

## RUSSIAN CAPITAL GOAL OF GERMANS

Approach by Land and Sea Outlined by Expert.

### DEFENSE LINE IS DESCRIBED

Kaiser's Forces Can Advance Through Either Poland or Finland, Both of Which Are Decidedly Lukewarm to the Czar.

St. Petersburg would seem to be the goal of the German military campaign in Russia.

It can be reached both by sea and by land.

On land the enemy could, but would not have to, pass through Poland, which, because of its importance, could properly be the object of a separate campaign.

The invasion of Poland was found not difficult in the recent operations. Three years ago, when the whole system of national defense was reorganized, the western line of defense was moved back to the east. Two army corps were transported from Poland and Lithuania into central Russia, to the Volga region. Many important fortresses, especially that at Warsaw, were abandoned, writes Samuel N. Harper in the Chicago Herald.

#### Object of the Change.

The object of this was to guard against the situation that confronted Russia in 1904, when her foreign policy in the far East had not found a corresponding adaptation of her military forces to the new directions.

Reservists of the eastern provinces were the first to be sent out to

St. Petersburg is well defended from the sea. Situated at the head of the Finnish gulf, more than 200 miles from the entrance to the gulf, it can be protected by defenses on the main land on either side.

Kronstadt, which lies within view of the capital, has long since been abandoned as a means of defense.

Across the very mouth of the Finnish gulf is the new line on which the Russians rely to safeguard their capital from attack by sea. This is the Revel-Sveaborg line. Revel is just around the corner on the south and is Russia's principal naval port on the Baltic. Sveaborg is near Helsinki, the capital of Finland.

#### Islands Complete Line.

There are small islands between these two points, which are used to complete the line of defense. At no point in this line is the distance between batteries more than 30 miles. It will be a difficult line to cross.

Almost at the very mouth of the Finnish gulf, a little to the north, and lying between Finland and Sweden, are the Islands of Aland.

Russia wished to obtain these islands some years ago to complete her new plan of defense, but has not been able to do so.

It was here that the naval encounter took place in which the Russians were driven back into the Gulf of Finland to their main line of defense. The Germans now hold the position in the islands, which furnish cover and protection to them. From this position they could land forces in Finland, along the Gulf of Bothnia coast. But Finland is a difficult country through which to make progress on foot or by rail.

#### Why Libau is Important.

Another objective point of the Germans has been the Russian Baltic port of Libau, although the reported bombardment here was merely a reconnaissance.

Libau is one of Russia's most important ports. Open almost the year round, being frozen up only in extreme

### BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Home grown watermelons are on the market at Fremont.

An old settlers' picnic will be held at Mead, August 27.

Wymore will have the national dog races October 5 to 9.

Five bands will furnish music for the state fair this fall.

North Platte will hold a fall fair and festival September 1 to 3.

Hansen voted bonds for a new school building at a recent election.

Entries for the Better Babies contest at the state fair close August 17.

Sugar has jumped 50 cents a hundred on account of the European war.

W. L. Walker of Omaha was one of the victims of the series of holdups in Yellowstone park.

A new \$20,000 Swedish Lutheran church building is being erected at Malmo.

A pioneer day celebration will be held at Nebraska City, August 11, 12 and 13.

George Bartek, 52 years old, suicided at his home at Valparaiso by shooting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moore of DuBois celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last week.

York has good prospects for securing the Lutheran hospital soon to be located in this state.

During an electrical storm at Brainard last week 4.4 inches of rain fell in less than two hours.

Seventeen farm machinery and implement firms have reserved space for the Nebraska state fair.

Mabel McDermott of Colpa was run over by an auto and received painful but not serious injuries.

Nebraska territorial pioneers will hold their annual reunion at Omaha, September 30 to October 3.

R. H. Vowell fell from the fourth story of a building at Omaha and received probably fatal injuries.

The state encampment of the Nebraska national guard will be held at Ashland, August 27 to September 4.

