

THE ROW AMONG THE UTES.

Dispatches from Fort DuChesne Bring the First Official News of It. OPINIONS AT WASHINGTON.

Military Officials Think the State Authorities Were Hasty—Chief Quary's Widow Again Reported Killed—From the Front.

Major Handlett's Dispatch. WASHINGTON, August 23.—(Special Telegram to the Bee.)—A telegram has been received at the war department from Major Handlett, commanding Fort DuChesne, Utah, dated August 19, through General Terry, which says: "Colorado has his followers with him, about 150 in all, including men, women and children. There are no indications of his being reinforced. The Indians at Cimarron are in a state of rebellion. Colorado would come to relieve if he could get there without being attacked. Most of the party who went out with Andrews have returned to the agency frightened back. They claim that Colorado's camp could not be found. Four of the citizens kept them from making search for the party. They are tested concerning Chepta. If the cowboys have harmed her I anticipate trouble. But I hope she is with Colorado, or it may be a prisoner at Glenwood Springs. I wish the latter could be ascertained."

This is the first time that the name of Chepta has been mentioned in any of the dispatches from the scene of the reported Indian troubles. It is a name which is mentioned here, it is presumed at the war department that she is either a relative of Colorado or a daughter of some prominent citizen. The acting secretary of war is in receipt of a communication from Acting Secretary Muldrow stating that a telegram had been received at the war department from Senator Teller at Denver, to the effect that if the Ute Indians in Colorado are not relieved from their present state of trouble, Secretary Muldrow says: "The Indians under Colorado have been staying in Colorado on the western slope, near the Utah-Colorado reservation in Utah, greatly to the dissatisfaction of the settlers in that locality, who have frequently complained. It appears from the reports that they are assisting by force the civil process of the state authorities and are creating considerable trouble by the same means. This department has made several efforts to induce them to remain upon the reservation in Utah. Under the laws the Indians are encouraged to sever tribal relations with the whites, and to purchase homes and sections of lands on the public domain. The department has no information as to whether the Indians in Colorado are for that purpose. On the other hand reports heretofore made out of the claim of these Indians that they are assisting by force the civil process, which seems not to be the fact. It is very desirable that these Indians should remain upon their reservation and be under the supervision of the agent authorized by law to look after them. As the aid of military troops is to be used to prevent a threatened outbreak, and as the department have the honor to recommend that while the force of troops is in that locality all proper means may be taken to induce the Indians to go to and remain upon their reservation."

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A Hundred Bucks to Join Colorado.

CAMP OF THE STATE MILITIA, HEAD OF PICACRE CREEK, via GLENWOOD, CO., August 23.—(Special Telegram to the Bee.)—A Courier has just arrived from Meeker bringing the news that a hundred bucks are on the way from Uintah agency to join Colorado on the camp at the head of Picacre creek. The courier has ridden about 3 this morning and had ridden through about four hours. He said that Kendall had left Meeker Sunday morning and had been heard from since. It is not believed that he has been lost, however, as he started to go up Coal creek and said that he would return to Meeker in a few days. The announcement of the coming of a hundred bucks from Uintah agency has changed the opinion of the military authorities, who are stopping here to stop the Utes on their way over the range but the news just received is of so grave a character that he has decided to remain here until the news is confirmed. The news of the Indians were seen on the range last night.

Chief Quary's Widow Reported Killed.

MEERCO, Colo., August 23.—(Special Telegram to the Bee.)—It is feared that Chief Quary's widow, the greatest chief that has ever reigned over the Utes, was killed in one of the encounters the Indians had with Sheriff Kendall's party. If such is the case war is unavoidable.

An Appeal For Protection.

DENVER, Colo., August 23.—(Special Telegram to the Bee.)—Governor Adams received the following letter to-day: "NAMES: August 23, 1887. His Excellency Governor Adams, Denver, Col.: Dear Sir: Owing to the Indian outbreak here and in Garfield county we are at the mercy of any band of Indians that may choose to raid us. We are few in number and have several women and children to be protected. We beg your aid in the form of arms and ammunition for our protection. I have been familiar with Indians for the last thirty years and am thoroughly convinced that we are on the verge of a serious outbreak. Yours respectfully, WILSON H. BAXES, postmaster." The governor answered in the affirmative, thinking that he had any need to fear any outbreak as the campaign would draw all the Indians out of his section.

Where's the Sheriff?

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, August 23.—No news has yet been received from Sheriff Kendall since he was seen in the morning in an excursion Sunday morning to arrest the two Indians indicted for horse stealing and fears are entertained for his safety.

Big Warrants for Penitentiary.

