

cemetery. This post is now filled by Sig. Serafino Cav. Topić, to whose competence and courtesy I am indebted for the above information, and in whose hands the cemetery is safe, though funds are still needed to restore the wall and the gateway of this interesting memorial to a brilliant naval action.

Fifty years later the Italian admiral, Count Pellione di Persano, attacked Lissa during the Italian war of Liberation; he was in command of nineteen ships, and had already bombarded the forts of Lissa and was preparing to land in the bay of Comissa, when during the nights of July 19th-29th, under cover of a thick fog, the Austrian Admiral Tegetthoff arrived with his Flag in the *Ferdinand Maximilian*. Persano offered battle in the waters between the Spalmadori islets, off Lesina, and the island of Solta. The action is remarkable in being the first in which an iron-clad, the *Rè d' Italia*, and a ram, the *Affondatore*, were engaged. The *Rè d' Italia* was sunk, the *Palestro* took fire and withdrew, followed by the rest of the Italian fleet. Tegetthoff won a complete victory. The dead were buried in the "Catholic Cemetery", near the monastery of the Minorites, at San Girolamo, on the little bay called