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VENICE

Today's war news centers in the world's most fascinating city. The latest word is ominous—the chances evidently are, at this hour, that the German forces will be able to make the capture of Venice.

The grim fact is that the Italians have been having all the worst of it in their efforts to stop the advance of the invaders. It may be that before the later bulletins in the news for today's Post are received the fate of the city that rises from the sea will be sealed.

In view of what has happened in other war zones, the world naturally contemplates with dread the results of the capture of the City of Romance, with its wealth of art and the noble monuments that are in witness of the splendors of Venetian history.

In behalf of the Italians the report has been that the French and the British failed to come to the rescue when help was needed. There are two sides to that story; the American public cannot pass intelligent opinion upon the merits of the contention.

The interesting history of Venice started fifteen centuries ago when the inhabitants along the mainland fled to the islands on which the city's foundations rest, in their flight for safety against the attacks of Attila, the greatest of all the Huns.

Fate, it was a part of Napoleon the First's kingdom of Italy. After Waterloo, in 1815, it became a part of the Lombardo-Venetian kingdom under Austria's real sovereignty.

VILLA ONCE MORE

Villa's renewed operations are injected into the current war news as a disagreeable incident. For a long time he was out of sight, and the American public was glad of it.

Villa is on the warpath again and this week's events show that he is able to make trouble for the Mexican government. They may be right who assume that back of his operations are sinister agencies which intend to make things unpleasant for ourselves.

THE LACK OF SYSTEM

The country realizes that in time of peace we ought to have made reasonable preparation for handling war finances. Congress was urged to do it, time and again.

The new congress, meeting next month, must deal with the appropriations for the fiscal year 1918-1919. To be sure, the members had some experience in the business during the recent extra session, but, after all, in the way of methodical, intelligent work, that experience amounted to next to nothing.

With the result that the session's financial work will be had at the best, and we have ourselves to blame for it. At the outset, in December, congress certainly ought to make arrangements for new methods.

LONDON AND PARIS

Promptly the newspapers in Berlin make remarks to the effect that the Lloyd George administration is a failure; one quotation in the press news from that city quotes editorial comment to the effect that the British premier has "gambled away his best stake—his following among the masses."

As far as our own country is concerned, we really were not aware that there was so much British dissatisfaction concerning administrative affairs. Our official circle may have been informed concerning it, but the public in the United States was surprised over the outbreak in London which was the sequel of Lloyd George's negotiations in Paris relative to co-ordination in the management of the war.

They certainly have the habit in London. English public opinion, in some of its phases, finds expression through the talk of men like Northcliffe, in his words or through the newspapers he owns. He has been finding fault about all the time since the war started.

Lord Northcliffe has declined an important official station offered by the premier; he says that he could not work in harmony with all the members of the Lloyd George government. That attitude solves no war problems. It may be inferred that a Northcliffe membership is the only one that would suit him.

Americans he says that if the British don't manage things better the United States will take hold and run the whole thing.

That is gratuitous. The United States has no ambition of the sort and seeks no such contract. As far as the American public is informed, the Lloyd George government was satisfactory to our administration at Washington when we entered the war, and if our cabinet is dissatisfied with conditions at London our own public is not aware of it.

To be sure, Washington may have its opinion as to the details of recent management by the British and the French. If this opinion amounts to dissatisfaction, our own public is not aware of it. In fact, the people of the United States are without particulars respecting the pending situation in London, and we are practically ignorant of the details incident to this week's ministerial breakup in Paris.

HERE AND THERE.

The allies are now busily engaged looking the Italian stable door.—Boston Transcript. Knitting sweaters will help girls, and so will cutting out the fudde.—Baltimore American.

As a general thing a man's trousers look better when he wears a long overcoat.—Galveston News. Now, if Washington wants more bone dryness, it has only to look in the Congressional Record.—Atlanta Constitution.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- NOVEMBER 15. 1764—Return J. Melis, governor of Ohio during the war of 1812, born at Middletown, Conn. Died at Marietta, O., March 29, 1852. 1776—Fort Washington, on the Hudson, captured by the British with 2,000 prisoners and artillery. 1814—Rt. Rev. Thomas Langdon Grace, Catholic bishop of St. Paul, born at Charleston, S. C. Died at St. Paul, Feb. 22, 1897. 1839—The Duke of Wellington resigned the British premiership. 1848—The independence of Cracow was extinguished and it was seized and incorporated by Austria. 1864—Having partially destroyed Atlanta and wrecked the railroad, General Sherman began his march toward the Atlantic coast. 1889—Revolution in Brazil, resulting in the deposition of the emperor and the proclamation of a republic. 1894—Over 6,000 Armenian Christians were massacred by Turks in Kurdistan. 1895—Samuel P. Smith, author of "American," died in Boston. Born there in 1838.

THE ANNIVERSARY IN THE EUROPEAN WAR

- NOVEMBER 15. 1914—New York cotton exchange reopened after 15 weeks' suspension. 1915—Reported that Greece would ask entente allies to quit Greek soil. 1916—Army of four allied nations drove German-Bulgarian forces four miles from Constantinople. Bring your watch work to I. Simon, 21 N. Main street.

CURRENT ATTRACTIONS IN BUTTE THEATERS

- AMERICAN Moving pictures: Today, Billie Burke in "The Mysterious Miss Terry." ORPHEUM Moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, Harold Lockwood in "The Hidden Spring." RIALTO Moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, Mrs. Vernon Castle in "The Mark of Cain." PEOPLES Hippodrome vaudeville: Today, Miss Gene Knight and Six Symphonic Belles and five other acts. ANSONIA Vaudeville and moving pictures: Today, "For the Freedom of the World"; tomorrow, Pantages vaudeville.

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ODD EVENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS

FAMILY TREE IN WINDOW.

Ada, Miss.—The Klinger family tree is on exhibition in a local show window, giving the ancestry of that family from 1785 to the present time.

OLDEST BELL HOP.

Missoula, Mont.—Henry Frenzel, 56 years of age and a bellhop in a local hotel, believes his 36 years of service in that capacity entitles him to designation as the oldest bellhop in the United States. He says he has carried luggage for many celebrities including King Alfonso of Spain.

COMPASSIONATE MURDERER

Cincinnati, O.—Mrs. Minerva Conner, 62, was shot and killed while asleep at 8 o'clock in the morning by her daughter, Edith, 40, an artist. The tragedy was not discovered until Miss Conner called at the police headquarters and told her story.

MAN'S POWERS WANING.

Minneapolis.—John Seim went to the workhouse for 30 days because he struck his 65-year-old mother, Mrs. Rosen Seim, 712 Tenth street South, for not having his breakfast on the table when he arose.

LUKE M'LUKE SAYS

Copyright, 1916, Cincinnati Enquirer. Lots of people who are not color blind can't tell black from white when it comes to a lie.

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RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason. There's much, on this Thanksgiving, we should be grateful for, although we now are living beneath the shade of war.

THANKSGIVING.

There's much, on this Thanksgiving, we should be grateful for, although we now are living beneath the shade of war. Though we may push the dagger in fomen, to the hilt, when from the scrap we stagger, there'll be no sense of guilt.

CHARGES BY EYE WITNESSES

By E. E. Harriman of The Vigilantes. I told my friend, Mr. M., of the U. S. Secret Service, that I had just been informed that certain papers had retracted the charge made against German soldiers of cutting off the hands of children.

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