

AUSTRIA GIVES WRECKS FOR MEN

Italians Suffer Terribly Under Hun Rule; Need Welfare Workers

Paris, Sept. 23. (By Mail)—Exchanged prisoners of war come back to Italy by way of Lake Como, and of all the sights of this war, that of the arrival of exchanged Italian prisoners is the most pitiful.

return for them Austria sends back human wrecks, horrible to see. It sends back men mutilated, men wasted by starvation and disease, men who have suffered the most horrible cruelties. As each arriving train comes in half the returned prisoners have to be carried off in litters. Not because they are wounded, nor ill, but because they have been starved.

reduced to skin and bone. They are walking horrors. From far and near friends and relatives of the prisoners come to meet them—hoping, hoping that their loved ones will be in the contingent. One poor old mother, living in a distant province of Italy, walked to Como no less than four times, vainly waiting for her only remaining son. At last the government took notice of her, and procured transportation on the railroad.

she drew near hesitatingly, but turned away her face. She could not bear to look. Neither she nor her son had been fortified against such a meeting. But the boy rose to his emaciated hand and grasped hers and drew it against his cheek. "Mother," he said in Italian, "I haven't but one eye left and only one leg—but I'm your son yet. I love you as much as if I were whole. Aren't you glad to see me?"

at the conclusion of peace. Germany had no thought of militarizing Africa, he contended, but desired to prevent the employment of colored men in Europe.

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