



TRIUMPHANT ITALY

The greatest struggle of humanity is practically over. The part that Italy played is just beginning to dawn on all the peoples. As time goes on it will magnify itself to its proper gigantic proportion.

It was a struggle between the heart and the mind, the latter augmented by brute force. Thank God the heart has won and that Italy, the guardian of all that is beautiful, has, in one stroke, not only routed the invader, confuted her critics, but assumed that position among the foremost nations of the world to which she was justly entitled by history and tradition.

Italy, who thrice in the course of the last four and a half years rescued Europe and humanity from the threatening danger of kaiserism and subjugation, rises from this unprecedented struggle shining with the old glory that was Rome, with her national destinies accomplished.

No longer is she the land of museums and the mecca of tourists. She is the oldest child of Rome, although the youngest among the modern great nations. And she is the land of beauty and of freedom; the nation that has given the brute forces of might the death blow in the valley of the Piave and on the peaks of the snow-clad Alps.

And President Wilson, to whom the civilized world owes the present victory, cables to the democratic King of Italy in the following terms:

In the name of the people of the United States and in my own I extend hearty congratulations on this, your Majesty's natal day, which happily is also a golden day for the world's peace and security, marking as it does the crowning point of the successful struggle of civilization against savagery. Well may the Italian people rejoice in the removal of the danger and menace for the future and

welcome the complete victory to which their valor and fidelity so gloriously contributed. Such victories as this win their own just rewards, in that they bring home to the victors a realizing sense of their responsibility to see to it that their sacrifices in the cause of the right shall assure for all time a new era of liberty, justice and prosperity for the peoples of the earth.—Woodrow Wilson.

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