

TEACH AMERICANS TO SHOOT

Most Serious Handicap of Today is Art of Hitting Target. BIG LEEWAY IN CASE OF WAR If Rifle Clubs Were Organized and Old Arms Given Them by Uncle Sam, Many Laymen Crack Shots Would Be Developed.

With the call for volunteers hanging in the balance, again we are faced with the alternative of sending untrained youths from their homes to the battlefield. All experiences of the past, however bitter, have been disregarded by our lawmakers when it comes to providing for partial training of those young men who will constitute the major portion of our army in case of war.

A long step in the right direction has been taken by the present congress when it enacted into law, through a paragraph in the army appropriation bill, authority for the War Department to issue rifles and ammunition free to civilian rifle clubs and school cadet corps.

The enactment of this legislation marks the beginning of a revival of the noble sport of marksmanship in this country, as it will enable many thousands of our young men, who could ill afford to dig down in their pockets and purchase rifles and ammunition, to devote some portion of their time to training in marksmanship.

It is a fundamental principle of national defense that citizens should be trained in the use of the service rifle. Rifle instruction is the keynote of national defense in Switzerland. If we were to train our citizens in the same proportion as that small republic, we would have about 2,000,000 trained civilian expert riflemen.

A serious handicap to the proper development of this movement is the lack of rifle ranges. With the growth of cities and the increasing value of land generally, rifle ranges have been swept away by the onward march of progress until there are very few large ranges left in the country.

Optimistic About Results. The assistant secretary of war, Hon. Henry Beckwith, under whose supervision the issue of rifles and ammunition will be made to rifle clubs, is very optimistic concerning the results that will accrue to the government from a wise and efficient administration of the act.

Difficult Piece of Canal Work Finished. PANAMA, May 23.—One of the most bothersome pieces of work on the canal has just been completed. For over four months work has been in progress on the dike known as Cano Saddle, which was built to prevent Gatun lake from running into the Atlantic ocean.

ALL EUROPE IS WATCHING US

Arthur L. Palmer Writes Brother Countries Anxious About Mexico. DO NOT TRUST UNCLE SAMUEL England About the Only One that is Not Regarding Reprisal as Step to Appropriate Sister Republic.

CHRISTIANIA, May 23.—The western half of the Scandinavian peninsula, like the eastern half, has become agitated by the problem of national defense. The campaign for a strengthened armament appears almost daily to assume some new phase of popular interest, and it is believed that the common demand for protection against encroachment by any of the European powers may bring Norway and Sweden together again to the extent of a defensive alliance.

The Norwegian Parliament has recently been popularly criticized for its ardent faith in peace treaties. It has been conspicuous in the peace movement ever since it was entrusted by the late Alfred Nobel with the distribution of the Nobel Peace prize each year, and further it has during the last seven years refused to ratify any of the peace treaties.

The people of the Scandinavian peninsula—whether they be Norwegian or Swedish—have no thought of expansion, but want to be kept out of the political turmoil which during the last few years has agitated Europe.

It is evident that the people of Norway are soiling more and more to this view and it is doubtful if the Norwegian Parliament and the radical cabinet, which is not yet alarmed over the political situation in Europe, will be able to resist the general call from the people for strengthening the defenses.

Norwegian Paper Wins Libel Suit of Canadian Pacific. CHRISTIANIA, May 23.—The question of Norwegian emigration to Canada has been brought into prominence by the trial of a libel suit against the editors of the Attenpost brought by the agent of the Canadian Pacific railway.

Soldiers Killed by Wind of Projectile. PARIS, May 23.—Curious confirmation of the belief that men can be killed and wounded by the wind of passing projectiles was given in a paper by Prof. Laurent of Brussels, read recently before the French Academy of Science.

Always. There always is a petition of some kind to be signed. Always there is an insurance premium or a tax assessment or a bill that you were not expecting.

WILL TEST PERFECT RATION

Shackleton Party Will Make Winter Trip in Northern Norway. THIRTY-FIVE OUNCES EACH DAY Potency of Food Evolved by Royal Army Medical Corps for Polar Travel to Be Given a Practical Trial.

LONDON, May 23.—With the thoroughness which has always characterized his work, Sir Ernest Shackleton is about to make a preliminary trial expedition under Arctic conditions in the glaciers of Norway. This will be for the special purpose of testing the rations for his trip across the Antarctic continent, which he hopes to make in four and a half months time.

They have, with the aid of the Royal Army medical corps, evolved the "perfect ration." It will average only thirty-five ounces daily, as compared with the three pounds or more consumed by the average man, but it is believed it represents the highest nutritive value for polar travel.

FIGHT ON TOBACCO COUPONS Independent Retailers Seeking National Legislation Against the Gift System. Independent retail tobacconists of New York City have formed a committee to urge the passage of a law to put a tax on tobacco coupons such as are given away by the United Clear Stores company.

Profit Sharing in Montana. Whiskered Horse Doctor of Lewistown Beat Henry Ford to It. "Henry Ford isn't the first man to share big profits in a concern and make the lowest wage \$5 a day," a six-footer from Great Falls, Mont., said at a New York hotel recently.

Bertha Engaged. The ark was about to leave the dock for a famous fishing party to be held on "All aboard" called Noah. "All passengers aboard!"

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BALFOUR ADMITS FAILURE

Unionist Leader Now Sees Home Rule for Ireland Must Come. YIELDS TO AVERT A CIVIL WAR Says He Has Worked All His Life in Hope People Would Have Common Heritage and Common Loyalty.

LONDON, May 23.—The speech of Arthur Balfour in the recent debates in the House of Commons on home rule, wherein the former leader of the Unionist party admitted the failure of his long life efforts toward maintenance of the Union, was one of the most eloquent in the recent history of parliament.

Still Opposes Home Rule. Mr. Balfour is much in the same position. He is one of the last to admit that home rule, in some form or another, is now inevitable.

Plan of Trip. The Endurance, which is to operate on the opposite side of the Antarctic, will leave England early in August for Buenos Aires, whence it will finally start for the Antarctic in October.

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BOY AERONAUT DROWNED IN MISSISSIPPI NEAR ALTON

ALTON, Ill., May 23.—Robert Cowan, an 18-year-old aeronaut, was drowned in the Mississippi here last night when the balloon in which he was soaring dropped into the stream.

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