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COST OF KILLING IN WAR

STATISTICS have been figured out that it costs \$9806.20 to kill a man in modern warfare, as shown by the records of the European war.

Up to the first of the year, the war had cost the belligerent nations \$61,769,000,000. The number slain were figured at 6,300,000 men, making a net average of \$9806.20 per corpse.

Of course, the carnival of the war lords, all of whom take good care not to get near enough to the battle line to endanger themselves, resulted in the wounding of several times as many, but the object of war is to kill, and the deaths resultant should be charged with the cost.

The total casualties, including the wounded as well as the dead, up to January 1, totaled 25,195,000, of which the allies had lost 15,845,000 and the central powers 9,350,000. Russia by far the heaviest sufferer, having lost 8,700,000, as compared with 4,500,000 for Germany, 4,250,000 for Austria, 3,800,000 for France and 1,400,000 for Great Britain.

The casualties up to date are almost as great as the total male population over 21 years of age in the United States, and about 5,000,000 more than the total population of the United States of militia age—from 18 to 44 years of age.

The importance of actual killing has been enormously increased by the advance of modern military surgery. During the civil war the percentage of death and total incapacity from wounds was so great that it was considered just as effective to wound a man as to kill him, on account of the great cost of taking care of the incapacitated.

But with modern surgery Germany, Italy, France and England, at least, are saving practically everybody that they can keep alive and sending them back later on to the battle line.

The reason for the high cost of killing men in modern warfare is apparent from the fact that it is estimated that it took twenty high explosive shells, costing on the average \$250 apiece, to kill each man who died in the recent Somme offensive. To this must, of course, be added the cost of the long period of defensive waiting before the "great drive" began, and also the enormous cost of the "army behind the army."

PLAYING FAVORITES

CHURCHES which take credit for having banished the demon rum in the various states take good care to see that their own supply of liquor is not interfered with. Under the guise of "sacramental purposes" every prohibition law so far enacted contains exceptions favoring the preachers.

The prohibition law for the District of Columbia, the location of the national capital, allows "five gallons of alcoholic beverage every twenty days to every minister, pastor or priest" in the District for sacramental purposes.

The Oregon bone dry law places no limit upon the amount. It provides, "It shall be lawful for any priest or minister of any church or religious congregation in this state, using wine in administering the sacrament, to receive from any common carrier such reasonable quantity of wine as may be necessary for sacramental purposes only, to be imported under permit of the district attorney."

There is considerable hypocrisy as well as inconsistency in such a law. The pulpits resound with the declaration that alcoholic drink is poison and bar it from the public, but insist upon being permitted to secure an ample supply, even to five gallons every twenty days, for themselves. Of course, these custodians of communal ingredients are all supermen, and can easily resist temptation irresistible to mere mortals to "have one on the side." Mere men require the guardianship of the law, but under present conditions the wine, though its use is sanctioned by the Great Teacher, could with moral profit be dispensed with.

At least it would make for consistency.

SCHOONER LAW HAD NO CONTRABAND

CAGLIARI, Sardinia, Feb. 14.—According to an affidavit made by Captain Widdowson of the American schooner Lyman M. Law, sunk at the spot of Sardinia by a submarine on February 12, the submarine ordered the schooner to halt, which she did immediately.

The submarine, according to the affidavit, approached the Lyman M. Law and at a distance of 1000 yards hoisted the ship's papers and her range and ordered the captain and crew to leave. Afterward the schooner was set on fire and sunk with her crew.

Captain Widdowson makes out that the only cargo on board the schooner comprised 1000 bushels of wheat and 1000 bushels of barley and 1000 bushels of corn and 1000 bushels of flour.

SEAMEN'S LAW UPHELD AS VALID BY COURTS

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 15.—The supreme law was upheld as valid by Federal District Judge Egan in a decision announced today, which is a first in the history of the law.

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GERMANS MAKE NEW LOAN TO TURKS

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Germany has made a new loan to Turkey of \$2,000,000 Turkish pounds, according to a Reuters dispatch from Amsterdam quoting a Constantinople dispatch printed in the German newspapers.

A bill authorizing the acceptance of the loan was introduced in the Turkish senate on Tuesday.

David Bey, minister of finance, in introducing the bill said that since the outbreak of the war Germany and Austria had advanced to Turkey 75,000,000 pounds repayable 15 years after peace is declared. The minister declared that if these loans were repaid and 200,000,000 to 250,000,000 pounds were repaid to be spent on agriculture, railway building and roads, Turkey would be able to pay back to cover her ordinary expenditures and interest on the national debt as well as on debt contracted during the war.

