

ALIANS OPEN THE FLOOD GATES TO HOLD BACK TEUTONIC FOE

Large Triangle Near Adriatic Coast Inundated When Enemy Crosses Piave River

DEFENDERS EXECUTE BOLD STROKE IN FINAL EFFORT TO SAVE CITY OF VENICE

Anger From Advancing Forces in Marshlands at Mouth of the River Is Believed Eliminated

German Line Is Holding Well in the Higher Valley and in the Hilly Country of the North—Germans Claim Capture of More Prisoners in Their Attacks Along the Upper Reaches of the Piave—Artillery Duel Across Stream Furious.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Thursday, Nov. 15.—(By the associated press).—The flood gates of the Piave and Sile, or Old Piave rivers, have been opened by German military engineers and the enemy is now faced by the danger of inundation. The flood was loosed at a point where the enemy succeeded in crossing the Piave at Grisolera (four miles from the coast) and the whole area where he gained lodgment is now under water. The inundated territory forms a huge triangle about 12 miles on each side with the apex at Dona Di Piave. The enemy has been driven back, but still held on within this triangle until the dykes from both rivers released the water over the low-lying plain.

The chief menace at that point was the enemy might be able to approach Venice through the lagoon between the rivers. The inundation makes a barrier of water 12 miles long and several feet deep. Reports which have reached headquarters from other points on the front are also favorable.

WHAT IT MEANS.

The action of the Italians in opening the flood gates of the Piave and Sile rivers probably means an attempt to drive out the Austro-German forces which crossed the lower Piave several days ago at Grisolera, about 17 miles west of Venice. The flooding of the triangle formed by the two rivers in the Adriatic also probably would be ineffective any German attempt to march in force against the right flank of the Italian army along the Piave. South of San Dona Di Piave and Sile and Piave rivers are very close together, and near here flood gates have been constructed to hold the rivers in check so as to protect the Venetian lagoon. On both sides of this triangle the land is at or below sea level.

THE WAR SUMMARY.

The mountains between Asiago and the Piave, on the Italian front, are under the pressure of the Teutonic invader but not brought great results. On the Asiago plateau the Italians are fighting out their line gradually. It is here that the Austro-Germans have progressed slightly. These gains, however, apparently have not been permanent.

COAL SITUATION IN THIS STATE GROWS COMPLICATED

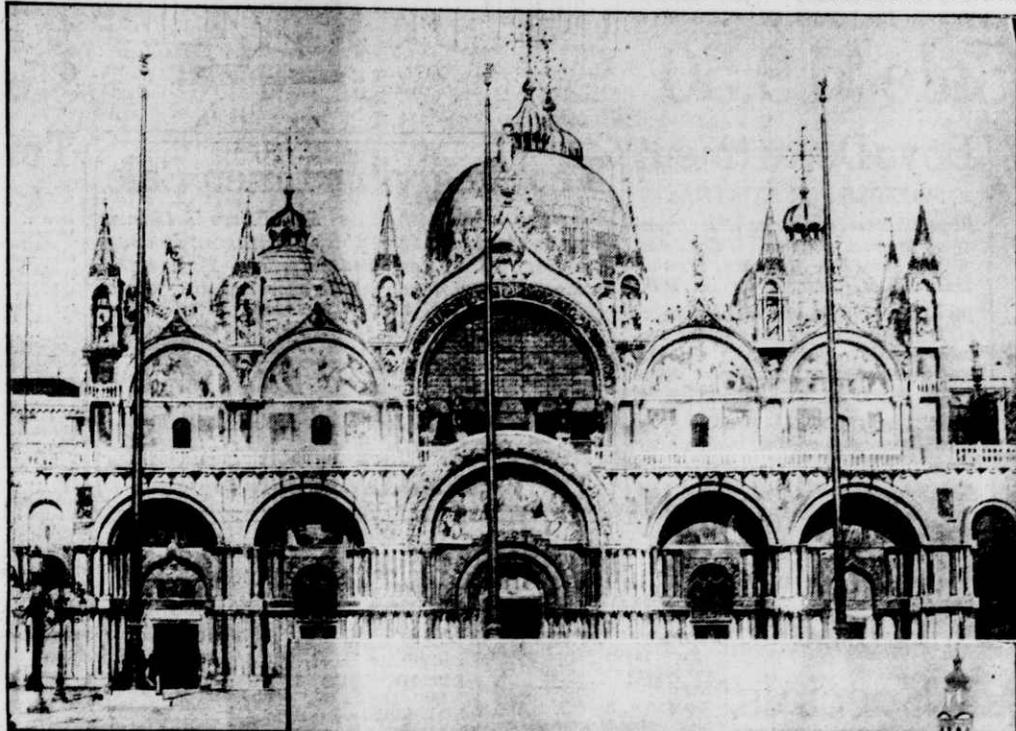
Shortage Keeps Many of the Mines Idle Large Part of Time. Swindlehurst Complain of Lack of Co-operation From Washington.

