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through a stage of acute stress and torment so that it is often difficult to trace
In Italy a Nation
lution, worn out during the war by economic, financial and human efforts
of particular severity, overwhelmed by an unparalleled pressure of taxation
the work of reconstruction and recovery has been peculiarly difficult.

Various scientific Institutions have come into being at the Universities of
Harvard, London and Cambridge and the Statistical Institute of the Univer-
sity of Paris for the purpose of describing the complex economic phenomena
and reactions of the post-war period, disentangling so far as possible the
true periodicity of the various fluctuations and of discovering some guiding
principles which may serve to give a clearer view of the future. Following these exam-
ples and in accord with these aims the Institute of Statistics of the
University of Padova will at the end of 1919 begin the publication of *Index
numbers of Italian Economic Life* in which from month to month a descrip-
tion will be given of the characteristic phenomena of Italian economic and
financial life.

Here are reproduced the 134 diagrams which will appear in the first
number of the publication. They follow the events in the economic life of Italy
during the last five and half years from January 1919, a little before the date

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