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BETTER OFF THAN THE NAVY

National Guard, Like the Army, is Equipped With Modern Springfields But Navy and Marine Corps Are Fitted Out With Krag-Jorgenson's

WASHINGTON, D. C. June 19.—It is an interesting fact that the National Guard of the various states and territories are equipped with better rifles than the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps. The former, like the army, has been armed with Model 1903, popularly known as the New Springfield, while the navy continues to use the Krag. This is not, however, the fault of the naval authorities who would be only too pleased to change to the new rifle but alas, there is no money available. It would cost about \$1,000,000 to equip the navy and marine corps with New Springfields and as Congress did not appropriate the money and no other fund is available these branches of the service will continue using the Krags. The teams from the navy, marine corps and naval academy which will shoot in the national matches at Camp Perry, however, will use the new rifles the department having purchased a hundred of them from the war department, to be used in the trials now in progress and in the matches. There is a warm but generous rivalry between the army and the navy over these matches and extensive preparations are being made by both services to win the National Trophy. The army brought from the Philippines a dozen of the best experts stationed there to compete for places on the infantry and cavalry teams, while the navy has detached from the fleet now in Pacific waters the following: Ensigns Dorch, Doherty, Wilcox and White, and Midshipmen Osborn, Lewis, Woodward and Amsden. They will proceed to Annapolis where the contests for places on the naval and naval academy teams will be held. Early next month both teams will go to Camp Perry, Ohio, where they will practice constantly until the matches. The army teams will be trained at Fort Sheridan and Fort Ethan Allen, and then proceed to Camp Perry. Last year the navy team won the trophy and a midshipman won the national individual rifle and the national pistol matches. The army proposes to carry off the honor if possible, while the navy intends to hold them.

It is not likely the naval militia will be equipped with the new army rifles for some time to come. Occupying a somewhat anomalous position they cannot be equipped from the regular fund available to the land forces and the total appropriation for the naval militia is only \$100,000 which must be divided among nineteen organizations according to their strength. Should the commanders desire it, however, it is understood a portion of the quota for their commands may be used for this purpose. The state of Ohio is making elaborate preparations to entertain the crack military shots of the United States at the National Matches in August the more so as it will probably be some years before the matches are again held on that range. There will be almost a thousand team members and substitutes in attendance on the National Team Match alone, representing almost every state and territory, and all

branches of the regular services together with a team from the army in Cuba. There will probably be eight hundred entries in the National Individual Rifle Match and half as many or more more in the National Pistol Match. In addition there will be hundreds of marksmen who are ineligible for these matches but who will contest in the matches of the National Rifle Association and the Ohio State Rifle Association and the during the preceding two weeks. Approximately one hundred army officers will be detailed to supervise the National Matches, together with a regiment of regulars to act as markers and scorers. The state has purchased 66 acres of additional ground to the west of the range which will admit of firing at all ranges from a common firing point. The new 1000-yard butt will be 800 feet long, of reinforced concrete and equipped with telephone connections, buzzers, etc. Just north of the rail road terminals a new mess hall is being constructed. It will be 76 by 172 feet, two stories in height with an extension for the kitchen. The upper story will provide a large drill hall without pillars. This building will also be of reinforced concrete. On the lower floor 1000 men can be messed at one time. For the national matches Congress made a special appropriation of \$12,000 to provide for the messing of the competitors, which mess will be conducted by any army. Another important improvement is the construction of a stand-pipe with a capacity of 75,000 gallon of water, all water used at the camp being carefully filtered. An intercepting storm-water sewer is being constructed to drain the camp. It will empty into a large basin and the water will be pumped into the lake, which insures a perfectly dry camp. All roads are being macademized and parked and cinder foot-paths are being constructed to all parts of the range. These improvements will cost the state about \$35,000 in addition to the cost of the additional ground. In July the 2nd Infantry will be at Camp Perry for qualification of its men and it will probably be designated to remain during the matches in August.

Considerable saving in ammunition to the states will be effected by a recent decision of Assistant Secretary of War Oliver who has held that where an officer or enlisted man of the National Guard qualifies as an expert rifleman or as a sharpshooter, he enters the next seasons practice with the qualification of the grade next below, so that under Special Course C the expert of last year will have to qualify only in this case, and the sharpshooters only as sharpshooters and then experts, instead of having to qualify in all three classes as marksmen, sharpshooters and expert.

A MODEL HOME.

