

For the First Business Saturday of the New Year

VENICE GREATLY CHANGED BY WAR

Broad Lagoons and Canals Have Air of Martial and Naval Preparation

FEW GONDOLAS ARE USED

Bomb Raids Have Terrorized and Damaged Quaint Old City

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Venice, Dec. 23. — Take a gondola for a trip through the Grand Canal during these war days, and one sees many changes in the center of interest well known to travelers and readers—the war-dress of the homes of Lord Byron and the composer Wagner, of the poet Browning and the American writer W. D. Howells, the romantic palace where Desdemona waited for Othello, and further along, in the market quarter near the Rialto bridge, the house of Shylock, the quaint building standing there unchanged to-day but now used as a butcher's shop where a lusty Italian butcher exacts Shylock war prices of 90 cents a kilo for the pounds of flesh dealt over the counter.

Starting from the quay San Marco, the broad lagoons entering the Grand Canal have an air of martial and naval preparation rather than the usual carnival aspect which marks this center. The quays are lined with soldiers and sailors, and the gondolas are carrying great loads of war supplies back and forth, and transporting troops and marines from point to point while the launches fire darts in and out among the gondolas.

Ordinarily there are 2,600 gondolas in regular service—600 private and 2,000 public—but only a very few of these remain in use owing to the terror inspired by the bomb raids. Most of the wealthy residents have hurriedly left for the South, and there are no tourists to make use of the public gondolas. Only one first-class hotel remains open, and half of it is given over to a hospital for the wounded brought in from the nearby fighting lines.

All in War Trappings

Entering the Grand Canal, the great domes of Santa Maria della Salute stand out on the left, but always with their war trappings, for here is located the headquarters of the army Red Cross, where most of the work of the field hospitals is regulated. The palace Venier next to the church is similarly used for army hospital administration, and the Red Cross flags are flying everywhere, as a warning of immunity from bomb raids. Further up the canal on the right is the house of Desdemona. Just what Desdemona did in her day is a matter of tradition and Shakespearian romance. Now the old palace is occupied by a rich merchant family who have fled to the South; the curtains are drawn, the lower windows guarded by steel shutters, and the gardens neglected.

On the left of the Canal is a row of palaces often occupied by prominent American families. Two of these, the palace Balbi-Valler and the Polignac—are closed and closely shuttered, while most of the others in the quarter are partially abandoned. Opposite this group is the palace Falier, where W. B. Howells lived while he wrote his scenes from Venetian life. It is one of the ten places still showing life and activity, and the well-kept gardens are full of flowers which hang into the canals flanking it in front and along one side. Just across the Grand Canal is the palace Rezzonico where Robert Browning lived and died. Usually this is a very quiet quarter, with crowds of gondolas passing, and the palaces alive with brilliant entertainment. But now all is silent and lugubrious, and the few gondolas creep along like Indian canoes on a deserted river.

Artists Give Touch

One touch of life has been given to this quarter by some American artists who have pulled down an old palace and built a very showy front, reaching down to the water. The bright yellow and red are in marked contrast with the somber palaces all around. The military escort accompanying the party pointed out an abandoned garden with a fine old palace built only to the first story.

"There is a story there," said the military escort. "That palace was built by a son of one of the Doges. But the son got to gambling, lost all his money, and mortgaged the palace yet unfinished. And so the old Doge ordered that the house should be abandoned, and never again started, as an everlasting warning against gambling. And there it stands to-day, after four hundred years, just as it stood when it was stopped, still giving it warning."

Further along on the left, is the gray stone building used as the Austrian Embassy until Italy declared war against Austria. The flagstaff which used to bear the Austrian colors, stretches over the canal, but the place is deserted. Up a side canal is the former German Embassy, also deserted. They were two of the most active centers of entertainment and official exchange during peace times.

