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## ANNIE OAKLEY

Will Give Her Famous Shooting  
Exhibition Monday

She Tells How Number 13 Has  
Brought Her Luck Through  
A Long Career

The last exhibition that Annie Oakley is likely to give for a civilian audience for some time to come will take place at the Pinehurst Gun Club next Monday afternoon, March 11, at 2.30 o'clock. In a few weeks she starts a tour of the military cantonments for the government, shooting for the entertainment and edification of the National Army.

The performances of Buffalo Bill's Premier marksman—albeit a woman—is too well known to require any description of the event. When the *Outlook* man went to get the program for her

Carolina, they constitute an Iliad unequalled in this day and generation. They form an endless story of triumphs and of diversions. While trying to get this program we learned why she would rather shoot on the 13th than on the 11th. As usual it is also bound up with some of her innumerable trophies. As told by herself, the reason is as follows:

"I know that it is a common superstition among shooters to be terrified of the number 13. But then men who handle firearms casually are given to superstitions. Some would as soon reverse the gun as pull the trigger wearing a striped blazer. One of the best shots in the world would never fire a cartridge that he had dropped on the ground. And it is easier to drive a trap shooting gang into a coral than to get them to make up a thirteenth squad.

"But I go at these things from a pragmatic standpoint. That is to say, I believe in what works. Now I was born on the 13th, and get my inoculation to begin with. I didn't believe I did such a bad job, at that, and so decided to stay with my horoscope. So I joined William Cody for a three days' trial on



MRS. BRUMBAUGH WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA  
AT ANNIE OAKLEY'S SHOOTING CONTEST

she merely laughed. "Why," she said, "I never bother with a program any more. It isn't worth thinking about. We no longer plan anything. When we get to the field we pull off an impromptu shoot, and run the stunts along as long as the crowd wants them, and suit the show to the audience."

There is no admission for the exhibition. But in these strenuous times it appeared that some advantage should be taken of the big gathering that always turns up wherever she shoots, to get some contribution to the work in hand. So Annie Oakley has consented to have the dramatic story of her life and adventures while shooting in the Wild West in every country in the World put into attractive pamphlet form to be sold on the field as a souvenir. The proceeds will go to the Farm Life School.

It is a pity that the narrative of her extraordinary career cannot be presented in complete form, as told by herself at odd moments in the corridors of the

the 13th. This was my first and greatest trial of fortune. And it succeeded to the extent that I stayed 17 years.

Consequently I was ready to stand by my guns when I ran up against the question of this 13 business in my match with William Graham. You may not remember. But Graham was the champion pigeon shot of England, and hence at that time of the world. He was in the United States challenging all comers and what is more, making away with them. It would never do for him to waltz back to Picadilly with his belt full of scalps if the Wild West Outfit had the goods they claimed. Anyway we decided that he would get a run for his money out of the rough riders. So I challenged him, for fifty shots, two out of three matches.

"I lost the first match, which has little to do with the story. Nobody was much surprised, because he had been beating everyone in sight. But my supporters came in large numbers still optimistic for the second shoot. And then

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On this anniversary of Washington's birth let us renew our obligations to work and save and serve wherever our service will best strengthen the organization behind our brave men on land and sea.

Personal responsibility as well as pride should be the feeling in every civilian's heart today as the splendid soldiers of our National Army march through New York. Responsibility for all our men in uniform means an obligation to prevent waste of time, money or food; to work harder, earn more by producing more and thus have more to lend to our Government.

Every man who does not do his duty, is going to be a marked man.