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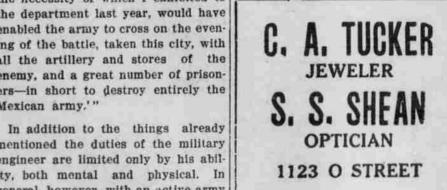


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Pneumonia like war always avoids an example of what was done, how- ers-in short to destroy entirely the City Star.

those who are not prepared."-Kansas ever, the troops crossed the Marilao Mexican army." river at dusk one evening on a partly

dismantled railroad bridge and at 9:30 o'clock the next morning supply trains were crossing on a bridge of boats and bamboo gathered along the banks. To bring home the importance of rapid bridge work and to show that bluff being so well established, I shall one can not rely entirely on makeshifts, allow me to quote Major P. S. Bond in the Engineering Record of March 18, 1916. "On Jan. 26, 1814, Napoleon writes; bear the burden in that day when the 'If I had had ten pontoons, I should have captured 10,000 wagons, beaten Prince Schartsenburg in detail, annihilated his army and closed the war; but for want of proper means I could not cross the Seine.'





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If a large number of recitations at the University of Nebraska may be taken as a guide, the belief in the necessity of preparedness has only a small following in the student body. The confidence in the efficacy of the not attempt to convince either the student or the public at large of the necessity of preparedness, but merely pont out to those who will have to bluff is called, some of the things that the engineer will be called upon to do. It is again a question if a student body whose main desire is the sidestepping of hard work will appreciate to any extent service with the engineering corps of an active army. Casper Whitney says: "Men go to war to fight. To fight means to work all day, to march all night, to sleep on the damp ground, to go hungry, and those who do not have a stomach for that sort of thing had better stay at home."

This prescription, with a triple allowance of work, all comes to the engineers. For instance, if you can picture to yourself a small group of men cutting, and lashing bamboo poles into a half finished floating bridge with troops and the lighter vehicles already passing over it, and when it is fairly substantial see these men still soaked to the skin, under a blazing sun, fighting their way through the dust past columns of men on the march, ambulances, supply wagons and what not,

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mentioned the duties of the military engineer are limited only by his ability, both mental and physical. In general, however, with an active army



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