

DUNA RIVER NOW CHIEF DEFENSE OF RETREATING SLAVS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 1.—European Russia is over-rich in water resources, and her rivers, lakes and marshes have taken the place of mountain systems in her scheme of defense toward the west. Each important stand of the Moscovite armies against the present invasion of the Teutonic forces has been made along a waterway. Teutonic arms have had to win, successively, passages of the Wartha, the San, the upper Dniester, the Vistula, the Narw, the Niemen and the Bug, and now the Russians are reported to be regrouping on the line of the Pinski marshes and the Duna, or the southern Dvina river. The National Geographic society in its statement today gives the following description of the Dvina, which has taken on a character of great military interest as the immediate barrier to German advance on Petrograd.

Duna Drains Vast Region

"The Duna river is now filling the part that the Vistula river filled throughout the first part of the war, that the Bug filled following the fall of Warsaw and Ivangorod, and the powerful fortress at Duenaburg is now of the importance of Novo Georgievsk on the contested Vistula line or Brest Litovsk on a contested line of the Bug. The Duna cuts across the paths leading to the north and Petrograd and into the north central interior, where are the rich industrial cities, Moscow, Tver, Rjef. While the Courland is rich, the real resources of Russia begin to the west of this Russian line.

"The Duna has its source in a small lake cluster, about 800 feet above sea level, in the government of Tver. It rises in the same highland where two of the mightiest rivers of Russia begin their courses—the Dnieper, which flows to the south and empties at Kherson into the Black sea, and the Volga, which flows southeast and empties into the Caspian. The sources of the Volga, the river around whose course a Russian folk evolved and a Russian power grew, lie in the Valdai hills, a few miles north of the lakes that give rise to the River Duna. The sources of the Dnieper approach near to the Duna on the south.

Sweeps in Flat Arc

"The river sweeps in a flat arc, southwest-northwest, to its mouth on the Gulf of Riga. It takes up the drainage of an area of 32,960 square miles, and is a commercial way of first importance in western Russia. Riga, situated ten miles from its mouth, is one of Russia's greatest port cities, and a significant part of the products that its merchants assemble are brought down the Duna. The large ocean-going steamers can ascend only to Riga, but river boats ply as far as Vitebsk. Larger river boats navigate between Duenaburg and Riga, a distance of 135 miles.

"The river is 650 miles long. Its upper course lies through a broken country, giving rise to many irregularities in its bed. In its lower course it has an average depth of about thirty feet and an average breadth of 1400 feet. During the time of the spring floods these measurements are largely increased. The Duna, then, often piles up fifteen feet above its usual level and spreads out for a width of more than a mile. The river is free from ice on an average of 240 days in the year.

"It is estimated that more than 2,000,000 tons of freight are transported over the Duna each year. Among its tributaries, the Mezha, Usvyat, Kasplya, Ulla, Dvina and Bolderaa, are also navigable. The Beresina canal connects the Duna with the Dnieper, thus giving a freight route by water from the Baltic sea, across Europe, to the Black sea. As is the general case with Russian rivers, the Duna abounds in fish, a very delicate species of salmon being caught in its waters."

BARNES CIRCUS SHOWS IN MEDFORD TOMORROW, SEPT. 2

After weeks of anticipation, with daily inspection of the billboards and pictures in the store windows, the small boy comes into his own tomorrow. The Big Barnes Wild Animal Circus will be here to entertain young America and his parents and other relatives.

A big circus bristling with as much new entertainment as the Barnes show provides, always sends a thrill along the spinal column of every red blooded youngster and grown-up. And why shouldn't it—it's the big fun day of the year, the day when folks for miles around come to town to meet and visit their friends and join in having a good time.

The day's festivities commence with the parade, which leaves the show grounds to traverse the principal downtown streets promptly at 10:30. This pageant is instructive as well as alluring and represents the greatest monetary value ever assembled in a circus parade, due to the great value of many trained animals. Many cages of wild animals are shown—the finest specimens of their kind in captivity.

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The Pine street war in Marshfield ended by council ordering improvement.

A. G. Barnes, Owner of Barnes' Circus



A. G. Barnes, owner of the A. G. Barnes wild animal circus, who is famous as a trainer and exhibitor of wild animals. The ponies, Denver, Romeo, Cuba and Marcus, Arabian stallions, are said to be the best educated horses in the world and are valued at \$30,000.

LUMBERMEN CALLED FOR CO-OPERATION

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—A call for a conference of lumbermen representing practically every branch of the industry has been issued by Robert H. Dowman, president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association. The conference is to be held on September 15, and plans will be formed for general co-operation in the matter of rates and classification of lumber and lumber products.

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NINETEEN PERISH IN MINE DISASTER

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Sept. 1.—An explosion of gas in the Ordona mine, of the Merchants' Coal company, at Roswell, yesterday, claimed its nineteenth victim today when James Bergalena died in a hospital here. Two other miners were said by hospital doctors to be in a critical condition. Ignition of a pocket of gas caused the explosion.

Corvallis grants a franchise for extension of West Side electric interurban.

JAPAN TO AID IN ALLIES' ATTACK ON CONSTANTINOPLE

PARIS, Sept. 1.—What appears to be an intimation that Japan will co-operate in the plan to force the Dardanelles is contained in an interview with Baron Hayashi, Japanese ambassador to Italy, sent to the Petit Parisien by its Rome correspondent.

The baron is quoted as saying: "We must not allow our enemy to profit by information about the movements of troops."

Discussing the part that Japan has played in the war, the baron said: "We have not ceased to collaborate with our allies to the extent assigned to us. The world will be astonished when it knows what we have done, what we are doing and what we are willing to do. The Russians are nearest to us and we can be most useful to them. Rest assured, it is the greatest desire of Japan to assist in the sacred cause of civilization."

"WORMWOOD" BY MARIE CORRELLI AT PAGE

"Wormwood," the midweek feature offering at the Page today and tomorrow, is a unique picture based on Marie Corelli's sensational and thrilling novel. This photoplay is a picture of vivid, pulsing action with an eminent cast of Fox stars. Ethel Kauffman, a 16-year-old leading woman as Pauline, is wonderfully appealing and charming in the character of the unhappy little heroine. John Saintpol, as Gaston Beauvais, the absent-minded, gives a rendition of the character which can only be called startling in its realism. The Hearst-Selig weekly news is shown in addition to this five-act feature. Special announcement is made of the magnificent feature for Wednesday and Thursday, September 8 and 9, of "The Devil's Daughter," featuring Theda Bara, the famed "vampire woman."

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MEN OF 54 CALLED TO ARMS BY KAISER

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Sept. 1.—The Folketid of Helsing, a frontier journal with excellent sources of information in Germany, states that there was recently an altercation in the Reichstag concerning a national service law which the German papers are forbidden to discuss.

"The law will increase the age limit to 54," the newspaper says. "It authorizes the calling out of all men who hitherto have been rejected on account of their physical condition, including even those who previous have not been considered fit for the untrained landsturm."



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