

Miscellaneous Reading.

THE CARNAGE OF WAR.

Story of a Survivor of the Battle of Gravelotte.

William Guldner, a survivor of the battle of Gravelotte, the most hard fought victory of the Franco-Prussian war, tells in Harper's Magazine how he saw the victory as color bearer of his regiment.

"It must have been, I think, about 4 o'clock when Colonel von Boehn rode to the head of the regiment and we all straightened quick as on parade. And he said sharp a few words, something like, 'Men, the regiment has a good name, and you will give it a still better one.' I was in front and could hear part of what he said.

"The colonel led us to the left, and we crossed a railroad track and went through another little white village, and then we faced a slope—a long slope—with a village on it, which the French had made into a fort, and we, our regiment and others, were to capture it, and there were many Frenchmen and cannon there.

"The colonel rode on a horse, he and the majors and the adjutants. Our captains usually rode, too, but this day the captains sent their horses back and went on foot.

"And soon our first men began to fall, for we came under the fire of the chasseur. It was hard, for we could not see the enemy. These first ones were many sharpshooters in a ditch, and the noise of the firing was like that of a coffee mill—kr-r-r-r-r! They drew off as we went forward. It was only at a walk that we went—a steady walk, just as if there were no bullets there.

"And now we would run forward fifty yards and throw ourselves flat, then another fifty yards and the halt and the falling flat, and each time we could see the village that was a fortress nearer.

"And once when we were lying down and I saw that the officers were standing, just cool and quiet, it came to me that a man has to pay in such ways to be an officer.

"I saw the colonel fall. He was shot from his horse and carried back.

"The first major, he took command, and he galloped to the skirmish line, and he was shot. Then the second major, too, was shot, and he tried to get up, but he could not stand, and he sat on a big stone and shouted: 'Go on! Go on!' And he took a gun from a dead man and fired it.

"We were ordered to fix bayonets, and that made us glad, but even yet the men carried their rifles on their shoulders as they ran. We were not near enough to charge with bayonets.

"I wish I could tell you what it was like as we got near that village of St. Privat—the noise, the smoke, the flashes, the falling men and only one desire in our hearts.

"There were three sergeants in the color section, one at each side of me. And first the one at my right was killed. Then the one at my left was shot—eight big bullets in his body from a mitrailleuse—eight! Yet afterward got well, while many a man died from only one little bullet.

"And at last we went at a bayonet charge, and for the first time there was a cheer, a wild and savage cheer, and we ran on, eager to plunge the bayonets, and we could see as we came near the village that the French were firing from behind barricades and garden walls and from windows.

"And we looked into the white faces of the French, and they met us hand to hand. Ah, we climbed over walls and barricades, and we fired and bayoneted, and we fought them in the streets!

"On and on we went. It was a wild time of shooting, bayoneting, wrestling, clubbing, shouting. On and on, but it was slow work and terrible, for the French fought for every step.

"I was at the front, for I had the colors. There were a few officers still left, and they were shouting and waving their swords, and other regiments stormed into the village with us, and after a while—I can't say how long—the place was ours.

"As I tell it to you it seems perhaps a simple thing. But when the regiment was paraded before the battle began we were more than 2,900 men and more than the fight forty officers and more than a thousand men. Yes, that was the loss of just my regiment alone. It was murderish, but it was necessary.

"Well, it was over. The village was blazing, and many a dead man lay in the ruins. Some sat upright, dead, with their backs against walls."

A "HELLO" FAILURE.

Government Ownership of Telephones Unpopular in Manitoba.

So far as this province is concerned, government ownership of telephones is not meeting with the success which was promised while the present government was canvassing the province for re-election, says a Winnipeg correspondent.

People were told that with public ownership existing telephone charges would be cut in two and that after several years of operation the rates would be still further reduced. They cited the Bell schedules as ridiculous and exorbitant and quoted the dividends being paid by the Bell concern.

All these assertions and promises are forgotten now that the provincial government has purchased the Bell system in Manitoba, and instead of a reduction in the rates an advance has been ordered in certain classes. The province paid \$2,500,000 for the Bell lines and equipment, and when the purchase price was announced Francis Dasher, a telephone expert, who is known all over the American continent, declared that at the price paid by the government the system could not be run on a paying basis unless the rates were advanced.

The local government then apparently began to realize the fact that at least a million dollars too much had been paid to the Bell people, and some competent experts alleged an excess payment of a much greater sum. To make a favorable showing an order was issued by the commission appointed to look after the workings of the system that under no circumstances would free telephones be allowed, and the 90 instruments for which no return remained of the system by some \$2,500 a year. But this was not enough, so an order has now been issued informing all doctors and nurses that in future their yearly rate will be \$50 instead of \$40, under the Bell rule, and thus another \$2,000 or \$4,000 is added to the

yearly receipts of the department of telephones.

