

TRENCH WARFARE SHATTERS NERVES

Horror of It All Has Lasting Effect on Victims of the Titanic Conflict.

WEIRD SCENES ARE DESCRIBED

Dr. E. Murray Auer of Philadelphia Says "Trench Dreams" of the Wounded Bore Horrors of Modern Battles.

Philadelphia.—That the horrors of trench warfare, with its sudden alarms at night, the bursting of shells and the burying of men by mine explosions, have a lasting effect on the men who undergo them is the conclusion reached by Dr. E. Murray Auer of Philadelphia, Pa., who for some time was attached to the Twenty-second General hospital of the British expeditionary force, "somewhere in France."

In a paper which was read recently before the Philadelphia Neurological society, and which appears in the current issue of the Medical Record, Doctor Auer gives the results of his observations.

In practically all of the cases which were observed by Doctor Auer the soldiers received no appreciable physical injury, the effect being purely mental. One such instance cited by the physician was found in a boy nineteen years old. This boy had been for three days under a sustained and heavy shell fire. At the end of that time he was threatened by his sergeant with courtmartial for sleeping while on sentry duty. This led to an examination and the sending of the boy to the hospital. He was in a stupor for ten days. The same was true of another soldier who had seen his chum blown to pieces.

During the time of their coma, which in some cases lasted more than a week, the soldiers gave the impression that they again were living through the experiences which had caused the stupor to come on. This was evidenced by their terrified expressions. They crouched, started and stared wildly when spoken to. One such man rose from his bed in the middle of the night and recited in a one-sided conversation his experience of a charge and burial by a mine explosion, and then relapsed into his stuporous state.

Another result of shock, according to Doctor Auer's observations, is a continued shaking of the entire body, accompanied by various pains and unusually severe headaches. In some cases this shaking has been observed to last several days, and even weeks, although in most instances its duration is a few hours. In one instance this trembling came after a soldier had twice been buried in a mine explosion, had been through a charge and under heavy bombardment in a trench and finally was hit by a piece of rock, which, while not injuring him, knocked him down. In his case the tremor of the head was marked, and lasted for some time.

Temporary loss of memory is a common thing with the men who have been through some extremely trying period or who have suffered a sudden shock. In such instances the recovery of memory is as sudden as its loss. One such soldier, after being near a shell which exploded, could remember nothing that happened to him until he came to himself, walking along a lane, some time later. Another man in the hospital thought himself back in the trenches and became violent, moving his cupboard about as though it were a machine gun and pointing it at his enemies. When he suddenly returned to a normal state he could remember nothing of his experience.

One of the most common, and at the same time most pitiful, of the many mental results of the struggle is the inability to sleep soundly and recurrence of so-called trench dreams. It is not uncommon, Doctor Auer says, to see soldiers start from their beds in the middle of the night, crying out and weeping, the bodies bathed in perspiration as they dream of being chased by Germans with bayonets, of being buried under debris following a mine explosion and of losing the trench in a fog and being unable to get back.

The fear which is commonly found is not the kind which a layman would expect. The soldiers do not fear injury to themselves. They are rather afraid of doing something wrong, a fear of an emergency in which one may fail or lose the confidence of his comrades. In one instance the patient was afraid to go to sleep for fear he would not awake.

Blindness and deafness are frequently found, but one of the most unusual of the phenomena in this connection is the presence of photophobia, the fear of looking. In many instances men are found who complain that they cannot see. In such instances, when their eyes are opened for them, they can see without any difficulty. One instance of this came as the result of a trench dream in which the soldier again lived through his burial by a mine explosion four weeks before. When he awoke he complained that he could not see and imagined that his sight had been lost as a result of the explosion. When the eyelids were raised he could see as

DAUGHTER OF SENATOR



Miss Leona Curtis, daughter of Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas, is a welcome addition to congressional circles in Washington. Though she has been in the capital only a short time, her charm and good looks have won many friends.

HOLD GRIM WAR MEMENTOS

Personal Treasures of Soldiers Killed in the War Are Kept for Their Families.

London.—Little brown paper parcels and canvas bags, ranged in hundreds of pigeonholes in a London Wall building, are silent mementos of the grim side of the great war.

Here are stored the personal treasures of the soldiers who have died at the front. They are kept for the dead soldiers' wives and mothers who find comfort in the possession of the few belongings found in the trenches after bullet, bayonet or poison gas has done its work.