In front of the German Embassy dresses are now at work clearing up the side canal. This is a mammoth work, done every 20 years in the Grand Canal, and every 20 years in the side canals. The present absence of traffic has given opportunity for this scouring. Great masses of black mud are brought up and carried out to sea. All the sewage of Venice empties into these canals, but the tides of the Adriatic sweep out the sewage and keep the city in a reasonably healthy condition.

In the market section of the city the Grand Canal shows its usual activity, with the head and vegetable markets surrounded by boats and crowded with customers. Venice has recently finished a veritable palace for its fish market, and the military escort told how this has come about.

"The queen came here about five years ago," said he. "She was shown the beauties of the Grand Canal, and admired them greatly—all except the old fish market. She declared that was a blot and a scandal. And so the city decided to spend a million francs for a new market. And yet, the queen has never since come here to see this building erected to meet her taste, and Venice is beginning to ask whether it was really worth while to spend so much money to meet a woman's whim."

Rialto bridge is the very heart of the busy merchant quarter. This famous bridge is the only one known to have been made stronger by increasing its weight. It began to crack at the outset, and the architect said add more weight.

STATE PROBING ALL DISMISSALS

Pittsburgh Incidents Will Be Taken Up by the Compensation Board Soon

James W. Leech, of the State Compensation Board, and Commissioner John Price Jackson, of the State Department of Labor and Industry, are probing the case of employes discharged by the Jones & Laughlin Steel Co., because they were bad risks under the new workmen's compensation act, Referee T. J. Dunn announced at Pittsburgh yesterday, and added that the matter is now out of his hands.

Referee Dunn said: "The State Department, as I understand its plans, wants to see this law operated justly and fairly, but without conflicts. It is recognized that much depends upon the decision as to what will likely be a number of similar cases crop out under the act."

The discharges brought out a number of interesting questions, under the act, Mr. Dunn said. He said the State would object, for instance, to exempting a company from carrying workmen's compensation insurance in private companies or the State fund which would assume all risks, and then permit a company applying its own insurance to discriminate in the risks it assumes.

"Either under the act or by not coming under it, an employe cannot release his employer from paying damages in case of accident," said the referee. "All employes come under the workmen's compensation act unless they specially apply to Harrisburg for exemption before an accident occurs. It is highly improbable that a company which accepts the act would engage an employe who did not, but even then the employe could not waive damages."

He would fall back on the common law, in which case, should an accident happen, his employer would be deprived of the old common law defenses, and the employe could readily recover damages if he were injured.

Farm Prices Will Be Given a Study

Officials of the State Department of Agriculture are planning to make some studies to find out why prices for the staple agricultural products differ so widely in various sections of the State and it is likely that the inquiry will result in some suggestions for the farm advisors who have been preaching co-operative marketing, buying and selling methods to the farmers. In the last year the State officials have paid close attention to the prices secured for the most important crops and the range has been surprising. Potatoes, for instance, were sold at an average of \$1.10 per bushel in Cameron county and at from 95 cents to \$1 in northern tier counties, while in industrial Allegheny county the price was 84 cents and in Adams and Fulton and other southern tier counties some farmers sold at about sixty cents and the average was 63. The wheat crop in Montgomery and other eastern counties was anywhere from \$1.05 to \$1.14 and in some counties farmers took as low as \$1, although the average was better than that. Another wide range was noticed in the apple crop. In the Adams county apple belt the price was down to 58 cents a bushel, while in Warren county, which is up near the country where they specialize in grapes the price was an average of \$1.05. In other counties in the northwest the

HAS ROOM FOR TRAMPS

Special to the Telegraph. Marietta, Jan. 7. — Henry Heft, a farmer, residing on the Adamstown pike, for many years has kept tally on the number of tramps he has fed and lodged, and during the past year, he entertained nearly 600 of them. He has a separate room in his barn, in which he lodges them, and is never bothered with losing anything. Many do work for him, and stay for several days at a time. He has never been abused in any manner.

