

KAISER'S MIMIC WAR

AN ENGLISH CRITIC CONDEMS GERMAN ARMY TACTICS.

Maneuvers at Danzig Magnificent, but Impossible in Actual War.

Danzig Correspondence London Express, Sept. 8.

The morning broke clear with no sign of rain around Danzig. The Kaiser passed the night in the field with his troops ten miles out. The plan of campaign for the day was that the Red army, invading Germany from the direction of Russia, should cross the River Vistula, moving on Danzig. The Blue army, acting as defenders, moved out to attack with cavalry and artillery. The keenest possible rivalry existed between the opposing forces, both being eager to obtain the approbation of the Kaiser. Every one was kept in the dark as far as possible to prevent any unfair advantage being secured by either side.

I was attached to the Blues, and received very possible orders from the Colonel Waters, the British representative; also from Major Kerr, the American representative. I also received the orders of the hands of all the German officers with whom I came in contact. Arriving on the field of action, I found that the country consisted mainly of low brush, interspersed with pine forests, with here and there small streams of running water.

Ineffective Scouting.

The Blues pushed forward with great rapidity, throwing out scouting parties who, judging from the way they did their work, were next door to useless. They displayed no talent for that class of work, exposing themselves foolishly on the sky line, and having no idea how to take cover. Had they been operating against the Boers in Africa four-fifths of them would have been sniped. The workmen in the Boer entrenchment I ever saw in Africa was not nearly so devoid of intelligence and initiative. De Witt as a commander of scouts would be worth a King's ransom to the Kaiser. After some slight skirmishing between the advance parties, the Blues located the main body of Reds, and opened artillery fire. Some sad bungling took place, which would have resulted in heavy loss to the Blues if the guns had been used instead of blank. For a few minutes the Blues were actually firing into each other in their excitement.

I was disappointed with the German artillery in every way. I have seen the British Royal Horse Artillery in actual warfare handling their guns under a heavy rifle fire from marksmen in the Boer entrenchment, and our men falling beside their guns; yet in actual war the British were cooler, quicker and smarter than the German gunners. I am not hypercritical, only I am greatly amazed. I expected a much better display of gunnery. I would have much to say to the Kaiser, if he were against a Boer commando in a strong position. I think the Germans would learn a lesson that would teach them to have much greater respect for the Boer fighting force. If the German gunners did not fight 50 per cent better than they did today the Boers would capture every gun they sent into the field.

A Spectacular Charge.

After a short artillery duel the Blue Cavalry began dashing forward in the most reckless manner possible. It was a grand scenic effect, but miserably poor war. The horses proved to be grandly trained, the men beautifully drilled, sitting their saddles superbly, but they did not seem to understand the nature of horseflesh. Regiment after regiment galloped madly through heavily ploughed ground, taking all the danger out of the ride. The Boer firing within hitting distance of the enemy, who lay quiet and shelled them from behind excellent cover. Judiciously of cavalry tactics, any of the Boer leaders would make the German cavalry kill all their horses within three months. Yet it was a spectacle to please the populace it was magnificent.

The officer commanding the Reds played a much sadder game, keeping his artillery going with great effect and hiding the fact that he possessed infantry supports and a number of quick-firing guns. It was a few cavalry skirmishes the leader of the Blues hurried regiment after regiment of horse in close formation in compact masses on the Red position. It was a superb sight to see the men riding like Arabs, crouching low in their saddles, their spears glistening and pennons waving; the men shouting, the horses straining on the bridle. They looked invincible, sweeping down valleys and up hills, intoxicated with the madness of the charge.

A Piece of Madness.

Just as the Blue Cavalry were breasting the last hill, men and horses knee to knee, stride for stride, like a solid wall, the Reds opened upon them with quick-firing guns the devil's tattoo, completely staggering the advancing force. Had it been earnest few of that devil's tattoo, and a badly led body of cavalry would have been driven to the lake. They halted, wheeled like a piece of superb mechanism and tried to ride home. Like a thunderbolt the cavalry of the Red army dashed out and into them. By all the laws of war not a man of the Blues could have escaped. Those that escaped shot and shell would have fallen to lance or sword.

