

AUSTRIANS EMULATE GERMAN BARBARITIES IN WAR ON SERVIANS

Official Instructions to Austrian Troops Ordered the "Greatest Severity and the Greatest Hardness" Toward the Civil Population

Lausanne, Switzerland, Dec. 23.—The Austrians are carrying on their warfare against the Servians with a severity probably not matched in any of the other theatres of war, according to a letter received here by a woman whose husband is in Servia as an observer. From Valjevo he writes:

"Austro-Hungary is waging against little Servia a war of extermination of a people. Everything I see proves it: orders to kill civilians, the burning of villages, explosive bullets, bombardment with grapeshot. I have had proofs of all this on the spot by my eyes and by documents.

"The explosive bullets, whose cartridge shells bear the double eagle and stamp of the Government munitions factory at Wellersdorf, near Vienna, are called 'Einschusspatronen,' and were unknown before the war. The bullets contain a charge of powder, capsule of fulminate, and a pointer detonator—exactly as for elephant shooting! They are supposed to be used to rectify the range; because the bullet, when striking an object, explodes and makes smoke, which permits the shooter to see the point he has hit—if he has a good telescope. A single army surgeon in Valjevo has 117 men, rightfully wounded by these range-finders, dying on his hands.

"I send you extracts from a little circular distributed to the Austro-Hungarian troops by their officers. The original document is before me; I translate from it textually.

"The order has seven pages of printed text, and the following heading: 'K. u. K. 9 Korpskommando.' Instructions of Conduct Toward the Population of Servia. They begin thus:

Humanity Out of Place.

"The war leads us into a hostile country, inhabited by a population animated by a fanatic hatred towards us; a land where assassination is considered—as was proved by the

catastrophe of Serajevo—a permissible act, even by the superior classes, to be celebrated as a kind of heroism.

"With respect to such a population, all humanity and pity of heart are completely out of place; they are even harmful, because such considerations, sometimes possible in time of war, would here make danger for our own troops.

"I order, consequently, that during the entire military operations the greatest severity, the greatest hardness and suspicion be applied to the entire population. I will not suffer any civilian to be in possession of a firearm; such shall be made prisoner, and should be executed at once.

"Yet the Austrians are perfectly aware that all Servian soldiers of the third ban corresponding to the Swiss Landsturm, from thirty-six to fifty years, and called out to defend the hearth, wear their civilian peasant clothes, having no others.

"The order also makes no distinction between men and women. It continues:

"Any soldier of ours found guilty of clemency will be punished with the severest penalties." Here follows instructions for the occupation of towns and villages:

"If time be short, and if the troops are only passing through a village, you will proceed rapidly, bayonet fixed, prepared to fire. In every case, take hostages immediately (priests, rabbis, school masters and the wealthiest citizens). Quitting the town, you will carry them with you until you are five miles out, and you will kill them without mercy if a shot is fired from the town or village.

All Arms To Be Yielded.
"Notify the population at once to give up all their arms. Every house in which an arm is found must be destroyed. (What constitutes an arm is not specified, but is left to the interpretation of common soldiers. Consequently the family carving knife in the house dresser may cause the house to be burned.)

"If the inhabitants (of such a house) cannot be found you will lay hands on the first person you happen to meet in the street, who could undoubtedly give information respect-

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159 LIVES LOST IN SINGLE YEAR IN U.S.A. SPORTS

Of These 111 Were Killed While Hunting, 35 at Baseball and 13 at Football—4080 Seriously Injured

Season of 1914.	Killed.	Seriously Injured.
Hunting.....	111	162
Baseball.....	35	918
Football.....	13	3090
	159	4080

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The toll of life and limb exacted by sport is declining. Careful records kept of the three major sports for the season just closed show that Americans are attaining a more safe and sane policy on their many playgrounds and in the forests. Of the millions of red-blooded American men and boys who have gone into the woods with the rifle, played the great national game of baseball, and put their muscles to the strenuous tests of football, only 159 have met death this year. The injuries that the tabulators classed as serious total 4,080, and of this number fully half have entirely recovered.

Few Among Many.
When one stops to think of the many who engage in these three great pastimes fully 10,000,000 at least estimate, the toll of deaths and injuries does not seem so terrible. In fact, it is believed that the same number of men

erred to act with the greatest severity and hardness.

"Every inhabitant (sex or age left open) met outside of a town or village must be considered to be a member of a band who has hidden his arms somewhere or other and we have not time to search for such hidden arms. All such prisoners, if there be the slightest doubt of their intentions, should be immediately executed.

