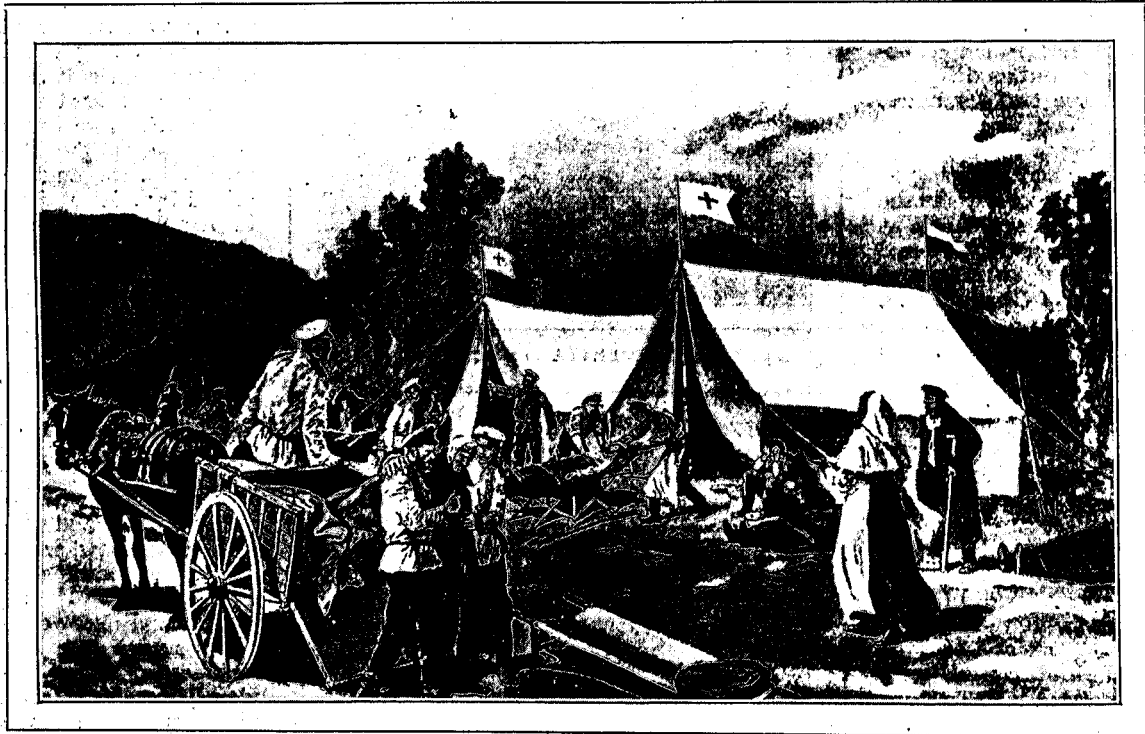


Japanese war. Miss Thurstan spoke appreciatively of the Russian surgeons, whose methods are excellent and aseptic. The dressings are also well done by the nurses, and they are very good to their patients, but they do not understand nursing in the English sense.

The head of the Red Cross for the second Russian army is M. Goochkoff. He is a great person in Russia, and has been Mayor of Moscow and speaks English perfectly. After three weeks in the hospital, Miss Thurstan and Miss Greg were transferred to the flying column attached to the second army. The first duty allotted to the column was to take over the military hospital at Lodz. The flying column travel very light and are supposed to be able to do anything—great or

The wounded men were passed on as quickly as possible—once the column dealt with 750 in the 24 hours. On that occasion the hospital had been set up in a station master's house, the German battery was on one side of the line and the Russian on the other. Shelling was going on all the time, and the hospital dare show no light, as it would at once have drawn fire. Operations were done on the ground floor, by the light of candle ends in bottles. On the upper floors, the wounded, the dying and the dead lay together.

Then orders came to move further down the line—to Skierniwice. Here the wounded were housed in the Czar's private theatre and lay on the stage between the scenery. They had



A FLYING COLUMN ATTACHED TO THE SECOND ARMY.

small—day or night; they may either be sent to relieve, or to make a new dressing station—it may be in a barn, in huts, or in tents.

The column has, to aid it, a fleet of five motor cars which carry both the staff and their equipment to their destination and are then used to convey the wounded to hospital. Prince Wolkonsky superintended the motor transport in this instance, and Count Arnoldi worked under him. The staff consisted of a Surgeon, and two medical students, Miss Thurstan, in charge of the nursing department; two Russian Sisters, Miss Greg, and Princess Wolkonsky, who acted as a probationer, the Prince's soldier servant Juhan, who foraged and cooked; and orderlies drawn from the Red Cross depôt.

to move very quickly from this place, but they took all their patients, and the whole of their equipment; they left nothing behind except two dead men, and they would not have left them, but there was not time to bury them before the Germans entered the town.

The Flying Column did not often get back to Warsaw, when it did it was a great treat to the staff for they got baths and food. The Russian service for the care of the wounded is improving, sometimes the conditions are good, but organization is needed. "One could do so little," Miss Thurstan says regretfully, "we were so few, and the wounded so many." Even wounded civilians came to the dressing stations for treatment.

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