

DEFEAT MAY MEAN THE END OF THE AUSTRIAN EMPIRE

Downfall of Dual Monarchy, Long Predicted, May Be Brought About if Russia Succeeds in Her Invasion; Germany Has More to Fear From Russia than From England and France.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—While the German war machine is undergoing its supreme test almost under the walls of Paris far beyond the Carpathians and the Vistula's conflict is proceeding which may have far more enduring consequences in European states, writes the military expert of the New York Evening Sun.

If Germany defeats France and England there will still remain a France and England, Napoleon could not destroy Prussia. Austria never succeeded in killing the national aspirations of the Italians, but an Austrian defeat in Galicia may mean the end of Austria, for it is not the nation of one race or of several races bound together by centuries of common hopes and fears, sufferings and ideals; rather it is the combination of peoples of many tongues ruled by two races, in numbers the minority, in intelligence and power dominant.

If the battle now in progress shall turn against the Austrians—and the fall of Lemberg must be accepted as an indication of waiting fortune—then as the victorious Slav armies go forward, what of the Rumanian and the Poles of Galicia, the Czechs of Bohemia and Moravia, the Slovak beyond the Carpathians? What, too, of the Serbs and Croats along the Danube and the Drave? Will they not welcome the Russian as a fellow Slav, will not Austria, inundated from the east by

victorious Slav armies face an uprising at home of 25,000,000 people whom she has ruled by force? Meanwhile the great bulk of Russians can flow west and north toward Berlin. Such strength as remains to Austria must be devoted to a grim defense eastward along the Carpathians and southward on the Danube, where the Serbs are coming up and to the repression of Slav rebellion at home, not impossible.

War of Slav Against Teuton.
More vital for Germany by far is the eastern than the western struggle, for neither France nor England threatens her existence, seeks her provinces, save Alsace-Lorraine, but Slav ambition turns toward Posen and the very gates of Berlin.

If Russia is victorious in the present eastern struggle she shall see a quick change in the west. Her army corps will have to be recalled. Anything but a decisive victory in France will prove but an empty triumph whose prize is lost as soon as won.

All this the Germans know best of all. It explains all their gigantic efforts, their recklessness of life, of resources. The supreme hour has come, precisely as they planned. It should have been almost reached Paris. Their war machine has fulfilled every task set for it so far, save only one—it has not yet destroyed Anglo-French armies. There is yet time—but the rumors from the Carpathians and the Vistula suggest that the time will not be long.

PEOPLE ARE TOLD LITTLE OF WAR

Little News of Losses in the War Given Out by Any of the Nations.

BY HERBERT MILES.
London, Eng., Sept. 5.—Few men never before in history saw a great war fought with such secrecy as the great struggle now going on among England, France, Russia, Belgium, Serbia, Germany and Austria. The whole affair is being surrounded in deepest mystery and the losses befitting and beclouded at every step.

Every possible effort is being made by every government involved to keep their people and the rest of the world from getting an inkling of what is happening in the theater of war.

Even the meager statements issued by the French war office, the British press bureau and the war offices of Germany and Russia are so intricate and ambiguous, so involved and round about in their wording that they convey little information.

English become skeptical. Portions of the British public today showed a disposition to be impatient and skeptical, because of the scarcity of information. They hinted that the government was reticent because it had something to conceal. They argued that if the British expeditionary force in France was victorious, the war office would have no hesitancy in giving out the facts. It was pointed out that when the British overtook the Germans of Heligoland and sank some of their ships, the press bureau gave it out quickly enough. Hence, they said, the deep and almost unbroken official silence of the last few days bodes no good for the forces of the allies.

In Paris conditions are no better. The French war office gives out only short statements, and their lack of definiteness of detail. The French people are clamoring more boisterously than the British that they be given news of what is going on at the front.



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FRENCH WOMEN SUCH BRAVERY

Send Men to Battle Without Tears; Take Up the Work at Home.

New York, Sept. 5.—The following article was written by a French noblewoman, formerly an American, who witnessed the mobilization of troops in Normandy:

"Mobilization in the French provinces, where the admirable conduct of the whole nation could best be judged, was marked by many picturesque scenes. The dominant note was order. During this period we have had an opportunity to fully judge the mathematical tendency of the French mind.

The mobilization plans were laid with the strictest order, and of an orderly French garden. One clarion call united the whole nation in a common bond. Every individual was forgotten. Men and women of every class stood ready to face the common enemy.

Fathers and mothers of reservists, officers and soldiers, hurried to the closets, unpacked uniforms that lay long laid away, refolded the suits—all with as much calm and method as if making ready for a country fair. Before the householdly loaves were broken, brushing a coat or a cap, exchanging views, but not one voice expressed a desire to keep a man from doing his duty. The spirit of sacrifice dominated.

