

# WORLD'S GREATEST WAR DAY BY DAY

## THE GERMAN WAR CREED

INSTRUMENTS OF DESTRUCTION ARE MEASURED IN TERMS OF MEN

**T**HE German creed of war as explained by United States army officers is a contest of men. Men start war and men end it. It is the basic idea. American army officers have been close students of the German tactics and are in a position to know it from start to finish.

Artillery, cavalry, signal and engineering and infantry are all bodies of men—the difference is in the means they employ. While the pride of craftsman's art may produce the perfect rifle, that weapon in the hands of a coward is useless, whereas the lion-hearted makes a bar of rusty iron effective.

**A Nation of Soldiers.**  
The spirit of the nation is reflected in its army. Witness a wild impulsive charge on a battlefield, and at home you will see hysterical women, frenzied children, wailing old men and decrepits. Look at a solid advancing army and you will see at home a devoted, almost reverent calmness, or quiet but sustained resignation. The one is a battle of nerves, the other of hearts.

History has shown the effectiveness of both, singly and in combinations.

France has admittedly the advantage over Germany in their light armament. They are aroused at Germany and are nerved to a tremendous hatred. Germany is a master of the science of war and is absolutely indifferent to the identity of its foe. A German is a warrior at heart and trained to the highest degree in the cruel science of armed conflict.

**Man Only a Unit.**  
One soldier is the unit of measure in German war. He is the dollar, the foot, the gallon, the figure 1. He is the standard by which all war things are measured. German science pits his stout heart against new fire, new fortifications, new explosives. Instruments of destruction are measured in terms of the men it will take to offset that advantage.

That the creed is cruel and ghastly matters not to the German. It is the rule. As the German dreams war, a night attack has no terrors. That he lives war, he expects so to die. Death is used solely in the calculations of German warfare—never in its actual operations.

The utter disregard of heavy mortality, and the willingness to sacrifice gore for glory, has made the German army the wonder of experts. Other nations have evolved tactics, yet there is not a war library in existence that does not contain more treatises of Germany than all other nations combined.

**Trust to Infantry.**  
The Germans center all tactics on a fierce infantry attack. They know the psychology of war and use it, but if every man in line is killed, the flag has advanced that far, and the last dying soldier smiles. It is a relentless attack where men must wear down the huge power of artificial destructive machines. Yet it is the attack called for. If an enemy's gun is estimated to have a five hundred death capacity, six hundred Germans charge it, and if one hundred survive it the victory is there.

This reputation alone gives Germany the edge of a battle before a gun is fired. Guns are inert, they require men and the guns of the enemy are just as strong as the nerves of the men who man them.

In the current dispatches the reports of skirmishes tell of the death of small numbers of men. These men are undoubtedly the advance scouts. A detachment of cavalry sent out to report is victorious in the German eye if but one man of the two hundred sent returns with the information.

**Plans Made Far Ahead.**  
The Germans plan ahead and follow that plan alone. Nothing swerves them. The onward march is still made by the plans. They drop off here and there "countaining" troops—men assigned to keep a fort besieged—but all this was in the plan. They march with strong front to their goal, and if there is one man alive who can hold the ball there, the touchdown is scored and the game won, in the German eye.

It is said that a messenger awoke the great General Von Moltke at 3:00 in the morning with the news that France had declared war.

"Thank you. You will find the plan of campaign in the third drawer. Kindly convey the roll to the chief of staff and tell him I will see him after breakfast." Then he went to sleep again.

## WAR TO END MILITARISM

### Secretary Bryan Says That European Struggle is Death Throes of Great Power

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 15.—"The convulsions through which Europe is now passing are the death throes of militarism," declared Secretary of State Bryan here in his address at the Star Spangled Banner celebration. "We are entering upon a new age," said the Secretary. "We are entering upon an age in which freedom will be given new interpretations and bravery will find new forms of expression."

Mr. Bryan came as the personal representative of President Wilson, who was unable to attend. He took for his subject "The Flag."

