

TOBACCO A FACTOR IN WAR

Wisdom of Supplying the Weed to Soldiers in the Field.

REGARDED AS A NECESSITY

Modern Warriors Approve What the Backnumber Warriors Frowned Upon—Bearing on Battles Won and Lost.

The value of tobacco on active service is now so well esteemed by the military authorities that today one sees the British government doing what it had never done before, supplying free tobacco to the troops, and in France the factories of the Red Cross working at full pressure so that the French soldier shall not lack smoking material.

Only within comparatively recent times, however, has this necessity been officially recognized. Wellington condemned the practice of smoking as being "a species of intoxication occasioned by the fumes of tobacco." Perhaps his dislike arose from an unpleasant experience of his own on the only occasion on which he attempted to smoke a pipe. The weed proved no respecter of the Iron Duke, and the man who ended Napoleon's career had to succumb to its disturbing properties as any schoolboy. Even Napoleon himself, although a habitual snuff taker, was defeated by a pipe of tobacco.

Official efforts to discourage the use of tobacco were completely negatived in the Crimean war. The privations suffered then by the troops resulted in officers and men taking to the pipe which was adopted by their French and Turkish allies, and by its aid their discomforts were so alleviated that ever since the practice of smoking on active service, if not actively encouraged, has been at its rate passively countenanced by those in command both in the army and the navy.

In consequence tobacco has played a notable and beneficial part in the wars of the last century—in fact, from Waterloo to South Africa. Probably its soothing and inspiring qualities were never so strongly manifested as in the Franco-German war of 1870. It might be said, indeed, that the crushing defeat inflicted on the French was due largely to the soldiers' lack of tobacco, added, as it was, to the breakdown to the commissariat, whereas on the German side the authorities did all they could to insure the troops being plentifully supplied with the weed. An association, headed by the empress, raised tobacco subscriptions in every town to enable the fighters of the fatherland to keep their pipes filled.

Sought by Soldiers.

What a friend in the fighters in the war of 1870 was indicated by the correspondent before Metz. In his accounts of the campaign he said:

"In every letter we read of the exhausted soldiers, prisoners and maimed victims of battle eagerly asking for the soothing narcotic, begging for it some times, finding it a solace under the hardships of weather, of hunger, of disease, finding it enables them to endure the painful searches and amputations of the surgeons."

He related how the pay sergeant of one company smoked his cigar while a doctor cut a bullet out of his back, and again how he maimed a soldier lying upon the battle field, with the dead and dying around him and in bodily agony, asked but for one relief—a cigar. And this it has been in every war.

The maimed and shattered on the field of battle piteously cry for tobacco; the poor wounded in the hospitals appeal not for bandages or medicine, but for tobacco; the troops in the trenches undergo any hardship if they have but the comfort of tobacco, and even in the midst of the conflict, fighting their way through a mass of foes, the soldier, pipe in his mouth, calmly stands shoulder to shoulder with his comrades and bears the shock of battle.

Tobacco has often proved more than a solace to the victims of war; it has been a source of courage and inspiration. At Saarbrücken in 1870 the Brunswick Bluzers galloped, cigars in mouth, amid a hail of bullets into a mass of French troops. The Uhlans in their advance movements invariably carried pipes in their mouths, substantial, capacious pipes, large enough to hold an ounce of the weed. And whenever the conquering troops entered a surrendered city they at once claimed no money nor food, but tobacco. The mayor of each town was directed to find cigars for everybody before anything else was done.

A Bismarck Incident.

The German troops regarded but little the scarcity of provisions, but tobacco was indispensable to them. Even the great Bismarck, whose devotion to the cigar was very deep, did not avoid the responsibilities incumbent upon him put aside his attachment to the weed, and a touching story, which he afterward related to a party of friends, is well worth telling here. "At Konigsgratz I had only one cigar left in my pocket, which I carefully guarded during the whole of the battle, as a miser guards his treasure. I did not feel justified in using it. I painted in glowing colors in my mind the happy hour when I should enjoy it after the victory."

