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SMOKELESS POWDERS.

Rapidly Coming in Use Both for Small Arms and Artillery.

The first general information obtained in regard to the smokeless powders was in connection with the Lebel rifle, the new small-caliber repeating arm of the French, which created such an excitement a few years ago, and practically dictated reconstruction to small arms throughout Europe. At that time neither the Austrian Mannlicher rifle nor the German repeater used smokeless powder. It is understood, of course, that the words "smokeless" and "noiseless" are used in a comparative sense, as there is some smoke and some noise in nearly all these powders. It has been said, however, that the report of a single Lebel rifle can not be heard at a distance of more than twenty or thirty yards; that it may be said to make no smoke, and that the recoil is of no consequence whatever. The powder is said to be a secret compound of gun cotton and colloid, and its exact composition is perhaps the only secret now remaining in regard to the Lebel rifle. The Germans began with the use of the Duttin-hofer semi-smokeless powder, and have also made imitations of the French powder as nearly as it can be found out. The Russians have tried a new powder, made by the Ochtenski factory, in imitation of the Duttin-hofer, and its manufacturers insist that it is superior to the latter in ballistic properties; but it has a little higher initial velocity weight for weight, with less pressure on the bore. This may be the reason why the Russians have come to the use of the small caliber, which could only have the required efficiency with one of the new compounds, as otherwise the bore would foul too rapidly.

The English also have obtained a smokeless and noiseless powder, invented by the well-known artistiller, Captain Noble, of the Elswick Works, at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. A British military authority says that its use has almost been decided upon, both for small arms and for machine and quick-firing guns. It speaks of the powder as "a curious, grayish-looking material, in long threads or a whipcord-like form, presumably from the shape it assumes under hydraulic pressure. Its action is most startling. In three hundred yards range not a sound is heard when a volley is fired with it, and only a faint haze arises, which is almost imperceptible, while a shower of bullets is seen to fall upon the targets, an effect produced seemingly without a cause." Careful experiments will be made with it at Lydd. In their quick-firing guns the British at Shoeburyness have used the Chilworth smokeless powder with great effect, obtaining a very high initial velocity. In rapid-fire cannon, as in magazine small arms, the value of smokeless powders is obvious, because of peculiar advantages of these weapons might otherwise be largely counter-balanced by smoke. Of all the new powders Schultze's is perhaps the best known. Nearly or quite all appear to depend on the union of nitrous compounds of some sort with other substances. Some will not keep in all climates, and some give out an unendurable odor. Their introduction will perhaps call for some new studies in tactics, as certain movements now depending on the cover of smoke can not hereafter rely on this protecting mantle. But just at present the tactical considerations seem to be less important to our own country than the procuring of powders as efficient as the ones which are finding favor in Europe.—Washington Letter.

QUAKER LONGEVITY.

It Is Due to Quiet Habits and Disciplined Modes of Life.

It is quite true that many "Friends" live long. It is equally true that certain circumstances in their history militate against long life. Among these latter intermarriage is, perhaps, the most important of all. The followers of George Fox have never been very numerous, but until a few years they have been extremely exclusive. The inevitable result of that has been extensive intermarriage throughout the whole community. The consequences of the frequency of intermarriages have been, and are still, very evident. Quakers, as a class, are not muscularly robust; many of them are decidedly anemic, and not a few are mentally feeble. Yet, in spite of these practical and serious drawbacks, the Friends, as a class, do more than their proportion of the world's serious business, and they manage to attain to a high average of longevity. Now this is exactly the kind of fact that true medical science likes to get hold of, and to interrogate and learn from. What is the reason, asks the sensible man, why Quakers, with so many undoubted disadvantages, attain to such a high average of success in all that constitutes worthy life, and also succeed in enjoying their success to an exceptionally old age?

The reason, we are convinced, is to be found in their quiet habits and disciplined life. An ordinary doctor, or even layman, would probably have felt much more interest in the subject at this point if we had been able to affirm that the Quakers owed their success and long life to certain drugs, as, for example, to arsenic, phosphorus, strychnin, and the like; or to certain methods of feeding, as vegetarianism, or meat eating, or fruit eating, or wine drinking, or teetotalism, or smoking, and so on. But we submit that that shows a want of real mental capacity. For what, after all, is the true importance of the subject? Does it not consist in the undoubted character of the results? The results are really the things to be considered. As a matter of fact the Quakers are successful in life. As a matter of fact they do live long. Then, surely, true science will not curdle the lip of scorn because these results are obtained by what may be called "natural and simple" processes, instead of by elaborate preparations and out-of-the-way methods.—Hospitals.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The abolition of the French language is likely to cause trouble in Manitoba.

