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ARTILLERY COMPETITION.

The Trial Shots Were Fired by Lt.-Col. Irwin.

A Full List of the Scores Made by the Competitors.

The artillery competition at Fort Dufferin commenced on the 31st of July at nine o'clock. The day was a perfect one for shooting, there being very little wind in the morning. What there was was just sufficient to clear the smoke away from the guns and give the detachments an opportunity to observe the effect of their shots.

After a trial shot was fired from each gun by Lt.-Col. Irwin, the inspector of artillery, the officers' practice commenced, they firing three common shell each. This served to find the range for the detachments which then began their practice. There were three gun layers to each detachment, and each of them fired three common and one shrapnell shell. The time allowed for each round was two minutes, thirty seconds. For each thirty seconds over time, one point was deducted from the competitor's score. Though each man in the detachment did not fire and is not allowed to do so, yet the points made score for the whole detachment. This is in accordance with the theory of the new gun drill, by which the gun layer or man who sights the gun does not exercise independent judgment as to the elevation or deflection fired at.

The group officers, who are of the company to which the detachment belongs, decide these questions and the gun members assist in carrying out his will. So it will be seen the prizes are properly aggregate instead of individual.

The firing of shrapnell shell is a very pretty sight and was watched with interest by a large number of people. By means of fuses burned to a certain length the point of burst is timed so as to occur at a given point in front of the target. When the point is reached the shell bursts open in mid-air and with a flash of light the bullets which are scattered around and in front of the target.

Tents were pitched at the fort yesterday, and the little camp had many visitors. A number of friends of the officers, including with them, the men being served by R. J. Lang, the well-known caterer. Among the visitors were Rev. Fr. Davenport, Capt. Hemming, R. G. I. Major Markham, 8th P. L. Hussars, and Major Hart of the 62nd.

Major A. J. Armstrong and Lieut. Skinner acted as the range party. They had to replace one target which was knocked down by the splendid shot of Bomb. Withers of No. 1 Co. The following were the scores made:

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In connection with the practice an observing competition among the officers was conducted. This consisted in an officer at the battery estimating the distance which the shot struck over the target. The difference between the prediction and the actual distance of the point hit from the target is taken as the error. Each officer observes for one detachment and his errors on each round are added together and divided by the number of shots. This gives the average error of observation and the officer whose error is least does the best work. In this competition Lieut. E. R. Armstrong came first with an average error of 27; Capt. White

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He—Why are you forever roasting Charley Foster? She—Simply because he isn't half baked.—Boston Evening Transcript.

The new parlor maid—Miss Alice says she's not home, sir. He—Oh, really! Then tell her I didn't call.—Boston Budget.

She—You say you love me, but I doubt it. What you take for love is merely a disease. He—I wish it were contagious. —New York World.

Jackson—Say, old man, you're looking well. By the way, I was out to the races yesterday. Jones—I'm sorry, but so was I.—Cincinnati Triune.

Pawson—Why does De Smythe hesitate so when he is talking? Has he an impediment in his speech? Dawson—No; in his mind.—Brooklyn Life.

Debtor—I can't pay you anything this month. Collector—That's what you told me last month. Debtor—Well, I kept my word, didn't I? —Id-Bits.

"The young man with Miss Millions is the one who is so in love with you." "Yes, and now where is the one she intends to marry?" —Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"Alas!" sighed the sack coat, as it looked up hungrily at the silk hat towering above it on the street, "I fear I will not get out for a gentleman." —Indianaapolis Journal.

The gas—You and I don't stand much of a show when there are a pair of spongy lovers around, do we? The lamp—No; get turned down every time.—Buffalo Courier.

"That fortune teller must have thought I was an heiress." "Why, dear?" "She said I was to marry a man and live happy ever afterward." —Indianaapolis Journal.

Fanning—Great Scott! You a lady-killer! Manning—Yes. Why, a lady on the street ran up to-day, kissed me and then cried because I was not her husband.—Life.

Mr. Hicks—Are you sure that you married me for myself alone? Hicks—Of course. Having your mother to live with us was not exactly an idea of mine.—Harlem Life.

Hubby—Well, I guess I'll have a shave. Wiley—Wait till Willie leaves the room. It's so hard to break him of bad words when once he gets started on them.—New York Herald.

Author—I'm troubled with insomnia. I lie awake at night, hour after hour, thinking about my literary work. Friend—Why don't you get up and read portions of it? —Tid-Bits.

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LANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

Foreign Facts and Fancies Told in a Few Lines.

Old World Events of Interest Chronicled Briefly—Interesting Happenings of Recent Date.

Prince Bismarck enjoys an annual income of about \$100,000. Victoria, Australia, had a gold output of about \$15,000,000 last year. During the intensely hot summer in India apoplexy is almost unknown. Denmark's old Maid Insurance Company pensions its members at 40 years of age.

Clark Russell, the brilliant writer of sea stories, is in a very delicate state of health. Two Swedish ladies have received the mention at the Paris salon for sculpture. In most countries diphtheria has nearly doubled the number of victims in twenty years.

Scott's "Living" in London say that Robert Buchanan is not treated fairly by the English press. Moscow's founding asylum founded by Catherine II. is kept by a tax on playing cards and in the future the state are in all Europe.

It is proposed that the French army should carry light aluminum shields capable of turning a bullet. The oldest railway in France runs between Paris and Havre. It was built more than half a century ago. A vein of mineral wax, which resists heat pure butter, has been discovered by peat diggers in Ireland.

