

POLES' CASE IS MASTER TRAGEDY

Country, Ravaged by Contending Armies, Worse Off Than Serbia or Belgium.

MILLIONS ARE SUFFERING

People Who Still Dream of Unified Nation Now Arrayed Against Each Other in Struggle That Means Their Own Ruin.

LONDON, July 5.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The desperate fighting now going on around Warsaw and throughout the Eastern zone of operations centers attention on the colossal tragedy of Poland, the second that unhappy country has endured, the first having stirred America to its depths when Kutschusko went there to tell Poland's own story.

That first tragedy was as nothing compared with what Poland is now undergoing. The entire theater of Eastern fighting is within the territory of the old kingdom of Poland, with Russian armies tramping over the country from the East, Austrian armies from the South, and German armies from the North and West, all marching and fighting on a scale of unprecedented magnitude, and leaving a trail of wreck and desolation even greater than that of Belgium or Serbia.

Extent of Tragedy Appalling. Such telegraphic news as trickles through from Poland, except the official reports of military operations from the three sides, gives only the picture of fighting, without that of the prostrate country under the heels of the fighters. But from eyewitnesses returning from Polish student refugees from the scourged district, and from letters to those who have sought asylum here, there is a mass of information on the real conditions at the scene of these gigantic Eastern operations. Much of this information flows into the hands of Miss Laurence Alma-Tadema, daughter of the great English artist, the secretary and directing general of the Polish relief committee.

"Think of the magnitude of this appalling Polish tragedy," said Miss Alma-Tadema to a representative of the Associated Press. "There are about 12,000,000 Russian Poles and about the same number of Austrian and Prussian Poles. All of them have an intense longing to see Poland rise again as a unified kingdom. Yet of these 24,000,000 Poles, 1,000,000 Polish soldiers are fighting in the Russian ranks, and another million are fighting in the Austrian and German ranks—literally brother against brother.

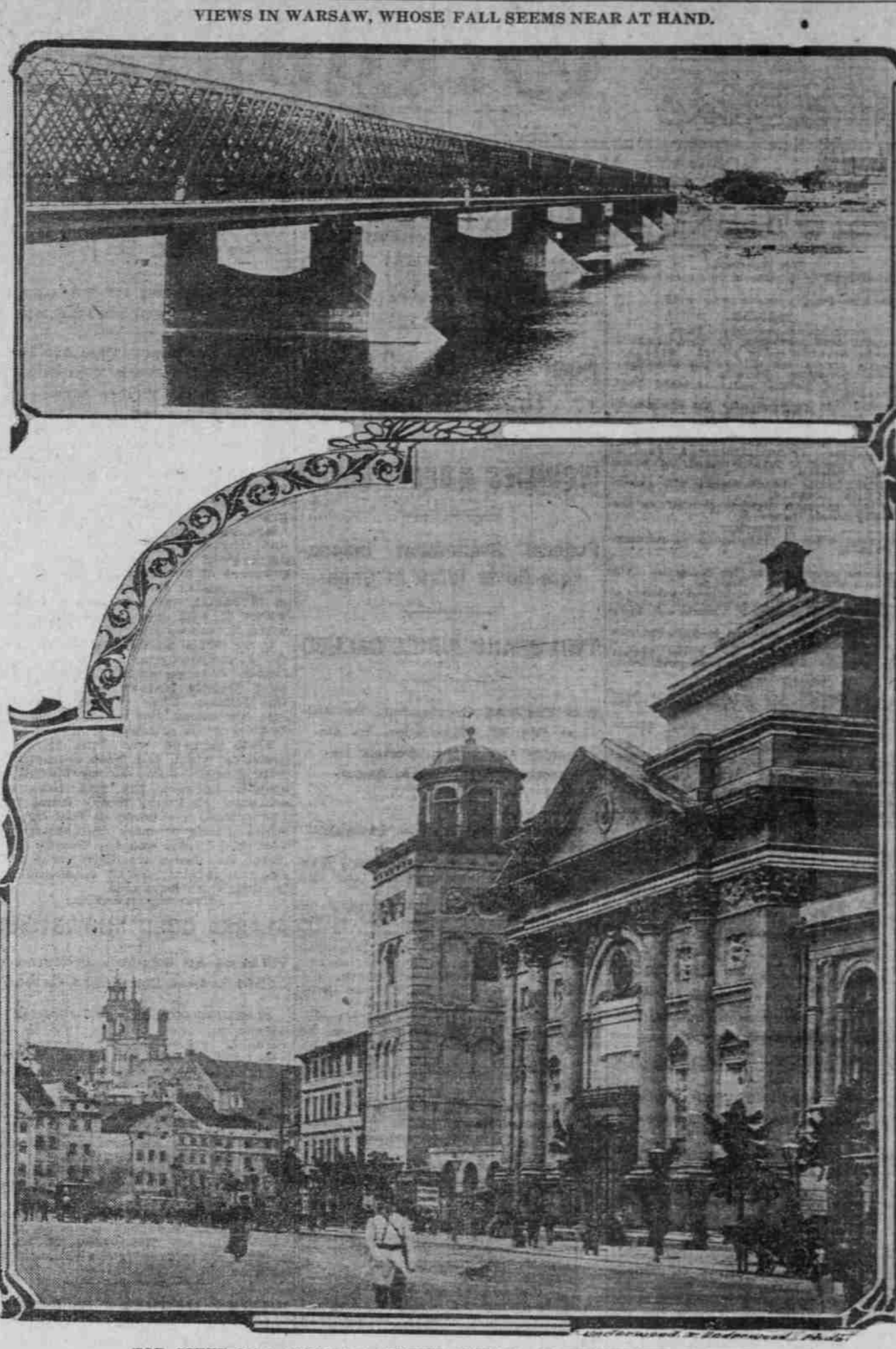
Poland Prays on Battlefield. "One of the reports reaching me tells of a body of Polish infantry on the Russian side, charging at a body of the enemy, with bayonets fixed to the batttery rifles, from both sides—only to distinguish as they came to grips that both were shouting the cry of Poland—and that instant, as if inspired by a common impulse, every bayonet was lowered and every man in the facing ranks fell on his knees and in their common prayer breathed the Lord's prayer. That was Poland's prayer on the battlefield of this terrible Eastern conflict.