Two important developments have taken place in the Montana coal situation in the past 24 hours. The first is an alarm sent out by the Fuel Administrator Swindlehurst that Montana is facing a coal famine this winter. This threatened shortage is not due to operations at the mines but to the inability of the roads to furnish sufficient cars to the coal.

WARNING IS ISSUED TO THE HOUSEHOLDERS

Have you given serious consideration to the following facts? There is every indication of a coal shortage in Montana the coming winter. It is worth while to examine your house and overhaul your heating equipment. Weather strips, double windows, pipe coverings, clean flues and chimneys and tight fittings in ash pits, doors, dampers and furnaces will pay. Damper control is one of the chief secrets of economical heating. Clean heating surfaces are most essential, as soot is a poorer conductor of heat than asbestos. Care, attention and taking pains will be the greatest factor in saving domestic coal. Will you assist us in cutting down your consumption in every way possible? W. J. SWINDLEHURST, State Fuel Administrator.

VENICE, ART CENTER OF THE WORLD, IS AT THE EDGE OF WAR'S LATEST ZONE OF DESTRUCTION



VENICE DESERTED 140,000 OF HER PEOPLE HAVE LEFT

City May Not Be Defended by Italians to Prevent Bombardment.

ALL MOVABLE TREASURES OF ART ARE TAKEN AWAY

Famous Places of the Wonder City Are Desolate and Quiet.

Venice, Thursday, Nov. 15.—(By the associated press).—Venice is now almost empty, the population having been reduced from the usual 160,000 to 20,000. Despite the proximity of the enemy lines at the mouth of the Piave river and the unsuccessful efforts the Austro-Germans have made to take the long triangle between the mouths of the Piave and Sile rivers, the remainder of the population is calm. The city may not be defended in case of an attack, in order to spare the monuments and art treasures. The

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BRITISH STEAMER GIVEN UP FOR LOST

Was Separated From Convoy in Storm—Believed to Have Foundered.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The British steamer Kansas City is believed to have been lost at sea. Nothing has been heard of her since she was separated from her convoy in a storm on Sept. 5. The only person aboard of whom the navy has record is J. H. A. Muir, whose parents live at Roland Park, Maryland, a suburb of Baltimore. The following official statement was issued: "The navy department has received no information of the steamer Kansas City since she was reported separated from her convoy Sept. 5. She is now believed to have been lost at sea. J. H. A. Muir, first class signal man, assigned to duty on the Kansas City, next of kin is his father, John Allison Muir, 26 Maryland Road, Roland Park, Maryland."



TWO VIEWS FROM BEAUTIFUL VENICE.

The city known to travelers from all parts of the world as the gem of the Adriatic has been denuded of its treasures of sculpture and painting and wooden barriers filled with sacks of sand have been placed before the walls of many of its wonderful architectural structures to preserve them from destruction should shells from the artillery of the German and Austrian armies be directed toward the city. Magnificent edifices on whose walls are set hundreds of beautiful carvings and statues have been faced with concrete as a protection against cannon fire. The city has been practically abandoned by its inhabitants. The upper picture shows St. Mark's cathedral, one of the finest church edifices in all Italy. The lower picture, showing the gondola-studded canal, is the Rialto.

SUFFRAGE MILITANTS AND THEIR HUSBANDS AT SIXES AND SEVENS BEFORE COURT

William Kent, High Government Official, Pays Wife's Fine in Washington Police Court, But She Won't Stand for it and Insists on Taking Jail Sentence. Mrs. Harvey Wiley Refuses to Accept Services of Lawyer Engaged by Her Husband and Takes Workhouse Term Rather Than Accede to His Motion for an Appeal.

Washington, Nov. 16.—When trials of the woman's party militants for picketing the white house came up in police court today Mrs. William Kent of Kentfield, Cal., sentenced to a fine of \$25 or 15 days in the workhouse, found that her husband, a member of the tariff commission, had paid her fine. Mrs. Kent protested to the court, refusing to accept that settlement of the judgment against her and demanded that she be permitted to go to the workhouse. The court specified that the issue would be settled within four days.

When Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, wife of the pure food expert, was called for sentence she insisted on taking a workhouse term, but an attorney engaged by her husband insisted on the court granting an appeal. The court announced it could not do both and advised the lawyer to get his client to agree to some course and report later. Woman's party headquarters announced that Mrs. Wiley refused to permit filing of a bond necessary for an appeal and would begin a 15-day sentence in the workhouse at once. All the other militants recalled for sentence were given the usual short workhouse terms. Twenty-eight others now doing time in the workhouse who were to be brought into court for second offenses could not be produced as some official referred to in court as "higher up" had forbidden their removal from the workhouse.

WORRY OVER THE DRAFT CAUSE OF NURSE'S DEATH

Mrs. Ernest Jones Collapses and Dies After Taking Sleeping Potion.

A nervous wreck through fear that her husband will be drafted, Mrs. Margaret Jones, a well known professional nurse, died this afternoon after taking an overdose of a sleeping potion. The nature of the poison is not known, but City Physician Matthews, who was called when Mrs. Jones collapsed, and Coroner Lane are of the opinion that it was bromide, this being the drug Mrs. Jones has been taking lately to produce sleep. The dead woman was the wife of

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WAR SAVINGS INVESTMENTS SIMPLE AS BUYING STAMPS

Details of Plan Received by Butte Bankers. Certificates Will Pay 4 Per Cent Compound Interest and Be Exempt From Taxation.

Investment in war savings certificates, through which Uncle Sam expects to raise \$2,000,000,000 of small savings, in the year beginning Dec. 3,

41,000 EGGS SENT TO THE INCINERATOR

More Than \$3,000 Worth of Food Allowed to Spoil in This City.

HELD IN STORAGE TOO LONG IS ONLY COMMENT

Situation Similar to Chicago Potato Case Develops in Butte.

Butte's food conservation program, backed up by the pledges of more than 10,000 loyal housewives, has suffered defeat. The defeat is a \$3,000 food loss, and is represented by the burning, yesterday afternoon at the city corral, of about 41,000 eggs. With the announcement from the city hall of the incineration of the eggs comes the simple statement that the eggs were kept in cold storage too long and became spoiled. Eggs are being sold in Butte today, and were yesterday, at prices between 50 cents and 90 cents a dozen. Eggs have been selling at a price above 50 cents for months. Had 41,000 eggs been thrown upon the market, before they spoiled, it is pointed out, the price would have been affected. Butte's conserving housewives would have been able to save a few cents per dozen on eggs for a time.

Carload of Meat.

A carload of meat was thrown upon the city dump last month, "having been held too long." Seventy-two cans of cider were destroyed yesterday afternoon because it was too old. Vinegar is high in price at present. Cider can be made into vinegar after it is too old to be used as cider. From the city incinerator, of which City Street Commissioner Jerry Sullivan has charge, comes the statement that "several carloads of foodstuffs were destroyed last month."

"Seems a Shame."

Commissioner Sullivan, speaking of eggs in general and yesterday's destruction of eggs in particular.

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POPE CALLS ON THEM TO RESPECT CIVILIANS

Benedict Addresses Central Empires on Rules of International Law.

Rome, Thursday, Nov. 15.—Pope Benedict has asked the governments of the central empires to instruct their military authorities operating west of the Isonzo to follow the rules of international law in respecting the lives and property of civilians and in the prohibition of women and children, the clergy, hospitals, churches, bishops' palaces and presbyteries. The pontiff also has ordered the papal nuncios at Munich and Vienna, if necessary, to appeal personally and directly to Emperor William and Emperor Charles to obtain the fulfillment of his wishes.

PUT UP GERMAN FLAG AT BANQUET BY MISTAKE

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 16.—Some excitement was created at a banquet of the Baptist Social Union at Calvary Baptist church last night when a soldier from Fort Omaha discovered a German flag among the decorations. He promptly tore it down and it was destroyed. It was explained that those putting up the decorations did not recognize the Teuton emblem among those of other nations.

WHOLE FAMILY SLAIN BY AN AXE MURDERER

Note is Left Warning All Austrians Who Bought Liberty Bonds.

Virginia, Minn., Nov. 16.—Three persons, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ajar and a boarder, Peter Trepich, were killed last night by an axe murderer. Their bodies were found today in their home here with a note of warning to all other Austrian families in Virginia who bought Liberty bonds or subscribed to the Red Cross.

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