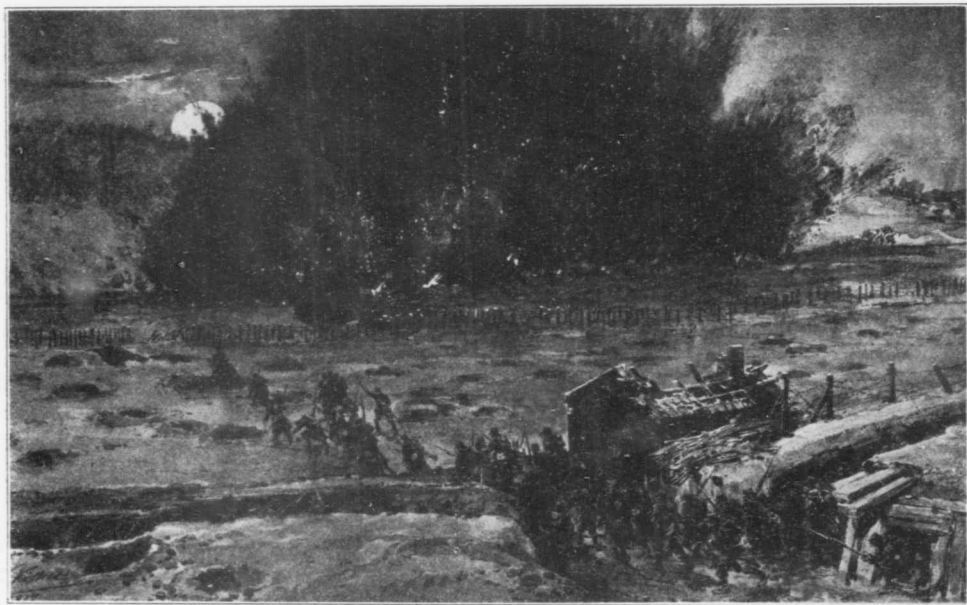




EXPLOSION OF LAND MINES UNDER MESSINES RIDGE.

For two years British sappers had been burrowing under the ridge and had succeeded in constructing nineteen mines containing 1,000,000 pounds of ammonite. The explosion rocked the earth and was heard by Lord George at his home 140 miles away. The destruction in the German trenches was appalling. Only bits of trenches and concrete emplacements knocked sideways remained. Most of the German dead were buried in the ruins. (*Ill. L. News copy.*)