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Deadly Hand Grenades Are Again Being Used

The hand grenade which gave their name to the Grenadiers has again come into use in the present war. The excellent results which were achieved by the use of "hand bombs," or, as they are more correctly termed, "hand grenades," both by the Russians and the Japanese in the war between those two countries led the other Great Powers to a general adoption of them.

The British are not behind in the matter, and says a correspondent, we are sure to hear of the use of grenades by our soldiers engaged in the present contest sooner or later.

The grenade used by the British troops consists, generally speaking, of a cylindrical body about 6 in. long and 2 1/2 in. in diameter, to which is attached a cane handle, 18 in. in length. The cane handle, which is serrated at the end for holding in the palm, serves to throw the grenade. A tail of some loose material is affixed to the handle for the purpose of steadying the grenade in flight.

The body of this rocket-shaped grenade carries a charge of high explosive in the form of lyddite. At the head is a cap and detonator which serves to explode the grenade. When not in use, a safety-pin attachment renders the cap and detonator inoperative until required.

The grenade can be carried with safety until the securing pin is withdrawn and the cap turned to the "fire" position. Fixed to the body is a hook, by means of which the soldier can attach the grenade to his belt. It is carried handle downwards, with the steadying tail wrapped around the stick.

Recalls the Grenadiers

The use of hand grenades goes back as far as the year 1247, when they were used by the French at the siege of Arles.

Louis XIV. founded the first grenadier, who consisted of four picked men in each company. It is on re-

cord, too, that these weapons were used at the siege of the fortress of Casalmaggiore, on the River Po. On this occasion the grenade was an extremely primitive weapon, merely consisting of a bottle filled with gunpowder and exploded in some unknown way.

When the Turks laid siege to Vienna in 1683, it is said that upwards of three-quarters of a million grenades were used by the defenders. In 1702, during the northern war, King Charles XII's dragoons, used grenades. They were also employed at the siege of Saragossa by the French against Spaniards in the years 1808-9. During the Russian war of 1855-6 the French and the Russians used these weapons with much effect, particularly at the siege of Sevastopol.

The English used the grenade in the South in 1884-5. The form it took then was a curious one—a well baked clay weighing about a pound and filled with an explosive called pyroxil.

Coming to more recent times, we have heard accounts of its use in the Russo-Japanese war. It was during this campaign that the power of the grenade as an instrument of destruction was fully comprehended, particularly in field fighting, and also as a rattle upon the fort.

It is said that at the siege of Port Arthur grenades were used by the troops on both sides.

Around fortified positions the use of grenades has been proved to be very efficacious. In an attack on a fortress the besiegers gradually approach their goal by means of trenches. Against infantry in trenches guns are of little use, except in enfilade firing and rifle bullets are not very effective. It is in such cases that great opportunity for the use of the grenade presents itself.

Originally, the grenadier was a tall strong foot soldier trained to throw grenades. Afterwards the term was applied to the biggest men in a regiment, who were formed into a grenadier company and wore a distinctive dress. The term is only preserved now in the style of the famous regiments, the Grenadier Guards of the British Army, who are all tall men, and the Canadian regiments of Grenadiers.

SIR NIGEL

BY A. CONAN DOYLE

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Nigel had indeed lain with all the breath shaken from his body, and as he was aware that his helmet had been carried off, he had not undressed either the alarm or the amusement that he had caused. Now freed from the great hauberk in which he had been shut like a pea in a pod, he stood blinking in the light, blushing deeply with shame and the shifts to which his poverty had reduced him should be exposed to all these laughing courtiers. "It was the King who brought him comfort."

Your father's weapons," said he, "and you have proved also that you are the worthy bearer of his name and his arms, for you have within you that spirit for which he was famous. But I will not that either he nor you would suffer a train of hungry men to starve before your door, so lead on, I pray you, and let the meat be as this grace before it, then it will be a feast indeed."

CHAPTER X.

It would have fared ill with the good name of Tilford Manor-house and with the housekeeping of the aged Dame Ermyntude had King Edward, while reclining with his outer and inner robes, his jeweled, his chamberlain and his guard, all gathered under the one roof. But by the foresight and the gentle management of King Chandos's household he was avoided, so that some were quartered at the great Abbey and others passed on to the hospitality of Sir Roger FitzAlan at Farnham Castle. Only the Prince, the Prince, Manny, Chandos, Sir Hubert de Burgh, the Bishop and two or three more remained behind as the guests of the Loring.

But small as was the party and humble the surroundings, the King in no way relaxed that love of ceremony, of elaborate form and of brilliant coloring which was his wonted habit. The sumpter-mules were unpacked, squires ran hither and thither, baths smoked in the bed-chambers, silks and satins were unfolded, gowns and girdles were taken so that when at last, to the long blast of two court trumpeters, the company took their seats at the board, it was the brightest, fairest and which held the black raters had ever spanned.

The great influx of foreign knights who had come in their splendor from all parts of Christendom to take part in the defence of the Round Tower of Windsor six years before, and to try their luck and their skill at the tournament connected with it, had deeply modified the old-fashioned fashions of the time. The old tunic and surcoat and hose were now too sad and simple for the new fashions, so now strange and brilliant cote-hardies, pourpoints, many other wondrous garments, party-colored or diapered, with looped, embroidered or scalloped edges, flamed and glittered round the King. He himself, in his velvet and ermine, formed a dark rich centre to the fire around him. On his right sat the Prince, on his left the Bishop, white and brilliant in his armorial and the forces of his household, alert and watchful, pouring in her dishes and her flagons at the right moment, rallying her tired servants, encouraging the van, hurrying the rear, hesitating up her reserves, the tapping of her oak stick heard everywhere the pressure was the greatest.

