

TO WAGE BATTLES OFF GERMAN SOIL

Kaiser's Army, Staff Major Says, Is Following Set Programme.

HE DEFENDS MARCH INTO BELGIUM

Ritter Ridicules Charge That Troops Operate in Close Formation—Sees Success.

A defence of German military methods, together with a detailed description of the manner in which the Germans attempted to take Liege, has been written by Major Ulrich Ritter, of the German General Staff.

Major Ritter came to America several weeks ago on the liner George Washington to study railroad transportation in this country from a military standpoint. He left Germany some time before Austria issued her ultimatum to Serbia.

It is generally believed that Ritter, foreseeing the war, sent Major Ritter to this country to become acquainted with the American method of moving troops.

Major Ritter's statement, in part, follows: The severe criticism of German operations, especially at the seat of war in Belgium, on the part of the American newspapers is based on the impressions gained by people that have not been trained in military matters.

The greatest astonishment was caused by the report that German soldiers had been killed wholesale because they fought in "closed ranks," and from this statement the deduction was made that the German soldiers still adhere to the tactics of Frederick the Great, and have not learned anything in the mean time.

It would have been military suicide for Germany, disregarding the neutrality of the "Little Kingdom," had not opened operations against the military forts immediately before the French could do so.

Soldiers are now massed along the entire line from Belfort practically to the North Sea, and the two armies are facing each other, but they are facing each other not on German soil, but on Belgian soil and in France, so that the great battles will be fought in German territory.

Sees Teuton Against East. One point that has not been emphasized in any of the reports, reviews and correspondence up to this time, but that strengthens the argument of German sentiment that this is essentially a war of Asiatic barbarism against Teutonic civilization, is that England has combined her forces with those of the Slav, and has endeavored to draw Japan, a Mongolian nation, into this affair, seemingly with success.

Japan appears to be taking the aggressive against Germany in her Asiatic possessions, which is the introduction of Japan to the present stage of European politics.

The vanguard of the German army of the north, which was supposed to push through Belgian territory, aiming for the modern fortresses of Liege, was engaged in battles lasting several days. The heavy German artillery arrived only after the operations had begun, because the German soldiers had moved too quickly. Even with this handicap the German loss in storming so formidable a fortified place as Liege, as given out by reliable sources, is estimated at from 4,000 to 5,000, although the enemy reported as high as 25,000.

Disregarding the tremendous difficulties, and alive only to its duty, the vanguard of the German army, which attacked Liege, took the city and obtained possession of the greater part of the fortifications.

It is not strange that observers were astonished at two reports written by civilians that the Germans had attacked the Belgians at Liege in close formation. These reports caused the remark that Germany had learned nothing and had not improved her tactics since Frederick the Great. What actually happened was that in storming a fortification in a circle of 5,000 yards, in advancing this circle narrowed down gradually as they progressed, until at 200 yards they were in close formation. Hence it can easily be understood that ultimately they had to fight practically solid lines.

"Success Is Assured." The besieging artillery arrived in the meantime, and started effective operations against the fortifications, took a greater part of them, and now it is only a matter of a few days until complete German success is assured.

The army of the North to-day occupies the Meuse and its vanguard is occupying a line between Diest and Namur. These vanguards consist not only of detachments of cavalry and of field guns, but also of machine guns. Gradual progress

is being made all along the line, but if a detachment finds itself outnumbered it evades an engagement. It is not the business of the vanguard to fight, but to reconnoitre and to inform the main army of the whereabouts of the enemy. These tactics have given rise to the frequent reports of Belgian victories.

The mobilization of the German army was effected in the most precise manner. Everywhere, from north to south, the vanguard of the German army is meeting the enemy—but on French soil.

If the mobilization of the French active as depicted in the Parisian newspapers and in the New York army were really so excellent and efficient, why were not the horrors of war carried to German soil?

All cutter forts of Longwy have already fallen, German vanguards are near Montmédy, Pont-a-Mousson and Lunéville. All Belgian fortresses were constructed by French engineers. The French acted as military engineers to the Belgians in all important matters. Would it not have been military suicide for Germany to wait for the French to occupy Belgium?

