

71 DAYS ABROAD

Or, Europe as Seen by an American Farmer.

An account of the European tour of J. E. Beck, formerly of Linwood, and John A. Neal, of Waynesboro, compiled from Mr. Beck's Diary.

PART 7.

Milan.

In my last published story of my trip abroad I told of the trip across the Alps and into Italy. Our first stopping place was Milan, the largest and most prosperous of Italian cities. It nestles about the foot of the Alps and is the home city of a million people.

The Milan Cathedral has been accounted the "eighth wonder of the world." It is the third largest church in the world, exceeded in size only by the cathedral of St. Peter's in Rome and that at Seville in Spain. It is built of white marble and is adorned with 98 turrets and 4500 statues. The stained glass window in its choir is the largest in existence.

The building is 485 feet long 252 feet above the pavement and is surmounted by a tower 356 feet above the ground.

I wanted Mr. Neal to climb with me the staircases to the top of the tower, but he declined the invitation. I am not certain that I am sorry.

The city has a great number of beautiful buildings, charitable institutions, churches, museums and art galleries. It is circular in form, though laid out irregularly. In the high walls built to protect the inhabitants in the early day, there are ten gates, beautifully adorned with statues, and there is a beautiful arch erected to commemorate some notable event.

We arrived in Milan August 29. Next day we took a drive and made a casual survey of the city and its environs.

We had seen beggars in other countries, but we got our first glimpse of Italian beggary in Milan. They swarmed everywhere.

One can't afford to pay attention to one of them or to give alms to any, or the host of them would ruin him.

There is a great deal of manufacturing done in Milan. Its machine shops are immense. We were especially interested in these shops for in many of them, they use the tools manufactured by the Landis Tool Company and Landis Machine Company of Waynesboro.

Venice.

Every now and then we read discussions in the American newspapers concerning the possibility of the automobile supplanting the horse.

Venice may well be called a "Horseless town."

There are only four horses in the entire city and these are on the tower of St. Mark's church. They are animals of great antiquity, and long travels. Once they were carried by Constantine the Great to Constantinople. They graced the triumphal arches of Nero and Trajan in Rome.

The Doge, or Duke Danolo, secured them in Constantinople and brought them to Venice. Napoleon took them to Paris after he had added Venice to his realms, but the Emperor Francis returned them to Venice.

They have no need for live horses in Venice. They wouldn't know what to do with them if they had them. Venice has no streets such as we have.

The streets are canals along whose banks the buildings have been erected.

We left Milan for Venice August 30 and rode through a beautiful country, nearly every foot of which was in fruit. There are thousands of acres planted in Mulberry trees, on which the silk worms feed.

These novelties made our afternoon journey over a stretch of country about equal in length to that between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, one of exceeding great pleasure.

Three miles from Venice we struck the viaduct, of 222 arches, over which the railroad runs into an ancient city. These arches are built on piles which surround the city.

We had formed ideas of Venice, but our dreams were exceeded by what we saw.

Our conductor informed us, as we neared the city, that when we got out of the train we should divide into parties of two or three for each carriage. We couldn't understand. Never before had we received such instructions and we believed that Venice had no carriages.

Arriving at our destination, we identified our grips and started for our supposed carriages. We found them to be boats, gondolas they call them in Venice.

We entered our boats to go to our hotel, the Danuelli, close to the Plaza of St. Mark's. Before landing some of our party were very much excited, fearing that the gondolier didn't know where we were to go. At any rate, though we could not talk to him our boatmen landed us at the right hotel after an hour.

Beggars holding long poles with hooks on one end to hold the boat, greeted us at the landing, while we disembarked. They always have their hats ready for the alighting passengers and manage to collect a good amount of "chicken feed." They worked us for some time.

Venice is built on 117 small islands. The foundation of the city was laid in 421. When Attila invaded Italy, the refugees from his terrors, sought an asylum on this group of islands, low and marshy. Other cities were surrounded by walls. They decided that water should be their protection. That was before the days of gunpowder and steam. To support the buildings, piles were driven down into sandy soil and on these masses of solid masonry were constructed. We were shown one of the

buildings erected at that time. It has stood more than 14 centuries and looks as though it were good for 14 more.

