

# THE GAME OF WAR

UNCLE SAM'S SOLDIERS AT THEIR SUMMER MILITARY PRACTICE



BLACK RIVER, SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE NEW CAMP.

Fair Peace is winning her way into the hearts of the world powers slowly but surely, so that the probability of Grim War breaking forth in one of his wild tantrums is growing less and less likely, and yet there is always the possibility that the giant will awake and it is the part of wisdom, so the nations feel, to learn the war game during the reign of the afore-said fair Peace. This is particularly true of the European powers, but while the military establishment of the United States is insignificant as compared with those of her neighbors across the Atlantic, there is the same purpose and ambition to practice the arts of war and to work out the problems which would be met with in the case of actual conflict.

This strife for military and naval efficiency has developed an elaborate scheme of summer campaigning so that the army of the east and the army of the west, together with the coast defenses and the navy, are kept busy in field operations and naval maneuvers as they are at no other time of the year.

Interest in this war game centers in the east, because there not only the soldiers, but the navy and the coast defenses enter into the spectacular display, which will continue through June and well into July. Hostile fleets will sail through the lower bay at New York. Troops will go tramping through the streets or across the fields to defend the fortifications. Real shells ranging from 6 to 12 inches, driven by full charges of powder, just as if war were in full progress and New York were being assailed by a great fleet of battleships, will screech through the air and plow the waters of the harbor.

There are doubtless persons who will wonder why shells of such gigantic proportions should be distributed over the waters of the lower bay, the gateway of half of the foreign commerce of a nation of 80,000,000 people. "Can't this practice at shooting be done where there is less danger of doing damage?" perhaps the thoughtless will ask. An army officer, if he thought himself privileged to talk, would reply that New York would be one of the choice pickings of war and that it is essential to have practice in the manipulation of the engines for protecting the city if it is to be protected properly.

In the coast defense work in the fortifications there will be not only firing at targets and practice in detecting at night the approach of an enemy's fleet as personated by a few government tugs, but the solving of such problems as this:

"The enemy has landed a force of

50,000 men at Long Branch with the intention of approaching the fortifications of New York in the rear and cutting them off."

This will set the officers in command to studying methods of protecting the fortifications. They will issue orders, and the troops will take the positions they would occupy in real war.

It is a busy time with the department of the east, for the burning of powder at Forts Wadsworth and Hamilton will be a modest part of the warlike operations which will be carried on under the direction of Maj. Gen. Grant, commander of the department. There will be similar operations at the fortifications about Baltimore, at both ends of Long Island sound, along the shores of Narragansett bay and about Boston harbor. There will also be a camp of instruction at Pine Plains, a level stretch of land bordering on the curving reaches of the Black river at Felt's Mills, about nine miles from Watertown, N. Y., including the solution of problems which the popular mind, untrammelled with technicalities of a military or any other nature, delights to style sham battles.

Altogether there will be about 20,000 men engaged. Of these about 11,500 will discover the taste of the dust of Pine Plains, while the remainder will be learning how to protect their ear-drums in the fortifications. A large proportion of these troops will be militia from the states of Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont, there being less than 3,000 regulars at Pine Plains.

Gen. Grant, who is to command the troops at the camp of instruction in person, when asked what he hoped to learn from the work, said:

"I am the teacher, so you could hardly expect that I would learn anything from the problems themselves. I hope to get better acquainted with both the regulars and the state troops the personnel and the personal equation. I expect to learn what the different officers can do best. The value of this is that in case of need I would know how to assign the officers and troops."

"The state militia as a whole is more effective now than four years ago. The improvement has been greater in some states than in others. This is due to the greater interest manifested in some states. There is an increasing interest in all the states and a very great interest in many of them. There is more hard work being done from a military point of view."

As long as there are typewriters, so long shall man dictate to woman.

## VANDERBILT'S LONDON FLAT.

Is on Sixth Floor and Costs Him Some \$13,000 Per Annum.

London. — Alfred G. Vanderbilt, whom the English press delight in calling "the richest young man in the world," has taken one of the most "swagger" flats in London. For the privilege of living on the sixth floor overlooking Piccadilly, the famous London thoroughfare, the American millionaire is paying \$10,000 a year. As the rent does not include rates and taxes there is an extra item of expense of about \$3,000 per annum. To the British public \$250 a week looks



Alfred Vanderbilt Lives in These Flats.

like a tall price to pay just to keep a flat roof over one's head, but to the scion of the Vanderbilts, with his experience of \$25,000 suites at the Astoria and one of \$60,000 at the new Plaza, it is a mere bagatelle.

So far as London is concerned the flats in which young Vanderbilt now is settled are the last word in their line. Nothing like them even has been attempted in that part of the world, and the American, with his trans-Atlantic ideas of unlimited expenditure, is the only person who as yet has had the nerve to rent one. They are built on the site of the mansion of the late duke of Cambridge and stand midway between the high class club district and Mayfair, the home of England's "four hundred." Next to them and stretching up Piccadilly to Apsley house, the town residence of the duke of Wellington, which abuts Hyde park, are the several residences occupied by the famous Rothschild family, the kings of finance.

The building in which Vanderbilt has taken up his quarters has a frontage on Piccadilly of almost 70 feet and on Park lane of about 200 feet. It is of gray granite, rather fantastically and ostentatiously ornamented with glazed green brick. There are six flats (over there they have not yet learned the nice distinction between flat and apartment), each one of which contains ten large bedrooms, three bathrooms, a number of smoking, billiard and drawing rooms, cloakrooms, kitchen, halls, boudoirs and a great ballroom. A man without any family with him ought to worry along on that.

## MAY SEEK HOPKINS' TOGA.

Friends of Congressman Foss Would Send Him to Senate.

Chicago.—George Edmund Foss, whose friends are urging him to become a candidate for the Re-



CONGRESSMAN G.E. FOSS

publican indorsement for United States senator at the primaries against Senator Albert J. Hopkins and former Senator William E. Mason, has been a member of the lower house of congress since 1895. He represents the Tenth district, extending along the north shore from Irving Park boulevard north to the Wisconsin state line. Mr. Foss is a lawyer and a native of Berkshire, Vt. He was born in 1863, graduated from Harvard university in 1885 and the Union College of Law in 1889 and has practiced in Chicago when not engaged with his duties as congressman. For several sessions he has been chairman of the naval committee, a position of much responsibility in the house.

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