"But I had miscalculated my chances. A poor dragon lay helpless, with both arms crushed, murmuring for something to refresh him. I felt in my pockets and found that I had only gold, which would be of no use to him. But stay—I had still my treasured cigar. I lighted it for him and placed it between his teeth. You should have seen the poor fellow's grateful smile. I never enjoyed a cigar so much as that one which I did not smoke."

The great general, Count Moltke, also found tobacco indispensable. He took it in the form of snuff, and throughout the three weeks' campaign which culminated in Sedan the assistance of snuff was necessary to the forming of his plans.

Throughout the Prussian advance he did nothing but take snuff, and at the supreme moment, when he heard from the Uhlans that Marshal MacMahon was marching northward, it is recorded that he literally emptied his snuffbox as he entered his tent to organize the movement which resulted in the capture of the French monarch.

The methodical and comprehensive manner of the German preparations and conduct of the campaign is well illustrated by the fact that at the end of the war Moltke was presented with a bill, duly signed and countersigned by officials, "for one pound of snuff supplied to General von Moltke, one thaler." This was actually required to pay for his extravagance, notwithstanding the memorable achievement which it helped him in effecting.—New York Sun.

Mrs. Barlow Wins United Golf Honors



Left: Mrs. W. J. Faith. Right: Mrs. Roland H. Barlow.

From Our Near Neighbors

PINEHURST, N. C., April 2—Mrs. Roland H. Barlow of the Merion Cricket club, Philadelphia, has defeated Mrs. W. J. Faith of the Wykagyl club, New Rochelle, N. Y., in the annual United North and South amateur golf championship here. The match was all square at the turn and for the first four holes coming in, which were alternate wins and losses. Mrs. Faith won the fourteenth in four, but lost the fifteenth and the lead to a three.

Arlington.
The old mill here is being torn down. O. E. Hazen was a business visitor at the county seat Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cline have been ill, but are much improved at present. Elmer Johnson of Omaha is visiting friends in Arlington for a few days.

Mrs. Judge Marshall and daughter, Miss Blanche, were Omaha shoppers Monday. Mrs. Max Cottrell and A. M. Ludwig were visiting with friends in Blair Sunday.

A catechumen class of eleven was confirmed at the St. Paul's Lutheran church, north of town, Sunday.

Louis Neiderhoefer of near Scribner was a visitor in Arlington Tuesday on his way from Omaha, where he had marketed hogs Monday.

Mrs. D. W. Lawson and daughter, Marie, returned from Pineau, Neb., Saturday, where they had been visiting relatives.

The Weber property on the corner of Elm and Elm streets was bought Tuesday by W. S. Cook and N. G. Morley; consideration, \$1,000.

S. H. Lockman loaded out a car of stock to South Omaha Sunday night. William L. Scheer and H. M. Ingalls are other shippers of this week.

Postmaster Fassett, who has been confined to his home for some time, is so much improved that he was seen at the postoffice again Wednesday.

The Rev. William Esplin, pastor of the Crowell Old People's Home at Blair and formerly pastor of the Methodist church here, preached in the Methodist pulpit Sunday.

The congregational church is making elaborate preparations for Easter services Sunday. The congregational and Methodist churches will hold services together in the congregational church.

Elkhorn.
Mrs. Charles Wittie entertained for her birthday Friday.

Emil Parakietins and family of Eagle, Neb., have moved here.

Mrs. A. Mocketman and daughter, Lena, were Omaha visitors Thursday.

Clarence Briggs and wife were visiting friends near Elkhorn the first of the week.

Mrs. Frank Roach and little daughter, Faptition came Thursday evening to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brunner.

Mrs. C. W. Hickey and daughters, Bernice and Roma, are here for a visit at the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wittie.

William Hansen of Osceola, Neb., was here attending the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Lena Wicht, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Thomas McClenaghan and children came Thursday evening to visit her sister, Mrs. Jake Winterburn, and husband.

Oscar Brugman of Elkhorn and Miss Geeta Rette of Benson were married in Omaha Wednesday. They have gone to Oregon on their honeymoon trip.

