ITALY'S RULER DECREES FINES ON PROFITEERS

The following was carried by the Associated Press:

London, July 8.—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has issued a decree that profiteers will be in future fined 10,000 lire or sentenced to from three months to three years in prison, and will in addition suffer confiscation of the goods, according to a Rome dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Unauthorized middlemen dealing in food will suffer similar punishment, it is said.

The dispatch states that a general strike was declared in Naples on Monday. After looting outlying stores in that city, a crowd attempting to reach the center of the place but was prevented by the police who were occupying the principal thoroughfares.

At Palermo the police have arrested 400 former convicts, who are alleged to be responsible for many of the disorders on Sunday.

FLORENTINIANS BUY BARGAINS

Florence, Sunday, July 6.—All the business houses of this city were overrun this morning with bargain hunters who sought to take advantage of the price reductions decreed here. Many stores had completely sold out their stocks before noon. The correspondent visited thickly settled sections of the city today and saw the eagerness of men, women and children, seeking to secure eatables, clothing, dry goods, shoes and chocolate. These articles were sold only on the presentation of a card from the prefect's office, so that only residents of Florence will be able to benefit from the price reduction.

It was learned today that workingmen's committees deliberately chose the stores they wished to have ransacked. These included places which were alleged to have violated governmental regulations and war restrictions in selling prohibited articles of food at exorbitant prices, thereby making fabulous profits.

The king's commissioner for Florence issued a proclamation today placing the population on rations and decreeing reductions in prices approximating 50 per cent in eatables. Restaurants and cafes were ordered to lower rates 30%.

MR. BRYAN

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VERY FEW AMERICANS KEPT OUT OF BATTLES

A Washington dispatch, dated June 27, says: American casualties during the 47-day Meuse-Argonne offensive aggregated 120,000 men, or 10 per cent of the total of 1,200,000 engaged, according to a "statistical summary of the war with Germany", prepared by Col. Leonard P. Ayers, chief of the statistical branch of the general staff, and published today by the war department.

"Of every 100 American soldiers and sailors who took part in the war with Germany," the report said, "two were killed or died of disease during the period of hostilities. In the northern army during the Civil war the number was about 10. Among the other great nations in this war between 20 and 25 in each 100 called to the colors were killed or died. Best information obtainable by the general staff places the total battle deaths for all belligerents at 7,450,200, divided as follows:

Russia	1,700,000
Germany	1,600,000
France	1,385,000
Great Britain	900,000
Austria	800,000
Italy	330,000
Turkey	250,000
Serbia and Montenegro	125,000
Belgium	102,000
Roumania	100,000
Bulgaria	100,000
United States	48,000
Greece	7,000
Portugal	2,000

SUMMARY OF AMERICAN PARTICIPATION

American participation is summarized in the report in the following table:

Total armed forces, including army, navy, marines	4,800,000
Total men in army	4,000,000
Men who went overseas	2,006,000
Men who fought in France	1,390,000
Tons of supplies shipped from America to France	7,500,000
Total registered in draft	24,234,021
Total draft inductions	2,810,296
Cost of war to April 30, 1919	$21,850,000,000
Battles fought by American forces	13
Days of battle	200
Days of duration of of Meuse-Argonne battle	47
American battle deaths in war	50,000
American wounded in war	236,000
American deaths from desease	56,991
Total deaths in army	112,422

Under the head of "Sources of the Army," the report shows that 13 per cent came from the regular army, 10 per cent from the national guard and 77 per cent from the draft.

A concise history of the military operations in which American troops took part is given in a chapter headed "Two hundred days of Battle". Attention was salled to the fact "two of every three American soldiers who reached France took part in battle".

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