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THE NEXT WAR.

A copy of the Revue Internationale (Paris) lately received here, contains a review of a book titled La Guerre. The book has created a sensation among the military men of Europe, because the author of it is Jean de Bloch, the celebrated military critic of Russia. He reviews the advances made in military science, and the works of Bismarck and other noted writers on military affairs, and his conclusions are startling. They are such as might be made in composing a sensational military romance, and yet they are drawn from the existing facts which are familiar to students of military matters. They are the conclusions of a learned man, who has no superior as a critic, and, who has tested them by the facts accomplished since 1870, the date of the Franco-Prussian war.

He declares that the modern guns and powder are so efficient that the losses in battle would now be four times as many as in the war of 1870. The new rifles are forty times more efficient than the rifles used in 1870, and the value of artillery is from twelve to fifteen times greater than it was at that date. Shells that exploded at that time into nineteen or twenty pieces are now broken into an average of two hundred and forty pieces. Cannister (bombe de font) that scattered forty-seven pieces or shots, in 1870, now distributes 1204 pieces, with the aid of pyroxline, and spreads six hundred and fifty-six feet at a distance of three thousand three hundred yards from the firing point. The author says that the Prussian General Rhone has stated that if 10,000 men were to attack a fort well armed, they would be met at a distance of 2000 yards from it with, for instance, 1450 discharges of artillery, which would carry 275,000 shot and shell. The attacking force, unless under cover, would be annihilated before it reached a point distant a mile from the fort.

Rifles and smokeless powder make the use of cavalry of little value. Nor can skirmishers advance. The artillery now in use is so deadly, a series of earth works on a battlefield are absolutely necessary.

Bloch cites the description of Captain M. Nigote of the French army as to the method of battle, if it were fought today in Europe. At a distance of 6000 yards it would begin with artillery on both sides. Men and horses would be swept down by the exploding shells and bullets. The great cannon of one army would disable the cannon of the other army. The advantage would be with the army that used the most artillery. After artillery fire, the infantry would advance. At 2000 yards the rifle bullets would take effect. There would be a hail storm of rifle balls over the field. The artillery not destroyed would cut up the attacking regiments. The field would be covered with the wounded and slain. When the reserves came up there would be maintained a space of 1000 steps across which neither line of attack could cross, because of the terrible discharge of bullets. Shells loaded with melinite would crush and utterly demolish houses and villages in the way of the marching forces. The dead on each side would be piled up into ramparts about 1000 steps apart behind which men would protect themselves. The battle would continue until the ammunition gave out, and the armies were used up.

The author says that if the French and Germans were to engage in another war similar to that of 1870, it might last a year, and in the end both sides would be exhausted, and nothing would be gained. The cost of such a war would be on each side ten thousand millions of francs, and the cost to Europe would be forty thousand millions of francs.

If the conclusion of the great writer on military affairs is correct, and the destructive power of modern weapons is so vast, it indicates a sufficient reason for general disarmament in Europe. So long as there is uncertainty as to the result of battle, nations will not disarm on any moral grounds. But if it is accepted as a fact that an army in a great battle cannot obtain the victory over another great army, and the result will be destruction without results, there will be a tendency to disarm. For even a comparatively small army will be able to destroy any attacking force.

In the order of the evolution of "God-like men," the power to utterly exterminate each other seems to precede the desire to enter into a general brotherhood. Like two frontier ruffians who get the "drop" on each other at the same instant, and then shake hands and "take something" together instead of making a mutual extermination, the nations, finding that war means mutual destruction, will resort

to other devices like card playing, golf or the drawing of lots, in their efforts to get the advantage of each other.

LIMIT OF FREE SPEECH.

Mr. Edward Atkinson's open avowal, and defense, of his conduct in sending pamphlets to our soldiers in the Philippines, which tend to discourage them in the prosecution of the war, brings up sharply the question of the rights and duties of a citizen. While we believe that Mr. Atkinson's views are wrong, there is this to be said on his behalf. He has the right under the Constitution and laws to differ from the views of the Administration, and of all other citizens. He has the right also to tell his fellow citizens who are in the army what he thinks about public affairs. They also have the right to think and talk about the necessity and conduct of the war, because they also are citizens who with other citizens, must determine the policy of the nation. Mr. Atkinson has the lawful right to convince them that the war policy is wrong, just as another person has the right to convince them that the war policy is sound and correct.

This case illustrates what the French writer de Tocqueville called the "tyranny of democracy." He says that, theoretically, free speech is tenderly protected in a democracy, but in practice, the majority have no bowels of compassion for the minority, and like to regard those who differ from them as traitors and scoundrels, and do not hesitate to crush them politically and financially if they can do so by laws. And there is also a considerable percentage of persons in a democracy who would like to see all those who differ from them banished from the country.