Most of the packages contain things of only trivial value, such as a pipe, a pocket knife, a shaving brush, watch or unfinished letter, but all are carefully kept until relatives of the dead soldiers claim them.

The record office of the territorial regiments deals with every arm of the service and hundreds of inquiries a day are handled. The office attempts to trace the relatives of dead soldiers, but this is not always possible. By means of a very efficient index system the record office keeps track of every officer and man in the territorial regiments.

HOLDS OFFICE FOR 46 YEARS

Aged Man in California Has Handled Many Millions of Public Money.

San Jose, Cal.—William A. January, for 46 years an official of California, San Jose or Santa Clara county, celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary the other day with his usual morning routine of three hours' work in his offices in the hall of justice and an informal reception at his home.

January has been tax collector of this county for 26 years. In 1883-1884 he was state treasurer, and previous to that served eight years as city treasurer and eight years as county treasurer, when that office and the tax collector's were combined.

During his service in various city and county offices Collector January has handled \$50,000,000 of public funds.

SOLDIER'S WILL IN VERSE

Testament of an Officer of the London Scottish Is Admitted to Probate.

London.—The will was proved recently of Second Lieut. Norman McGregor Lowe, D. M. C., of the London Scottish, who was killed in France on January 10. The will, dated September 21 last, made on a half sheet of notepaper, reads:

"In the event of my death, which I hope will be an honorable one on the field of battle, I appoint my brother Charles Edward Berkeley Lowe to be executor.

Bury me by the bracken bush Beneath the blooming briar. And let never living mortal ken That a kindly Scot lies here.

(Signed) Norman McGregor Lowe, Second Lieutenant London Scottish. Long live the King.

Unearth Den of Snakes.

Greenville, Pa.—Two residents of Stoneboro were walking through what is known as Lynch woods, a heavy timber tract near the village, when they saw something moving near an old log. They investigated and discovered a snake, which they killed. The log was then moved a few inches and a den of snakes was unearthed. The men killed 27 of them. They were blacksnakes and several of good size.

Death Takes Heavyweight.

Jersey City, N. J.—Death has claimed William R. Katt, forty-four, who weighed 573 pounds. Katt used a strongly reinforced automobile and lived in rooms that were especially

Treasurer Town of Roxboro September 1, 1915.

