

RUSSIA'S POSITION IS THOUGH WEAK

Austrian Reservist Thinks Czar's Army Will Be Vanquished by Opponents.

STRATEGIC POINTS SHOWN

Modern Fortifications, It Is Said, Will Prevent Invasion by Big Force and Germans Can Cut Off Supplies From Rear.

BY J. VON MAKDYCH.
First Lieutenant of the Austrian Reserves. Based upon my experiences of 1908 to 1912, when the mobilization of the German and Austro-Hungarian forces was ordered and carried out, while the general military staffs at Berlin and Vienna were discussing plans for what then appeared to be an imminent war with Russia, it was the unanimous opinion of all military authorities that a clash of the two armies would take place on the plain between Krakau and Warschau. Accordingly, in my own opinion, Namur, Nancy and Chalons will be in this war the theater of heavy fighting, however, not nearly as severe as the slaughter which will be staged between Graudenz, Warschau, Lublin and Krakau, on a territory which heretofore has been given little attention. This seems to be undoubtedly the territory where the decisive battle will be fought, regardless whether Russia takes the offensive or the defensive in this war. After Warschau has once fallen, the Russian army may be regarded as defeated, for Warschau is the only town on the German-Austrian frontier which possesses not only modern fortifications, but is also a strategic point of war in that vicinity.

Five Battle Sites Offered.
The above-mentioned territory furnishes as good a basis for operations as any tactical point could wish for. Perfectly level, interrupted only by rows of moderately high foothills, it permits the operation of all three branches of military service—infantry, artillery and cavalry.

As stated in one of my previous articles, the mobilization of Russia is proceeding slowly, and it is probable that Germany and Austria-Hungary will force matters to an issue before the Russian mobilization is completed. They will then fight a battle which will excel, as far as dreadfulness is concerned, every other battle ever fought, where three mighty nations will try to destroy and slaughter each other in order to determine whether the Teuton or the Slav race will govern Europe.

Should Russia take the offensive in this war, she must first take the offensive in the mobilization of her army, one of the most important operations of Europe, and where, besides this decided advantage, there have already been massed five army corps, or about 400,000 men, which are now attacking force of at least from 700,000 to 800,000 strong.

Besides that, Russia would have to figure with Austria-Hungary's ally, Germany, which it is unlikely would watch the siege of Krakau from a distance without taking a part in the attack or defense herself.

Offensive Tactics Described.
In that event the German army would attack the allied forces at Czesochow and Bendzin, which would expose Russia to the danger of being forced between two fires, and compel her to change from a defensive attitude against Krakau to a defensive attitude against the two armies approaching from different sides.

It is certain that all along the Austrian frontier a number of skirmishes will be fought on a larger scale, but the decisive battle will, for the foregoing reasons, take place either near Krakau or Warschau.

The Austrian troops would, in the event of Russia taking the offensive, have a decided advantage in that her troops have not been exhausted by forced marches like the Russians, and that she would be assisted at the psychological moment by the German army. Should, however, the Russian invasion take place in a more easterly direction, for instance at Lemberg, or even as far east as Brody, the Russian troops would retire until they had been reinforced by the German army, and would then open the battle. But even in this route of invasion the Russian would not dare to shift the basis of her operations toward Galicia, as they would take chances of being cut off in the rear.

Protection Declared Poor.
On the other hand, if Russia takes a defensive attitude, then it should not be forgotten that Russia's nearest fortification is situated a considerable distance away from the frontier, which would leave her in a position where stretches of land at the mercy of the German-Austrian troops. Should a siege of Warschau be decided upon, the invasion of Russian territory by Germany probably would take place at Mlava, Thorn and Kalisz, and by Austria at Krakau and Sandomeir or at Tomaszow. The bombardment of Warschau could then be undertaken from all sides, as Germany has stationed large bodies of troops at Danzig and Königsberg, which, if moved at the right time, would cut off not only all food and ammunition supply of Russia, but also prevent a reinforcement of her troops.

More than 5,000,000 soldiers will be fighting in this battle. It will be a second battle of nations, which will be fought at Warschau or Krakau. This, of course, is only my own opinion, and I am not at liberty to divulge instructions or war maps which were worked out in 1908 by Emperor Wilhelm and Archduke Francis Ferdinand with the assistance of the two chief military staff officers, Von Moltke and Baron Hotzendorf, and which were published to every officer of the Austrian army who was then in service.