A PARTY of Arnauts have plundered the Servian monastery of Detchan. The monks fled.

EX-EMPRESS FREDERICK of Germany and her daughter have left Athens for Italy.

AN expedition with stores has gone from Zanzibar for Bagamayo to meet Stanley and his party.

FIRE at North Middletown, Ky., recently wiped out the principal stores. This was the second destructive fire in ten days.

WATSON B. DICKERMAN, of New York, has been appointed receiver of the Norfolk Southern railroad.

CHARLES H. TURNER, the ice man, has been nominated as the Tammany candidate for Congress in the Sixth Congressional district of New York.

The Women's Indian Missionary convention, before closing its session at Newark, N. J., endorsed Commissioner Morgan's Indian education plans.

The Tradesmen's National Bank at Conshohocken, Pa., which was robbed of \$80,000 by Cashier Cresson, has resumed business with diminished capital.

The City Council of Quebec unanimously adopted a resolution favoring Chicago as the site for the World's Fair in 1892 in preference to New York.

The London and Paris rumors cabled to Havana of a revolution existing in Cuba were without any foundation whatever. The island, politically, was entirely tranquil.

The President has sent instructions to the Post-office Department that no more Presidential postmasterhips were to be forwarded to him until after the opening of Congress. He has ninety-seven cases before him now.

The Governor-General of Cuba disclaims that he in any way aided the striking cigarmakers of Key West. Many of them, it seems, asked to be returned to Cuba, and for that reason a gunboat was sent to Key West to carry them back to their former homes.

PATTERSON, member of Parliament for Essex, Ont., had an interview with the Governor-General of Canada, respecting the oppressive manner in which the American Alien Labor act was enforced at Detroit against residents of Windsor employed in that city by railway companies and other corporations.

The board of directors of the Marine Association of New York adopted a resolution that Congress be respectfully urged to establish a Department of Commerce, with a Cabinet officer as chief, to foster and promote our ocean carrying trade, foreign and domestic, and our internal commerce by water and rail.

A REVOLT occurred recently among the convicts in the Lavoulte prison, Tunis. The prisoners succeeded in freeing themselves from their chains and in procuring firearms and other weapons. They then made a fierce attack on the jailers, who were unable to quell the revolt, and troops were summoned. When they arrived at the jail a desperate fight took place and many of the prisoners and soldiers were killed.

REV. T. DEWITT TALMAGE and his party were in Athens on the 22d. Dr. Talmage has secured a corner stone for his new church in Brooklyn from Mars Hill, where St. Paul preached to the Athenians. Dr. Talmage preached there to many people, taking as his text Acts xvii. 22. Later in the day Dr. Talmage had an interview with Premier Tricoups and an audience with Queen Olga and ex-Empress Victoria of Germany.

The United States district attorney at Norfolk, Va., has been instructed to bring suits against certain English cotton brokers for violation of the Alien Contract Labor law, provided he is satisfied such suits can be maintained. The suits are to determine the legality of the practice of certain English cotton brokers of employing in the States, particularly Virginia, clerks or graders whose business it is to classify cotton for English markets. These men are specially trained for this business and are sent to this country from England.

THERE was a remarkable scene in the German Reichstag the other day. During the debate on the budget of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Herr Richter, the Liberal leader, referred to the reports of the influence of Count Walderssee with the Emperor, and amid many indications of disapproval from members, insisted upon knowing what truth there was in these reports. Amid great excitement Count Herbert Bismarck rose and, turning to Herr Richter, declared the question was insulting to the army and throne. The Emperor, he said, directed foreign affairs, consulting those only who were appointed to advise his Majesty.

