

In the middle of the enormous sea wall, of primitive structure, with the surf washing against the wall below it and protected from the winds of the north by the wall itself, in constant sunshine, provision is made for 200 or 300 Genoese children of the more unfortunate classes. They arrive in the morning, get their midday meal and morning luncheon, and are sent to their homes in the evening. Play is supervised by special teachers, bathing facilities arranged for; the children take singing lessons and a healthier, happier looking lot of children one could scarcely find.

When we visited them in February they sang the Italian national anthem and "The Star Spangled Banner" with vigor and enthusiasm. There are also children's hospitals in the mountains. In Rome the *Giornale d'Italia* raised money by popular subscription and built a beautiful hospital on one of the hills for children with bone tuberculosis.

The American Red Cross had the privilege of giving \$25,000 to this hospital. These are just a few conspicuous instances of what the Italians have already done for the study and cure of tuberculosis.

But Italy's great spirit for progression was arrested with the declaration of war, which compelled the mobilization of all her resources for the one big task in hand. It naturally followed that the civilian population had to wait until the military needs were cared for.

Then, as in France, this emergency was created. Conditions were growing harder to grapple with each day. When Italy saw the help we were extending to France she invited the United States to come to her shores with such assistance as we could offer.

#### CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

THE United States Civil Service Commission announces open competitive examinations as follows:

List No. 1. Examinations of the nonassembled type; that is, those in which competitors are not assembled for scholastic tests, but are rated upon the subjects of education, training and experience, and corroborative evidence. Applications for these examinations are received at any time: Inspector of mechanical or electrical equipment, inspector of structural steel, supervising or traveling accountant, construction cost accounting supervisor, automotive engineer, automotive designer, automotive draftsman, automotive tracer, me-

chanical draftsman, War Department; special field agent in entomology, Department of Agriculture; tabulating mechanic, Census Bureau; elevator conductor, departmental service.

List No. 2. Examinations of the nonassembled type, for which applications must be filed by the dates specified: Horticulturist, Department of Agriculture, September 17; architectural designer, architectural draftsman, Panama Canal Service, September 17; photographer, War Department, September 24; mechanical draftsman, Patent Office, September 24; assistant in dairy cattle breeding, assistant in fish investigations, assistant superintendent of seed warehouse, Department of Agriculture, September 24; sugar chemist and technologist, Bureau of Standards, September 24; assistant clinical psychiatrist and psychotherapist, St. Elizabeths Hospital, September 24; chemical laboratorian, chemist's aid, various branches, September 24.

List No. 3. Examinations in which competitors will be assembled for scholastic tests: Laboratory aid in agricultural technology, Department of Agriculture, October 2; business principal, Indian Service, October 2-3; inspector of safety appliances, inspector of hours of service, Interstate Commerce Commission, October 2-3.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained by addressing the United States Civil Service commission at Washington, D. C., or the civil-service district secretary at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Paul, St. Louis, New Orleans, Seattle, or San Francisco.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM C. GORGAS, Surgeon-General, U. S. A., accompanied Secretary Baker on his recent visit to France.

COLONEL JOHN M. T. FINNEY, Baltimore, who returned to this country early in August on a special mission, has again sailed for France to assume his duties as chief consultant surgeon of the American Expeditionary Forces.