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GIRLS SCARED AT THE RUSSIANS

Had Been Told That Their Troops, Especially the Cossacks, Spared Nobody

A Russian wounded officer, who was recently in Petrograd, gave some interesting particulars of the progress of the Russian army in East Prussia to a representative of the Russkoye Technische.

"When we crossed the Eastern Frontier of Russia," he says, "the thing that struck us most was the deserted appearance of the German villages and farms. It looked as if the whole population had fled incontinently upon hearing of our approach. In the houses we saw on the table unfinished meals, letters partly written, needlework half-done. It was sad to see the pretty, well-kept German villages and little towns as if devastated by a plague.

Terribly Scared

"One evening we arrived at a prosperous looking farm. When we entered the house we discovered in one of the farthest rooms two terror-stricken girls. When they saw us they fell on their knees, imploring us to spare them. I never saw anyone more surprised than they when we told them that they need not fear us at all, and that we never interfere with the peaceful population.

"But we were told," said the elder one, "that you Russians, especially the Cossacks, kill everybody without distinction."

"Our hearty laughter seemed to give them more confidence.

"We shall not be sorry," they remarked, "if we become Russian subjects. We have had enough of this war. It was silly of our Kaiser to begin it."

German Hearts Not in the War.

I heard similar expressions of disgust with the Kaiser and his Government from many other German non-combatants. As to the German soldiers they are of good physique and well-equipped. They are well drilled and march in good order, but I failed to see any sign of that wonderful efficiency of which we heard so much before the war. Their infantry seems to lack the stamina of our soldiers, and their cavalry avoided closing in with our Hussars.

I am reminded of a case in point. We were approaching a small town when we heard two shots and saw a

"GERMANS ASSES WITH THE RIFLE"

Says British Soldier Who Had Narrow Escape

Private Fred Hutchinson, of the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, who was wounded at Le Cateau, has arrived home from the front. He lives in Openshaw, Manchester. He states that the regiment had been in action an hour when he got hit in the back with a bullet from a machine gun.

"Our regiment was taken by surprise by the Germans, who were waiting for us entrenched, after letting the Gordon Highlanders make good their retreat. We were about to have breakfast, after an all-night march, when the enemy opened fire.

"I had just got my pack off, when bullets came sweeping over us like hailstones from the enemy's machine guns. They seem to have eight machine guns to our one. The Germans are good with the machine guns, but asses with the rifle.

"It had been raining heavily, and I was wearing my overcoat, in which afterwards I found six bullet holes. My tunic was pierced and torn at the left elbow, and the bullet which struck me cut three holes in my jersey and came out at the shoulder. I thought my time had come. Our fellows who went through the South African War said that was nothing compared with this.

"I walked through some fields to our motor transport, and was then conveyed to hospital.

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number of German Uhlans disappearing. When we reached the town I saw two of our horsemen, one of them without a horse. I asked him what was the matter, and he said he had accidentally lost his horse and had been surrounded by Uhlans. He discharged two bullets from his revolver when a comrade came to his rescue. With a wild shout he charged the enemy and they scattered. They both laughed at their 'victory' and regarded it as a curious experience.

"The Russian private's attitude, which I gathered on the battlefield, seems to be that they can be quite sure of themselves in the presence of anything like equal numbers of Germans. It is only when the enemy is in marked superiority that they consider their task hazardous."

GERMAN CAPITAL IN THE DOMINION

Said That the Kaiser Has \$29,000,000 Invested in Lands in the Canadian West

According to the Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe, the Dominion Government is considering whether action should be taken in regard to German investments in Canada, which aggregate tens of millions of dollars.

"It will be remembered," he writes, "that some two years ago a story, emanating from Berlin, was published to the effect that the Emperor William himself had invested very largely in British Columbia timber and mining propositions. His agent in Canada was Baron von Alvensleben. It is stated that the latter invested German capital in British Columbia timber lands to the extent of \$29,000,000. No confirmation of this is available from the Dominion Department of the Interior today, but officials are now looking up the matter.

"Under the regulations of the department no lease can be granted excepting in the name of a British subject, and legally there may be some difficulty in the way of confiscation. But if it is shown that the investments are really those of German combatants in the present war steps will probably be taken to claim the property for the Crown.

