

# "LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS"

## By BARONESS BERTHA VON SUTTERN

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**READ THIS FIRST**  
The late Baroness Bertha von Suttner stirred the civilized world with her book, "Lay Down Your Arms." At the request of the American Peace Society the book has been translated into English. It is one of the most graphic and impressive descriptive works on the horrors of modern warfare ever written. It tells the "woman's side" of conflict, and the author actually experienced most of the stirring events she describes.

(Editor's Note—The Tacoma Times has obtained serial rights to this wonderful story of the woman's side of war which was just produced in photoplay form by the Great Northern Film Co. of Copenhagen, Denmark, staged on the same ground where the war is now going on, a few weeks before it broke out.)

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Famous Austrian Novelist and Peace Advocate and in 1905 Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.  
CHAPTER III.

For a week I had been prepared for the catastrophe, and yet its occurrence gave me a bitter blow. I threw myself sobbing on the sofa, and hid my face in the cushion when Arno brought me the news.

He sat down by me and began gently to comfort me.

"My darling! Courage! Compose yourself! It is not so bad after all. In a short time we shall return as conquerors. Then we two shall be doubly happy. Do not weep so—it breaks my heart. I am almost sorry that I have engaged to go in any case. But, no; just think, if my comrades are forced to go, with what right could I remain at home? You yourself would feel ashamed of men. No, I must experience the baptism of fire some time, and till that has happened I do not feel myself truly a man or a soldier. Only thing how delightful if I come back with a third star on my collar—perhaps with the cross on my breast."

I rested my head on his shoulder, and kept on weeping the more. But I reflected how small



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such things were. Stars and crosses seemed to be at that moment only empty spangles. Not ten grand crosses on that dear breast could offer me any recompense for the terrible possibility that a ball might shatter it. Arno kissed me on the forehead, put me softly aside, and stood up.

"I must go out now, my dear, to my colonel. Have your cry out. When I come back I hope to find you firm and cheerful. That is what I have need of, and not to be shaken with sad anticipations. At such a decisive moment as this my own dear little wife surely will do nothing to take the heart out of me or damp my ardour for exploits? Good-bye, my treasure." And he departed.

I collected myself. His last words were still ringing in my ears. Yes, plainly my duty now

was not merely not to damp, but as far as possible to increase, his spirit and his ardour for exploits. That is the only way in which we women can exercise our patriotism, in which we can take any share in the glory our husbands bring home from the battlefields.

"Battlefields"—it is surprising how this word suddenly presented itself to my mind in two radically different meanings. Partly in the accustomed historical significance, so pathetic, and so calculated to awake the highest admiration partly in the loathsomeness of the bloody, brutal syllable "fight." Yes, those poor men who were being hurled out had to lie stricken down on the field, with their gaping, bleeding wounds, and among them perhaps—and a loud shriek escaped me—as the thought passed through my mind.

There, there is no soft bed for you hung with silk and lace; there you must lie on the hard wet earth—perhaps in some ditch—helpless—wounded! And with this thought I could not help picturing a gaping sabre cut on his forehead with the blood trickling from it, or the bullet-wound in his breast—and a hot pang of compassion seized me.

How I should have liked to throw my arms round him and kiss him—but I dared not wake him, he wanted this invigorating sleep.

Not six o'clock yet!—tick-tack, tick-tack, unaptingly swift and sure time marches on to every mark. This indifferent tick-tack distressed me. The light, too, burned just as indifferently behind its screen as this clock ticked with its silly, motionless cupid.

Can it be that all those things have no perception that it is our last night? My tearful lids fell together, my heart contracted painfully, and I awoke with a violent palpitation, and the same feeling of fear as when one is awakened by a cry for help or an alarm of fire. "Parting, parting!" was the alarm cry. When I had started so out of sleep for the tenth or twelfth time it was day, and the candle was flickering out. A knock came at the door.

"Six o'clock, lieutenant," said the orderly, who had been ordered to wake him in good time.

Arno rose up. So now the hour was come—now was to be spoken this sad, sad word—"Farewell."

It had been settled that I was not to go to the railway with him. The one quarter of an hour more or less together—the was not worth much. And the pain of tearing ourselves asunder at last! That I did not wish to show to strangers. I wanted to be alone in my room when we exchanged the parting kiss. I might be able to throw myself on the floor and shriek—shriek out loud.

Arno put on his clothes quickly. As he was doing so he made me all kinds of comforting speeches.

"Courage, Martha! In two months at the most the affair will be over, and I shall be back again at cuckoo-time; only one in a thousand bullets hits, and that one must not hit me."

Another knock at the door. "Time now, lieutenant."

"I am quite ready; coming directly." He spread out his arms. "Now then, Martha—my wife—my love."

