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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### The Risks Officers Run In Battle

One of the remarkable features of the war in the east is the proportion of officers in the casualty reports, particularly on the Russian side. While no figures are available from which accurate information may be obtained, unofficial estimates after the battles of Liangyang and Blinke place the number of officers killed and wounded in both armies at a much higher figure in proportion to the total than the study of other modern wars had led the experts to expect. Regarding the Japanese, it is said that the majority of the younger officers has a strong bearing upon this phase of the casualty reports, while of the Russian some persons, even in General Kuropatkin's army, have alleged that new troops have deserted their officers in the face of the enemy's fire. This was charged particularly of several Russian regiments at Nanshan hill. Other correspondents have accused Russian officers of deserting their men, and it is said that Lieutenant General Count Ketter lost his life through exposing himself in a white uniform in order to present an example to his subordinates. During our civil war the loss in officers killed and wounded in proportion to their number was in excess of that of the men. Of the total number killed and wounded during the war were 6,325 officers and 163,765 enlisted men, or one officer to sixteen men.

At Gettysburg the officers lost 27 per cent as against a loss of 21 per cent for the ranks. At Shiloh the officers lost 21.3 per cent, the ranks 17.0 per cent.

In the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 there was a remarkable excess of loss among the German officers. The percentages of killed and mortally wounded in the entire German army were: Enlisted men, 3.1; line officers, 8; staff officers, 3.6.

### Robert Louis Stevenson

Writing in the London Sphere, Mr. Clarence Shorter takes up the eulogy to Gethone Stevenson in this review. Any half dozen critics who are in agreement can easily pass a man on a platitude, and the rest of the writers in succession find fault with his style. Let it be granted that Mr. Stevenson was a pleasant writer, that "Treasure Island" is a capital book for boys, that his "Master of Ballantrae" is an adequate story for grownups, that his "Virginian" is a remarkable volume of essays and that "The House of Verres" is a book to please the little ones. Certainly, in his own day, he had a name for style, and today, but that is quite another thing to be having a great writer, who, to read some of the subjects that have been passed upon him, one might be misled into assuming.

### "SAVED MY LIFE"

—That's what a prominent druggist said of Scott's Emulsion a short time ago. As a rule we don't use or refer to testimonials in addressing the public, but the above remark and similar expressions are made so often in connection with Scott's Emulsion that they are worthy of occasional note. From infancy to old age Scott's Emulsion offers a reliable means of remedying improper and weak development, restoring lost flesh and vitality, and repairing waste. The action of Scott's Emulsion is no more of a secret than the composition of the Emulsion itself. What it does it does through nourishment—the kind of nourishment that can be obtained in ordinary food. No system is too weak or delicate to retain Scott's Emulsion and gather good from it.

### Balzac Too Big For Mere Art.

Mr. Craigie, the English novelist, who is also known by the pen name John Oliver Hobbes, thinks that the French master of romance, Honoré Balzac, was too broad to be tied down to petty technicalities. She says: "He was not a supreme artist, and there is a great deal of the effect that Balzac was 'too big for the armature of the French academy.' He was too large for art. His interests and sympathies and studies carried him far beyond the technical perfection in the manner of De Maupassant at a moment when he was some stage of nature, evolve such an exquisite example of the French style as can be purchased in the Rue de la Paix."

Mr. Craigie says that Balzac was influenced by Sir Walter Scott, by Lord Byron and by Victor Hugo, but nevertheless he always maintained his own spiritual attitude toward the world he studied and his own inimitable self command in observation.

### Japan's Stowaway Jack.

Every aggressive war leader has at his right a soldier to do audacious things, to do what he deems right to violate all the backed-up rules of scientific generalship. Such a soldier Japan has in Kuroki, whose portrait is drawn for the first time in western print by an American correspondent

who has been with him from the day he left Tokyo, Mr. Frederick Palmer. Describing this silent but vigorous soldier about the time the army of invasion crossed the Yalu into Manchuria last April, Mr. Palmer says: "Of Kuroki, the man who directed operations on the spot, we have had occasional glimpses. He is a tall, thin man, with no spare flesh, and has a clean shaven, square jaw. In the days of waiting, when the army was ordered how we were to cross or what forces the Russian had, he was the only one to whom all staff officers knew only each his position as a general, and he himself among the trees of the groves which he and his staff occupied, and again with a telescope on a promontory, watching his own troops rather than the positions of the enemy—the ching and anching."

