

# GREAT BATTLES OF THE WORLD

Newspaper editors and war correspondents are just now busily engaged in writing stories and comments upon "the greatest battles in history," that is in progress between the Russian and Japanese forces. The most reliable information obtainable indicates that about 400,000 men are engaged, and the losses, though conflicting reports are being received, probably have already exceeded 30,000 men, or nearly ten per cent. of the forces actually engaged. Compared with the number of men engaged and the losses resultant from the battles, the Liao-Yang conflict completely overshadows Austriac-Waterloo, Leipzig, Antietam, Gettysburg and other engagements which have taken rank among the decisive battles of history. When the final, accurate account of the war now in progress is written, we will doubtless have new and startling chapters added to the history of carnage, heroism and daring on the field of battle, but after all, the Liao-Yang conflict appears nothing more than a skirmish, compared with some of the battles that were fought in the gray dawn of history if the war correspondents of those times are to be credited with reasonable accuracy.

Plutarch, it will be remembered, was one of the original war historians. He flourished more before the days of the yellow journal, and no one has accused him of drawing upon his imagination. He dealt with figures as carefully as a bank accountant, and

his statistics have been accepted as the most accurate extant. War was a business in those days when the only recognized international code was the survivor of the fittest. Gunpowder had not been invented, boards of strategy were unknown and the general in the field was not subject to the orders of a general behind a roller-top desk at headquarters. The armies, equipped with spears, lances, short swords and battering rams, just met in a convenient place and fought until one side or the other was exterminated. Plutarch tells us, for instance, that in the battle of Plataea, the Persians, under Mar-donius, lost 200,000 men killed out of an army of 300,000, while the Greeks, with their Spartan allies lost but 1360 men. In the battle of Salamis (70 B. C.) over 700,000 men were engaged. The Roman army, under Pompey, Lucullus and Crassus, numbered 400,000 as against 300,000 insurgents under Spartacus, who lost 200,000 of his army slain on the field, and 6,000 were after crucified on the Appian way. The Roman losses are not given. Plutarch tells us also, of the battle at Issus, in which Alexander with 38,000 men, faced Darius with a force of 550,000. Darius lost 110,000 men, or nearly three times as many soldiers as Alexander had in his army.

Coming down to Caesar's time, Plutarch tells us that in ten years' fighting in Gaul, that general took 800 cities by assault, fought at different times forces aggregating 3,000,000 men of

whom he killed 1,000,000 and took another 1,000,000 prisoners. In the assault upon Alesia alone, Caesar is reported to have killed nearly 30,000 men. In one fight in Africa, Caesar faced the combined forces of Scipio, Africanus, King Juba and Afranius, killing 50,000 with a loss of but 50 of his own army. Marius and Catulus fought a battle on the plains of Ver-cellae against the Cimbric, killing 120,000 of them and taking 60,000 prisoners. Lucullus, with 10,000 men under Tigranes including nearly 50,000 horsemen.

These figures must be positively astounding to students of modern warfare and the military experts who make a study of the problems growing out of the movements of troops. The question of transportation of a force of 700,000 men would madden the quartermaster-general of the present day, and the thought of burying 200,000 dead and caring for an equal number of wounded would drive the hospital corps to nervous prostration. We have, however, no data as to whether the soldiers of the old days paid much attention to the disposition of the killed or the care of the injured. We take it that the parole system was not in much favor, and that the soldiers who could not take care of himself had to take his own chances with death and starvation. At any rate, the Plutarch stories furnish food for interesting study, compared with the developments of the Russo-Jap war.

# ORGANIZED WARFARE ON TOBACCO TRUST

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 12.—Organized warfare against the tobacco trust is to be carried on in earnest if the plans of the national convention of independent tobacco manufacturers and dealers begun here today are carried out. The convention is the result of a call sent out some time ago by the independent dealers of Philadelphia, who have been more successful than their brethren in other cities in holding the trust at bay. The call was responded to by the independents of many of the largest cities of the country and by the growers and manufacturers of Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota,

Kentucky, Virginia and other states. The result is the largest gathering of the kind ever held in this country, there being more than 7000 persons interested in the tobacco trade in attendance. The sessions of the convention, which will continue through the entire week, are being held in Horticultural hall.