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St. Mark's Plaza.

The plaza of St. Mark's is the center of the city in Venice. The church itself is a marvel. The plaza is inhabited by thousands of pigeons. These pigeons alight on your head and shoulders and eat corn from your hand, half a dozen of them at a time. None of them are allowed to be killed and they present a beautiful picture. We had our photographs taken with pigeons in front of us.

There are stands around the plaza where vendors for 2c. a poke. Hundreds of thousands of pokes are purchased by visitors each year for the feeding of the pigeons. Indeed, one might as well visit Venice as to miss feeding the pigeons.

Venice is about 6 1/2 miles in circumference. Within its borders are 150 canals and 378 bridges. There are side walks here and there along the water front, but at the level of high tide, but they are not continuous and if one wants to practice pedestrianism, he must dodge ever and anon through houses to get anywhere.

In the rear of the houses, where we have alleys, they have narrow canals, but there are no gardens and no stables. They don't need stables where they have no horses.

The mosaics on the interior and exterior of St. Mark's church are of wonderful beauty. On the opposite side of the church from the piazza, an immense clock tower rises. The clock near its top is a remarkable piece of mechanism. A unique feature is the apparatus for striking the bell indicating the hour.

On either side of the bell is the figure of a man. At the hour of one of these men strikes the bell. Five minutes later the other comes out and strikes the other side.

At 2 each strikes once and five minutes later each repeats the performance. This is kept up the day through. This clock is 1,000 years old.

The Gondolier.

In the absence of omnibus drivers, trolley car men and chauffeurs the gondolier is the most important man in the transportation affairs of Venice. Without him you can't ride anywhere. He is a picturesque figure and a native of the city. He has his counterpart. The painter, the poet, and the musical composer have all paid him their tributes, but one has to see him to appreciate him.

The row boat with which Americans are familiar, has two oars and the rower sits down to pull. The gondola has one oar on which the gondolier pushes, standing at the helm. He is himself an artist. He turns a corner with the greatest grace imaginable and can pass another boat with no more than an inch between the bows and the other fellows till he has cleared, and yet the boats will act touch.

The gondola is about 25 feet long. It is equipped with two chairs and two benches for passengers. Goose neck grace either end.

My first ambition was to take a sail. So one night with several members of the party residents of Iowa, I accepted an invitation to join a party for a ride on the Grand Canal. It was a stormy windy night and the waves were continuing to dash over our boat. I wasn't enjoying myself very much, so I called a gondolier and had him take me back to our hotel.

Tricky Traders.

Merchants are plentiful in Venice. All sorts of wares are offered, but if one doesn't know the value of their wares it is best not to buy.

I wanted to buy a string of beads and saw one that struck my fancy. I inquired the price and was told 10 lire. I offered the fellow two and he told me I could have it for 600 lire. I persisted that he was still too high. He tried to interest me in others, but I held to the first. Finally he came down to less than 300 lire. I told him that I would see him later. I may if he lives till I make my next trip to Venice.

Saw Italian Navy.

There were 20 Italian battleships and torpedo boat destroyers in the Grand Canal and they made a beautiful spectacle.

It was at Venice that we first heard rumors of war with Turkey and these ships had assembled in anticipation of hostilities.

We took a trip to Lido Park, five miles distant from Venice. The resort is similar to Atlantic City, but on a much smaller scale.

It is a very beautiful place and immensely popular among bathers.

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stock. The majority of manufacturers, not being in a position to carry this additional burden, are naturally open to other propositions and methods. No matter in what light jobbers are wont to view the situation, the bald fact that business is undergoing an evolutionary change which ultimately aims at their extinction is indisputable. This is simply a broad statement of the case, and in no way implies that the jobber has ceased to be useful or that there is no longer any room for him. His opposition is a natural one, but will be of little consequence in actually stopping the new wave. It is the manufacturer's own business to sell his product at the greatest advantage to himself, and if the retailer will carry more or as much stock as the jobber, the latter has most decidedly found a new competitor, whether he likes it or not."—N. Y. Times.