O. C. Jones, a Holmesville rural mail carrier, received painful injuries when a horse kicked him in the face.

The pure food department of the state government will have an exposition of their methods at the fair this fall.

The 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Steward, near Tilden, died from swallowing a pin, which lodged in her throat.

Dogs are on a numerical decrease in the state, as this year's census totaled 106,876, against 107,870 in 1913 and 109,670 in 1912.

The report of Warden Fenton for the month of July shows that on the first of the month there were 338 inmates of the state prison.

Leroy McKeever, near Wymore, was severely scalded when a threshing engine exploded. The separator and many bushels of wheat were burned.

E. L. Horn and his son John were sold up and badly beaten by footpads as they were leaving their store at Lincoln, at the close of business Saturday night.

Eight Omaha school teachers are among the Nebraskans whose European trips have placed them in more or less jeopardy on account of unsettled war conditions.

The city council of Fremont has voted to add another automobile truck to the fire fighting apparatus of the city. One auto truck has been in service for several years.

A number of Nebraska people are now touring Europe and may find difficulty in reaching their homes on scheduled time on account of war conditions on that continent.

Many Germans in Nebraska are deeply concerned in the war news from the "Vaterland." Numerous veterans of the Franco-Prussian campaign of 1870 are scattered over the state.

Sheriff McFadden and a posse are searching the country north of Fordyce for Pedro Hernandez, a Mexican laborer, who is supposed to have eloped with 14-year-old Pauline Ueding.

Nebraska's fair speed program promises to be more complete than ever with the largest entry list in its history and the promise of some exceptionally fast horses.

Herbert Lawson, a 16-year-old Omaha boy, was drowned at a bathing pool near that place Sunday, making the eighth victim from drowning in that vicinity so far this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schisler of Hastings, who were to have sailed for Germany last week, were unable to leave New York on account of no steamers from that port by reason of the European war.

The fortieth annual session of the Oteco County Teachers' association will be held at Nebraska City, August 17.

A reward of \$200 has been offered for the detection of the assassins of Fred and Peter Schroeder and William Rapp, who were killed at Omaha recently.

All records for entries to the Nebraska state fair were broken last Wednesday when 384 were received by Secretary Mellor. The rush incident to the 1914 state fair is now on in the office of the state board of agriculture.

A horse valued at \$5,000, owned by Thomas Kastner at Nebraska City, dropped dead while being exercised on the track.

The school building at Shubert caught fire, but hard fighting on the part of the fire department saved it with the loss of but a few hundred dollars.

Visitors to the state fair will get an adequate idea of how the aeroplane can be used for war and other purposes. Lincoln Beachey, who will make three flights each day, will loop the loop, fly upside down and glide to the earth from dizzy heights.

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

### LESSON FOR AUGUST 16

#### THE WICKED HUSBANDMAN.

LESSON TEXT.—Matt. 21:33-44. GOLDEN TEXT.—"The stone which the builders rejected, the same was made the head of the corner." Matt. 21:42 R. V.

Tuesday morning of this his last week (Mark 11:20) the disciples saw the fig tree withered away from the roots. Passing on they enter the temple where Christ's authority is challenged. Following his disconcerting reply (21:23-27) Jesus taught three parables of warning of which this lesson is the second.

I. The parable, vv. 33-39. It is a story of God's long suffering goodness and Luke (20:9) tells us that it was addressed to the people. We need to keep in mind the previous parable of the two sons (vv. 28-32) in order to understand perfectly the method he employed in answering the chief priests. In the first he states a case and appeals to them for a verdict. Without hesitation they replied and by so doing condemned themselves. In this parable he states a case and asks for a reply, v. 40. This they gave and in so doing declared a righteous judgment which must fall upon their motives. In both parables Jesus employs the figure of a vineyard. In the Old Testament this stands for Israel, Ps. 80:8-11, Isa. 5:1.

