

RUSSIAN OFFICERS ONLY IN ENGLAND

War Office Says Their Servants Were Mistaken for Troops by Scots.

STORIES CALLED CANARDS

People Believe Czar's Soldiers Did Pass Through Despite Denials, Says the "Star."

LONDON, September 19.—Efforts have been made in the past few days to trace the origin of the canard about Russian troops having been sent by way of Archangel and Scotland to the western theatre of war in Belgium and France.

It is suggested by an official of the Government that the reports may have arisen from the fact that a number of Russian officers detailed for staff and observation duty in the western field of operations did pass through England with their orderlies and retinues of servants all in uniform.

Scottish villagers are believed to have mistook the officers and soldiers in Russian uniforms and to have spread the reports.

RUMOR WON'T DOWN.

British People Refuse to Believe Denials of Russian Movement.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The "Star" prints the following: "The despatch from Rome that German official news reports the landing of 15,000 Russians in France has naturally created a great sensation in London.

The strange is the latest phase of the remarkable movement that has taken place in the military history of this country. For a fortnight every newspaper office in London has been bursting with rumors about Russians, while the press bureau has been sitting on the safety valve in two senses of the word.

Here in Fleet street we are like the Athenians in the first century, anxious to tell or to hear some new thing, and yet this thing seemed so outrageously cheerful that we could not believe it. We all laughed at it as a giant gooseberry of the war, and passed on to considerations of Napoleon and Maria and Catherine.

These, at least, were realities; these Russians were eras ghosts out of the fog of war, called up by the anxious public mind. When somebody came in a question to the press bureau, that admirably discreet authority issued a statement that it was an absolute fabrication and the men who were too clever to be taken in by stories said they would not believe it.

But by and by, without a line in a newspaper, this thing began to grow and gradually Fleet street began to realize that there was something in it. The news that the Russians were being transported from Archangel in the White Sea to Leth and other Scottish ports, and then brought by train all the length of the country, to be re-embarked at various southern ports for the coast of France, began to fix itself on the public mind like a porous plaster and nothing would get it off.

Everybody talks of it. "People talked about the Russians in the trains and on the buses, next door neighbors nodded their heads over the garden fence and begged you in confidence to tell them what you know about the Russians. People talked about the Russians over the tea tables and in between the acts at the theatre. It was the great canard, and everybody either gave or demanded the answer.

Memorable details came pouring into the newspaper offices like a great river in flood, bearing on its bosom much fiction. But there was so much evidence that at last the most sceptical member of Fleet street declared that if this story was not true no event in history from the battle of Actium to the death of Napoleon could be accepted as true.

Stories of Russians in transit came from reliable correspondents all over the country. They came from Leth, from Warwick, from Tewkesbury, from Gloucester, from Burton, from Derby. And through the heavy troop trains rumbled along the suburban glades of Herne Hill, down at Blackwater Station caudets from Sandhurst saw actual veritable Russian soldiers with whiskers, somewhere in North London a suburban resident found a train pulled up by signals in a cutting at the bottom of his garden full of Russian soldiers. He gave them apples, and they replied "Thankyou," or words to that effect in Russian.

Train Blinds Drawn. "There's a funny thing," said L. N. W. R. was exclusively occupied by government trains, and the day when trains with blinds drawn rolled continuously through Waterloo, at night there were lights behind the blinds, and so they vanished from the startled eyes of Hertfordshire.

About the same several newspapers, including the "Star," submitted more or less pointed inquiries to the press bureau. The bureau responded rather apologetically to the call, and while it declared that the eye-witnesses who had seen the Russians must be mistaken, it gave instructions that nothing must be published about Russian troops.

"To the trained eye of Fleet street there was a singular lack of directness about these denials. As the great object of the War Office would be to keep the news, if it were true, as long as possible from the knowledge of the Germans, it was not surprising that the bureau should deny it. It would obviously be idle to pull down the blinds on the coast of France, or to draw the blinds on the coast of Germany if it were known in the newspapers for all to read and repeat. So Fleet street, as it was wont and waited for the day, it has done at last in this roundabout manner.

The strongest chapter in the military history of Europe since we brought Russian troops to Holland to fight Napoleon in 1795 has been unfolded."

SHOWER ARROWS ON GERMANS.

French Airships Have New Weapons, Says Munich Weekly.

BUNNEN, via Rotterdam and London, Sept. 19.—The Munich Medical Weekly tells of showers of steel arrows released by French balloons from a height of over a mile. These arrows are of pressed steel and are four and six inches long and a quarter of an inch in diameter. They have a heavy pointed head.

