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The Man from the Mountains

I saw him yesterday afternoon and arranged a way to telephone to him directly and make appointments to meet him in his town. He has at last received permission to travel anywhere in Switzerland on visits and he expects to go to Geneva shortly. You can thus see him in Zürich almost any time you wish.

He believes Fiume is not occupied by insurgents. Popper of United Press says he does not know what the situation is at Fiume since the dispatch of about September 20th, which Washington queried, came from London, he says, and probably originated in Cairo.

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The man from the mountains has apparently decided to follow Sforza's lead and forget about attacking the King for the time being. In territory occupied by the Allies he intends to urge his people to collaborate with the Badoglio Government. In territory occupied by the Germans, he does not intend to agitate against the King for the present because he feels that the people are in such a state of anxiety concerning their own lives that the question of Monarchy against Republic would not be of immediate and profound interest to them.

He lacks news from the region east of Udine because