

ANCIENT CHATEAU TYPIFIES THE WAR

Portrays to Bazin Origin of French and Ultimately of World Freedom

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AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Sept. 27.

Every day for the last fortnight I have passed an old chateau, gray as a rainy sky, with an outline in architecture that bespeaks the fifteenth century. It stands high above a hill and commands the country for miles about a certain American divisional headquarters not far from where I write. This morning I had our enlisted sergeant chauffeur make a detour that I might visit this ancient house at closer range. We took the road typical of French roads, all paved and smooth, which was closed and quite deserted, without even the sign of a caretaker. I don't doubt that I could very easily find its history and perhaps the present owner's permission to visit its interior, but it seems to me as I think of it after an hour's close inspection, and following a constant daily vision of its beauty, that it would be sacrilege to take. And I hope in something of an intimacy with our family, for do we not each and all own birthright in the things that touch us closely, be they paintings or trees or chateaus of the fifteenth century?

It was basking in the morning sun, this old stone-scarred window barred and the entrance glittering steel. Upon its walls were magnificent forests and beyond a rolling plain of recently harvested land. In the ancient garden before were giant untriumphed box trees and old bushes of the lily. Beyond them I could see a field rich in yellow of the mustard and oil of poppy. It was all rarely beautiful and amid great peace, despite that nearby khaki-clad Sammies were learning to kill.

"It's a long, long journey to the days you were built, my chateau upon the hill! And the changes that have come to France have been to your old doors were first known to the civilization of man. To imagine them all would take great space. May I choose a few?"

First the days of romance, of powdered wigs and the sedan chair, in which gilded coaches carried my lady up and down your low, broad stairs! And then the days when heroes made you, their men at arms riding by their sides, days of gathered mass and the quick sword. And in course of time the revolution, when your masters' refuge within your portals from the guillotine that later carried his life away.

And then far down the line of time to 1870, when Garibruco, then as now the gallantest of Italian heroes, for your barracks and made an officer's shambles of your castle, then still further down the line to the days of prosperous peace era 1914, when those to whom you came by inheritance found within your walls a dreamy home amid the hills of those days, and many more were your "lions" and "tigers" than the vicissitudes of mankind, the joys and sorrows, the births and deaths that are human portion.

You stand upon your hill, solid and strong, majestic and beautiful, a part of the France that often gives their lives for the freedom of their nation, as much as the land about you; you are a part of that which France spells and it is no small part of what you and she stand for that American youth have crossed the sea to defend; that khaki-clad Sammies are training within but little distance of your gates. For you typify the home, the tie that binds, the strength, the stimulus, the force which civilization begins, and its vanguard ground from which civilization world will fall if the barbarian could have his evil way.

Many of your counterpart has been destroyed these last three years, destroyed ruthlessly and brutally, as he has ruined fruit trees, planted hills and demolished houses, then still further down the line to the days of prosperity peace era 1914, when those to whom you came by inheritance found within your walls a dreamy home amid the hills of those days, and many more were your "lions" and "tigers" than the vicissitudes of mankind, the joys and sorrows, the births and deaths that are human portion.

With the sweet scent of the nearby forest, with the sounds of the voices of that forest in my ears, I seem to have come in review before me all your ancient history, to have the present fall away from me, the war and preparations for war an impossibility, the trenches of practice and the trenches of blood that I have seen but a myth, and that only you, my chateau upon the hill, are real in a world of gentleness, peace, and the September morn-

Allies Speed Troops to Aid Italy's Army

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now being withdrawn in orderly array to reinforce.

French and British gunners, co-operating with the Italian troops, have been of tremendous moral support to General Cadorna's men.

The excellence of the military roads constructed in Austrian territory which Cadorna seized last summer has been of immense aid to the enemy. The network of these highways has afforded the Austro-Germans quick means of concentrating men and supplies.

The strongest proof of how Italy is now rallying to the cause of repelling the invader was furnished in the quick formation of a Coalition Cabinet. Virtually all parties threw aside their political differences and joined in this ministry. Particularly emphatic was the response of the Socialists, the party which forced the downfall of the Boselli Cabinet.

As formed the Cabinet includes these officers:

Premier and Minister of the Interior—Vittorio Orlando.