Strong French detachments took possession of Alsace on August 10, after having successfully made their way through the passes of the Vosges and overpowered the German vanguard at Mulhausen. A glance at the war map will show that the defence of these passes was impossible, since Belfort, according to the treaty of Frankfurt, was left in the hands of the French.

Points to Germany's Preparedness. "Mulhausen, Germany's stronghold of the south," is in reality an unprotected city, the German fortifications being across the Rhine. After the French had made themselves at home in Alsace and the mourning that had hung on the bronze statue in the Place de la Concorde for forty-four years had been torn down, the 14th Baden Corps started its attack. Fifteen hundred French prisoners were made, four cannon taken and a report of great loss to the enemy confirmed. And, even if this big German victory should be of no importance in the further development of the war and in no way decisive, it serves as a good illustration of German tactics and their preparedness to meet emergencies.

From well informed quarters assurance comes that the Austrian crack corps, the picked sons of the Tyrolean Mountains, will join the left wing of the German army to show the world that it is ready to defend Teutonia.

Shortly after the south wing of the army will begin offensive operations. The advance is steady, but the big decisions that are expected from the central army will not be made for a few days.

While the operations of the land forces are being slowly but surely directed to carry out far-reaching purposes and activities, the German fleet has made movements significant for the final outcome.

Insistent reports have been spread that a flotilla of German torpedo boats attacked four or five English Dreadnoughts, with the result that two of the English cruisers were sunk. The captain of the Danish steamer Hulda Maerks saw the masts on the Humber, near Hull, and judged they were parts of German ships. But if they were really German good news would not have been kept back by England.

Believes England Lost Ships. It is more than plausible that the first—and never contradicted—report of the actual occurrence was true, and not given out by England, who feared that her prestige as the foremost sea power of the world would be greatly damaged thereby.

There is a precedent for this, established in a similar case during the Russo-Japanese War. Japan guarded its good news, would not have been known until after the war, that one of her best warships had been sunk by the Russians on the very first day of hostilities.

Not satisfied to have won as the confederates against Teutonia in Europe, all militant Slav nations, England is looking for an ally in the Far East, among the sworn enemies of Western culture. She succeeded in inducing Japan to make preparations to attack Kiao-Tschau, the German colony in Asia. Just to impress the nations of the Far East with England's "allmightiness" among the world's powers, the small German detachments which will defend the colonies must be overpowered by Mongolians.

Or does even the most patriotic of Englishmen believe that the devastation of the small colonies in Asia will have a decisive influence on the war in Europe?

O. M. JACKSON ARRESTED

Realty Man, Accused of Plot, Taken in Oregon.

District Attorney Whitman was informed yesterday that Olin M. Jackson, former treasurer of the Jackson Brothers Realty Company, with offices at 507 Fifth st., had been arrested in Grant's Pass, Ore. Jackson is under indictment for conspiracy and grand larceny in connection with the sale of real estate on Long Island.

His brother, Edward E. Jackson, was indicted for the same offense and on his first trial was convicted, but has been granted a new trial and is out on bail.

Two Held for Car Death.

Herman Weiss, fifteen years old, of 25 First st., Elizabeth, who was hurt by a car in Broad st., Newark, on Thursday, died yesterday in the Newark City Hospital from a fractured skull.

William Lloyd, of 168 Smith st., Elizabeth, conductor of the car, and Anker Karsberg, of 1033 William st., Elizabeth, the motorman, were held in \$1,000 bail each, on a charge of manslaughter.

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WOMEN TO MEET REFUGEES' SHIPS

Mayor's Committee Organizes Special Reception Department.

GERMAN TOURISTS IN U. S. IN TROUBLE

Have Letters of Credit, but Cannot Get Cash on Account of War Conditions.

Mayor Mitchell's committee for the relief of Americans stranded in Europe, working with the women's department of the National Civic Federation, has organized a special department to care for women refugees arriving here.

A representative of the department will meet all incoming liners.

The department was organized in response to a cable request from the women's branch of the London Relief Committee for American Refugees for a strong committee in New York to cooperate with it. Headquarters will be at the executive offices of the National Civic Federation, 162 West 40th st.