I lay at once on his breast. I could not speak a word. The word "farewell" would not pass my lips. I felt that in saying that word I should give way, and I did not want to give way, the cheerfulness of his departure reserved the outbreak of my

solitude.

But now he spoke the heart-breaking word.

"Good-bye, my all, good-bye," and pressed his lips closely to mine.

(Continued tomorrow.)

# GERMANS SUFFER DEFEAT

LONDON, Sept. 16.—After from Moscow as one of the crowning catastrophes of the world. They fled, he declares, as animals see who are cornered, and know it.

A Terrible Sight.  
"Imagine a roadway littered with guns, knapsacks, cartridge boxes, Maxim and heavy cannon even. There were miles and miles of it and the dead, those piles of horses and those stacks of men. I have seen it again and again, men shot so close to one another that they point with standing after death. The sight is terrible and horrible beyond words."

"The retreat rolls back and trainload after trainload of British and French are swept toward the weak points of the retreating host. This is the advantage of the battle ground which the allies have chosen. The network of railways is like a network of spider webs. As all railways center on Paris it is possible to thrust troops on the foe at any point with almost incredible speed, and food and munitions are within arm's reach."

Prince Driven Back.  
The crown prince, who occupied the center in the fighting at Vitry, Revigny and Bar-le-Duc, has been driven back to the north of Verdun. He is at yet out of touch with either Duke Albrecht on his left or with the other German armies on his right.

Horror of Retreat.  
Describing this retreat the correspondent of the London Times says the retreat of the Germans took place during a hurricane and torrents of rain, which turned the roads into rivers, so that the wheels of the artillery sank deep in the mire. He describes how the horses strained and struggled, often in vain, to drag the guns away, and continues:

"I have just spoken with a soldier who has returned wounded from the pursuit that will go down with the terrible retreat

## WANTS \$40,000 FOR MAYOR'S PET MUNICIPAL CEMETERY

Mayor Fawcett's municipal cemetery idea bobbed up before the council again today in the form of an offer from Attorney R. G. Hoge of 195 acres of land on Union avenue, just outside

## UNITED STATES WILL EVACUATE MEXICAN PORT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16.—The formal order for American troops to evacuate Vera Cruz, Mexico, has been issued by Secretary Garrison. All troops will be withdrawn from the Mexican border except small patrols, it is said at the war department. All large ships will soon leave Mexican waters for the Virginia capes to participate in target practice.

Admiral Fletcher will succeed Admiral Badger tomorrow as commander of the Atlantic fleet. The withdrawal of American troops from Vera Cruz will be completed October 15. Sixteen transports will start south soon. Carranza will be asked to appoint some one to formally receive Vera Cruz from General Funston.

## WANT MORE STREET LIGHT

Tacoma's recent epidemic of hold-ups and murders by thugs on uptown streets has caused citizens to clamor for additional street lights.

The city council today granted five new street lights and received petitions for more than a dozen new lights. By an unusual coincidence, the council refused to place a light at South Fourth and L streets, the scene of the recent thug murder of Claude Mead.

New lights were ordered today at East K and Columbia, North 14th and Cedar, 56th and Clemens, O and 7th, North 55th and 57th, and the council took under consideration a proposed lighting system on South D.

## MEET TO RAISE FUNDS FOR LINE

An executive committee of Swedish business men in Tacoma will meet at the Sampson hotel tonight to formulate plans for raising subscriptions for the new proposed Swedish-American Steamship line. Tacomans have already subscribed 15,000 crowns for the line, and 6,000,000 crowns have been subscribed in Sweden. The plan provides for direct steamship transportation between Sweden and the United States.

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## 170 Brush Fires During August

With a total of 170 brush fires in Tacoma during August, and 73 other alarms of fire, the fire department broke all monthly records for amount of business accomplished. Most of the fires were small and caused slight damage.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—In a dispatch from Rome the correspondent of the Central News says it is declared there that the members of the Roumanian ministry have tendered their resignations.

## GOV. TESTS AS CHAIRMAN

Governor Tests of Tacoma, one of the leaders of the progressive party and candidate on the progressive ticket for state senator at the November election, will probably be chairman of the state convention to be held in the Seattle Armory Saturday. He has been slated to act as temporary chairman, and Tacoma progressives are confident that he will hold the position permanently.

## URGES PRAYER TO END WAR

Rev. W. A. Moore, pastor of the First Christian church, appealed to all Odd Fellows of the nation to pray for peace, in an address last evening before members of Rainier lodge No. 11 at Odd Fellows' temple. The pastor dwelt on the war situation, and complimented the American press for its fairness in reporting the war events.

