

ITALIANS, REBUILDING WAR STRICKEN AREAS, SHOW RAPID RECOVERY

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Dec. 15.—The American ambassador, Robert Underwood Johnson, who has returned from a visit to the Piave, Isonzo and Asiago sectors of the Italian war front, including much of the devastated region, declares that the Italians are progressing well in their efforts to make these war areas again fit for habitation.

"I doubt whether any other region of the war would make a better showing of recuperation," said Mr. Johnson to The Associated Press correspondent.

"In April I saw the devastated regions of France from Chateau Thierry to Rheims, an awful sight which may be commended to those who are willing to take the risk of another great war. Save for a few barracks and isolated pieces of repair, little had been done to rebuild.

Replace Dwellings.
"Today in the midst of equal devastation, there is hardly a town in Italy in which 20 percent of the houses have not been renewed or repaired for occupancy, and the proportion is usually from 50 to 65 percent. The refugees, most of them still living in the government barracks, are hard at work. New houses on handsome Italian models are going up every week. The second story may have been destroyed, but if the first has walls it is roofed and made habitable for the time.

"The courage and resourcefulness of war-time was not greater than is that of peace, and both call for the admiration of the world. This needs to be accentuated because Italy has had so much to contend with, first in the failure of this year's crops of wheat and corn; next, from the cloudbursts and floods; and, third from the disturbing industrial conditions. Fortunately, the season has been good for building and every man in Friuli seems to have become a carpenter or mason. Still, this region, with all the aid to reconstruction that the government can give, faces a winter of hardship and severe cold.

The machinery for silk and cotton manufacture was all carried off by the Austrians.

HONOR DANTE

ROME, Dec. 15.—Ceremonies commemorating the sixth centenary of the death of Dante will be held in Ravenna next September. It was decided here today at a meeting of the mayors of Italian cities. A bronze and silver bell of artistic design will be placed over the poet's tomb. Each night the bell will ring in memory of the immortal writer.

The walrus supplies about 1,500 pounds of meat, 1,000 pounds of oil and 500 pounds of leather, and the white whale supplies much more.

EVERY WORD WAS FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART

Richmond Citizen Very Earnest in His Praise of the Great Herbal Tonic, Drecto, Which Has Done So Much for Him.

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"One day I read about what a man said about Drecto taking a load off his back which felt like a ton of brick and I laughed at it. I now know that every word he said came from the bottom of his heart," declared Mr. H. E. Fleck, who is a car inspector and lives at 2006 N. F St., Richmond, Ind.

"I want to tell everyone what Drecto has done for me. I was so bent from suffering I was afraid I would be permanently deformed, as the rheumatism had such a hold on me. My back and limbs were sore and stiff; muscles were drawn and the joints seemed to be dry; my nerves were shot to pieces so that I could not sleep; I had shooting pains in my back and side. Really I was in bad shape but Drecto has certainly proven a blessing to me as I know—more relief from pain now than in years; I can bend about and stoop over without the slightest pain; sleep sound at night; getting stronger day by day. I strongly advise sufferers to try Drecto and they won't be disappointed."

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All good druggists now sell Drecto and it is highly recommended in Richmond by Clem Thistlethwaite's seven drug stores.—Advertisement.

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BLUE PENCIL SALE

When in last Friday's paper we announced to the people that we, as pioneer price-makers, were going to make a new low level of prices and that we were marking down every article with the blue pencil at reductions of from thirty to sixty percent, we felt that the people of Wayne county would quickly grasp an opportunity to buy standard, advertised brands of goods at the new low level of prices. We wish to thank the people of Richmond and Wayne county for the generous way in which they have responded to this sale and to say that we feel amply repaid for our loss of immediate profits by the immense amount of

good will which this sale has built up for us. We have decided to continue this sale through the holiday season and furnish an opportunity to buy practical, useful Christmas gifts at the Blue Pencil prices. Every item in our store has been marked down with the Blue Pencil. Look for the Blue Pencil mark. Cost price has absolutely been forgotten in this great sale. We are selling overalls that cost us as high as \$1.87½ for 98c. We are trying to do our bit in getting prices back to normal. Remember, we are not offering shoddy goods, but standard, advertised brands, and that in all cases we guarantee satisfaction or money cheerfully refunded.