Kuroki's first brilliant stroke was the Stonewall Jackson march across Kuropatkin's flank across the Taitse and to the heights of Yental. Mr. Palmer gives another sketch of the then unheralded genius in one of the desperate minor battles preliminary to the great struggle at Liangyang, that of Tientsin, fought July 31. Says Mr. Palmer: "General Kuroki was already on the hill back of the new temple. That thick of tree branches which an infantry outpost had cut off now showed the movement, which he kept cool, literally as well as metaphorically. He was playing the would not? On this hill, his chief of staff at his side, he was to remain all day. The chief of staff did the talking; he listened and now and then gave an order. On nothing but the enemy's half program was not carried out. The real column of the guards was checked. In the face of good and bad news he was not to be changed. Mr. Kuroki's courtesy led his attention to any one who came to him. He was playing the greatest of all games, with his mind on the play. The sound that interested him most was not that of firing, but the click of the telegraph instrument, which told him exactly what each unit was doing."

The war correspondent also compares his hero in the heat of action to the "lead of a great business house with a row of push buttons on his desk." Von Moltke fought his first great campaign in 1806, and telegraph instruments were away from any firing line. That was in 1895. Since then war has developed into a matter of business organization and manipulation. The knight of the shining armor, by no means a thing of the past, but he is not found at the head of a modern army.

### Gains in Church Membership in 1904.

Although many religious teachers are complaining that the church membership has had trouble with the rank and file still rally in the churches. The figures for church membership in 1904 throughout the country show a greater percentage of increase than the increase of population. The Episcopal church has added 3 per cent to its membership, the Presbyterian 2 1/2 per cent, and the Catholic increase is estimated at nearly 4 per cent. The net increase of the population for the year is 2 per cent. Aside from the pros and cons of this or that theological opinion human experience shows that Sunday rest from toil, from exciting pleasures and from the week day grind is reasonable and beneficial. The churches provide that change for the brain and the emotions which takes the strain from the bearings that

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Zola has found a biographer and editor in Mr. Ernest Alfred Vizetelly, who together with his father, made Zola's novels popular among English reading people. Mr. Vizetelly's new work will not go as unnoted as did the first on this side of the ocean, for he is a devotee of the Zola cult and sets out to convince thinking people that his hero was a reformer and achieved a noble life work.

It costs \$10 to pick a bale of cotton, and the growers want to reduce that to \$1 a bale, which would mean a saving of \$90,000,000 on 100,000,000 bales of cotton. It is a shame for the cental dollar has been done already to make a fortune by inventing an automatic cotton picker.

It will take more than a concert of the powers to make Japan give up Port Arthur this time.

### HOTEL FOR BABES ONLY.

Luxurious London Establishment For Children of the Rich.

A luxurious hotel for the accommodation of babies only has been opened in the heart of the fashionable district of London, says a special cable dispatch to the New York American and Journal.

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### Beauty Standard for Stenographers.

Here is the standard of beauty that one faction of the stenographers' convention recently in session at Chicago with a view to establishing, says a Chicago special dispatch: "Eyes like a gazelle; hair wavy and soft; complexion natural and alabaster; fingers of a pink glow; hands small and dimpled."

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CHICAGO'S SUBWAY.

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While the New York subway takes passengers and pedestrians from congested streets, the Chicago tunnel system purposes to do away with the teaming and heavy hauling on the thoroughfares, making it possible for a million people to use with comfort the downtown streets in pleasure vehicles or street cars, unimpeded by the delivery of coal, gas and coal, and so on, that have rendered the highways at most impassable at times, says W. H. Ham E. Danforth in Harper's Weekly. The street situation in Chicago may be better understood when it is

noted that the early builders of the city for financial and physical reasons centered the railway terminals, freight depots, and establishments in the retail stores and more than 70 per cent of the manufacturing plants within or on the edge of an area one and one-half miles square. The training necessary to the transfer of goods in this district has grown to such proportions as to be unmanageable in any city of the world for a similar space. On thirty-two miles of streets the daily movement of merchandise has averaged 112,000 tons. During the busy hours as many as a thousand teams have been counted passing a street corner in an hour. Within a section one and one-half miles square 70,000 vehicles have been employed at a yearly cost of \$50,000,000, while 750,000 clerks, laboring people and business men have been crowded to the same territory, together with thousands of shoppers visiting the retail stores.

In view of these conditions it is ever to see what the subterranean freight system means to Chicago? The basement of every business house in the congested area now has direct access to the subway tracks leading to the terminal railway freight yards and to the depots of the twenty-five railway trunk lines, and the thirteen branches entering the city.

Fifteen Million Candle Power Light. St. Catherine's Light, Isle of Wight, was recently fitted with a flash light which is estimated to be equal to 15,000,000 candle power, and on nights when the atmosphere is favorable its beam probably is visible from the French coast, says the London Globe. The new light is immensely more powerful than the old one, which was of about 2,000,000 candle power.

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