

FIRST YEAR OF WAR IN THE EAST

The first twelvemonth of fighting between the Russians on one side and the Austrians and Germans on the other is a story of great changes of fortune, both combatants being repeatedly driven back only to show the greatest resiliency in defeat and soon to resume the offensive in a most surprising manner.

Russia's losses in the first year of the war are not approached by those of any nation in any war of history.

Slow to Mobilize.
On August 1, 1914, Germany declared war on Russia. Almost immediately the Germans crossed the frontier at Thorn and the Austrians south of Lublin. They were practically unopposed because of the slowness of mobilization in Russia. The Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevitch was forced to gather his main armies well to the rear of the line of great fortresses running through Kovno, Grodno, Ossowetz, Novo Georgievsk, Warsaw and Ivangorod.

On account of his desire to do all he could to relieve the French, who were being driven from northern France by the amazing German rush through Belgium, Nicholas attacked sooner than he otherwise would have done. As a result, he met two disasters.

He sent General Samsonoff into East Prussia from the south and General Rennenkampf into East Prussia from the east, the latter winning the first large engagement of the war in the East at Gumbinnen.

At this moment the Germans, believing that the French were well in hand and about to be surrounded on their eastern frontier, quickly withdrew 250,000 men from France and hurled them by rail into East Prussia.

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GERMANS TIGHTEN LINES ON WARSAW

Russians, However, Stubbornly Continue to Defend the Capital of Poland.

HOLD BACK VON MACKENSEN

Slav Army Fighting Desperately in Southeast Poland—Situation in West is Unchanged.

London, Aug. 3.—While the Austro-Germans continue to tighten the wings of their great eastern battle front, with success at both extremities, including the occupation of Mitau in the north, and further progress beyond Chelm in Southeast Poland, the situation before Warsaw proper remains unchanged and obscure.

Few additional details have reached London concerning the plans for the abandonment of the city, but apparently the time has not arrived for the Russians to relinquish their precarious hold on the capital, or at least no word of its evacuation has come to London.

Heavy Resistance Against Mackensen.

Ivangorod, southeast of Warsaw, heretofore erroneously reported invested, now is nearing that state, in fact, according to the Berlin announcement, but from Ivangorod eastward to Chelm, and beyond, the Russians, who had to abandon the railway, are fighting most desperately in an endeavor to hold up Field Marshal Von Mackensen's advance northward into Poland, a movement which seriously threatens the Russian center retiring from Warsaw.

The western theater has furnished nothing to alter the situation.

No Hint of Allied Split.

Pronouncements in the Duma at Petrograd and by the Russian ambassador at London indicate that Russia and England are eager to brand as unfounded the recurrent reports that the Russian people are disgruntled at the showing Great Britain and France have made in the West, which might create a situation unfavorable to the continued unity of the Allies. No hint of a separate peace or of dissatisfaction with England's policy comes from any authoritative source, and Count Benckendorff made it plain that while there may have been some sentimental popular feeling in his country for a diversion in the West to relieve the strain in Russia, there had been no criticism emanating from those who understood the military situation.

WILL RUN DOWN BLACK HAND

Kansas City Police Turn Over Their Evidence Against Italians to the Federal Authorities.

Kansas City, Aug. 3.—The police turned over to the federal government this morning all their information in the Black Hand cases, including several letters which had been sent to prospective victims.

Francis M. Wilson, United States district attorney, conferred with Louis Olivero, Italian detective, who had worked up the cases that caused the arrest of twelve Italians, eleven of whom are now out on bond. Government investigators have been set to work on the case and until the government is ready to prosecute, or reject the cases, the work will be done in silence and in secret.

In the event of prosecution the charge will be misuse of the mails.

There is a rumor in Little Italy today that a band of out of town Black Handers is coming to Kansas City to avenge the men arrested and the Italians who have given the police information fear they may be killed.

CRUDE OIL PRICE GOES UP

Producers in Southwest Territory Cheered by Notice of Ten-Cent Advance by Pipe Lines.

Tulsa, Ok., Aug. 3.—The first ray of hope to the oil industry in more than a year was the posting of a 10-cent advance in oil by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company at the opening of the market this morning, quickly followed by the Texas and Gulf Pipe Line companies.

This means a 35 per cent increase in the revenue of every oil lease in the Mid-Continent Oil Field. Many small properties which have been closed since oil went down will now be operated at a profit. Wildcatting will be stimulated and Oklahoma can look for the development of several prospective oil fields. Oil is now worth fifty cents a barrel.

MADE HIM CHANGE HIS SIGN

Bachelor Found That Persistent Salesmen Had Some Other Way of Getting Business.

An old bachelor, in order to prevent men annoying him by knocking at his door to dispose of their wares, affixed thereto a label to this effect: "Hawkers, take notice! The inhabitants of this house never buy anything at the door." Shortly afterward he was aroused by a loud knocking at his parlor window, and looking out he saw two fellows with clothes-props, mats, and pegs for sale. Throwing up the sash, he bawled: "Can you read?"

"Yes, master," answered one.

"Then don't you see a notice affixed to my knocker that I never buy anything at the door?"

"To be sure we do. That's the reason why we thought we would make bold and try to do a little business at the window."

The bachelor was pacified, and made a purchase. Immediately afterwards, however, he sent for a painter, and had the addition made to his announcement, "Nor at the window either."

Rampant Civic Pride.

"Did you learn much on your last trip abroad?"

"No. I went with a party of tourists."

"What did that have to do with it?"

"They wrangled so much about the merits of their respective home towns back in the states that half the time I couldn't hear what the guide was saying."

