

RIFLE IS A BACK NUMBER

More Successful Death Instruments Are to Figure in the Wars of the Future.

INFANTRY ONLY IN EMERGENCY

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) ROTTERDAM, June 30.—Military experts here are of the opinion that it is highly probable the present war will see the end of the rifle as the principal weapon of infantry.

According to German agents in Holland, the German army is rapidly substituting men armed with machine guns in place of rifles. The machine gun, protected by concrete works and wire entanglements, can hold off a long line of the enemy. The tendency, it is said, is to bring up main forces of infantry only in emergencies.

Opinion by an Expert.

"Military science develops so rapidly in times of actual war that the weapon of today soon is discarded and something better taken up. The greatest asset Germany possesses is its ability to see ahead and make today the weapon of tomorrow. With the enemy, the rifle is a sort of fetish. The English are highly excited because the war has shown that their men can shoot straighter and quicker than the Germans. There is little cause for triumph. A large part of the time spent in training their troops is spent in teaching them the construction and use of the rifle, while our men are being taught how to handle and serve the machine gun.

"The present war will see the end of many things as it has seen the birth of many things, and although the rifle may not disappear before peace is signed, its doom as the principal arm of infantry is sounded. "Where is there any sound argument against the gradual substitution of the light machine gun for the rifle? After all, a Maxim is merely an improved automatic rifle with a water jacket. A man who could fire a kicking gun, a Maxim, with less effort. Are we not told that in the old days the concentrated fire on one side of an English square emptied less than a score of French soldiers at effective range? One modern machine gun would have wiped out the whole squadron.

Russian Outposts Camp High in Air

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) DEHR (Vilayet of Van), Turkish Armenia, May 18 (via Petrograd), June 8.—Outposts of the Russian forces here are bivouacking 10,000 feet above sea level around the region of the Hamour pass, marking the approach to Van, the capital of the Armenian vilayet, which is an important seat of American missions. The pass itself has been taken back into Russian control by an operation in which the Armenians cleared the surrounding hills of scattered Turks and Kurds. From the number of empty cartridges found in the yielded trenches, it is apparent that the Turks lacked marksmen rather than ammunition.

Bashkala, the most important town between Dilman and Van, was recaptured today by Russian cavalry, which drove off about fifty Kurds, and with this event the long expected advance on Van began in earnest. The great question agitating the minds of the Russians and of the Armenian volunteers, is whether they will arrive in time to save the beleaguered Armenians of Van from slaughter. (Note: Cable dispatches from Turkish Armenia in the middle of June said briefly that the Russian forces had occupied Van, and that the threatened massacre of Christians by Kurds and Turks had been averted.)

The Armenian volunteers have behaved well in this campaign, as they did at Dilman. Here they held an exposed trench fourteen hours under Turkish fire without relief and then advanced on the wavering enemy. The head of the Armenian volunteers has been a leader of revolutionary bands for twenty years. A stout, observant man with bronzed features, shaggy brows and mustache, he might pose for a western sheriff. Samson Khan, his chief-of-staff, is a striking contrast. He is typically Armenian in his vivacity, but an indispensable aide, as the leader does not speak Russian. The detachment of Armenian volunteers, numbering about 1,000, is composed of only 100 men from the Caucasus, the remainder being more or less recent refugees from Turkish oppression. There are two from America, one from China, and quite a number from Armenian colonies in Bulgaria and Roumania. One of the men from America abandoned a prosperous business in New York to help his race.

Another was professor of archeology at Petrograd. A third was a teacher in an Armenian college at Yalta. The junior surgeon was educated in the American colleges at Beirut. Many expect to emigrate to America after the war.

"For Sale" ad will turn second-hand furniture into cash.

FRENCH SOLDIER IS BUT THREE AND HALF FEET TALL

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) PARIS, July 25.—The shortest soldier in the French army is Guy Comfert, who stands 3 feet 6 inches, but is solidly built enough to carry a soldier's load. When he presented himself at the recruiting office at Versailles the surgeon on duty refused to examine him, but later he was incorporated in the One Hundred Sixty-eighth Infantry at Lens. The butt of ridicule because of his diminutive stature, he proved he could follow the pace, and soon earned the stripes of corporal.

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From Our Near Neighbors

Bellevue. J. C. McGinness is in Kansas City on business. L. D. Eylon's father from Florida is visiting him.

Springfield. Mrs. M. A. Roberts and Jennie Roberts are visiting in Kansas. Dorothy Bates went to Chicago Wednesday for a month's visit.

Valley. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Koop were in Omaha Thursday. Mrs. J. P. Lentell was an Omaha visitor Thursday.

Papillon. Miss Frances Kennedy is visiting friends in Omaha this week. Misses Gretchen and Ida Langdon of Omaha were guests of Miss Lizzie Behrens Wednesday.