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TRIPLE HANGING MONTANA NEGROES QUICKEST ON RECORD

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, Mont., Feb. 16.—Three negro murderers, Leslie Fallow, Harrison Gibson and Henry Hill, were hanged in the yard of the county jail here this morning. There was but one scaffold, and the men were taken out one at a time. The trap was sprung the first time at 9:20, and at 9:30 the third of the trio was dead.

The men killed and robbed Michael Freeman, a white farm hand, on a freight train near Judith Gap, October 4, last.

The execution was probably the quickest on record, according to a number of Montana sheriffs who were present on invitation of the local authorities. The three men married to the gallows, each accompanied by two deputy sheriffs. They stood together on the scaffold platform and after a prayer was said the trap was sprung. The execution was accomplished in thirty seconds. The hanging took place within 100 yards of the city school, and this was one of the objections made to the execution before Governor Samuel Stewart yesterday.

The negroes made no statements before death. All of the deceased men bore up well and none faltered in the march from the jail to the scaffold. There were seven negroes in the party that killed Freeman. Claude Campbell and Earl Freiwold, two other white men, were shot by the negroes and thrown off the rapidly moving car. Both have recovered and the two witnessed the hanging of the negroes. The four other negroes received prison sentences.

BOY SCOUTS TO AID IN EVENT OF WAR

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Six hundred thousand boy scouts throughout the country have been ordered by the national council of the organization to prepare for active service in the event of war. Among the services that the scouts will be ready to perform are:

First aid to sick or injured. Handling messages by wire, wireless and semaphore. Distributing notices and gathering statistics. Co-operating in the protection of property. Collecting information concerning supplies. Acting as messengers and orderlies and co-operating with agencies organized for relief work.

GILL NETTERS ARE GIVEN MONOPOLY OF ROGUE RIVER

(Continued From Page One.)

The passage of the Smith bill in its original form. The appearance of the two reports precipitated a bitter debate, in which Thomas accused Sweeney of double-crossing him, declared Dr. Smith in the pay of the Marley company, accused the speaker of jockeying and hurled other accusations, which were met by counter charges of bad faith and broken promises. But despite Thomas' efforts, the minority report was adopted and the Smith bill was passed.

Worse Than Before. In the opinion of most anglers, the increased season for gill-netters in Josephine county, in the spring when the summer run of steel heads are ascending the stream, will be more detrimental to angling in the upper river than during the late summer at the mouth. Add to this probability that the Marley interests will relax the anti-seining law, thus holding it up until the next general election, the net result of legislative efforts is to make conditions worse for the angler than under the old law. Dr. Smith, as usual, emerges victorious.

(Portland Journal.) SALEM, Ore., Feb. 16.—Charging that Senator J. C. Smith of Josephine county, was in his belief, in the employ of Roderick Maclear, and for that reason had fought the closing of the Rogue river, as provided by the Thomas bill, Thomas pitched another fishball into the house just before the adjournment last night.

As usual it was the Rogue river question that started the fireworks. Senator Smith has a bill which increases the open season for commercial salmon fishing on the upper river by 15 days, drafted for the benefit of the Grants Pass fishermen, which passed the senate. The house fisheries committee cut the extension to 15 days and sent in a majority report that the bill pass as amended. Sweeney of Josephine signed a minority report recommending that the bill be passed without amendment as it came from the senate.

Thomas Flies Into High Gear. Thomas jumped into high gear and went after Senator Smith, Speaker Stanfield, Dr. Sweeney and Theodore, who had signed the minority report. He said Senator Smith had started his senate bill in order to kill off the Thomas bill cutting out sections and set traps on the lower Rogue. He charged that Stanfield

had been lobbying in favor of the minority report all day; that he had coaxed Sweeney to sign the report that Sweeney had told him so. He said that he knew nothing of the minority report until he had found a note giving support of the minority report, and that he had heard Stanfield and Hodgen "to take care of the Smith bill."

Further plunged to the defense of Senator Smith and Speaker Stanfield. He said that Senator Smith was a man "who hangs" was to him as the victor "a social snail to her."

Stanfield's Motive Pure. He said that when the motives of a man like "Bob" Stanfield were impugned it was time for him to tell some of the stories he knew. He said that when the anti-draught bill was up "a certain man" had sent for him to come into the club room and had asked him to move that the bill be passed. He said that he had not done so, but that the Senate anti-draught bill, that the purpose of the bill would "put them out of a hole." He was referring to Thomas.

Sweeney in reply to Thomas, said he simply wanted justice for the people of Grants Pass and that the Smith bill was just.

The minority report was adopted with 22 votes in the affirmative.

NO PAY FOR SUMMER TRAINING FROM ARMY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The war department has advised Senator Chamberlain that it cannot comply with the request of the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural college that students receive a salary while attending the summer military training camps.

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Medford, Oregon, Jan. 18, 1917

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