The first Republican convention ever held in Alaska convened at Juneau November 5. Delegates were present from all part of the Territory except from Westward and the Yukon river country. A memorial to Congress was passed asking that the Territory be allowed a Delegate to Congress; that Homestead laws be extended to Alaska in modified form; that the laws relating to the cutting of timber be so modified as to permit its being used by canners for packing fish and for furniture and other articles actually manufactured in the Territory and for the creation of a commission for the purpose of submitting to Congress a code of laws for the Territory.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

BY COMMON consent one of the United States Senators was from the east and one from the west division of the State of Washington. On the ballot for the East Side Senator the vote in the House stood: John B. Allen, 46; George Turner, 14; T. H. Brents, 1; Charles S. Voorhees, 8. In the Senate the vote stood: Allen, 26; Turner, 6.

THE annual banquet of the New York Chamber of Commerce took place on the 19th. Among the guests were ex-President Cleveland and General Sherman.

J. P. ALLEN and W. C. Squire, Republicans, have been elected United States Senators by joint ballot of the Washington Legislature.

HENRY GEORGE will get the bequest of \$30,000 left by a New Jersey farmer, the Court of Appeals reversing a decision of a lower court, Chief Justice Beasley declaring that Mr. George had made valuable contributions to the study of social and political economy, and that his books were not contrary to law, religion or morality.

THE commission appointed last January to select the most desirable location on the Gulf of Mexico for navy yard and dry dock have reported at last in favor of Algiers, La., opposite New Orleans.

ROSS GUFFIN has been appointed Government surveyor at Kansas City, Mo.

CAPTAIN WISSMANN telegraphs that Henry M. Stanley and party arrived at Mpwapwa on November 10.

The Austrian Reichstag has been called to meet in Vienna December 2.

THE Brazilian Consulate is on the look-out for shipments of arms from New York to Rio Janeiro. Consulate officials say that if any fighting occurs it shall not be with guns from New York like there was during the Haytian rebellion.

MRS. ELIZABETH CLEMENTINE KINNEY, mother of the New York poet, Edmund Clarence Stedman, died at Summit, N. J., recently, aged seventy-nine.

ISAAC SCHULER, the noted coffin manufacturer of Amsterdam, N. Y., has assigned with \$75,000 liabilities.

CAPTAIN WISSMANN, the German East African leader, has been made a Major in the German army in recognition of his services.

The Commissioner of Pensions has made a new division, of which his son will have charge.

The Secretary of the Interior has requested and received the resignation of H. A. Phillips, chief of the middle division of the Pension Office. He is one of the re-rated pensioners whose cases were recently overhauled by the Secretary.

DR. F. B. NOFSINGER has been appointed postmaster of Kansas City, Mo.

The President has appointed Thomas Clay McDowell, of Kentucky, to be collector of internal revenue for the Seventh district of Kentucky, vice William Cassius Goodloe, deceased. McDowell is the son-in-law of Mrs. Goodloe.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The collector of customs at Detroit, Mich., has been ordered by the Treasury Department to prevent Canadian laborers from working in Michigan.

MISS ADA TANNER, of New York, confidential clerk to the Commissioner of Pensions, has resigned. Miss Tanner is the daughter of ex-Commissioner Tanner.

A SERIOUS wreck occurred in the Washita canon, near Dougherty, I. T., on the 18th, by the breaking of a flange of a wheel of the engine, detaching the engine and five loaded cars and instantly killing engineer Wilmarth and brakeman Wier and seriously injuring Fireman Elain.

MRS. LENA HAERTEL, in a fit of despondency, attempted to commit suicide at Louisville, Ky., recently by taking laudanum. She recovered, but the drug was fatal to her five-months-old child who received it in the mother's milk.

The British East African Company has conveyed to the German Government, through Lord Salisbury, its regrets for the disaster to the Peters' expedition and an offer to do every thing possible to discover and punish the murderers.

CLAUDE MARKS and Sidney Wolfe, proprietors of the Mining Record and Financial Times of London, have been indicted for blackmailing mine owners.

The county clerks of Kansas met in annual session at Topeka on the 19th. H. E. Patterson, of Harper County, was elected president and J. C. Atkinson, of Cherokee County, secretary.

LIEUTENANT HANDEMAN's detachment of cavalry has returned to San Carlos, Ariz. He struck some of the Apache hostiles near McMillinville and captured their camp. About twenty shots were exchanged with his scouts, but the hostiles made good their escape and the trail was lost in the mountains near Black River.

AN English syndicate has asked for an option on the great watch works at Elgin, Ill. The plant is valued at \$12,000,000.

