

Italian Mail by Air Route

The other day the morning papers from Turin, Italy, reached London shortly past noon. They had been transported in seven hours and 22 minutes. They came by air. Had they come by train and steam they would have, says the Outlook, taken three times as long.

This feat makes one feel that before long passengers and papers may be traveling regularly between the capitals of the world, especially as one recalls Lieutenant Marchal's recent flight of 800 miles across Germany and Captain Laureati's trip of 920 miles from Turin to Naples and back without stop.

The present flight, also made by Captain Laureati, though not over so long a distance, actually covered 656 miles from earth to earth (The bee line distance is 560 miles). Including time spent in climbing and landing, the speed was thus 89 miles an hour. This record is more remarkable as the wind over the Alps was contrary and changeable. The Milan Corriere della Sera says that Laureati crossed the Alps above the Mont Cenis Pass at an altitude of about 12,000 feet.

The airplane used was built by the Societa Italiana Aeroplani and the engine was built in the Fiat factory in Turin.

Cavalry Comes Back

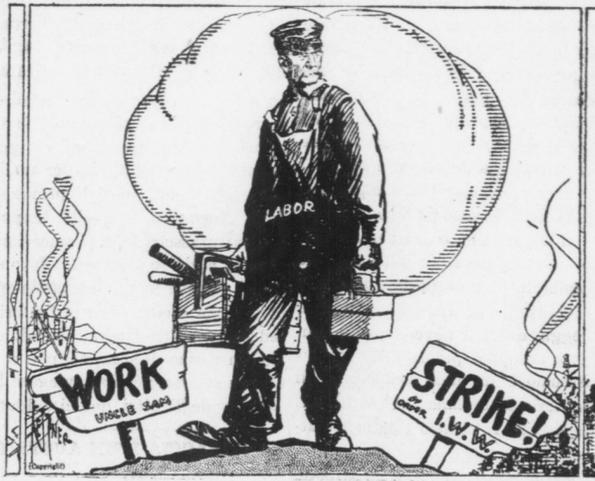
The heroic and effective efforts of the Italian cavalry in delaying the advance of the invaders saved not only Cadorna's forces, but apparently also the cavalry arm of the Pennsylvania troops. The First Regiment of Cavalry, which included the Pittsburg troop, the New Castle troop and the troop from Tyrone, had been disbanded and scattered throughout artillery, engineer, munition and hospital units, on the theory that cavalry had been made practically obsolete by modern war methods. The cavalry of the air had superseded them in scouting and trench fighting had caused the dismounting of most of the French and British troopers in Flanders, although at long intervals they were remounted when the Germans retreated in open country and rendered good service.

The Italian fighting changed this conception. There are no more dashing cavalry in the world than the Italians, and their feats of horsemanship in many international contests proved. When

the Austro-German horde swarmed out of the mountains into the Venetian plains the Italian horse had their long-wished-for opportunity, and right valiantly availed themselves of it. Here was a service that neither aviator nor the trench fighter could furnish, only the cavalry. While Cadorna withdrew his infantry and artillery his horsemen hung on the invaders' flanks, and by repeated charges against tremendous odds and at a cost that has recalled the historic Light Brigade harassed and delayed the onrush until Cadorna was safe.

With this demonstration there could be no longer a question of the need for American cavalry and the order for the rehabilitation of the First Pennsylvania was issued. Within a few hours the happy horsemen were back in the old organization. After all they are to have a chance to serve their country in the capacity for which they volunteered, and to display the skill and courage that their fellow Pennsylvanians know them to

The Real Test of Patriotism



possess.

Jupiter's Belts.

It has been suggested by Lau that the reason Jupiter has belts instead of zones of spots is to be found in its rapid rotation. The material forced upward from the lower strata of the planet, bringing with it a smaller linear velocity than that of the surface, streams eastward, assuming the look of elongated streaks. If the centers of eruption are sufficiently numerous, belts are formed; and it is suggested that, were the sun's rotation much more rapid than it is, the solar surface at spot maximum would also present dark streaks.

Stops Flag Wrapping.

The wind will not play pranks with your flag if a soft piece of feather bone, as used by dressmakers, is run through a casing of narrow navy blue ribbon along the upper edge of the field. The casing will never be noticed if carefully done.

Make Gems of Them.

Nearly all artificial gems—that is to say, stones that are really made by artificial means—are compounds of alum crystallized under special conditions. The metallic salts that are added during fusion determine whether the stones produced shall be sapphires, rubies or Oriental topazes, amethysts or emeralds.

Most of Them Dull.

Mrs. A.—“Are you fond of entertaining callers?” Mrs. B.—“Yes, but very few of ours are of that kind.”—Boston Transcript.

Voter's Catechism

- D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?
 R. Yes.
 D. What form of Government is this?
 R. Republic.
 D. What is the Constitution of the United States?
 R. It is the fundamental law of this country.
 D. Who makes the laws of the United States?
 R. The Congress.
 D. What does Congress consist of?
 R. Senate and House of Representatives.
 D. Who is our State Senator?
 R. Wilbur P. Graff.

- D. Who is the chief executive of the United States?
 R. President.
 D. For how long is the President of the United States elected?
 R. Four years.
 D. Who takes the place of the President in case he dies?
 R. The Vice President.
 D. What is his name?
 R. Thomas R. Marshall.
 D. By whom is the President of the United States elected?
 R. By the electors.
 D. By whom are the electors chosen?
 R. By the people.
 D. Who makes the laws for the State of Pennsylvania?
 R. The Legislature.
 D. What does the Legislature consist of?
 R. Senate and Assembly.
 D. Who is our Assemblyman?
 R. Wilmer H. Wood.
 D. How many States in the union?
 R. Forty-eight.
 D. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?
 R. July 4, 1776.
 D. By whom was it written?
 R. Thomas Jefferson.
 D. Which is the capital of the United States?
 R. Washington.
 D. Which is the capital of the State of Pennsylvania?
 R. Harrisburg.
 D. How many Senators has each state in the United States?
 R. Two.
 D. Who are our U. S. Senators?
 R. Boise Penrose and George T. Oliver.
 D. By whom are they elected?
 R. By the people.
 D. For how long?
 R. Six years.
 D. How many representa-

- tives are there?
 R. 435. According to the population one to every 211,000, (the ratio fixed by Congress after each decennial census.)
 D. For how long are they elected?
 R. Two years.
 D. Who is our Congressman?
 R. Nathan L. Strong.
 D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?
 R. Thirty-eight.
 D. Who is the chief executive of the state of Pennsylvania?
 R. The Governor.
 D. For how long is he elected?
 R. 4 years.
 D. Who is the Governor?
 R. Martin G. Brumbaugh.
 D. Do you believe in organized government?
 R. Yes.
 D. Are you opposed to organized government?
 R. No.
 D. Are you an anarchist?
 R. No.
 D. What is an anarchist?
 R. A person who does not believe in organized government.
 D. Are you a bigamist or polygamist?
 R. No.
 D. What is a bigamist or polygamist?
 R. One who believes in having more than one wife.
 D. Do you belong to any secret society who teaches to disbelieve in organized government?
 R. No.
 D. Have you ever violated any laws of the United States?
 R. No.
 D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?
 R. The board of aldermen.
 D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?
 R. Yes.

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