BOWMAN-SCHOLL NUPTIALS

Special to the Telegraph. Halifax, Pa., Jan. 7. — Miss Myrtle Freda Scholl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin P. Scholl, of Halifax township, and Clayton Sylvester Bowman, of Berryburg, were quietly married yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of the Reformed Salem Church, Harrisburg, by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Ellis N. Kremer, who used the ring ceremony.

Shirts

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TROUT PLANTED IN STATE CREEKS

Large Number Put Out in the Month of November by the Fisheries Men

The Pennsylvania Department of Fisheries distributed during the month of November to the number of 217,000, these trout being planted in various parts of the Commonwealth and reports of the condition in which they were received were very flattering and encouraging. The work demonstrates that the distribution of trout in the yearling stage is the most practical way to get results. Commissioner Buller is very much encouraged with the reports.

The Erie hatchery sent to the Union City hatchery during November 21,440,000 white fish eggs to be hatched and 505,000 herring eggs. Other fish distributed were: Tadpoles, 24,000; adult catfish, 700; yearling sunfish, 18,000; yearling catfish, 100; adult sunfish, 300; river minnows, 2,000; yearling yellow perch, 765, and 5 adult sturgeon.

Commissioner Buller is using every available man on the pollution work and now has twelve men making surveys of the various streams and sending in reports to the Department daily. Prints are sent to the manufacturer and the Department expects to get the entire State covered before Spring and at that time the work of installing the filter system will be started under the direction of the Department's men.

WHY WE NEED THE NAVAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Experimental or development work is necessarily expensive, but our experience in the past would seem to warrant us in believing that it is better to spend money in trying out and perfecting devices for naval service rather than to depend upon the natural course of events during which developments take place slowly through other sources, and in the end individuals or other nations get the benefits that might accrue to this Government. We have only to cite two recent cases of importance—the submarine and the aeroplane—to realize that the American navy would have been far more advanced had the Government taken up through its own physical station the early inventions of Holland and the Wrights. It is work of this kind that can best be done through a large and well equipped physical laboratory un-

Young Widow Receives \$3,000,000 Left by Actor



MRS. JOSEPH MURPHY, New York, Jan. 7. — The thirty-two year old widow of Joseph L. Murphy, the famous comedian of "Kerry Gow" fame who died last week will probably inherit the \$3,000,000 fortune left by the actor. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy had been married but seven years. The actor was seventy-seven when he died and his widow is thirty-two. She was his leading woman when he fell in love with her and married her. Their home life had been a model of domestic happiness despite the difference in their ages.

der the control of the Government. The man who has had more experience in this line than any other and has achieved a greater success is undoubtedly Mr. Edison. The proposed plan for this research station is his. His greatest work has been acquired through research and experiment. Before he invented the storage battery he tried more than ten thousand experiments, always aiming at a certain result, which he finally achieved. The General Electric Company have found it of the utmost value to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in research work. It has paid to do it, and why should we hesitate to follow the same lines in protecting and strengthening the greatest and richest of nations. The proposed physical research laboratory, even at the maximum figures placed by Mr. Edison—five million dollars, represents only about one-third the cost of a large battle ship. Is it not best to first make sure that we are building this ship right, and in advance of the practice of other nations, rather than plunge forward at large expense and in the end discover costly mistakes? America has long been the birth place of the greatest inventions. Let us utilize this creative force in increasing the safety, strength and efficiency of the nation.—W. L. Saunders, in the Engineering Magazine for November.

