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Aerial Coast Defense

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The war in Europe has demonstrated the importance of the submarine in attack. Its defensive equivalent is the aeroplane. Both are individual battle-ships, just as the trench is an individual fort.

efficiency and permits them to cooperate. The problem of coast defense is thus changed entirely.

Once in attack aeroplanes come into action directly. Locating hostile ships, they direct gunfire from shore batteries and forts by dropping smoke bombs. That attack of German cruisers would probably never have been attempted had English coast defenses included at that point an efficient aerial patrol.

TREASURY DEFICIT \$100,000,000.
The following dispatch from the national capital, telling of the immensity of the treasury deficit which has come about during the last two years, is self-explanatory.

The treasury deficit today, as shown by the figures for the treasury receipts and expenditures for last Saturday turned the \$100,000,000 mark. This is the net excess of ordinary expenditures over revenue receipts.

For instance, last Thursday, the revenue receipts were in excess of expenditures by \$534,593, while on Wednesday the deficit was increased by an excess of ordinary expenditures amounting to \$1,077,350.

The grand total of receipts for the year down to the close of business Saturday has been \$507,299,931, and the disbursements \$606,399,727. Last year for the same day the figures were, total receipts \$547,417,350 and disbursements \$576,372,833.

DR. SHALLENBERGER
The Regular and Reliable Chicago Specialist, who has visited Ottumwa since 1903, will be at Ottumwa, Ballingall Hotel Thursday, May 13 (one day only) and return every 28 days.

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NEUROUS DEBILITY.
Are you nervous and despondent, easily excited and irritable, weak and debilitated, nervous, without ambition, energy or strength? Useless, easily fatigued; distrustful and without confidence in yourself? Have you sunken red or bloodshot eyes; pimples on your face; weak back, or deposit in urine?

The natural link between army and navy is the hydroaeroplane, equally effective over land and sea. It can put out from shore at a speed far greater than that made by any seagoing vessel; mount so high that it discovers ships hidden below the horizon from observers on shore, and return with the same swiftness to communicate its information.

Our coast line, bounding two oceans can not be fortified in the strict sense, nor do fortifications play the part they once did. These long stretches of sea coast and the line of the Panama Canal — so tender a spot that no one in the service willingly talks about it — must be protected by a combination of mobile land forces and sea power.

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customs receipts had been \$244,023,731, with which we have to compare this year a total of customs income of \$171,093,738.

At the same time there has been a falling off in customs there has been an increase in internal revenue collections, which, last year on the date named, had amounted to \$252,348,618, while this year they have brought in \$265,475,277.

It is understood that the year will show more individual taxables than last year, when about 357,000 persons paid Secretary McAdoo and Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Osborn have made it clear that they proposed this year to pursue the Osborn have made it clear that they proposed this year to pursue the Osborn have made it clear that they proposed this year to pursue the

MILITARY USE OF AEROPLANE.
Aeroplanes and submarines have helped to make the present war in Europe the most destructive and the most unique in history. The aeroplane especially has proved of wonderful defensive ability.

MOUNTING OBSTACLES.
When we look at the mountains, it seems as though it would be impossible to cross the range; yet as we mount our cayuse pony and start for the hills, we find little streams along which we wend our way upward.

We need to give eyes to the army and wings in the navy, a sufficient force of men and machines trained and ready, a chain of aircraft bases along the line of our coasts, and an auxiliary organization of hangar ships. The cost is small; an aeroplane costs just as much as one shot from a modern big gun, and takes one man, possibly two, to make it effective.

But the feature that recommends it most strongly to the practical, peace-believing American people is that all this aerial equipment can not only be used for practical purposes in time of peace, but should be so used to maintain it in a state of efficiency for possible war. A battleship can really be used only for battles, and deteriorates rapidly whether used or not.

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wonder as much over the hills we have passed as we do at the hills ahead.

"Either forward or backward, the trail soon disappears. Yet as we go step by step, the way upward and onward shows the trail even though but a few yards at a time. We keep plunging along and finally cross the range into the next valley and we have accomplished what the tenderfoot would call an impossibility.