#### Kingdom Committed to Us.

In this case it stands for the Kingdom of God which is no longer identified with Israel but taken away from it and given to the Gentiles (v. 43). The Lord was dealing with the responsible rulers of Israel, those familiar with the prophetic writings. His reference to the digging and care suggests that for his vineyard he had done all that could have been done, Isa. 5:4. Being fully equipped, he places it first of all in the care of Israel, verse 43. Today it is in charge of believers, I Peter 4:10. The husbandman did not own the vineyard, it was only entrusted to his care. So in a sense, God has committed the kingdom to us, does his work through us, and of a right expects an accounting by us, see Matt. 25:14, 15; Mark 13:34; Luke 19:12.

In these parables we can trace the whole history of Israel according to Isaiah. The fruits he looked for from the vineyard "let out to the husbandman" were those of judgment and of righteousness. Their response had ever been that of persecuting the prophets, ill treatment of those that were sent, and a selfish appropriation of the blessings he had given. These servants sent to get an accounting were God-commissioned and God-inspired, hence it is small wonder that such people would accord a like treatment of the king when he came. This is still the way the world uses godly men, II Tim. 3:12. It reveals the world's natural hatred to God, John 15:18, 19; Rom. 8:7.

#### Appeal to Hearers.

II. The application, vv. 40-46. Jesus then appeals to his hearers as to what should be done to the husbandman, v. 40. They declared, "he will miserably destroy those miserable men and will let out the vineyard to other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons." At this Jesus reminds them of their Scriptures and what they taught concerning the fact of the stone rejected by the builders becoming the head of the corner.

The master's question (v. 40) suggests the one found in Heb. 10:28, 29. Historically, God did "miserably destroy those miserable men." That happened at the destruction of Jerusalem, one of the most appalling sieges recorded in military history. It was then that the doom pronounced by Jesus was executed when he said, "The Kingdom of God shall be taken away from you, and shall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof," see Acts 15:14; I Pet. 2:9; Rev. 5:9. In these words Jesus formally and authoritatively passed sentence upon the nation and rejected it from a place of service. It is significant to observe the alternative of failing upon the stone and being broken or of having the stone fall upon and crushing all to dust. In the erection of the temple one is the keystone of the whole. On that stone the builders were now "falling" and being "broken," Isa. 8:15. Soon in their corporate capacity, as ones entrusted with a vineyard, the stone should "fall upon them" in the destruction of the city, and individually and personally as unbelievers, in a more awful sense.

Once again in this lesson we face the fact that the chosen people were rejected because of their unfruitfulness, that is, they had failed to fulfill the purpose for which they were created. The sin of these rulers was that of their failure to administer the affairs of the people in the interests of God's kingdom. The failure of the people was that they submitted to such false rulers. The supreme value of this lesson is in the revelation of the wonderful power and wisdom of God. This is shown by his compelling these men to find a verdict that passed sentence upon themselves.

### REVELATION WAS TOO MUCH

Picture of "Hollering Jones" at Favorite Diversion Caused Him to Reform.

A well-known illustrator, who makes interesting western pictures, once made the acquaintance of a noisy but good-humored cowboy who rejoiced in the appellation of "Hollering Jones."

In physical appearance this man was typical of his kind, and the artist made several studies of him, both in repose and in his favorite diversion of "hollering." Some of the studies were sold by the artist to an eastern magazine. They showed Jones in his most violent state.

A year later the artist again visited the region. He was soon approached by Mr. Jones himself, bearing one of the pictures, which he had torn from the magazine in which it was printed. Pointing to it, he asked:

"Is that me?"

"Well," replied the artist, evasively, "I got the general idea from you, of course, but—"

"Oh, I ain't takin' no offense," Jones made haste to say. "It's all right; only if it's me, say so."

"If you put it to me that way," said the artist, "I can only reply that it is a fairly good portrait of you."

