

# BUFFALO LAUGHS AT TALE OF A GERMAN RAID ON CANADA

## There Are a Few German Reservists There Out of Work

## POLITICS RECEIVES GREATEST INTEREST

## Garrison Say They Would Stop an Invasion in Short Order

By a Staff Reporter.

Buffalo, N.Y., Nov. 2.—Inquiries at Buffalo furnish no justification for the widely-spread reports that Fort Erie and Bridgeburg, Ont., are in danger of attack by Germans here, for the most part, the press give great prominence to Berlin dispatches, printing the allies reports under very modest headlines. With such a large German population—and therefore German subscription list, this is not surprising. By far the greater amount of space in each paper is devoted to the political campaign which is raging. That is the chief topic of conversation at the hotels and restaurants, and on the streets. The war holds second place.

"Now I'll tell you," said one talkative soul to The News, in confidence, "there is a party of German reservists down on West Eagle street. I don't know how many there are, but they gather there every day. Someone must be keeping them, for they don't work. They tried to get down to New York, but were stopped. But none of us bother about them. It isn't our war."

### Proud of Their Navy.

On the whole the average American in Buffalo takes a surprisingly small amount of interest in the outcome of the big struggle. He has an unbounded faith in his country's powers, and doesn't fear the outcome, if drawn into the conflict.

"We could put a few millions of the National Guard in the field in a week or so, if we had to fight, and pick the best of them," is the way one enthusiastic young American put it. "And as for our navy, why let them come on, that's all. Take our largest battleship, for instance. Why she could sink half a dozen of anything else afloat. The gunners on the Florida can hit the target twenty miles away, nineteen times out of twenty, going at full speed. And that's the way with all our gunners."

There's no doubt about it, the rising generation of America have faith in their country.

Among those who expressed to The News the strongest belief that an invasion similar to the Fenian Raid, is in no way contemplated by Germans in Buffalo, was Mr. L. Held, Editor of "The Demokrat," the leading German paper in the city, and himself a prominent member of the German-American Alliance.

### Hates German Canadians.

"Such a step is not even dreamed of here in Buffalo," declared Mr. Held. "We are nearly all American citizens. We have our homes, and are too busy making a living here to think of invading Canada. Of course we hope Germany will win out in the end, why not. Isn't it in the blood? We are Germans, and we side with Germany in our hopes, but invade Canada?—Surely not, we would not be so foolish."

The News representative referred to the fact that the many Germans in Berlin, Ontario, were showing a leading attitude towards the Empire's cause.

"I am sorry for those poor Germans in Canada," said Mr. Held. "But of course they cannot help themselves. They dare not speak out what they think, I understand how it is, and I don't blame them."

"Is there not a party of German reservists down on West Eagle street?" asked The News.

"About seven or eight of them," was the reply. "There were some thirty or forty at first, who wanted to get back to Germany, but were