

RUSSIA CAN PUT TEN MILLION MORE MEN IN THE FIELD.

Petrograd Professor, Visiting Halifax, Says the Russians Are United, and More Than Ever Confident of Victory.

"Russia can put ten millions more men into the field, bit by bit as the occasion warrants," said a Petrograd University professor, who is one of a party of five men from Russian educational institutions now on the way to the United States by the steamer Czar from Archangel, to a reporter of The Morning Chronicle yesterday. The Czar came to Halifax harbor yesterday morning for bunker coal and sailed in the afternoon for New York. "So far, we have touched our second class. On the other hand, Germany has drawn practically the full of every class of her reserves, and the demonstration that she is now making, can correctly be termed her last resources in the matter of men as compared with her and Austria that there can be no doubt about the final outcome."

"What about Russia's supply of munitions?" asked the reporter. "It is true that in April we were short in that respect, but so were all our Allies, and now, like those others, we have overcome that difficulty and our output and the amount imported have been increasing for months and we are now able to compete with the Hun in artillery combats."

"The people of Russia, of all races and creeds are more than ever confident of victory and are bound more closely now than in any other time in their history. Despite the advances made by the Teutonic forces in the summer months, they are confident now that our troops have brought them to a definite standstill and that in the winter campaign we will make even greater gains than those which we made in the same season last year."

Turning again to this subject of Russian complete superiority in the matter of men the professor said that Russian ladies who had been imprisoned in Germany, and had recently been released and returned to

their homes expressed the greatest surprise at the unwarlike conditions prevailing in the Russian cities. "In Petrograd, for example, several ladies back from Germany with whom I talked said what they could not at first understand it. They had been detained in Berlin. There, they said it was rarely to see any but boys and old men on the streets of the capital not in uniform. In Petrograd there are men fit for service, but belonging to the second and third classes, who are not yet in uniform. There is no need for them at present, but the time will come when they can be put into active service and the vast predominance, together with our equality in guns and shells with the enemy, will eventually spell triumph."

The port of Archangel, which was chosen by the Russian Government as a substitute for all the Baltic seaports that had necessarily been closed has not been found to be altogether satisfactory. In summer months navigation to Archangel is not difficult, but in the winter it is sometimes a problem to keep an open route through the ice. The ice-breakers there do excellent work and are able to keep a track through the ice that forms on the route, but bergs sometimes sweep down from the Arctic Circle and it is this uncertainty that makes the port not altogether a desirable one. Consequently the Russian Government has looked about elsewhere for a more suitable port. That port has been found and a railway to it is now under construction, and is nearing completion. The port chosen is on the Russian coastline near the Norwegian border and is on the fringe of the Arctic Circle.

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work. It is situated on what is known as "The Mormon Beach." There are four Canadian ice-breakers at Archangel now. They are the Earl Grey, the Bruce, the Lintrose, and the J. T. Horne. The Bruce and the J. T. Horne are used for the harbor itself to keep that clear of ice, and the other two ships have for their object the keeping of a clear track in the White Sea.

The five Russian university men were greatly interested in Halifax, and regretted that their stay here could not have been longer. Several of them have been in the States before, and one knows Montreal and Toronto well. All speak excellent English.

The Czar was fourteen days on the voyage from Archangel to Halifax. This includes a stay of one day at a Scotch port for bunker coal. She is very light but considering the rough weather encountered made very good time. She had a total of seventy-three passengers. One boarded her at Halifax, his ticket being for Archangel via New York. The ship took

on a hundred or so tons of bunker coal and sailed at five o'clock for New York.

Captain Laredel, her skipper, was formerly in command of the Mitau, known at this port, which now is engaged as an auxiliary cruiser in the Baltic.

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In the above effusive and somewhat cocksure declaration there is nothing particularly novel, out of the intense determination lying behind the projected movement we may judge by information respecting Turkish preparations. It is not soothing to British minds to learn from French sources, usually reliable, that the Turkish railway in Syria has been extended by the German engineer Meissner to Beersheba, or to within 30 miles of the Egyptian frontier Beersheba, on the edge of the desert, is designed to be the starting point of the expedition to cut the Suez Canal, and all the water pipes and cement in Syria have been commandeered to provide for permanent water supply. Moreover, the German officers commanding the Turkish army have organized the whole male population, and the Turks have now a surplus of soldiers. If by German victory in the Balkans the Turks were freed from danger from the north they would be able to concentrate large forces for the accomplishment of their ambition to regain Egypt.

The German diplomats have used all these facts, together with the fruitlessness of the Allies' expedition to the Dardanelles, as a club for waverers in the Balkan countries. King Constantine has been made afraid openly to ally Greece with the Entente because of these formidable preparations. The situation in the Balkans has turned as hopefully for Germany as Berlin could wish, except that the Allies have rushed troops into Serbia by way of Greece, and are dealing with the situation most vigorously. The British Empire cannot blind itself to the real meaning of the German movements and must realize that the salvation of the Empire depends upon decisively beating Germany on both eastern and western fronts, and in any event, compelling her to drop all fruits of

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London Daily Chronicle.

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