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GALLOPING COSSACKS CARRIED THE NEWS OF WAR IN SIBERIA

They Spread Along the Vast Country Calling the Farmers and Peasants to Arms—Rapidly of Mobilisation a Result of Adoption of Modern Methods

London, Oct. 2.—How the people of Siberia took the news that war had been declared, and their action in preparing for it, is told in a despatch from Omsk, Siberia, to the Daily Telegraph.

"Here in the heart of Siberia the most striking feature to a foreigner of the early stages of the war was the remarkably business-like fashion in which the country tackled the grim realities of war.

"We were in Semipalatinsk, 600 miles from the railway, when the war was declared. The news was carried all over Siberia by galloping Cossacks, who, like a multitude of Paul Revers, spread across the country notifying the farmers and peasants of the little villages and ordering mobilisation.

Adopting American Methods.

"Omsk, three days' journey from Semipalatinsk, we found humming with well-regulated activity. There were nearly 200,000 reservists already gathered there and being sent westward for drilling in the encampment in Southern Russia.

"The outstanding feature was the rapidity, precision, and smoothness with which the vast masses of troops were handled. This was an object lesson in the awakening of the Russian Empire, and a reminder that Siberia is adopting the aggressive American methods of grappling with its vast problems.

"The attitude of the Jews who everywhere displayed an enthusiastic sympathy with the Russian attitude in the war, was also interesting. It is a remarkable sign of the times, this Jewish movement. If the occasion is grasped, as there is reason to suppose it will be, it means an opportunity for the solution of the much mixed Jewish problem.

The Siberian Attitude.

"The attitude of the Siberians toward this war is very different from their attitude during the Japanese war. Japan meant little or nothing to the Siberian moujik, but he knows the Germans. This is no struggle against an unknown foe over an obscure international disagreement, but a war in which the personal equation largely figures. Every man feels that he is going to help his brother Slav in Serbia, and, at the same time, free Russia from Teuton tutelage.

"At Semipalatinsk the breweries and vodka shops were closed as soon as war was declared. As soon as the reservists began to pour in with the regularity of a well-oiled machine, they were sent in one door of the low building with housed military headquarters, and sent out promptly with instructions where to report for service, with warrants for steamship and railway travel, and with an allowance of twenty-five kopecks a day for spending money.

Thrilling Scene.

"It was a thrilling scene as the reservists took the boat for the mobilization point. Great crowds thronged the pier where the Governor, in full uniform, harangued his people in stirring words.

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R. C. SMITH,
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cruel oppression, and Almighty God is with you. As for your women folks, who are left, perhaps, to mourn, let them be of good cheer, and by their courage and self-control emblazon the Russian flag with one more instance of the devotion of its womanhood."

"As he finished the band played the National Hymn, and the priests robed in green and gold advanced toward the ship, giving it and the passengers their blessing.

"The Russians have a great advantage in the good feelings between the officers and the men. Their treatment is paternal, almost to the extent that that exhibited in the school-room."

INHUMAN DEEDS AT MANY PLACES

Cashier Murdered For Doing His Duty—Agony of a Little Boy

A Belgian gentleman residing in London has received a letter from a friend describing some of the atrocious deeds committed by the Germans in Belgium. The writer says:

"Dinant . . . has been completely razed to the ground. We had a cousin, L. W. . . who was manager of the Banque Henri, at Dinant. The Germans arrived at the bank and demanded the money and the keys of the strong room. As this was refused, the soldiers took him, as well as two of his sons, aged 16 and 18, and placing them against the wall in the courtyard, shot all three. The younger boy only expired three hours afterwards.

Almost Unbelievable.

He was constantly calling upon his mother, and these brutes had placed the mother at a window opposite and forced her, from a distance of fifteen yards, to witness the agony of her husband and these two children. Then they flogged her, with her six other children, the youngest of whom is seven weeks old.

"More than 800 civilians were killed at Dinant, probably in the same uncivilized manner.

"Still further horrors at Melle. We found a little boy, 5 years old, who had been killed by two bullets; his feet had been sawn off . . .

"At Termonde, a town of 26,000 inhabitants, there remain only 178 houses—we counted them—all the rest are burned. As for the sick in the hospitals, they (the Germans) placed them in a meadow near the town, and very many are dead . . .

