

*January 30, 1917.*—Stood at two o'clock this morning on the enclosed veranda, in the darkness of the snowy night; and the cannon booming regularly. "Like heart throbs," said Nell. Heart throbs of a sad world! They have been throbbing all day, as regularly as the beating of a heart.

From all reports they will throb on. The Germans are evidently not going to wait for the pleasure of the English, or until they are ready for their customary spring campaign. They are said to be massing troops on this front, and are going to begin operations early in February, as they did at Verdun last year.