

How Big Armies Operate on Continent Battlefields

Scientific American Explains Many Details of the Great European Conflict—Uses of the Artillery and Infantry—Object of Howitzer Guns Explained—Estimated That 16,000,000 of the Best Trained Soldiers Are Available in the Armies of the Combatants.

Articles on war, written by experts, fill the current number of The Scientific American. The subjects include army supply methods, transportation of troops in vast numbers, hospital facilities on the field, Germany's big guns and naval chances, and destructive new machine guns. The magazine contains an article on the composition of European armies. The numerical strength represented by the terms brigades, divisions, regiment, army corps, differ so widely from those in the American army that they are almost meaningless.

The European regiment in full war strength numbers about 3,300 men, under the command of a colonel. Three regiments of a brigade, 100,000 men, commanded by a major-general. Two brigades form a division of 20,000 men, under the command of a lieutenant-general. Two divisions constitute an army corps of 40,000 men, commanded by a general, and three army corps form an independent field army, fully equipped with cavalry, artillery, commissary, engineers and medical department of a total strength of 120,000 men. There are variations from these totals as given but they are not great, and the foregoing estimate of the strength of the various units if applied to the numbers of divisions, brigades, army corps, etc., mentioned in the despatches, will give a closely accurate estimate of the number of troops engaged.

The Scientific American has another article showing the stupendous number of men already under arms or available for the conflict. The whole fighting strength of trained men in the nations involved numbers something like 16,000,000. It is shown that there are facing each other on a 250 mile battle line, reaching from Antwerp, Belgium, to Basle, Switzerland, approximately 2,500,000, about equally divided between the allied Branch, British and Belgians, and the allied Germans and Austrians. These representing the standing armies, the flower of the national troops engaged.

To the east along the borders of Germany and Austria, Germany has massed some 600,000 of her second line of reserves, and Austria is dividing to her own northern frontiers, and to the assistance of Germany in Alsace Lorraine another 400,000 men.

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The object of the field artillery is to support the infantry in its advances or its retreats. It aims to hit the part of the enemy which is most dangerous to the friendly infantry, and which would hinder its success. Since the enemy's artillery would do modern battle will generally begin with an artillery duel, and that whichever side is able to silence the other side's artillery will have a tremendous advantage. In fact, until the enemy's field artillery is silenced, an advance of the infantry would be practically impossible.

As the infantry advances, the field artillery must be in readiness to fire over the advancing lines and attack parts of the enemy's troops, or must be able to move with lightning rapidity to any other position where it is needed or is more effective. A battery of field artillery is a tactical unit composed of from four to eight guns, and ammunition wagons, loaded with shell and shrapnel.

While it is probable the success of a battle will depend to a large extent on the support of the field artillery, it is certain that the principal arm of the infantry is the rifle, which in practically every case must decide the final issue. The cavalry may be the first to be drawn into a battle, and the artillery, but a battle is never won until the infantry has driven back the enemy's lines.

Mode of Advancing.

The usual mode of advancing for the infantry is to deploy them in a line with a long interval between each soldier. This, naturally, is for the purpose of offering a smaller target for the enemy. It makes it more difficult, however, for the enemy to keep as good control over the men, and for that reason one of the objects of field artillery is to make the enemy's troops deploy early.

The infantry soldier is armed in all the countries with a rifle and bayonet. The rifle is the weapon upon which reliance is placed, the bayonet being used only as a last means of battle, and the hand-to-hand encounter with the enemy.

Probably every country has developed, or is developing, a semi-automatic rifle, which differs from the once used in every army by the fact that part of the powder gases are used to open the breech lock, eject the empty cartridge, and reload the rifle, all of which operations are now performed by hand. With a semi-automatic rifle the magazine can be emptied without moving the gun from the shoulder, and a great increase in the rate of fire can be accomplished.

The opening fire from the infantry will generally be delayed until accurate aiming is possible, unless it is desired to cause the enemy to deploy its forces earlier, and although the bullets are effective at 1,500 to 2,000 yards range, the real fighting will not begin until at much closer ranges.

