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EDITORIAL

Wanton Waste.

It has been estimated that in the wars of the nineteenth century the average cost of killing a man was \$3,677. Since it only costs about \$1,000 to rear a child to the killing age, this looks like a case for the efficiency experts. s. c.



Willingness to Sacrifice Others.

The Czar is said to have expressed a determination "to sacrifice his last mujik" in order to capture Berlin. He only draws the line apparently at sacrificing himself and other members of Russia's predatory classes. But that is the spirit of all who make war. Europe would be at peace today had there been a requirement that in case of war no peasant soldiers be put on the firing line while the supply of Romanoffs, Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns held out. s. d.



The Cowardly Game of War.

The press reports a story attributed to an American in Belgium, who tells about the infliction of summary justice by a German officer on two of his soldiers who had maltreated a Belgian woman. Now what would have happened to this woman had she fired on these soldiers before they entered her house or afterward? Under military law she would have been subject to the death penalty. According to reports some civilians did fire on soldiers this way, and were punished either with death or the burning of their homes. Possibly not more than one soldier in a hundred would needlessly harm a non-combatant. But no non-combatant knows but what the soldier of the invading army who enters his house may be the hundredth case. What wonder if he or she refuses to take chances? The invading soldier is morally a trespasser. He is not morally entitled to any more consideration than a trespasser in time of peace. Perhaps not even as much, since he has helped to overthrow the local government