

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1914

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It had been shown by the Russo-Japanese war that the effect of the long drawn-out modern battle, with its terrible and incessant roar of artillery, was in a high degree unfavorable on the minds of the combatants, and the record of mental derangements caused by the battles in the Far East opened a new chapter in the horrors of war.

In anticipation that similar results would attend the present war, the German authorities established at Strassburg a special hospital for the treatment of diseases of the mind caused by battle.

PORTUGUESE TROOPS
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LISBON, Dec. 8.—The government is preparing to send 4,000 more troops to Angola, Portuguese West Africa. Two thousand men were sent in September, 500 marines in October, and another 500 marines are being fitted out for departure at once.

It appears that Germany has armed great numbers of Portuguese natives, which are commanded by German officers and provided with artillery. The prevailing view in Portugal appears to be that the most useful part Portugal can take in the great war is in the Portuguese African colonies, and in aiding the British to carry the war into the German colonies, which are contiguous to the Portuguese.

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Nigel

By A. Conan Doyle

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CHAPTER XIX.

Sir Robert Knolles with his little fleet had sighted the Breton coast near Cancale; they had rounded the Point du Grouin, and finally had sailed past the port of St. Malo and down the long narrow estuary of the Rance until they were close to the old walled city of Dinan, which was by that Montfort faction whose cause the English had espoused. Here the horses had been disembarked, the stores were unloaded, and the whole force encamped outside the city, whilst the leaders waited for news as to the present state of affairs, and where there was most hope of honor and profit.

The whole of France was feeling the effects of that war with England which had already lasted some ten years, but no Province was in so dreadful a condition as this unhappy land of Brittany. In Normandy or Picardy the introduction of the war was periodical with intervals of rest between; but Brittany was torn asunder by constant civil war apart from the grapple of the two great combatants, the English and the Bretons, and her sufferings. The struggle had been in 1341 through the rival claims of Montfort and of Blois to the vacant dukedom of Brittany, France that part of Montfort, France that of Blois. Neither faction was strong enough to destroy the other, and so after ten years of continual fighting, the English had a long and tedious list of surprises and ambushes, of raids and skirmishes, of towns taken and retaken, of alternate victory and defeat, in which neither party could gain a mastery, and so the war went on until the English had both disappeared from the scene, the one dead and the other taken by the English. Their wives caught up the hearts which had dropped from the hands of their lords, and the long struggle went on even more savagely than before.

In the south and east the Blois faction was the stronger, and Nantes the capital was garrisoned and occupied by a strong French army. In the north and west the Montfort party prevailed, and the English were driven back and always fresh sails broke the northern sky-line bearing adventurers from over the channel.

Between these two there lay a broad zone comprising the greater part of the country which was a land of blood and violence, where no law prevailed save that of the sword. From end to end it was dotted with castles, some held for one side, some for the other, and many mere robber strongholds, the scenes of gross and monstrous deeds, whose brute owners, knowing that they could never be held to account, made war upon all mankind, and wiving with rack and with flame the last shilling from all who fell into their savage hands. The fields had long been unbroken. Commerce was dead. From Rennes in the east to Hennebion in the west, and from Dinan in the north to Nantes in the south, there was no spot where a man's life or a woman's honor was safe. Such was the land, full of darkness and blood, the saddest, blackest spot in Christendom, into which Knolles and his men were now advancing.

But there was no sense in the young heart of Nigel, as he rode by the side of Knolles at the head of a clump of spears, nor did it seem to him that Fate had led him into an ungodly and unchristian path. On the contrary, he blessed the good fortune which had sent him into so delightful a country, and it seemed to him as he listened to the tales of the robber barons, and the dreadful stories of the black scars of war, looked round at the fat faces of which lay branded upon the fat faces of the hills, that no hero of romances or troubadour had ever journeyed through such a land of promise with so fair a chance of knightly venture and honorable advancement.

The Red Ferret was one deed toward his vow. Surely a second, and perhaps a better, was to be found somewhere upon this glorious country-side. He had borne himself as the others had in the sea-fight, and could not count it to his credit when he had done no more than mere duty. Something beyond this was needed for such a deed as could be laid at the feet of the Lady Mary. But surely it was to be found here in fermenting the woods, ready in an instant to dive into those secret recesses known only to themselves. These creatures suffered sorely at the hands of both parties, and lurked at the edges of the woods, ready in an instant to dive into those secret recesses known only to themselves. These creatures suffered sorely at the hands of both parties, and lurked at the edges of the woods, ready in an instant to dive into those secret recesses known only to themselves.

The new-comers soon had a chance of seeing to what lengths they would go, for in the roadway near to Canules they came upon an English man-at-arms who had been waylaid and slain by them. How they had overcome him could not be told, but how they had slain him within his armor was

horribly apparent, for they had carried such a rock as eight men could lift, and had dropped it upon him as he lay, so that he was spread out in his shattered case like a crab beneath a stone. Many a fist was shaken at the distant woods and many a curse hurled at those who haunted them, as the column of shouting soldiers passed the murdered man, whose badge of the Mole's cross showed him to have been a follower of that House of Bentley, whose head, Sir Walter, was at that time leader of the British forces in the country.

Sir Robert Knolles had served in Brittany before, and he marshaled his men on the march with the skill and caution of the veteran soldier, the man who leaves as little as possible to chance, having too steadfast a mind to heed the fool who may think him overcautious. He had recruited a number of bowmen and men-at-arms at Dinan; so they had followed him now close upon five hundred men. In front under his own leadership were fifty mounted lancers, fully armed and ready for any sudden attack. Behind him were the French archers, and a second body of mounted men closed up the rear. Out upon either flank moved small bodies of cavalry, and a dozen scouts, spread farwise, probed every crevice and angle in front of the column. So for three days he moved slowly down the Southern Road.

Sir Thomas Percy and Sir James Astley had ridden to the head of the column, and Knolles conferred with them as they marched concerning the plan of their campaign. Percy and Astley were young and hot-headed with wild visions of dashing deeds and knight errantry, but Knolles with cold, clear brain and purpose of iron held ever his object in view.

By the holy Dunstan and all the saints of Lincolne! cried the fiery Borderer, "it goes to my heart to ride forward when there are such honorable chances on either side of us. Have I not heard that the French are at Evran beyond the river, and is it not sooth that yonder castle, the towers of which I see above the woods, is in the hands of a traitor, who is false to his liege lord of Montfort? There is little profit to be gained upon this road, for the folk seem to have no heart for war. Had we ventured as far over the marches of Scotland as we now are in Brittany, we should not have lacked some honorable venture or chance of winning worship."

"You say truth, Thomas," cried Astley, a red-faced and choleric young man. "It is well certain that the French will not come to us, and surely it is the more needful that we go to them. In sooth, any soldier who sees us would smile that we should creep for three days along this road as though a thousand dangers lay before us, when we have but poor broken peasants to deal with."

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