

LIFE IN TRENCHES SHATTERS NERVES

German Officer After 144 Hours Under Fire at Front Looks 20 Years Older.

VIGIL IS HARD TO BEAR

Pleasantries in English Language Do Not Sit Well With Men Who Have Endured Frightful Experience of Warfare.

BY JAMES O'DONNELL BENNETT (War Correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. Published by Arrangement.)

LILLE, France, Nov. 21.—The first man I encountered upon reaching the Hotel de France in Lille was a German officer who had come straight from the trenches.

For six days and nights he had been sitting in front of the Anglo-French bombardment, had seen his company decimated, and had himself held hands with death for so many hours that now it was life and sunshine and the busy streets of Lille and the hotel tables loaded with food that seemed to him unreal and dreamlike.

This officer was in the usual plight, physical and psychological, which attends men who have been through what he had been through. His boots, his uniform, his hair were plastered with mud, his face was covered with a grayish stubble, his lips were cracked, his skin was parched with the fever that accompanies lack of sleep and there were the usual green lines under his bloodshot eyes.

For it happened that while we were registering and the officer from the trenches was waiting to register one of the members of our party began delivering in the English language some unimportant observations on the weather or the cleanliness of the hotel or the civility of the women clerks.

English Speech Annoys Him. Outwardly the officer was not trembling. He signed the hotel register with a firm hand, his stride was swift, and his voice was clear.

Our Captain laid a finger on his lips, shook his head warningly, and said to the other officer: "The gentlemen are with me, Captain."

At dinner, six hours later, I saw him again, and if 24 hours had not dropped away from him, I am sure I could have sworn he had had four hours' sleep in a clean bed and two hours of bathing and shaving and brushing.

Reaction Slow to Come. He had his nerves well in hand now, and he proved himself a capital story teller—both in the field of radiant words and in the field of radiant words.

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United States Minister Brand Whitlock and his wife sailed from New York December 25. Mr. Whitlock and his wife came to the United States for a short visit in his mother and he is now returning to take up his duties as the American Minister to Belgium.

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Dr. A. J. van Heerken, Medical Man Who Died Last Week.

Physician Born in Holland Took Degrees Abroad and Practiced in Several Foreign Lands.

Dr. A. J. van Heerken, who died here last week, was a man who had traveled widely over the earth before he came to make his home in Portland 25 years ago.

He was born in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1871. He attended the Latin School at Marbleborough, where he was a pupil of the eminent Dunsen, and later he entered the University of Bonn, Germany, where he graduated in 1891, with his brother, William, as a physician and surgeon.

He took his internship in Vienna and then moved to Paris, where he practiced for 2 years.

After having studied medicine under such noted men as Philippe Ricord, Langenbeck, Killian and Neujon he moved to New York. Here he became acquainted with the elder Dr. Valentine Mott, and he took over the greater part of Dr. Mott's practice after the latter's death. He was associated with the Bellevue Hospital in New York, and was a classmate of Dr. Abraham Jacoby.

After several years in New York, he married and moved to the Dutch Indies, and later to Sidney, Australia.

When he returned to America he settled in San Francisco, where his wife died. He then moved to Denver, Colo., and finally came to Portland, where he established his permanent home.

He is survived by his son, Tristan Van Heerken, with the Chamber of Commerce, and daughter, Mrs. J. Thautner, and two grandchildren, Herbert and Bernice Thautner.

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Advertisement for Nujol laxative, featuring a bottle of the product and text describing its benefits for constipation and nervous depression. The text includes 'Recapture the Old Joy Of Living' and 'HAS life lost its zest? Do you suffer pretty constantly from nervous depression—the blues?'.