"Here is another thoroughly authenticated case," said Miss Alma-Tadema. "A Polish infantryman raised his rifle and fired into the air, and in passing, only to see him pitch forward and hear him cry out in Polish, 'My God, I leave three children.' This agonizing dying cry in Polish rang in the ears of that brother who had fired the shot, throwing him right and left, and he literally went mad and was taken from the ranks a raving maniac.

Children Starving to Death. When Mr. Gibson, of the Rockefeller Foundation, returned from Poland, he told Miss Alma-Tadema of the terrible scenes he had witnessed in the stricken regions. One of the scenes he pictured was a Polish soldier, in addition to a cemetery toward dusk and saw a crowd collected. On inquiry he learned it was the joint funeral of 12 children who had died of starvation further in this and other stricken villages—12 children a day dying of starvation. At one point an old woman who had crawled 16 kilometers to get a handful of black bread.

Millions Are Out of Work. The peasantry are pictured as moving about like great tribes of gypsies over the blackened fields, carrying and pushing their scant belongings in small carts. Miss Alma-Tadema gives a graphic picture of this wholesale desolation: "Industry is at a standstill; millions are out of work; the meadows and arable lands are furrowed by deep trenches, riddled with shellholes; the same trenches have been swept over and over by immense battle waves; not a remains. The barns and ricks are burned; the horses and cattle all stolen or slain; ruin everywhere. The women and children have been driven out into the open. They cover in the woods. The manse, the manor-house, the old castle in the park, all are destroyed. There is no one to help, there is no where to fly to, nothing to do but to hide in ruins, in woods or in hollows, gnawing roots and the bark of trees while the children shiver and starve to death.

Old Friends Remembered. London Tit Bits. One of the chief characteristics of Sir John Jellicoe is that he never forgets old friends. When he was shot through the neck in China, he was carried to safety by a man named Adams; and Adams, thanks to Sir John, is now carpenter of the King's royal yacht.



TOP, SCENE ON A PRINCIPAL STREET—BELOW, ALEXANDROWK BRIDGE.

GROWTH IS SHOWN

Statistician Predicts German Will Be World Tongue.

FIGURES ARE ANALYZED

Numerical Preponderance of Those Speaking English Declared Not to Represent Actual Relative Influence.

HAMBURG, Germany, June 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—In an effort to show that German is rapidly becoming the "world language," David Trietsch has compiled statistics and made elaborate studies of the use of the three principal tongues—English, French and German. The first presents the figures compiled for the year 1890 regarding the three languages, which are as follows, covering the number of persons who spoke and understood:

Table with 4 columns: Region, German, French, English. Rows include Europe, U.S., Elsewhere, and Totals.

Blissful Tales Counted. Trietsch found fault with these figures, maintaining they were unfair to the German language. They did not include, he insisted, those persons who speak two languages, and who had been counted in only one list. For 1914, therefore, he prepared the following table:

Table with 4 columns: Region, German, French, English. Rows include Europe, U.S., Elsewhere, and Totals.

Continued Spread Predicted. Estimating that "German is an economic and political sense has an entirely different uniformity or coherency than English," Trietsch believes that after the war its use will continue to spread, and he feels sure that even today, if the number of persons who speak it as well as some other lan-

guage could be gauged correctly, the "slight discrepancy" between 105,000,000 and 122,000,000 would be overcome and German would be found to lead the world.