The plan of the promoters of the movement is to organize for concerted action all of the independent associations now in existence. These include the Independent Tobacco Manufacturers' Association of the United States and the Independent Tobacco League of America, together with some 20 state associations.

# SMOOT INQUIRY IS BEFORE COMMITTEE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The center of public interest during the next few days promises to be the Smoot inquiry, which was resumed by the senate committee on privileges and elections today. It is said that all of the secrets of the Mormon endowment house ceremony are to be revealed at the present hearings. The opposition to Senator Smoot will attempt to show in these revelations that the Mormon people in this ceremony renounce allegiance to the United States. In addition the robes of the ceremony will be exhibited to the committee, and so far as possible there will be a reproduction of the scenes in the endowment house. Those who are opposed to the seating

of Senator Smoot will produce witnesses who were once Mormons, but who have renounced the church. It is said that there are three of these witnesses who have been through the endowment, one as late as 1898, and they have promised to reveal all of the secrets.

**A Frightened Horse**  
Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklin's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c at J. C. Perry's drug store.

# THE OLD AND NEW WAY

Some Important Facts Which May Prove Helpful.

Thirty years ago old-fashioned cod liver oil had to be forced down a patient's throat. Invalids couldn't take it and children wouldn't. But the doctors prescribed it and it had to be taken by force. Yet it cured people where enough could be taken into the system, for it has ever been the greatest of all tissue builders and general reconstructors known to medicine.

We are now anxious to have every one know that Vinol is a new form of this very old and valuable remedy, cod liver oil. It contains in a concentrated form all the medicinal elements of cod liver oil, actually taken from fresh cods' livers, but by a new process it is made without oil or grease, and it is as delicious to the taste as a fresh orange.

Vinol does not upset the stomach like old fashioned cod liver oil and emulsions; its strengthening and healing properties are remarkable and both doctors and patients are delighted with its actions.

Many wonderful cures right here in Salem have been effected by its use, and we ask all of our customers to try Vinol on our guarantee to return money every time it fails to make rich, red blood, increase the appetite, cure stomach troubles, give strength and renewed vitality to the aged, run down, tired and debilitated or cure chronic colds or bronchitis. Geo. W. Putnam, Druggist.

**Writes About Salem.**  
(D. M. C. Gault in Hillsboro Independent.)

Another manufacturing industry has been installed here, "The Salem Broom Works." The present capacity is fifteen dozen brooms per day. Now raw material is shipped from abroad, but I understand that the handles are to be made here, and that after next season the broomstraw is to be of home growth. Experiments have been made which show that good corn can be grown here. The brooms are good and as presentable as any brought across the continent. It is stated that the prices are even lower than those of outside make, that sells wholesale for \$2.25 and retails for 25 cents, is a better broom than the 30 cent imported.

The Greater Salem Commercial Club has commenced a systematic correspondence with eastern people looking to attracting them westward. A little booklet descriptive of the county, a half of one of the local newspapers and a list of the membership of the commercial club is made up in a package and mailed to any Eastern party whose name has been given to the club. Accompanying this package is a postal card advising the Eastern party that the advertising matter has been sent and at the request of his Oregon acquaintance, and informing him further that if he wishes more information that he can have it by writing his friend, the secretary of the club, or any member of the club. One thousand of these postal cards were printed and delivered to the club today. The secretary informed me that he has already the address of 1200 Eastern people and more are being entered on

# Scrofula

Few are entirely free from it. It may develop so slowly as to cause little if any disturbance during the whole period of childhood.

It may then produce irregularity of the stomach and bowels, dyspepsia, catarrh and marked tendency to consumption before manifesting itself in much cutaneous eruption or glandular swelling.

It is best to be sure that you are quite free from it, and for its complete eradication you can rely on

# Hood's Sarsaparilla

The best of all medicines for all humors.

his books daily. A careful tab is kept on this correspondence, even to retaining copies of all letters sent in answer to inquiries. The club is spending some money but it expects some good things for the city and county will result. Is Washington county doing anything looking to advising the stranger of the advantages lying within the fair basin of the Tualatin?

