

German Army a Machine, But French Have Initiative Even In the Rank and File

As Fighters, Too, the Cuirassiers, of the French Cavalry, Are Much Superior to Any Mounted Troops Germany Possesses and Are Famed, Since Napoleon's Time, For Their Magnificent Dash and Their Intrepid Bravery On the Battlefield

FRENCH NATION IS ABSOLUTELY UNITED
BUT SOUTH GERMANY OPPOSES WAR

The Provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, Wrested From France in 1870, Have Persistently Remained French the Last Forty-Four Years in Spite of the Kaiser's Strenuous and Autocratic Efforts to Make Them German—And the People Thereof Hate the German Emperor

Of all the great powers, Germany has undoubtedly the greatest, best disciplined, best armed and equipped and strongest army. From the moment you cross the Bavarian line at Lake Constance, Switzerland, until you leave it going into Amsterdam, you are never out of sight of some of the war lord's troops.

The heavy cavalry, known as the Uhlans, are the most picturesque of course, mounted on their stocky horses and carrying the 16-foot heavy horses fully armed and accoutered as they trot across the field their brass helmets shining in the sun, they make a remarkably beautiful picture.

But to my thinking the Cuirassiers or heavy dragons of the French army will give a better account of themselves in actual fight.

In the first place the French cavalry horses are larger, rangier, and faster. I feel sure of that. In the next place the French cavalryman is not dependent upon his officer as the German is. An English officer in Paris last winter pointed out to me the superior points of the French cavalry as we watched a troop ride down the boulevard and this view was con-

firmed when I saw the great manoeuvres at Vincennes in April.

The Finest in the World

From the days of Napoleon the French Cuirassiers have been famous for their magnificent dash and intrepid bravery. I think it should go without saying that in the mounted branch of the service the French army is the superior of anything in the world.

The Italian cavalrymen are even more picturesque and undoubtedly the finest fancy riders in the world, but Italy, just as I predicted in my published letter of February 9, has refused to go to war.

I see that the Kaiser sets forth that his Empire is the only one in Europe absolutely united. The facts are that the German Empire is anything but united, and everyone in Europe excepting possibly the Kaiser, knows it.

I was in the city of Strassburg, capital of Alsace, in June. This city was taken by the Germans in 1870 after a terrific bombardment in which the garrison was almost annihilated and the wonderful cathedral, one of the finest in Europe, badly damaged.

Germany has therefore held Strassburg 44 years.

City is Still French

You would suppose the city would have been assimilated ere this, but only a few weeks before I was there, the Mayor, superior judge and 180 leading citizens were arrested for insulting the German troops quartered there. The Crown Prince had been recalled by the Kaiser and sharply reproved for his brutal telegram to the commander at Strassburg, and martial law prevailed all through Alsace and Lorraine!

A few weeks later all the troops were transferred and Prussian troops were ordered to Alsace with orders to shoot at the first sign of disaffection!

I stopped three days at the home of a Prussian mill manager at Karlsruhe, a prosperous city of Baden, about twenty miles from the French frontier. My friend told me that the 200 men under him cordially hated all Prussians; that they had no use for the Emperor, and that this feeling was almost universal throughout Baden, Bavaria and Wuertemberg.

My host's son, an officer in the German aviation corps, told me that in a general European war all Germany would stand together for the Fatherland.

Keep Them Away from France

"But," he added, "of course, our generals will be careful to place troops from Bavaria and the south where they will not be called upon to fire directly at the French troops, for we can't deny that the Bavarians and Alsations are somehow friendly to France, and especially the poorer classes, for they think they would like a republic!"

These are but two of a dozen similar instances and conversations which convinced me that, so far as loyalty to the German Kaiser is concerned, South Germany, with its 10,000,000 people, must be watched. France didn't want to fight. The

French army is the most democratic institution in the world of its kind. I guess, and the army is simply honeycombed with socialism, but they have one central thought or emotion in common, and that is hatred of the German royal family and Imperial government.

Hatred for Kaiser Alone

They do not seem to hate the German citizen at all, for there were 100,000 Germans living in peace and comfort at Paris at the outbreak of the war, but the average Frenchman honestly believes that the Imperial government is a menace to the peace of the world. I predict that in this war the French soldier will fight with orders or without orders, with or without officers or direction of any kind, but with great efficiency.