The day was won. The attack of the defenders on the invaders had in reality Danzig was at the mercy of the invader. If one of our generals in Africa had been guilty of such a piece of madness Europe would have laughed derisively a month. Yet this movement was a real test of German skill in cavalry assaults. To me it seems terrible and Roberts has no equal as a tactician, and General French no equal for resource as a cavalry operator. The Germans continually ask why we have not won Africa in two years. Today's exploit is a fair criterion of their military genius. Germans could not win Africa in two centuries. It is stated that the Kaiser, after the maneuvers, addressed a biting speech to the assembly of officers, condemning in plain terms the reckless nature of the attack on the Red position. He seemed greatly disappointed with the display made by the Blue Cavalry.

A PLAGUE OF THIEVES.

Business in a Chinese City Interrupted by Outlaws.

Fahai Orr, Shanghai Mercury, September 18. This port is exceedingly quiet just now and its trade is unusually slack for this time of the year, which is telling on the merchants more or less. The reason of the partial paralysis must be traced to the unprecedentedly large number of thieves in the surrounding villages, who are lying in wait about all the routes, from the producing districts to this town, ready to pounce upon even the most insignificant travelers who bring over the fruits of their labor to be disposed of at this mart.

This state of things must have been taken to the knowledge of the viceroy of Canton, who recently dispatched a body of a few hundred soldiers in two gunboats, which arrived here on the 10th inst. The object of sweeping the adjacent places of the outlaws. Whether the braves will be successful in their mission or not remains to be seen, but I think the outlaws will probably stay away on the approach of the braves for a while until they are recalled, when they will be able to storm their depredations, probably with renewed vigor to make up for the time they lost in seclusion, holding their hands over their stomachs. The thieves are supposed to hold the hill districts and only descend whenever there is a chance for plunder. The soldiers would not, probably, be able to storm their huts, which are said to be surrounded by thick vegetation, making ingress and egress almost an impossibility but to the thieves' fraternity.

Boats on the Pacific.

From the Manila American. Why should not fast river boats be made available for the purpose of transporting people to certain fixed points on the river? Such boats would give relief to outside residents from the inconvenience of the present hack system and the unsatisfactory street car system. Such water transportation is feasible and practical, as has been established in many centers of population where they are in successful operation. The means of transportation in Manila, which had that any sort of relief would be welcome. Why not try boats?

For Your Convenience the Hecht Stores Will Be Open Until 9 O'clock Saturday Evening. For Another Big Saturday at Hechts'

Boys' \$3 Suits for 99 cents. The Most Stupendous Purchase of Boys' Clothing Ever Brought to Washington—1,500 Suits of a Kind. Our children's clothing buyer has just returned from New York, having consummated the most extensive deal in Children's Clothing ever attempted by any store south of New York.

Extra Specials in Boys' Suits. For \$1.98. Boys' Sailor Blue Suits, in handsome blue serge, trimmed with soutache braid, deep sailor collar, made in first-class material, throughout and well worth \$3.00 and more. For \$1.98. Boys' Newly Made Cheviot, Worsted and Cashmere Suits, double-breasted and vestie style, the former in sizes 7 to 10 years, the vestie suits 3 to 10 years. For \$2.98. Boys' Fine Quality Double-breasted and Vestie Suits, made of Cashmere, Cheviots and Worsted, Splendid for dress and every day.

\$8.50 for Men's New Fall Suits Worth \$12.50 Everywhere. It's just a special for Saturday only—sort of an introduction to this superb showing of the new Fall Clothing. The Suits are elegantly made in the new shades of fancy cassimeres and fancy chevots, and sell day in and day out at \$12.50, and are well worth it. If you can time your coming for tomorrow \$8.50 will be the price. \$8.50 for Men's New Fall Top Coats worth \$12.50. The tan covers are the popular overcoat fabrics for fall—and these Top Coats are made in tan covert, plain black cheviot and Oxford. We'd suggest that you inspect the best you're offered at \$12.50 elsewhere and anywhere, and we'll undertake to match qualities at \$8.50. You shall be the judge. These for Saturday. 500 Pairs Men's \$2.50 Pants to Be Sold at \$1.50. They have just been placed on the show tables—500 of them—strictly all-wool Trousers in neat stripe effects and gray mixtures. Made to be sold at \$2.50. For Saturday—\$1.50.

