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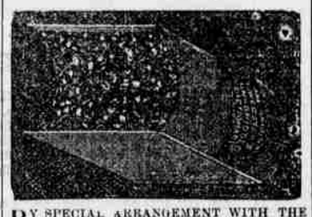

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THE RUSSIAN ARMY.

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European Nations Watching Their Military Maneuvers—Fresh Data Concerning the Tactics and Armament of the Great Army.

The recent gigantic maneuvers of the Russian army on the western boundary have directed anew the attention of all Europe to the great Eastern colossus. The endurance, willingness and iron discipline of the one hundred and fifty thousand soldiers who met at Rowno, the capacity of the officers to handle great bodies of troops easily, and especially the morale of both officers and men were so conspicuously displayed that all Austria and Germany have been doing a good deal of hard thinking and exhaustive writing concerning the Russian army ever since.

The exact size of the Russian army in Europe on a war footing, says the Chicago Times, is rather problematical. The active army is estimated by the best German authorities to contain one hundred and ninety-two infantry and fifty-eight cavalry regiments, fifty-one brigades of field artillery, and one hundred and forty-five Cossack regiments; the reserve troops, one hundred and five infantry regiments; the militia, two hundred and one infantry regiments. The garrisons include twenty-four infantry regiments and fifty-one and a half artillery battalions. All these, together with the batteries, sharpshooters, sappers, miners, etc., swell the grand total to four million five hundred thousand men. The European Russian army has five hundred thousand horses and about four thousand guns. The cost of this establishment last year was, reckoned in Russian paper currency, $186,000,000. That meant a tax of about $2.60 on every man, woman and child in European Russia. Since 1874 Russia has had the universal obligation to service. The time of service in the standing army is five years; in the reserves, which are in camp twelve weeks every year, thirteen years; in the militia, till the soldier's forty-third year. The buying of substitutes or exemption is not allowed.

The infantry is armed with breech-loaders, Berdan II. model '72, with a caliber of 10.67 centimeters, and a ball weighing about an ounce. The field artillery has guns of 10.67 centimeters caliber for heavy work and others of 8.7 centimeters caliber for light and mounted artillery. These latter throw grenades and shrapnels. The maximum range of the 10.67 caliber is 5,300 meters, and of the 8.7 caliber 6,300 meters for grenades. The range of the shrapnel is between 3,300 and 3,750 meters.

What kind of men stand behind these arms? The opinions of all who have seen any of the more recent Russian maneuvers are uniform. The Russian soldier, they say, is the most willing, obedient and robust in the world. He can live contentedly from what a Frenchman or German would starve on. He can march tremendous distances without losing his pluck and under the most trying hardships needs only a word from his superior to make him forget all his troubles and rally to any effort. A German officer, who after his recent return from Russia published his observations in the Cologne Gazette, says:

"The maneuvers showed that the Russian army is made up of men and horses that are equal to all exertions and all demands of the modern battlefield. Heavily built, thoroughly disciplined, content with little food, and loyal above all others, the Russian soldier is ready and willing in every emergency."

The strenuousness and the aim of Russia's exertions to bring her army to its present state of efficiency and availability at a moment's notice are best illustrated by her railway policy of late years.

"The energy of the Russian Government in the construction of military railways during the last decade has been truly wonderful," says Max Liman in the Illustrirte Zeitung. "Still, the distances to be overcome were so tremendous that the meshes of her iron net are at least twice as great as those in Germany and France. The railway construction in Russia in the last few years has been pushed most rapidly on the western boundary, so that a quick attack in Germany and Austria might be rendered possible. The Government was forced to do this by the Panslavs. This party has its advocates in high military places, and through them has spread its ideas throughout the army.

"It deserves mention, too, that the Russian forces are being steadily shifted to the western boundary. Sixty per cent. of all the troops and even three-quarters of the whole cavalry are at present in the military departments, Warsaw, Wilna, Kiew and Odessa, and almost the entire army is garrisoned along the lines of the stategical railways. During the last year sixty-two battalions, fifty-eight squadrons, and sixteen batteries have been transferred to the western departments. Thereby the standing Russian army has been increased by fifteen thousand men on the German border and by thirty-five thousand men on the Austro-Hungarian frontier."

BISMARCK'S SUPERSTITION.

Prince Bismarck has a strong superstition concerning the rowan tree, which he considers has always played an important part in his life. The arms of his family bear over the motto, "In Trinitate Robur," three trefoil leaves and three oak leaves; all caricatures of him represent him with three hairs on his head, he has three children, Herbert, Wilhelm and Marie; he has three estates, Friedrichsruhe, Varzin and Schonhausen; he has fought in three wars and signed three treaties of peace; he arranged the meeting of the three Emperors and established the triple alliance. Finally he has under him three political parties, the conservatives, the national liberals and the ultramontanes, and he has served three German Emperors.

G. A. R. NOTICE.

We take this opportunity of informing our subscribers that the new commissioner of pensions has been appointed He is an old soldier, and we believe that soldiers and their heirs will receive justice at his hands. We do not anticipate that there will be any radical changes in the administration of pension affairs under the new regime.

