

## APPROVES COURSE OF SHARPSHOOTING

Secretary of War Commends for Acceptance Work of Committee on Revolver Firing.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXPERT

Nine Thousand Marksmen Make Good in Pennsylvania—American Team Wins.

At the last annual meeting of the Interstate National Guard association a special committee was appointed to prepare a course of revolver firing for the organized militia. This course has been approved by the secretary of war and has been promulgated in Circular No. 74. The war department is not in a position to order the National Guard to observe this course, but it is commended for acceptance and will doubtless form the basis for qualifications. Those qualifying will be divided into three classes, viz: marksman, sharpshooter and expert. Target "A" with the 8-inch bullet will be used. The course for qualification as a marksman and as sharpshooter will be as follows: Fifteen and 25 yards, two scores rapid fire, 10 seconds to each score; 25 yards, two scores timed fire, 20 seconds to each score; 50 yards, two scores, slow fire, one minute to each shot. There are five shots to each score. The marksman qualification is 65 per cent, or 130 out of 200 points. The sharpshooter qualification is 80 per cent, or 160 out of 200 points. The expert qualification is 90 per cent, or 180 out of 200 points. The course for qualification as an expert is as follows: Fifteen and 25 yards, two scores rapid fire, 10 seconds to the score; 25 and 50 yards, two scores, timed fire, 20 seconds to each score; 75 yards, slow fire, 20 seconds to each shot. The expert qualification will be 80 per cent, or 160 out of 200 points. Those who qualify in the course will be designated as "revolver marksman," "revolver sharpshooter" or "revolver expert," and will be entitled to wear a suitable decoration.

### NINE THOUSAND QUALIFY.

Nine thousand marksmen qualified on the Pennsylvania rifle range during the past rifle practice season, which broke all records, more sharpshooters and experts having qualified than ever before in the history of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Almost the entire strength of the Fourteenth and Eighteenth Infantry qualified.

Asst. Quartermaster-General George B. H. Smith, who recently inspected Fort Benning in Georgia, has recommended the establishment of a rifle range there. He says that on the northwestern part of the reservation there is a piece of ground capable of being developed by grading, building and bridging streams into a fine target range with a five line 1,700 yards long. The Indiana National Guard has temporarily a range with the extreme limit of 1,000 yards on ground north of that referred to as available for a post range, and is now improving it by building an artificial butt and clearing the range of obstructions.

**AMERICAN TEAM WINS.**  
Subscriptions are being received by the National Rifle association toward a fund to provide suitable medals for the American rifle team which recently won the world-famous Palma trophy from teams representing Canada, Australia and England. In this match the American team broke all records by their phenomenal shooting. They averaged 214 points per man out of a possible 225 at 400, 500 and 1,000 yards. Seven of the eight broke the record for the match and six broke the world's record of 213 for the distance. The American team was made up of B. H. Smith, with match rifle and match sights. At 1,000 yards Sgt. George Bryant, N. Y. N. G. made 14 bulls out of 15 shots, his shot being a four just outside the bull. His total score was 74 out of 75 points. The world's record at 1,000 yards in a match. As the Palma trophy has once more returned to this country the next match will be shot on an American range. Many rifle-

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men hope that an international contest can be arranged for next year to include a number of European countries as well as England, Canada, and possibly Australia.

While the team expenses of the American team were paid, the members gave their time for several weeks without compensation and it is hoped a sufficient fund will be raised to give them suitable souvenirs of their overwhelming victory.

Believing that the efficacy of a soldier on the firing line in time of war depends on his ability to hit what he shoots at, the war department makes an addition to the soldier's pay, according to his demonstrated ability as a marksman. If they qualify as expert riflemen, they receive 23 months; as sharpshooters, 32 a month, and as marksmen, \$1 a month for one year. To hold this increase they must qualify annually. In the troops stationed in the United States there were last year 990 expert riflemen, 2,248 sharpshooters and 2,255 marksmen. In addition there were 5,829 first-class, 8,350 second-class and 4,094 third-class men. A comparison of these figures with those of 1905 shows that the list of expert riflemen increased from 2,472 to 2,475, the list of marksmen from 2,427 to 2,255. In addition the troops in the Philippines qualified 167 expert riflemen, 1,341 sharpshooters and 1,138 marksmen. The reports for 1907 are expected to show a marked increase in qualifications over last year.

### INTERESTING CONFERENCE.

Much interest attaches to a conference to be held in December between the executive committee of the National Guard association and the first division of the army general staff. By reason of the joint maneuvers between the army and the national guard, the increased appropriation for the guard and co-operation in rifle practice, the army and the guard have been drawn very closely together within the past few years. At the coming conference a number of important subjects will be taken up, including the question of the conforming of the militia to the organization of the army. Following the conference a national board for the promotion of rifle practice in Washington in the same month.