A house of cement; a house without a chimney; a house with plenty of artificial light and heat and yet without a bit of fire; a house without coal; without ashes; without dangerous gases; such is to be the house of tomorrow. So writes Frank N. Bauskett in the Technical World Magazine for July.

This is indeed an ideal house, and it is not impossible to have, for, with little trouble one has just been completed at Carrollton, Illinois. While this wonderful home is the only one of its kind in the world, it is a good example of what the average American home will be in a few years from now.

Wood is fast becoming too scarce and too high in price to be used as common building material, and the time is already here, when, for economy's sake, architects and contractors are figuring to construct all buildings of steel and concrete. As the supply of coal diminishes the cost is advancing so that everything possible is being done to husband the supply and to see that none of the precious stored heat is wasted. Electricity, generated by water power, is even now taking the place of coal as a source of power and the time is not far distant when it will rank first as a source of heat.

This model twentieth-century home at Carrollton, is thirty-four by thirty feet, two stories high, with attic and basement, and has eight rooms on the two main floors. While Edison's idea of a concrete house to be poured into one big mould was carried out in its construction. The foundation and walls are of concrete blocks. These blocks were moulded right on the ground as they were required, so there was no waste of material. The floors are of hardwood and interior is finished in plaster and oak. Such a house requires but little wood in its construction. The style of architecture is of plain, substantial mission type, this idea being carried out throughout the interior. The house is fronted with a large porch, and the whole construction, or rather the entire cost, was less than \$3,000. The house is described at length in the balance of an interesting, well-illustrated article.

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High Water.				Low Water.				
Date	A. M.	P. M.		Date	A. M.	P. M.		
	h. m.	ft.	h. m. ft.		h. m.	ft.	h. m. ft.	
Monday	1:40	8.5	3:08	7.3	Monday	1:44	8.40	2.7
Tuesday	2:15	8.1	3:50	7.0	Tuesday	2:20	8.2	2.4
Wednesday	2:50	7.7	4:30	7.0	Wednesday	2:52	8.2	2.0
Thursday	3:20	7.4	5:04	7.1	Thursday	3:20	8.1	1.9
Friday	4:15	6.8	5:46	7.3	Friday	4:10	8.0	1.8
Saturday	5:08	6.3	6:35	7.3	Saturday	5:11	8.0	1.7
SUNDAY	6:16	6.0	7:22	7.5	SUNDAY	6:10	8.0	1.6
Monday	7:52	6.0	8:08	7.7	Monday	7:04	8.3	1.5
Tuesday	8:52	6.2	8:55	8.1	Tuesday	8:48	8.1	1.3
Wednesday	10:50	6.5	9:48	8.4	Wednesday	10:30	8.3	1.2
Thursday	12:10	6.8	10:32	8.8	Thursday	12:11	8.5	1.1
Friday	13:11	7.1	11:18	9.0	Friday	13:05	8.7	1.0
Saturday	14:00	7.2	12:07	9.3	Saturday	14:00	8.9	0.9
SUNDAY	15:00	7.2	1:24	9.5	SUNDAY	15:00	9.1	0.8
Monday	16:02	7.3	2:12	9.9	Monday	16:02	9.3	0.7
Tuesday	17:00	7.3	3:04	10.3	Tuesday	17:00	9.5	0.6
Wednesday	18:00	7.3	3:50	10.7	Wednesday	18:00	9.7	0.5
Thursday	19:00	7.3	4:42	11.0	Thursday	19:00	9.9	0.4
Friday	20:00	7.3	5:34	11.2	Friday	20:00	10.1	0.3
Saturday	21:00	7.3	6:26	11.3	Saturday	21:00	10.3	0.2
SUNDAY	22:00	7.3	7:24	11.4	SUNDAY	22:00	10.5	0.1
Monday	23:00	7.3	8:16	11.4	Monday	23:00	10.7	0.0
Tuesday	24:00	7.3	9:09	11.3	Tuesday	24:00	10.9	0.0
Wednesday	25:00	7.3	10:05	11.1	Wednesday	25:00	11.1	0.0
Thursday	26:00	7.3	11:04	10.8	Thursday	26:00	11.3	0.0
Friday	27:00	7.3	12:06	10.3	Friday	27:00	11.5	0.0
Saturday	28:00	7.3	13:11	9.6	Saturday	28:00	11.7	0.0
SUNDAY	29:00	7.3	14:28	8.7	SUNDAY	29:00	11.9	0.0
Monday	30:00	7.3	15:48	7.7	Monday	30:00	12.1	0.0
Tuesday	1:30	7.3	17:10	6.6	Tuesday	1:30	12.3	0.0

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