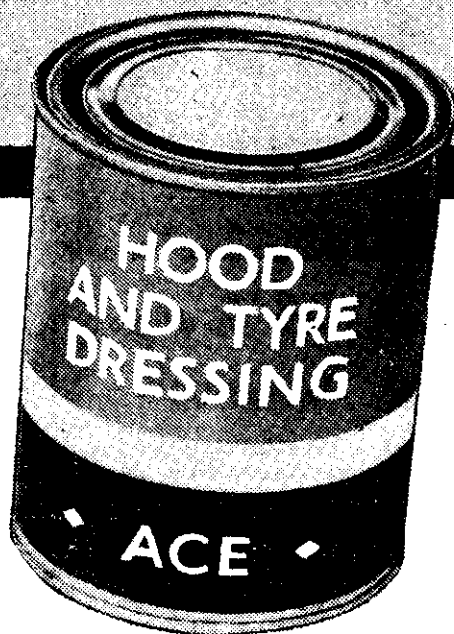


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barrels of cannon on San Miniato. A statement from headquarters points out that this adequately answers the recent allegations of the former Chief Engineer against General Malatesta. . . .

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Florence, October 30, 1929

THE Imperial Armies, which took possession of the southern hills outside the city a fortnight ago, have begun their bombardment. . . .

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Florence, October 31, 1929

AFTER two days of bombardment from outside the walls, it is established that the enemy has five large cannon and two smaller weapons. About 150 shots have come over southern Florence in the past 48 hours. Damage and casualties are reported.

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Florence, November 20, 1929

MESSER MICHELANGELO BUON-ARROTTI, the Chief Engineer, has returned to Florence in response to representations. . . . One of the first tasks undertaken by the Chief Engineer was the protection of the church of San Miniato. To protect the walls of this priceless monument from the cannon-fire of the besieging army, wool-packs have been slung from the tower and roof, and earth has been piled against the sides. . . .

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Florence, December 11, 1929

NEUTRAL observers state that the enemy has admitted reverses along the southern front. Citizens' Home Defence Units were out last night, and inflicted severe casualties on the besieging forces. Ten of our pikemen are missing.

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Florence, January 26, 1930

IT is announced to-day that General Malatesta, Commander of the Allied mercenary soldiers, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of all the forces defending Florence. . . .

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Florence, February 22, 1930

A COMMUNIQUE from General Malatesta's headquarters yesterday described the situation as "undoubtedly grave." The Spaniards have crossed the Arno on one side of the town, and a German artillery unit with 22 cannon has crossed it on the other side.

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Florence, February 29, 1930

A STATE of emergency was officially declared yesterday by the Mayor. . . . Fifteen collaborationists were arrested early last evening.

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Florence, March 1930

A GAZETTE published to-day gives the names of 5600 essential workers, hitherto exempted from Defence-of-the-Walls duties, who will now be required for military service. . . .

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Florence, June, 1930

IT is now one month since Headquarters admitted that the city was totally surrounded. The atmosphere in the city remains calm. Queues at the Civic Food-relief Booths are good-natured, though the summer weather makes their long waiting an unenviable experience. . . .

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Florence, July, 1930

THE Health Department advised yesterday that three cases of plague had been notified within the last 48

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