Mrs. Lindsay Van Rensselaer has been made secretary of the new organization. Others affiliated with it are Mrs. Lindon W. Bates, chairman; Miss Maude Wetmore, Miss Caroline Shippen and Mrs. Rogers H. Bacon.

Word has been received that John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University; Mrs. Hibben and their children, who have been traveling on the Continent, are safe at St. Moritz, in Switzerland. The message was received by William N. Davidson, a brother of Mrs. Hibben.

The members of the Travel Study Tour to Germany, composed of students of New York University, have also been found. The party left Cologne on Sunday, August 2. Some of the members are Mrs. J. J. Tamm and Mrs. R. R. Worden and Miss Anna F. Mullay, of Chicago, reached New York on Thursday on the Philadelphia. The others are now on the way on the Laconia and the New Amsterdam.

The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company has advised from its London and Paris offices that the requirements of American travelers at the present time are being met. Its shipment of gold by the Lusitania is providing for payments in London pending the arrival of the Tennessee.

Meanwhile German tourists in America are experiencing some of the difficulties encountered by Americans abroad, as letters of credit on German banks are not being honored in America at present. A number of wealthy Germans registered at the Chicago German Consulate yesterday. They had letters of credit, but could not obtain cash.

Contributions amounting to \$1,647.50 were received yesterday by Jacob H. Schiff, treasurer of the New York State board of the American Red Cross, for the European fund. The total contributions are now \$2,411. Yesterday's gifts were:

Edward R. Harbison.....\$1,000.00
H. Fulton Cutting.....500.00
Miss Mary Lou Livingston.....200.00
Mrs. J. J. Tamm.....100.00
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Total.....\$1,647.50

Contributions may be sent to Jacob H. Schiff, treasurer, either to the Red Cross office, 130 East 22d st., or 32 William st.

BELGIANS ASKED TO DEFEND SOIL

Proclamation of Bishops Was Issued Two Days Before German Invasion.

Belgian papers received in this country yesterday contain the formal proclamation of the Catholic Church to the people of Belgium, dated two days prior to the invasion of the German army.

The proclamation is signed by Archbishop De Smet, of Mechlin, and by the Bishops of Liege, Namur, Tournai and Bruges. It calls on the Belgian people to resist in every way the violation of their neutrality.

"The hour is a solemn one. August, unpeopled almost stops the natural pulsations of the hearts of our dear people. Wives, mothers, the brave, take leave of their loyal sons with tears filling their eyes.

"But let us be of good heart, brethren. Belgium's brave sons have renounced their firm step toward our frontiers to guard an innocent nation. They are determined to defend with their very lives this Belgian soil of ours from devastation, to save this holy nation from those to whom it rightly belongs.

"Let us support them, then, with all our hearts and all our souls in this solemn hour for Belgium. Let us remember these brave men who have renounced first of us to defend our altars and our firesides.

"In our name and that of our people we send them this day our profound sympathy. May it be to them a consolation in the time of uncertainty.

"For those of us who must remain

FOREIGN TRADE CHANCE BIG FOR ELECTRICAL EXPORTER

War and Isolation of Germany Gives Dealer Opportunity in South America, Says Authority—Business Methods Will Have To Be Changed.

The war, particularly in the fact that it has resulted in the isolation of Germany, provides an unexcelled opportunity for American exporters of electrical appliances to establish a larger trade abroad, according to an article in "The Electrical World."

G. F. Lemon, a dealer who is in touch with the situation, said yesterday that American exporters, if they desired to hold this trade at the end of the war, would be obliged to change their business methods.

"The method of the German manufacturer," said Mr. Lemon, "has been to train a youth with no other end in view than that of acquiring the desired trade. He is taught the language of the country, its banking laws and business methods. Representatives of German houses in South America have had that advantage over us from the start.

"Furthermore, the banks of Germany, and also of England, have extensive banking connections in South America. The purchases made in this note for the required amount in the

local bank, and it may be for any length of time. The American, not having that connection, must ask the customer to cable the amount of the purchase. This money passes through the hands of a broker, and the broker's percentage is an additional reason why Americans cannot compete.

"Moreover, the American dealer has fallen into the habit of reporting the article that he is unable to sell here. The American house usually sends what is wanted if it can, otherwise it sends something else and forgets all about it. The German goes to great pains to find the particular article desired and to supply it and more like it."

