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FICTION VS. FACTS IN WAR.

The unavoidable absence of Richard Harding Davis and Stephen Crane from the battle of Waterloo will always be deplorable by students of that memorable and decisive conflict in the world's history. In the light of recent events, we can only regret that the magnificent engagement was not postponed until our great war correspondent could have handled the disposition of the troops and the commissary arrangements of the contending armies in the columns of the yellow newspapers and up to-date magazines.

That far-away look in the eyes of the great Napoleon and that air of abstraction in the demeanor of the great Wellington just before the battle opened, which were noticed by their staff officers and which historians have vainly endeavored to explain, may be easily accounted for now. Napoleon was not worrying about his absent general, as may be supposed, but wondering if a Richard would come up, and Wellington, instead of fretting over the weight of the army's artillery, was depressed over the absence of a Stephen. But the armies were restless, the die was cast, and the conflict could not, at the last moment, be postponed with out causing a general disturbance of the European money market and creating great uneasiness in London and Paris.

Charles O'Malley and his faithful attendant, Mickey Free, have done much to repair the loss inflicted upon humanity by the unavoidable absence of the great war correspondents of our times. They have accomplished much in the way of stripping the engagement of those impertinent and annoying facts which are ever in the way of the writer and lover of pure fiction, and Victor Hugo, with that disregard for obstacles which marks the true genius, supplemented the work of his predecessors by furnishing a deep ravine for the battlefield, which nature had thoughtlessly neglected to provide, in order that the defeat of the French might harmonize with the general design of his romances. But these, though the efforts of masters in their day, were but weak conceptions when compared with the effects Richard or Stephen might have produced upon coming ages had they been anywhere in the vicinity of Brussels after the ball.

The official reports of the final triumph of the allies over Napoleon and the histories based upon them are dry and uninteresting in comparison with the vivid description of a skirmish in a banana patch before Santiago furnished by Richard and Stephen.

Former writers, even though inspired with such zeal and courage in the discharge of their duties as to seek news at the cannon's mouth, and though sharing the perils and hardships of the common soldier, were not gifted with that wondrous talent for describing things that never occurred except in their own minds which made the names of Davis and Crane household words throughout the length and breadth of this land.—Inter Ocean.

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