



at Pensione Calina, Venezia, Italy.
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We are continuing to have a lovely
time here. Yesterday we went to see the
famous lock town in the Piazza
St. Marco (first out of this picture on the left)
(left) & saw part of the palace of the
Doge. On the right of the picture you see
base of the Bell Tower - a huge structure
that dominates the city. San Marco has
wonderful mosaics in its roof nearly all
perfectly preserved - you see some here
outside in the five lower arches, in the
centre the last Judgement. Immediately
over the topmost arch in the middle is the
one-winged lion, symbol of St. Mark. You
also see him on top of one of the ceremonial
flag poles in the foreground. Yesterday afternoon
we visited the "Arsenal" from where the great
fleets of Venice used to sail. It has a most
impressive entrance with big lions outside.
Part of the dock is used as a modern arsenal
for naval stores & also as a dock for big warships
and we were not allowed in this part. In the
evening after having coffee at a cafe next to
the Rialto Bridge we went for a lovely ride
in a VENEZIA gondola round the quiet
waters of Venice, down the Canal Grande and
up the Canal della Giudecca to our own doorstep.
The Church of Redentore opposite our pension was
closed for the great festa for which thousands of peasants
flocked into the city. Home from that at 3.30 am.



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