

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 Asago 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 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 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, Dreco, Which Has Done So Much for Him.

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"One day I read about what a man said about Dreco taking a load off his back which felt like a ton of brick and I laughed at it but a few days later 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. E. St., Richmond, Ind.

"I want to tell everyone what Dreco 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 Dreco 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 Dreco and they won't be disappointed."

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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.

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

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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**

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

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Boys' Good School Suit; our cut price was \$9.98, \$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—

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

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

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

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

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Men's Dress Pants in Worsted, Serges and neat stripes; our cut price was \$8.98 and \$9.98; Blue Pencil Price—

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

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Men's Dress Pants in Worsted, Serges and neat stripes; our cut price was \$8.98 and \$9.98; Blue Pencil Price—

\$7.69 and \$8.89

Men's Work Coats—Duck and Molekin 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

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