Even if this is not the case, he finds that the importance of a language does not depend on the number of persons who use it, but increases or decreases, according to the importance of the motherland in politics, economy and technique. With the extraordinary rise of Germany in this respect, German as a world language has increased far beyond the number who use it.

FRANK M. SCHEBLE DEAD

Ex-Mayor of Wenatchee Is Suddenly Stricken While Walking Home.

WENATCHEE, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—Frank M. Scheble, ex-Mayor of Wenatchee, died at his home here last night of heart disease and hardening of the arteries. He had just left the office of the Wenatchee Lumber Company, of which he was president, for his home, when he complained of a pain in his heart. A physician was summoned and Mr. Scheble was removed to his home. He died at 9 o'clock. He leaves two sons, Percy and Bert, and one daughter, Mrs. J. M. Wade, besides his widow.

POMEROY HAS HAY FIRE

Brother of M. H. Houser Loses Hay and Barn Valued at \$3600.

POMEROY, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—Spontaneous combustion in a loft of new hay caused total destruction this morning of a large barn and warehouse owned by W. J. Houser, brother of M. H. Houser, grain exporter, of Portland, three miles east of Pomroy, with a loss of \$3600. The blaze started at 2:30 A. M. and before it could be checked the warehouse, valued at \$1500, 100 tons of hay, worth \$1900, several sets of harness, two buggies and miscellaneous articles were burned. Mr. Houser carried practically no insurance.

Russia's Electric Stations. Indianapolis News. Russia has 137 central electric stations, serving 15,000,000 persons.

Mills Near Kelso to Resume. KELSO, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—The C. N. Moore shingle mill here and the Ostrander Railway & Timber Company sawmill at Ostrander will resume operations soon after August 1, following a month's shutdown. The Crescent shingle mill, at the mouth of the Cowitz, which has been shut down on account of lack of logs, will start again early in the week.

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GRANT TAXES ASKED

Southern Oregon Company Demands \$156,924 Held.

TOTAL INVOLVED \$350,000

Suit Follows Judge Wolverton's Decision and Coo County Paper Is Affected by Possible Withdrawal of Treasury Funds.

COQUILLE, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—As a result of Judge Wolverton's decision involving the lands of the Southern Oregon Company, most of which are in Coo County, in which he followed the United States Supreme Court in the Oregon & California land grant case, the attorneys for the Southern Oregon Company Saturday filed suit in the Circuit Court of Coo County to recover the \$156,924 on deposit with the County Treasurer for the past four years returned. Pending the final disposition of their lands the company had deposited these taxes with the condition that if it lost possession of the lands the taxes should be returned. Since the company cannot collect more than \$2.50 per acre for the land, it seeks to have the entire tax for the past four years returned. District Attorney Liljequist intends to carry the case through to the United States Supreme Court if necessary.

In addition to this \$156,000 there are three more large companies whose taxes are delinquent. The Oregon & California delinquent taxes amount to another \$100,000 and the Kinsey properties on Coo Bay and the Boutin timber tract add another \$90,000, making nearly \$350,000 of delinquent taxes charged against four companies.

About half of this is county taxes and, according to the County Clerk's report just published, there is outstanding \$175,000 of unpaid warrants for which no other provision has been made except in the assessments against these four delinquents. This has lowered the value of county paper to 25 cents on the dollar.

The best criterion of sound business judgment is a policy in the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. Supreme for over Seventy Years. General Agent Horace Mecklem N. W. Bank Building.

PLANS TO ABSORB AUSTRIA ARE LAID

Spanish Diplomat Quotes Kaiser as Having Decided on Fate of His Ally.

HUNGARY NOT INCLUDED

Germans Weary of Nation That Has Contributed Little to Victory. Belgium May Be Yielded for Compensation.

BY CAROLYN WILSON. (Copyright, 1915, by the Chicago Tribune. Published by arrangement.)

PARIS, June 30.—When I was in Italy I met a woman who has the name of being the most influential woman in Rome. It was under this title that I was invited to meet her and I was told by various people that on her decisions and orders the diplomats of Italy hung.

She is English and loves politics for its own sake after the fashion of many of her countrywomen. For while the ignorant may think that the Englishman is a born diplomat, the surmise is wrong—she is a trained one, but the English woman is the born one.

This woman in Italy is intimately acquainted with every crowned head in Europe. She has visited at all the large and minor courts, she is in constant correspondence now with the sister of the Kaiser, with the princesses of the houses of Bavaria and Wurtemberg, and with the lesser royalty of Austria, who wish her to come and visit them, assuring her that perfect safety even though she is English.