WASHINGTON, August 23.—Warrants for persons amounting to \$16,253,000 were issued from the treasury to-day. Notwithstanding this large payment, the excess of government receipts over expenditures since the first of the year is about three and a half million dollars.

Appointed a Referee.

NEW YORK, August 23.—Counsel for Ives & Co. and counsel for the firm's assignee both presented to Judge Bookstaver this morning orders for the appointment of a referee. Judge Noah Davis was appointed referee and will begin taking testimony to-morrow.

Deaths of a Past Age.

CINCINNATI, August 23.—Scientists are interested in the finding to-day in an excavation for sewer on Walnut Hill of a section of human vertebrae, petriol, of such dimensions as to indicate that it was of a race of giants nine feet high.

Mrs. O. B. Selden has offered \$1,000 reward for the apprehension of the murderer of her husband, who was recently assassinated at Manville, Wyo. The governor of that territory has also offered a similar amount.

BORING FOR GAS.

Much Water Encountered in the Well.—A Secret Rehearsal. The well being a syndicate of Omaha gentlemen on the bottom near the distillery as an exploration for natural gas has reached a depth of 1,500 feet and work has been temporarily checked by the unusual flow of water encountered at this level. Ever since the coal seam was passed at 650 feet more or less water has been encountered. Night before last night broke through a stratum of refractory flint and entered a shaly rock which yields a powerful artesian stream. Further drilling is almost impracticable, as the outflow of the seven inch column of water is so strong as to carry it through a piping to a height of 300 feet above the ground. A trench has been dug from the well and the giant spring is being drained into the river. The fact that water is so abundant that the company has not yet determined upon a plan of overcoming this unexpected obstruction and was awaiting the arrival of Prof. Edward Orton, the Ohio state geologist, by whom it was thought that it would be possible to bring the casing, which has so far been put down only to the 600 feet level, would be driven to the bottom and the inpour of water checked off. Something will be done as soon as the enterprise has already cost too much money to be abandoned. The experiment was begun in the hope of encountering the expected gas vein in the neighborhood of 2,200 feet, but with the intention of going 3,000 feet if it were necessary.

In connection with artesian wells a secret enterprise that is afoot can be applied to the gas well. There is so broad a dash of romance in it, however, that a serious consideration of the project is impossible at this time. The story goes that a shepherd tending his flock on the grassy slopes of a mountain discovered among the brambles a bubbling spring, the waters of which had an unpleasant taste and emitted a disagreeable odor. The shepherd's curiosity being aroused, he dug a hole in the earth and brought to a chemist of this city, made the discovery that the agent of the water's offensiveness was nothing less than natural gas. Two or three gentlemen who were admitted to the secret, bought the plot of ground from which the spring issues and have been making midnight experiments which are said to have disclosed high illuminating properties in the gas. They have had a large quantity of the gas reserved with a spigot at the top, made a grand private test to-night prior to disclosing their discovery to the astounded public.

Thriving into the City.

The various hotel corridors presented an animated appearance last night, filled with strangers and advanced committees of citizens. The various committees during the next few weeks. The registers show that mostly all choice rooms have already been taken and how Omaha will accommodate the thousands coming from the various parts of the country. The different hotel proprietors have laid in a stock of cots, the Millard ordering 500, but it is feared the supply will be far below the demand. Hotel annexes are in the city and it is expected that many of their rooms temporarily will do well to leave their addresses with the different hotel proprietors.

Reviews.

The internal revenue receipts collected yesterday amounted to \$6,236,453. A very interesting session of the Teachers' institute, at which ninety-seven were enrolled, was held yesterday. Dr. Harsha, of Philadelphia, delivered a very interesting address on "Cyclones."

REAL ESTATE.

