

### The Tragedy of War.

They do not call it murder when men meet to slaughter each other in battle. They simply report so many dead, wounded and missing.

Here is a brigade of as in battle line across an old meadow, our right and left joining other brigades. We have thrown down the rail fence, gathered fags and brush and sod and erected a breastwork. It is only a slight one, but enough to shelter us while lying down. A division of the enemy breaks over half a mile off and comes marching down upon us.

They are going to charge us. Orders run along the line, and we are waiting until every bullet, no matter if fired by a soldier with his eyes shut must hit a foe. I select my man while he is yet beyond range. I have eyes for no other. He is a tall, soldierly fellow wearing the stripes of a sergeant. As he comes nearer I imagine he is looking as fixedly at me as I am at him. I admire his coolness. He looks neither to the right nor to the left. The man on the right is hit and goes down, but he does not falter.

I am going to kill that man! I have a rest for my gun on the breastwork, and when the order comes to fire I can not miss him. He is living his last moment on earth! We are calmly waiting until our volley shall prove a veritable flame of death. Now they close up the gaps, and we can hear the shouts of their officers as they make ready to charge. My man is almost opposite me.

He still seems to be looking at me and no one else. I know the word is coming in a few minutes and I aim at his chest. I could be almost sure of hitting him with a stone when we get the word to fire. There is a billow of smoke—a fierce crash—and 4000 bullets are fired into that compact mass of advancing men. Not one volley alone though that worked horrible destruction, but another, until there was no longer a living man to fire at.

The smoke drifts slowly away—men cheer and yell—we can see the meadow beyond heaped with dead and dying men. We advance our line. As we go forward I look for my victim. He is lying on his back eyes half shut, and fingers clutching at the grass. He gasps, draws up his legs and straightens them out again, and is dead as I pass on. I have killed my man! My bullet struck him, tearing that ghastly wound in his breast, and I am entitled to all the honor. Do I swing my cap and cheer? Do I point him out and expect to be congratulated? No I have no cheers. I feel no elation. I feel that I murdered him, war or no war and his agonized face shall haunt me through all the years of my life.—*Detroit Free Press.*

There has been recently discovered a process by which flour may be made of bananas, and the importance of the discovery can be realized when it is known that the same area of ground that will grow 40 pounds of wheat will produce annually 4000 pounds of bananas, and that a banana plantation, after once started, lasts 20 years without breaking up or ploughing.

It now appears that Gladstone will have a majority of 38 or 40. Contrary to expectations the Liberal-Unionists succeeded in electing a fair proportion of their candidates, and Mr. Chamberlain scored a triumph in the election of the entire Birmingham contingent. The Liberals did poorly in the cities and great towns, with the exception of some gains in London. They met slight net gains in Wales and Scotland, and very large gains in the rural constituencies of England. Owing to the indecisive nature of the victory won by Gladstone, the next few months will be times of great unrest and excitement in England. There is great opportunity for the display of political strategy, and as both parties are well generalised we may look for hard and wary fighting. It is hinted that Gladstone will try to unite his own followers and embarrass the enemy by a programme in which, besides home rule, measures which will be popular with the English democracy will find a place. The Conservatives in the House of Commons and in the Lords will not care to offer any obstruction to such measures, because it is their policy to get the country to pronounce on the single issue of home rule, and if they become law the credit will go to Mr. Gladstone and the Liberals. The eyes of the civilized world will be turned upon the great drama which will be enacted next month.

A Great Earthquake Sweeps Away an Island and 12,000 People.

There now seems no doubt that Great Sangir Island, in the South Pacific, was destroyed by an earthquake, involving the loss of the entire population, about 12,000 souls. The captain of the steamer Catterthun reports that on June 29 he called at Timor and found there a Dutch steamer that had left Great Singar Island on June 17. A few hours after her departure the sound of a terrible explosion was heard in the direction of the Singar group, and this was followed

shortly afterwards by showers of ashes which covered the deck of the steamer and darkened the whole atmosphere. When the clouds had cleared away nothing was visible on the horizon but masses of vapor that extended for miles. Great Singar, which, prior to the explosion was in full sight, could not be seen. Six sailing vessels were anchored off the island, and it is thought they must have been destroyed. The captain of the Catterthun also stated that the island of Luzon, the largest of the Philippine group, has recently suffered severely from eruptions, the fire from which caused widespread devastation.

David Wise, a farmer from near Kent Bridge, Chatham, was struck by the Erie and Huron train on Monday evening two or three miles south of Chatham and badly cut in the head and other places. He was taken to the hospital, and it is feared that one of his arms will have to be amputated.

As two children, about six years of age were playing on the bank of the Grand River, Elora, on Monday, about 5 p. m., one of them, a son of Peter Smith, slipped in. His companion waited a few minutes, but not seeing him rise gave the alarm. The body was recovered in about half an hour by Thomas Biggar, jr. Drs. Paget and Robertson were promptly on hand, and did everything possible to restore him, but without avail.

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