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There comes a time in a storm at sea when people say: It is at its worst; can't blow harder, and then there's an explosion ten times fiercer than any other before. So it was in these British trenches. There were no stronger hearts in the whole world than the hearts of these men; but they were even horrified when this seven-time heated hell from the German cannon fell on them and overwhelmed and destroyed them. And right now they saw from their trenches that a tremendous host was pressing against them, column after column, a gray world of men, ten thousand of them, as it appeared afterwards. There was no hope. They shaken hands, some of them. A man improvised a new version of the battle song, Goodbye, goodbye to Tipperary, ending with Y we won't get there. And they all kept shooting all the time. The officer noted that such an opportunity for high-class luxury shots could never happen again; the comedian De Tipperary asked: What is the price of Sidney Street? And the few machine guns did the best I could. But everyone knew it was useless. Dead gray bodies were in companies and battalions, as others came and went and came and went, and stirred and waved, and advanced from beyond and beyond. Endless world. Amen, said one of the British soldiers with some irrelevance as he aimed and fired. And then he recalled, he says he can't think why or why— a strange vegetarian restaurant in London where he had eaten once or twice eccentric dishes of chops made of lentils and nuts pretending to be steak. On all the dishes of this restaurant was printed a figure of St. George in blue, with the motto Adsit Anglis Sanctus Georgius—May St. George be a present help for the English. This soldier went on to know Latin and other useless things, and now, as he shot his man in the advancing gray mass, three hundred yards away, he uttered the pious vegetarian motto. He continued to shoot to the end, and at last Bill to his right had to hold him cheerfully over his head to make him stop, pointing out how he did so that the king's ammunition would cost money and not be slightly wasted in drilling funny patterns in dead Germans. For as the Latin scholar pronounced his invocation he felt that something between a shudder and an electric shock passed through his body. The roar of battle died in his ears at a gentle murmur; instead, he says, he heard a great voice and a louder cry than a cry of thunder-peal shouting: Array, array! His heart became warm as a burning coal, cooled like within him, as it seemed to him that a tumult of voices answered his call. He heard, or seemed to hear, thousands shouting: St. San. St. George! Ha! Messire, ha! sweet Saint, grant us good deliverance! St. George! Ha! St. George! A long arch and a strong arch. Knight of Heaven, help us! And as the soldier heard these voices he saw before him, beyond the trench, a long line of shapes, with a glow around him. They were like men drawing the bow, and with another cry, their cloud of arrows flew singing and tingling through the air towards the German hosts. The other men in the trench were shooting all the time. They had no hope; but they pointed as if they had been shooting Bisley. Suddenly, one of them raised his voice in the clearest English. Gawd helps us!, he yelled at the man by his side, but we are flourishing wonders! Look at those grays ... gentlemen, look at them! Do you see them? They will not fall into dozens or 'undredss; there are thousands, they are. Look! Look! there's a regiment gone while I'm talking to you. Shut up, the other soldier yelled, pointing, what are you gasping about? But he swallowed himself in amazement even as he spoke, because, in fact, gray men fell by the thousands. The English could hear the guttural cry of german officers, the creaking of their revolvers as they fired at the reluctants; and still line after line crashed into the ground. All the time the Latin soldier heard the cry: Harow! Har of them. More machine guns! Bill yelled at Tom. Don't listen to them, Tom shouted. But, thank God, anyway; They've got it around their necks. In fact, ten thousand German soldiers remained dead before that prominent English army, and therefore there was no Sedán. In Germany, a country governed by scientific principles, the Grand Staff decided that despicable English must have used projectiles containing unknown gas of a poisonous nature, as there were no injuries to the bodies of dead German soldiers. But the man who knew how they knew nuts when they called themselves steak also knew that St. George had brought his Agincourt Bowmen to help the English. If you liked this story, please share it with others: We apologize for this inconvenience. 