

BRITAIN WILL FIGHT TO APPOINTED END, SAYS CONAN DOYLE

Then, English Writer Declares, Will Huge Armies and Fleets Be Nightmares of the Past.

By SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

It is possible that there are still some of our people who do not understand the causes of this war, and are ignorant of the great stakes at issue which will speedily have an important bearing upon the lives of each and all of them.

AMERICA FIRST ALLY.

If a poll had been taken at any time up to the end of the century as to which European country was our natural ally, the vote would have gone overwhelmingly for Germany.

The nation perceived Germany, under the lead of her Emperor, following up her expressions of enmity, starting with restless energy to build up a formidable fleet, adding program to program, out of all possible proportion to the German commerce to be defended or to the German coast line exposed to attack.

And now we had to justify our friendship. For the first time we were compelled to openly oppose Germany in the deep and dangerous game of world politics.

Our last and greatest reckoning is to be with Great Britain, said the latter Treaties. Scarcely a day has passed since the chessboard of the world waiting for the opening which should assure a winning game.

Such was the plan, and fortunes favored it. A brutal murder had put Serbia into a position where a stroke may be aimed for the sins of individuals. An ultimatum was launched as phrased that it was impossible for and State to accept it as it stood and yet remain an independent State.

MILITANT RUSSIAN PRIESTS BEAR CROSS AT HEAD OF TROOPS

Peasants, Inspired by Spiritual Advisers, Regard War as Crusade—Religious Influence Important Factor.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 25.

Acting under orders from the Holy Synod at Petrograd, the entire priesthood of Russia for weeks before the war broke devoted almost their sole attention toward stimulating a zeal for war.

Germany has been held up to execration as the sworn foe of the Orthodox Church, and this feeling has gained as eager adherents of war the common soldiers and the peasant classes. The Pan-Slavic ideal has added to the supporters of the government in its warlike attitude the middle and better educated classes.

SAFETY FIRST RULE IN NAVAL ACTIONS, ADMIRALTY ORDERS

British Officer Forbids Rescue of Friend or Foe at Cost of Victory, as Consequence of North Sea Disaster.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The Admiralty issued last night a summary of the official reports of the officers of the cruisers Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy, which were sunk by a submarine in the North Sea.

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SOLDIERS CUT OFF HANDS OF RED CROSS WORKER

American Woman Writes of Alleged German Cruelties.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—A story of atrocious deeds, said to have been committed by German soldiers, was told in a letter written by Mrs. Ernest G. Waymouth, wife of Major Waymouth, of the Royal Artillery, which was received here yesterday by her father, Rear Admiral John V. H. Biscoe, United States navy, retired.

ENGLISH TRANSPORT LEAVES BOSTON FOR HALIFAX TODAY

Bohemian, of Leland Line, Will Take Horses to British Army.

BOSTON, Sept. 25.—The Bohemian, of the Leland Line, which was scheduled to sail for Liverpool next week, will leave today for Halifax.

FRENCH PUGILIST WOUNDED

Georges Carpentier, Champion of Europe, Gets Blunt Hurt.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Georges Carpentier, heavyweight boxing champion of Europe, is reported as having been seriously wounded while serving in the French army, and is said to have been taken to a hospital in Lyons.

VAST ROCK QUARRIES INTRENCH GERMANS IN SOLID FORTRESS

Miles of Connecting Galleries, Bought Before Battle, Give Teutons Powerful Defenses.

LONDON, Sept. 25.

The Morning Post correspondent, in a dispatch from Compiègne, dated Tuesday, says: "The defense of the River Aisne by the Germans was merely another of their clever masking movements to cover their real objective, and, owing to the topographical conditions, it is tolerably certain that comparatively few troops were required.

The British steamship Kent, which arrived Monday from Sydney, N. S. W., will leave tomorrow for Halifax. The Devonian, of the same line, will leave tomorrow for Halifax. The Kent will stop at New York to take on more cargo.

CAPTIVES FORCED TO LURE COMRADES TO DESTRUCTION

French Soldier Declares Germans Make Prisoners Shield Attacks.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—A woman friend has given the correspondent of the London Standard a letter dictated from her son, a soldier at the front. It speaks for itself. Part of it follows: "I do not seem to be unendurable here. We have been for eight days holding a village where at least eight hundred shells fall every day. We are in the thick of the horrors of war. The enemy occupies the river ford and we have been told to dislodge him."



Portrait of a man in military uniform, likely a soldier mentioned in the article.

Germany's Side of the War Question

In an authoritative document by noted statesmen, financiers, publicists and political leaders of the Fatherland, the German viewpoint of the circumstances leading up to the present war and why the Kaiser and the Reichstag were compelled, in self-defense, to enter into the conflict is given.

Here is a list of the men who acted as the committee and board of editors in preparing this document:

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wing, as the position did, with means of communication open to Noyon and east along the rear of the German lines eastward. Its base strongly established upon the Oise with the forest of Aisne on the other side of the river, it faced any turning movement by the allied left wing.

"At this point the German troops were not yet entirely thrown back on their fortified position, and heavy infantry fighting took place at some little distance in broken wooded country. The French artillery struck its work, and after a night of continuous cannonading had the mastery. The Germans apparently were leaving the quarries even toward the northern limit and falling back eastward.

"It may be said that the efficient work of the quarry position was largely due to the fact that the approaches were clear of trees and gave little cover to attacking infantry. This also applies to the line of retreat of their heavy guns, which I judge has taken place via Cotey toward the north. This line leaves fairly open plateau country between high ground and the River Aisne.

"In fact, the whole of the German maneuver, so far as I have been able to follow, shows a clear evidence of remarkable ability in seizing the best possible strategic position, either for offense or defense, thus demonstrating their thorough knowledge of the ground."

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FINLAND PROVING LONG-PROFESSED LOYALTY TO CZAR

With Commerce Injured There Have Been No Outbreaks, Writes Westminster Gazette Correspondent.

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