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In Bari, southern Adriatic, delegates of Italian democratic parties denounced King Victor, at the end of a five-day Congress. Amgot at first banned the party-meeting but afterwards gave way. The demand for the Italian monarch's abdication was led by ~~two veteran statesmen~~, the philosopher-historian Benedetto Croce and Count Sforza, ~~the bearded figure~~.

The delegates agreed to bar all Fascists from post-war government. Count Sforza's <sup>highly unflattering description</sup> ~~description~~ of the King ~~as a stupid, idle, selfish monarch~~ appeared to be much to the crowd's liking.

<sup>of</sup> ~~From~~ the Bari conference, peaceful, democratic government of Italy should be the outcome.

The veil of censorship is now lifted from the PIAT gun, a tank-buster as light and easy to handle as it is destructive, its specially designed bomb penetrates armour four inches thick.

(BV aftr fire) The PIAT is one more reason why Nazi tanks will have an even rougher passage in future battles.

Mpnths ahead of the scheduled launching date, Missouri, largest battleship in the world, went down the slipways to join Uncle Sam's Navy. The daughter of the Senator for Missouri handled the bottle of wine with skill worthy of the occasion.

(*Just*) ~~(BV in stars)~~ Missouri will be in commission in time for a pressing engagement with the already harassed navy of Japan.