WEEK WARMEST IN YEARS

Mercury Has Gone Beyond 82 Each Day Since June 27.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The past week has been the warmest on record since 1902. Wednesday was the hottest day, the official thermometer registering 93°. There was a slight thunder shower Thursday night. Since June 27 there has not been a single day when the maximum temperature fell below 82°. Prevailing winds are from the northwest and there are no signs of a break in the hot spell. There is a bill of smoke over this entire section, although no forest fires are raging in this immediate vicinity.

WHERE FORCES OF RUSSIA WILL CLASH WITH ARMIES OF THE DUAL ALLIANCE.



WRITERS AT FRONT

The Oregonian Gets Picked Men for War Service.

POPULAR AUTHORS IN LIST

Richard Harding Davis, J. M. Patterson and J. Y. T. McCutcheon Go to Scenes of Activities to Get First Impressions.

In the most complete detail all of the available news of the great European war is to be given the readers of The Oregonian daily. Three of the best writers and war correspondents in the country will daily present the actual facts. Their stories will augment the regular service of the Associated Press, with its superior organization and unequalled facilities.

The writers who have been employed by The Oregonian are three who are well known. They are Richard Harding Davis, J. M. Patterson and J. Y. T. McCutcheon. Mr. Patterson was born in Chicago, January 6, 1873, his parents being Robert Wilson Patterson and Eleanor Medill Patterson. He took the degree of bachelor of arts at Yale in 1891, and was married to Miss Alice Higginbotham, of Chicago, November 13, 1892. He acted as war correspondent for the New York Journal in 1900, and was reporter, assistant Sunday editor, editorial writer and assistant editor of the Chicago Tribune from 1901 to 1905.

Public Offices Held.
He was a member of the Illinois House of Representatives in 1903, and was Commissioner of Public Works of Chicago in 1905 and 1906. He belongs to the Chicago Athletic Club, the Chicago Newspaper Club and the Onward Club.

Mr. Patterson is best known as an author, and chiefly for his novel, "A Little Brother of the Rich," published in 1905. Another of his most popular books was "The Fourth Estate," published in 1909.

His home is at Libertyville, Ill. Richard Harding Davis was born in Philadelphia in 1864. His first experience as war correspondent was in the Turkish-Greek War, when he worked for the London Times and the New York Herald. Later he covered the Spanish-American, the South African and the Russo-Japanese wars.

The experiences which Mr. Davis has met during the time he has been at the front have been related by him in numerous novels. Probably the best known of these is "The Soldiers of Fortune," which was published in 1907. Among the other stories he has written are "Cuba in War Time," "The Lion and the Unicorn," "With Both Armies in South Africa," "The Congo and Coasts of Africa," "Ransom's Folly," "The Gallop" and "Vera, the Medium."

He has a beautiful home at Cross Roads Farm, Mount Kisco, New York.

Cartoonist at Front.
Another experienced correspondent who will give the news of the conflict to Portlanders through The Oregonian is John Timney McCutcheon. Mr. McCutcheon first entered the newspaper

profession as a cartoonist with the Chicago Record in 1893. While he was at work on this paper in 1896 he came into prominence by his conspicuous political cartoons. In 1901 he left the Record and went to the Chicago Tribune.

Manila Bay Seen From Boat.
While he was taking a trip around the world in 1898 on board the dispatch boat McCulloch, he witnessed the battle of Manila Bay. A year later he made a tour of special service in India, Burma, Siam and Ceylon. He made a special tour to Northern China, Korea and Japan, and returned to the Philippines in November of that year for the Fall campaign.

The next year he was sent to the Transvaal, where he joined the Boer army. He returned to Chicago, where he furnished political cartoons for the Chicago Record. He has since worked on the Tribune as cartoonist, and acted as correspondent for the Tribune and The Oregonian at Vera Cruz during the recent trouble.

With these three men where they will be able to secure the details of each movement of the armies, the Portland public will be afforded the most complete stories of the conflict through The Oregonian.

'ANOTHER WOMAN' BLAMED

Answer Filed to Divorce Suit of ex-Teacher in High School.

"Another Woman" is the cause for Ernest E. Jackson, formerly a Portland high school teacher, filing suit for divorce, according to an answer filed yesterday by Mrs. F. Fern Jackson in Circuit Court.

Mrs. Jackson accuses her husband of corresponding with the other woman, named. The Jacksons were married in 1908 and parted in September, 1912.

Timothy Ahern started suit against Mary Ahern, whom he charges with refusing to speak to him, refusing to cook his meals and throwing articles at him frequently. The Aherns were married at Kenslie, County of Cork, Ireland.

Circuit Judge Gatens granted Theodore E. Lupton a divorce from Henry E. Lupton on grounds of desertion.

