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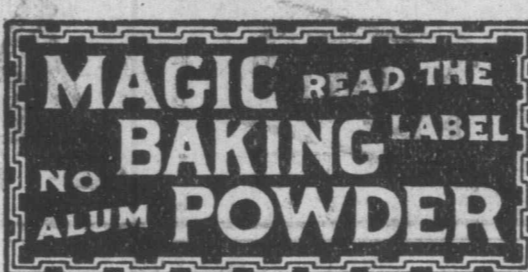
Some of the Difficulties the
Soldiers of the Czar have
to Overcome

London, Sept. 2.—There is no doubt the lightninglike forward movement of the Tsar's immense army has caused a panic in Germany's war board, and fear in the heart of her War Lord, and the mad march of the savage Uhlans is due to his desire to paralyze France before the steadily oncoming Russians are strolling in the Unter Den Linden.

The extraordinary silence of the British and French official press bureau yesterday gave some credence to the report that Lille has gone, but last night came news that the further advance of the Kaiser's army is being fiercely resisted beyond that town, that the French and British are holding their own and that the French are routing the foe in Lorraine, and there is strong hope that in a few hours London will hear that the march of the Germans has been checked.

May Fall Back

As soon as the Germans legions have had time to settle on their new positions, establish lines of communication and draw up their equipment, it is probable the Allies may again fall back without giving battle. The strategy of the situation makes this course, admirably suited to give time to the Russian avalanche progressing into East Prussia toward Berlin.



While France is crying "the Germans are coming!" the Germans are crying "the Russians are coming!"

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Germany's ability to defend itself against the Russian advance will henceforth be the absorbing military study. The Tsar's troops in overwhelming force are penetrating like a three pronged fork into Germany. One huge army has already absorbed most of East Prussia and is within striking distance of the fortress at Koeningberg. Another is operating in Eastern Galicia, driving the Austrians pell mell. The large central army is heading toward Posen, apparently on a direct line for Berlin.

Official German communications admit the entire inability of the German troops in this theatre of war to oppose the advances on the open field, so the defence problem has resolved itself into the effort Germany will make to check the invaders from such powerful fortresses as Koeningberg, Thorn and Danzig, or to trap the Russians into too impetuous an advance and leave their rear and flanks open to a sudden combined German and Austrian counter attack.

Dangers Along the Way

Should the Russians, for example, attempt to rush recklessly over the level sandy country of Eastern Germany and attempt to march from Warsaw direct to Berlin, which is only one hundred and eighty miles from the frontier, they would be exposed to very dangerous flank attacks from the Germans at Koeningberg and Thorn and the Austrians at Lemberg, therefore the Russian advance is proceeding with a speed governed by a knowledge of the country, and the cautious and prudent course of striking at the hostile army corps in entrenched fortresses enroute is being followed.

Germany has long arranged defence against a Russian attack relies on the fortresses guarding the important roadways, in the hope of the country where marshes, swamps, rivers and chains of lakes can be used to exquisite military advantages; on the difficulty of the Russians in crossing the river Vistula which is from 1,200 to 2,000 feet wide, and on the fact that there are few Russian railways suitable for an invasion of Germany.

Russia's Problem

This, roughly, is the problem. Russia is attacking with such a flying start. It is certain the difficulties have been fully realized. The Russian commanders have solutions they believe promise success, especially as the bulk of Germany's fighting force is engaged with the Allies in the west.

The outlook is that Russia will solve the problem before the German Imperial Chancellor's policy of "hack his way through France" gets very far.

That is why the outlook is bright for the Allies, despite the Belgian reverse, and also why every time the French gain time by retreat, they are winning a silent victory.

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