FLOOD PREVENTION.
If floods in Iowa are liable to do the same kind of damage that they do in California or Texas or Ohio, Iowa would be committing a crime to procrastinate longer in taking measures to straighten out the streams and take other measures looking to protection from floods.

The matter of flood prevention in Iowa is mostly a commercial one. Failure to protect against high water is merely poor business. By straightening the streams much land could be made navigable with very little additional expense and much land could be reclaimed and made to augment the record crops already produced in this state.

FIRE PREVENTION.
An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, runs the old adage and it certainly applies in the case of fire. Millions upon millions of dollars worth of damage is done by fires every year and a great big percentage of the loss occurs as the results of fires that a little care would have prevented.

Attention suits in which wealthy parents of romantic girls are the defendants, received a severe jolt in a New York court Monday. A gardener who had married his employer's daughter sued the father-in-law for \$250,000 because the girl left him and returned to her home.

people should therefore be directed to eliminating as far as possible spots where a blaze can start. A pile of rubbish makes an excellent place for starting a fire, oft-times the blaze being from spontaneous combustion.

The repeated charges of atrocities in connection with the European war remind one forcibly of an order issued by General Robert E. Lee, commander of the forces of the Southern Confederacy during the great American civil war.

During clean up week — which is now being observed — fire prevention should have an important part in the plans that are laid and the work that is done. Remove as far as possible the danger spots about your house and your place of business and then exercise care, and fire losses in Ottumwa will fall away to next to nothing for the unpreventable fires are a very small part indeed of the fires which occur during each year.

The money the administration is going to get out of the direct tax upon the people — the income and corporation tax — so far exceeds expectations that it is now believed that the treasury will hold out for some time yet without being compelled to issue the Panama canal bonds which under a protective tariff regime did not have to be issued.

Though admitting that he constantly conferred with the "bosses," Roosevelt emphatically denies that he was ever influenced in any of his official actions by anything the "bosses" suggested. When the records show that he acted as they suggested, he insists it was not because they wanted him to. Some witness for himself, is Teddy.

Irrigation makes it possible to raise good crops in portions of some of the western states. Iowa relies on good old fashioned rain to water its crops and Iowa is still leading all the agricultural states and drawing further away from the field every year.

Clean up week has not ended though many people have ended their cleanup. Have you made your place satisfactory from a standpoint of cleanliness and beauty?

Roosevelt denies that he received "advice" from political bosses of New York. He insists he merely "consulted" with them.

The normal condition of man is that of happiness. Worry is the result of artificial conditions.

Undertakers report that they don't remember any deaths due to kindness.

Dinner Stories

Mrs. Coddling was having some new window fixtures put up in her house one day, and she stood near by watching the workman.



"Don't you think that you have placed those fixtures too high?" she asked.

The workman was a stolid German and, making no reply whatever, continued to adjust the fixtures.

"Didn't you hear my question?" demanded Mrs. Coddling. "How dare you be so rude?"

The German gulped convulsively, and then, in the most gentle of voices replied: "I haf my mouth full of screws, and I could not speak till I swallow some!"

The colored population in a little Alabama town was having a race meet at the local fair grounds. An aged negro, whose shoes were slashed to give his gnarly toejoints air, sat in a seat on the grandstand.



As the horses turned into the home stretch the woman jumped up in the air, coming down squarely with all her weight on the infirm extremities of the old man.

"Uncle Zach, use awfully sorry!" she said.

"Dat's all right, honey," answered the old man gallantly. "I only hopes mah feet ain't too corrugated f'or wopah pleasure." — Saturday Evening Post.

"Everybody," observes a New York woman, "knows one or more of those conscientious egoists who cannot rid themselves of the notion that one can be trusted to carry out the simplest details of routine work without their personal supervision. "It was one of this sort who went west, leaving in his brother's care a parrot of which he was very fond.

west, leaving in his brother's care a parrot of which he was very fond. All the way out he worried about the bird, and at Chicago he sent his brother the following telegram: "Be sure to feed the parrot."

"Whereupon brother telegraphed back: "Have fed him, but he is hungry again. What shall I do next?"