RED CROSS CANVASSES ON
Germans, Servians and Swiss Soliciting Funds.

Red Cross canvasses by the German, Servian and Swiss people in Portland will be extended with vigor in the immediate future.

The Germans will hold a mass meeting at the German House at 2-30 today, at which the war situation will be discussed and plans for a state-wide campaign for Red Cross funds will be made.

The Swiss will meet to launch their Red Cross campaign in the Swiss Hall, next Saturday night, and the Polish people will hold a meeting today at Dania Hall, as a forerunner for a general mass meeting of the Slavic people of Portland next Sunday.

Portland Man Drowned.

TOLEDO, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Otto Smith was drowned at the mouth of Bluff Creek, above Elk City, Thursday. Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith and a woman friend were bathing when Mr. Smith, who could not swim well, got beyond his depth and sank. Mr. and Mrs. Smith resided in Portland and they have been camping near the scene of the accident. The body was recovered.

FAMOUS CORRESPONDENTS WHO WILL GIVE OREGONIAN READERS FIRST-HAND REPORTS OF EUROPEAN WAR.



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PLEA MADE TO PUPILS

YAMHILL EDUCATORS ARGUE FOR HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.

Letter to Eighth Grade Graduates to Be Read for Them to Resist, Mr. Churchill Believes.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—S. S. Duncan, School Superintendent of Yamhill County, and Ida Mae Smith, County School Supervisor, in a circular letter to graduates of the eighth grade make a plea to them to go to high school, which Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill believes they can hardly resist. The letter says, in part:

"When school closed in June and you received your eighth-grade diploma, doubtless you felt that you had been in school long enough and were so glad to have vacation come at the end of eight years' work that you did not care to have any one mention high school to you. We did not send you a letter urging you to take a high school and college course when we knew you would rather hunt the 'old swimming pool' or go for camping expedition into the woods and mountains, where no teacher could find her way; but now that summer is on the wane, the cooler in the swimming pool growing colder each day, the birds beginning to make preparation for their southward journey and the trees taking on their Autumn tints, you are beginning to wonder what you will do during the long evenings of the coming winter."

The letter then urges enrollment in the nearest high school, arguing that the first question asked of a boy or girl seeking employment is: "Are you a high school graduate?"

FESTIVAL FOLK WILL MEET

Officers for 1915 to Be Chosen at Meeting Tuesday Night.

Officers of the Rose Festival Association, to have charge of the Festival in 1915, will be elected at the general meeting of delegates from the various civic, commercial and fraternal organizations of the city at the Commercial Club Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

J. E. Werlein, Fred Spoor, W. J. Hoffman, E. D. Timme and Frank McCrillie, with Dean Vincent and M. Moessoshn acting ex-officio, were the nominating committee. They will report to the delegates at the meeting, according to the announcement of Mr. Vincent, and the desire is to have as wide a representation as possible of the people of the city through their various organizations.

CHANCE FOR TRADE SLIM

W. L. Austin, of Baldwin Locomotive Works, Not Encouraged.

"Suppose all Europe does clamor for our products and we have no way of getting them over there, what good is it going to do us?" asked W. L. Austin, of Philadelphia, chairman of the executive board of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, who arrived in Portland yesterday on a brief tour of the Coast.

Though Mr. Austin saw hope in the arrangements being made to police the Atlantic and European shipping, he deplored what he termed the "pitiful" lack of an American merchant marine.

The spirit of the Belgians in the present crisis deserves the world's most profound admiration, said Mr. Austin, who is an admirer of that small nation. Most European locomotives are manufactured in Germany and with these shops closed it is possible the war will create a big demand for American locomotives, but Mr. Austin does not place much stock in this as a possible result.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS BACK

Annual Retreat Held at Berkeley and Few Changes Made.

Members of the faculties of the Christian Brothers' College of the Northwest returned to Portland this week from Berkeley, Cal., where they had been attending their annual retreat. Few changes were made in these faculties. Brother Andrew was re-elected president of the Portland Christian Brothers' College. Brother Gabriel, connected with the Portland institution four years, goes to St. Mary College, of Oakland, Cal., and Brother Sebastian, of Oakland, Cal., was transferred to the Portland college and will have charge of one of the commercial classes. Brother George, who was connected with the Christian Brothers' institutions in Portland and Vancouver, was transferred from Sacramento to

MONEY IS BENAS' UNDOING

Judge Stevenson Thinks Good Workman Should Help County.