"As 'the greatest severity, hardness and suspicion' are ordered, such doubt of intentions is equivalent to an order for the extermination of the entire peasant farmer population, peaceful and unarmed, outside of town.

"I could add citations, but I will conclude with the resume, in fat type, on the last page of the folder: "Once more, brothers and soldiers, discipline and dignity, but also the greatest severity and the greatest hardness."

and boys, if engaged during the same number of hours in work or in travel, would meet with injury and death in proportion fully as great as they did in their favorite sports.

The hunting fatalities of the year fell off from 135 last year, although the injuries jumped from 125 to 162. The comparison shows a satisfactory gain for sane hunting. A campaign of warning was waged in each of the 18 States from which the figures are drawn. Wisconsin lost 33 hunters, Michigan 27, Minnesota 12, Michigan had 42 injured huntsmen, Wisconsin 39 and Washington 20. From the statistics of the game license bureaus it is estimated that 150,000 hunted deer during the open season.

"Good Showing."

Baseball, in which nearly every boy in America indulged, and fully one-fifth of American men took part, besides the numberless professional and semi-professional players, makes a remarkably good showing with only 35 deaths attributable to injuries, received in the game. Of this number 20 were hit by pitched balls, five were struck with bats, four over-exerted themselves, one was hurt sliding to base, and one was killed in a fight. Of the 918 injuries recorded as apparently serious, 314 were of broken limbs,

18 had concussion of the brain, 13 had their skulls fractured, four were paralyzed, 37 received serious sprains, 26 were spiked, 17 received fractures, 7 were put out of the running by dislocations, and 10 were victims of torn ligaments. In the minor leagues 116 were injured; in the American League 69; National League, 61; Federal League, 56; and on college teams, 8.

Footer Victims.

Football, the most strenuous of American games, exacts a remarkably high toll this year. Of course, the death list of 13 does not convey the full seriousness of the game. Among the injured, and they so many and constant that they could not all be accurately tabulated, many are permanently injured. Considering the great numbers of school teams, college teams, and boys who took part in the game this year, and the opportunities for rough work which are always present in the game, the wonder is that the death list is so small. This is attributed in part to the thoroughly trained condition of the school and college teams, and the careful selection of the most hardy youths to make up the teams.

Only two of the fatalities were among college men; one of these died from heart disease and the other from

injuries in a class game. The others were members of high school, preparatory schools or free lance teams. None of the boys were over 20 years of age. Tackling was the principal cause of the injuries that resulted in death.

Of the four thousand more cases of injury noted, fully half are known to have entirely recovered, and it is estimated that the recoveries will reach three-quarters of the number.

LITTLE TURK FAMILY ROW

Plots and Counter-plots Order of the Day at Constantinople.

London, Dec. 22.—The Daily News Petrograd correspondent telegraphs information has reached Odessa that Marshall Von der Goltz's read mission to Constantinople is to effect a reconciliation between the leaders of the Turkish government and the senior German officers employed in the Turkish army and fleet, as their discords are paralyzing the conduct of the war.

"Marshall Von der Goltz on his arrival assumed supreme command of the Turkish war operations on land and sea. This caused displeasure to Enver Pasha, whose adherents immediately started a movement against the marshal who, however, succeeded in having Enver Pasha sent to the Caucasus campaign.

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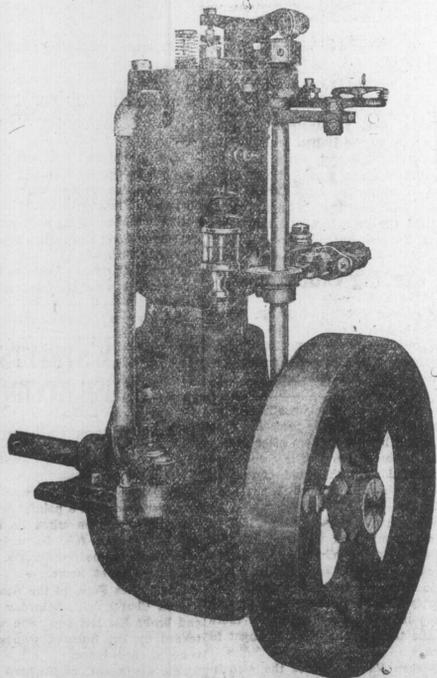
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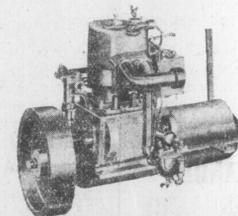


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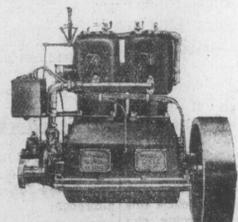
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