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## WINTER WILL FIGHT FOR THE RUSSIAN ARMY

**Russians Are Well Prepared For Campaign in the Snow and Are in Better Shape Physically Than the Germans to Face It**

New York, Oct. 28.—Reviewing the war situation, the military expert of The Herald says:

While the extent of the considerable action which has been fought along the Vistula river in Poland may not become known for several days, and perhaps weeks, it would appear that Russian territory still holds the germs of strategic death for the invaders. The mistake which Napoleon made concerning the Tsar Alexander and his Russian in 1812 is not likely to be repeated by the German Emperor or his general staff, yet it may be that they have so far imitated the master tactician as to underrate the tenacity of the Russian and misread the character of the Pole.

**Napoleon's "Double Cross."**

Napoleon held out to the Polish people, who chafed at Russian rule, dazzling pictures of a free, self-governing Poland and so swelled the ranks of his grand army before the disastrous advance upon Moscow was begun. It was from Napoleon that the Poles received their first lesson in the ancient imperial game which is best illustrated by the modern slang term of the "double cross." The Poles became distrustful.

The crushing of the Polish insurrection in 1864, however, more than anything else, revealed to the people of Poland the futility of expecting outside aid in their struggle for freedom. Although the patriots received some assistance from their kinsmen in Galicia, on the Posen frontier, they were ruthlessly repressed, common cause being made by the Russian and Prussian troops.

**Hostile to Defeated Germans.**  
There are Poles alive to-day who remember the hostile attitude of Prussia, and their reception of the invaders has more than once been referred to in despatches as being the reverse of friendly.

While the passive hostility of the inhabitants may not materially affect the armies of the Kaiser when all is going well with them and their continuity of front is being maintained by the success of their offensive, we betide them in adversity. The horrors of the retreat of the Turks in Macedonia and Thrace during the late Balkan campaign when the Komitadsjis waged a pitiless warfare upon the fleeing soldiers of the Sultan are readily recalled.

Delay on the part of the Russians in pushing forward after gaining decided advantages along their tremendous battle front has been criticized widely.

**Russian Mobilization Complete.**

Since the disaster at Tannenberg, when a part of General Samsonoff's army was destroyed, the Russians have not encountered any serious reverse in arms. Yet, although the situation does not closely resemble that in the Western theatre of operations, where two fronts are represented by formidable parallel lines of field works, there has been no decisive advance on either side. By this time Russian mobilization must be complete and the numerical strength of the Russian Army arrayed against the Austro-German forces should be enormous. Yet, why have they not advanced beyond the

vast stretches of marsh land and morass which cover miles of the territory lying before them in Poland and East Prussia?

**What of Life in Snow?**

It is not likely that, following the partial repetition of Napoleon's tactics by the Germans, the Russians are countering with a partial demonstration of the traditional strategy of 1812.

Might not the horrors of the mid-winter retreat of the imposing grand army of the French Emperor and the pitiful wastage of life in the Russian snows be repeated in the ordeal to be endured by the troops of the German Emperor in the frozen wastes of their eastern frontier and Poland?

**To Time, Add Winter.**

While Teutonic energy is being devoted in the forthcoming winter campaign, therefore, to preserving the health of their suffering troops in the field and erecting adequate shelters to shield from the elements those men who are not in the snow-filled trenches, one may look for a repetition of the raids upon Napoleon's retreating rear guard of a little more than century ago. The toll will be taken by the rugged weather-immune mounted troops of the Siberian corps.

Time, indeed, has been the strongest ally opposed to the Germans. To time will be added winter.

## KITCHENER'S NEW FORCE WILL BE TEETOTAL ONE

**Lord Roberts, as Well as the War Minister, Believes That the Teetotaler Makes the Best Fighter—Majority of Tommies Temperate**

London, Oct. 28.—Lord Roberts has said, "Give me a teetotal army and I will lead it anywhere."

The dictum evidently appeals also to Lord Kitchener, for he has forbidden the forwarding of any presents of wine or spirits to the troops. He allowed his men no spirits during his campaign in the Sudan, and the victory of Atbara was won on "similar lines, for he sent back all the beer which had been ordered to the front for the soldiers.

It is very little realized what a hold temperance has on the British Army. Over twenty years ago the Royal Army Temperance Association, now an officially recognized body, subsidized by the War Office, was started by Earl Roberts, who still remains the chairman of its council, and largely due to the labors of this association the old conception of "Tommy Atkins" as a hard-drinking beer-sodden, "ne'er-do-well" has had to be abandoned.

"Tommy" is now sober, intelligent, and well-behaved, and the morale of the Army has shown such a marked improvement in late years that the military prisons' vote decreased from £13,000, in 1909 to £500 in 1912, owing to the lesser number of men sent to these institutions. As a matter of fact, "Tommy" cannot afford to drink now-a-days, if he wishes to make anything like a success of his Army career. The physical training is so severe that the least over-indulgence in alcohol makes him unfit and, consequently, a less valuable soldier, and one who draws less pay than his more temperate companion.

**Advantages of Sobriety.**

The soldier is very quick to see the advantages of temperance. At every station abroad the British Army authorities provide well-fitted temperance rooms which the soldiers run themselves, and the profits made in these places go mostly to swell the Regimental Prize Funds, and to provide bonuses to the members of the R.A.T.A. when they leave the service and return to civil life.

At home there is not sufficient accommodation in many of the barracks to give such facilities, and the canteen system of catering prevents the temperance societies from catering for the wants of their members; but in all large stations palatial temperance institutes, such as the Smith-Dorrien Institute at Aldershot, cater specially for the needs of the temperance soldier, and every encouragement is given him to use these comfortable and well-furnished buildings, which are a great contrast to the canteen with its bare walls, rough tables, and benches.

**Temperance Men.**

In India, 75 per cent of the soldiers are members of the association, and in the Home Army, before the war, the proportion was over 50 per cent. In ordinary times no difficulty was experienced in keeping up this proportion and even, occasionally exceeding it.

But when Kitchener's new army came into being the officers were faced with a huge body of men who had received no education in temperance principles and whose training, unless this were remedied, would be a lengthy and costly job. As the first step towards enforcing temperance on the men, the public houses in the vicinity of the temperance camps were closed for a greater part of the day and evening, exemplary punishments were meted out to offenders, and the R.A.T.A., at

en wastes of their eastern frontier and Poland?

That the Germans are manifestly less constituted to brave the rigors of such a winter as grips the contested territory than are the Russians, who are accustomed to life in the zero snows, is obvious.

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