

## Jaroslav Hašek (1883 – 1923)

- studied in Prague at secondary school, not doing well, work in a chemist's shop, then commercial academy; Slavia Bank
- tramping through Slovakia, Hungary, Balkans, Galicia,
- writing stories of his travels
- individual scepticism, against convention. But writing a mere job
- hundreds of humorous stories, in pubs
- radical, anarchic tendencies
- married Jarmila Majerová, daughter of a rich builder. Psychiatric clinic
- *The World of Animals* magazine
- debating against himself in newspapers
- *Political and Social History of the Party of Moderate Progress within the Limits of the Law*
- In the First World War from 1915. Russia, on the side of the Reds. Serious commander, political activist. Married, a bigamist. Brought new wife to Czechoslovakia.
- From 1921, in the village of Lipnice, he wrote *Good Soldier Švejk*. Weirdly empty and complex character