

range by the weight of the missels thrown; but then he added that the real gun must be rifled, and that the Americans had been for years practicing just how much rifling was necessary to make the most effective guns in all the various sizes from the smallest to the utmost caliber.

If this is true, when the first enemy assails the United States there will be cannons to meet that will equal, if not excel, the best that the enemy has. It is further stated that the United States has more effective powder than any used by any other foreign power. And so it would seem that we will get along all right if the war comes.

Utter Desperation

THE sorriest indictment against Germany to date is her sinking of relief ships carrying food and clothing to starving, overwhelmed Belgium. This will come nearer than anything to bringing on a rebellion in Germany herself.

A woman reached New York from that distressed country recently, and is reported as saying: "We should have starved if it had not been for the United States." That the power which brought this fearful calamity upon Belgium should sink relief ships carrying to that starving people the absolute necessities of life, is something which all nations and peoples recoil before.

It shows how desperate must be the conditions in Germany and Austria, and makes one instinctively think of a shipwrecked crew in an open boat, the remnant living upon the corpses of those who have died.

A Treacherous Idiot

MANY indications point to the fact that Carranza of Mexico would, if he dared, openly declare his friendship for Germany.

That shows his innate treachery and, at the same time, his want of horse sense.

Suppose it possible in the war's upheaval for Germany to land a great army in Mexico; how long would Carranza be considered? And when does he imagine he would ever get that army out of Mexico?

Has he forgotten when a French army landed there to uprear and support a throne for Maximilian, how that army re-established the throne and restored all of the old oppressions of the people; and how helpless Mexico was under that rule until the United States sent Sheridan with a portion of the Grand Army of the Republic down to the Rio Grande, and a message was sent to Louis Napoleon that the United States believed that the health of the French soldiers would be improved by their taking a sea voyage?

Military Training

IN the eve of probable war, how different would we all feel had all the boys in our higher grade public schools and the boys in the high schools had regular military training as a part of the curriculum during the past twenty years. Regrets are idle, but we should heed the warnings that come to us and begin to prepare to make the future as secure as possible.

Wars are decided, as a rule, by the men behind the guns; and surely it is due them that they be given every needed accomplishment in case the call comes to them to go out and make of their bodies of breastwork between their country and their country's foes.

What are our schools for save to fit the youth of the land for life's duties?

THINGS have a look as though Germany, in the event of a war with the United States, plans to make Mexico her base of operations on

this side. But how is she to get any force there?

We might ask the same question of such Americans as are predicting that an American army will go to France. If we had the army to send, how could we send it, when we are not even able to send a shipload of food there for her starving poor?

THE peasantry of central Europe are adopting iron money. The little republic of Cuba is contemplating issuing scrip as its measure of values. The aristocracy of the United States shrink from having two quarters and a half dollar of silver in their clothes, lest their backs be broken by the great weight of the coins. It was old Billie, was it not, who made Puck explain: "What fools these mortals be?"

THE argument that Germany put out, pleading that Great Britain having blockaded her own ports against enemies, she is justified in sinking all ships approaching those ports, will not long carry the approval of the German people themselves. It begins to look as though "whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

SO Mr. Gompers protests against the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the Adamson case.

It is not necessary. The court was certain it was right, even before its opinion was confirmed by the filing of the protest of Mr. Gompers.

IF Villa offers to agree not to make the United States trouble in case our country becomes involved in real war with Germany, the agreement, to be of any account, should be underwritten by Japan's allies, Great Britain and Russia.

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