

The Fighting Weapons of Seven Warring Powers



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The German Mauser can fire faster than any other rifle used in the war. The magazine holds five cartridges, packed in chargers

The Austrian rifle is the lightest of all, yet its bullet, 244 grains, is the heaviest used by any of the powers. It is very rapid in action

The British rifle is the outcome of the South African War. It holds ten cartridges and is sighted from 200 to 2,800 yards

The French Lebel is the longest rifle. The tube magazine under the barrel holds eight cartridges. The bullet used in it weighs 198 grains

The Belgian Mauser of 1889 holds five cartridges carried in clips; it cannot be used as a single loader. It weighs over eight pounds

The Russian rifle is 7 in. longer than the British. It is capable of firing 24 bullets to the minute. The bayonet is always fixed

The Italian Mannlicher-Carcano is of the 1891 pattern. It is rather slow, discharging but fifteen rounds of shot a minute