The Farmers' State bank here opened temporary quarters in the Chamberlin mercantile store. It will erect a building on the site of the Nick Witt garage.

Mrs. Wicht, mother of Mrs. H. A. Hansen, died Monday after several months illness. She was 93 years old. Funeral services were held at the Hansen home Wednesday and the body taken to Yutan for burial.

Considerable surprise was caused the first of the week by the announcement of the sale of the State Bank of Elkhorn, which was to have commenced business on April 2 in the old postoffice building. The new owners took charge of the institution on Wednesday. Those interested are Otto J. Schurman, president of the Commercial National Bank of Fremont; J. N. Wyatt, formerly of Harlehu, Neb.; Ernest Schurman and A. Gibbons. J. M. Brunner and B. E. Baldwin started this bank about twenty-eight years ago and conducted it continuously since. Mr. Brunner will retain an interest. Mr. Baldwin retiring. He expects to put in considerable time on his ranch in Blaine county.

Valley.
Mrs. F. C. Kennedy and children were in Fremont Saturday.

Mrs. M. H. Garrison was quite ill several days last week.

Mrs. Pfin Allen and children are spending the week with Valley relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. De Land and Mrs. Butts and Orlo Gaines motored to Omaha Tuesday.

Mrs. Earl Garner entertained the Kensington club at her home Wednesday afternoon.

The Valley library was moved Wednesday from the Marshall confectionery to the Earl Hall drug store.

Mrs. Gahnes and Onsite came down from Fremont Thursday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Butts until Monday.

Miss Esther Bryan of Omaha arrived Thursday evening to be the guest of Helen Mcker until Saturday morning.

Mrs. Merle Rathburn and two children of Chicago arrived Friday for a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. W. S. Budy.

The regular meeting of the Woman's club was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Manahan. Mrs. Webb gave

week and sold their wares to replenish their treasury.
Miss Ada Brawner, who is teaching in Superior, Neb., was at home over Sunday.
Dr. Peters and Miss Martha Peters left Tuesday for Excelsior Springs, Mo., to be gone a month.
Mrs. John Miller, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Comte, left for home in Cherry county last Monday.

Nehawka.
George Hansen was in Lincoln on business Wednesday.
Sheriff Quinton was in Nehawka on business Wednesday.
August Sidke from Benedict has moved into the Chapman house.
V. P. Sheldon was on the South Omaha market with cattle Tuesday.

Stuart Raugh's young people are home from school for the Easter vacation.
M. Wolpe's young folks are home from Crete through the Easter vacation.
L. C. Todd went to Lincoln and brought home two of his children, who were sick.
Mrs. William Black of Nebraska City is a guest at the John Opp home this week.

Miss Leodora Sheldon is in Omaha this week to visit her mother, who is taking treatment at a hospital.
Thomas Pittman of Avoca is here this week at the bedside of his father, Andrew Pittman, who is very sick.
Ex-Governor Sheldon left for his Mississippi home Monday after a two-months' visit with his Nebraska friends.
Ben Haback and wife left Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hoback's

sister, Mrs. James Beckner, at Bloomfield, Neb.
Mrs. Kirkpatrick is in Central City on business this week.
Avoca.
Daniel Eichenman has been seriously ill this week.
Special program will be rendered at both churches Sunday.
Mrs. Anna Meyer was visiting Berlin relatives first of the week.
Mrs. J. M. Dunbar was visiting relatives at Plattsmouth this week.

Miss Alma Schomaker of Nehawka was visiting relatives here this week.
Robert Dean has been spending the winter at Falls City; has returned.
J. M. Dunbar was called to Missouri by the serious illness of her father.
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Papillon.
Miss Avis Roberts of Omaha visited Papillon friends Wednesday and Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson moved Thursday to the Davidson farm southwest of Springfield.
Harold Lundon of Omaha, who is attending the State University at Lincoln,

was the guest of his father, A. B. Lundon, the first of the week.
Miss Ella Strakey and Mrs. Gussie Simonds of Gretna were guests of Mrs. E. S. Nickerson Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Catherwood and children of Omaha are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Catherwood this week.
The regular open meeting of the Woman's club was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of the Misses Huldah and Ida Jungmyer. A plan, "How the Story Grew," was given by members of the local club. Mrs. Gussie Simonds of Gretna sang a couple of solos. Marion Brown gave a reading and Wesley Jungmyer a violin solo.

