

## RUSSIA'S 100 DAY MARCH ASTONISHES THE WORLD

**Her Troops Have Met But One Real Reverse Since the War Started and Now Are Established on German Soil On the Very Road to Berlin**

New York, Nov. 13.—Reckoning from the declaration of war made by Germany upon Russia, a hundred and five days of war have now passed. In this time Napoleon ran his course from Elba to Waterloo. In half of it Prussia crushed Austria in 1866, France in 1870.

It is on Russia too that the attention of the world is now fixed—upon Russia sweeping forward toward Berlin, with a lodgment at last on German soil, not in remote East Prussia but in Posen, at last squarely upon the road to Berlin, while in Galicia her victorious armies are again across the San crowding toward the foothills of the Carpathians, once more closing in upon Przemysl.

**The Difference.**  
Now if Russia in the great war had been the Russia of the Japanese war all this would have been impossible. Kuropatkin could retreat as cleverly in as masterly a fashion as the Grand Duke Nicholas, but once committed to retreat he lost the will to attack. Bernhardi analyzes this with admirable clarity. The retreat to Mukden was a deliberate attempt to draw the Japanese on until the Russians should have superior numbers at the decisive point, but this object attained, Kuropatkin could not attack—he, not his army, had been conquered.

In the present conflict it is plain that the morale as well as the material resources of the Russians are incomparably superior to those of the other war. First of all the mobilization was accomplished with wholly incredible rapidity. Before the German avalanche was even in France, the Slav hosts were in East Prussia and Galicia. Before France could be beaten down it was necessary to send

the Warthe River, conceivably the first line of German defence, and driven Austrian armies back on Cracow.

In viewing the present phase of the great war it is no longer possible to reach satisfactory conclusions by minute examination of day to day operations. In the west the campaign has in fact almost fallen dead, as a spectacle, become a terrible but concentrated struggle for rods and miles, hamlets and hills, on which the opposing lines sway back and forward.

**May Become the Same.**  
To such a condition it is wholly probable the Eastern struggle may now sink. There has been no rout of the Germans. They will unquestionably be as strong on the defence in Silesia and Poland as they have been in Champagne and Alsace. Bloody and terrible checks are the natural thing to expect now that Russia is on the margin of Germany herself.

Yet, east and west, it is possible to perceive certain unmistakable and wholly vital circumstances. In the east it is not longer to be doubted that there is a real, efficient, powerful Russian army, well equipped, effectively led. The Russia that the Kaiser has to deal with is comparable not to the Slav state which lost Port Arthur or even that which faltered before Plevna and failed at Sebastopol. Rather it is the Russia that fought Napoleon at Borodn and Frederick at Zorndorf, a Russia bound to give capable of enduring terrific blows.

**Different Than in 1870.**  
All this unexpected Russian effectiveness might go for nothing if France were the France of Napoleon III, if the spirit of Bazaine were reincarnated in Joffre. But after three months there is no mistaking the fact that France, too, is in a different posture than in 1870. Two months have passed since the great battle of the Marne, and in that time German advance in France has been nil, indeed, at many points there have been more or less considerable retreats.

German victory was assured, since German efficiency, preparedness, determination were unmistakable. France and Russia, both, or one of

them, displayed traits familiar, weaknesses fairly to be expected. But France in September Russia in October, gave clear and unmistakable evidences of being fully determined, relatively prepared, unexpectedly ready.

**Time to Prepare.**  
Since that time, too, in France and Russia there has been time to prepare still more thoroughly. To-day France has largely bridged the gap between her army and Germany's in all that is essential in war. In her Vistula campaign Russia has displayed a thoroughness of preparation which must amaze the whole world.

Bernhardi said:  
"If Germany is involved in war she need not recoil before the numerical superiority of her enemies. But so far as human nature is able to tell, she can only rely on being successful if she is absolutely determined to break the superiority of her enemies by a victory over one or the other of them before their total strength can come into action."

Germany has been absolutely determined. But the real value of the Vistula campaign to the neutral observer must lie in the fact that it reveals a failure to crush Russia, quite analogous to that of France. Russia, like France, emerges from a supreme test unshaken, "her full strength in action."

After a hundred days of war, then, Russia's achievement is hardly to be exaggerated—its meaning not easily to be misunderstood.

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Bequeathing £500 each to a grandson and granddaughter, the late Mr. Russel Hall, of Worthington, G. B., by his will left them a further £21 each if they totally abstain from alcohol until they respectively attain the age of twenty-one years.

Two houses, belonging to J. P. Ruiz, of Roseville, California, and weighing more than 70 tons, were recently moved across San Diego Bay on a barge. The work was accomplished in five days, which is considered a record for this kind of work.

The accidental smashing of an old picture in a bedroom at Witham, Essex, G. B., has led to the discovery of £10 in banknotes. The picture fell during the night, and next morning the notes, which had evidently been placed in the back of it, were found on the floor with the broken picture.

At a Polish wedding in New Jersey the guests enjoyed a 48-hour feast, at which a ton of oysters, seven calves, 144 chickens and a "small mountain" of sandwiches were consumed. After the feast the bride danced with whoever would give her a quarter, and in this way earned about \$4.

Charles Gough, a farmer residing 15 miles south-east of Rich Hill, Mo., met with a peculiar accident a few days ago. While helping unload bundles of wheat from a wagon the dust from the straw caused him to sneeze so violently that his right arm was dislocated at the shoulder.

"Here," said the proprietor of the place, "is a gift for you and Jim. Each bottle is finest old Scotch whisky. You drop in at Jim's on your way and give him this, will you?" "Certainly," replied the grateful one. "Poor Jim!" he murmured, picking himself up.

Leslie Mounce, aged seventeen years, whose father, County Constable James Mounce, is with the First Canadian Contingent, and had just volunteered himself for the second, was smothered under six feet of oats at Brantford, Ontario, when a storage building in which he was working collapsed under the weight of grain.

Carl Argenti, a plasterer employed in a Brockton factory made a wager of \$1 that he could eat everything in

a basket brought around by a lunch man who daily passes through the factory. Carl lost the wager, but this is what he consumed: 22 assorted sandwiches, seven frankfurters, one mince pie, two squash pies, one apple pie and four bottles of milk.

It is announced that two hundred wireless stations have been dismantled in Canada at the order of the Government since the beginning of the war. Many of the plants were the property of amateurs. The latter fact is an indication of the wide interest taken in the science. With 50 many students working for the love of the thing, wireless telegraphy should be in line for much improvement.

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