
WILL KEEP BRAINS OF RUSSIA'S GREAT

***Pantheon Approved by the Soviet
Government to Preserve Their
Tissue in Glass Bowls.***

LENINGRAD, Oct. 21 (AP).—Death will not bring privacy and peace to the brains of the illustrious citizens of Russia, if their kinsmen submit to a plan approved by the Soviet Government.

The plan, already partially in operation, calls for the establishment of a "Brain Pantheon," where the cerebral tissue of deceased celebrities will be kept, like goldfish, in glass bowls, attached to which will be gold plates telling whose brain is inside and what its peculiarities are. But before the brains are so displayed, they will be dissected and microscopically examined and their characteristic tabulated, in the hope that they may thus continue to serve humanity after death.

The Brain Pantheon is the idea of Professor Vladimar Bechterev, psychiatrist and hypnotist, who told The Associated Press that the brains of three Russian celebrities were already in his care and that Feodor Chaliapin had willed his brain to the new institution, the first of its kind. But already relatives of one deceased celebrity have objected to this plan. Kinsmen of Count Tolstoy refused to allow the brain of that noted writer to be placed in the Pantheon. Professor Bechterev said he hoped to overcome such objections through kindly persuasion.

The brains of Anton Rubinstein, famous pianist and composer, who died in 1894; Dmitri Mendeleef, naturalist and chemist, whose works on periodic law brought him world fame before his death in 1907, and Alexander Dohni, writer, jurist and ranking member of the Academy of Science, who died last September, form the nucleus of the Pantheon, Professor Bechterev declared. He added that, while the Pantheon was not officially opened it was nevertheless in actual operation. The Government plans to inaugurate it Nov. 7 in connection with the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the revolution.
