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SOUTHERNER DEPICTS US AS DEADLY SHOTS, PREPARING FOR WAR.

Every Man in Canada an Expert Shot-Haif a Million Sharpshooters Who Could Lay Uncle Uncle Sam's Army in the Dust-One of the Results of the Boer War-A Direful Prospect for Our Neighbors.

The following extraordinary and to Canadians highly amusing, article was published in a newspaper in the Southern States the other day. Big scare headlines were placed on it, as follows: "Menace Uncle Sam-Canada Making Extraordinary Efforts to Create a Nation of Sharpshooters-Is She Preparing for War?- Rifle Practice a National Sport, Encourged by the Government—500,000 Dead Shots Now." But alarming as were the headlines they are as nothing compared with the statements made in the body of the article:

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Canada is rapidly becoming a nation of sharpshooters. This is one of the results of the Boer war. If the other colonies of Great Britain have learned this lesson, the next campaign in which England is engaged will be a bloody affair.

Canada sent several thousand young men to South Africa, and they have profited from their contact with the Boer sharpshooters. To-day enthusiasm prevails all over Canada on this subject.

The Government is encouraging the development of markmanship to an extraordinary degree. The result is surprising. Every village in Canada sports a rifle range, and every Province is a school for sharpshooters. It is not a fad, but has seized upon the Canadians with a firmness that promises to leave an indelible stamp upon the people for a generation. Of Canada's 6,000,000 of people, there are more than 500,000 capable of bearing arms. This vast army is developing into a fighting machine of colosest proportions

are more than 500,000 capable of bearing arms. This vast army is developing into a fighting machine of colossal proportions.

Here is an aspect of the case that may interest the people of America. If this art of hitting the bull's eye at from 1,000 to 2,000 yards continues with the singular unanimity that now prevails, a conflict in which the people of the States must reckon with Canada as a hostile force may

people of the States must reckon with Canada as a hostile force may mean a serious thing.

The lessons of the South African veldt indicated with frightful force just what a body of sharpshooters can do when opposed to armies trained in the old school of war. Imagine an army of 500,000 Canadians invading the States, every man of them capable of doing the execution that Cronie and the Boer warriors. capable of doing the execution that Cronie and the Boer warriors wrought along the Modder River, Colenso, and the other death traps of South Africa! That is what the Canadian riflemen will be capable of doing if this enthusiasm continues for another year.

If England should suddenly be-come involved with the United States these fast riders and fast shooters would menace a given point in the States in less than a week, and they could form the nucleus for the other cavalry forces of Canada, no mean

adversaries by any means.
With the 10,000 cavalry of sharp-shooters, backed by several hundred thousand fine infantry sharpshooters, Canada could throw across the line into the States some keen fighting men The writer has seen Uncle Sam's "Buffalo Soldiers." the splendid rough riders of Grigsby, Rosseveldt, and Terry, and the "Long Knives" of the Western prairie those fine cavalry soldiers whom the Indians gave that name because of the sabers they formerly carried, and the "Walk 'em fasts," the foot sol-diers of the prairie, also named be-cause of their superior qualities as foot soldiers, and he knows the prow-ess of these brave and hardy lighters, but the Canadian forces, whom these fighters would have to meet, would produce such a sanguinary result as

produce, such a sanguinary result as would make the bloody battlefields of South Africa reritable playgrounds. At the annual contest of the Ontario Rifle Association, the last week of August, at the Long Branch range, there were some 300 men present from all over Canada. British Columbia sent a crack team, as did Halifax on the east. Over \$4,000 was distributed in casg prizes, and much in trophics. In the 1,200-yard target work, where a man was expected to in trophics In the 1,200-yard target work, where a man was expected to fire six shots without using his magazine, in forty-five seconds, scores of 96 out of a possible 100 were the rule. The bull's eye of the target is about sixteen inches in diameter, and at 1,200 yards sembles more the bottom of a small oyster can.

Bull's eyes were frequently made by such men as Capt. Elliott, 12th Regiment; Sergt. Graham, 48th. Private McLaren, 48th; and Sergt.-Major Richardson, 5th Artillery. These men tied with a score of 96, and in the shoot-off two more ties of bull's

the shoot-off two more ties of bull's eyes resulted. This work was done eyes resulted. This work was done in a high wind, and a fierce sun. Quartermaster-Sergt. McVittie of the Highlanders and Capt. Buckley of the 32nd Regiment tied in the same shoot, with a score of 94. In this contest, in which there were seventy-six entimes, there was not a shoot fired that would not have struck a space as large as the trunk of a man.

as targe as the trunk of a man. In other words, in these 478 shots, all fired in a space of 45 seconds, each would have either killed a soldier or placed him out of the firing line. Again, in a match at 500 yards,

line Again, in a match at 500 yards, of five shots each, with ninety-six enflies, the following made five straight bull's eyes: Capt. Tom Mitchell, Lieut. W. L. Ross, and Sergt. Boyles. Capt. Mitchell is the most famous shot in Canada. He makes bull's eyes as far as he can see his target.

