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### NEW YORK NOTES.

M. Urbain, Gohier, a distinguished publicist and lecturer, sought to puncture American pride this week by declaring in an address before many transatlantic students at the College Lafayette that all the talk one hears of "American Energy" is the veriest buncombe, that is if one dines that other people are equally energetic.

"Americans are lucky, and have been highly favored by nature," he said. "They live in a new country abounding in riches. Real energy is represented by the French. Our struggle in life is infinitely keener. It is time Americans receive a few doses of brutal truth."

M. Gohier's frank attempt to upset a long-cherished belief has been the subject of much comment and comparison in French papers; and, not unnaturally, the Gallic press finds much to applaud in his laudation of French energy.

Patriotism runs high in France, and the patronage of home industries is a fixed principle. Therefore for a Parisienne of great prominence—and that Parisienne a Bonaparte—to go beyond the borders for her trousseau furnishes a cause for widespread comment and complaint. Yet that is precisely what the beautiful Princess Marie Bonaparte has done. Ignoring the marvelous work of the couturiers of the Rue de la Paix she has gone to Austria to have bulled the marvellous outfit which she is to possess as the bride of Prince George of Greece.

Such an affront to the artistic pride of France will not easily be forgiven. They feel those things deeply here, and now Princess Marie finds herself highly unpopular. As to the trousseau, it is indescribable in the language with which a mere writing man is familiar. There are sixty-five different costumes complete, a hundred hats, a profusion of costly furs and sables, acres of linen, and piles of dainty lingerie. The lingerie alone cost \$80,000, and the complete outfit is declared to be the costliest and

most elegant since the days of the Third Republic. As a sop to her Parisian censors, the Princess has allowed her trousseau to be displayed publicly.

No one has yet risen, however, with boldness enough to question American pluck. The Figaro this week devotes a column to what it calls a true story of this admirable quality.

It appears that Mr. Blank, of America, recently had profits in a copper deal amounting to a "score of millions" ("whether francs on dollars, we are left in ignorance.") Just as he and his wife were going down to dinner at their hotel, a cablegram was received announcing Mr. Blank's complete ruin by a fall in the price of stock.

"With a charming smile," continues the Figaro, "Mrs. Blank told him to brace up. Then, without the slightest appearance of worry, bedecked with her finest jewels, which she was wearing for the last time, she entered the dining room. There were host of friends and acquaintances there who knew what had happened. Their looks of inquiry were met with the usual smile. It was great pluck."

The experiment of producing American plays in Paris has proved highly profitable. At the Olympia "The Belle of New York" is just ending a successful run of nine months, and "The Prince of Pilsen" is already in rehearsal.

The managers of Olympia are determined to make the French version as nearly as possible like the Broadway production. With this end in view they have induced Col. Savage to send them eight of his representative chorus girls. The latter arrived this week and occupied four boxes at the Olympia. They attracted almost as much attention as the play itself. With such fair prospects, the Parisian Johnny is preparing for a delightful winter.

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### PROMOTE PRACTICE

National Board to Consider the Merits of Rifles.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 20.—

"Shall the National Rifle Matches of 1908 be shot with the Krag or the new Springfield?" is one of the most important matters which will come before the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, at its annual meeting in Washington next January. There is some question as to whether the ordnance department will be able to supply the new Springfield, of "Model 1903", as it is officially designated, to the National Guard in time for the outdoor practice of 1908. Obviously it would be unfair to require the teams to use in the matches rifles, to which they had been unable to accustom themselves in spring and summer practice. At the same time all authorities agree that the militia should be armed with the same weapon as the regular army and as the latter will soon be completely equipped with the model 1903, the equipment of the militia should speedily follow.

