

RUSSIAN PLIGHT IS LESSON TO AMERICA

Nation at Beginning of War Was Two Years Away From Real Preparedness.

PEOPLE NOT UNDERSTOOD

Men Are Gentle Rather Than Quarrelsome—Competent Generals Not Lacking, but Want of Material Handicaps Them.

BY EUGENE T. HURD.

ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT, June 3.—At the beginning of the war Russia found herself in the same predicament that America would if she were suddenly called upon to go to war with a first-class power.

The Americans in general have a wrong idea of the Russians and Russia. The Russians are large, robust specimens of physical manhood.

It is a mistake to think that Russia does not have competent Generals, for they have lots of them.

Great Victory Miscalculated.

For instance, the greatest victory of the war on the eastern front was considered a great defeat in America.

The Russians started back to their second line of fortifications. The men, after 40 years of preparedness, took over a year to break the first fortified Russian line.

Does that not speak well for the Russian Generals? But wait; I said they started back for their second line of fortifications. They never got there.

The ground over which the Russian armies retreated is a rolling country full of sand dunes. It was here that Napoleon had to leave his transports when he marched to Moscow.

Each night during the retreat the Russians fell back to a newly prepared trench, and the Germans had to dig their trenches under fire.

But to place a conservative estimate, I would say that the German losses in men for every one the Russians lost.

I saw the Germans make an average of five attacks a day for four days at one place. Each drive was made in mass.

This, with machine gun and rifle fire, mowed the foe down in great swaths, in places as high as the posts that held the Russians' barbed wire entanglements.

The Russians retreated in order toward their next fortified line, but they only went part of the way, when one morning the German line was broken.

Even the Russians were surprised that they could stop the Germans so quickly in a country where they had no preparations made to make a stand.

The retreat left Russian Poland one big German cemetery.

The younger officers are fun-loving young men of exceptional daring. They are always found with their men in an attack.

They play as roughly as bears, and I often think that is what must have given them the name of bears.

Does the Russian come up angry? Never. He comes up with a grin on his face and tries to get even.

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Under the present way of making an attack, the soldiers must wait about two hours while the artillery tears up the trenches and barbed wire for them.

From quite peaceful fellows at the beginning, they end up with an excited condition which resembles the rage of a bull.

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With the relations between the United States and Mexico about to snap at any moment, the border patrol is particularly vigilant. This photograph, taken at Nogales, Ariz., on the line, shows on one side the American troops patrolling and on the other side the Mexican soldier doing the same.

TEUTONS SHOW GAIN

Works in Verdun Region Succumb to Violent Assault

TITANIC BATTLE GOES ON

French Take Two More Villages and Capture 500 Prisoners, While Germans Regain Footing in La Boisselle From British.

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tain in an interview with Major-General F. B. Maurice, who predicts an immediate development south of the Somme, where, he says, the fighting now is in open field formation.

Prussian Battalion Surrenders.

All unofficial dispatches speak confidently of the satisfactory situation on the British front, a noteworthy incident being the surrender of a complete Prussian infantry battalion, with officers, to the British near Fricourt.

Attack by Land and Sea Threatened.

An attack by land and sea against Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces in the north, together with a new Russian attack on Baranovich, promised interesting developments which are likely to have an influence in the Baltic region, where the German Alberto have been able to hold the Russians.

PRESS CAMP IN FRANCE, July 2, via London July 4.—Facts and impressions come in overwhelming numbers to the press correspondent who is on the move morning and night trying to grasp the details of the gigantic struggle which is in progress in Northern France.

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