Wesport. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxwell, July 9, a girl. Mrs. J. M. Ranney has been called to Cassovia, Ill., by the serious illness of a sister.

Wesport. Mrs. and Mrs. J. K. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Betts of Avoca were transacting business in town Thursday. Mrs. Mary Case and daughter, Miss Fannie, of Holbrook, Neb., are here for a month's visit at the J. W. Colbert home.

Wesport. Mrs. C. M. Paine of Grand Island and Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Herman, Neb., attended the funeral of Dr. M. M. Butler, Friday.

Wesport. Mrs. Emma Deffenbaugh, who has been visiting for some time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Olive, has returned to Omaha.

Wesport. County Commissioner C. E. Heebner was here Tuesday looking over the east bridge across the Weeping Water. The bridge is in need of repairs.

Wesport. Rev. P. Van Fleet of the Methodist church at Elmwood and Rev. W. M. Elledge of the Congregational church of this place will exchange pulpits next Sunday.

Wesport. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cogliner returned Tuesday evening from Harlan, Ia., where they went to participate in a gathering of four generations of the Cogliner family.

Wesport. Mr. and Mrs. Chase Cole of Richmond, Ill., have returned to their home after several weeks' visit at the J. W. Colbert home. They were traveling by automobile.

Nehawka. Nick Ogg went to St. Joe Tuesday on a business trip. Miss Horton of Lincoln was in town on business Tuesday.

Wesport. Mr. Wallace of Logan, Ia., returned home the first of the week. T. E. Fulton was in Lincoln on business the first of the week.

Wesport. Mrs. George Sheldon was a Weeping Water visitor Wednesday. Miss Helen Long of Clark is visiting Nehawka friends this week.

Wesport. Mrs. J. J. Pollard and daughter were Nehawka city shoppers Tuesday. E. M. Pellard made a business trip to Eldridge, Ia., the fore part of the week.

Wesport. Joe Eaton of Omaha was a visitor at the home of his sister, Mrs. Thomas, this week. Herman Stoll got his hand severely mangled in the machinery of a self-blender.

Wesport. Mrs. F. P. Sheldon and daughter, leaders, have gone to Colorado on a summer trip. Mrs. C. D. Keitner was looking after the interests of the Royal Neighbors in Dushar this week.

Wesport. G. W. Harshman of Western Kan., is here visiting his sons and looking after his land interests.

Wesport. William Carroll went to Waco Monday, where he will make a protracted visit with his son, Theodore.

Wesport. A. B. Albin of Mason, Neb., is making a protracted visit with his niece, Mrs. Omar Schlichter.

Wesport. A stone fell on the head of Harry Higgins, foreman of the stone quarry, making a severe wound.

Wesport. After a two weeks' visit with her home folks, Mrs. Claude Chapman has returned to her home in Ashland.

Wesport. Mrs. S. J. Wise of Craig, Colo., who has been a guest at the H. S. Thomas home for some time, departed this week for St. Joseph, Mo., where she will make a visit.

Wesport. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. John Monahan motored to Rayport and family returned last week from the west. Mr. Ebert expects to go on the road again.

Wesport. The Baptist Young People's union of the First Swedish Baptist church held an ice cream social on the lawn of Andrew Wicklund Thursday evening.

Wesport. Miss Ruth Hubbard entertained at dinner Monday. Her guests were Misses Gladys Condon, Iris Kopp, Freda Helmberg, Margaret Holdsworth and Ethel Ingram.

Wesport. Burton, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Newell Barnes, died at his home in Lincoln Wednesday. He was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Whitmore of this place.

Wesport. Miss Lena Shallenberger and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Nickerson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Speedie at Benson Sunday.

Wesport. Miss Doris Clarke is giving a house party this week to a number of her school friends. Her guests are the Misses Eda Behling, York; Jeanette Teegarden.

Weeping Water. Josephine Burkett, Lincoln; Lucile Lyda, Falls City; Camille Lyda, Falls City, and Henrietta Dorland, Avoca, were guests of the E. G. Paine and E. S. Nickerson families this week.

Wesport. A layman's meeting was held at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. C. D. Brown read the scripture lesson and Judge Bagley and E. S. Nickerson gave short addresses.

Wesport. Miss Lillian Spencer of Prentiss, Neb., who has been in Omaha for several months, spent Wednesday and Thursday with Papillon friends. She leaves for her home at Prentiss in a few days.

Wesport. Mrs. M. A. Roberts and Jennie Roberts are visiting in Kansas. Dorothy Bates went to Chicago Wednesday for a month's visit.

Wesport. Miss Dolah Bryner is visiting in Cedar Rapids, this week. J. C. Wade went to Alliance on business the latter part of the week.