Transfers Filed August 22, 1887. Kate E. Holloway to J. M. St. John, lot 30 blk 9, Hanscom place, ad. w. d. \$7,000. W. G. Albright and wife to M. F. Harwood, lot 1 blk 14, 1st and 1/2, ad. w. d. \$1,000. S. H. Albright's Choice ad to South Omaha, w. d. 500. Thos. Ryan to Walter L. Selby, 348-350 W. 12th, ad. w. d. \$1,587.50. B. H. Hadley et al. to Robert Cook, lot 1 blk 4, Omaha View ad. w. d. 1,300. J. H. Leonard to J. M. St. John, lot 1 blk 14, 1st and 1/2, ad. w. d. 800. J. W. Griffith, trustee, to R. H. Wallace, ad. w. d. 3,000. R. B. Wallace and wife to D. McMill, lot 1 blk 1 Baker place, ad. w. d. 435. J. W. Griffith, trustee, to R. H. Wallace, ad. w. d. 3,000. Mitchell, lot 35 blk 14 Orchard Hill, ad. w. d. 700. F. H. Miller to J. M. St. John, lot 1 blk 14 Orchard Hill, ad. w. d. 800. Part of section 10, 14, 15, 288-11-100 acres, Mary A. Jetter and husband to B. J. Jetter, ad. w. d. 884. George B. Christie to E. S. Rowley, et al. Part of 123 of sub lot 3 blk 8 Capitol ad. w. d. 9,225. G. B. Christie to E. S. Rowley, et al. Part of 106 of lots 8 and 9, in Capitol ad. w. d. 2,700. G. C. Upton to J. M. St. John, lot 1 blk 118, Omaha, w. d. 87,150. A. C. Torp, guardian to L. W. Hill, lot 1 blk 118, Omaha, w. d. 787,500. W. A. Richards et al. to L. W. Hill, undivided 9/4 of lot 1 blk 118, Omaha, w. d. 787,500. L. W. Hill to J. M. St. John, lot 1 blk 10, Omaha View, w. d. 1,300. W. L. Lay et al. to C. W. Pray, lot 3, 1st and 1/2, ad. w. d. 3,000. C. W. Pray and wife to W. S. Robertson, lot 2 Lakeview subdivision, lot 4, 1st and 1/2, ad. w. d. 3,000. Omaha Carriage and Sleigh company to Martha W. West, lots 1, 17, 8 and 18, large extension of 1st and 1/2, ad. w. d. 1,200. William Lay et al. to Martha W. West, 651 1/2 feet of w. 37 1/2 feet of lot 2 blk 14, 1st and 1/2, ad. w. d. 2,520. D. M. Urd and wife to J. F. Plack, lots 2, 4 and 5 of Urd & Fack's subdiv of lot 13 of Miller & Caldwell's ad. w. d. 2,350. E. S. Rowley and wife to S. A. Wheelers, lot 1 blk 3, Albright's annex, 180. W. L. Lay et al. to John Gunn, 1/2 of lot 17, 1st and 1/2, ad. w. d. 3,500. Adelbert H. Marsh to A. J. Babcock, lot 1 blk 118, Omaha, w. d. 21,000. J. M. Campbell and wife to Ika V. Glider, lot 7 Benson's subdiv of lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

MILITARY MARKSMANSHIP.

A Big Day on the Army Ribs Range at Bellevue.

THE MEDAL PRESENTATIONS.

Award of Trophies to the Soldier Marksmen—General Morrow's Address—A Distinguished Gathering Present.

The Medal Presentation.

Yesterday morning the 8-40 B. & M. train bore from the depot about a hundred invited guests of Senator Manderson, who occupied a special car. They were bound for the rifle range at Bellevue, the occasion attracting them being the presentation of medals to the leading soldiers of the department team, just determined by the departmental rifle competition. Among the party were Mrs. Senator Manderson, Mrs. General Crook, Mrs. General Wheaton, Mrs. General Cowin, Mrs. Herman Kountze, Mrs. William Wallace, Mrs. Will Redick, Mrs. Lieutenant Kennon, Mrs. Captains Ray, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. E. S. Dundy, and Misses Luu Dundy, Nettie Collins, Maud Woodworth, Clara Brown, Emma Hoagland, Daisy Doane, Emily Wakely, Jennie McMillan, Maud and Abbie Ball, Cora M. Woodworth, Clara Rosten, Jennie and May Wallace, A. Miskie, Grace and Gertrude Chambers, May Wilson, M. McClintock, Miss Clarkson and Miss Lindington. The general presentation was made by Senator Manderson, General Crook, General Dundy, Captain Kay, Lieutenant Kennon, Lieutenant General Cowin, Captain Alle, Major Clarkson, Clement Chase of the Excelsior, County Attorney Sinerall, Charles Burmeister, Will Redick, Will Wyman and Messrs. Wood, Dike, Wood and Leitch.

It was a whispering, chatting, talking and merry crowd and the number of baskets which were stored in one of the ends of the coach argued that the commissariat had been particularly successful.

The party was met at the range station, half a mile from Bellevue, by Colonel Ernst, commander of the camp. Colonel Henry, inspector of rifle practice for the department, and several other officers, all of whom were attracted in their most attractive uniforms. A short walk through the woods and up a rustic path brought the party to the camp.

The day was beautiful and bright and the combination of brilliant uniforms, snow-white tents, a perfect greenward, terminating in a dense wood, the foliage of which retained its brilliant coloring, presented a captivating prospect which was admired by everybody.

Half an hour was spent in agreeable conversation and a stroll around the grounds, when the Secretary of the department, under the leadership of Wiedemeyer, took up his position in front of headquarters and played several pieces in an excellent manner.

