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It was near the middle of April. Darkness had settled down over the great bivouac. The bugles had sounded the tattoo. The grizzled veterans who had been squatting around the camp fires, talking over the scenes of the past, and wondering when the war would be over—had knocked the ashes from their pipes and crawled within their little "pup" tents, or their shelters made of boughs. All was still save the measured tread of the sentinels as they passed to and fro upon their beats around the sleeping army.

Suddenly there came rattling through the clear night air a sound that aroused every soldier in an instant. We had often heard it before and it always meant business. It was the long roll at division headquarters. And such a long roll as it was! The drummer handled his sticks as if he was pounding for his very life. When a soldier hears the long roll he never waits for orders. It is an alarm that has but one meaning. His duty is to get "traps" on and take his place in line, and to be very lively about it, too. The drums at the headquarters of each brigade took up the sound and the piercing blasts of bugles joined in the chorus. Startled from their sleep, the soldiers kicked off their blankets, and it wasn't a minute until the companies were formed, every man with his accoutrements buckled on and his musket at "shoulder" in response to the "Fall in" of the orderly sergeants. Again drums and bugles sounded, the companies marched to the color line and the regiments were ready for action. It was a moonless night, and the darkness of the oak woods was but feebly dispelled here and there by the flickering light of the smoldering fires.

**MOMENTS OF ANXIOUS SUSPENSE.**  
Every ear was strained to catch the rattle of shots on the picket line. No sound was heard save the hum of the assembling troops and the voices of the officers as they gave the necessary commands. It was one of those moments of anxious suspense that test the courage of the bravest veteran.

An orderly from brigade headquarters dashed up and handed a paper to the colonel of our regiment. A bit of candle was found, and by its sputtering light the colonel glanced at the message. Jumping about four feet into the air he gave one wild, piercing yell that an Apache chief might strive in vain to rival. We all thought for the moment that he had gone crazy. When he came down he handed the paper to the adjutant, letting off another yell, and told him to read it to the regiment. It was a copy of a telegram from Secretary Stanton announcing the surrender of Lee's army. The scene that followed no words can adequately describe. The colonel and adjutant swung their hats and danced around and fairly howled. Every officer and soldier in the regiment, and in every other regiment, did the same thing. We had heard shouting and yelling before, and had done our full share of it on occasion, but never anything like that which greeted the reading of this dispatch. From one end of the camp to the other the confusion and uproar were prodigious. Men laughed and danced and hugged one another, and rent the air with every kind of noise possible to the human voice pitched in its highest key. It was as if the inmates of a score of lunatic asylums had been turned loose in those Tennessee woods.

When the yelling had in some degree subsided, from sheer vocal exhaustion, the soldiers began to cast about for other means to make a noise. It didn't matter what it was—the more discordant the better, only so that it helped to swell the awful din. Meanwhile all the brass bands were playing, though nobody could tell what the tunes were; the shriek of fife and rattle of drums were heard on every hand, and the bugles strained to make themselves heard until it seemed as if they would blow their heads off. Then the artillery opened. Gun after gun joined in the mighty chorus until every battery in the corps was sending forth its thunders to echo among the mountains. Regiment after regiment began to fire their muskets. The men took their cartridges from their boxes, poured in the powder, rammed down the paper for wadding, and blazed away. The balls they threw upon the ground; there was no further use for them.

**A LITERAL PANDEMONIUM.**  
Perhaps you can imagine the din, but it's more likely you can't. When the soldiers had shot away their cartridges they hunted up all the camp kettles and tin pans, and beat them furiously with sticks and stones, still yelling and shouting as fast as they could gather breath enough to do so. The camp was a literal pandemonium. Heaped with wood the fires blazed high, and the forest was aglow with light.

Men did all sorts of grotesque and ridiculous things. They climbed trees and yelled through the branches; they made heroic speeches from logs and stumps; they turned their clothes inside out; they rode one another on poles—they did everything that great fertility of resource in this direction could suggest. At the headquarters of our brigade a horse bucked full of eggnog was made, and the general and his staff indulged in copious libations. After several "rounds" they sallied forth and seized the instruments of the band, and formed for a parade through the camp. The general headed the procession with the bass drum, which he pounded so furiously that he broke in one of the heads. The staff officers, with horns, blew the most wildly discordant blasts. As they marched hither and thither, regimental and company officers and hundreds of soldiers fell in behind the general and his staff, until the column of howling lunatics was a quarter of a mile long.

Four years of toiling and suffering such as others know not, of weary marches and vigils by day and by night, through fierce heat and beating storm; of facing the pitiless bullets and screaming shells, with awful scenes of death and human anguish; long months and years of the hardest and thinned rations of 1,500 to 100—all were past, the end had come, and before the eyes of these scarred and war-worn veterans arose in a moment blessed pictures of peace and home. Do you wonder that they indulged in these wild and extravagant demonstrations of joy? Added to these were the glad feelings of victory at last, after all the blood and wretchedness, and the patriotic rejoicing over a nation saved by their valor and sacrifices. Let me ask if you wouldn't have been very likely to make a fool of yourself for the time being if you had been there? Let us hope that the recording angel yielded last night's night—W. F. Human in Inter Ocean.

**Caught in His Hat.**  
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