

IN THE FACE OF DEATH

The nameless hero of the Grontoft, the radio operator of the Norwegian steamer which jettied with death as his ship sank in a mid-Atlantic hurricane this spring, has caused several millioners to ask themselves how much nerve they have and what their words and actions will be when it at last becomes evident to them that the fight is flickering.

"Well, the steward is making sandwiches for lifeboats. Looks like we were going on a picnic," wired the Grontoft operator in one of his jesting comments which were picked up by the Danish steamer Estonia.

"We are sinking stern first," came the final message. "The boats are smashed. Can't hold out any longer. Where did I put my hat? Sorry we can't wait for you. Pressing business elsewhere."

During the great war it was frequently observed that the British soldiers went to die with stoic calm, that the emotional nature of the Frenchman often expressed itself, not unmanfully, in tears, and that the Americans in many cases were known to die with a laugh or a joke on their lips.

History shows many varieties of emotion during the last hour, and the bitter jest does not seem to be confined to any nationality.

Thomas Hood, the English poet, is said to have remarked that he was dying out of charity to the undertaker, expressing himself in a lowly pun. He referred to the undertaker as wishing "to urn a lively Hood."

The scarf of the executioner was the scene of many bitter last-minute observations. "No, no; you can get them off more easily afterward. Make haste! Make haste!" said Louis Philippe Joseph to his executioner who attempted to pull off his long and handsome riding boots, which fitted tight to his legs.

"It is small, very small, indeed," said Anne Boleyn, clasping her neck.

Robert Burns remained true to type till the end, expressing himself with blunt Scotch wit: "Don't let that awkward sound fire over my grave," he is reported as saying.

Lord Chesterfield's last words concerned properly to the social amenities which his life exalted. "Give Day-robbe a chair," he said.

The maxim expressing the utility of earthly possessions, "Shrouds have no pockets," was recognized with frank regret by Rachel, the French actress. Fondly contemplating her jewels, she said, "And must I part with these so soon?"

While even the laziest of monarchs usually commended their spirits to God when the hour of death approached, there were some who with their last breath gave voice to a regret or even a curse. "O shame! shame!" exclaimed unhappy Henry II. "I am a conquered king—a conquered king! Curse be the day on which I was born and cursed be the children that I leave behind me!"

Alexander Pope at the last uttered a good-natured paradox. A friend called to see him as he sat in a chair, dying, just after his physician, who had spoken encouragingly of his condition, had gone out. In answer to the friend's inquiry relative to his death, he said: "I am dying of a hundred good symptoms."

Hundreds of dying people, whose words have been recorded, have spoken of the pleasantness of death. "If I had the strength to hold a pen," said William Hunter, "I would write how easy and delightful it is to die."

"I feel the daisies growing over me," said the poet Keats.

Among the dying words most frequently quoted are those of William Sidney Porter (O. Henry), so typical of the man himself. When he was lying in a New York hospital in 1910 he said to the nurse: "Turn up the lights. I don't want to go home in the dark," applying the words of the popular song which was then being whistled in the streets.

Housman, not unlike O. Henry, asked for more light, holding his wife to open the window that he might see once more the magnificent scene of nature.

There is certainly nothing of irreverence in most of the bitter, laconic expressions of those who have "business elsewhere." It is of such stuff as well as of prayers and lullaby's confessions that the human drama is made. The courageous mariner who enters the greatest of mysteries with a scout heart and a smile on his lips is a worthy example for us all.

Goods Returned.
An American traveller was being shown over Warwick Castle.
An old guide explained eloquently, and at length, the beauty spots of the old ruins.
At last they came to a particularly fine old tower, the guide explained expressively, "goes back to William the Conqueror."
The American looked at it critically and carefully for a moment, and then asked:
"Goes back to William the Conqueror? Why, what's the matter with it? Ah! it's satisfactory!"

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A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

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The Blind Side.

"I'm afraid, doctor, that religion doesn't mean anything to me," the boy said with embarrassment. "I'm reluctant to say it, for you've been kind to help me with this Greek I made a mess of last term; but I guess my attitude is a family tradition. Though my father never made light of religion, he said that it had served its purpose when people couldn't think for themselves, and he'd no more ridicule it than he would snub an old, tottering, gray-haired man who had outlived his usefulness. That's how father looked at it. He was bitter against some of the old doctrines—the Trinity, for instance, future punishment, and the idea that no one had a chance of being saved unless he was in the church. He said that those doctrines had made men narrow and intolerant and uncharitable. They've been laid on the shelf as curiosities—that's how he expressed it; and he said that a religion was headed the same way."

A smile showed on the minister's face, elderly face. "You've remarked that these rooms are pleasant and easy in the evening," he said, speaking slowly. "When you proposed reading Greek with me that morning over at Preston you didn't know where I lived, and you may remember that I gave you minute directions how to find the house. It was late when you got here the first evening; it was almost nine o'clock. Suppose I had instructed you to come up the street over across, through Mayhew's backyard and up against the blind side of the manse; you'd have found a solid brick wall, four high windows and not a glimmer of light. That rear wall is an integral part of the building—the house wouldn't stand a minute without it—but it isn't a good side for a stranger to get in at."

"I've been wondering, Henry, whether you haven't approached religion on the blind side. So many people do just that; they accept all the mysteries of the Christian faith, all the hard, stern elements of God's moral government, and everything between the covers of the Bible that seems to make it an antiquated book. It never occurs to them to go round to

the front entrance, where there's a porch lamp and such cozy lighted rooms as righteousness and goodness and love and hope and God's tender fatherhood. Those things aren't out of date; they never will be. If men should lay them on the shelf as mere curiosities, our old world would be headed for chaos."