FAIR ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

Perry County Agricultural Association Holds Meeting in Newport

Newport, Pa., Jan. 7. — The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Perry County Agricultural Society was held in the borough building yesterday morning. After hearing the various reports of the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, T. H. Butturff, Newport; vice-presidents, Dr. F. A. Gutshall, Blain; H. E. Rhinesmith, Bloomfield; William Kuntler, Buffalo; J. M. McKee, Center; W. J. Harter, Greenswood; John R. Deckard, Howe; Clark M. Bower, Jackson; T. W. Tressler, Juniata; Steve Shuler, Liverpool; James A. Wright, Liverpool township; W. C. Garber, Madison; E. B. Leiby, Marysville; N. Graham, Newport; J. M. Barrick, Oliver; Fred Smith, Penn; Samuel Arnold, Sandy Hill; John A. Barnes, Saville; John A. Bower,

Spring; Thomas Kreamer, Tuscarora; Samuel Ebert, Tyrone; Mrs. S. R. Zeigler, Wheatfield; secretary, J. C. F. Stephens, Newport; treasurer, J. Emery Fleisher; managers, M. L. Ritter, S. D. Myers, J. W. Sunday, William G. Loy, W. W. Potter and Dr. J. H. McCulloch; auditors, Gilbert H. Frank, George P. Bistline and Charles F. Hoke; member of State Board of Agriculture, Clark M. Bower, Blain; assistant manager of farmers' institutes, John L. Snyder, Newport; delegates to State College, the Rev. William Stewart, T. H. Butturff and John A. Bower, Landisburg; delegates to the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, Abram Bower, New Bloomfield; John A. Bower, Landisburg, and Isalah E. Mitchell, Newport.

K & E Blouse For Boys

It's a manly garment—every boy who wears it dresses himself. There's no need to bother father or worry mother; he takes care of himself while dressing.

And wear? Every garment is inspected 14 separate times for flaws—a guarantee against imperfections. Variety of colors and patterns all priced at **50c**

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Broad Street Market

With additional floor space, giving you greater variety and fresher and better goods, without the usual congestion of the morning's market and consequently better service to you and more satisfactory attention.

Open Saturday Evening

From 4 to 10 P. M.

Morning market conducted as usual, but doors are closed from 12 noon until 4 P. M. to re-stock with a fresh supply of produce, meats, etc.

West Harrisburg Market House Company

Third and Broad Streets

Robinson's January Clearance Sale

1/2 Price Rummage Sale

Here's a true, old-fashioned Rummage Sale. Everything in piece goods you can think of. These remnants have been laid aside and hoarded up for months in preparation for this sale.

ONE-HALF PRICE OR LESS IS THE CLEARANCE SALE RULE

\$1.00 BLACK DRESS GOODS 50c
Plain, checks, stripes and plaids, 42 to 48 inches wide. Clearance Sale Price 50c
75c TO \$1.00 PLAIDS AND NOVELTY GOODS 39c
Black and white checks, stripes and novelty effects. 39c
\$1.25 TO \$1.39 PUSSY WILLOW TAFFETAS \$1.00
36 inches wide; blacks and all colors.

Men's Furnishings

50c BLUE CHAMBRAY WORK SHIRTS—Men's heavy weight Work Shirts, in all sizes from 14 1/2 to 17. Full cut, very well made; Clearance Sale Price **39c**
39c BLUE CHAMBRAY WORK SHIRTS—Men's sizes from 14 1/2 to 17. Sale Price **29c**
10c MEN'S CANVAS GLOVES; a pair **5c**
\$1.00 MEN'S HEAVY WORK GLOVES—Both gauntlet and plain makes; some fireproof. Clearance Sale Price **75c**

12 1/2c MEN'S COTTON HOSE—Both light lisle and heavy cotton, in black and colors; 60 dozen to be sold during this sale at, a pair **6 1/2c**

Domestics

50c Bleached Sheets; 81x90 29c
10c Outing Flannel 6 1/2c
7c Unbleached Shaker Flannel 4c
25c 10-4 Unbleached Sheeting 17c
8c and 10c Dress Gingham 5c
\$1.00 Lace and Scrim Curtains 59c
\$1.50 Spreads, extra size \$1.19
10c Absorbent Toweling; 1,000 yds. for this clearance sale 8 1/2c
25c Table Oil Cloth, 45 inches wide; in neat patterns 12 1/2c

\$1.00 Cotton Blankets **75c**
Extra large size, in grays, tans and white; some mill damages; Clearance Sale Price 75c

\$2.69 Woolnap Blankets, at **\$1.98**
Largest size, wool finish Blankets, in gray only; Clearance Sale Price, **\$1.98**

BARGAIN BASEMENT

19c Sale of Enamel Ware
White and white ware; also gray enamel ware; 6-qt. Lipped Saucepans, 10-qt. Basins, Potato Rollers, with lids; Pudding Pans, Mixing Bowls, etc.; 25 to 39c values.

