

RUSSIAN ARMY OF 40 MILLION MEN IN 40 YEARS

Gen. Skugarevski Figures Out How War Then Would Cost \$100,000,000 a Day.

SEE HIS COUNTRY COULD FINANCE IT

Works Out Details for Feeding This Hungry Horde.

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LONDON, Oct. 21.—Russia does not intend to be caught napping again. While the Allies in the west are talking about the war that shall end war and the millennium to be ushered in by the peace conference, the Bear That Walks Like a Man dreams of developing an army great enough to dwarf all the hosts now contending in Europe put together.

There has come under his notice a semi-official memorandum on the needs of the future Russian army, prepared by General A. P. Skugarevski. His figures, solemnly presented and all backed up by rows of other figures based on population, national wealth and experiences of the present war, are such as to stagger the imagination. If Russia fights again in ten years, the Skugarevski memorandum indicates that she will have a strength of approximately as follows:

- 25,000,000 officers.
- 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 infantry.
- 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 cavalry.
- 5,000,000 artillery.
- 1,000,000 sappers, electricians, technical experts of all kinds.
- 1,000,000 machine gunners.
- 1,000,000 tank crews.
- 1,000,000 armoured cars.
- 1,000,000 aeroplanes.
- 1,000 dirigibles.

How much will a war fought on this scale cost? Skugarevski says—three billion a month, thirty-six billions five hundred millions a year. And he declares that in the next ten years, the Russian resources are developed, to finance such a war.

Feeding 40,000,000 Soldiers.

The details of feeding forty million men are worked out in the memorandum. A hundred trains a day will be required to carry the bread for the armies. It will be necessary to consume every twenty-four hours, allowing two pounds a day to each man. Tinned vegetables, meat and soup will occupy another hundred train days. If each man eats a pound of meat a day, twenty million cattle will be slaughtered for the army in a year. The general points out that the cattle breeding industry in the country must be seen to, for at the normal rate of increase there will be only 20,000,000 cattle in Russia in ten years, and a long war would exhaust the supply.

Before quoting some of Gen. Skugarevski's calculations about the next war, it is worth noting that he does not see clearly the horrible prospect for the human race which his vision of continually greater wars opens out. He remarks: "If such a war should have more than one year, the measures of 'man-hoeing' whatsoever can save us from a reduction of population from the ruin of the countries, from literally uncountable millions of human beings, whose lives his memorandum with the words: 'Some measures will have to be adopted if humanity does not wish in the end to arrive at complete self-extermination.'

Picture of the Next War.

"Nobody can say for certain how the present war will terminate," Gen. Skugarevski writes, "but at the present time it is possibly fairly accurate to imagine the picture of the next war as follows: The summer of the success of the present war will be the winter of the next war. The Russian army will be ready in peace time to start a new war with increased arm themselves.

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not hastily trained subalterns, out of volunteers, it is impossible. It will be necessary to introduce conscription for officers: all young men who have received even incomplete middle school education, for example, must be officers. This is even now the rule, but not in a sufficiently drastic form.

A large number of men are taken away from service with the army by duties in the rear, where certain branches of male labor can be replaced by female labor—the manufacture of clothing, boots, many kinds of food products, the war department and so forth. Perhaps it will be necessary to introduce conscription for girls and children widows, so that more men can be sent to the front.

"Of course, while personal military conscription is in force, there will not be conscription in the forests, agriculture and factory industry, indispensable for the support of economic life in the country and for providing resources to the war. The Germans, noting that for the first year of the war the birth rate of the population had fallen, established special furloughs for married men with a view to checking this fall.

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on railways and roads before such masses of men could be moved as they are now. Even if these are built, it is difficult to think that in the wars of the future the percentage of population which can go into an army will be much less than Gen. Skugarevski believes, although it will be far greater than was thought possible before this war.

"It seems to me not to lay sufficient stress upon the military factor of modern warfare. A reserve of 50,000,000 shells for an army of 40,000,000 men is a very small quantity. This munition, evidently was prepared before the Verdun and Somme battles were well understood in Russia. The next war will be won by the power which has the most cannon, shells, and perhaps as many men will be kept at home to turn out war material as enter the fighting line. However, the Skugarevski memorandum impresses upon food for thought, for nobody can deny that Russia in ten years if she seriously bestir herself, is able to put twenty or twenty-five million trained soldiers under arms, and to stand against such an onslaught would not be easy for any combination of powers.