# From Our Exchanges.

Man's true prayer—the prayer which is true for him—is the expression in words of the trend of his life. Man's effectual prayer is that petition which has in view and embraces the will of God. In all obediences to God and to righteousness, man is, as he should universally and continuously be, co-operating with God for the establishment of His kingdom on earth and for the blessing of mankind. In all sinning and failure to obey he is resisting the will of God and limiting the blessedness of men. The true human attitude in prayer is that of Christ in His hour of great distress. "If this cup may not pass from me except I drink it, thy will be done." Impunity in prayer which has in view the accomplishment of the will of the petitioner and the bending of the will of God to our wills is an impertinence. Rather it is the petitioner's place to seek to know and to come into harmony with the will of God. The various objects of prayer, personal, social, general and worldwide, should be subordinated to the one desire that the kingdom of God may come and His will be done in earth as it is in heaven. That which is best for mankind as a whole is really best for each individual. The prayer which is selfish is prayer against the true interests of self and against the interests of mankind.—The Examiner.

The Journal and Messenger (Cincinnati Baptist) is amazed to find the following paragraph in the Sunday School Times, headed "Sin's Worst Punishment:"

"It is often noted that punishment in the next world used to be more preached a few generations ago than it is today. Perhaps that is because men are coming to realize that religion is more a matter of this world than of the next—certainly while we are here. But can punishment in the next world for sin be any greater than sin's punishment while we live? Sin's worst punishment is loss of power. We need not look into eternity to see this. Continued sin has only one end here—the power current ceases, light goes out, wheels stop. Has any man so much power that he can risk the atrophy of one of his energies? Then he cannot afford to sin. Even God's forgiveness of sin does not restore all the lost power. 'The wages of sin is death'—death even while we live.'—The Universalist Leader.

# A Measure of Merit.

Salem Citizens Should Weigh Well This Evidence.

Proof of merit lies in the evidence. Convincing evidence in Salem. Is not the testimony of Salem people, but the endorsement of Salem people. That's the kind of proof given here—the statement of a Salem citizen.

George T. Hall, carpenter, living at 95 State Street, Salem, Oregon, says: "Off and on for more than five years I suffered from my back and kidneys. There was a dull heavy aching through the loins which was always annoying and became very severe if I bent over or tried to lift anything. There was also an irregularity of the passages of much distress at night. Upon recommendation of a friend I went to a drug store and got Doan's Kidney Pills. I used them according to directions and to my surprise, was much relieved on the second day, and in a short time I was completely cured. Since then I have always recommended Doan's Kidney Pills and will continue to do so every opportunity."

For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

# Christmas Gifts to Strikers.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.—A Christmas present of cash will be given by the International Association of Machinists to all members on strike in Chicago. Each man who is working has been asked to contribute at least one day's pay to a fund for the purpose. There are 650 machinists on strike and 3500 working, and it is expected that \$10 to \$15 will be given each recipient.

# DEAD LETTER SALE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The annual sale of parcels and packages that have accumulated at the dead letter office during the year was commenced today and will continue through the week. This sale this year is larger than ever before, there being over 8000 catalogue numbers, being made up of about 7500 original pieces of mail matter in the United States, besides several thousand from the dead letter bureaus of Porto Rico and Hawaii. The articles consist largely of wearing apparel, diamonds, jewelry, books and numerous small articles of merchandise, for which no owner could be found by the employees of the dead letter office.

# Record Breaking Cow.

There are cows and cows and more cows, but it was left for a Polk county bovine to break the record, when she gave birth to four calves last week. The cow belongs to George Murphy, who resides near Monmouth, who says that he has heard of twins and triplets, but quadruplets are a new one on him, and other authorities express the same opinion. Two of the calves were dead when born, and another has died since, but one is still living, and apparently in a very healthy condition.

# Dinner for Senator Knox.

New York, Dec. 12.—As a tribute to Senator Knox for his services as attorney general, and in compliment to his appointment to the United States senate, a dinner will be given tonight in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria. The affair has been arranged by the Pennsylvania society of New York.

