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THE LESSON OF A BATTLE.

The full story of the British victory at Neuve Chapelle contains a valuable lesson which the United States should apply by strengthening its Army and putting itself in a safe defensive position.

General French prepared for the attack on Neuve Chapelle by secretly concentrating an overwhelming force of artillery with abundant supplies.

The troops designated for the attack moved silently to the front the night of March 15. No singing or conversation was permitted, and smoking was forbidden lest the light of a match or the glow from a pipe should warn the enemy.

At 7:30 on the morning of March 16 every one of the 250 guns began a terrific cannonade, which continued for thirty-five minutes. In the words of the London Dispatch writer, it swept away the trenches and their intricate wire entanglements like driftwood.

Most significant in the fact that shortly after this battle Lord Kitchener made his demand for more rapid manufacture of ammunition. A calculation of the quantity of ammunition consumed in this brief but concentrated bombardment must have shown him what a vast supply would be needed to drive the battle to the front.

The question for Americans to consider in this connection is how well we are prepared to win battles, these being the chief essential requirements. Some European armies have figured on an average of five guns for every thousand infantry and cavalry, but Wheeler in "Are We Ready?" says "The present war in Europe indicates that the percentage is not high."

The General Staff of the United States Army has fixed the proportion at 3.16 guns per thousand infantry and cavalry. On this basis we should have 1292 guns in order to put an army of 500,000 men in the field. Of these only 434 are ready and 396 are in contract.

We have actually contracted for only 15 per cent of the quantity required for the General Staff's estimate of guns, which the war teaches us should be doubled. We have under manufacture or contract another 15 per cent. Wheeler says that "if all the field guns which our estimate call for were built and put into action at once, we should have not more than one-eighth of the quantity of a single day's engagement."

one great power at least, the consumption of ammunition has exceeded twice their maximum estimates and that the proportion of artillery will in future be increased.

The story of Neuve Chapelle proves the truth of what Wheeler says. The suddenness with which this war began demonstrates that we should then have no time to make good our deficiencies after war was declared.

VERY BLOODTHIRSTY. One would never suspect that the mild manner of Mr. U'Ren conceals the spirit of a gory revolutionist, chafing under the restraint of the law's conventions.

Yula has accomplished this in Mexico with his war-cry of "The land for the people" and "The flow to the sea." Yula does not have to reckon with American concentration of the population.

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NEW BOOMS FOR PRESIDENT. Mention of ex-Senator and ex-Secretary of State Knox as a man whom Colonel Roosevelt seems to favor for the Republican Presidential nomination makes his political career a subject of live interest.

Reference to the main points in Mr. Knox's career impresses upon one the care which will need to be taken in selecting men who are not open to serious objection in connection with the other, and the difficulty of selecting such men among those who have been active in National politics.

A TYPHOID CARRIER. It is probably superfluous to explain what a "typhoid carrier" is. Most readers know of those unfortunate who bear the germs of typhoid fever in their bodies without themselves suffering from the disease.

It is the season when the hookworm begins its deadly work. Newport News is growing to be a regular German naval base. Real baseball weather. What, again, Beavers?

the occasion, and the multitude flocked in to gaze at the great President and his great General sitting side by side, for the newspapers had spread the news that Grant was to be there and it had not been corrected.

The people of Linnton might as well make the best of a bad situation. The original promoters of the trolley service that has been discontinued made the error of stimulating the low fare charged, and got from under.

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BRITISH EXPERTS PREDICT THAT AN ALLIED ADVANCE WILL BEGIN SHORTLY IN THE WEST. They might safely predict also that shortly after beginning, the advance will close.

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Stars and Starmakers BY LEONE CARR SAER. CYRIL SCOTT, of the "Seven Keys to Baldpate" Company, says he wonders how men can go on doubling that women are lacking in business ability when never a day goes by that some woman doesn't file a petition in bankruptcy, showing big indebtedness.

Edna Archer Crawford is appearing in a new play, which has just been tried out at the Little Theater in New York, the Bramhall Playhouse, belonging to Butler Davenport.

Howard Russell and Mrs. Russell (Miss Townsend) leave this week for San Francisco to join the Del S. Lawrence Stock Company at the Wigwag Theater.

The three-act opera which is to control the butter market offers a transient benefit to consumers, who, like Job, may for the moment wash their feet with cheap butter.

WALTER S. DUGGAN is in Portland ahead of "The Candy Shop," coming next week to the Heilig. Last season Mr. Duggan visited us ahead of Kitty Gordon in "The Enchantress."

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'NEW EUROPE' PLAN IS PROPOSED Division of Countries After War on Nationality Basis Suggested. EUGENE, Or., April 12.—(To the Editor.)—Your recent editorial on "Real Neutrality" has prompted me to write the following lines on the subject of "Impartial Sympathy."