The Princess of Wales and Miss Annie Paterson, of Dublin, are the only honorary musical doctors in the United Kingdom. Lenbach, the famous portrait painter of Germany, has painted more portraits of Bismarck than perhaps all his brother artists.

Dr. Warre, the head master of school, has given orders that in the future the college museum is to be opened on Sunday afternoon. The three richest men in Brussels are a manufacturer from Dortmund, name not given; Krupp and Rothschild, of Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

Canon Farrar is a total abstainer, but the reputations having "asserted anything so wrong and foolish as that it is a sin to drink wine." A stained glass window in memory of Charles Kingley has been placed in the parish church of his native place, Holme, Devon.

Gladstone, at the age of 84, is making an attempt to learn the Basque language, a dialect that has long been a puzzle to philologists. The most notable attraction in a mosque at Delhi is a single red hair, which is said to have been plucked from the moustache of Mahomet.

J. L. Mollay, the song writer, is an Englishman who writes his time between his profession and music, which he considers a recreation. Railway employes in England are now under the first aid to the injured under the auspices of the St. John's Ambulance Association.

England has won eighty-two per cent. of the war she has engaged in; but in over a century she has defeated no white nation single handed. The renting of portions of the sidewalk in Paris to proprietors of cafes, who set out tables there, bring in a rental to the city of 900,000 francs a year.

Miss Peel, a granddaughter of the great Sir Robert Peel, has recently published an addition to arctic literature in a volume entitled "Polar Gleams." The late Dr. Sigaudet, in Southern Rhodesia, is giving his services either for charitable purposes or for purely financial affairs, in which case students of conservatories are the beneficiaries.

A company has been formed in New Zealand for the purpose of whaling station on the Kermadec islands, in the Pacific ocean, north-west of New Zealand. Oscar Wilde has designed the decorations for the new and unique room at the hotel. Langtry has added to her house, in which to display her valuable collection of fans.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has extended an invitation to American clergymen and laymen to attend the Anglican Missionary Conference in London during the summer. Lieutenant Weatley, of the German army, is about to found a peculiar colony on some idyllic South Sea island. Its members must all promise to eat no meat and wear no clothes.

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BIG CHICAGO FIRE. A Large Amount of Lumber Destroyed. The Loss is Estimated at Over a Million and a Half Dollars.

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CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 1.—The lumber district of Chicago was tonight visited by one of the most disastrous fires in its history, and the loss will probably fall up between \$1,200,000 and \$1,500,000, although it will be twenty-four hours before the damage can be estimated with accuracy.

The following concerns were entirely cleaned out by the flames, and everything contained in their yards has been utterly destroyed: S. J. Martin Lumber Co.; Brown & Richards Lumber Co.; Wells & French Co.; Parley, Lowe & Co.; Siemens & Halske, manufacturer of dynamos.

The burned district is about six squares from east to west and about three from north to south. The greater portion of the district bounded by Blue Island avenue, Lincoln street, the river and Ashland avenue was burned over and forty acres of lumber yards are nothing but smoking embers. The wind drove the flames so fiercely that the first engines which arrived were utterly helpless, and call after call for additional help was made until over fifty engines and three fireboats were at work on the fire.

It is not likely that even these would have counted for much had not the wind died away after the fire had been burning an hour. In addition to the flames fired the following casualties occurred: Otto Katter fell off a lumber pile, back broken and will die; unknown man struck on the head by a flying chip from fire engine, knocked into the river and drowned.

At eleven o'clock the fire was still burning fiercely, with the probability of blazing for twelve hours more. It is extremely difficult to obtain an estimate of the loss, but the following are believed to be about correct: S. J. Martin, \$500,000; Parley, Lowe & Co., \$1,450,000; Wells, French Co., \$600,000; Siemens & Halske, \$300,000; Shoemaker & Higbee, \$125,000; John S. Price Lumber Co., \$250,000; total, \$1,875,000.

Peter Phelan, a policeman, inhaled hot air by the fire. An unknown man was pushed into the river by the crowd and drowned. The noted Brown & Richards Lumber Co. is in the list of names. The fire was discovered by a watchman. He saw a blaze on the outside of the fence on the east side of Lincoln street, near a shingle shed belonging to S. K. Martin, lumber Co. He turned in an alarm, but before the first engine arrived the shingle shed was a mass of flames, which had communicated to the surrounding lumber huts. The Martin yards are 2,500 feet from fire engine, wide, and the flames originated in exactly the right spot for the strong northwest wind, which was blowing at the time, to carry them through the entire length and breadth of the yards. The course of the flames was southeast and east for the first forty-five minutes and they heavily licked up everything in their path. The lumber, laths, shingles and cedar posts were swallowed up with appalling rapidity and for a time it seemed as though the entire lumber district of the city would be burned over. The wind, however, suddenly changed at 8.30 o'clock and began to blow from the south and with much less violence than before.

The flames started rapidly north again, and burned back to a level with the starting point. The sudden change in the direction of the flames caught several engine companies unprepared, and the men were compelled to run for their lives. No engines were abandoned, but there were several close calls, horses and men narrowly escaping death. The fire boat Yosemite was at work in one of the slips and had a narrow escape from being burned.

The fire boat Geyer had a close call also. Two of her men, John McConn and Thomas Freeding, were badly burned while fighting the fire.

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