

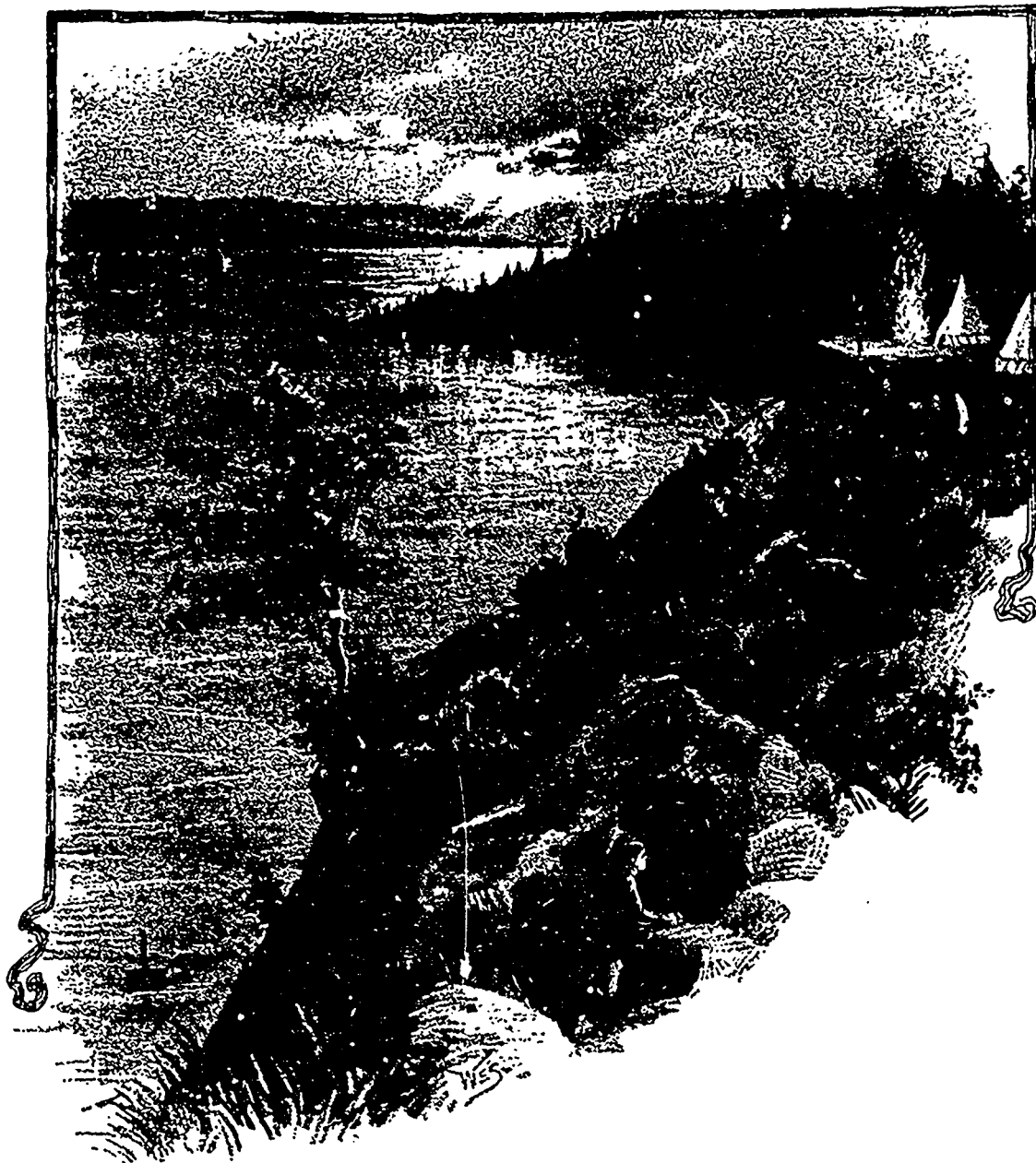
than a million francs had been sunk in this venture, without any return. The attempt did not even cause the death of a single British sailor. One of their own commanders and seven sailors perished in the flames, being unable to escape after setting their vessel on fire.

Next day Wolfe, who had witnessed the heroic conduct of the sailors, enquired of Admiral Saunders who

"I thought so!" he said. "I knew there was something in that lad. Do you know, Admiral, that brave fellow trembled like a leaf at the round-top the other day; and, had I not come to his rescue, would surely have fallen!"

"Impossible!" exclaimed the Admiral.

"Not at all! You sailors never will admit that some men are physically unfit to go aloft! Now, Admiral,



HIS FOOT BROKE A BRANCH, AND THE VIGILANT SENTINEL CALLED OUT "QUI VIVE."

was the officer that set the example in capturing the first.

"It was not an officer at all, General," returned the Admiral, "but a beardless boy, named Beaumont. Lieutenant Johnson says a tried veteran could not have shown more nerve and courage!"

General Wolfe laughed.

that lad will never make a sailor, so I want you to turn him over to me!"

"As you say, General; but it's too bad to have the navy lose such a plucky fellow!"

"The navy never had him! He would do on deck, but above that never! I want a confidential, intelligent lad, to be near me at all times; and I know of no one