Absorption of Austria Predicted. I tell you all this for the sake of an interesting theory she advanced to me, based on her correspondence with the personages who should be versed in what they write about.

"I only give you this as a theory," she said, "it has been deduced rather than stated from the letters that I have received from every side. Because, after all, it is not only from the Germans that news comes.

"As I say, I put forward no irrefutable proof, but I will tell you that everything which I have prophesied up to now has come true. From the letters which I have received from members of the royal families of Bavaria and Wurtemberg I have every reason to believe that Germany is about to annex and absorb Austria. But that does not mean Hungary.

"Something important is going on in Hungary now, but with my correspondence I am not absolutely sure what it is. I should advise you to go back through Switzerland and I will give you letters to some people who may be able to give you information on this point.

"Whether it is for autonomy under German protection, or for absolute independence, I don't know. There are even those who hint at revolutions and republicanism in Switzerland and incoherent—absolutely impossible for the sort of people who make up Hungary. But that Germany means to take over Austria, there can be no doubt.

England May Be Disappointed. "There was an attack on the life of the Archduke Heir-Apparent two weeks ago (this made the date about June 1) by a German officer. Because the attempt did not succeed it was called insanity on the part of an officer whose health had been undermined by the strain of war.

"With such a large and profitable slice of Europe definitely belonging to Germany, why will he be so reluctant about ceding Belgium to the allies, in return for a compensation."

"At which I gasped. "A compensation! Do you mean that seriously?" I asked.

"It isn't my thought but theirs which I am giving you, was the reply. "Naturally, that is not my thought though I am less blinded with English pride than most of my countrymen.

"I often wonder," she continued, musingly, "how much of a part England will play in the peace treaties. She expects to be, as you Americans say, a witness to the show, but she is going to be badly disappointed. France can do the dictating this time."

This conversation occurred to me when I returned from Italy. I saw in the Matin of the 21st an article by Rodriguez de Sagrado, the well-known Spanish diplomat, in which was quoted a letter from the Kaiser to a member of the royal family of Bavaria. In this he said:

"The Austrians help us to win the victory, we shall thank them, but if they continue as weak as they are we shall absorb them."

And later: "Their attitude dictates my conduct; I shall make of Austria a German province."

"This theory," said my English-woman, "receives but another proof in the fact that there are no Germans in Austria, and the Italians and presumably will be none.

"Oh, yes, I know you read in the papers that five German soldiers in Austrian uniforms were taken prisoners. And even granting it to be so, which I don't, that does not mean that Germany is sending organized aid to Austria. She is going to let her take care of herself.

"The Germans are sick of the Austrians who can never be counted on for anything. Did you know that it was only Germans who retook Przemysl?"

"Do you think if Germany had really meant to enter against Italy that the spanking wouldn't already have begun? Germany still has men and energy and incentive enough left to administer a terrible whipping to the Italians if it were not against her arranged policy."

Teachers' Normal Closes. OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, July 25.—(Special.)—Summer school at the Oregon Agricultural College closed Saturday, and the 200 teachers have returned to their homes or proceeded with their vacation plans. Instructors will be kept busy for several days examining papers, making grades, adjusting credits and completing records. This is the actual end of resident college work for the year, and, with the exception of the experiment

NATIONAL THEATER TODAY AND BALANCE OF WEEK PROGRAMME FIRST: Scenic—Picturesque France Picturesque Spain On the Banks of the Creuse SECOND: Prologue on Hypocrites Delivered by C. H. Starr THIRD: "HYPOCRITES" (With Music Especially Arranged.) FOURTH: MUTUAL WEEKLY—Harry Thaw Pronounced Sane Golden Pottlach Races, Tacoma, Wash. Ex-Secretary of State Bryan Delivers Peace Oration Liberty Bell in Chicago Many Other Interesting Events Shown in Weekly NOTE—Prologue Will Only Be Delivered Four Times Daily—2, 5, 8, 9:30. Doors Open 11 A. M. to 11 P. M. POPULAR PRICE, 10c

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SEASIDE HAS LIFE CREW Trained Swimmers to Be on Guard Over Bathers at Beach. SEASIDE, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—A volunteer lifesaving crew has been organized here again this summer station and the extension offices and laborers, the college is closed for the summer. H. A. Ludwig, swimming instructor at the Gates Natatorium; A. H. Harvey, who will be captain of the volunteers, will form the crew of lifesavers. The boat is perfectly seaworthy and is built to withstand the buffeting of the breakers. Professor Ludwig, who will be captain of the volunteers, plans to hold two drills a week, and on Sunday afternoon the crew will give an exhibition of lifesaving and of driving the boat through the surf. Guards will watch bathers at all times. The gift of the boat and of the station was made by J. E. Oates.

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