### MRS. DORA McDONALD.

Develops Symptoms of Insanity, Twice Trying to Commit Suicide.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Dora McDonald, widow of the late Michael C. McDonald, and who is under indictment for the alleged murder of her son, Michael, developed symptoms of violent insanity today, twice attempted to commit suicide at the home of her mother, Mrs. Martha Feldman. It was stated tonight that Mrs. McDonald will probably be sent to an insane asylum, instead of being brought into court to answer the charge of murder.

This morning Mrs. McDonald's brother, Emil Feldman, traced rumors of escaping fugitives to Mrs. McDonald's room and found his sister unconscious. She was restored with difficulty, and then attempted to jump from the window. Her cries attracted an immense crowd, and a riot call was sent to the Thirty-fifth street police station. This crowd was dispersed and Mrs. McDonald was taken to the home of her sister in another section of the city, where she is being closely watched.

### MARQUESS CITTO KIDNAPED.

Naples, Nov. 28.—A dramatic and sensational kidnaping has occurred here, the victim being Marquis Giuseppe Citto, a member of the most ancient aristocracy and a cousin and aide of the king. The marquis was seized and carried off to a grotto, where he was tortured and a letter to the marchioness demanding 500 lire extorted from him. He was found half-frozen and badly injured, and his condition is now considered desperate. One of his assailants was disguised as a policeman.

### JOHN PHILIP SOUSA, NOTED BANDMASTER, ILL.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—John Philip Sousa, the noted bandmaster and composer, is seriously ill at the Auditorium hotel here from the effects of pneumonia contracted in Milwaukee two days ago. He was unable to conduct the concert given by his band here tonight, being confined to his room in the care of a physician and trained nurse.

Mr. Sousa was taken ill at Milwaukee Tuesday night after a party of prairie chicken. He attempted to lead his band in the concert that evening, but after half the program had been played he was forced to return to his hotel. Medical treatment and a long rest until noon Wednesday constituted the first effect of the poison, and then his condition improved. He accompanied the musicians and last evening again attempted to yield the baton. His strength failed him, however, before the performance was completed, and for the second time he was forced to take to bed. The band arrived in Chicago this afternoon, and Mr. Sousa was at once placed in the care of a

physician at the Auditorium hotel. A diagnosis of the case revealed the bandmaster's condition as serious, and he was forbidden to undertake his work for several days. His place tonight was taken by Herbert L. Clarke. Sousa and his band are returning from an extended tour of the west. It is stated that the veteran musician has enjoyed the best of health on the trip, and for this reason it is not thought that his present illness will be lasting.

### MUST PROTECT ALL.

Justice Brewer Says No One Group Can be Allowed to Run Country.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Justice David Brewer of the supreme court of the United States, today spoke at the Mount Pleasant Congregational church in this city on "Our National Opportunities." While he dwelt especially on the power of Christianity to uplift the masses of the people and of its efficiency in bringing the immigrants who swarm to the United States into harmony with American institutions, he incidentally took occasion to speak of the influence of special interests on the welfare of the people.

"High and low, rich and poor," he declared, "should be protected. We can never come to the full measure of that truth so long as we permit any group of financiers, and persons and corporations to crush the individual, nor can we allow any labor organization to dictate any course we should follow."

### FRANK BELLOW'S MURDER.

Kleinschmidt Practically in Custody Some Days Before Arrest.

Berkeley, Cal., Nov. 28.—It has been learned that for several days before he was charged with the murder of Frank Bellow, Harry Kleinschmidt was practically in custody, and was being closely interrogated by the officers of justice. He had no suspicion of his intention of accusing him of the crime, and is said to have made many damaging confessions.

According to Diet-A. Brown and Chief of Police Vollmer, Kleinschmidt, during the sweating process to which he was submitted, unconsciously to

himself, told enough regarding the death of Bellow to strongly implicate himself in the case of murder which has been developed. His statements, made at various times, comprise 250 typewritten pages, and will be presented to the grand jury. The substance of them may be revealed, however, when the application for a writ of habeas corpus to secure his release comes up in court tomorrow.

### WOUNDS PROVED FATAL.

Kearney City, Nov. 28.—Christ Favor, the Greek who was wounded during a battle between seven Greeks and four robbers in the Missouri Pacific yards in the east sections last night, died today, and William Kelly, the robber who was wounded, is dying. Two of the robbers have not yet been apprehended. The two who were captured refused to talk.

### BELLE VS. BELLE.

Miss Sarah Reber Beats Miss Maude Weber in Suit for Stock.