Men's and Boy's Clothing

Men's and Young Men's Worsteds; our cut price was \$44.98, \$47.98, \$48.98 Blue Pencil Price—

\$34.50 to \$38.50

Young Men's Cashmere Suits, hand tailored, new models and patterns; our cut price was \$39.98 to \$42.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$31 and \$32.50**

Men's Conservative models in Worsteds mostly; our cut price was up to \$35.98; Blue Pencil Price—

\$17.50 and \$28.50

Young Men's Overcoats, strictly all-wool, hand tailored. David Adler and Gold Bond makes; Blue Pencil Prices

\$25.00 to \$28.50

Other staple models in all wool coats Blue Pencil Price **\$10 to \$19.50**

Men's Slip-on Raincoats, guaranteed rain proof; cut price was \$21.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$17.98**

Boys' all wool Dress Suits; our cut price was \$11.98, \$12.98 and \$14.98; Blue Pencil Price—

\$9.89 \$10.39 and \$12.39

Boys' Good School Suits; our cut price was \$8.98, \$9.98 and \$10.48; Blue Pencil Price **\$7.89, \$8.39 and \$9.89**

Special line of Boys' Suits; cut price was \$7.98 and \$8.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$4.48**

Boys' Overcoat; our cut price was \$14.48; Blue Pencil Price **\$11.89**

Boys' Overcoats, all new shades and models. Regular price \$10.48; Blue Pencil Price **\$8.89**

Boys' Overcoat; our cut price was \$12.48; Blue Pencil Price **\$9.89**

Boys' Overcoat; our cut price was \$6.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$5.89**

Young Men's and Men's Mackinaws; our cut price was \$8.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$6.89**

Men's all wool Mackinaws; our cut price was \$12.98; Blue Pencil Price—

\$9.89

Men's Dress Pants in Worsteds, Serges and neat stripes; our cut price was \$8.98 and \$9.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$7.69 and \$8.89**

Men's Cashmere Pants, good weight; our cut price was \$5.48, \$6.48, \$6.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$4.98**

Men's Work Coats—Duck and Mole-skin Blanket lined; all sizes; our cut price was \$11.98 and \$16.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$9.89 and \$14.00**

Men's Work Coats; warm lined; our cut price was \$7.48 to \$9.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$6.89 and \$7.98**

Sheep lined Work Coat, best grade of Corded Mole-skin; our cut price was \$18.48; Blue Pencil Price **\$14.00**

Sheep lined Work Coat—Good grade of Duck; good heavy felt; was \$14.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$11.48**

Ladies' Goods

Ladies' Outing Flannel Gowns—Good heavy Outing; Blue Pencil Price—only **\$1.25**

Ladies' Outing Flannel Gowns—Our cut price was \$2.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$1.98**

Ladies' Silk Underskirts; Blue Pencil Price **\$3.19 and \$3.89**

Children's Outing Skirts in nice weight; Blue Pencil Price **\$1.39**

Ladies' Fur Scarfs; Blue Pencil Price only **\$10.69**

One Scarf, our regular cut price was \$18.48; Blue Pencil Price **\$12.89**

Ladies' Sweater Coats; Blue Pencil Prices are **\$3.98, \$4.98 and \$5.98**

Ladies' Slip-over Sweaters that were \$7.48; Blue Pencil Price **\$4.48**

Children's Sweaters, \$3.50 value; Blue Pencil Price **\$2.98**

Ladies' good grade Union Suits, long sleeves and high neck, regular or extra sizes; Blue Pencil Price **\$1.39**

Ladies' medium weight Union Suits, long or short sleeves; all sizes; Blue Pencil Price **39c**

Ladies' Vest and Pants, in heavy fleece; regular \$1.50 value; Blue Pencil Price **85c**

Ladies' Lace Caps; just the thing for Xmas gifts; Blue Pencil Price—**45c 85c and \$1.23**

Good assortment of Ladies' Corsets; Blue Pencil Prices **\$1.29, \$1.59, \$1.89 and up to \$3.69**

Ladies' Silk Plush Coats, short and long lengths. Our cut was \$19.98 — Blue Pencil Price **\$13.98**

Our cut was \$29.98 — Blue Pencil Price **\$19.98**

Our cut was \$35.98 — Blue Pencil Price **\$24.98**

Our cut was \$31.98 — Blue Pencil Price **\$22.98**

Our cut was \$41.98 — Blue Pencil Price **\$29.98**

One lot of Coats — Blue Pencil Price **\$11.00**

One other lot of Coats — Blue Pencil Price **\$16.75**

One number of Ladies' Cloth Coats; our cut price was \$23.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$15.00**

Children's and Misses' Coats; all at Blue Pencil Prices that will interest you.