The higher then sounded the successive commands, and, in response, the competitors, seventy-nine in number, emerged from their respective quarters and formed in line across the parade ground, the band with its gorgeous drum major, marching in front. The competitors, the department team being next, and, finally, the competitors who had failed in securing a position on that body. In the line were big and little men, as there were also men from the infantry and cavalry regiments. Among the number were several colored men, who bore themselves with a great deal of soldierly dignity. The band then paraded across the ground a couple of times playing, as they marched, a delightful waltz. They then resumed their position on the right and, at Colonel Henry's direction, the department team was ordered forward and advanced a few paces in front of the other competitors.

The team consists of the following men, their proficiency being indicated by the following order: Private Leonard Deitz, F. Seventeenth infantry; Sergeant George A. Lewis, I. Seventh infantry; Sergeant August Scholle, K. Seventh infantry; Second Lieutenant James T. Kerr, N. Tenth infantry; Corporal Walter A. Walker, N. Ninth cavalry; Private Harry Amis, C. Twenty-first infantry; Corporal James P. Kelly, E. Sixth infantry; Private Frank Fechter, I. Second infantry; Lieut. Leonard Joseph, N. Tenth infantry; Sergeant Luke Romig, D. Seventeenth infantry; Private George W. Elliott, D. Second infantry; Corporal Lewis W. Handy, I. Eighth infantry.

The orders of General Crook detailing the standing of each competitor were then read, after which Colonel Henry called upon General Morrow, who in response emerged from the assemblage, which was grouped a short distance away. The well-known marksman, who is a marksman with a grace and dignity becoming a general and the importance of the occasion. He was attired in full regimentals and on his breast hung the badge of the Legion of honor, a gold and blue-enamel cross of the Fifth army corps; the cinquofoil badge of the "Iron brigade," of which the general was the first commander, and finally the large heart-shaped medal issued by congress for distinguished services in the Mexican war. The general addressed the soldiers as follows:

It is a pleasing and honorable duty which has been devolved upon me by the department commander—that of presenting these medals to you successful competitors in the late target contest. I am sure I express your feelings as well as my own in saying that you are all to be congratulated. I do not find it convenient to perform that duty himself. His presence here, however, adds interest and dignity to the occasion. His large experience and his long and successful service in high commands during the civil war, and his great knowledge and experience, and his high character, make him a most fitting and beneficial effect on the discipline and morals of the American army. Aside from his immense value as a purely military figure, target practice exists as a moral force which ought not to be overlooked by any one interested in the welfare and efficiency of our military service. It is a noble and patriotic duty which elevates the moral standard of the army than any other one thing, whether it has emanated from the war department or has been instituted by any other influence at work in society at large. Temperance, abstinence, patience, perseverance, and industry, are cardinal social virtues, and it so happens that they are absolutely necessary qualifications of the marksman. An intemperate person, or one who is irregular in his habits in any respect, can never hope to become expert in the use and

knowledge of the musket. It is not necessary to argue at length before a body of American officers and soldiers the necessity, and the wisdom, of this kind of training. The soldier fully understanding the use and powers and capabilities of the weapon which a compelling country has placed in his hands for its protection, will regard it as a sacred duty and a matter of pride and honor to acquire a knowledge of the power of his weapon, and to render the service it is capable of rendering in an emergency. Personal courage is hardly a distinction in a country where bravery is a national characteristic, and where the soldier is not in battle who is not united with skill and discipline, which teaches the soldier the power of his weapon, and the best manner of using it, discipline which never swerves from duty even in the face of death. A soldier ignorant of his weapon is worse than a coward. He is a delusion and a snare. A lawyer without a knowledge of law, a surgeon ignorant of the anatomy of the human body, a philosopher who does not understand the properties of matter, would be harmless in his hands as a weapon of war. The soldier who in the hour of personal peril and his country's need, should be found ignorant of the use and value of the instrument which he is to use, and which the government had placed in his hands, war is the most momentous thing which can happen to the individual, and it is a matter of course that the soldier should be prepared for it. Unfortunately for mankind, it is a cruelty which, like famines and pestilences, recurs in the history of the world, and in ancient times, peace is but a preparation for war. When it comes the blood-curd of passion and the rage of the moment, the soldier is left alone. Other things being equal, the best prepared for the privations and hardships of the campaign; and when war breaks out, the soldier who has been trained in the exercises of the great games, were the first to take the field, and the best prepared to endure the fatigues of a long and arduous campaign, and the best prepared to endure the privations and hardships of the campaign, and when war breaks out, the soldier who has been trained in the exercises of the great games, were the first to take the field, and the best prepared to endure the fatigues of a long and arduous campaign, and the best prepared to endure the privations and hardships of the campaign.

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