# Church Benefit.

Rev. P. S. Knight will deliver a lecture on "Christ in Art" Tuesday evening next at the Central Congregational church. Proceeds to go toward improving the church. Admission 25 cents.

# Why

does the manufacturer put up his article in a valuable glass jar instead of a tin can?

# Because

At a very small increase of cost it gives housekeepers a useful receptacle of necessities instead of a worthless tin can.

# Eppley's Perfection

BAKING POWDER is the only article so put up, but the reason all housekeepers want it is because it produces the best results for the least expense. Try it for its virtues as well as to get the can.

# The Most Durable The Easiest Applied The Cheapest and Best Our Flint Plaster

Give it a trial. Be convinced and satisfied.

# Vogel Lumber & Fuel Co.

Office and yard 14th and Oak Sts. SALEM, OREGON.

# ALL KINDS OF FRUIT TRAYS AND ORCHARD BOXES at the shop of

G. F. Mason  
Miller street, South Salem  
PHONE 2191 Red.

# MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.

A Safe, Certain Relief for Nervous Prostration, NEVER SHOWS TO FAIL, Acts Sure! Quickly! Relieves Headaches, Migraine, Indigestion, Headaches, etc. 25c per box. Will send three for \$1.00, to be paid for when received. Sample Free. If your druggist does not have them, send your order to the UNITED MEDICAL CO., 808 74, LANSING, PA.

Sold in Salem by S. C. Stone.

# ANOTHER WONDER OF SCIENCE.

Biology has Proved that Dandruff is Caused by a Germ.

Science is doing wonders these days in medicine as well as in mechanics. Since Adam lived, the human race has been troubled with dandruff, for which no hair preparation has heretofore proved a successful cure until Newbro's Herpicide was put on the market. It is a scientific preparation that kills the germ that makes dandruff or scurf by digging into the scalp to get at the root of the hair, where it saps the vitality, causing itching scalp, falling hair, and finally baldness. Without dandruff hair must grow luxuriantly. It is the only destroyer of dandruff. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.  
Daniel J. Fry, Special Agent.

# SALEM STATE BANK

Capital \$50,000.00  
GENERAL BANKING

L. K. Page, . . . President  
E. W. Hazard, Cashier

# Our Quick Lunch Dining Room

Is now ready for our patrons. This department is for men only.

# MAC SMITH'S CAFE

# Try Coffey's Coffee

COFFEY'S RESTAURANT  
205 Commercial Street

# Gold Dust Flour

Made by THE SIDNEY POWER COMPANY, Sidney, Oregon. Made for family use. Ask your grocer for it. Bran and shorts always on hand.

P. B. Wallace AGENT

# The Publisher's Claims Sustained

UNITED STATES COURT OF CLAIMS.  
The Publishers of Webster's International Dictionary allege that it "is, in fact, the popular Unabridged thoroughly re-edited in every detail, and vastly enriched in every part, with the purpose of adapting it to meet the larger and severer requirements of another generation."  
We are of the opinion that this allegation most clearly and accurately describes the work that has been accomplished and the result that has been reached. The Dictionary, as it now stands, has been thoroughly re-edited in every detail, has been corrected in every part, and is admirably adapted to meet the larger and severer requirements of a generation which demands more of popular philological knowledge than any generation that the world has ever contained.  
It is perhaps needless to add that we refer to the Dictionary in our judicial work as of the highest authority in accuracy of definition and that in the future as in the past it will be the source of constant reference.

CHARLES C. HOTT, Chief Justice.  
LAWRENCE WELDON,  
JOHN DAVIS,  
STANTON J. BELLE,  
CHARLES B. HOWLEY, } Judges.

The above refers to WEBSTER'S INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY, The Latest and Best Dictionary of the English Language.

# GET THE LATEST AND BEST

You will be interested in our specimen pages sent free.  
G. & C. MERRIAM CO., PUBLISHERS,  
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Burlington  
Route

Begin Now to  
Advertise the Big Fair

It is not "too early" to start the campaign. Get people to talking about it everywhere! If you have a friend in the East who thinks of coming, give me his name and address and I will start the ball rolling. We'll all boost together.

A. C. SHELDON, General Agent,  
100 Third Street,  
PORTLAND, OREGON.