These two items, however, amount to little, and now the commission is considering other ways to increase the revenues, while the general service given to subscribers is no better than before. In fact, many persons assert that the Manitoba government is not giving as good service as the Bell company did under the same conditions. The promise of reduced rates seems as far from fulfillment as ever, and whenever a member of the provincial department of telephones or a member of the commission is asked when the promised reduction of rates is likely to become effective he replies with the now stereotyped phrase, "I have nothing for publication on the matter."

And such is the public ownership of telephones under the Manitoba government.

47 If you must give advice, first find out what kind the other fellow wants.

48 Why is the Fourth of July like an oyster? Because we cannot enjoy it without crackers.

A POUND OF FEATHERS.

It is in Reality Heavier Than a Pound of Lead.

The favorite question with the school committeemen of olden time was, we are told, "which is the heavier, a pound of feathers or a pound of lead?" The first rash answer almost always used to be, "a pound of lead." Then, of course, from the older pupils would come the reply, "both alike."

If this question was asked today the old time querist might receive a decided surprise, for the pound of feathers could easily be proved to be the heavier. A simple experiment is all the evidence needed.

With any accurate scales weigh out a pound of lead, using ordinary shot for convenience. Pour the shot into a bag of the same size as the feathers, a light muslin bag, will be needed, and care must be taken that feathers and bag together do not weigh more than a pound. When the bag of feathers is put into the other pan of the balance the beam will, after a few oscillations, come to rest exactly level.

So far the verdict "both alike" seems to be proved. But place the balance on the receiver of an air pump, with lead and feathers undisturbed. Cover the whole with the glass bell jar and exhaust the air. Slowly the feathers sink, and the lead kicks the beam. The pound of feathers is heavier than the pound of lead.

The truth is that what we call a pound was not such in fact, for the atmosphere buoys up everything within it in proportion to the bulk of the object, and the feathers, being of greater bulk than the lead, are supported by the air to a considerably greater extent than the lead. Removed from this supporting medium, their true weight is made evident.

Charles Reade propounded a similar question in one of his novels. A Jewish trader is made to ask, "which is the heavier, a pound of feathers or a pound of gold?" After a while he explains to the satisfaction of his audience of miners that the feathers are the heavier.

Gold, he explains, is weighed by troy weight, while feathers are weighed by

avoirdupois, and as the twelve ounces in a pound troy contain only 5,760 grains, while the avoirdupois pound contain nearly 7,000 grains, the pound of feathers is, of course, 1,240 grains heavier than the pound of gold.—New York Tribune.

A MODEST REQUEST.—Mr. J. M. Barrie, the author, tells a good story against himself.

A lady of his acquaintance had taken a friend to see one of his plays, and quite astonished, he asked her why she did so.

"Oh," was the reply, "it's such a quiet street for the horses."

He also tells of a playgoer who requested to a lady in front of him to remove her huge hat.

At length, exasperated, he said: "If you won't take off your hat, my dear madam, will you be so kind as to fold back your ears?"—Woman's Life.

VALUE OF BALLOONS.

One Authority Declares This is Overestimated, and Tells Why. "Military authorities are overestimating the value of the airship and balloons for purposes of war," remarked Professor Andrew B. Quale of Yale, to a New York Telegram reporter.

"There are two very serious drawbacks to the use of the balloon, which is the only possible vehicle of the air forces. It is also wrong, I think, to train our military men in the use of balloons when the hope of the entire world is to solve the problem of aviation. If this is solved the same men must be trained over at great expense, because there is a wide difference between ballooning and flying in a machine which is heavier than air."

49 The population of Canada is now about 6,500,000.

50 In Belgium a revenue of \$5,000 is derived from roadside fruit trees.

51 A hen attains her best laying capacity in her third year. She will lay on an average lifetime from 300 to 500 eggs.

THRIFT OF A MAGNATE.—Commenting on the thrifty habits of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, a correspondent of the New York Tribune tells a story which he says "goes back more than forty years, but may be told again on that account."

For years Mr. Vanderbilt went to Saratoga every year and spent many hours every day on the Congress Hall porch smoking. "My brother," says the story teller, "who lived near the spring, loved horses and used to drive to the village and go to the congress and listen to the Vanderbilt horse talk. One day he noticed a big darned needle stuck through the lapel of the great railroad man's coat, and in wondering what it was there for missed much of the conversation. It used developed when the Vanderbilt cigar became too short to be held by the fingers with comfort or safety to the smoker. Then the stump was speared by the needle and held for further incineration. Aided by the darned needle the cigar was smoked to the bitter—to him sweet—end. And he was not the least bit ashamed to let people see him make use of the darned needle."

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