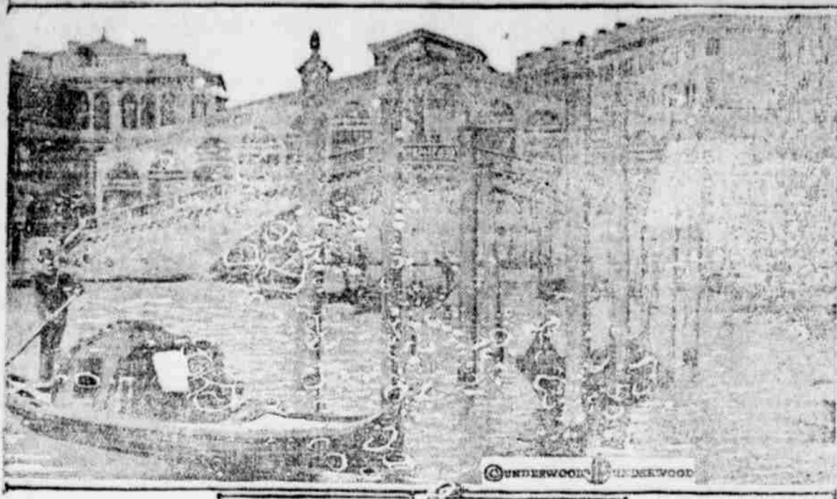


### Austro-Germans in New Offensive Along Piave River Menace Venice, City of Italian Art Treasures, Traditions and Canals



Although the Austro-German forces have been halted by the Italians at the Piave River and there is now every indication that the Italians will hold the line—the objective of the Teuton drive in this region is Venice, little more than twenty miles from the scene of the actual fighting. The city of art treasures, one of the glorious cities of Italy, is menaced. Here is a scene in the heart of Venice—the Rialto and the Grand Canal—which has entranced tourists for centuries. This is one of the centers of attraction in the beautiful city of canals. That the Italians will lay down their lives to the last man in the protection of this famous city is certain, and the renewed energy displayed by their armies during the past few days indicate their resolve to hold their lines to the last to save Venice.

#### SACRIFICES OF ARMY DOCTOR

Home Practice and Other Advantages Relinquished to Serve Country During the War.

One-fifth of the total number of physicians in the United States will have to enroll for military duty if this war continues for another year, observes Leslie's Weekly. All but a small percentage of them must enroll voluntarily. All but a small percentage of them have families to support and these and others are wholly dependent on the income of the head of the house for this support. The physician from 35 to 45 years of age, the age of greatest usefulness for military service, is at that critical period of his professional and financial development that two years of forced absence is liable to affect disastrously his whole career.

The change means, if there is no independent income, sacrificing of insurance, lapsing of the mortgage, withdrawing of children from school, a complete change of method of living, and great risk of returning after the war with a lucrative practice divided among the stay-at-homes. A law has recently been introduced in the senate by Senator Owen which provides an increased rank for medical officers of the reserve corps, that will in some way meet the financial burden of the volunteer doctor and will furnish him a rank equal to the dignity of his civil position.

#### Measuring Time.

The refinements of modern time-keeping are illustrated in an investigation recently carried out by F. D. Urie, under the direction of the United States naval observatory, to determine the "lag" between the Arlington and Great Lakes time signals, both of which are received by wire from the naval observatory and converted automatically into wireless signals. Between Washington and the Great Lakes station there are 800 miles of telegraph wire, involving several make-circuit relays. The lag between the two radio stations was found by a series of tests to average 0.085 second, with a probable error of 0.002 second, says the Scientific American.

#### Lafayette Flying Corps.

Considerable confusion exists in the minds of many persons about the difference between the Lafayette Escadrille and the Lafayette Flying corps. This famous aeronautic body was the Section d'Aviation of the Legion Etrangere in the early days of the war. To mark the number of Americans who were sharing the dangers and victories the name was changed to the Franco-American Flying corps. But as the United States was not then at war with Germany complaint was made that this was a breach of neutrality. To avoid giving offense the name was changed to the Lafayette Flying corps, which is the present official designation.

#### RUSSIA AND AMERICA.

The future of Russia is on the knee of the gods.

No man, not even the Russians themselves, knows what the hour or the day will bring forth.

What the Russians do or do not do is of vital interest to the American people.

The safe thing for us to do is to estimate the worst and make our preparations accordingly.

We ought to begin to grasp the idea, and act upon it, that England and France and America must fight this war.