The new Springfield would long since have been in the hands of the National Guard had it not been for changes in the ammunition, which, while greatly increasing the range and efficiency of the weapons, necessitated re-chambering and thus delayed their issue. A new powder has also been adopted, calculated to reduce the erosion attendant on high velocity, and it may take some time to secure a sufficient supply of this powder. General Crozier, chief of ordnance, expects to be able to state definitely by January 1, whether the War Department will be in a position to honor requisitions for the 1903 model for equipping the militia in time for spring practice. As many of the Krags now in the hands of the militia have sadly worn barrels, it is hoped the new rifles can be issued in the spring to avoid the expense of drawing new Krag barrels only to be shortly discarded for the new Springfields.

The National Board will also determine the place of holding the national matches of 1908. It is generally understood they will again be held at Camp Perry, Ohio, which range will be extensively improved by next August. The National Rifle Association has already endorsed Camp Perry. Among other matters to be considered at the January meeting will be the increasing work of the National Board. In 1903 Congress created the Board and provided for three national matches, a rifle team, an individual rifle and an individual pistol match. A small appropriation was made for the national matches, a magnificent trophy was provided for the team match. From a handful of teams the competition has grown until next year every state and territory will probably be represented. In addition to the money the army and navy expend in rifle practice, \$500,000 is now annually given to the states and territories for this purpose. To handle the National matches this year required the services of considerably more than one hundred regular army officers and two battalions of infantry. The importance of the National Board has grown with the tremendous increase of interest in the sport and in many quarters it is felt that some steps should be taken toward the organization of at least a skeleton corps to handle the matches from year to year. While the National Matches have not increased in number the National Rifle Association is adding to its prize list each year and the two series being shot on the same range and one after the other, an attractive program is presented covering two weeks. It has been suggested that the prize list of the National Matches be increased, not so much in amounts as in the number of prizes, especially in the National Individual Match, which this year had over 700 entries.

In connection with the revived interest in rifle practice the War Department is highly gratified at the program being made in the organization of Rifle Clubs throughout the country, including military and civilian clubs, practicing with tary and civilian clubs, practicing with Association, under the energetic direction of General James A. Drain, its president, is especially active in organizing such clubs, and Lieutenant Albert S. Jones is now devoting his entire time to the work of the N. R. A., of which he has been secretary for a number of years. Affiliation with this association obtains for the clubs many favors in

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While much attention is paid to the firing of great guns in the navy, the blue jackets are quite as noted for their skill with small arms. To Commander Sims, now naval aide to President Roosevelt, may be ascribed a large share of the credit for the excellence in rifle shooting displayed by the navy, as it was under his direction that the work assumed its present activity. In the National Rifle Matches this year the navy won the team match, Midshipman W. A. Lee, of the Naval Academy, won the National Individual Rifle Match and the National Pistol Match, and Midships H. T. Smith, also of the Naval Academy, carried off the title of military champion. The navy has a splendid range at Guantanamo, Cuba, and utilizes other ranges wherever available. Practice is expected at least once in each six months and a number of prizes are awarded, the amounts depending on the number of men qualifying from each ship's crew. The last available report shows qualifications in the navy as follows: 38 sharpshooters and marksmen; 374 first-class; 1019 second-class; 1739 third-class; and 5312 as fourth class.

To further encourage rifle and revolver shooting, especially on the superb range at Sea Girt, N. J., the Sea Girt Tournament Association has been organized with Brigadier-General R. Heber Breintnall, president; Colonel Charles A. Reid, vice-president; and Brigadier-General Bird W. Spencer, secretary and treasurer. In addition to the above the Board of Managers will consist of Justice Charles W. Parker, of the N. J. Supreme Court, Lieutenant-Colonel William Libbey and Major Arthur Rowland. The new association will cooperate with the New Jersey State Rifle Association one of the oldest and most influential of the state organizations.

Read the Morning Astorian.

**He Fought at Gettysburg.**  
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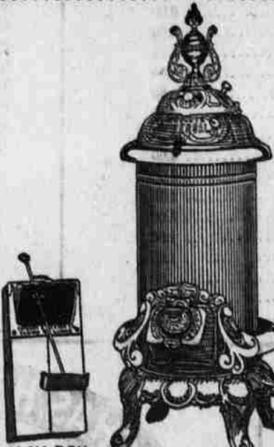
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