## FAMINE RAGING

ROME, Sept. 16.—Telegraphing from Avulona, Albania, the correspondent of the Messagero says:

"Famine and smallpox are raging among the population, especially the refugees from the outlying villages, who are in fear of massacre by insurgents in Epirus. Many of those killed in the fighting with the insurgents were carried long distances on donkey back and then merely buried under a light covering of earth. This it is said, led to the pestilential outbreak."

## Violinist Now Guards Bridges

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 16.—A letter from Albert Siessel, a St. Louis musician who is studying in Germany received by his father here, says that "Kreislair is guarding bridges in Vienna."

This is supposed to refer to Fritz Kreisler, the well known violinist who recently made an American tour.

A letter tells of German victories and adds:

"For the first time the Germans used their new cannon which they kept a secret from the world. One shot weighs 120 pounds and destroys a fort, goes through the strongest steel and costs 80,000 marks. Two locomotives are required to transport the cannon."

## Germans Taken

LONDON, Sept. 16.—A dispatch from Cape Town to Reuters' Telegraph company says that the fourth South African mounted rifles, commanded by Colonel Dacson, after two night marches, surprised the German force which had occupied a drift 60 miles from Steinkopf in Namaland. After a sharp skirmish the Germans were compelled to surrender.

Another Cape Town dispatch reports that the city of Raman took place at Raman's drift, an important strategic position.

## Power Enough

Ruling that the prosecuting attorney has the power to hold a man until he is brought before the superior court, Judge M. L. Clifford has decided that Fred Green will not be given a preliminary hearing on the charge of the theft of \$1,145 from the Northern Express Co. Green is unable to furnish a \$2,000 bond and is held in jail.

## NEW SIDEWALKS COST \$40 A LOT

Property owners on North 25th, 29th, 30th and 31st streets, above Old Town, will not be called upon to pay \$40 a lot for new sidewalks this winter. After hearing strenuous protests today, the council decided not to replace the sidewalk.

The present walks, old and rotten, will be torn up and the North End residents will walk on sand trails instead of sidewalks.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR C. H. BEACH

Memorial services for Charles H. Beach, who was recently drowned at Grays Harbor, will be held at the Masonic hall, South Tacoma, tonight, by the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America.

## SHIP IN DISTRESS

MAKESHIELD, Ore., Sept. 16.—A large vessel, the name of which has not been learned, is in distress off Gold Beach. Whistles of distress were heard at 4 o'clock this morning. The life saving crew is trying to reach the ship.

## WANT FIRE STATION

Nearly 100 residents of the extreme South Side petitioned the council today for a fire station at 72nd and Park avenues. The petition will be considered when the 1915 budget is taken up.

## BULLETINS

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 16, via London.—The Cologne Gazette publishes a dispatch from Sarajevo, Bosnia, saying that several Serbian troops have been shot as spies on charges of inclining to take arms against the dual monarchy and even leading them against the Austrian troops on the frontier.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Rome says it is officially admitted in Trieste, Austria, that 15,000 soldiers from Trieste and Trent, mostly Italians, fighting in the first line, have been killed in the Galician battles.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—A special dispatch received here from Rome says the Tribuna's Petrograd correspondent declares it is reported in the Russian capital that the Austrians have lost 70 per cent of their total effective available troops, including 250,000 men taken prisoners by the Russians and Serbians. The dispatch adds that Austria is withdrawing her forces to protect Vienna and Budapest.

ROME, via Paris, Sept. 16.—An Austrian official communication received here today denies to reports of Russian victories over the Austrians, and asserts that about 100,000 Russian prisoners and nearly 500 cannon have been captured by the Austrians.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—In a dispatch from Rome dated Monday, Sept. 14, the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company says it has been officially reported there from Berlin that the German Baltic squadron, which is composed of 19 units, has had 15 vessels in action.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—A reasonable estimate, says a Times Petrograd dispatch, places the Austrian losses in Galicia at 300,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners, or nearly one-third of their forces. They have also lost, the dispatch says, 1000 guns, more than two-thirds of their available artillery.

MILAN, via Paris, Sept. 16.—Reports from Austria to the Corriere della Sera say the cold in Galicia is so intense, especially at night, that the soldiers suffer terribly. Many are reported to have become ill.

THE HAGUE, via London, Sept. 16.—The vice-general was opened today. Queen Wilhelmina, in the speech from the throne, emphasized the necessity for the strictest neutrality in the present war, on which, she intimated, the national existence depended.

GALATZ, Roumania, Sept. 16.—Great manifestations have occurred here in favor of the triple entente. An immense crowd, composed of all classes of the population, paraded today on the streets of the city acclaiming Russia, France and England. The German and Austrian consulates are guarded by forces of the police.

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