"Our banner derives its splendor from the fact that it floats over the land of the free and the home of the brave," said Mr. Bryan. "We might well spend this hour in thanksgiving for all that has been achieved under the Red, White and Blue. But, gratifying as that would be, more advantage can be gained from the contemplation of the part which we must play today and tomorrow in determining what that flag shall symbolize. What kind of freedom shall it represent to the world? For what sort of bravery shall it stand?"

"The world has longed for freedom throughout the ages—not of the privileged few, but of the countless multitude. Some have at all times had freedom—freedom, resting not upon respect of human rights, but upon the power of might.

"Bravery has never been lacking, the bravery of the conqueror who risked his life to secure the authority that he coveted. But the freedom of the despot and the bravery of the tyrant are not the virtues of which Key sang."

### WHY PICK ON BELGIUM?

**The Little Country Did Nothing to Deserve a Hostile Invasion.**

As the "far flung battle lines" surge back and forth across Belgium one is more and more appalled by the hideous injustice of the fate which has overtaken this brave little country.

What in heaven's name was Serbia to Belgium or Belgium to Serbia that this peaceful and prosperous land of fine cattle, rich fields and teeming mines, supporting more people to the square mile than any other area in Europe, must be torn and trampled under the feet of a ruthless invader? The Belgians had no quarrel with anybody. Nobody hated them. Belgium was literally a land of milk and honey. Its fertile farms, beautiful valleys and thrifty cities were the delight of travelers who passed over its railway lines. Yet now its farmers must desert their fields to fight for them, while the soil grows rank with blood and battle!

Future generations will thrill when they read of the defense of Liege. They will weep over the injustice which made an innocent and inoffensive country the stamping ground of war.

### OFFICERS INSPECT LINE.

**William Sproule, President of Line, and D. W. Campbell, General Manager, in Eugene.**

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 14.—William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific, accompanied by other railroad officials from San Francisco, met D. W. Campbell, general manager of the Southern Pacific in Portland, and F. L. Burkholder, superintendent of the Southern Pacific at Portland, in Eugene, and the two private cars of officials left immediately as a special train on a trip of inspection over the Willamette Valley.

celebrated corps, a corps whose favorite maneuvering feat is swimming deep rivers on horseback. Those who have witnessed these maneuvers tell of seeing a prince of the House of Savoy plunge into the River Arno at Florence at the head of his Hussars and the entire regiment swam across, each trooper with his arm about his trained charger's neck.

Then there would be more eyes for the Royal Carabineers, soldiers who are chosen with the utmost care and who are greatly esteemed for their noble traditions. The Carabineers are composed of all the military corps which have charge of the public peace and order in the different provinces of the kingdom.

### A War Strength of 2,600,000.

Outside these parts of the army, peculiarly distinguished as they are, there is the main body of the compact, well trained fighting force whose strength is 2,600,000. Of these, 700,000 compose the mobile militia, and a million or more, many of whom are only partially trained, belong to the territorial militia. Military experts believe that Italy with its twelve army corps joined with the four of Serbia could neutralize the sixteen corps of Austria and draw the dual monarchy's forces away from obstructing Russia and giving aid to Germany.

Only a few years ago the Italian soldiers had a taste of real war. In 1906 there was trouble with Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia. Italy had dreamed of a protectorate and a vast African empire. Honorable defeats at the hands of the fierce Abyssinians soon turned into complete disaster. But it is not likely that the Italians came back without having learned a few lessons whose application may help make present history.

### RUMOR ROUMANIAN MINISTRY HAS RESIGNED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Sept. 15.—A dispatch from Rome says it is reported that the members of the Roumanian ministry have tendered their resignations.

## ITALY KEEPS WHOLE WORLD GUESSING AS TO IT'S ACTION

People for War—Everyone Awaits It Anxiously.

