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up in a tower and left them on bread and water until they reached an agreement. After several centuries of unseemly contentions, Gregory XV decreed the method of procedure still followed.

THE NICARAGUAN TREATY

The San Francisco Chronicle has discovered a strange objection to the Nicaraguan treaty. The California paper says that the Wilson administration, "which professes to abhor monopoly, proposes to establish the most ruthless monopoly the world has ever seen."

MODERN BATTLES

The prediction of a famous general that the evolution of modern war would result in battles of colossal proportions seems about to be realized in the reported engagement between the German and allied forces in Belgium.

Up to this time Mukden, the final battle of the war between Japan and Russia, was probably the greatest one in the history of the world in respect to duration and number of men involved.

The inventions of peace have made it possible to concentrate, feed, direct and move vast armies. The commander-in-chief of today does not fritter away his forces in minor operations but collects every available man to strike at a decisive point.

As the present battle exceeds that of Mukden in number of men engaged and in length of line it will also probably exceed it in loss of life. The toll of the modern battle is a heavy one. That of Mukden is estimated to have been 40,000 killed and 120,000 wounded.

THE PAPAL CONCLAVE

Press dispatches state that the rigorous rules governing the procedure in a papal election may be modified in the conclave now assembling to choose a successor to Pius X.

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THE COMING STRUGGLE

It is plain that capital and labor are both organizing on the Pacific Coast for a serious clash.

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an appeal to force, a trial of brute strength, it means for us the same legacy of hatred, the same crushing load of debt, the same heavy burden of bereavement and sorrow that Europe will have on her shoulders when she has won peace by the sword once more.

We have thrown the weight of our influence and example on the side of arbitration between nations. We are determined to find a better way than war to promote international peace and justice. We are united in our opposition to militarism.

This is the spirit which, if unchecked, will drag us into a life and death struggle. To avert the threatened outbreak is surely the duty of every patriot. It depends upon the temper of the nation whether arbitration and its beneficial results shall be our choice or a trial of brute strength and the horrors of fraternal strife.

ALWAYS APPLICABLE

IN TIME of war there are always self appointed critics who explain how battles should be fought and point out the mistakes of commanders in the field. The present period is no exception to the rule.

It was the same in Assyria, in Persia, in Egypt, in Greece and in Rome. What the real fighting men think of these military critics was well stated by Lucius Emilius Paulus, a Roman general, who was selected to conduct the campaign against the Macedonians in B. C. 168.

Livy tells us that Paulus went out of the Senate chamber and addressed the people thus: "In every circle and truly at every table there are people who lead armies into Macedonia, who know the camp ought to be placed, who can hear the trumpet, who both for laws that will provide for pure Macedonia should be entered. They not only determine what is best to do, but also what is best to do in any other manner than they have pointed out they arraign the consul as if he were on his trial."

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A FEW SMILES

At the time of the Volturro disaster a literary critic for a certain New York newspaper was acting as yourself.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

(Communications sent to the Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 500 words, and should be accompanied by the name and address of the sender, but that should not be published unless the name published, he should so state.)

M. R. KING SAYS DRYS BEATEN

Portland, Aug. 25.—To the Editor of the Journal—Oregon will go wet, two to one, just as sure as the sun will rise. I made on a tour of the state during the European war has upset all calculations of the drys. The government is now levying a \$100,000,000 tax on luxuries.

THE USES OF ALCOHOL

Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—To the Editor of the Journal—Charles A. King's statement that alcohol is a valuable medicinal agent is a valuable statement.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

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