If the other nations stand firm, it is well and that much strength added, but if they all go by the board, we must go on until the end.

The Italian army, having not been broken to pieces under the tremendous

pressure of the Austro-Germans, will, if properly fed and given guns and ammunition, return to the contest area, produces remarkable result stronger and better.

If Russia goes to pieces, or if Germany buys an alliance with Russia, then should our brother statesmanship get squarely into the question of the balance of power in the Orient and come to some terms with China and Japan, and, in consideration of getting into the fight heavily, return to Asiatic control Asiatic Siberia.

The yellow peril, even as it was in the days of the Mongols, cannot be a greater danger to civilization than trained Teutonic barbarism.

The days of wrist slapping and dilatory high-browling is over in the United States. There is just one problem before us, and that is the defeat of Germany. All else is as nothing.

An army of 5,000,000 people should be put into being and the greatest armament the world has ever known should be created.—Commercial Appeal.

#### BOOZE COSTING THE NATION 5,000,000 TONS OF COAL.

One of the largest coal operators in the United States estimates that drink is costing the country, at the very minimum, 5,000,000 tons of anthracite annually. Other operators of hundreds who have been queried, estimate a loss of 20 per cent and 25 per cent in the mine output because of beer and whiskey. Almost without exception, every mine located in license territory is losing two days after each payday, and many of them are losing three days, twice a month. So serious has been the hang-over result from paydays that some mines have lost not only the equivalent of two or three days, but have actually lost entire days at a time. There is also a very large loss from normal drinking. The saloons encourage the miners to drink as long as they have money.

Almost universal is the testimony of coal operators that prohibition even when it is confined to a small upon the work output.

It is beyond the slightest doubt that the consensus of opinion in mining circles holds prohibition for a zone of five miles around each mine absolutely essential to the success of the war. They want this, however, only in the event that national prohibition is refused.

#### THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER.

"Who touches a hair of you gray head Dies like a dog 'March on!' he said, Then Barbara Fritchie, glaring down, Cried out: 'How dare you? My hair is brown!'"

—Philadelphia Ledger. Maud Muller on a summer day "Rake!" cried Maud as she switched her gum,

"Don't they have golf clubs where you come from?"

—Macon Telegraph. Maud Muller worked at making hay, But when she viewed her "woman's pay"

She said: I'll call your hand you bet, I'll be a picket suffragette."

Commercial-Appeal. "So Maud a picket suff become And thought she as 'going some,' But listen Bud—not a word, Maud is now a jail bird."

#### PERCENTAGE OF SICK AT ARMY CAMP LESS THAN 2

Returning from inspection trips to 10 Army and aviation camps, Col. Weston P. Chamberlain, of the Surgeon General's Office, reports that the per cent of sick varies from below 1 per cent to slightly below 2 per cent.

Among the conditions leading to treatment in hospital are severe colds, tonsillitis, slight injuries, and other comparatively slight ailments. About the only serious disease found at any camp was pneumonia.

Each national Army camp has a thousand-bed hospital, equipped in accordance with most approved modern methods.

#### Target Balloons.

In training aerial marksmen to shoot straight the British government makes use of small target balloons which are manufactured in large quantities, says the Scientific American. Double target balloons are made in two sections, so that when one section is punctured by a successful shot from the gun of the aerial apprentice the balloon remains in the air, permitting a second hit and thus doubling the life of the target. An electric air pump is being used to fill the balloons.

#### Just a Mouthful.

Mrs. Brewster was entertaining her club and the ices were being served. Presently the hostess observed that one of her guests had eaten all of her serving of cream, whereupon she hastened to her side.

"My dear Mrs. Glover, do let me give you some more ice cream."

"Well, thank you, Mrs. Brewster, I will take some more, but just a mouthful, please," replied the young woman.

"Martha," announced the hostess, "fill Mrs. Glover's plate."

#### Modern Grace Darling Saves Torpedoed Sailors



The story of Grace Darling may have been the inspiration which prompted Miss Ella Trout, a nineteen-year old fisher girl of Devonshire, England, when she rowed through heavy seas to a seaman, attacked by a German submarine off Start Point recently. But whether or no, her deed is none the less heroic or patriotic. She saved the lives of innocent men and women. The story of Miss Trout will be in the next issue of the Herald.

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prises of the world can continue if the Pan-German plan is achieved and German power fastened upon the world is as fatuous as the dreamers in Russia. What I am opposed to is not the feeling of the pacifists but their stupidity."—From President Wilson's

Address to American Federation of Labor.