29c Sale of Enamel Ware
Large Pails, 8-qt. Berlin Kettles and Saucepans with white enamel lids, white enamel chambers, white enamel and gray enamel pieces that originally sold up to 50c.

January Clearing of All Winter Coats and Suits

\$20 SUITS **\$7.50**
25 suits for women and misses, were formerly \$15 to \$20—late winter models.

\$25 SUITS **\$12.50**
Broadcloth and poplin suits—many fur trimmed—in all the wanted colors.

\$7.50 COATS **\$3.75**
Stylish checks and zibelines.

\$12.50 COATS **\$7.50**
Fine satin belted models and plain tailored effects.

\$25.00 PLUSH COATS **\$17.50**
Genuine "Salt's Plush"—handsomely lined.

Underwear

50c LADIES' PANTS—Ankle length, fleece lined PANTS; small sizes only; Clearance Price **25c**
\$1.50 LADIES' PANTS—All wool, ankle length, odd sizes. Clearance Price **98c**

Men's Underwear

\$1.00 MEN'S SHIRTS AND DRAWERS—Gray Wool Underwear—all sizes, including extra large sizes. Clearance Sale Price **69c**
a garment; \$1.25 a suit of two.

50c MEN'S SHIRTS AND DRAWERS—Heavy fleece lined Underwear, brown color—all sizes. Clearance Sale Price **39c**

25c CHILDREN'S HOSIERY—Fine ribbed Hose; in most all sizes. Clearance **19c**

25c CHILDREN'S GLOVES—Fleece lined Gloves, in gray, brown and navy; small sizes. Clearance Price **19c**

\$1.00 LADIES' GLOVES—\$1.00 Cape Gloves, in tan only; also ladies' light weight Kid Gloves, in black, white and tan. Clearance Price **79c**

Clearance of Shoes

\$3.00 to \$5.00 Shoes **\$2.45**
Extra high cut tan and black Shoes; also about four dozen cloth top Shoes; both colored and black; with gun metal and patent leather vamps, button and lace; also three different styles of Gypsy Cut Boots in neat kid and vel; all sizes. Clearance Sale Price **\$2.45**

\$3.50 Shoes **\$1.95**
Regular cut Russia calf, gun metal and patent coltskin Shoes. Goodyear welted and hand turned soles. Both button and lace; all sizes. Clearance Sale Price **\$1.95**

\$2.00 to \$3.50 Evening Slippers **75c**
Black and fancy colored suede and satin evening Slippers, with and without straps and ornaments.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Xmas Slippers **98c**
Our yearly after Xmas sale of Slippers clears up nearly everything at this one price **98c**

\$1.50 Boys' Heavy Work Shoes **98c**
From sizes 2 to 5 1/2—only—made of heavy black kangaroo leather—heavily stitched soles.

Clearance Sale of Women's Waists

50c Percale Waists, colored stripes **39c**
\$1.00 Flannel Waists, solid color **50c**
\$1.00 to \$1.50 White Linen Waists, stiff collar **50c**

\$1.25 and \$1.50 White Linen Waists **88c**
\$3.50 and \$3.98 Crepe de Chine and Georgette Waists, white, flesh, gray, blue; Clearance Sale Price **\$1.98**

\$1.00 Cotton Blankets **75c**
Extra large size, in grays, tans and white; some mill damages; Clearance Sale Price 75c

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Largest size, wool finish Blankets, in gray only; Clearance Sale Price, **\$1.98**