The British army is utterly different from that of either France or Germany, being a professional army, just as ours is in America, instead of a citizen army.

For instance, no "well-to-do" American or Englishman ever enlists as a soldier in the standing army, so that the rank and file of the standing armies of English-speaking countries are merely made up of men who prefer "soldiering" for some reason. In Continental Europe, however, every adult male must serve the years from 20 to 22 in Germany, about the same in Austria and from the 20th to the 23rd years in France. Rich and poor, poet and peasant, university boy and farm laborer, all must serve with the colors. There are no favorites and the army is truly a citizen force.

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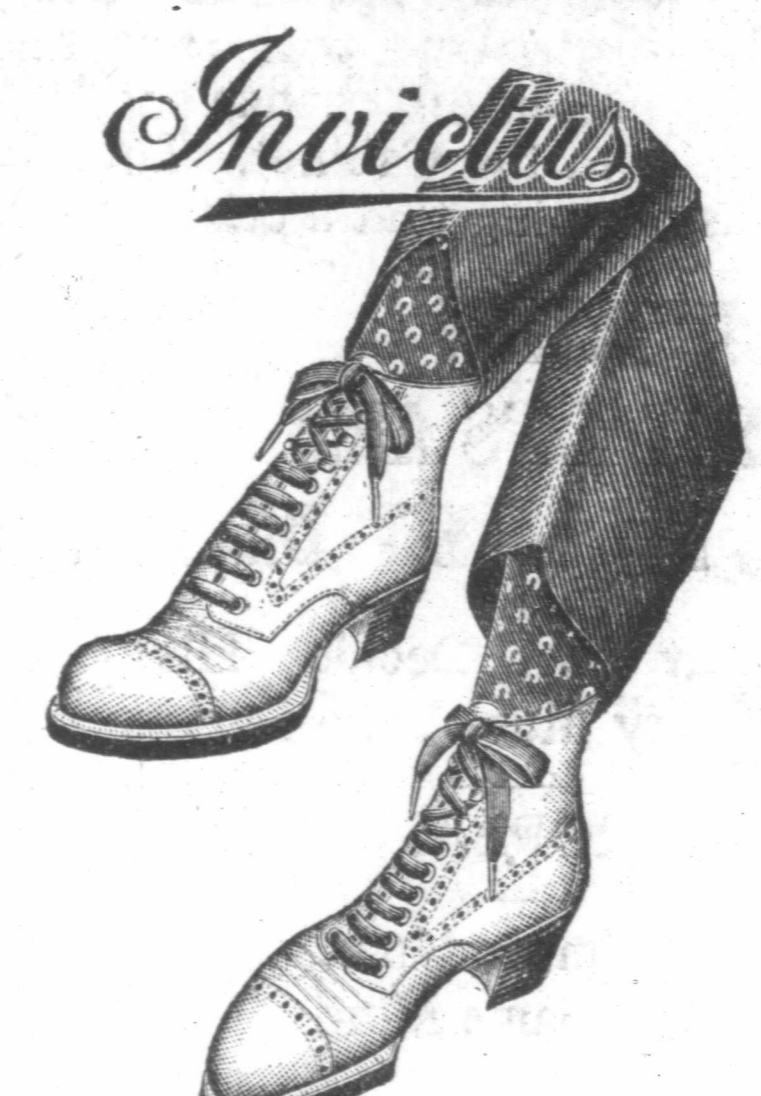
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NOTES OF NEWS
JOE BATT'S ARM

Moderate Weather Prevailing, But Very Little Fish Is Being Taken

Joe Batt's Arm, Aug. 6.—Beautiful fine day with a moderate breeze of westerly wind. An ideal day for fishing which is justly proven by the hustle our industrious women have about them the last few days, and it is always their desire to have the fish, cured as clean, dry and good as sun and salt will do it.

Everything in general is now pretty dull as very little in fishing circles is now being done and the current report of fish prices and food stuffs is in every way discouraging.

S.S. Fogota arrived to-day and much good for the Union store came by her. The F.P.U. premises this evening was certainly a busy spot.