Wesport. Z. T. Jarman suffered a slight paralytic stroke last week, but is much better. Mr. and Mrs. Wyckoff of Manila, Ia., are visiting at the home of J. C. Geib.

Wesport. The Duo club of Omaha will give a dance the opera house here on July 30. Mrs. Charles Stone of Plattsmouth visited Mr. and Mrs. John Pierson this week.

Wesport. The school party, which left here for the coast, is in Yellowstone National park. County Clerk W. E. Patterson and family were Springfield visitors Wednesday.

Wesport. Miss Eula Bates went to Chicago Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Everett Swain Monday.

Wesport. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sweet of Atlanta, Ga., are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Grinnell.

Wesport. Rev. and Mrs. E. I. Grinnell visited eastern Colorado last week, returning Tuesday.

Wesport. Lloyd Blunt and James Flanagan left last Tuesday for Thermopolis, Wyo., by automobile.

Wesport. Mr. and Mrs. John Hines of Elkhorn visited Springfield relatives the fore part of the week.

Wesport. Miss Winifred Roberts and E. P. Bailey of Carleton, Neb., were united in marriage last Sunday, Rev. R. M. Pagan officiating.

Wesport. Mrs. Purcell is on the sick list this week. Mrs. Arthur Knight was an Omaha visitor Thursday.

Wesport. Mrs. Will Hackman was an Omaha visitor Wednesday. Miss Harline left Wednesday to visit relatives in Fremont.

Wesport. Miss Olie Hemerick of Benson is visiting at the George Freeman home. Viola Spring of Benson is visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Henry Spring.

Wesport. Miss Annie Sundell left Wednesday for a week's visit with relatives in Ashland. Mr. and Mrs. Hicknell and daughter of Lincoln are visiting friends in this vicinity.

Wesport. The Joy club will give a dance at the Modern Woodmen of America hall Saturday evening.

Wesport. The Ladies Aid society met at the Dehn home for supper Wednesday, with a large attendance.

Wesport. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Williams of Benson visited at the home of their son, Mr. Clinton Williams Wednesday.

Wesport. Mrs. Olie Hendrickson, who has been visiting at the John Hendrickson home, returned to her home in Chadron, Neb., Wednesday.

Wesport. Louisville. Mrs. Tom Johnson of Lawrence, Kan., was a visitor in Louisville this week.

Wesport. Mrs. Kate Haney of Los Angeles, Cal., is here visiting her nephews, Charles and Will Vanacore.

Wesport. Mrs. John Olsen came over from Elmwood to get her mother, Mrs. Minnie Meyers, who has been in poor health for some time.

Wesport. Many threshing machines are now busily engaged in threshing out the wheat. The farmers state that if the weather will permit them to work in the fields for about three weeks that most of the grain will be either stacked or threshed.

Wesport. Miss Helen Blair of Piper City, Ill., is here spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. R. C. Yant, and family.

Wesport. Mrs. George Frazer returned to her home in North Platte, Neb., after a week's visit with friends in Louisville.

Wesport. Lightning struck the barn of Martin Zarr, west of here, and did considerable damage, but did not set fire to the barn.

Wesport. Ferdinand Wendt and Frank Fleischman of Belmont, Neb., were in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Gustav Wolsel.

Wesport. August Stander has purchased the old Coon farm, one-half mile north of Elmwood, which consists of 100 acres. The price paid was \$18 per acre.

Wesport. A new bank has been organized in Louisville under the name of the Home State bank. The authorized capital stock of this corporation will be \$20,000 and will begin business on August 12. The officers of the new bank are: John Group, president; Charles J. Paquin, vice president; C. E. Wood, secretary-cashier.

Wesport. Elkhorn. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson moved into the Gibbons house Wednesday.

Wesport. Mrs. Otto Pfeiffer, who was seriously ill last week, is some improved.

Wesport. Henry Myers finished his bungalow Thursday. The J. G. Seefus family will occupy it next week.

Wesport. Miss Merle Jeffries of Omaha visited the Misses Dorothy and Amanda Hofeldt on Thursday and Friday.

Wesport. Mr. and Mrs. John Gregerson, Charles Witte and P. G. Hofeldt attended the Saengerfest in Omaha Thursday.

Wesport. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mrs. Mabel Hofeldt and Miss Dorothy Hofeldt attended a dance at Kennard Saturday evening.

Wesport. Henry Myers has the contract to build a modern bungalow for Ernest Schuman, and Adolph Otle has the modern home to build for J. N. Wyatt.

Wesport. Mrs. J. A. Gibbons received word from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Betts, that they arrived at Oregon City, where they will visit their daughters. They expect to be away about three months.

Wesport. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Rogers of Omaha visited Thursday evening with the J. G. Seefus family.

Wesport. Mrs. B. H. Baldwin is in Batavia, N. Y., visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chappin and husband, also getting acquainted with her new grandson.