"The men here on the ranch agree with you. So I look like that when I holler, do I?"

"I think you do."

"In that case," said Hollering Jones, "all I've got to say is that Hollering Jones has hollered his last holler."

Hereafter, when I celebrates, I do so with a tin horn. In my own opinion, no man has a right to look like that—not round white folks, anyhow."

—Youth's Companion.

#### Perfectly Natural.

As Herbert Cory tells it, he went to a dinner once where Andrew Carnegie was a guest.

"After the eating was over and the speechmaking had started," said Cory, "Mr. Carnegie reached in his pocket for something and pulled out a handful of small change. A dime got away from him and fell on the floor, and at the first chance Mr. Carnegie got down under the table and looked for it."

"Did he find it?" asked one of the audience to whom Cory was narrating the incident.

"Did he find it?" echoed Cory. "He found 15 cents!"—Saturday Evening Post.

#### Following Precedent.

Pat was servant of a farmer, and in his charge was a donkey which was kept to amuse his employer's children.

The donkey was following the farmer's wife round the yard one day, and the farmer, turning to Pat, said:

"I think that donkey is taking a liking to my wife."

"Och," said Pat, "sure and it's not the first donkey that's took a liking to her, sir."

#### Worse.

"There's one good thing about living in these times. We don't have any highwaymen."

"That's true. But my iceman is just as bad or worse. He's a low-weight man."

She Wouldn't Squeal.

He—If I squeeze you, will you squeal? She—What do you think I am—a talking doll?

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### TROOPER TAKING LEAVE OF HIS FAMILY



Manchuria. This fact was largely responsible for the defeat of Russian arms in the far East.

This change in the line of defense on the west shortened the length of the line.

At the time there was much comment to the effect that Poland had thus been left exposed because of the failure of the Poles to show more enthusiasm for a united Russia, but this was mere political gossip.

#### Reason Purely Tactical.

The reason for the change was purely tactical; it conformed to the general plan then introduced, of bringing the cadres more toward the center of the empire, in order to expedite mobilization when the reservists should be called out.

Development of railways had assured rapid concentration to the western frontier. By the reorganization the western frontier in Poland against Germany was, in fact, more effectively protected.

The last reports leave the German and Russian armies concentrating on Lodz, a large manufacturing center, about 50 miles from the frontier, and about one-third of the way from the frontier to Warsaw, though not on the direct line.

The western line of defense was not altered with regard to Austria, but a larger force was concentrated at the Kiev center.

To the north and northeast of Poland lie the Baltic provinces. Here, in the neighborhood of the frontier station, Riga, the Russians already have taken the aggressive.

#### Shortest Line to Capital.

This is the shortest line from German territory to the capital of Russia.

frosts, it has become the great port of export for all the central as well as the western regions of Russia. It is one of the most important cities of the Baltic provinces and is an industrial center of considerable size.

Any German advance on Russia's capital must first pass through regions the population of which is non-Russian—Poland, Finland and the Baltic provinces—where the population is composed of Lithuanians, Letts, Estonians, Jews and Germans.

The nationalist movement in Russia has been directed against all these—its motto was something like "Russia for the Russians"—these last years non-Russian elements of the empire. A shortsighted policy of forcible Russification has not tended to arouse much loyalty among these various nationalities.

#### Germans Large Landlords.

All of them, with one exception, have joined the opposition to the government in internal politics. The Germans are the exception; they are the large landlords of the Baltic provinces and have given many men to the higher official world, which accounts for the number of German names one finds in lists of Russian ministers, ambassadors and other officials.

The Finns are very bitter against Russia. Many of the measures by the Russian government in Finland, which have caused this bitterness, have been taken in order to strengthen the defense of the capital from that quarter.

Perhaps the extent of the Finnish protest corresponds to the extent and effectiveness of these measures. Finnish protests have been heard all over the western world, even over here in America.