"The blind side of religion is a part of it, exactly as the dark rear wall is a part of this house; but we've got to approach by way of the lighted rooms. That is God's invariable rule. He offers love as the royal interpreter of things that are hard to understand. We've got to be at home in the cozy, lighted rooms before we can appreciate the utility of the rear wall."

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Bits of Humor

FROM HERE & THERE

The Highest Form.
Teacher—"Now, Willie, in what does annual life reach its highest form?"
Willie—"The giraffe, ma'am, I guess."

If Not Up, Down.
Tourist (in mining town)—"Is this a good healthy place to settle in?"
Hotel-keeper—"It is, stranger. Fact is, ye can't get away from here alive unless ye do settle."

Can't Fool This Boarder.
Fisherman—"Don't you want to buy some fine crabs, sir? Look—they're all alive."
Summer Boarder—"Yes, but are they fresh?"

No Place to Stay.
(Little Helen breaks in on her newly engaged sister and her beau.)
Big Sister—"Why, Helen, haven't I told you to stay in the kitchen with Jessie till mamma comes home?"
Helen—"Yes, I know; but Jessie's sweetheart just now came, too!"

What the Reindeer Does.
The teacher had been giving an account of the reindeer, its habits, habits, and uses. One little urchin was not paying the slightest attention so the teacher asked him:
"Now, what is the use of the reindeer?"
"The started urchin looked up, and said:
"It makes everything in the garden lovely, teacher."

Smart Boy.
"Here, boy," exclaimed the excited little man, as he rushed up to a page in a big hotel. "Run up to my room and see if my umbrella is there. Hurry now, because I've just got five minutes to catch a train."

Three minutes later the boy came tripping down the stairs.
"Yes, sir," he said, "it's there all right."

Matrimonial Shrinkage.
It was a well-known writer of verses, to whom a lady said:
"I have just seen your wife for the first time since your marriage; but I had supposed she was a taller woman. She seems shorter than when I saw her last."

"Certainly," said the writer, solemnly. "She has married and settled down."

Against the Sergeant.
An Irish soldier was crossing a barrack square with a pail in which he was going to get some water. A sergeant passing at the time noticed that Pat had a very respectable looking pair of trousers on, and, wishing to make a report, stopped the man and asked:
"Where are you going?"
"To get some water."

"What, in those trousers?"
"No, Sergeant, in the pail."

Short.
"Hair cut, please," said the customer, dropping into the barber's chair. He had that tired look that stamped him as an over-worked editor.
"I don't know, sir," began the barber, "whether you have heard the story about the man who—"

With a sudden attention to his job, he broke off and said:
"Like it short, sir?"
"Yes, please," answered the customer wearily. "A brief synopsis will do."

How He Remembered.
A man went into a cheap restaurant and asked for the menu. The waiter said:
"We ain't got no menu, boss, but I can rattle the grub list off for you out of my head, if you like."

"All right," said the man. "Let's have 'em."
So the waiter rattled off a list of dishes about three yards long. The man said in astonishment:
"You must employ a very remarkable memory-training system. How on earth can you remember all that?"
"Easy enough," said the waiter. "I just look at the tablecloth."

A New Sensation.
Little Alice had visited one of the larger summer amusement parks for the first time, and with the courage possessed only by those girls whose playmates are boys older than themselves, she had not hesitated, when invited, to take a ride on one of the "thrillers" that abound in such places.

To her mother, on her return from the park, she confided the emotions she had experienced as she swung round the curves of the "figure eight" with her elder brothers.

"Mother," she said, "when I went round those awful turns so fast I felt just as if I had freckles on my stomach!"

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Thankfulness.
If, when the evening shadows fall around me,
I can look deep within my heart and
I have been true unto the best within me,
Have tried to live just as I should to-day,
I can be glad, though failures press upon me
And doubt and grief oppress and
weigh me down,
And know that some time, though the way be weary,
I yet will reach a noble, worthwhile goal.

—Katherine Edelman.

The Big Wheel Falls.
The "Grand Rue"—Big Wheel—or "Ferris Wheel," as Canadians know it, is no more a part of the Paris skyline.

The big wheel of Paris which has stood in the Champ de Mars for more than twenty-two years, sharing attention with the Eiffel tower as one of the loveliest sights of the French capital, was condemned in November, 1920, as unsafe and the work of demolition started. Before long, engineers found that tearing down the big circle was a greater engineering task than the creation of it in 1900 as one of the wonders of the Paris exposition.

The cars were first detached and sent to the devastated regions for homeless families. Next came the very dangerous operation of detaching great girders of steel weighing tons, and lowering them to the ground. As the structure had been erected with a comparatively delicate balance, it became impossible to continue the demolition except by intricate mathematical precision, which might be termed "finding the balance." Fylike workmen, therefore, ascended with paraphernalia to cut off several thousand pounds here and several hundred pounds there, according to the instruction of experts. Little by little Paris has watched the great "roue" disappear. The sons and daughters of the Eiffel Tower—thousands of tourists who have already marvelled at or "gone up" on the big wheel will now find a more sombre Paris skyline than their fathers and mothers found.

The question is now, How many years before the Eiffel Tower, rising nearly 1,000 feet, will be found unsafe and condemned to destruction? M. Eiffel, the famous engineer who constructed the lofty pile of structural steel, lived to see it perform valuable service during the war as an observation station and wireless post. He is still living to-day to announce that it is almost as sound and safe as the day it was completed and with proper repair from time to time, will continue to go for decades.

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