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STRATEGY ON THE STRAITS.

The resistance encountered by the allied forces which have landed at the Dardanelles is a result of haste in attempting to force an entrance by naval attack alone. The allies appear to have imagined that they could as easily force the straits as Dewey entered Manila Bay and that, once in the Sea of Marmora, their fleet would have Constantinople at its mercy.

Their greatest seeming mistake was their failure to appreciate the fact that Belgium. This is that artillery stationed in forts cannot long hold out against mobile artillery, either on sea or land. The allies were on to batter down some of the forts, just as the Germans battered down those of Belgium.

The allies not only failed to hold the advantage gained by the bombardment, but they attacked the Turkish army which was scattered for an invasion of Transcaucasia and Egypt and the Mesopotamia.

The British public, which may have taken to heart the news of the Turkish empire, has to be reminded that the British empire is not a collection of provinces and dependencies.

The facts on which the Times laid stress two months ago and which are obvious to any civilian who gives them a thought must have been known to the heads of the British army and navy before they began operations.

TROLOPE'S CENTENARY. Anthony Trollope's centenary was celebrated on April 24. The celebration was not particularly lively. It caused scarcely a ripple in the literary world and not even a ripple outside the circle that cares more for books and authors than for anything else.

The allies had other motives for forcing the issue with Turkey. The moral effect of a decisive success against that country would be great in forcing the hands of Italy and the neutral Balkan states. It would have been the Turks in the last ditch might stampede these states to the allied cause.

THE COLUMBIA "WILDERNESS."

The Youth's Companion remarks that "the opening of the canal in the Columbia River at The Dalles, in Oregon, in the first week in May, is an important event for the new waterway farther into the wilderness of the north."

"ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH" NO EXCUSE. Those members of the Legislature who are accepting seriously the Journal's humbly offered land grant resolution and are trying to do so from under by pleading ignorance or misinformation as to its contents and purpose may thank the Portland newspaper for their predicament.

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A warning against hysterics. A salutary warning against hysterical talk about the situation in the cotton fields of the South had a 16,000,000-bale crop on its hands, but could not get it to market because the war deprived it of ships and stopped all foreign buying.

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OUR WELL-DESIGNED PLANET.

The question whether the other planets of the solar system are inhabitable turns pretty largely on the presence or absence of an atmosphere similar to ours. The gases which envelope the earth are wonderfully well adapted to sustain and protect living creatures.

Militarism does not consist in national readiness for self-defense. It is, as Wheeler says in "Are We Ready?" "a state of mind." Both Germany and America are nations trained to attack and to be attacked.

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Stars and Starmakers

COULD you say that the unhappy husband of a talkative tango mad wife is a victim of the "foot-and-mouth" ailment? Actress weighing 233 pounds crawled through an 18-inch crack in pursuit of a fleeing burglar. She's some crackman herself.

An English actor gent who has just left all his big estates to his second wife. This is in accordance with the ancient law that "the last shall be first," while the first gets left. Also the incident should tend greatly to popularize second marriages.

Poor little Lena Rivers, whose orphaned childhood was the motif for more tear-shedding than the woes of even Madame Yve or Dora Thorne, is coming to us in film version by way of a telling next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

In the recent war dispatches there appeared a brief mention of the death at the front of Captain Claude Caste Perier, the only son of the late President of the Republic of France. He was killed in one of the violent engagements north of Soissons, and was buried by the Germans.

Richard Carle, flake O'Hara and Mary Shaw, three stars of the legitimate, made their debut in vaudeville at the Palace on Monday. Mary Shaw leaves the cold heights of intellectual drama to present the very human and very interesting, "The Dickey Bird," by Harriet Ford and Harvey J. O'Higgins.

Leo Linhard, a Pacific Coast stock actor, is playing in Jersey City, N. J. The title of "the grand old lady of the American theater" is now the legitimate possession of Mrs. Thomas Whiffen, the delightful old actress soon to be seen here with John Drew.

Alla Nazimova, playing in "War Brides," has been given a taste of a little real strife. Miss Rosalind Ivan, also of the histrionic profession, has begun in the Supreme Court an action to collect \$7000 from the Russian actress.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

Washington—Major McKinley is much pleased over the reception accorded his tariff bill. As shown by interviews gathered by the New York press the measure appears to be highly acceptable, and Mr. McKinley now believes it will pass both houses easily.

Albany, Or.—There is a report current here that the Jefferson Flouring Mills had failed and that the farmers concerned would lose 32,000 bushels of wheat and oats.

Roseburg—An enthusiastic mass meeting was held here tonight. The town is wild with excitement. The necessary subsidy for the building of the Roseburg-Coos Bay railroad has been subscribed.