The Elegance of These Ladies' Costumes. Not a moment when this Ladies' Ready-to-wear Costume display is not thronged with those who come to look and stay to buy—for it is conceded on all hands that such a showing has never before been made in Washington. Consider the range of prices and styles—from \$12.50 to start with up to \$150, and scarcely a price, a style or a fabric between the two extremes you'd not find in the exhibit. Ladies' Elegantly Trimmed Hats, made of fine quality velvet, scratch and camel's hair felt; very newest and most stylish trimmings. Small priced at \$5.98. Ladies' Trimmed Hats, in a variety of very modish styles; hats and materials of good quality throughout; \$5 and \$6 are the prices usually asked for such Hats—\$2.98. Ladies' and Misses' Elegantly Trimmed Hats, made of fine quality velvet, scratch and camel's hair felt, etc., and trimmed with scarfs of silk or velvet, braids, p. o. m. etc., etc.; selling usually at \$3.98—\$1.98.

About Clothing Qualities and Styles. Ever read the Hecht clothing guarantee? It's the broadest and most liberal guarantee given by any house in the world. It's this—If at any time you do not feel perfectly satisfied that the garment is all you expected and all it was represented to be—bring it back and it will be replaced by a new one and no questions asked. And qualities are made to bear out the guarantee—that's our protection. There's the sole and whole reason behind this great clothing business. We take all the chances. Can you—can any man—afford to buy clothing and accept the glib say so of a salesman whose interest ends with the making of the sale? Of a truth—the Hecht guarantee is the guarantee that means something. And the guarantee stays with the garment. The Hecht Clothing has long held a place far in advance in the matter of styles. And there's a why which accounts for it—the great chain of seven Hecht Stores, linking the cities of New York, Baltimore and Washington, every store handling vast quantities of clothing—all buying through one system. Great producers, leaders in creating styles, naturally come to the greatest retailers as the greatest buyers. There's first choosing, therefore, first showing of the newest of the new. Men's Suits and Overcoats range in price from \$7.50 up to \$40—at the latter price a custom tailor's \$60 suit would be the nearest parallel. The short and long Top Coats are in most demand—they're here in coverts and Oxford gray—the long coats having the very stylish yoke effects and very swagger. The short Top Coats have six rows of stitching around bottom and collar, and made in the very chic box effect. If you're accustomed to having your clothing made to your individual order our Custom Tailoring Department is at your service for perfect work. A full line of the latest imported and domestic woolsens in the piece is displayed. Prices begin at \$20—and the saving is from \$5 to \$15 on the suit compared with custom tailoring prices.

Ladies' Skirts. Nowhere Such a Showing as This. Of course, you long ago came to know that in the matter of Ladies' Skirts the Hecht Stores are far in advance of all others, not only in qualities and styles shown, but in the great extent of the stock and smallness of prices. WE'RE SKIRT MAKERS—that accounts for it. Consider these as evidence of the manner in which we can serve you—High-grade All-wool Cheviot serge skirts; wide flare or high waisted; first class in every way—\$1.98. Elegant Dress Skirts; black and blue; Gilbert or Lemanville cheviot; trimmed with six rows of satin bands; S. H. & M. Guano; very high grade—\$3.98. Extremely Stylish Broadcloth Skirts; black and blue; full width; high waisted; usually selling at \$7.50—\$4.98. Choice of 12 styles of Finest Taffeta Silk Skirts; very fashionable; trimmings of ribbons, quilting, velvet ribbons, some with all-over ticks, some with plain seams and trimmings with serpentine lace inserting—\$9.98. An unequalled showing of Ladies' Pedestal or Walking Skirts, in a great variety of materials—many have strapped seams and bottoms trimmed with rows of full stitching—\$3.98 and—\$3.98.

Children's Wraps. Have you thought of the little one's fall wrap? We've anticipated the need with a considerable showing of styles, all very inexpensively priced. Tomorrow for these—Children's Handsome Pebble Cheviot Coats, auto back, circular cape, nicely lined throughout—2 to 6 years—\$3.98. Misses' Beavers, perfectly made of excellent materials throughout, faultless fit, sizes 6 to 14 years. Specially priced at \$4.98. Children's Beautiful Broadcloth Coats, elegantly trimmed with lace and fur, very nicely made—\$5.98. Infants' Short Coats of Bedford cord, with ribbons—98c. Pretty Elderdow Coats, red, pink, blue and white—\$1.98.