BASEBALL

International League	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Providence	92	58	.613
Rochester	88	60	.593
Buffalo	72	68	.514
Baltimore	72	73	.496
Newark	69	87	.441
Montreal	68	83	.449
Jersey City	46	103	.309

National League	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
St. Louis	80	61	.569
New York	76	61	.555
Chicago	72	66	.522
Philadelphia	67	73	.479
Brooklyn	65	75	.463
Pittsburg	62	76	.448
Cincinnati	58	82	.416

American League	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	81	59	.576
Boston	74	63	.540
Washington	74	68	.522
Chicago	66	76	.463
St. Louis	63	87	.420
New York	62	83	.429
Cleveland	45	96	.319

Federal League	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Indianapolis	80	61	.569
Chicago	74	63	.540
Brooklyn	71	66	.515
Kansas City	65	75	.463
St. Louis	61	81	.431
Pittsburg	51	91	.361

THE STORY OF Waitstill Baxter

By KATE DOUGLAS WIGGIN.

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Mark held her close and smoothed the curls under the loose brown hood. "Don't you fret, Patty darling. I'm not the boy I was last week. Every word you say makes me more of a man. I wish the road to New Hampshire was full of lions and I could fight my way through them just to show you how strong I feel!"

"There'll be lions enough," smiled Patty through her tears, "though they won't have manes and tails. But I can imagine how father will roar and how my courage will ooze out of the heels of my boots!"

"Just let me catch the deacon roaring at my wife!" exclaimed Mark, with a swelling chest. "Now, run along home, Patty, dear. For I don't want you scolded on my account. I'll sound Ellen and see if she'll have enough to be one of the eloping party. Good night! Good night!"

CHAPTER XXII. A Wedding Ring.

THE snow had come. It had begun to fall softly and steadily at the beginning of the week, and now for days it had covered the ground deep and deeper, drifting about the little red brick house on the hilltop, banking up against the barn and shrouding the sheds and the smaller buildings.

There had been two cold, still nights; the windows were covered with silvery frost, and the delicate foliage made every pane of glass a leafy bower, while a dazzling crust bediamonded the hillsides, so that no eye could rest on them long without becoming snow-blinded.

Town House bill was not as well traveled as many others, and Deacon Baxter had often to break his own road down to the store without waiting for the help of the village snow plow to make things easier for him.

Many a path had Waitstill broken in her time, and it was by no means an easy task. The snow was so deep and so white, tossing them to one side or the other and cutting a narrow, clean edged track that would pack down into the hardness of marble.

There were many "chances" to be done these winter mornings before any household could draw a breath of comfort. The Baxters kept but one cow in winter, killed the pig—not to eat, but to sell—and reduced the flock of hens and turkeys, but Waitstill was always ready to help in the barn as in her proper domain.

Her heart yearned for all the dumb creatures about the place, intervening between them and her father's scanty care, and when the thermometer descended far below zero she would be found, kneeling by the holes and cracks of the barn and henhouse, giving the horse and cow fresh beddings of straw and a mouthful of extra food between the slender meals provided by the deacon.

It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and a fire in the kitchen since 9 in the morning had produced a fairly temperate climate in that one room, though the entries and chambers might have been used for refrigerators, as the deacon was as parsimonious in the use of fuel as in all other things, and if his daughters had not been hardy young creatures, "frozen" from their cradles, they would have died long ago.

The Baxter kitchen shone and glittered in all its accustomed cleanliness and order. Scrubbing and polishing were cheap amusements and nobody grudged them to Waitstill. No table-cloth was worn, no dishes more lustrous, no pewter brighter, no brick hearth ruddier than hers. The beans and brown bread and Indian pudding were basking in the warmth of the old brick oven, and what with the crackle and sparkle of the fire, the gleam of the blue willow ware on the cupboard shelves, and the scarlet geraniums blooming on the sunny shelf above the sink, there were few pleasanter places to be found in the village than that same Baxter kitchen.

Yet Waitstill was ill at ease this afternoon; she hardly knew why. Her father had just put the horse into the pump and driven up to Milliken's mill for some grain, and Patty was down at the store instructing Bill Morrill (Cephus Cole's successor in his novel task of waiting on customers and learning the whereabouts of things; no easy task in the bewildering variety of stock in a country store, where pins, treacle, gingham, epon salts, Indian meal, shoestrings, knives, brooms, salt, phar, tobacco, suspenders, run and ingigo may be demanded in rapid succession.

Patty was quiet and docile these days, though her color was more brilliant than usual, and her eyes had all their accustomed sparkle. She went about her work steadily, neither moping nor colling at fate, nor bewailing her lot, but even in this Waitstill felt a sense of change and difference too subtle to be put in words. She had noted Patty's summer flirtations, but regarded them indulgently, very much as if they had been the irresponsible frolics of a lamb in a meadow.

