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## FLOODS FOLLOW DANUBE THAW

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Much of the lower part of Passau is under water. This ancient town of 34,000 people stands at the confluence of the Danube and the Rivers Inn and Ilz. When the ice broke the Danube flowed 17-feet above normal level. The old Max Bridge was in danger.

400 houses are flooded; many more will be affected if the river continues to rise. Already 1500 people have had to leave their homes. Passau has been a German bishopric for more than a 1200 years. It stands near the Austrian frontier, and many times in its history has seen its ancient streets deep under water; an historical fact of no consolation to the present inhabitants. The damage they suffer can be imagined. Their greatest hope now is that the river will go down.

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