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WAR AND PEACE

The art of warfare is as old as the race itself. Warfare at first consisted of throwing stones at the enemy or hitting him with a club. The art slowly progressed. The catapult was used for hurling good-sized rocks and the bow and arrow served its purpose in stand-off combats. Thus it went for many centuries. Warfare consisted of ninety per cent hand to hand work and perhaps ten per cent of shooting from a distance.

Along about 1345 an old monk found that gunpowder when properly ignited, gave vent to a pretty good sized noise. England and France were at war and the new invention was tried out at the battle of Crécy with the result that the horses became frightened at the "noise like thunder." Losses were heavy and gunpowder was voted a success.

Warfare didn't advance greatly for centuries. To be sure many improvements in guns and explosives were made but the basic principle remained—the only way to put an enemy out of commission was to hit him with a projectile.

On the morning of April 22, 1915, warfare was revolutionized when a cloud of Chlorine gas was sent over the Allied trenches wiping out whole regiments. This experiment proved so successful that the war, opening as it did, 100 per cent explosive, ended 35 per cent chemical.

These war gases are of particular interest to the student of chemistry because of the variety of uses to which they are put in times of peace.

Phenol, one of the most important of the war gases, has found a wider use in peace times than any of the others. It finds its most direct application in the manufacture of a large line of dyes, including blue, pink, vio-

let, yellow and green. It is used in the manufacture of Caumarin, one of the essential ingredients in making synthetic vanilla and—purple violet soap. It is also used in making rodents, thus aiding in preventing the spread of the bubonic plague. Phenol finds another application in the making of certain synthetic perfumes and synthetic drugs.

Dinitrophenol was applied to the French High Commission as an explosive. In peace times it is used in making dyes, including the American new synthetic blue. This dye is interesting because it finds a wide application in dyeing such articles as hosiery and was one of the dyes that Germany was forbidden to export to America could not make it in quantity to learn from textile manufacturers that American yellow which is at least twenty per cent more than any German sulphur blue they have ever used.

Chlorine was the first toxic gas used by the Germans. In peace time it is used in the manufacture of water, the bleaching of paper and cloth and in the manufacture of a great many dyes, perfumes and explosives.

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From these war gases, it will be readily seen, that a simple water to convert the plant into a war-time production plant and why so many other substances are directly dependent upon dyes.

President Harding has received the first consignment of cherries from the Argentine to arrive in the United States. They were brought from Rio de Janeiro by the steamship American Legion, which broke all records between that port and New York by a 10-day run.

Rab-rabs have supplanted dough-boy battle cries with 100 former soldiers who have enrolled as students in colleges and universities of Wisconsin. The service men are going to school again under the provision of a state bonus which allows them \$20 a month for four years along with their education.

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STATE NEWS

The body of Miss Claire Ladden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ladden, arrived at Ridgway Friday from France. Miss Ladden was killed in an accident while serving as a nurse with the American Expeditionary Forces. Requiem high mass was held in St. Leo's Catholic Church Saturday morning. Following the church services, Ladden-Young Post, American Legion, assumed charge and a military burial was given. Six former Red Cross nurses acted as honorary pallbearers.

Fayette County officials and state police, assisted by possees, are making an intensive search for two bandits who Friday night shot and killed Charles Lubinsky, 25 years old, World War veteran, when he resisted their efforts to hold him up. Lubinsky lived a short distance from Scottsdale, and was walking along a road en route to the latter place when he was confronted by two men who pointed revolvers at him and demanded that he put up his hands. Lubinsky refused their demand, whereupon one of the men fired, the bullet entering Lubinsky's heart and killing him instantly. The robbers fled.

With the dismantled parts of their De Havilland army airplane in tow, Lieutenant E. E. Hamon, pilot, and Sergeant C. O. Wickman, mechanic, of the United States Signal Corps, arrived at Uniontown Saturday, preparatory to shipping the craft to Mountsboro, W. Va. The flyer crashed Friday, alighting near Uniontown. They were flying from Washington to Mountsboro at a height of about 2,000 feet when the engine was dead. They attempted to land, but although they were able to bring the machine to a stop, it was injured, but both considerably shaken.

County officials, aided by several volunteers, scoured the countryside for traces of the five gunmen who Saturday night held up the American store at Linwood Heights, stole \$400, and shot to death Charles McGuire, when he attempted to rescue the cashier, who was being dragged from the cage by the leader of the gang. The bandits escaped, but five clerks, in addition to manager Ryan and Mr. Frances Shelton, the cashier, gave good descriptions of the gunmen.

Flying Grasshoppers.
A species of grasshopper known to be capable of flying great distances is at times found far from land. The bureau of entomology recently received one of these insects which had been captured at sea, 12,000 miles from the African coast. The specimen was caught on the deck of a Norwegian vessel, and was one of a great swarm of the insects encountered in that region.

Early Egyptian Maps.
Maps originally appeared among the early Egyptians. They were wooden tablets on which land and sea, roads and rivers were fairly accurately outlined. The evidence of such maps is not only furnished in the old Egyptian papyrus rolls, but some of the actual maps have been discovered. It was once contended that the Greeks were the inventors of the art of cartography, but it has been proved that the Egyptians and Babylonians antedated them in this respect.

What So... wanted.
Mary had gone to one of her friends' birthday parties. At the party chocolate coconut cakes were served. The lady that served the cake asked Mary what kind of cake she wanted. "The cake with the nodules on it," was her prompt reply.

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