Disbursements

TO WHOM PAID	GENERAL FUND	SCHOOL FUND	CEMETERY FUND	SCHOOL-BOND TAX FUND	ST. AND WATER	WATER ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Graded School		1103.58					
N B Norman, Poll Holder	8.00						
Robert Scoggins, Soil	5.00						
Pay rolls	116.95						
Pay rolls Wt. act.					23.70		
Coupons, School bonds,							
Coupons, St. & Water,				225.00			
R. H. Gates, Sal. four mos.	800.00				250.00		
J. F. Cash, Sal. two mos.	130.00						
J B Barnett, sal. one mo.	50.00						
R H Gates, Pay rolls st.	17.25						
R H Gates, wt.			2.50				19.30
Roxboro Courier, printing	13.25						
N S Thompson, shff. Ele. N.	1.80						
N S Thompson, N. C. B. of H. Wt.			12.50				21.00
Lo.g Bradsher & Co., supplies	3.15						10.45
A P Clayton, Act. Streets	13.20						
A P Clayton,	15.40						
F. mers Hdwe. Co. supplies	2.86						
Roxboro Courier, printing	20.00						
Rox. Lt. & P. Co. Lights & Pump	224.63						137.50
H G Clayton, Jr. Polls	8.00						
Sherman Lea, Garbage,	1.75						
Peoples Bank,	40.08						
T D Winstead, streets.	2.00						
W J Winstead, Poll-holder	2.00						
Vicellio Bros. Abbit & Harris							3.93
Geo W Thomas, hauling & P.	10.80						
Peoples Bank, pay rolls	57.00						
Farmers Hdwe. Co supplies							4.65
Roxboro Plumbing Co, work,							4.05
J M O'Briant, Inspector,	67.40						
R H Gates, pay rolls	12.85						20.70
Rufus Johnson, work,	8.60						4.55
W A Bradsher, hauling and plow,	14.60						
Disbursed for Graded School		4761.67					
R H Gates, labor	1.40						
R H Gates, salary	75.00						
J B Barnett, salary	25.00						
Wm. Mitchee, sanitation	6.00						
J F Cash, salary	70.00						
J H Pass, Coal, Mayors office	1.00						
The Newells, repairing watch	1.50						
S D Lea, hauling garbage	1.35						
A P Clayton, sweeping Streets	21.40						
J M O'Briant, Badges police	.75						
Farmers Hdw. Co., sup. Mayors office	.75						
Peoples Bank, interest	59.73						
Peoples Bank, coupons							500.00
Peoples Bank, labor							11.80
Peoples Bank, coupons							1125.00
Peoples Bank, coupons							
Pay roll, cleaning cemetery			64.00				550.00
Pay roll, soiling Streets	253.45						
Adv. Mfg. Record Bonds	2.80						
Labor on Streets	16.75						
Wm. Mitchell, sanitation	6.00						
R H Gates, salary	150.00						2.50
Lizzie Noell, feeding prisoners	3.70						
Bank of Roxboro interest	38.35						
Farmers Hardware Co., supplies	2.36						
J F Cash, salary	70.00						
J M O'Briant, sp. po. ser.	33.50						
Wm. Mitchell, sanitation	6.00						
R H Gates, salary	75.00						
J H Carver, work on street	8.40						
Watkins & Bullock, drag streets	3.20						2.50
R H Gates, street and water	7.20						
George Smith, rebate license	2.50						
J D K Richmond,	2.00						7.20
Roxboro Cotton Mills, water account							
J F Cash, Salary	97.50						
Eugene Noell, rebate license	2.50						
G W Thomas, street and water	1.10						11.45
Pittsburg Meter Co.							11.85
R W Stephens, agt. water							14.74
R M O'Briant,	2.00						
Emma Norwood, streets	8.40						
Nat Clayton,	2.00						
Sergeant & Clayton, rent	30.00						
Wm. Mitchell, sanitation	6.00						
J F Cash, salary	70.00						
R S Long, special police	2.00						2.39
S D Lea, rebate license	2.50						2.86
Farmers Hdw. Co., street and water	1.34						
Vicellio, Abbit & Harris, water	2.50						
T S Clay,	6.90						7.50
R H Gates, advances							
R H Gates, advances water							
Sergeant & Clayton, haul soil	3.90						
Roxboro Lt. & Power Co, st. and wat.	224.63						137.50
J B Grimes cert. copy	6.70						
H. Meuler Mfg Co., supplies							49.20
Durham Iron Works, labor							14.45
Roxboro Lumber Co., lumber	2.54						
Wm. Mitchell, sanitation	6.00						
Long, Bradsher & Co., supplies	8.20						
Long, Bradsher & Co., supplies							3.31
R H Gates, labor	8.15						
R H Gates, labor and r.p.							12.08
J F Cash, salary	70.00						
J G Johnson, rebate tax	5.00						
R H Gates, salary	75.00						
Vicellio, Abbit & Harris	.95						3.01
Joe H. Carver, street	2.10						
B W McBroom, special officer	12.00						
Pollard Bros., paint							16.50
N & W Ry. Co., rent							1.00
Long, B. & Co., supplies							8.65
W H Long, drug streets	4.50						
Roxboro Plumbing Co., labor and sup.							2.03
Roxboro Courier, Tax notice	2.50						
Disbursed for graded School		993.39					
Bank of Roxboro, Interest	50.98						
Wm. Mitchell, sanitation	6.00						
J F Cash, salary	70.00						
R H Gates, salary	75.00						
R H Gates, water pay roll							Water 10.87
Roxboro Lt. & Power Co.	224.61						137.50
R H Gates, pay roll	5.50						
Roxboro Courier	5.50						
W A Bradsher, service	4.50						
A P Clayton, for teams	2.50						
N S Thompson, sheriff, water							48.00
Roxboro Plum Co., labor							2.80
Buffalo Meter Co.							2.60
Express Co. C. O. D. package							15.86
Express and Labor							4.78
Account of School		1429.63					
A P Clayton, sweep streets	2.00						
C C Cunningham, list tax	75.00						
Watkins & Bullock, supplies	38.78						
R H Gates, Salary	75.00						
Wm. Mitchell, sanitation,	6.00						