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British Fliers Describe Perils of Exploding Shells From Defence Guns.

HAVE SUPREMACY NOW

Germans Seldom or Never Fly Over Allied Lines in France.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.
London, Oct. 21.—"It's all right so long as you can't see 'em or hear 'em," said "Tommy" Brennan of the Royal Flying Corps, "but any man who tells you he can fly over an 'Archie' and get a 'flaming onion' right ahead of him without ducking and wishing 'they wouldn't come so close or make so much noise has never been up in an aeroplane."

"You put in 'Gilly,' and every time you duck your old winger ducks with you. As 'Brent' over there says, it wouldn't be so bad if you couldn't see and hear 'em. Generally speaking you don't hear them unless one happens to break within thirty yards or so of you. It's when you get down close to them and look right down at them spitting fire at you, that's when you have got to have every nerve in your body tuned to the minute."

"I'll never forget the first time they got close to me," declared "Boys" Tyle. "My only thought was that I would never shoot a pheasant again. I knew exactly how a bird must feel when a hunter opens fire."

Machine Gun Eighty Times.
Brennan was upon his left elbow, the gold stripe of the wounded, "Gill" had been on the official list of the killed in action some weeks ago, but somehow or other came back to life. When Brennan was "shot" and finally came down safely within his own lines, it was found there were no less than eighty perforations in the wings of his machine.

"I was so interested in looking over their trenches I guess I got a little too low," he explained.

There is nothing more interesting in all London than to sit through a long autumn evening talking to the youngsters of the wonderful aviation service. Great Britain has built up since the war better than any other country.

"We've got the Germans now where they have to fire blindly or shoot by the man," these intrepid men of the air will tell you. They are the "wonderful guys" if they don't know what they are shooting at. They don't dare send a plane over our lines. They don't even dare fly over our lines. They show themselves we have an overwhelming number of machines to send after them and they beat it for home again as fast as they can. They are the "wonderful guys" of our new positions. Their batteries have been driven from the heights and they can't observe. It is a big difference from the first days of the war.

Associating much with Britain's flying men one will soon learn that an "Archie" is, usually called "Archie" for short, is an anti-aircraft gun.

"The Air Gets in the Way."
"Archie" barks at you," said Brennan. "He goes 'woof, woof, woof.' He isn't comfortable to listen to either, but it's worth a try to get a little nearer to earth and the machine guns get to working that you feel you have to duck and wish 'they wouldn't come so close or make so much noise has never been up in an aeroplane.'"

"When you get on speaking terms with a machine gun you know that it takes a long time to get up to the sky. The ordinary hand rifle, which often takes a shot at you when you get too close to where you are, is a much better friend where 'the blooming beast' is concerned.

"A flaming onion! Well, that looks for all the world like an eight centimeter power electric light bulb coming at you all too accurate. Their one desire in life is to get you and explode your pet of tank."

One thing the American always likes to remember is that when he is shot or just plain 'kay' as the motorists and flying men call it at home, has no purpose in the English lexicon. It is "petal."

Waiting for the "Hickeyboos."
Several of the young "wing" subalterns were waiting for the "Hickeyboos" to come over the other side, when they fell into a heated discussion as to whether you would rather have a shell break right ahead of you, right beneath you or right over you. There were those who contended it was best to have it break right in front, for then the explosion would spread the fragments and you would pass safely through the spot where "the blooming beast" is concerned.

The others contended that a shell breaking on the level with you indicated that you were going to land in the wrong direction. When it breaks in front you feel as if you very much wanted to do a "hippo" backwards in the most impossible way. When you get it under the wings the concussion almost capsize you and you feel as if the "joy stick" or guiding lever, never will put her back on an even keel.

"The 'Hickeyboos,' it develops in the course of the conversation, are the Zeppelins. Where they got the name no one seems to know. It is the exclusive not having a Rodin by museum? The Chamber will not refuse the present offered to it."

The Chamber did not refuse, 281 of its members voted in favor of the bill and 22 against it. A credit of \$2,000,000 for expenses connected with installing the museum was then adopted without opposition.

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