Only Two Traps

Friday, Aug. 7.—Weather dull with a fresh breeze from the S. E. Only two traps are fishing now and their daily catch is nothing but a few tom-cods. The few codnets remaining out would apparently do a little with fish if the despised dogfish weren't so plentiful.

It is now the time of the squid and we anxiously await their arrival. The work of our men these days is drying their codtraps, nets and other fishing gear and getting their boats in perfect readiness for the fall fishery. We wish them a prosperous one.

Fishing Nil

Saturday, Aug. 8.—Moderate, beautiful and fine. Fishery nil at present. All traps were taken ashore to-day with the exception of Coffin Bros. It is reported that the S.S. Can't Lose will be due here on Monday with coals. Come on Can't Lose, we are ready and waiting for you.

Monday, Aug. 10.—Moderate with weather good and fine. At 10.30 a.m. S.S. Can't Lose arrived with coals. Immediately everything and everybody was astir and skiffs and punts were going and coming in all directions and one could easily discern the spirit of Unionism which prompted our men to work with such vigor. At 7.30 our coals were discharged, and off she goes again at early morning for Tilting.

Little Doing

Tuesday, Aug. 11.—Moderate S. W. wind, fine and warm. A little doing with hook and line, but herring bait is scarce and we anxiously await the coming of the squid.

S.S. Can't Lose left for Tilting this morning.

Wednesday, Aug. 12.—Fresh breeze S. W. wind with extreme heat all during the day. Little fish with hook and line. Boats to-day from half to three quintals. No dogfish to-day

NO INFORMATION
UNTIL BIG BATTLE
HAS BEEN FOUGHT

Authorities Will Wait Until They Have Something Definite to Report

THE BATTLE MAY BE ON

Official Charges of German Atrocities Against Civilians

Paris, Aug. 19.—Le Matin says: "The French Government will not give out early bulletins of the great battle, but will wait for definite and tangible results. It may be a week or longer."

"This must be so from the nature of things. The battle line is so long that victory or repulse at one point may be offset by the opposite result at others. To report the varying spasmodic engagements would be misleading and disturbing to the entire public.

All Will Be Silent

The latest news from the theatre of operations has been issued and for the next few days all will be silent in Paris, while Belgium once again becomes the cockpit of Europe. The preliminary engagements of the first great battle are doubtless now in progress."

The War office this evening announced that French troops have occupied "the important peak of Doneon," where they captured 500 Germans. The Peak of Doneon is in the Northern Vosges and commands the most northerly pass into France; its strategic importance at the present juncture is inestimable. It has never been fortified, because of the difficulty of moving large bodies of troops through the pass, but now that it is in French hands, the pass is effectively barred against German assault.

An official statement from the War Office to-night charges further atrocities against non-combatants on the part of the German soldiers. The statement declares French soldiers advancing again into Alsace, found bullet ridden bodies of inhabitants in villages of Upper Alsace, evacuated by the Germans as the French troops advanced.

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which is most assuredly good news. Many of the fishermen report seeing two large ships, supposed to be warships—manoeuvring in the waters eastward of Fogo Islands. They have been there now over a week. We wonder who or what they are.

—PATRIOT.

CRICKETERS
VS. BASEBALLERS

To Play Friendly Game of Cricket in the Near Future

Our old and enthusiastic cricketers don't seem to take kindly to the game of baseball. They say that very few of the Baseball League members know the first thing about "hitting," and as for fielding they know less. Hence it is very likely that an agitation of cricketers will issue a friendly challenge to a picked team from the ball league to play a game of five innings.

This would prove interesting and probably be the means of taking the starch out of the has-been cricketers.

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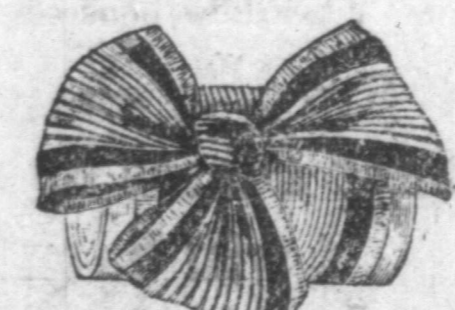
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