The Medical Weekly, which secured its information from soldiers wounded by these arrows, says that a German regiment was resting in close battalion formation. Two aviators circled overhead and suddenly the arrows rained on them, killing one man by a head wound and wounding men of three companies.



The Czar inspiring his troops on their departure for the front. The soldiers, in full marching order, are kneeling as their Emperor exhibits the sacred ikon. The ceremony is one of great solemnity and was described in a recent cable despatch printed in THE SUN. The soldiers after the exhibition of the ikon enthusiastically cheered the Emperor.

Russian Fleet Haunts Entrance of Bosphorus

Black Sea Squadron Reported to Be Awaiting Pretext to Attack the Turkish Fleet—Balkan Alliance May Spoil Czar's Plans.

BULGARIA AND RUMANIA LOYAL TO OTTOMAN

ROME, via Paris, September 19.—Reports that the Russian Black Sea fleet, composed of twenty ships, is cruising off the entrance to the Bosphorus have been brought to Naples by the steamship Favignana, which has arrived from the Orient.

TURKEY IS NOT ALONE.

Bulgaria and Rumania Ready to Keep Russia Back.

BUDAPEST, Aug. 29.—Russia's Black Sea fleet wants to pass through the Dardanelles. However, it cannot. International agreements keep Russia imprisoned within the shores of the Black Sea, though she is eager to get out into the Mediterranean to join the fleet of the Entente Powers.

The Black Sea fleet, however, was willing to violate the provision of the Berlin conference of 1878 prohibiting the fleet of the European Powers to sail through the Dardanelles. But Turkey is the mistress of the channel, and she is resolved to keep her mastery. But the fleet hardly dared to expose itself to the cross fire of the fortifications which line the shores of the narrow sea.

300,000 Under Arms. In Turkey at the present more than 300,000 soldiers are in arms. The reserve men and the militia have not yet been called in. The bulk of the army is concentrated north of Anatolia, near the Russian frontier.

The officers' corps of the Turkish army are unanimously in favor of war. Ruzver Pasha, Minister of War, and Telet Bey, Minister of the Interior, did not hesitate to declare that in the gigantic struggle between Russia and the two allied central European Powers the fate of Turkey also will be decided. It is their opinion that the breaking up of the Moscovite power would not only bring about the possibility of Turkey's peaceful development but would free the whole of the Moslem world from the nightmare which hangs over it, caused by the fear of Russia.

Last Summer Cruise Up River. The steamer Grand Republic will make to-day her last trip this season up the Hudson. She will go as far as Newburgh. The steamer leaves Pier 1, North River, at 9:30; West 129th street at 10:30, and Yonkers at 11 A. M.

ARREST EDITOR FOR CRITICISM.

Canadian Government Objects to Attack on Minister of Militia.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 19.—Knox Magee, editor of the Winnipeg Saturday Post, was arrested to-day by order of the military authorities and locked up in the barracks at Fort Osborne.

GEN. DE CASTELNAU HONORED.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—Gen. de Castelnau, who has been decorated with the grand cross of the Legion of Honor, was the right hand man of Gen. Joffre in the War Office before he won the decoration by his success as the commander of the army of Lorraine in holding the pivot on which the allies' retreat turned after the battle of Charleroi-Mons.

PLANNED TO ENJOY HIMSELF IN PARIS

Wounded German Officer's Note Books Shows Visions of Chicken and Wine.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. BORDEAUX, Sept. 19.—A pocket conversation guide which had been copied in the notebook of a wounded German officer in a French hospital seems to indicate that he was the wish of the author to turn it to account on the learn from the Germans into Paris. Some of the expressions, translated from French into English were: "Give me three chickens." "I want two bottles of champagne." "Three bottles of very old burgundy" and "Give me some of your best cognac."

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, Sept. 19.—Gabriele d'Annunzio, the poet, novelist and dramatist, remains in his flat in the Avenue Kleber, where, he says, he is writing a diary of Paris during the war.

GENERAL'S WIFE MURDERED.