Bedwear Small Priced. Heavy White California Blankets, prettily bordered; sell everywhere at \$3.00 pair—\$1.98 Pair. Very Heavy White 11-4 California Wool Blankets, full double-bed size; worth \$4.00 pair—\$2.79 Pair. Comforts, full double-bed size, neat covering; sell usually \$1.50 and more—98 Cents. Heavy Satine-covered Comforts, full double-bed size, unusually nicely made, and selling at every store at \$2.00—\$1.39. Music at Fraction Prices. "Sweet Annie Moore." "Good-Bye, Dolly Gray." "Coon, Coon, Coon." "Ain't It a Shame?" "Maybe." "As the Moon Was Shining." 9c. each. 15c. each. Six Toilet Specials Underpriced. "Marie Louise" Violet Extract—25c. oz. (sells at 45c.). "Ain't It a Shame?" Bristle Tooth Brushes, worth up to 20c.—8c.

Great Reductions in Men's Furnishings. It will be a busy Saturday in the Men's Furnishings Department—for prices have been placed at the very lowest notch. Note these—Men's 10c. Handkerchiefs..... 5c. Men's 10c. Collars..... 5c. Men's 15c. Garters..... 8c. Men's 10c. Black Half Hose..... 5c. Men's 25c. Suspenders..... 10c. Men's 25c. Neckwear..... 10c. Men's \$1 Adier Gloves..... 75c. 50c. White Unbleached Shirts..... 25c. 75c. Laidered Percal Shirts..... 45c. 50c. Winter Underwear..... 25c. 50c. Night Shirts..... 25c. \$1.50 Flannel Underwear..... 80c. \$1.50 Best Flannel Underwear..... 80c. \$1.00 Gloria Umbrellas..... 55c.

Nearly Half Off Women's Furnishings. Women's furnishings are lessened in price for tomorrow to such an extent that the saving in many cases is close to half—Women's Swiss Ribbed Underwear, Secco lined, 35c. value—15c. Boys' Fleece-lined Underwear, 25c. value—12c. Boys' Heavy Ribbed School Hose, 20c. value—10c. Women's Silk Gloria Umbrellas, \$1.25 value—55c. Children's School Umbrellas, 75c. value—35c. Children's School Underwear, 15c. value—8c. Children's Laces and Insertings, 10c. value—5c. Women's Fast Black Dropstitch Hosiery, 25c. value—12c. Women's Fall Kid Gloves, all shades, value, \$1.00—50c. No. 40 All-Soft Taffeta Ribbons, 20c. value—8c. Sample line Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 25c. value—8c. Embroideries and Insertings, 10c. value—5c.

Hechts' Greater Stores, 513-515 Seventh Street N. W. NOT AMERICAN POLICY. Conquest of Argentina Not on Program of the United States. From the Buenos Ayres Herald, September 4. It is unfortunate, but true, that among many Argentines there is a growing feeling that the United States or Great Britain will come ultimately to dominate, if not to actually possess, this country politically, and it might be added that not a few are outspoken in that it would be desirable if such might prove to be the case. And this idea, especially that the United States will some day reach out to itself arm of wealth and power and take to itself this and other South American republics, is more or less harped upon and foisted upon the Argentines by the yellow section of the native press. It would be rash to attempt to foretell what may be the political developments upon this continent in the far future, but it needs no prophetic vision to see that not within the next century or two will North America ever undertake the task of governing this southern half of the continent, nor is it ever likely to occur. To those best acquainted with the United States in this fact most clear. In the first place, the United States has on hand all the business it can stand to for many generations to come. It is not yet an old country, and right at home it has confronting it many unsolved problems upon which the very continuance of the republic may turn. Again, North Americans are not a people seeking conquest; indeed, the whole spirit of the Constitution and among the people is against such a policy. The acquisition of Hawaii, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands does not go to controvert this theory in the least. The Hawaiian Islands came to the United States upon the request of the islands themselves. Once before they had been obtainable without conquest by the states, but were refused, and it was only when almost forced upon them would the states accept the gift, and then against the judgment of a large part of the people. The acquisition of the Spanish island possessions came as a result of the war, which war, it should be borne in mind by our Argentine friends, was not entered upon through greed or with any idea of acquiring any coveted territory. Not in Her Presence. "Four late master," said the man with the notebook, "was a positivist, was he not?" "I-I think so, sir," hesitatingly replied the old housekeeper, not fully understanding the meaning of the question, "excepting when his wife was around. She was generally a good deal positiver than he was."