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## NIGHT BATTLE PICTURESQUE THO' TERRIBLE

German Officer Gives His Impression of Sights and Sounds of Battle After Night Has Fallen

### SUDDEN CHANGES THAT TRANSPIRE

One Moment the Field is Quiet, as if All Were Asleep, the Next all is Life, Stir, Excitement

Hanover, Jan. 21.—Though the modern battlefield at night is the abode of terror, it does not lack picturesqueness, according to a German officer whose opportunities to be impressed have been many. In a letter to a friend here he wrote:

"Being on observation duty at night is not as lonely a job as you think. Time passes very quickly. There are nights, however, when every minute seems an hour. All that depends upon circumstances and your own frame of mind.

"War here is more intense than it is in the East. My observation post lies close up to the French lines on a hill. From there I report the movements of the enemy and direct our artillery fire. Over me fly hundreds of shells and shrapnel from both sides. A share of them came last night.

"Until about ten o'clock all was quiet. From out the dark night came the usual battlefield noises, if noises one could call them. Somewhere men spoke in an undertone—what language I don't know. Then came the sound of footsteps. A man coughed in a suppressed manner, and the steps of another were recorded by the faint voice of two metallic substances striking together. Then the steps and other sounds vanished and I replaced my revolver.

"Tongues of Purplish Fire. There was nothing to be seen until to my right the rifles in a French trench began to sputter. Little tongues of purplish fire seemed to leap across the ground, and through the air went the wail of thousands of bullets. What they shot at I could not discover—false alarm, of course. But they kept it up valiantly and the excitement communicated itself to the trenches in front of me and to those beyond on my left.

"In less time than it takes to write it the entire field rose from sleep. Searchlights which had lain still began to move about frantically. Here and there other lights appeared as if somebody had turned on the electric current of a city.

"Headquarters wanted to know what was all the trouble, and I returned to my task of observing things in the dark. But through my glasses the little flames of the rifles became merely a trifle larger and more intense and the silhouettes and shadows cast by the searchlights blacker. From near by came the buzzing of an aeroplane motor—it passed on, which way I don't know.

"And then green flames in the far off sky told of rockets or shrapnel, whichever they were. A detonation back of me caused me to look around. Just then two of our guns emitted columns of fire, and the next instant a shell sailed through the air above me with an uncanny moan. Another came. Ahead of me, in rapid succession two sheaf like flashes and two explosions that shook the earth around me.

**Pillars of Fire.**  
"Soon the fire became general. The battlefield assumed an aspect which I would call beautifully terrible. There were moments when it resembled a large city in which the inhabitants passed the night by pulling up and down the shutters of their windows. Of a sudden whole rows of houses would be lighted up as the men in the trenches fired volley. For a moment a part of this city would lie in utter darkness and then would rise from it the columns of fire emitted by the howitzer batteries. The pillars of fire would rise almost perpendicularly, giving the impression that you were looking upon a vast number of steel ovens.

"Of man you heard not a sound. No human voice could be heard in the din. Softly I tried my own. But the effort mingled with an explosion near by.

"For some time the fury of the battle in the dark about nothing increased.

"For the greater part of an hour the threshing continued. Then the outbreaks lessened in volume and frequently and finally died out altogether. In the trench in front of me men now spoke, but soon it was so still again that I could hear the ticking of my watch and the sighing of the wind in the nearby willows."

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## PRES. COAKER MAN OF THE HOUR

Mr. Coaker, President of the Fishermen's Protective Union, who, as our readers know, has been over to this Bay in behalf of the Union, paid his first visit to Harbor Grace this week, and was much struck as so many with the natural advantages of this town and its possibilities of rising to far greater heights than it ever attained in its past. He said in the speech he delivered here that it is within the reach of its people, particularly its young men to more than revive its ancient glories.

He spent Sunday and part of Monday here, and proceeded to Carbonear, where he delivered on Monday evening a lecture to a large and highly interested audience.

On Tuesday he held a meeting here at St. Paul's Hall which was attended by a very numerous and deeply interested audience.

Mr. H. H. Archibald occupied the chair, and on the platform were besides Mr. Geo. T. Gordon, and representing the Union at Brant's Cove, Mr. A. Morgan. The speech occupied two and a half hours in delivery, and has been the subject of general discussion ever since.

There is no doubt that Mr. Coaker is looked upon by the fishermen and the working people in general in this Colony with growing favor, and that to him and the Union they will commit the leadership of their cause and the maintenance of their interests.

The part the Union under his leadership has played both in business and political fields has convinced them of his capacity and his sincerity. He and his colleagues are the ones to whom they are looking to remove the handicaps under which they labor, and to better their lot. Unless we are greatly deceived, the Union leaders are the coming men, in effect the 'come' men. The guidance of the Colonies' destinies are already largely in their hands. The strong stream has set in and it cannot without great injury to the country be set back.

The wisdom of all classes of our people is to recognize the fact and to be solicitous that it flow into the most beneficial channels rather than to resist its onflow.

We can well see how the policy of the Union boldly and yet discreetly carried out will eventuate in the improvement of the lot of the fishermen, and the consequent general welfare of all classes in the ruling of the country in the interests of the public at large rather than of the few, and in the purification of politics.—Hr. Grace Standard, Jan. 22nd.

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Woman Persisted in Following Her Husband to the Trenches and he Was Reprimanded by His Superiors—Wife Persisted in Remaining and he Wounded Her

Paris, Jan. 7.—(By mail).—The second court martial of the intrenched camp of Paris soon will judge the case of Captain H—, accused of homicide. Captain H— has a wife and three children, to whom he is particularly attached, but the former seems to have signally hindered his military career by reason of her refusal to be separated from him in any circumstances.

When the war started she went to the south of France, but learning one day that her husband was with the regiment at Compiègne she took the first train for that point. This was at the time when the general in chief issued a circular prohibiting all officers and soldiers from receiving their wives during the campaign.

His superior officer remonstrated with Captain H—, remarking that he was compromising his promotion and also was likely to spoil his chances for the Cross of the Legion of Honor. The captain tried to bring his wife to a reasonable view of the situation, but she continued to remain.

A new warning was given to the captain without effect. When the third warning came the captain was told that he must act without delay or he would be cashiered. Again he supplicated his wife to return to the south of France, which she refused to do and in a moment of great mental excitement, fearing dishonor and degradation, he shot the woman he loved, but not fatally.

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