Reading, Pa., Nov. 28.—The jury in the suit of Miss Sarah Reber against the executor of the late George F. Hageman for \$12,000 worth of national bank stock, today returned a verdict in favor of Miss Reber. Miss Reber and Miss Maude Weber, rival belles, were on opposite sides during the trial. Both claimed that Hageman spent his last evening in Reading with them. Miss Reber alleging that he showed her the stock at that time and told her it would be given to her. Hageman was killed in the wreck of the Shireburn train in California, on May 11, with a dozen other Reading people.

He was a tall, handsome man, and was very popular with the fair sex. His last words on being pulled out of the wreck were:

"Don't mind me; take care of the women."

### A PISTOL FIGHT.

Between Sheriff and Policeman and Five Men.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 28.—A pistol battle between a deputy sheriff and a special policeman, on one side, and a Chinaman and four white men, on the

other, took place in the park at Sixth and Alameda streets at 10 o'clock tonight, in which 30 shots were fired. Special Policeman D. G. Murdock, W. M. Ryan, a non-combatant, and Wong Leong, the Chinaman, were wounded. Wong Leong will die. He is in the hospital with nine bullet holes in his body. Murdock and Ryan are both shot in the leg and are not seriously injured.

### BIG FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—The Tosetti Brewing company and the Mullin Brewing company each suffered a loss estimated at \$100,000, in a fire that destroyed the malt house of both plants this afternoon. The establishments are located within a block of each other at Fourth and Butler and Fortieth and Wallace streets. The fire is thought to have originated in the Mullin plant from sparks from a passing locomotive, and was communicated to the Tosetti establishment through the lighting of gas which escaped from storage tanks in the latter's malt house.

### SWEARING IN DEPUTIES TO ENFORCE INJUNCTION.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 28.—The only development of the day in the injunction suits of the railroad lines against the state laws is the continual swearing in of deputies by the United States marshal. It is given out that the court is determined that there shall be the most absolute observance of its orders. It is anticipated here that the order will be disobeyed, as a test case is generally desired.

### THREE MINERS KILLED.

Houghton, Mich., Nov. 28.—Two miners were buried by a fall of rock last night in the Calumet & Hecla copper mine. Both were instantly killed. Today two more miners were buried in a similar manner at the Tamarrack mine. One was killed and the other may not recover.

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## Last day Pre-Christmas prices from the "Men's corner."

Non-shrinkable wool shirts and drawers—very splendid value at \$2.00 a garment. Special last day price	\$1.65
Fine worsted shirts and drawers—very splendid value. Special last day	\$1.25
Garment	95c
Fine merino shirts and drawers, worth \$1.00 the garment. Special last day price	68c
Finest natural wool suits, worth \$25.00 each. Special last day price	\$1.95
Fine gauntlet gloves, for driving or automobiling. Worth \$2.50 the pair. Special last day price	\$2.45
Fine negligee shirts, good stylish patterns, worth \$1.00 each. Special last day price	85c

East aisle—Main store.

## Last day Pre-Christmas prices in the linen and domestic department

Fifty short ends of table linens in high grade and less expensive kinds to close at less than cost prices.	
Two hundred dozen napkins in dozen and half dozen lots to close at prices way under the regular price.	
Entire line of odds and ends of towels, doilies, centerpieces, carving cloths and scarfs reduced to close.	
German velour fleece, worth 25c the yard. To close	15c
Saturday at	15c
Oil wool eldorado, full yard wide, worth 45c the	35c
Pure white heavy twill Shakerflannel, worth 15c yard	9c

Many practical minded people will find splendid Xmas gifts among the countless lines offered during our Pre-Christmas clearance sale—prices will be greatly to their advantage.

## Last day Pre-Christmas prices in the Juvenile section.

Odd line of children's dresses—good assortment of plaids and plain colors in sizes 8 and 12 years. These are excellent values at \$1.50 to \$25.00 each.	\$3.95
Boys' all wool pants—fine line of dark and medium mixtures, blue serges and chevrons—Sizes 3 to 16 years. Values \$1.25 the pair—Special last day price	59c

First floor—Annex.

## Last day Pre-Christmas prices in the ready-to-wear section

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Women's handsome walking and dress skirts of voile, Panama, broadcloths, fine worsteds, taffetas, etc. Colors are blue, black, brown. Worth \$6.75 to \$35.00 each—Choose at	1-3 off

First floor—Annex.

## Last day Pre-Christmas sale prices in the women's handkerchiefs and trimmings.

A very splendid line of hand embroidered linen initial handkerchiefs—initial in corner—broken line—Choose at	25c
A very excellent handkerchief. Fine Armenian lace edge—body of pure linen—Fine for Xmas gifts—Worth 50c each—Choose	25c
last day at	25c
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Centre aisle—back, Main store.

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