The Village Jokester.

"I ken't sleep these days."

"How be that, Cy?"

"I sleep nights."

But the average man would rather have people lie about him than tell all the truth.

It's no much easier to call a man a liar than it is to prove it.

Always proud to show white clothes. Red Cross Ball Blue does make them white. All grocers. Adv.

The female who parades the streets with a jag on thinks she's a perfect lady.

Labor laws for women have recently been enacted in Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts and Wyoming.

Not Always.
"Hot water is good for the health."
"Nothing of the sort. And I ought to know, for I'm always in it."

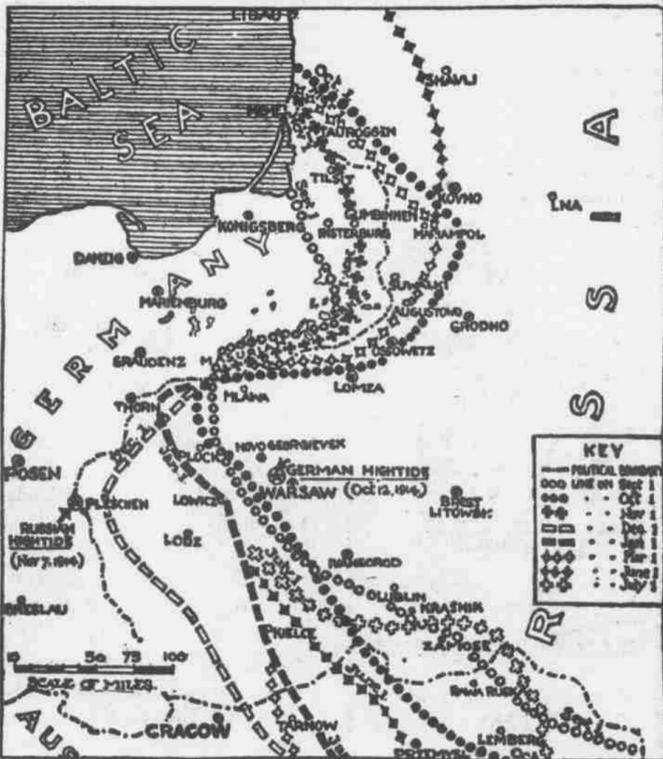
Going Off.
Evelyn—Do you think my dress becoming?
Jack—Yes—becoming nothing.

An Easy Victim.
"What is your attitude toward tipping?"
"Oh, the usual one."
"And that is?"
"A weak-kneed deference to a foolish custom."

Hard to Please Everybody.
"Doubleday is always trying so hard to correct his own faults that he never has time to find fault with other people."
"In that case he ought to be popular with his neighbors."
"You'd think so, but they accuse him of being self-centered."

Well, Which?
"Pop?"
"Yes, my son."
"Do most people go to heaven or the other place when they leave here?"
"Why, what a question, my boy!"
"Well, the minister said a certain man had gone to join the great majority, and I was wondering which place had the majority."

MAP OF CAMPAIGNS IN THE EAST



The Germans again have penetrated as close to Warsaw as the star which marks the "high tide" of last autumn.

Poland, where they fell upon Samsonoff with crushing force in the great German victory of Tannenberg (Aug. 28). Meanwhile, the Austrians, leaving only a few troops in Galicia to hold back the Russians advancing from Tarnopol on the line of the Gnila-Lipa, struck the Russians en masse at Krasnik and routed them to Lublin.

Most Bloody Drive of War.
With two armies in difficulty, the grand duke decided to abandon one to its fate and save the other. He threw re-enforcements into Lublin and ordered the line of the Gnila-Lipa river be forced at any cost. In one of the most bloody drives of the war the Russians advanced into eastern Galicia and occupied Lemberg.

The Russians then advanced to Rawa Ruska and took the Austrian armies in Poland in the rear, cutting them up frightfully.

Meanwhile Von Hindenburg had completed his victory over Samsonoff by turning on Rennenkampf and clearing East Prussia of Muscovites. But though Rennenkampf had been defeated and Samsonoff almost annihilated, the Germans.

The Russians were now as far west as Tarnow in Galicia, while their Cossacks were able to make raids into Hungary farther south. Hindenburg concentrated a great force suddenly in Silesia and began a drive from the west against Warsaw and Ivangorod. The Siberian corps arrived in the nick of time to save Warsaw from the enemy.

High Tide of Russian Invasion.
Hindenburg then drew off the northern section of his army in Poland to the north, thinking to take the pursuing Russians in flank with the south-

ern section. But the Austrians were too slow to carry out the field marshal's plans and the Russians, slipping into a gap in the lines between the Germans and their allies, slaughtered the latter. The result was the high tide of Russian invasion. The Austrians withdrew over the Carpathians again, leaving Przemysl to be besieged a second time. The Germans withdrew to Silesia and the Russians, following closely, were able for a brief moment to raid this rich province at Pleschen. At the same time they entered East Prussia again.

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A Summer Vacation At Home

Avoid needless work, especially hot cooking, and plan to get all possible rest and leisure.

There are many ways. For instance, a hot breakfast is uncalled for in summer. There's no excuse for early morning cooking with Post Toasties in the house.

Nothing will please husband and children better than a bowl of crisp, delicious

Post Toasties

with cream or good milk.

There is pleasure in serving this dainty food and you start the day without work or worry.

With Toasties in the pantry it takes but a moment to prepare a breakfast or lunch that pleases all—you save time and temper.

Order a package of Post Toasties from your grocer and start on your home vacation.