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RESULTS OF BLUNDERS.

An old saying is that victory is won by the General who makes fewest mistakes. Tried by that standard, the Russians must be held to have blundered most in the present war.

JUDGES WHO CAN'T BE IMPARTIAL.

There is some ground for Secretary Redfield's complaint that criticism of him because of the manner in which his inquiry into the Eastland disaster is being conducted is unjust.

KEEPING NEGROES FROM THE POLLS.

More or less resignation over the Supreme Court decision against the Maryland and Oklahoma "grandfather clauses" is observed by the Literary Digest among the newspapers of the South.

WAR NOT THE GREATEST EVIL.

Mr. Bryan's propaganda for the prevention of war is founded on the assumption that the greatest evil is war.

WHAT TO DO WITH HAYTI.

Ever since Hayti gained its independence by the negro rebellion against French rule, that country has been a republic both morally and politically as well as physically the black spot in the West Indies.

OVERBURCHED VILLAGES.

The ministerial conference at Eugene appears to have seen a bright light on the problem of the rural church. The "overburching" of country communities is a very important topic of discussion at the conference.

appear to have been intimidated by Russian defeats into continued neutrality. Free from danger in the quarter, the Tautonic armies might force their way through Southwestern Russia to Odessa, and thus open the way for troops and artillery to cross the Black Sea and aid the Turks.

There are so many widely-separated fields of operation, each related to the others, that no true conception can be formed of the effects which success of either party in one field may have unless we consider its bearing on operations in other fields.

The Anglo-Indian army which is advancing up the Euphrates Valley may join the Russian army in Transcaucasia, the combined forces may overpower the Turks in that quarter and then, crossing the Taurus range, they may enter at the Behrhorus gateway to Constantinople while the Anglo-French army hammers at the Dardanelles entrance.

On that score there is good ground for criticism. Any steamboat inspector will be restrained from judging with due severity the acts of the Army and Navy.

Mr. Redfield cannot be blamed for administering the law as he finds it, but he should seize this opportunity to use his influence with Congress in favor of a change in the law.

Had the patriots of 1776 deemed war the greatest evil there would have been no Revolutionary War, and this country would still have been a British colony or a collection of colonies ruled by Britain, France and Spain.

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States would be secured against any untoward sequel of the European war. Whether victory in Europe should fall to Britain and France or to Germany, there is grave danger that, unless we take some such action, the victor would insist upon our giving it a free hand in settling these centers of disturbance.

The safety of the approaches to the Panama Canal renders such control imperative. We can protect our interests and benefit the other republics concerned by pursuing the policy indicated, provided we send no more such men as James M. Sullivan to represent us.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

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European War Primer

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Half a Century Ago

From the Oregonian of August 1, 1865. The type press and fixtures for the publication of a weekly paper at Vancouver were purchased in this city yesterday.

Mr. Gross has a well-filled family drug store. In the new building opposite Barker Bros. on Front street and which he intends to keep constantly replenished.

San Francisco, July 31.—Ex-Speaker Colfax arrived from Oregon this morning. He has consented to give a lecture on the life and services of Abraham Lincoln before the Old Fellowship Society of this city at the Metropolitan Theater on Wednesday evening next.

It is said by a Montreal paper that leading rebels have on deposit in banks of that city not less than \$10,000,000.

Minnesota sent more than half her voting population to the war.

New Jersey.—The coming political contest in New Jersey will be one of uncommon interest. The Union State convention of that state was to have met on July 29, to nominate a candidate for Governor.

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