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MUSIC SWAYS THE FIGHTERS OF RUSSIA

Bands Play An Important
Part In Muscovite Army
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One Hundred Thousand
Uniformed Musicians In
The Czar's Army

London, England, Sept. 1.—Russia's gigantic army which has shown unexpected speed in mobilizing at the German frontier, and which has succeeded in entering Prussia after a four days' battle in which the fighting forces were spread out in lines twenty-six miles long, is dominated by music.

Whatever destiny awaits Russia's soldiers in the present war, it is certain that music will play an important part in their actions whether it be in the joy or victory or the gloom of defeat. Music is the main thing in the Russian soldier's life. It has fired him to action, increased his mental and physical efficiency and soothed his soul. The two have become inseparable and, except when strategic reasons demand otherwise, will go hand in hand to battle. The victorious blare of a triumphant march or the somber strains of a weird national hymn will break through the battle rifts to reveal fate's hand.

If the standing army of the United States were placed alongside Russia's military musicians, it would be no greater in number. The Czar's military bands form the soldier's bulwarks. One thousand regiments each have a band of forty to sixty pieces, with an equal number of pupils in the regimental orchestra schools and on battleships.

100,000 Uniformed Musicians
These 100,000 uniformed musicians are maintained for the sole purpose to provide every regiment with all the necessary musical entertainment; but they cost the treasury a big sum of money annually. The musical company of a regiment is, in spite of its martial appearance, a great educational and ennobling factor in the army. It plays a significant role in the whole national life, as well directly as indirectly. In the first place it refines the feelings and educates the Russian youth to love music, and, secondly, it provides the small towns and even bigger cities with good music throughout the summer season by giving concerts to the public parks. A larger majority of these places could not afford to hire bands of such efficiency as the military institutions provide. There has been discussion as to whether it would not be wise to reduce the number of these musical companies, but the military authorities have never dared to do so, knowing the seriousness of the results. Music for a Russian soldier means more than anything else.

The Russian regimental music does not compare with that of an amateur band which plays only the popular melodies. It does not cater to the taste of the soldiers, therefore, the repertoire of a military company is varied. Besides the popular numbers are performed serious classics and the works of modern composers. To a large extent these concerts take place Sundays, national holidays, evenings and during the parades and are of a highly entertaining nature.

Music Demanded Before Battle
During the last Russian-Japanese war the soldiers demanded the bands to play when, for strategic reasons, music was temporarily forbidden. One evening before the great battle at Mukden, a group of soldiers urged the band of their regiment to play such pieces as Tchaikowsky's Slav March and Schumann's "Traumerel." One of the soldiers said:

"Whether I am to be shot or I have the luck to remain alive, I know not—but I must hear my favored march this fatal night. It's a stimulation to action, a solace to the soul."

The Russian army surgeons have explained that had it not been for regimental music, the moral and physical conditions of the army would be forty per cent. worse. Music has grown to become a vital factor of the army life and disposes a soldier's mind to a state where he is likely to forget his deprivations and danger. It inspires him to display his most heroic faculties and thus makes of an uneducated moujik a brave patriot and fatalist to whom life is worth nothing. The power of stirring music is marvellous in such cases and it has a spiritually intoxicating power.

Musical Company Sacred
"It is a tradition of the Russian army that when a regiment leaves

QUESTIONS WAR MAY ANSWER

Will Holland and Belgium become subordinate kingdoms merged into the German Empire, giving Germany territorial control of the great harbor at the Rhine's mouth and eliminating Belgium as a buffer state between Germany and Great Britain just across the channel.

Will Luxemburg join Alsace and Lorraine under the German mantle?

Will Alsace and Lorraine remain under German rule?

Will Germany's new war fleet 'stand up' in action against Britons born to the sea?

Will Emperor William, as predicted recently by Mme Thebes, the Parisian 'seeress' visit Paris this year, 'but not as a king'?

Will Austro-Hungary absorb Serbia and possibly other Slavic Balkan kingdoms, or will the Slavs of Russia and the Balkans wrest all Slavic territory from the Dual Kingdom, set up a new Slavic Empire on the Mediterranean and the Adriatic, and leave German Austria no safety outside the Pan Germanic Empire.

Will there be a Germanic Empire? Will the Turk help the Teuton, or will he prefer to see his historic foe, the Slav, dominate the lost provinces of Turkey in Europe?

Will mere numbers prevail in a war characterized by mediocrity, or will a Napoleonic genius emerge in France in Germany, in England, in Russia, to command a triumph against numerical odds?

Will Italy be able to maintain her neutrality, should the battle's balance turn strongly against her allies?

Will Japan seize the occasion offered by her ally England's participation in the conflict to sweep the Germans out of China and off the islands of the Pacific?

Will that which the German Kaiser calls "Western civilization," divided against itself be able to endure the onslaught of what he calls "Eastern civilization?"

Or will the splendid model cities of Germany be overturned by a twentieth century invasion of primitive hordes from the East?

Will the American Congress be able to get the permission of the shipping trust to liberalize our shipping registry law, so that foreign merchant ships can be utilized to carry American cotton, grain, oil, iron and manufactures safely to their European markets, thus affording employment for workmen in Europe and preventing destructive losses here?

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the barracks for the war, the musical command performs the peculiar ceremonial march, the very music that is performed when the regiment enters the battle with the enemy. When tired, exhausted and stupefied by a day's fighting, the regiment goes to rest, the musical company cheers up the soldiers and a new life comes in the ranks of seeming shadows. It has been such a factor in Russian military life that a musical company has become a sacred institution toward which the average soldier has the deepest reverence. A musician is a gentleman in a regiment and enjoys every privilege, though he is nothing but a common soldier.

The late Gen. Linevitch, the Commander-in-chief of the Russian army, said:

"Music is one of the most vital armaments of the Russian army. Without music the Russian soldier would be dull, cowardly, brutal and inefficient. From music he absorbs a magic power of endurance and forgets the sufferings and mortality. It is a 'divine dynamite.'"

NINTH LANGERS REPEAT CHARGE OF BALACLAVA

Rode Down a German Battery and Put It Out Of Action

CHARGED THROUGH
STORM OF SHELLS

How British Regiments
Checkedmate an Investing
Force of Germans

London, Sept. 3.—The Daily Mail correspondent behind the British lines describes the charge of the Ninth Lancers which occurred at an unnamed spot during the recent series of tactical retreats as a Second Balacava.

He says: "Terrible havoc had been caused in our ranks by the shells from a battery of 11 German guns posted inside a forest near the Belgian frontier.

Gallant Charge.
"It seemed impossible to silence their fire until the Ninth Lancers made their attempt, riding straight at the guns after debouching into the open and charging under a hail of Melinite Lyddite.

"I have not been able to get reliable figures as to the distance they rode, but they reached their goal; nothing could stop them.

"They reached the guns, killed the gunners and put the guns out of action and then like their prototypes of Balacava they rode back.

Still Under Fire.
"On their return they fell in greater numbers still from the attack of other German batteries posted at vantage points around the battery.

"Notable bayonet charges were made on Wednesday last. Several British infantry regiments occupied an exposed position around which the Germans gradually circled, drawing the nose closer and closer.

"The British decided to cut their way through the cordon, so the men went at it yelling and shouting and got through, although the German artillery mowed them down frightfully."

EXTENSION LECTURES

Arrangements are being completed with Canadian Universities by which candidates from Newfoundland may qualify in St. John's for the beginning of the third year in Arts and other courses; and the Superintendents of Education are maturing plans for providing the necessary lectures in the subjects covering the second year's work.

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