It is reported that the Emperor of Germany intends to build a new palace on the avenue Unter den Linden on the site of the Royal Academy of Arts.

EMILE OLIVIER's new book has just been published in Paris. He contends that the best form of government is a monarchy. He predicts that a Caesar will yet arise in America unless she "mitigates her omnivorous Democracy," and that still more surely will one arise in France if the state is delivered over to the "cynical voracity of politicians."

A MASS meeting was held at Lake Providence, La., recently and a sum of money raised to employ detectives to ferret out the parties who fired into the Jewish firms' stores.

JUDGE FOSTER, of the United States District Court at Topeka, Kan., has decided that the Texas court has jurisdiction over crimes committed in No-Man's-Land. The prisoners charged with the murder of Sheriff Cross and posse were considerably upset by the decision as they expected otherwise.

JUSTICE DAY, of the Farnell Commission, was run over by a cab in London the other day while on his way to court and badly hurt.

THE Knights of Labor ended a short and peaceful session at Atlanta, Ga., on the 20th.

THE trial of Caleb Rucker, on the charge of aiding the escape of the Bald-Knobby prisoners from the Ozark (Mo.) jail, closed with a verdict of not guilty.

THE heaviest verdict for damages returned by a Kentucky jury for years was given recently at Louisville in the suit of M. Tierney against the Standard Oil Company. The jury gave the plaintiff \$25,000. Tierney was a Louisville & Nashville freight conductor and was hurt by the explosion of a car load of naphtha belonging to the defendant company.

THE two women charged as being old Mrs. Bender and her daughter Kate have been held at Oswego, Kan., without bail, to await action by the grand jury.

THERE was a bad fire recently at Baldwinville, N. Y., the Upson block being destroyed at a loss of \$250,000.

SEVEN miners were buried under rock in a mine at Negaunee, Mich., recently, but five escaped. One was instantly killed and the seventh fatally injured.

ELMER STARKEY, the boy matricide of Eaton, O., who was to have been hanged, has been given a new trial by the Ohio Supreme Court.

THE United States steamer Rosedale, loaded with 33,000 bushels of wheat, was recently aground near Saint Ste. Marie, Mich., in Canadian waters.

JAKE BUZZARD, one of the famous Welsh mountain outlaws, died in the Eastern Pennsylvania prison recently.

THE chief of the Mille Laes Chippewa Indians in Minnesota is in Little Falls, Minn., to endeavor to induce the Government to drive white squatters off their reservation, a large portion of which was lately given up.

THE Crane & Waters Hosiery Manufacturing Company, of Millburg, Mass., has assigned with unknown assets and liabilities.

THE National Palace of San Salvador has been completely destroyed by fire. The Government archives were totally consumed. No lives were lost.

THE Provisional Government has issued a decree establishing universal suffrage throughout the republic of Brazil.

FIRE in Osceola, Iowa, destroyed ten frame business houses, causing \$20,000 loss.

THE Chicago gas trust has secured 40,000 acres of gas lands in Indiana and proposes to supply Chicago with natural gas.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL WANAMAKER has directed that the free delivery system be established on January 1, 1890, at Jefferson City, Mo.; Green Bay, Wis.; Washington, Pa.; Iona, Mich.; Santa Rosa, Cal., and Creston, Iowa.

THE Federal Steel Company, a gigantic corporation, formed for the purpose of combining all the wire, wire nail and barbed wire manufacturing plants of the country and controlling these three great industries, has been formally organized at Cleveland, O.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

THE cloud on the land titles of Guthrie, Ok., has been lifted.

FRANK FOSTER, who left a wife and three children, attempted to shut off an electric light with a wet iron gaff at Gloucester, Mass., recently and was instantly killed.

THE Quinnebaug and Juniata, which have been condemned by the board of survey, have been stricken from the list of vessels of the navy.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended November 21 numbered 277, compared with 265 the previous week and 296 the corresponding week of last year.

STEPHEN PETTUS, secretary and treasurer of the Brooklyn elevated railroad, commission merchant and member of the Cotton Exchange, was shot down in Fulton street, New York, the other morning by Mrs. Hannah Southworth. It was stated that Pettus some ago drugged and ruined the woman and then mocked at her after delaying reparation until criminal proceedings were barred by the statute of limitation.

