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First Lieut. J. Von Makdyeh, of the Austrian Reserves, roughly estimates how much expense may arise during a day of battle, based on the regulations of the army administration. As nearly everybody knows, an army consists of three, four or more corps of each 65,000 to 70,000 soldiers. Supposing the army on which we base our statistics amounts to 250,000 soldiers, including 180,000 infantry, 20,000 cavalry, 25,000 artillery, 2000 pioneers, 4000 maintenance troops, 1000 red cross nurses, 2000 machine gun troops and the rest out of the different service troops.

A fighting engagement, which would last only six hours, would bring the following results in regard to expense:

Provisioning of troops, 23 pfennig daily per soldier in Germany, Austria-Hungary and France, that is, for 250,000 soldiers, 57,500 marks; feed for horses, 50,000 each 9 pfennig, 4,500 marks; ammunition for eight artillery-brigades that total 64 batteries or 256 guns, 2,400,000 marks; experiments proved that to fight an opposition brigade a battery of guns need on average 1000 bombshells at 11.50 marks each, 11,500 marks; 2000 shrapnels at 12 marks each, 24,000 marks; 500 cashehots at 8 marks each, 4,000 marks; as an army is armed with 64 batteries, which use 416,000 projectiles, which are valued at 4,800,000 marks; infantry, projectiles fired by 20,000 soldiers at a rate of five shots a minute during four hours, would amount to 48,000,000 projectiles, used at a cost price of 2½ pfennig, 540,000 marks.

This is only a near estimate for some battles, but can't be considered as a rule. Also the loss of horses and material can hardly be estimated closely; nevertheless it might be of interest that the buying price of a riding horse is figured officially at 680 marks, the breech-lock of a 7 cm. field cannon costs 7800 marks and one of a mortar-gun 9000 marks. The small telescopes, 1½ inches long and one-half inch in diameter, which are used on those guns for aiming, cost more than 7000 marks.

It can be seen that a battle day during this European war, in which all the armies will participate, will cost 100,000,000 marks, or \$2,500,000, and soldiers' clothing and other damage, material not figured at all, would double the sum. The general damage, however, caused through this war will amount to enormous sums, which never will be in accordance with the results. The general prediction is that this general war in Europe lasts, on account of financial reasons, only from eight to 10 weeks.

A mark's value in American coin is 23.8 cents.

When a society girl marries she imagines that the world is eclipsed by her honeymoon.

NATION IS IN MOURNING

THE END COMES COMES WHILE PATIENT IS UNCONSCIOUS.

Wife of President of United States Passes to Her Reward. Congress Adjourned.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president of the United States, died at the White House at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Death came after a brave struggle for months against Bright's disease with complications. The president was completely unnerved by the shock and his grief was heartrending. He bore up well under the strain, however, and devoted himself to his daughters.

The end came while Mrs. Wilson was unconscious. Her illness took a turn for the worse shortly before 1 o'clock in the afternoon and from then on she grew gradually weaker. Kneeling at the bedside at the end were the president and his three daughters, D. r. Cary T. Grayson, United States navy, and a nurse were in the room and just outside a door were Secretary McAdoo and Francis B. Sayre, Mr. Wilson's sons-in-law, and Mr. Tumulty, his secretary.

Both houses of Congress adjourned when Mrs. Wilson's death was announced and for a brief time the wheels of the government practically stopped, while everyone paid respect to the loss of the president.

Various Things.

Even if talk were not cheap, we doubt if a conversationalist could make a living at conversing. The self-made man isn't always made to order.

All the world's a stage, but the devil doesn't need an understudy. Our idea of a painfully polite man is one who doesn't rest his elbows on the table when he is eating corn off the cob.

The Irish of Chicago are preparing for war in Ulster and secret plans are being made for mobilizing two provisional regiments.

A woman at Patterson, N. J., paid \$125 for a coffin in which to bury the body of her pet dog.

The average age of graduation among the women students of Cornell university is twenty-two years.

Occasionally a woman marries a man to reform him—but did you ever hear of a man marrying a woman to reform her?

POLK COUNTY NEWS

POLK.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dolph of Portland have been visiting in this vicinity.

Mrs. Will Reddekopp of Salt Creek was a Polk visitor Sunday evening. Mrs. McNulty is cooking for Nightingale's threshing outfit.

T. A. Dunn and family spent Sunday evening at E. C. Dennis in Dallas.

Mr. Peter Reddekopp left Tuesday for an extended visit in Portland. Meyer's clover huller has been hauling clover around Polk this week.

C. B. Teats is hauling wood for M. Hayter's prune drier.

Ralph Adams of Hoskins, was a Polk visitor Wednesday.

Miss Hattie Teats returned to her home on Thursday after an extended visit at the home of her brother.

Mr. Friesen and party have returned home from the coast complaining that they could not stay long enough. Cland Dunn has been hauling trays for Dunn Bros.' dryer.

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Mrs. J. Q. White and children have returned from a trip to Newport.

Mrs. B. H. Edwards of Salem is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Bernice Adams is visiting her sister, Mrs. Josie Ely, of Eastern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Adams.

Mrs. Andrew Vereler is visiting relatives in the east.

George and Charlie Adams, and Harry Lynch are in Eastern Oregon during harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Simmons.

Mrs. Eli Best has gone to Canada to spend the winter.

Mrs. Bertina Webb and Esther Halverson have been elected to teach our school the coming winter.

People here are busy harvesting their crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Mears are the parents of a baby girl born August 1.

Roy Sumpter is with his grandmother, Mrs. Adams, while his mother, Mrs. Sumpter is in Bellingham, Washington.

Those who were attending the summer school at Monmouth have returned home. The school closed last Thursday morning.

Will Best is down from Corvallis to work during harvest.

John Eykes has gone to Canada. He expects to be gone about a year.

Mrs. Rosenquest has been quite sick, but is greatly improved now. They are planning a trip to the coast soon.

A great deal of work has been done on the roads here this summer. They are in much better condition.

POLK'S JAIL A DISGRACE

SO REPORTS THE POLK COUNTY GRAND JURY.

Inquisitorial Body Recommends That New Bastille Be Erected Not Later Than Next Year.

The grand jury, after having made a critical investigation of the present county jail, has recommended to the county court that a new structure be erected not later than next summer. In its report, which follows, the grand jury says the jail is a disgrace to Polk county, and in its conclusions it is not amiss:

"To the Hon. Circuit court of Polk county, Oregon. We, the grand jury, beg leave to report, that we have examined the various county offices, and the court house building and find everything in good condition and well kept and have no criticism of anything connected therewith. The county jail, however, we believe is a disgrace to Polk county; the officers are keeping the jail in as good condition as is possible under the circumstances, but the county has entirely outgrown the present building and we find prisoners crowded in until it is unsanitary and a menace to health and is in no way adequate to the present needs of the county, notwithstanding the fact that a part of the prisoners have been taken to the Marion county jail for want of room. We would, therefore, recommend to the county court that steps be taken at once looking towards the construction of a new jail building, not later than next summer."

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