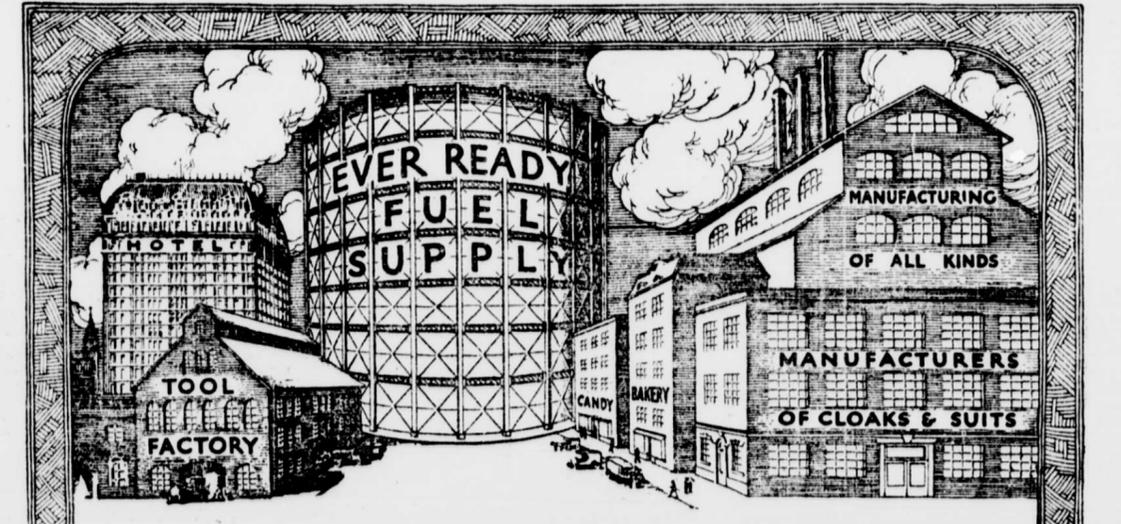
Russian Woman Is Found Strangled in Her Home in Nice.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. NICE, Sept. 19.—The body of Mme. Obolensky, wife of a retired Russian General, was found in their home here, the Villa Rose, Friday night. The woman had been strangled with a piece of linen, which was found tied about her neck. Her right arm also was cut at the wrist and the shoulder. A knife and blood-stained clothing were found in a bedroom.

TO SHIELD ART WORKS.

Belgian Military Governor Names Dr. von Falcke Privy Councillor.

BRUXELLES, Sept. 19, via wireless to Sayville, L. I.—Gen. von der Goltz, German military Governor of Belgium, has appointed Privy Councillor Dr. von Falcke to devise means for the protection of art treasures in Belgium. Dr. von Falcke, with M. Ortel, a Belgian art expert, has left to visit Louvain, Liege, Namur, Huy and Nivelles on this mission.



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"PRUSSIA ROAD HOG," SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

Would Push Nations and Individuals Out of Her Way to Gain Point.

ASKS WELSH TO ENLIST

Declares Country That Would Disregard National Honor Is Doomed.

LONDON, September 19.—David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, addressed an audience of Workmen in the Queen's Hall this afternoon in the campaign for recruits for the British armies in the field.

"There is no man in this hall," the Chancellor said, "who throughout his political life has regarded the prospect of engaging in war with greater repugnance than myself. There is no man other inside or outside this hall who is more convinced than I that we could not have avoided the present war without national dishonor."

"Any nation which disregards its national honor is doomed, and Great Britain was bound by honorable obligations to defend the independence, liberty and integrity of Belgium."

Replying to the suggestion that Great Britain had used the Belgian treaty as a cloak to veil her jealousy of a superior civilization, the Chancellor said:

"Our answer was the action we took in 1870. In that case Prince Bismarck respected Prussia's treaty obligations, but it was to the interest of Prussia to break her treaty today, and she has done it. To Prussia a treaty is just a 'scrap of paper.'"

"They tell us that treaties are only scraps of paper," he said. "Let me ask this: Have you any bank notes in your pockets? Well, if you have, just remember that they are scraps of paper. You can go ahead and burn them as rags if you want to. They are worthless if it were not that the whole credit of the British Empire stands behind them. Treaties are somewhat the same. They are the currencies of international statesmanship. And you Germans did not think them worth respect."

"This doctrine of a 'scrap of paper' goes to the root of all public law. We are fighting against barbarism and there is only one way of putting it right. If there are nations who say they will respect treaties only when it is to their interest to do so in the future."

"A great nation ought to be ashamed of behaving like a fraudulent bankrupt trying to escape his obligations. Prussia is the road hog of Europe. Men, women and children and nations are ordered out of the way. Even Great Britain is ordered out of the way. If the old British spirit is still left in the body will be torn from his seat. They thought we could not beat them. It will not be easy. It will be a long job. It will be terrible. But in this struggle we shall march through terror to triumph."

"This struggle is a great war for the emancipation of Europe from the thralldom of the military caste, which has thrown its shadow upon two generations of men and has now plunged the world into a water of blood."