Indescribable.

"The newspapers write about the facts of the war, but they cannot possibly say enough about the agony of Belgium. Our poor country is dying—factories burned, the towns of Termonde, Louvain, Spa, Wavre, Ottignie, Dinant, Andenne, and about 900 villages utterly destroyed, towns and fields put to ransom, cattle killed in the fields, commerce arrested, no business—who will give us the money to rebuild all these houses? Who will indemnify all the small peasant proprietors who have been ruined? French journalists whom I have seen tell me that in a month this war has caused more damage to Belgium than was caused by the whole of the war of 1870. It is thus that the Germans make us pay dearly for the resistance of the Belgians, who prevented them from beating France and carrying out the plans of the Great General Staff."

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Journalist Tells Of Many Barbarities

A Most Ghastly Deed Was the Burning to Death of Two Women

Some graphic stories as to how the unfortunate inhabitants of Belgium have been treated by the German invaders were told to a representative of the Press Association by a young Belgian journalist attached to an Antwerp newspaper, who, with his wife and child, was obliged to flee to this country as a refugee soon after the fall of Liege and the advance of the Germans upon Antwerp.

M. Gust van Roosbroeck had some interesting and exciting experiences to speak of. He was told many stories of brutality on the part of the Germans. At Aerschot the Sheriff and his son were murdered by the Germans, the Sheriff being shot, and the son, a lad of 16, hanged in the presence of the wife and mother, as it was stated that the invaders had been fired upon in the town by civilians.

Boorish Brutes.

Near the same place he interviewed a peasant woman whose son had been injured when hiding from the invading troops. The woman told a terrible story of German brutality. Into a house near where she was hiding, she said, the Germans entered, and demanded food and drink, which were immediately supplied them. Having satisfied themselves, the soldiers threatened to violate the wife and daughter of the householder, who, beside herself with rage, picked up a rifle and shot one of the men dead. He was instantly killed, and the two women hid themselves in a cellar.

The Germans then set the house on fire, and the woman went on. "I was in a cellar near by, and I heard the two unfortunate prisoners underneath in the cellar crying out for over two hours, when there came a silence. They must have either been burned to death or killed by the house falling in upon them."

"That," said M. Roosbroeck, "is one of the most terrible things I have heard of in connection with the war."

Prodded With Bayonets

M. Roosbroeck was in Antwerp when a Zeppelin first made an onslaught on the city. In one house the only damage that was done by a bomb was to smash a bust of the German Emperor. One of the pieces of shell cut off the head of a man who was leaning out of a window, leaving his wife, who was at his side, uninjured.

M. Roosbroeck said that he had seen the bodies of over 100 women and children who had been murdered by the Germans in Louvain.

"The Germans cared for nothing," he declared. "They brought machine guns into the streets and fired on the people, shooting them down indiscriminately. My wife's father and mother and twenty-two other of her relatives were in the city, but only two of them have escaped. One, an old lady of 70, was, we know, wounded by a shell and subsequently died."

Almost Starved.

The men of the town were marched for four days and four nights in the rain between German guards in the direction of Germany. They were only allowed two hours' sleep, and were practically starved during the whole of the time, while they suffered so terribly from thirst that they were only too glad to drink the water which gathered in the brim of their hats.

One man who managed to escape after the fourth day showed M. Roosbroeck no fewer than fifteen bayonet wounds in the back of his legs, inflicted by the Germans when, through sheer fatigue, he was compelled to lag behind.



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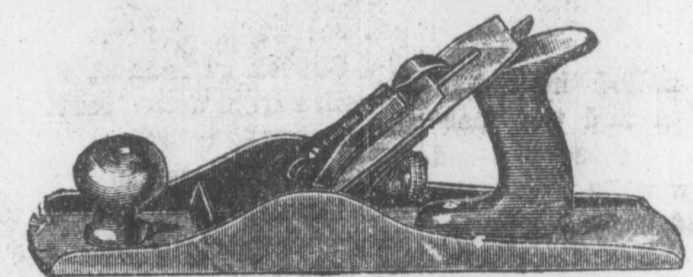
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