EDWARD CUNNINGHAM, wealthy, aged seventy, shot by an Italian poacher on his fine property at Milton, Mass., is dead.

THE constitutional centennial celebration at Fayetteville, N. C., closed on the 22d, Senator Vance addressing 20,000 people.

EXPORTS from the United States for the year ended October, 1889, were \$798,468,752 against \$678,423,844 in 1888, and imports \$765,413,777, against \$722,988,245 in 1888.

SLOSSON has signed the billiard tourney agreement.

C. B. WHEELER, a seventy-year-old bachelor of New Milford, Conn., was recently found dead in the woods. He was rich, had much cash when last seen and is believed to have been murdered. His brother is ex-Secretary of the State of Connecticut.

THE Glasgow Iron Company, of Reading, Pa., has given all its puddlers twenty-five cents a ton increase in wages.

WORK has been begun on the excavations for a \$180,000 gymnasium for Yale University.

THE barge Waubashine, thought to have been wrecked in a storm, has reached Toronto, Ont., all right.

THE American Institute of Architects, in session in Cincinnati, have elected Richard M. Hunt president and Henry Van Brunt, of Kansas City, second vice-president.

THREE AMERICAS.

The Brazilian Delegates to the Pan-American Congress Receive Credentials From the New Republic—A Resolution Welcoming the United States of Brazil into the Sisterhood of Republics Almost Unanimously Adopted.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Secretary Blaine called the International Congress to order promptly at 1 p. m., yesterday, and the conference proceeded to consider the report of the committee on business. Secretary Blaine, as soon as business was fairly started, vacated the chair, and Dr. Guzman, of Nicaragua, took his place as presiding officer.



HEADQUARTERS OF PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS AT WASHINGTON.

Discussion of the rules was soon interrupted by the appearance of Dr. Valente, the Brazilian Minister and also a delegate to the conference, who announced that he and his colleagues were now ready to take their seats in the conference, and submit their credentials from the republic of Brazil. This caused a sensation in the conference, and Mr. Henderson, the American delegate, at once prepared and proposed the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this conference joyfully welcome the United States of Brazil into the sisterhood of American republics.

The delegates from Colombia and San Salvador thought the proposition premature.

Senor Romero, the Mexican Minister and delegate from Mexico, believing the resolution could not be adopted unanimously, moved to lay it on the table.

This brought Mr. Henderson to his feet, who in a short speech eloquently and forcibly explained the motives and feeling which prompted him to offer the resolution. He said:

The motion to lay the motion on the table is not debatable, and I do not wish to say anything except by way of personal explanation. I offered the resolution without consulting with my colleagues from the United States, because I saw the gentleman from Brazil here and supposed they had authority to act for the Republic of Brazil.

[Here he was interrupted by Senor Valente who said the delegates from Brazil had just presented their credentials from the republic.]

Mr. Henderson continuing, said:

If that be the case, then, Mr. President, that completes the circle of American republics. We have no differences here, we are all Republicans. I am sorry that any of my friends who represent other governments should be placed in any embarrassing attitude regarding this matter. So far as I am individually concerned, I should hail with equal pleasure the announcement that Spain, or England, or Russia, or any other European nation had adopted a republican government. To me all places are proper, and all times convenient for the emancipation of my faith in republican institutions. I am not afraid to announce it now and here, and I am only sorry that any representative of a republic must hesitate to give the announcement his most cordial approval. In this case I see especial cause for action. If I understand the situation in Brazil, the revolution is complete and perfect; and better than all, it has been carried to success without blood, but with the united voice of the people. It is now an accomplished fact—the greatest and the most beneficent of all achievements of the present age. The changes of the government in all other cases on this sphere have been attended with long and bloody struggles. In the case of Brazil the republic comes full-formed, pledged to the observance of contracts, to the maintenance of law and order, and the protection of civil and political rights. My proposition is that, at this moment of time, when the Brazilian delegates have returned to us bearing the credentials of their republic to a free people, we shall cheerfully testify to our joy and give evidence of the faith which animates us as Republicans. Do we honestly believe in our governments? Do we believe that republican institutions best stand the situation in Brazil, the revolution is complete and perfect; and better than all, it has been carried to success without blood, but with the united voice of the people. 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