Washington—The United States Supreme Court yesterday, through Justice Fuller, ruled adversely on the constitutionality of state laws providing for the seizure of liquor brought into the State in original packaging. Such laws, the court holds, are an interference with interstate commerce.

Boston—Radour's phenomenal work in the box won for Boston against New York yesterday in the Brotherhood League, 6 to 1.

J. W. Whalley has just returned from a hunting trip up the Valley which he took with Walt Monteith, of the "Herald." He bagged a dozen swift-winged tid-bits.

C. W. Knowles and Mrs. Knowles who have been touring in California for four weeks returned yesterday.

The State Medical Board last night granted licenses to the following: Dr. Bismarck Lieberman, Dr. John M. Velle, Dr. H. S. Stevens, of Portland; Dr. J. H. Baker, Silverton; Dr. J. P. Plummer, Baker City; Dr. Robert G. Black, McMinnville; Dr. (Miss) Orpha D. Baldwin, East Portland.

The following Holmes Business College students have accepted positions as follows: Corneilia Fowle, with Forbes & French, a French actress, who appeared in this country under the direction of George C. Tyler. Just before the outbreak of the war, Captain Perier was in this country on a business trip. He was under 25 years of age, and had been promoted to a captaincy for bravery in the battle of Marne.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of April 29, 1865. We learn today that J. Wilkes Booth, the assassin, has met his fate. Not what he deserved, but what would have been half his deserts upon the gallows, but hunted down by the avengers of his crime, made stranger to the haunts of men.

Hon. Elwood Evans, of Washington Territory, has been here for a few days past and was present at the ceremonies Thursday. Mr. Evans is on his way up the Columbia to prosecute the case of the late President's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, against the State of Clark County at Vancouver this evening.

Judge P. P. Prim, of Jacksonville, who is by seniority the Chief Justice of our Supreme Bench, has been in town for a few days.

A gentleman now in this city and long a resident of Nashville, where he knew President Johnson, says that the malicious stories of the President's drunkenness are unfounded. He says that nobody who ever knew President Johnson would believe that he would drink to excess under any circumstances.

Several gentlemen members of the committee in getting up the ceremonies for Thursday request us to give special thanks to W. W. Wagoner, Emile Lowenstein & Co., Messrs. Brelford & Ewry, Joseph Buchtel and others for their efforts in preparing and ornamenting the Catafalque.

The Common Council met last evening, with Mayor Felling in the chair. The following bills were allowed: L. Pitcock, \$21; J. H. Eagan, \$23.50; M. McCreedy, \$21.50; C. H. Myers, \$34.62; Sherry Ross, \$4.50; Daniel Wright, \$6.00.

It is worthy to remark that the great battle of Austerlitz, fought by Napoleon, the first that has been given in the Palais Royal for nine years, that not a single invitation was given to an American representative or a Russian.

In a speech at the serenade to the President and Missouri Congressmen the following bills were allowed: Wymberley Jones De Renne, of "Wormsloe," Georgia, and are to be issued in May by the Publishers under the title of "Confidential Military Dispatches to Davis," 1862-1865.

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CONFIDENTIAL MILITARY DISPATCHES TO JEFF DAVIS ARE DISCLOSED.

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One of the letters, evidently intended only for the eye of Mr. Davis, debates whether General Jackson shall be brought from the Valley of Virginia and used to strengthen Lee's army in front of Richmond for an attack on McClellan, or whether Jackson shall be reinforced and ordered to advance into Pennsylvania.

Another review of the Gettysburg campaign, expresses General Lee's determination to take the responsibility for the outcome and contains his opinion as to the wisdom of Pickett's charge on the third day of the famous fight.

Still another contains General Lee's advice to Mr. Davis when the latter was preparing to relieve Joseph E. Johnston's command and to substitute John B. Hood, one of Lee's former lieutenants.

Much of the correspondence relates to the withdrawal from the Rapidan to the James, which has been regarded by numerous writers on the war between the States as General Lee's most brilliant tactical achievement. In the letters on this movement General Lee speculates on Grant's plans and on the probability of the latter's crossing the James River and attacking Richmond from the south.

The volume is edited by a Southern editor and historical student, Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman, of Richmond.

WAR STUDENT. Why, then, should Germany be criticized for not also engaging in this foolish waste of time, clothes, food and efficiency in naval operations, if so they do or do not? I am neither German nor English, and my question arises purely from a military and historical standpoint. I see absolutely nothing but foolishness in such salvages. All hands enter for what comes to them. If their ship sinks, it's over. Why worry, one side or the other? WAR STUDENT.

Designer of His Wife's Gown. His Wife—Oh, William! What do you think? The man who designed this gown has been killed. He called me the Brute—that so? Hard luck! I wanted to get him myself.

The Satisfied Customer

Every storekeeper knows that the very best advertisement he can have is a satisfied customer. It is the reason the modern merchant frowns on the practice of substitution.