.

Of course, I will admit, I myself, would like to see the primaries work as they were intended and see all of those that filed their nomination papers make a free for all race of it, giving me, as one of the rank and file, a chance to have my say who I think ought to be the standard bearer for my party.

THE NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

It is an excellent thing to have a President who thinks with his brain and not with his lungs.—New York World.

STRENUOUS SCHOOL DAYS

School days? The thought 'most makes us sick! Can we do the arithmetic?

FROM AN ADMIRER OF THE "SYSTEM"

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir—If one were to believe your clever fiction, the fight was on last Saturday already with Governor Brumbaugh and his "dodge."

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