

WOUNDED MAN LIKE SECOND CHARLIE ROSS

Italian Hospital Patient Says He Was Kidnapped From Ashley, Pa.

NURSE MAKES DISCOVERY

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 5.—A soldier of the Italian army, now recovering from wounds received while fighting under General Diaz's banner, is believed to be Edward Brotherton, who, twenty-five years ago, was kidnapped from the street front of his home in Ashley, a few miles from this city. The story he told his hospital attendant reads like another Charlie Ross case. Making her rounds of a hospital in which she was employed as a nurse, the attention of Miss Harriet Davis was attracted to a patient who seemed to lack the Latin physical attributes. She said to him:

"Are you an Italian? Although you wear the uniform of an Italian soldier you do not look like an Italian. You resemble an American."

He replied:

"No, I am not an Italian. I am an American. I do not know what my right name is now, for I was stolen by an Italian organ grinder and brought overseas when five years of age. My home was near Wilkes-Barre."

The nurse then embraced the soldier boy and said: "Why, I am from good old Pennsylvania and Wilkes-Barre, too. God bless you."

Now, in Wilkes-Barre the name of Eddie Brotherton is as familiar as the name of Charlie Ross is to Philadelphia, and the nurse lost no time in having the soldier photographed and sending to the parents of the boy a detailed account of her meeting the soldier. The nurse feels positive that at last Eddie Brotherton has been found.

The boy's photo is on its way overseas to the mother who will examine it with loving solicitude. "If it should prove to be my Eddie," she says, "I shall go overseas to see him and bring him back to this city to make his home with me, his father and sisters."

It was back in January, 1894, that Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brotherton took up their residence in Ashley, near Wilkes-Barre, coming from Philadelphia eight years previous. Their former home was in England. Their little son, Edward, whose golden curls were a striking feature of his boyish beauty, was playing with little companions in the street. He was at the time five years of age. On the 19th of January,

1894, an organ grinder is alleged to have passed through Ashley with a girl of thirteen years old, and to have stolen the boy, whose companions reported to the parents that the "music man had stolen Eddie."

Rocco Baltero was arrested on suspicion at Scranton and brought here for trial. There was no positive evidence to hold the music man, and he was freed.

The Brotherton family is not wealthy and no reward was ever asked for the boy. It was believed that he was stolen for his beauty. The mother of the boy says she could recognize him although a period of twenty-five years has elapsed since she saw him. She has always felt that some day she will see her boy and have him back again. She says she has had visions in which her son stood over her and said, "Do not worry, mother, we shall see each other again. It will all turn out all right."

Mrs. Brotherton says a birthmark on the back of Eddie's neck will be a means of identification if the boy in the Italian hospital is her son.

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DELEGATI ITALIANI TORNANO A PARIGI?

Anche la Citta' di Zara Proclama Solennemente la sua Annessione al Regno d'Italia

Parigi, 5 maggio.—La Delegatione Italiana per la Conferenza della Pace tornera' a Parigi, secondo quanto ha oggi annunciato l'Ambasciatore Italiano, all'On. Pichon, ministro per gli Affari Esteri del Gabinetto francese.

L'Ambasciatore ha detto che il Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri d'Italia, On. Orlando, ed il Barone Sonnino, Ministro degli Esteri, as-

ceranno Roma questa sera e giungeranno a Parigi mercoledì mattina. Da fonte autorevole si apprende che il Consiglio del Tre ha considerato un piano secondo il quale Fiume dovre' essere un porto libero sotto la Lega delle Nazioni per un periodo di tre anni, mentre si compiono i lavori per la costruzione di un porto jugoslavo.

(Il telegramma di cui sopra e' stato trasmesso dalla United Press Co., ma non e' stato confermato da altre Compagnie. Esso non e' ufficiale.)

Roma, 5 maggio.—La popolazione di Zara, riunita in grande comizio, ha solennemente proclamato l'annessione della citta' all'Italia, secondo un annuncio oggi giunto.

Parigi, 5 maggio.—Il Presidente Wilson, Clemenceau e Lloyd George, componenti il Consiglio del Tre, hanno mandato una comunicazione al governo italiano invitandolo a riprendere il suo posto alla Conferenza della Pace.

L'invito del Consiglio e' di tale natura che si crede possa essere accettato dall'Italia e che le relazioni temporaneamente rotte per la recente partenza del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri Italiani, On. Orlando, e del Barone Sonnino, Ministro per gli Affari Esteri, saranno ristabilite con la presenza dei delegati italiani, prima che il trattato

di pace sia inviato ai delegati della Germania.

L'Italia e' stata anche notificata che l'intenzione degli Alleati di chiamare i delegati austriaci ed ungheresi alla Conferenza della Pace.

Il consiglio dei tre discusse negli ultimi tre giorni la situazione creata dal ritiro della Delegatione Italiana e finalmente delibero' per una iniziativa di amichevole natura. I termini del comunicato al Governo Italiano non sono stati fatti noti, ma si crede che cerchino di eliminare i personali elementi della controversia e mirino a trovare una via per un aggiustamento sulle aspirazioni territoriali quando le relazioni saranno riprese.

Il Maggiore Fiorello H. La Guardia, un membro della Camera Rappresentativa degli Stati Uniti per la citta' di New York, di nascita italiana, dopo una conferenza avuta ieri con il Colonnello House, disse di credere che la lettera questione italiana sarebbe stata sistemata in quarant'otto ore. Egli aggiunse che necessitava che l'Italia accettasse l'invito di Parigi.

Un conflitto di opinioni appare sulla

stampa italiana riguardo ad una possibile sistemazione della questione adriatica. Un dispaccio da Roma dice che il giornale "L'Epoca" ha appreso che una soluzione sulla disputa di Fiume sara' raggiunta mediante l'intervento della Francia come intermediaria. Un altro telegramma al Giornale d'Italia dice che tale notizia e' priva di fondamento.

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