Ladies' Skirts, new styles and patterns; our cut price was \$5.98 and \$6.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$4.98**

Men's Furnishings

Men's Overalls, Standard grade, full cut garment; our cut price was \$1.89; Blue Pencil Price, per pair **98c**

Men's Standard grade full cut work shirt in polka dot, Stifle blue and blue Chambray; Blue Pencil Price **85c**

Men's heavy ribbed Shirt and Drawers, Blue Pencil Price **85c**

Men's heavy fleece Union Suit; first quality; Blue Pencil Price **\$1.85**

Men's Hats—All new and snappy styles; Blue Pencil Prices, **\$1.35, \$2.48, \$2.59, \$3.19 up to \$4.39**

Men's Caps—Many different styles and colors to select from. These prices include earband Caps also. Blue Pencil Prices—

85c \$1.35 \$1.65 up to \$2.45

Men's Silk Sox—Master Brand—that formerly sold for \$1.19; Blue Pencil Price **65c**

Men's Lisle Sox that formerly sold for 89c; Blue Pencil Price **55c**

Men's fine grade All-Wool Cashmere Sox in colors; Blue Pencil Price—

39c 55c 85c

Men's Dress Shirts in all the wanted patterns and materials, Madrases, Silks and Jerseys; our Blue Pencil Prices are **98c, \$1.79, \$2.19, \$2.60 and up to \$5.98**. Our \$5.98 price shirt is a \$9.00 value.

Men's Wool Flannel Shirt in blue, Khaki and Grey. Real values; Blue Pencil Prices are **\$2.98 to \$4.98**

Outing Flannel Pajamas for men, was \$4.00; Blue Pencil Price **\$3.29**

Men's Outing Flannel Gowns, good heavy quality Outing Flannel; Blue Pencil Price **\$1.19 and \$1.35**

Boys' Sweaters—A dandy stock to select from in all the wanted combinations of colors in coat and slip-overs; Blue Pencil Prices are **\$1.69, \$2.19, \$2.48, \$3.69, \$4.79, \$4.98 and \$5.98**

Men's Sweaters in coat and slip-over. Some with collars, some without; plain colors and combinations. A very useful Xmas present to give him; Blue Pencil Prices **\$1.89 to \$9.98**

Men's Black Sateen Shirts; good full cut; Blue Pencil Price **98c**

Men's four-in-hand Ties, in good assortment of patterns. Some sold as high as \$2.48; Blue Pencil Price—

65c 95c and \$1.35

Men's Silk Scarfs. Just the thing for a Xmas present; Blue Pencil Price—

\$1.45 to \$3.19

Men's Bath Robes; Blue Pencil Price **\$8.48 and \$9.48**

Men's Rib Suits, good quality; Blue Pencil Price **\$1.85**

Men's Jersey Dress Gloves; Blue Pencil Price **45c**

Men's Work Jersey Gloves; Blue Pencil Price **19c**

Men's Jersey Coats in Black and Grey—Blue Pencil Price **\$1.89**

Men's Dress Kid Gloves; Blue Pencil Price **\$1.55**

"Big 3" Overalls, Union made; sold as high as \$3.48; Blue Pencil Price is **\$2.29**

Shoes for the Entire Family

Bullseye, U. S. and Old Elm Rubber Boot; Blue Pencil Price **\$4.19**

One lot Men's Brown McKay stitched Shoes; Blue Pencil Price **\$5.48**

All Boys', Misses' and Children's Shoes reduced in our Blue Pencil Sale.

10 percent reduction on all light Rubber Footwear.

Ladies' Brown Kid, Military or high heel; our cut price was \$8.79; Blue Pencil Sale **\$6.98**

Ladies' Brown Calf, low Rubber heel; our cut price was \$8.69; Blue Pencil Price **\$6.98**

Ladies' Black Kid, Military heel; our cut price was \$8.39; Blue Pencil Price only **\$6.98**

Men's Brown Calf, Blucher or English; Blue Pencil Price **\$8.39**

Ladies' Grey Kid Lace high heel; our cut price was \$8.98; Blue Pencil Price only **\$5.48**

Ladies' Bedroom Slippers, in a good assortment of colors. Just the thing for a Xmas gift; Blue Pencil Prices—

\$1.58, \$1.68, \$1.78, \$1.85 and \$1.98

Men's Bedroom Slippers, in Kid and Felt; black or tan; Blue Pencil Prices **\$1.79, \$2.15 and \$3.10**

Other Shoes for Men in Brown Calf, Goodyear Welt; Blue Pencil Prices—

\$6.00, \$6.39, \$7.39 and \$7.48

Bullseye White Boot; our cut price was \$6.95; Blue Pencil Price **\$5.48**

Men's All-Rubber 4-Buckle Arctics and Paces, red or black, in U. S. or Bullseye; our cut price was \$4.98; Blue Pencil Price **\$3.98**

Men's Rubber Footwear, this season's stock, direct from factory

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