That the map of Europe be redrawn after the war on the basis of the principle of nationality and that the cause of permanent peace be promoted by the formation of federations between closely related nations.

That a Greater Serbia, or a state of Thyrta, be established in the form of a federation of the eight nations of Croatia, Slavonia, Dalmatia, Carniola, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Serbia proper and Montenegro as self-governing states.

That Austria cede to Italy the Trentino, Trieste and Western Istria and to Russia, Eastern Galicia and Bessarabia. That the United States, Germany and Austria-Hungary be transformed into a new federation under the leadership of Hungary.

That the independent state of Poland be established by the reunion of Russian Poland, the United States and Prussian Poland, and that the new state of Poland either become a member of the new federation that be formed, or that it join a reconstituted Germany as a federal state.

That Germany, under the same principle of nationality, become a Greater Germany, including German Austria, German Switzerland, Holland and Belgium, and that the French-speaking part of Belgium be given to Holland, Holstein to Denmark, and Alsace-Lorraine to a reconstituted Germany as a federal state.

That Great Britain be changed into a federation consisting of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland as self-governing states; and that the British Empire be changed into a large federation consisting of Great Britain, Canada (with Newfoundland), Australia (with New Zealand), and South Africa as its four members.

That the Southern Pacific Railroad, Grants Pass, thence up stage, Great City, Cal. thence up the coast to Gold Beach. There are various ways of reaching Marshfield (Coos Bay) by boat and stage, and a portion of the distance can be made by rail.

Two Simple Definitions. Buffalo (N. Y.) Express. Teacher—Tommy, you may define the difference between "wheat" and "time." Tommy—Why, when pa says he's going down town for a white man, she'll bet he's going for a time.

Twenty-Five Years Ago from The Oregonian, April 13, 1890. Ellensburg.—The Northern Pacific machine shops were destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

Washington.—All thinkers of Congress are united in the belief that more money is needed. The House, it appears, is for free silver, while the Senate committee favors coinage of a limited sum monthly.

New York.—Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt's sister, the Baroness de Ponthell, is to go on the stage this Fall. The reason the Baroness gives is that she has been so enriched and that she is taking up the theater as a means of making a living.

Frank Jolly, the well-known attorney who has figured prominently as lawyer for a number of alleged criminals and who is given the credit for having saved them from the penitentiary, was attacked by footpads last Sunday night.

Dr. Kenneth MacKenzie, who is attending Hon. George H. Durbin, says his patient is resting easy again. E. S. McComas, one of the projectors of the town of New Walla Walla, was seen in this city yesterday.

The St. Charles Hotel is quite a rendezvous for politicians. Among those in prominence just now who are registered there are: H. L. Marston, Pennington, John H. Fisher, Baker, City W. J. Snodgrass, LA Grande, and Dr. D. B. Blackburn and Charles E. Wolcott, of Albany.

Half a Century Ago from The Oregonian of April 15, 1865. Ten days ago Colonel Raymond ordered a six-stamp battery at the Oregon City Iron Works. The machinery has been made and delivered, proving that it is no longer necessary to go to San Francisco for such merchandise.

The Clocchens and Siwashas are gathering wapatoes now to be traded in business transactions with the celestials, who likewise have a fondness for this native vegetable. A preliminary agreement was shown us yesterday in which it is planned to organize John H. Fisher's Battery in Portland composed entirely of Irish citizens.

Robinson & Lake, of this city, started out a tireless peddling wagon this week, which will carry such things as will tempt the thrifty housewife who is too busy to come to the city for her culinary purchases. On Thursday a boy called at Messrs. O'Connor & Co., 30 First street, and said that he had been sent there to purchase some provisions for a well-known gentleman, Mr. Maloney, the clerk, suspected that the devil had sent the boy and later on the same day confirmed. Oregon needs a reform school like Michigan and California have provided for their young rascals who cannot be controlled at home.

Answers in Civils. IMBLER, Or., April 12.—(To the Editor.)—Will you please answer the following question through the columns of The Oregonian?

1. How many territories belong to the United States? 2. Do territorial representatives meet with the Senate at any time and must they confine their attendance to the lower house?

3. What is the present salary and how many members of Congress receive it? 4. What is the present salary and how many members of Congress receive it?

1. The United States has only two organized territories in addition to the District of Columbia. Hawaii and Alaska are represented by delegates to Congress. Porto Rico and the Philippines are represented at Washington by commissioners, who are in a diplomatic capacity as well as delegates to Congress.

2. Territorial delegates and commissioners may participate in debates in the lower house only. They have no vote. 3. Cabinet officers receive \$15,000 each per year. Members of Congress \$7500 and 30 cents per mile traveled each way.

David Warfield's Nationality. TIMBER, Or., April 12.—(To the Editor.)—Is the actor, a Jew, or of Jewish descent? E. McCLURE.

David Warfield is a German Jew. His family name is Wolfheid.

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