"This will, of course, apply to many undertakings in Canada in which German capital is involved. The question is being looked up by the Department of Justice as to the rights of the Crown in such instances. It may be that part of Canada's war budget may be financed by the simple process of confiscating German money now in Canada. That has already been done in Germany in the case of British investments there. The cancellation of German and Austrian patents held in Canada is also another likely step."

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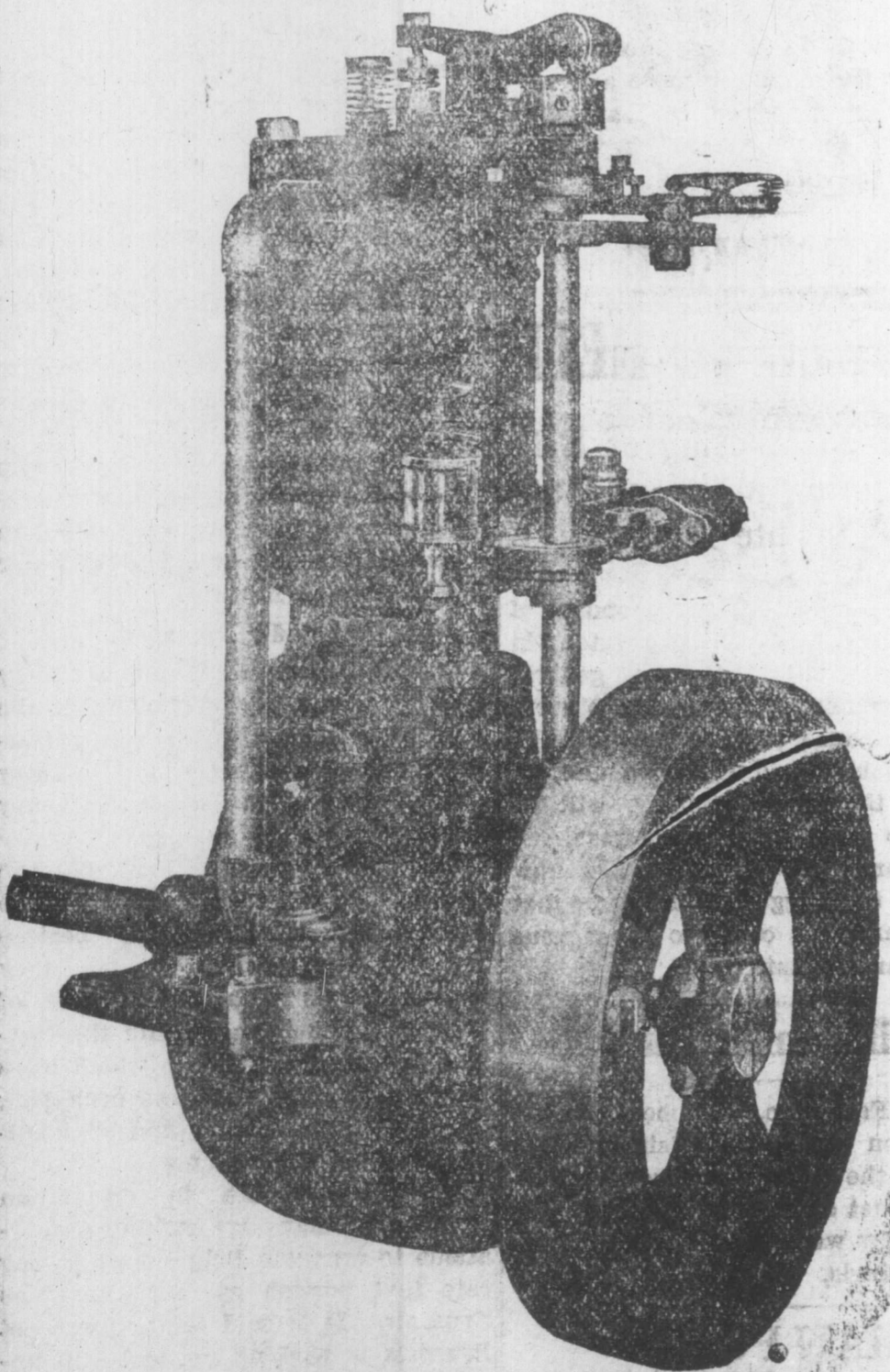
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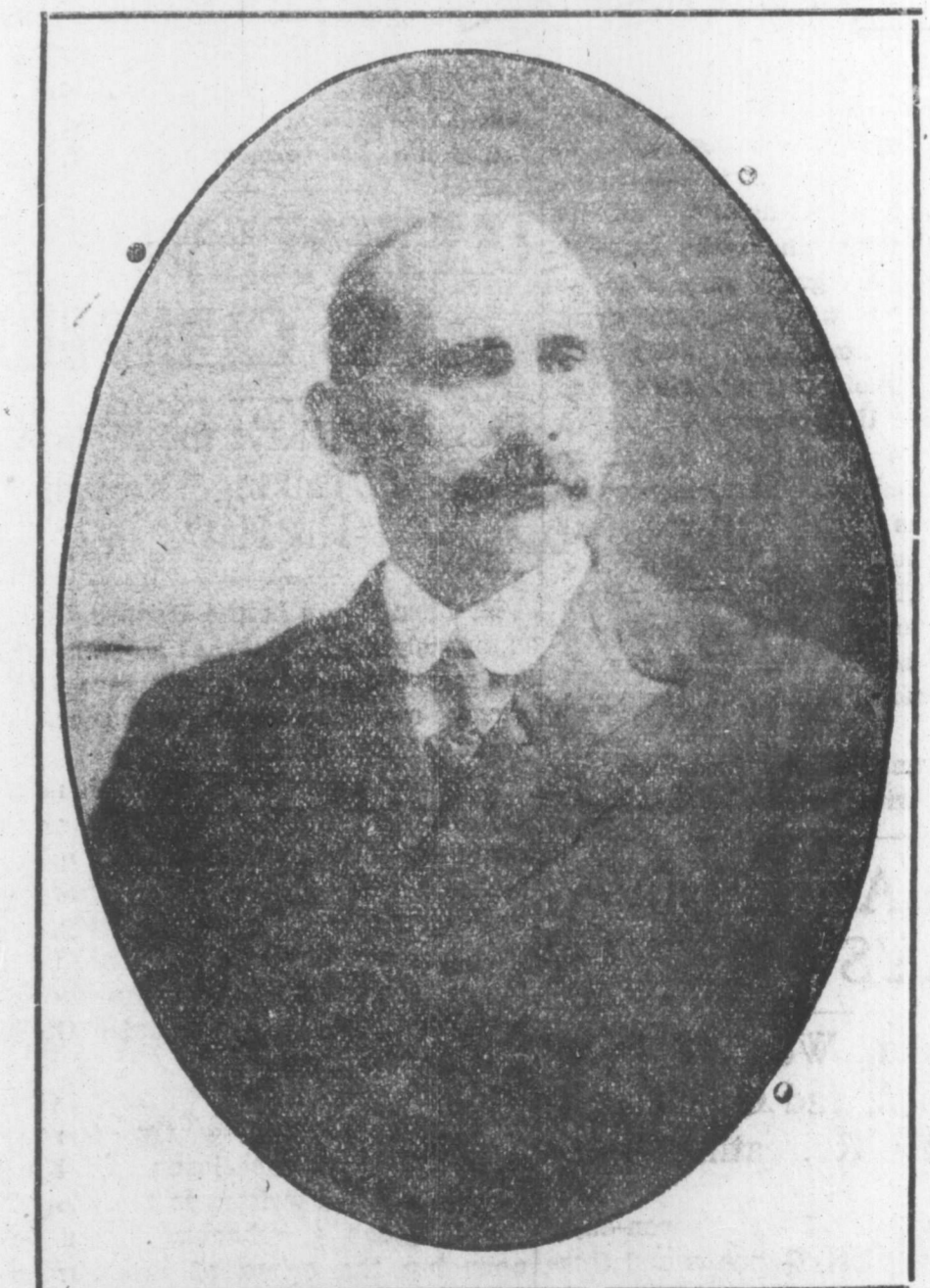
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