Our electrical export trade of last year amounted to \$20,000,000, says "The Electrical World," and should be \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000 during the war year. The countries unaffected by the war have been our best customers, according to the article, thus throwing open to American dealers the countries that have hitherto purchased their supplies largely from Germany and England.

PUTS FAITH IN ZEPPELINS

Critic Believes German Dirigibles Will Triumph in War.

T. R. MacMachen, president of the Aeronautical Society, said yesterday afternoon that the German dirigible balloons, especially the Zeppelins, would in all probability prove a deciding factor in the war.

Mr. MacMachen spoke at the luncheon of the presidents and vice-presidents of the Eastern division of the International Association of Rotary Clubs at the Imperial Hotel. He said that Germany has twenty-four Zeppelin airships, each capable of lifting forty tons, and with regular lighting apparatus, each could go in the air with four and a half tons of ammunition. With the accuracy with which aerial torpedoes can be dropped on the enemy's battleships, the torpedoes dropped from a Zeppelin would tear clean through any deck.

Aeroplanes have already proved their value for scouting purposes, but cannot compete with the Zeppelin, he said.

GERMANS HERE TO GIVE WAR NEWS

Press Bureau Just Opened to Supply Authentic Information.

A German press bureau, where authentic and official German news will be given out daily, has been opened by the German-American Chamber of Commerce at 11 Broadway. All official communications from the German Embassy at Washington will be issued through this headquarters, and will be given news obtainable from German sources.

A private message was received by wireless yesterday from Berlin, reading: "Everything quiet in Germany. Don't believe distorted news." The message was to the source of the information as to the source of the message was refused, but it was said to be official.

A letter was received from the State Department yesterday by the German Commerce Chamber acknowledging the protest of August 6 against the placing of a ban on transatlantic cables and asserting that the department had under consideration the method, if any, by which the cables should be controlled.

Secretary Makes Protest.

Heinrich Charles, secretary of the chamber, wired in reply: "Yours of August 13 received. Why should the wireless stations at Sayville, Long Island, be run under censorship while the department has under consideration the general question? We must respectfully protest against this apparent continued discrimination."

The first protest of the chamber was sent to President Wilson on August 6, pointing out that while the German wireless was censored the British were sending messages to Canada and from the wireless stations in the Atlantic.

It asked that the British and French cables be placed under the same censorship as the German wires.

Secretary Charles said yesterday that the German Ambassador will now be asked to make formal protest.

Money Orders Restricted.

The Commercial Cable Company announced yesterday that Austria has suspended all telegraphic remittances with France, the recent colonies, Serbia and Montenegro, for both terminal and transit traffic.

Joseph Elliott, superintendent of the Foreign Money Order Division of the United States Postoffice, reported yesterday that the postal money order business between this country and other members of the Postal Union is proceeding under certain restrictions, with every European country except Belgium and Austria.

The restrictions limit the amount to be sent foreign travellers to \$100 each, and for ordinary mercantile transactions to \$50. The amount of the remittance may not exceed \$100. Belgium and Austria are, of their own volition, temporarily out of the field, having requested the United States Postoffice not to issue any more orders payable by them.

MALTA CENSORS PAPERS

News Arrives Once a Week, and Is Then Blacked Out.

Malta, Aug. 15.—Apart from occasional arrivals, the only communication Malta has with the continent is by an Italian packet which reaches here every Thursday. This fact, coupled with a most severe censorship, accounts for the great dearth of news.

The continental and all of her newspapers which reached here yesterday were distributed to-day after being censored by the British authorities and were sold at quadruple cost. They are being read with the greatest avidity.

CUPID CHECKMATES MARS

Dutch Officer to Wed Before Joining Colors.

Lieutenant Anthony Von der Linder, of the 7th Royal Dutch Infantry, who is registered at the Hotel Touraine in Bayonne, yesterday took out a marriage license in that city and to-day will wed Miss Edith Williamson.

The marriage had been set for November, but the mobilization of the Dutch army to protect the neutrality of Holland has made it imperative for Lieutenant Von der Linder to sail early next week for his native land.

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