We would advise, however, that U. S. soldiers, sailors and their heirs, take steps to make application at once, if they have not already done so, in order to secure the benefit of the early filing of their claims in case there should be any future pension legislation. Such legislation is seldom retroactive. Therefore it is of great importance that applications be filed in the department at the earliest possible date.

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THE WESTERN PEDAGOGUE.

We are in receipt of the May number of our state school paper. It exceeds any of the former numbers in value. The paper this month contains many new and valuable features. The illustrated series on the schools of the state is introduced by a paper on the Friend Polytechnic Institute at Salem, Oregon. These papers cannot fail to be of great value both to the schools and to the public.

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INDIAN AND HEBREW.

A Comparison of Some Peculiar Customs of the Two Races.

Early travelers among the Indians claim to have found rites and ceremonies strikingly similar to those of the Jews, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. George Catlin, the artist, who spent a considerable portion of his life among the tribes, said he believed that they had Jewish blood in their veins, although he could not go so far as to identify them with the lost tribes of Israel. The Indians worshiped a great Spirit or a Jehovah. Idolaters were never found on the North American continent. The tribes had their council or medicine houses, which they held most sacred. They had their high priests and their prophets. They followed the Hebrew custom in not allowing the women to worship with the men. Fifty years ago the Sioux exploited the same belief that they are dancing themselves crazy about now. They maintained that the Indians were the chosen people of the Great Spirit, and that in time they were to triumph over the rest of the world through a Messiah.

In marriage the Indians had customs which savored of Palestine. They gave presents for their wives. In their bathing and in their family relations they followed with remarkable precision many of the requirements of the Mosaic law. They observed certain laws of purification which the Old Testament teaches. Fifty years ago travelers found no difficulty in discovering the practice of these rites and ceremonies by the Indians. But as the line of white settlement advanced the Indians gave up their old customs. Their forms were laughed at by white men and many of them were abandoned. The ghost dance, which the Sioux have been scaring the frontier with, is the old sun dance under a new name. It used to be practiced frequently as an atonement ceremony.

There was once an Indian feast which was very like the annual feast of the passover. Some of the tribes kept a feast with branches of willow and preliminary fasting, which bore striking resemblance to the Feast of Tabernacles. The practice of offering to the Great Spirit the first green corn, and the first fruits of all kinds was almost universal among the Indians before they became contaminated with white men.

A FRISK PIOUS.

Pope Pius the Ninth once granted an audience to a French lady of high station who threw herself at his feet and devoutly thanked him for the restoration of her health. "But how have I done it?" inquired the pope. "I procured a stocking that belonged to your holiness," she replied. "One of my stockings?" "Yes; I put the talisman on my diseased foot and it has been completely cured." "Madam," replied the pope, a little maliciously, "fortune has been very kind to you. You need only put on one of my stockings and your foot is healed, while I put on both my stockings every morning and I can hardly walk."

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Personal Reminiscences of John Shakespeare.

A Survivor Gives Some New Points About the Famous Charge of the Light Brigade—How Brave Men Walked Into the Jaws of Death.

Colonel John Shakespeare, a retired officer of the British army, writes as follows to the London Standard:

The charge of "The Light Brigade," called "The Six Hundred," took place October 25, 1854, and is still a household memory with us, though many years have slipped by, and I have been asked by many to place on record some occurrences other than mere galloping, cutting, thrusting and strong language, all of which are very similar on like occasions, and are often told in prose and verse. Short and to the point is best suited to what is required of me. So to begin my story:

Maude's horse artillery, with me second in command, opened fire at daylight and kept in action until its ammunition was exhausted, when it retired a few yards down hill and remained there for awhile, screened from the Russian shot and shell, with the hope of giving confidence to some wavering Turks. Maude was seriously wounded by a shell bursting in his horse, and there were also several casualties among officers, men, horses and gun-wheels. Some of our field batteries soon arrived and continued the cannonade.

In the course of an hour or so our two brigades of cavalry and horse artillery formed columns near the heights of the plateau of Sebastopol, when suddenly a line of cavalry, with supports in column, probably 5,000, poured down the grass slopes toward Balaklava, and were gloriously defeated by our heavy brigade of cavalry under General Scarlett.

In the pause that followed I deemed it desirable to learn what the Russians were doing, and as the horse I had ridden was wounded by a splinter of a shell, I mounted a baggage pony and rode up the grass slope to near the crest of the now-famed valley, where I tethered him to a tent peg, and crept on through the long grass until my telescope cautioned: Beware! The brushwood on the hills opposite was full of guns, and down the valley were troops by thousands. Captain Charteris, one of Lord Lucan's aides-de-camp, now rode by, but as he did not see me I hailed him with the information, when he replied: "The Light Brigade is ordered to attack," and while we were speaking I hove in sight, advancing and deploying at the trot and canter. There was not time for warning, so I ran to my pony, and getting back to the guns as fast as he could carry me, brought them up at full speed and placed them over the ridge, where best able to aid the remains of the Six Hundred in their inevitable retreat.