We have the right to assume that American citizens in our Philippine army are capable of passing upon the merits of our policy quite as well as Mr. Atkinson can, and that he cannot make them discontented in a just cause. To assume that he can do any mischief by circulating his pamphlets among them is to assume that our soldiers are fools and lack intelligence. Indeed, the evidence is that the soldiers understand the issues involved in the war quite as well as Mr. Atkinson does. Moreover, he will not be able to influence the Regulars who have enlisted to obey orders and fight. To advocate the suppression of Mr. Atkinson would be to urge the adoption of the old practice that put a man in prison when he disagreed with the ruling power.

A NEW BANK.

The First American Bank of Hawaii, as the predecessor of the First National Bank of Hawaii, will date its origin from today. It is the necessary outgrowth of the increasing business of these Islands, and will go into operation at a time when banking facilities are much needed. The men who have organized this bank are men of experience and reputation, and will place its service upon the very best basis. The subject of banking facilities will be discussed later.

Tree Planting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Agriculture was held yesterday morning in the Judiciary building, Minister Damon presiding. Messrs. Herbert, King, Jordan and Taylor were present. The matter of appointment of a Commissioner and Secretary was deferred for the present. The planting of trees along the Beach Road was discussed by the Board and will be a matter for further action at a special meeting to be held next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Matinee Band Concerts.

This afternoon at Emma Square the band will play the following:

- March—Albanian Hall
Overture—Jolly Students Suppe
Waltz—Laura Millocker
Selection—The Geisha Jones
Fantasia—The Czarina Ganne
Pinale—On the Millstream Ellenburg
The Star Spangled Banner.

The regular Sunday matinee concert will be given tomorrow at Makee Island with the following selections:

PART I.

- Old Hundred.
Overture—Peter Schmoil Weber
Romance—Ebel Conterno
Gaavotte—Farewell Kappay
Grand International Musical Con- gress Sousa

PART II.

- Cornet Solo—That Low, Soft Re- frain Itzel
Mr. Charles Kreuter.
Selection—Sullivan Songs Godfrey
Fantasia—Goldbeetles Soiree Kling
Overture—Masaniello Auher
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EXERCISE

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TIMELY TOPICS

April 12th, 1899.

The cool weather we are having now won't last long, all probabilities are that after this cold snap is over we may have hotter weather than ever we had before. If this is the case, we would advise you to secure some means of keeping your butter and vegetables fresh, and at the same time making your ice bill a small item of expense.

If you are open for suggestions let us mention a few things about our

Alaska Refrigerators.

We can honestly say it is the best constructed refrigerator ever put on the market. It will keep provisions longer and use less ice than any other made.

The inner frame is made from perfectly odorless wood, and is lined with zinc, polished as bright as a mirror, presenting a very clean and attractive appearance.

They are also supplied with Patent Syphon and solid metal shelves. Our space will not permit us to say anything more in regard to this article, so we would like you to call and inspect them yourself. We have them in all sizes and are from \$15 to \$500.

If you get more ice than your refrigerator will hold we would advise you to get one of our

Ice Chests.

We also have them in all sizes, from \$8.50 to \$25.00.

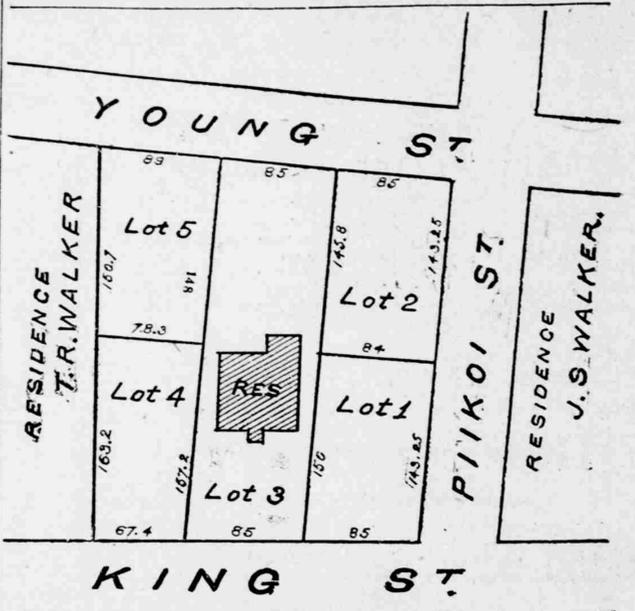
We have just received some very pretty

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These coolers have wrought iron lining, with pure agate enamel, preserving the water and freeing it from metallic oxide, which is impossible to avoid with ordinary lining. Sizes are 2, 3 and 6 gallons, and range in prices according.

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