

GENERAL DIAZ'S CAREER.

ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST TURKS AND ABYSSINIANS.

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General Armando Diaz, who by Royal Decree replaces General Cadorna as Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Armies, is comparatively unknown outside military circles, though he has had a distinguished career.

General Diaz is a Neapolitan, 56 years of age, whose ancestors fought in the Napoleonic wars. He was educated at the Military College at Naples, and afterwards at the celebrated Military Academy at Turin. He laid the foundation of his repute in the Abyssinian campaign, and thereafter built it up during the Libyan war, in which he was wounded, and the plan of campaign of which was largely his own devising.

He was promoted commander of the 23rd Army Corps on the Isonzo after brilliant successes achieved in the leadership of a division operating on the

Carso hills. To his solid talent as an organiser is joined great personal pride and volcanic energy. General Diaz abhors lame excuses, is intolerant of petty personal squabbles, and hence not only loved but also feared by his men.

General Pietro **Badoglio**, who, together with General Giardino, the late Minister of War, succeeds General Porro in the sub-chieftaincy, is a native of Piedmont and the Benjamin among Italian generals, being only 46 years of age. He also won distinction in Italy's campaign in Africa. During his rapid course through all the grades of the military hierarchy he has received no fewer than three promotions for merit in actual warfare. As commander of an army corps in the Middle Isonzo his name is destined to shine with special lustre when the full story of the heroic fighting on the Bainsizza tableland comes to be written.