Behind the King, clad in his best, but looking drab and sorry amid the brilliant costumes round him, Nigel himself, regardless of an aching body and a twisted knee, waited upon his royal guests, who threw many a merry jest at him over their shoulders as they still chuckled at the adventure of the bridge.

"By the rood!" said King Edward, leaning back, with a chicken-bone held daintily between the courtesy fingers of his left hand, "the play is most for Windsor with me, Nigel, and bring with you this great suit of harness in which you mark. There you shall hold the lists with your eyes in your midriff, and unless some one cleave you to the waist I see not how any harm can befall you. Never have I seen so small a nut in so great a shell."

The Prince, looking back with laughing eyes, saw by Nigel's flushed and embarrassed face that his poverty hung heavily upon him. "Nay," said he kindly, "such a workman is surely worthy of better tools."

"And it is for his master to see that he has them," added the King. "The court armorer will look to it that the next time your helmet is carried away, Nigel, your head shall be inside it."

Nigel, red to the roots of his flaxen hair, stammered out some words of thanks.

John Chandos, however, had a fresh suggestion, and he looked a roguish eye as he made it. "Surely, my liege, your bounty is little heeded in this case, if the ancient laws of arms that if two cavaliers start to joust, and one either by maladdress or misadventure fail to meet the shock, then his arms become the property of him who still holds the lists. This being so, methinks, Sir Hubert de Burgh, that the fine hauberk of Milan and the helmet of Bordeaux steel in which you rode to Tilford should remain with our young host as some small remembrance of your visit."

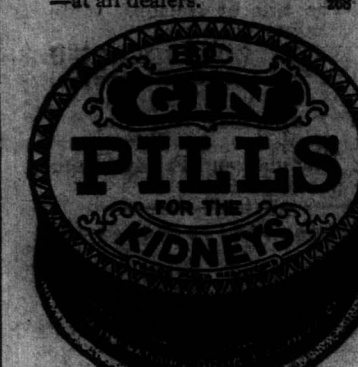
The suggestion raised a general chorus of approval and laughter, in which all joined, save only Sir Hubert himself, who, flushed with anger, fixed his baleful eyes upon Chandos' mischievous and smiling face.

"I said that I did not play that foolish game, and I know nothing of its laws," said he; "but you know well, John, that if you would have a bout with sharpened spear or sword, where two ride to the ground, and only one away from it, you have not far to go to find it."

"Nay, nay, would you ride to the ground? Surely you had best walk, Hubert," said Chandos, "on your feet"

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I know well that I should not see your back as we have seen it to-day. Say what you will, your horse has played you false, and I claim your suit of harness for Nigel Loring."

Your tongue is overlong, John, and I am weary of its endless clack," said Sir Hubert, his yellow mustache bristling from a scowl. "If you claim my harness, do you yourself come and take it. If there is a moon in the sky you may try this very night when the board is cleared."

"Nay, fair sir," cried the King, smiling from one to the other, "this matter must be followed no further. Do you fill a bumper of Gascony, John, and you also, Hubert. Now pledge each other. I pray you, as good and loyal comrades who would soon to fight save in your King's quarrel. We can spare neither of you while there is so much work for brave hearts over the sea. As to this matter of the harness, John Chandos speaks truly where it concerns a joust in the lists, but we hold that such a law is scarce binding in this, which was but a wayside passage and a general trial of arms. On the other hand, in the case of your Squire, Master Manny, there can be no doubt that his suit is forfeit."

"It is a grievous hearing for him, my liege," said Walter Manny; "for he is a poor man and hath been at sore pains to fit himself for the war. Yet what you say shall be done, fair sire. So, if you will come to me in the morning, Squire Loring, John Widdicombe's suit will be handed over to you."

"Then with the King's leave, I will hand it back to him," said Nigel, troubled and stammering; "for indeed I had rather never ride to the wars than take from a brave man his only suit of plate."

"There spoke your father's spirit!" cried the King. "By the rood! Nigel, I like you full well. Let it be matter bide in my hands. But I mean much that Sir Aymery the Loring had no come to me yet from Windsor."

From the moment of his arrival at Tilford, again and again King Edward had asked most eagerly whether Sir Aymery had come, and whether there was any news of him, so that the courtiers glanced at each other in wonder. For Aymery was known to all of them as a famous mercenary of Italy, lately appointed Governor of Calabria, and this sudden and urgent summons from the King might well mean some renewal of the war with France, which was the dearest wish of every soldier. Twice the King had stopped his meal and sat with sideling head, his wine-cup in his hand, listening attentively when some sound like the clatter of hoofs was heard from outside, but the third time there could be no mistake. The tramp and jingle of the horses broke loud upon the ear, and ended in hoarse voices calling out of the darkness, which were answered by the archers posted as sentries without the door.

"Some traveler has indeed arrived, my liege," said Nigel. "What is your royal will?"

"It can be but Aymery," the King answered, "for it was only to him that I left the message that he should follow me hither. Bid him come in, I pray you, and make him very welcome at your board."

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LONDON, Nov. 4.—Telegraphing from the north of France the correspondent of The Chronicle says: "Nieport, which suffered severely from the bombardment by the allies and Germans and was lost and taken three times in one day, is now in ruins. It is occupied only by the dead, lying in unburied heaps."

CABINET MEN RESIGN

LONDON, Nov. 4.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Constantinople via Berlin, asserts that the ministers of public works, marine and commerce have resigned. The Turkish cabinet resignations noted above are undoubtedly due to dissensions which have arisen regarding the Black Sea raid of the Turkish fleet which precipitated Turkey's entrance into the European war. Osman Nizami Pasha held the portfolio of minister of public works; Suleiman El Busanti that of commerce, and Behlul Mahmut, was the minister of marine. The cabinet was formed on June 17, 1913.

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