Men Didn't Expect to Return.
"The attitude toward family affairs with care. On the street I heard a man say to another: 'I've just changed my mind. You see, I've decided to stay (the frontier and most dangerous post on account of the attack on Metz), and I shall not come back.' The other just said: 'I'm glad you've decided to stay. I'm glad you've decided to stay.'"

"My boy's violin professor came to see me. 'I am now sure,' he said, 'that in a few hours we are going to mobilize. I am glad to go, but my wife is to have a baby. She is alone and I must leave her without money. May I count on you to help if need be? But she is so clever she'll get along.'"

"So quickly did every one get ready for the mobilization that when on Saturday at a o'clock the great drum of Dieppe appeared on the public square and with a roll of drums announced the call to war a large majority of the reservists were already on their way to the barracks.

All Classes Mobilized.
"It was a picturesque sight to see men of every class—rich men's sons, employes, peasants, laborers—every class of the population represented climbing the hill, all carrying their packages, laughing and singing as if out on the way to a festival.

"Soon after the winding procession going up the hill crossed another procession coming down. These were the first arrivals who had donned their uniforms, passed before the major commandant and were coming back to join the camp installed in one of the most luxurious casinos in the world, the Casino of Dieppe. Only the night before the tower of France and cosmopolitan society had thronged the halls, the gaming rooms, most of the men knowing of full work the morning next departures for the front.

Parting With Horses.
"Of all the incidents which none touched a more sympathetic chord than the bringing into Dieppe by their peasant owners of their horses, requisitioned by the government for the army, their manna plaited and tied with tricolor ribbons and decorated like a nation. A group of officers stood at the entrance of the barracks and as each horse was presented it was rapidly examined and stuck to it—the military blacksmith, newly shod and led to the army stables, where the saddle and bridle were put for it was adjusted. Then it was returned to camp ready to start for the front.

"The peasant owners either joined the army ranks themselves if they belonged to the service, or if too old or infirm to do so, they were given some of them, many miles, to far distant farms all without a murmur. The government pays fair price for the horse, but the loss of his horse is nevertheless a great privation for the average owner.

Advantage to Germany.
"The contingent of troops which left Dieppe for the front represented a strong body of the nation. It was led by a major who has fought in 12 campaigns. Here is one of the great advantages of the German army. It has men and men have seen active fighting in Indo-China, in Algeria, in Tunis, in Madagascar, in Morocco, where the maturity of German officers and men have yet to smell powder, maneuvers constituting their only experience in war.

"The men of Normandy marched through the streets on their way to war to the sounds of stirring military music under a shower of flowers thrown by the women grouped along the line of march to bid them farewell.

"Each soldier tried to catch a rose, a marguerite or a leaf as he passed, which he promptly fastened to his button or thrust in his belt as a last souvenir of France.

No Sighing.
"Not a discordant note marred the departure. The calm courage of the women—wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts—was extraordinary. They were bravely kept back, sobbing and crying. Some even found courage to hug and kiss the men as they went—gone—the soldiers, the men of France.

"Not an hour afterward the women commenced to hasten their husbands in the shops, on the farms, in the office and in the cafes. My butcher's wife served me a steak at the customer's table of a neighboring cafe. 'That I will grow more skilful,' she apologized, and so she has.

"The mother's wife of her two children, has had a hard struggle with the bread, but it is growing better. On the farms the women have been heroines. The crops are being gathered in quite as well as if the men were at work.



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GERMANS SEIZE TERMONDE, QUIT

Abandon Town After Destroying Forts; Were Being Cut Off From Army.

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Telegraphic from Antwerp, the Daily Mail's correspondent says: "Seven thousand Belgians were surprised at Termonde by an attack from about 30,000 Germans Saturday. The Belgians at first were compelled to retire, then they were reformed and returned to the fray and drove out the Germans. The Germans, however, succeeded in cutting off Antwerp from Ostend."

"Meanwhile other German troops were coming up from between Termonde and Mair, and ran into some positions which they had misjudged the positions. With great loss they fell back and then the defenders played their winning card by opening the dykes.

Losses from 1000 to 4000.
"By this move the Germans lost nearly all their artillery and suffered great losses. Their losses in men are said to be 1000, but it is more likely there were 4000.

"The flood was the deciding factor and the Germans will meet it again before they march into Antwerp. There are three areas which may be flooded around that city.

"The great topic of conversation here is how long the Germans will take to get in order. The preparation and completing of forts proceeds unceasingly. Unfortunately the forts will not be able to do all their designers meant them to do. They were to have been armed with great Krupp guns, but as in the case of Namur, they were delayed in delivery and again until now it is too late. Some of the forts, especially on the west and west, are incomplete, as the enemy well knows."

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