"Jiggs seems awfully down hearted since his wife eloped with the chauffeur."

"No wonder. They smashed up his best car, and he had to foot the bill for repairs."

The guide suddenly halted the party of Americans.

"Ah, there comes the heir to the throne," he said, removing his hat as the royal equipage appeared.

The teacher was drilling the class in mental arithmetic.

"Now, boys," he said, "here is an easy one. A man desiring to go into business borrows a million dollars at 15 per cent for four years. What's the result? Quick!"

"Fifteen hands shot up and fifteen voices shouted in chorus: "The man goes broke."

"So the lady doctor jilted Bob?" "Yes. He called her a dear little duck, and she thought he meant to insinuate that she was a quack."

HUMANE SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED

PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR SPECIAL OBSERVANCE ON MAY 23

Des Moines, April 29—The American Humane association has designated Sunday May 23, "Humane Sunday." The day will follow "Be Kind to Animals Week" to be observed May 17 to May 22.

The association plans a special campaign of education in the public schools, churches and through newspapers in promoting humane treatment of animals and birds and justice toward children.

The Iowa Humane society is planning to secure good speakers to visit the schools of the city and state during "Be Kind to Animals Week" and address mass meetings of students.

The national association urges that public mass meetings also be held and that such meetings be preceded by a parade in which bands of mercy, Boy Scouts and school organizations participate. In many cities work horse parades will be held on Saturday before "Humane Sunday" in which prizes will be offered for different classes of horses exhibited.

The Iowa Humane society will request the clergymen of the state to observe in special manner "Humane Sunday." Placecards bearing the words "Be Kind to Animals Week" and like inscriptions will be displayed in shop windows and other conspicuous places.

PROSPECTS FINE FOR BUMPER CROP

PEOPLE NEAR WILLIAMSBURG EXPECT PLENTY OF FRUIT EXCEPT PEACHES

Williamsburg, April 28—The prospect for a bumper crop of fruit in the vicinity of Williamsburg was never better, for all kinds of fruit except peaches. F. O. Harrington, one of the leading horticulturists of the state makes this encouraging report.

Mr. Harrington lives seven miles east of town, and is surely a success in fruit raising, and can entertain with valuable information on fruit culture, almost any time, his friends desire to draw on his rich fund of knowledge.

The farmers are well along with their spring plowing and could be planting corn, if it was not considered too early in the season to do so.

POLICE STATION HAS FIGHTING MAN

Muscataine, April 29—The Muscataine police station housed a fighting guy. The prisoner whose name was not docketed but who is reported to have been a youthful tiller of the soil from near Letts, sought to give expression to his dislike of restraint by making a futile attempt to wreck the bummy. Not content with seeking to break the heavy iron rods protecting the windows of the bummy by heaving a heavy coal bucket against the grating he broke off the end of the gas jet and ignited the illuminant.

WORK ON RED X ROAD. Solon, April 29—The county road grading gang began work last week at the county line and will work south on the Red X road to Iowa City. A huge gas tractor pulling two graders is engaged in the work.

A cement gang started from Iowa City and is now at the J. B. Kasper place putting in a new cement bridge. One near the Bartarck farm and just south of the depot are also promised on this road.

MAN ACCUSED OF FORGERY IS HELD

Wapello, April 29—R. H. Boyd, whose home is in Missouri, is lodged in Louisiana county jail charged with forgery. He has been working for Wm. Newell and Monday came into town and went into the State Savings bank and cashed a check for \$90.00, and went out on the street. Cashier John Deihl suspected that all was not right and stepped to the door and requested him to come back a few moments. He did so and Mr. Deihl asked him to remain until he called up Mr. Newell and asked him if it was K. He threw the money which had

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CORNER STONE LAYING.
Van Horne, April 29—The cornerstone of the new Catholic church at Van Horne will be laid Sunday afternoon, May 2, at 3 o'clock. Very Rev. J. J. Gispatrik, D. D., will conduct the ceremonies and preach the sermon. The cornerstone was donated by Messrs Brunner-Pherna of Cedar Rapids.

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