RULES OF MODERN WAR.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES WHICH MUST BE OBSERVED.

Protection of Persons and Property —Deserters and Prisoners of War—Flags of Truce.

War has its horror as well as its glory, its requiem of sorrow as well as its paean of triumph; and it has its laws as well. In the present crisis, when the dust of battle seems almost ready to sweep down upon us, it is well to know just what regulations would prevail should the Spanish forces invade our territory, or should the United States army or navy carry the war into the enemy's camp.

A war is not a lawless thing. The dignity of government is there, and that dignity is recognized by every civilized nation. The United States has its instructions for the government of armies in the field, and just what actions are lawful and what are unlawful are very clearly defined. These instructions were prepared by the late Francis Lieber at the request of the War Department, and were issued to the army in 1863. They are stil in force, and constitute the standard as to the rules of war on land.

The instructions begin with a definition of martial law, which takes the place of criminal and civil law in times of hostility. We learn that war is not carried on by arms alone. It is lawful to starve the hostile belligerent, armed and unarmed, so that it leads to the speedier subjection of the enemy. When the commander of a besieged place expels the non-combatants in order to lessen the number of those who consume his stock of provisions, it is lawful, though an extreme measure, to drive them back, so as to hasten a surrender.

Commanders, whenever admissible, inform the enemy of their intention to bombard a place, so that the non-combatants, especially the women and children, may be removed before the bombardment commences. But it is no infraction of the common law of war to omit thus to inform the enemy. Surprise may be a necessity. In modern wars protection of the inoffensive citizen of the hostile country is the rule; privation and disturbance of private relations are the exception.

WAR AS TO RETALIATION.

On the subject of retaliation, instructions are set forth as follows: Peace is the normal condition of nations; war is the exception. The ultimate object of all modern war is a renewed state of peace. The more vigorous wars are pursued the better it is for humanity. Sharp wars are brief.

Ever since the formation and co-existence of modern nations, and ever since wars have become great national wars, war has come to be acknowledged, not to be its own end, but the means to obtain great ends of state, or to consist in defense against wrong, and no conventional restriction of the modes adopted to injure the enemy is any longer admitted; but the law of war imposes many limitations and restrictions on principles of justice, faith and honor.

The law of war can no more wholly dispense with retaliation than can the law of nations, of which it is a branch. Yet civilized nations acknowledge retaliation as the sternest feature of war. A reckless enemy often leaves to his opponent no other means of securing himself against the repetition of barbarous outrage. Retaliation will therefore never be resorted to as a measure of mere revenge, but only as a means of protective retribution, and, moreover, cautiously and unavoidably. That is to say, retaliation shall only be resorted to after careful inquiry into the real occurrence and the character of the misdeeds that may command retribution.

Unjust or inconsiderate retaliation removes the belligerents further and further from the mitigating rules of a regular war and by rapid steps leads them nearer to the internecine wars of savages.

PROTECTION TO PROPERTY AND PERSON.

In this connection, under the rules of law, a victorious army appropriates all public money, seizes all public movable property until further direction by its Government, and sequesters for its own benefit or that of its Government all the revenues of real property belonging to the hostile nation or Government. As a general rule, however, the property belonging to churches or hospitals, educational or charitable institutions shall not be considered public property.

The United States acknowledge and protect in hostile countries occupied by them religion and morality, strictly private property, the persons of the inhabitants, especially those of women, and the sacredness of domestic relations. Offenses to the contrary shall be rigorously punished. Private property, unless forfeited by crimes or by the offences of the owner, can be seized only by way of military necessity, for the support or other benefit of the army of the United States.

All wanton violence committed against persons in the invaded country, all destruction of property, unless authorized by the commanding officer; all robbery, all pillage or sacking, even after taking a place by main force, all rape, wounding, maiming or killing of such inhabitants are prohibited under the penalty of death, or such other severe punishment as may seem adequate for the gravity of the offence.

A soldier, officer or private, in the act of committing such violence, and disobeying a superior ordering him to abstain from it, may be lawfully killed on the spot by such superior.

DESERTERS AND PRISONERS OF WAR.

Deserters from the United States army, having entered the service of the enemy, suffer death if they fall again into the hands of the United States. A prisoner of war is a public enemy armed or attached to the hostile army for active aid, who has fallen into the hands of the captor, either fighting or wounded, on the field or in the hospital, by individual surrender or capitulation. Citizens who acompany an army, such as sutlers, reporters or contractors, if captured, may be made prisoners of war, and be detained as such.

The enemy's chaplains, surgeons, apothecaries, hospital nurses and servants, if they fall into the hands of the American army, are not prisoners of war, unless the commander has reason to retain them. A prisoner of war is subject to no punishment for being a public enemy, nor is any revenge wreaked upon him by the intentional infliction of any suffering or disgrace by cruel imprisonment, want of food, mutilation, death or any other barbarity.