Too many nickels, and too much money, proved the downfall of William Benas in Municipal Court yesterday morning. He was charged with vagrancy. Several members of the Greek colony appeared against him. "He hangs around the coffee houses and is a nuisance," said one of them. "Every once in a while he comes in with about a dollar's worth of nickels and asks us to give him silver for them. I don't know where he gets the nickels."

"He has been in here before," volunteered Detective Coleman, who, with Detective Snow, made the arrest. "He has also served time in the British Columbia penitentiary."

"Where did you get all your nickels?" asked Judge Stevenson. "I'm not being tried for that, am I?" interposed the defendant.

The judge smiled grimly. "I make quite a bit of money and come to town to spend it," said Benas. "I just got back from Astoria, where I worked five days."

"How much did you make?" asked the judge. "Seventy dollars."

"Pretty good wages, \$70 in five days," mused the judge. "What were you doing?"

"Cutting fish," said the defendant. "Again the judge smiled grimly."

"Cutting fish, \$70 in five days—sounds pretty fishy. You must be a good workman. I think the county can use your services for about 60 days."

SALMON CATCHES IMPROVE

Heavy Run of Fish Reported Entering Columbia River.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Better catches of salmon were made in the lower harbor last night than for several days, indicating that the fish which have been known to be outside for some time are beginning to enter the river. The fish appear to be huge, the north shore and stick to isolated channels.

Last night one boat that was drifting in the vicinity of the Fort Columbia dock caught 1600 pounds of salmon and several other reports of large fish and then the fishing will be over for the season.

OFFICER OF ILL-FATED MIMI GOES TO JOIN GERMAN NAVY.

Fritz Hage, of WHEELER, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Third Mate Fritz Hage, of the ill-fated Mimi that capsized on Nehalem Beach last February, left yesterday morning to join the German navy, of which he is a reserve.

Mr. Hage owns a half relief replica of the Mimi, with all sails set. The stars, stripes, anchor bar and flukes are all carved out by hand, and with a pocket knife ferried to the Portland college and will have charge of one of the commercial classes. Brother George, who was connected with the Christian Brothers' institutions in Portland and Vancouver, was transferred from Sacramento to

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FAST HORSES ARE LISTED

FOUR DAYS' RACE MEET WILL BE HELD AT JORDAN VALLEY.

Entries Made From California, Nevada, Idaho and All Parts of the Central Oregon Country.

JORDAN VALLEY, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The last day for entries in the Derby and stakes races to be run here August 25-28, inclusive, found the races well filled with horses from California, Nevada, Idaho and Central Oregon. There are also over a score of outside horses listed to run in the overnight events. Horse-owners throughout the West have become interested in this meet, as they will have an opportunity to run against the famous local horse, Bally Beers, unbeaten at a quarter mile. The majority of the horses entered have been in Jordan Valley for several weeks and are being trained on one of the fastest tracks in the West.

Entries for the Derby and stakes races are as follows:

Quarter-mile, August 25, entry, Bally Beers, owner, T. Miller, Jordan Valley, Don Alicia, Hooper & Morgan, John Day; Lark, Rutherford Bros., Ironides, Sage Hen, George McCallan, Jordan Valley; Beautiful Doll, J. B. Duncan, Jordan Valley. Purses for above races \$200 added.

One-half mile—August 26, Zlatia Branna, A. L. Osborne, John Day; Maine, C. T. Riley, Dewey; Pump, J. B. Duncan, Jordan Valley; Sage Hen, George McCallan, Jordan Valley; Bally Beers, T. Miller, Jordan Valley; Don Alicia, Hooper & Morgan, John Day; Lark, Rutherford Bros., John Day. Purses \$200 added.

Seven of the horses entered have run on the Jordan Valley track in previous years, and as the outsiders have frequently found the local horses hard to beat, there is an assurance of a hotly contested meet. All the horses are apparently in excellent condition. Shrimp, owned by J. B. Duncan, formerly owned by M. J. Greeley, made a wonderful record for a young horse last season against Bally Beers, and as a result racing fans are holding small odds against the colt.

Novelty and automobile races, roping and bucking contests will also be a

part of the four days' programme, so there will be something of interest for all who attend.

Seaside Fire Destroys Rink.

SEASIDE, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Fire, which for a time threatened the entire west side of the seaside business district early this morning, completely destroyed the skating rink owned by John Orjala and Oscar Manula. The independent salt water fire mains and the volunteer fire department's excellent service undoubtedly saved the district from being wiped out. The origin is not known, but it is believed to be a carelessly thrown match or cigarette. The loss was approximately \$5000, on which \$3000 insurance was carried.

The Swedish railroads are experimenting with peat for fuel.

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