Wesport. Mrs. Effie Soule of Toronto, Canada, visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Muckelbauer. Mrs. Soule was formerly Miss Effie Jeffries of Elkhorn.

TO TAKE SWEDISH YACHT ON STEAMER TO FRISCO

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) COPENHAGEN, July 15.—The famous Danish yacht Nordus 4 has been selected to represent Denmark in the regatta to be held at San Francisco during the Panama-Pacific fair. The yacht will be carried on a steamer sailing from Copenhagen direct for San Francisco. The Nordus's captain is a Dane named Meulengracht Madsen, but his crew will be made up of Americans.

A "For Sale" ad will turn second-hand furniture into cash.

Cause and Effect. There would be more honest people in the world if it wasn't for the food and his money.

Many a woman has lost a good friend by marrying him.

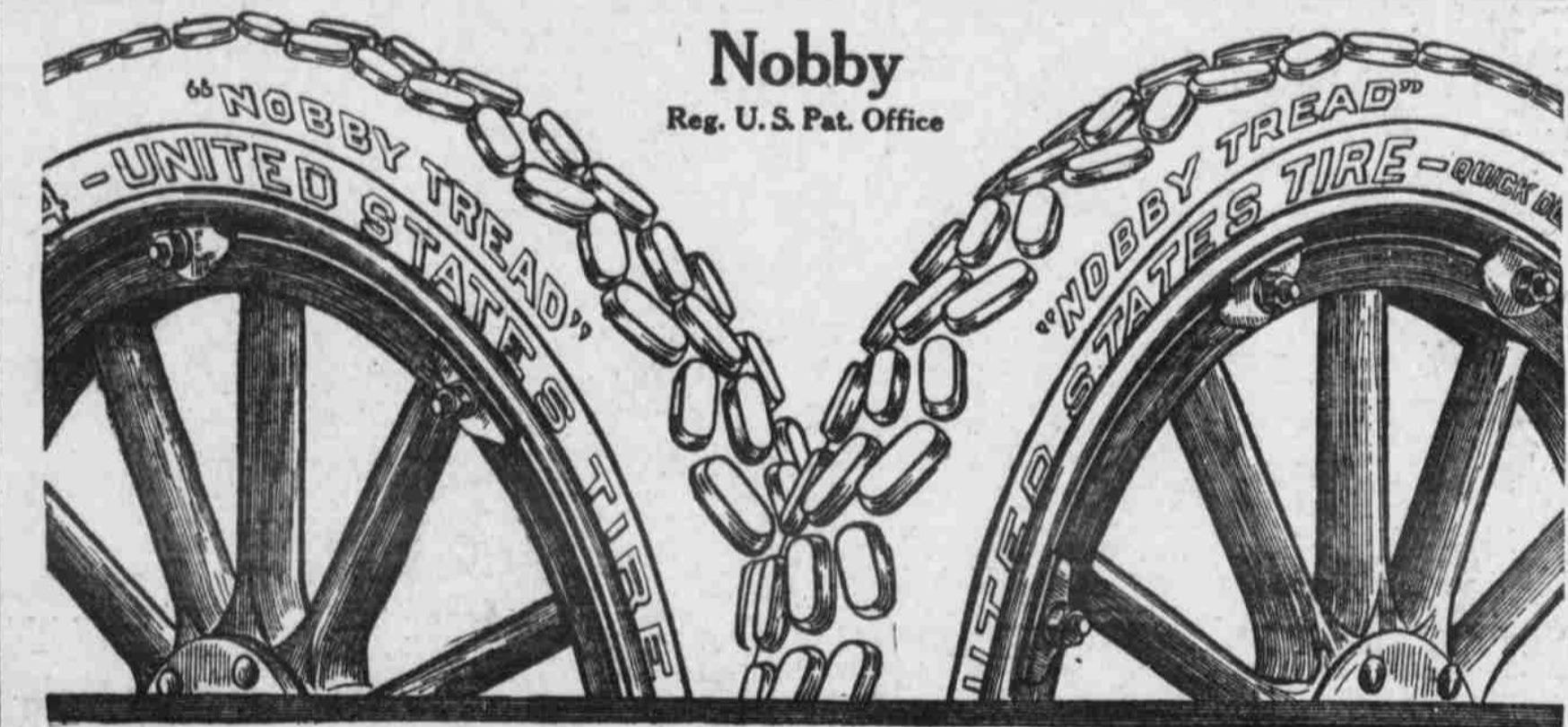
The very existence of some people would seem to disprove the theory that there is no effect without a cause.

The girl with pretty feet never gets the bottom of her skirts muddy.

If getting married doesn't take the conceit out of a man, nothing will.

A girl may not love her enemies, but she invites them all to her wedding.

Nine-tenths of the women who cry at weddings have been married themselves.—Judge.



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