These men from all over Canada are being taught daily, not only to shoot, but what is still more important, as proved by the deadly work of the Boers, to estimate distances and the wind. In this is ninetents of the work of the marksman.



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recy.
In anticipation of the great ball the little folks have dressed them-selves in the gayest attire. Such colors! So brilliant and yet so del-icate. So gorgeous and yet so soft Only a divine painter could success Only a divine painter could successfully blend such contradictory tints. No human canvas could hold them. And the variety: it is simply endless. In all the gay dresses that have been turned out of nature's workshop for the occasion, in such numbers that life is too short to begin to count them, no two are alike. Nature repeats herself, but never exactly in the same way. Yet still more marvelous is the harmony of it all. There are no discords. It is all combined into one sublime note, like the Lost Chord that thrilled a human ear never to sound again, but

combined into one sublime hote, like the Lost Chord that thrilled a human ear never to sound again, but unlike it because the work is repeated every autumn with the same approach to perfection.

Such a scramble to be there. It is positively unbecoming. At the welcome invitation the giddy young things break away from their parents with scarcely a word of farewell. They are off, they know not where. All they know, and care to know, is that there is a great throng, greater than they had ever supposed the world could contain, hurrying helter skelter to the grand dance Nature is giving. How the impatient wind chases them along. It lifts them off the earth and carries them flying through the air. In every tree there is an orchestra. Bare Imbs beat time while the wind whistles a lively tune. The same of Monday night is ladies' night; every person buying a reserve seat ticket is entitled to one ticket free.

It will be advisable for all who want to witness Mr. Marks' opening performance to secure their seats at the advance sale, as it is anticipated that very few seats will be left on the plan by Monday evening. Bare limbs beat time while the wind whistles a lively tune. The same air serves for any dance. Some of the guests waltz to it, making graceful circles in mid-air, and descend to the floor of the great ballroom unharmed. Others who prefer to gallop pass with rapid glides clear out of sight in the eestasy of the dance. Here and there groups of heavy-weights indulge in a set dance that taxes their energies to a less extent. Why Men Marry.

Journalism in Evansville, Indiana, is nothing if not domestic. Through the agency of the "Courier-Journal" it has been trying to find out why men marry. The editor sent a circular letter to his masculine subscribers, asking them for a personal explanation. He publishes the replies, but mercifully suppresses the names. "I didn't intend to do it," says one man. "Because I hadn't the experience I have now," writes another. There is the conciseness of an attic tragedy in a third excuse—"I yearned for company. Now we have it all the time." This, too, has its subdued point—"I was lonely and melancholy, and wanted someone to make me lively. She makes me very lively." The note of contentment, let alone exaltation, is swangely absent. An inexplicable sort of soowling resignation seems to be Evansville's nearest approach to happiness. taxes their energies to a less extent.

weights indulge in a set dance that taxes their energies to a less extent. They dance alone, by couples, by threes, and by fours, and by fifties, just as the fancy strikes them. There are wall flowers, too. Some stupid guests get caught in the most absurd places, and are positively unable to move one way or another until a sudden gust of wind lifts them out of their predicament.

And so the great ball goes on all through the night and all through the night and all through the day. There are extras without limit. The chaperons have long since gone home, tired and out of patience. Often the dancers fall down quite exhausted, but they soon rise again and join the general jubilation with undiminished enthusiasm. In the narrow city streets there is no room for these festivities. Stern policemen tell the dancers to move on, and careless people tread them and careless people tread them

How the great oaks in the Queen' thousands of gay dancers crowd around their gnarled trunks. They have seen the ball many a time be-fore, and hope to see it many a time

again.

But this is only the antechamber of Nature's ball-room. Toronto is hemmed in by it on all sides, says The Mail and Empire. To the south the gaiety on the Island is almost delirious. Eastward at Munro Park and Scarboro' Heights, deserted by minstrels and by swains, Nature holds ligh carnival in more stately but not less contagious joy. Up the valley of the Don, around Castle Frank, and the Rosedale ravines, the fun is at its height. In High Park, the Leautiful, with its broad, grassy spaces, its shapely trees, its picturesque hills, the dance is unrestrained. Further west in the valley of the Humber, stretching from the sounding like far back into the shades of mysterious forests, the techos of sweet music, and the quick tread of countless little for tell that Nature's dance is at its hight, that the world is full of pleasure, feasting, and love.

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It would be a wise hand, indeed, It would be a wise band, indeed, that could tell what it is all about. The invitations make no mention of it. They are not printed, but are simply passed along by word of mouth. Possibly it is the joy of Nature over another year well spent. As the prelude to a time of rest and seeming death, it is perhaps, her way of telling us that all is not lost when the leaves drop and decay. way of telling us that all is not lost when the leaves drop and decay. Whatever is the meaning of it all the gues's will not tell. They are profoundly secret, so that the interpretation of it is open to all. Yet excryone may see Nature's annual dance and take from it whatever inspiration is sought for and desired.

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