At this time Lord Cardigan reined up and told me what had happened, at the same time pointing to a long rent in his cherry overalls made by a Cossack Lancer who had otherwise missed his aim. Others rode or ran up to the guns. Among the last was Captain Godfrey Morgan, Seventeenth Lancers, now Lord Tredegar, whose horse had been killed and his helmet lost. However, he came to me, sword in hand, and, speaking as cool as he would on parade, said: "Is not this an awful business, Shakespeare! What shall I do?" My reply was: "Quick; jump on a gun limber, and go to the rear with us, or to the front if we go into action, when you may help fight a gun."

We must not forget the volley from the Ninety-third Highlanders, which emptied many Russians saddles near the entrance to the village of Balaklava; nor the attack on the Russian artillery in the brushwood by the French cavalry on white horses. I can see them now, so conspicuous were they on the hill. So keen is memory formed on the battlefield that even now I fancy I see Nolan and his horse lying dead, like many others whose names I did not know.

Of my friend Charteris I have a remarkable foreshadowing of fate to relate. On the previous evening he and I, while taking a quiet ride, saw signs of a fight on the morrow, when he spoke very gloomily of it being his last. My saying: "Well, we have been under fire together pretty often, and yet here we are again," did not cheer him. "No, it would be his last." A round shot killed him directly we parted on the ridge before named. As the spot was debatable ground my gunners buried him then and there.

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DR. TODD'S MISTAKE.

A Long-Winded Dissertation Ends in the Lecturer's Hasty Retreat.

If old Dr. Todd, of the R—— Medical College, where he is one of the most learned and valuable lecturers, has a pet hobby, it is "emphysema." The doctor, says the Chicago Herald, has a theory that directly conflicts with the beliefs of nearly all of the other eminent practitioners of the world. He holds that all players upon wind instruments have diseased lungs. The affection so contracted he calls "emphysema." Twice a year he lectures learnedly on emphysema. He has even been heard to remark that through this malady, discovered by himself, his name will be handed down to the future ages. As we now speak of "Bright's disease," so will future generations refer to "Todd's disease." One day a tall, cadaverous-looking individual entered Dr. Todd's clinic. A glance sufficed to show that the patient was in the last stages of consumption.

"What is your occupation?" inquired the doctor.

"I play in a band," hoarsely wheezed the poor sufferer.

"Aha!" exclaimed Dr. Todd, turning to the class, "what have I so often told you, gentlemen? Here we have a fine case of emphysema." Then followed a long dissertation on the effects produced upon the lungs by continually blowing a wind instrument. The class listened with great attention. They were not exactly convinced, but they could not help admitting that the doctor for once was making a strong argument. When the latter had finished he turned triumphantly to the consumptive musician and asked, patronizingly:

"What wind instrument do you play, sir?"

"The bass drum," wheezed the gentleman.

VOORHEES' ELOQUENCE.

Emotional Oratory That Came to an Ignominious End.

Senator Voorhees is an eloquent lawyer and is justly noted for his influence over a jury. Sometimes, however, he moves their sympathies and that of the court to no purpose, as one or two stories told in the New York Tribune will show.

He was once engaged in a suit before a justice of the peace to defend a young lady in an action against a bank. The case was a weak one, but Mr. Voorhees endeavored to work on the feelings of the court. He depicted the sufferings of his client until the sympathy of the "squire" was so aroused that tears trickled down the old gentleman's cheeks. But the decision was a disappointment.

"The plaintiff," said the squire, "is a woman, and her counsel has for the last hour touched the sympathy of the court in her behalf. I am glad of it; but I think, under the law, that justice is on the side of the bank. I therefore will find in favor of the bank, and let the record show that Mrs. —— has the full sympathy of the court."

Mr. Voorhees tells another story of emotional eloquence which came to an ignominious end. He had succeeded in delivering an appeal which had brought tears to the eyes of several jurymen. Then arose the prosecuting attorney, a gruff old man, with piping voice and nasal twang.

"Gentlemen," said he, deliberately helping himself to a pinch of snuff, "you might as well understand from the beginning that I am not boring for water."

This proved so effectual a wet blanket to the emotion excited by Mr. Voorhees that he realized the futility of his own 'boring."

A BALTIMORE FREAK.

A Baltimore freak is a frog of good size and a bluish red in color, but apparently not different from any other frog. The freakishness developed when his froghship was worried when instead of hopping off or giving utterance to the deep, sonorous note usually heard from frogs, he simply opened his mouth and cried. The frog is mocking if not human, and suggests, both in tone and volume, a bad, peevish child. The cry is not a single note, but several, and is continued even after the annoyance ceases.

Cloud Photography.

A great deal of remarkable data which is of immense value in the preparation of weather forecasts, has lately been compiled from an investigation of cloud photographs. The range of observations extended from clouds floating less than one and a half miles high in air moving at seven miles an hour, to nine miles above the ground in gales blowing sixty-five miles an hour, while the surface wind was only a gentle breeze of five miles an hour.

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