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bers of the class are Nancy Ott, Leona Peterson, Hilda Peterson, Margaret Steiner, Pauline Huber, Charles Mohr, John Luetken, Claus Paulsen and Fred Huber.

Aviator Scared Off by Rockets

LEITH, Scotland, April 2—Two signal rockets, fired point blank at an attacking aviator by the captain of the steamer Staffa, frightened off the airman, according to the captain's report here. The rockets exploded very close to the air machine.
The Staffa has arrived here from Rotterdam. The captain stated that a German airman, who was flying low, dropped two bombs. Neither struck the ship, but one exploded close by.

Scores Escape Before Building Goes Aflame

NEW YORK, April 2—Five minutes after fire alarm bells sent nearly 200 men and women employees of a big box factory in East Seventeenth street down the fire escapes to safety the entire building, a four-story structure, was in flames. Several women fainted in the rush to get out. Half a dozen firemen were rescued from the roof by companions working with extension ladders.

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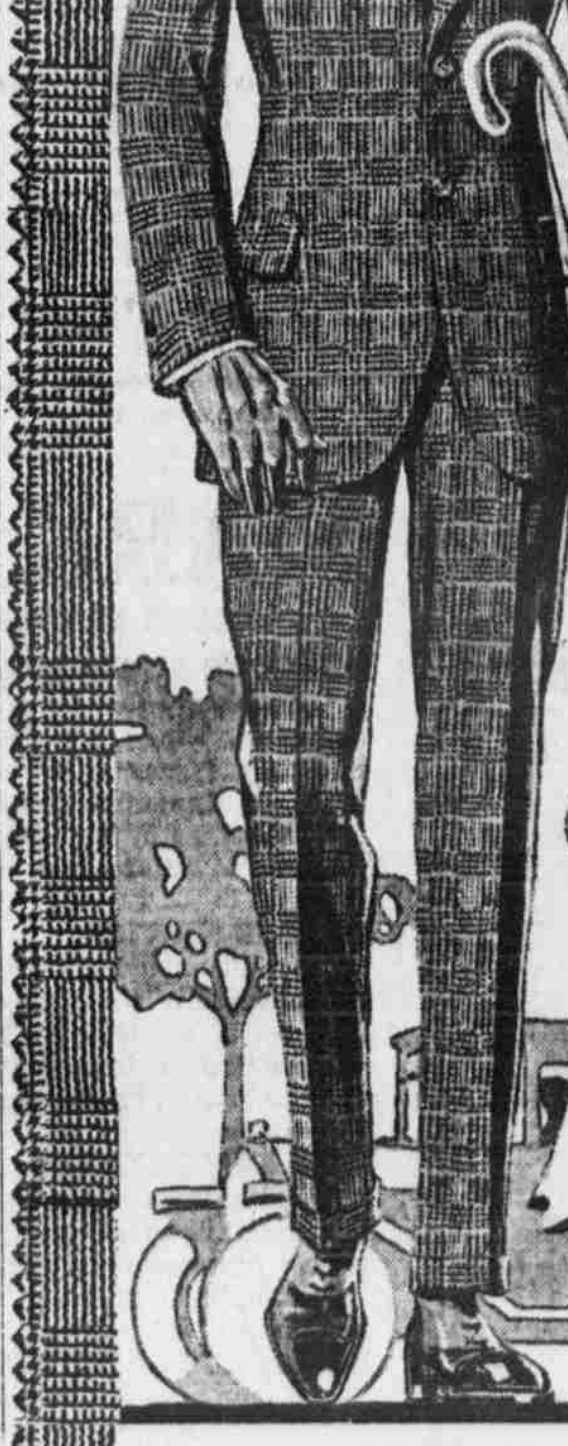
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