The official call from the Italian consul in Portland to an Italian subject in Marshfield indicates that Italy is mobilizing and preparing to enter the European conflict. All through these first days of the European war, Italy has kept the world guessing. Bound by an alliance whose purposes have been outgrown and which is most distasteful to the masses of the people, the kingdom of Southern Europe has hesitated to throw its arms on either side. The latest reports are that the crisis is at hand, the popular feeling has pressed upward into official circles, and the king and his cabinet are momentarily expected to issue an ultimatum to Austria.

The people are for war. There is nothing but bitterness in the hearts of most Italians against the nation that in times past has been the chief enemy of Italian independence and unity. The alliance has been purely an official agreement, by no means supported by popular feeling. But by it Italy had a free hand in the descent upon Tripoli two years ago. Operations in Africa were thus shielded. Now, however, the alliance is not needed, and the old constantly fattened hatred toward Austria is free to exercise itself.

### Will Attack Trieste First.

A movement against Trieste is expected first. Trieste and Fiume, Austrian seaports, are chiefly Italian in population and loyalty. These cities, along with control of the Adriatic, Italy covets, as does France the lost provinces of Alsace and Lorraine.

When the armies of Italy are hurried into the great European conflict, some of the most interesting and picturesque actors of the world's war stage will take up their parts. Nobody doubts that their dressing rooms have already served their purposes. They are waiting in them all prepared to advance into the midst of action.

All eyes will be upon the Bersaglieri, with their plumes of cock's feathers, and the Alpine troops who march up perpendicular cliffs with more ease than they walk on level ground. And there are the Royal Carabineers and the Royal Piedmont Regiment of cavalry, both holding celebrated positions among all the fighting forces of the world.

Favorites among them all are the Bersaglieri, called "the most picturesque of the corps d'elite of the armies of the world." The Bersaglieri consist of twelve regiments, each of three battalions, with one reserve company. They are the fleetest infantrymen in the world.

**Choose the Poorest Material.**  
This corps was created by General

Lamarmora, one of the founders of the Italian National Army. The general asked the king for the worst soldiers in the service so that he could mold them according to his own plans. His first and chief plan was to make his men mentally keen and resourceful. At the same time he wished that they be thoroughly active physically.

In a peculiar way the great general went about training his men. One of his ideas was to have all the doors secretly locked when the men were in quarters, and to have the first dinner bugle sounded. A moment later the second dinner bugle sounded. The men in obedience to the call, rushed, with their pans in their hands, to the doors. The doors were all locked, of course.

But the men must get their mess. The orders were to present themselves immediately after the second call, get their rations and return at once to their quarters. There was nothing left to do but make ropes of blankets and sheets and let themselves down from the windows while they held the pans in their teeth. They got their allowance of the usual thick soup and bread. The bread was easy. It went into their pockets. But the soup? There was no other way; they went up as they came down, pans in mouths. Some got back with the most of their soup, some got back with half of it, some got back with the pan wet. But out of 700 men in one trial, all but two got back up the improvised ropes.

The Bersaglieri have continued to be a national institution. Their traditions of readiness in emergency have not been allowed to die.

**Climb the Alpine Steeps.**  
No less remarkably trained and no less picturesque are the Alpine troops. The mountains are their home. While regiments have been drilled in all the difficulties of battling above the clouds or on the steep sides of the cliffs, where only avalanches are supposed to travel. In the maneuvers are to be seen long files of men, small looking like files on the wall of a terrible precipice, dragging inch by inch some big field gun by means of cables and pulleys.

The whole idea of such training is that some day it would be necessary to meet an enemy equally daring and skillful among the dangerous Alpine solitudes. Perhaps that day is now at hand, and the Carnic and Rhetian Alps on the border between Italy and Austria may see battles most strange in comparison with the ordinary aspects of warfare. Here may be aerial battles of another kind, scarcely less thrilling and novel.

Were it not for these most picturesque parts of the Italian army there would be more cheers for the Royal Piedmont regiment, one of the most

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