Prisoners of war are subject to confinement or imprisonment such as may be deemed necessary on account of safety. They may be required to work for the benfit of the captor's Government, according to their rank and condition. Those who attempt escape may be killed in flight. In case of a conspiracy for the purpose of a general escape the conspirators may be rigorously punished, even with death.

Outposts, sentinels or pickets are not to be fired upon, except to drive them in or when a positive order, specified or general, has been issued to that effect. The use of poison in any manner is wholly excluded from modern warfare, and he who uses it places himself out of the pale of the law and usages of war.

Whoever intentionally inflicts additional wounds on an enemy already disabled or kills such an enemy, or who orders and encourages soldiers to do so, shall suffer death, if duly convicted, whether he belongs to the army of the United States or is an enemy captured after having committed his misdeed.

SPIES AND FLAGS OF TRUCE.

Scouts or single soldiers, if disguised in the dress of the country or in the uniform of the army hostile to their own, employed in obtaining information, if found within or lurking about the lines of the captor, are treated as spies, and suffer death. Armed prowlers, by whatever names they may be called, or persons of the enemy's territory who steal within the lines of the hostile army for the purpose of robbing, killing or of destroying bridges, roads, canals or telegraph wires are not entitled to the privileges of the prisoner of war.

A spy is defined as a person who secretly, in disguise or under false pretences, seeks information with the intention of communicating it to the enemy. The spy is punishable with death by hanging by the neck, whether or not he succeeds in obtaining the information or in conveying it to the enemy. If a citizen of the United States obtains information in a legitimate manner, and betrays it to the enemy, be he a military or civil officer or a private citizen, he shall suffer death. The law of war, like the criminal law regarding other offenses, makes no difference on account of the difference of sexes concerning the spy or the traitor.

The bearer of a flag of truce cannot insist upon being admitted. He must always be admitted with great caution. Unnecessary frequency is to be carefully avoided. If the bearer of a flag of truce offers himself during an engagement, he can be admitted as a very rare exception. It is no breach of good faith to retain such a flag of truce, if admitted during an engagement. Firing is not required to cease on the appearance of a flag of truce in battle.

If the bearer of a flag of truce, presenting himself during an engagement, is killed or wounded, it furnishes no ground of complaint whatever. If it be discovered, and fairly proved, that a flag of truce has been abused for surreptitiously obtaining military knowledge the bearer of the flag is deemed a spy.

It is customary to designate by certain flags, usually yellow, the hospitals in places which are shelled, so that the besieging army may avoid firing on them. It is justly considered an act of bad faith to deceive the enemy by flags of protection. Such acts of bad faith may be good cause for refusing to respect such flags.

In the matter of naval warfare the laws of war are not so clearly defined. This is natural, inasmuch as the possible loss to personal property is not so great, and at sea only those directly implicated in the engagement are to be considered. There are no non-combatants in naval warfare.

The main issue is that of privateering. By the declaration of Paris, the signatory Powers declared privateering abolished. This declaration has been acceded to by all maritime Powers except the United States, Spain and Mexico. So in case of a brush with the Spaniards, privateering will probably be recognized by both Governments.

The United States have taken a somewhat varying position toward privateering After the revolutionary war treaties were made providing for its abolition. During the war of 1812 privateering was extensively practiced, but during the Mexican war it was not indulged in by either side. In 1856, when it was proposed to the United States to accede to the declaration of Paris, the Government declined unless private property at sea was exempted from capture.

In 1863, during the civil war, a law was passed by Congress providing for the issuing of letters of marque and reprisal by the President, but the law was never put into execution. The United States still maintains the right to issue letters of marque and reprisal to the fullest extent, and it is only a question of policy which would prevent its exercise in any war which might come along.

PRIVATEERING WOULD BE EXPENSIVE.

The conditions of modern naval warfare have lessened the desirability of privateering from the standpoint both of the privateer and the National Government. The prizes worth capturing now would be steamers, and for this reason privateers would necessarily be steamers also. The cost of steamers, of their maintenance and the difficulty of obtaining coal abroad would render privateering very uncertain and expensive, especially as the remunerative prizes would be the large, fast and probably partially armed merchant steamers without convoy. The difficulty of capturing these and getting them into port after capture would render privateering a very doubtful financial venture, especially as without proper adjudication and sale, which could only be done in a home port, the privateer would have no recompense.

Non-commissioned vessels have a right to resist when summoned to surrender to public ships or privateers of the enemy. The crews which make such resistance have belligerent privileges, and it is a natural consequence of the legitimateness of their acts that if they succeed in capturing their assailants the capture is a good one for the purpose of changing the ownership of the property taken and of making the enemy prisoners of war.—New York Herald.

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