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I have other questions or need to report an error Please email the above diagnostic information to help pglaf.org (eliminating the spaces around it) and we will try to help. The software we use sometimes marks false positives - that is, blocks that shouldn't have happened. Apologies if this happened, because human users outside Germany who are making use of e-books or other features of the site should almost never be blocked. Most recently updated: January 28, 2020. The Bowmen was a short piece of Arthur Machen's fiction published in a London newspaper, The Evening News, on September 29, 1914. By Machen's standards, it is not one of his best pieces, written at a time when he worked in the newspaper as a journalist. World War I was in its early days, and the story was conceived as an impulse of the similar to Kipling after the withdrawal of British forces at Mons a few weeks earlier. The stories for which Machen is remembered today had never provided the success he expected, so it must have been a surprise when his invention of angelic archers who appeared during the battle gained him national attention: on the last Sunday in August 1914, Machen read in his morning newspaper the retreat of Mons. Mons. remember the details, but I haven't forgotten the impression that was then made in my mind. He seemed to see an oven of torment and death, agony and terror seven times heated, and in the midst of burning was the British army: in the midst of burning was the British army: in the midst of the flame, consumed by it, scattered like ashes and yet triumphant, martyred and forever glorious. That was the way, in fact, that the English thought of the army at the beginning of the Great War; since then we have come to have a less romantic view of the war. With this image in his mind, Machen conceived and wrote a story called The Bowmen, told, as most stories are, as if it were true, that is, he did not begin by saying: what you are about to read is all my own invention, in which St. George with an army of medieval English archers appeared at the critical moment to cover the British retreat. No, no doubt, a very likely story or, as Oswald Barron pointed out, it was likely that the archers of Agincourt, most of whom came from Wales, used the French expressions machen evokes of them: and Machen himself felt that he had not done justice to his original conception. But if he had failed in the art of lyrics, he had unknowingly succeeded in the art of deception. The Bowmen appeared in The Evening News on September 29, 1914, at a time when people were looking for a miracle, and many quickly embraced it as a tale of one. That magazines such as The Occult Review and Light should be subject to it, could have been anticipated; but it was taken by parish magazines across the country, and people showed up everywhere to say they had friends and relatives who had seen mons' angels with their own eyes. As a result, Machen became, for the first time in his life, a man of national fame. To thousands of people, the idea, whether true or false, gave comfort or hope, but when Machen protested that his story was entirely the son of his own imagination, fame threatened to become notoriety; he was rebuked for his nerve in claiming originality for the tale. However, a legend and a publication bank had been born to meet the public's demand—On the side of angels (Harold Begbie), Guardian Angels (GP Kerry), a reprinted sermon), Angels, Saints, and Bowmen of Mons (IE Taylor, Theosophical Publishing Society). Aidan Reynolds & Saints, and Bowmen of Mons (IE Taylor, Theosophical Publishing Society). collection of short stories, The Bowmen and Other Legends of the War, was published the following year. This thin volume is mainly of interest to the introduction of Machen, some of whom are paraphrased above, which acts as a prolonged mea culpa on his part in the matter, an attempt to examine why the story was taken for the truth. Reynolds & amp; Charlton point out that the book sold 50,000 copies in three months; Machen meanwhile suffer being informed by strangers that their story was an ornament of genuine accounts. The story was popular enough to even provide a theme for a Paul Paree waltz. This must have been the last time divine intervention in war could be taken seriously, at least in Britain. There is nothing comparable in World War II, although there is a tenuous connection to Machen's story in Powell & British aviator. Michael Powell's enthusiasm for Machen's stories has been detailed in a previous post; Powell would certainly have read The Bowmen even if he had no influence on the script he wrote with Emeric Pressburger. Machen left The Evening News a few years after The Bowmen's romance as a result of more confusing reports. By the 1890s Machen had met Oscar Wilde, and a decade later became acquainted with Alfred Bosie Douglas, who was still alive, and always thorny about references to his role in Wilde's fall, sued the newspaper. In the 1920s, Machen returned to work as a freelancer, something he preferred. This was also the moment it was discovered by a new generation of American readers and authors, HP Lovecraft among them. The re-evaluation today. Update: To celebrate the centenary of the story, Location Baked has released a soundtrack reading. Previously in the feuilleton • Rex Ingram's Wizard • The Great God Pan Pan

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