Waitstill had more than the usual reserve in these matters, for in New England at that time, though the soul was a subject of daily conversation, the heart was felt to be rather an indelicate topic to be alluded to as seldom as possible.

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While these thoughts coursed more or less vaguely through Waitstill's mind she suddenly determined to get her cloak and hood and run over to see Mrs. Boynton. Ivory had been away a good deal in the woods since early November chopping trees and helping to make new roads. He could not go long distances like the other men, as he felt constrained to come home every day or two to look after his mother and Rodman, but the work was too lucrative to be altogether refused.

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BETTER FEELING IN THE TRADE

That the feeling in the trade is very much more assured than it was four weeks ago is the opinion of Mr. R. D. Fairbairn, president of R. D. Fairbairn Company Limited, manufacturers of ladies' outer garments and fancy dry goods.

Mr. Fairbairn believes the manufacturers of Canada as a class have largely in their own hands the matter of whether there will be good business in the future. "The business is there," said Mr. Fairbairn, "if the manufacturers will only get after it. The depression in trade which was in force before the war began; and, on the whole, manufacturers can be assured of good business, provided they do two things—advertise and push the selling department to the limit."

Referring to his own business, Mr. Fairbairn said he did not anticipate cutting down one hour of labor or dismissing one employe or reducing wages as a result of the war. On the contrary, the present staff of upwards of 200 is being slightly increased. This continued activity is not due to any removal of competition, but to the continued demand throughout the country.

"We are absolutely confident," said Mr. Fairbairn, "that with the business to be done at home there is absolutely no excuse for any manufacturer of garments curtailing his output. People have to be clothed; our farmers are getting big money for their produce, and the \$450,000,000 represented by our export business for this year must be circulated. The general trade of the country must of necessity not only hold its own, but advance."

Football

LONDON, Sept. 23.—Results in yesterday's football games were: First League—Blackburn Rovers, 4; Liverpool 2. Second League—Huddersfield 3; Leicester Fosse 1.

A meeting of the Tutela football club has been called for Thursday evening at 143 Eagle Avenue.

The president of the P. S. A. football club has called a special meeting for Thursday evening. All connected with this club are requested to attend as business of great importance will be discussed.

DEFEAT OF QUIMET IS GREENWICH SENSATION

GREENWICH, Conn., Sept. 22.—Francis Quimet, national golf champion was beaten 2 up and 1 yesterday afternoon by Grant Peacock, a Princeton university student at the first round of the Greenwich Country Club's invitation golf tournament. Peacock's feat caused a sensation.

WORLD'S SERIES OPENS ON OCTOBER 8TH, SAYS NATIONAL COMMISSION.

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Play in the world's championship series probably will start on October 8th, one day after the American and National League seasons are brought to a close, according to President B. B. Johnson of the American League, and

member of the National Commission. President Johnson asserted to-day there was no truth in the report that October 10th had been decided on as the date for starting the series. "It is our aim to start and finish the series as early as possible," Johnson said. "I believe we can arrange to play the first game on October 8th. There is no reason for delay."

In the event that Boston Nationals and Philadelphia club of the American League are contenders for the world's title, two games will be played consecutively in each city instead of alternating each day as was the case between New York and Philadelphia. The place for the opening game, it was announced, will be decided by a flip of a coin.

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—By winning the first game 15 to 6 and tying the second 2 to 2 yesterday, Toronto made an even break on the farewell series with the Royals, as the Howleyites had performed a like feat on Sunday. A game was scheduled to take place to-day, but was advanced a day, while neither of the games that resulted in ties will be played off, as they would have no bearing on the championship.

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THE detonation of every big bomb, the crack of the guns fired by Italian and British hand agents, the flash of the stiletto, the fatal words of life-time ago the federal authorities decided to rid the Italian quarter city of the band of cutthroats that ran it. Murders were so frequent the better element of those there were in terror of their lives. They were that ten thousand Italians perished. The great majority of criminal exiles came straight United States and Uncle Sam's then with open arms. Such lack of our immigration laws, complaisant and negligent Congress.

Persecutions of the Mafia.

Prior to the wholesale dumping Italian outlaws in Tunis Italy's Southern Italy included, for the part, those who fled to the United States to free themselves of the relentless persecutions of the Mafia. They were robbed and attacked at home, tormented persistently that had only in flight. But they without their loss, for many blackmailers had preceded the more followed.

Arriving in New York with capital the fugitives sought the quarter of the city to settle in.