Minister of Foreign Affairs—Baron Sonino.

Minister of War—General Alferi.

Minister of Finance—Signor Meda.

Minister of Pensions—Signor Bissolati.

Minister of the Treasury—Signor Nitti.

The War Office today called to the colonies all classes from 1874 to 1899.

GIGANTIC QUANTITIES OF SUPPLIES RUSHED TO IMPERILED ITALY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31. Gigantic quantities of supplies—money, munitions, fuel and food—are being rushed to Italy today to help General Cadorna stem the tide of the Teuton invasion. The Allies, America included, are rapidly awake to the critical dangers in Ypres. Masses of men, supplies, are pushing aid from all quarters.

This Government has decided to extend Italy's credit by \$150,000,000 immediately.

Gas and coal already are on the way to the civilian population and assist Italy in maintaining the morale of the people back of the lines.

France is sending giant guns to Cadorna to strengthen the Tagliamento system of fortifications, to which the Italian armies are adding their first great stand against the Teutons.

While the military situation is far from encouraging, early official news cables indicate the Italians are covering their retreat as the Tagliamento successfully and steadily the progress of Von Mackensen, the clearing of a Teuton push southward from the Carne Alpine and the threat of further invasions in the Trebbia sector, along with a basket of mercy.

The Allies, including the Austro-Swiss, are making the greatest possible gains

Italy United in Faith, Premier Wires Cadorna

ROME, Oct. 31. PREMIER ORLANDO, who was formally inducted into office succeeding Paolo Boselli today, telegraphed General Cadorna that the Italian people were united in faith and hope in the army.

"Italians, profiting by their country's invasion, have composed their internal dissensions, enhancing their energies and their unshakable determination," he asserted. "As the people hailed the army when victorious, they now draw closer to it in its hour of despatch."

and in addition to a "natural barrier against invasion from the north." The defensive works on this line extend across country for many miles. While the second and third armies have been retreating three other armies, the bulk of the nation's reserves, have been strengthening the Tagliamento defenses, official cables state.

Cadorna is executing "masterly retreat," the cable says. South of Udine, which has been occupied by the entire Italian fourth army, the railway station and lines overhanded by unexpected numbers of the enemy, may be able to execute a flanking movement designed to save much territory.

In yesterday's renewed drive east of Udine, the British not only took Passchendaele, near the tip of the ridge over which they have fought for more than a month, but passed through the village and beyond to Goerbe, adjoining on the north. Altogether, the advance for the day was more than half a mile.

Bulin, adding that Passchendaele was lost by the Germans, but asserts it was recovered. The British seem to be driving steadily toward Roulers, their next objective, about five miles away and on the direct line of operations.

On the Aisne, near Cerny, the French repulsed a German attack Monday night.

There was heavy artillery lighting at several points during the night.

Von Mackensen's great gains in Flanders during the last month were at least in less cost in men than during the fighting in September, according to casualty lists published today. The total of all casualties for the month was \$2,558. In September it was 105,430; in August, 60,273, and in July, 71,899.

The detailed figures were:

Officers Killed Wounded Missing Total Men 1,408 3,884 238 5,709

15,618 57,578 4,662 77,858

Totals 17,116 61,442 5,069 83,558

The figures show, however, that the number of officers killed, wounded and missing is higher than for the last three months.

FRENCH REPULSE RAIDS UPON ARGONNE FRONT

PARIS, Oct. 31. Sharp fighting incident upon unsuccessful German raids around Bar-le-Duc, in the Argonne, was reported in today's official statement. The enemy forces were thrown back with severe losses.

The statement reported artillery firing from Froidefontain.

Dunkirk was bombed by German airplanes, but no victims were reported.

ITALY'S PLIGHT MAY HASTEN GREAT DRIVE PLANNED BY ALLIES

LONDON, Oct. 31.

The eyes of the world are turned today on the Venetian plains in Italy, centering on the Tagliamento River, where there is every reason to believe the greatest battle in the history of the war soon will be fought.

The Teutonic army, already in possession of Udine, today continued its march toward the river. Another German movement is on the north, where Von Bulow's forces have almost reached the Upper Tagliamento.

Along the Tagliamento and not far from Udine General Cadorna's forces are slowly marching. Burning their bridges behind them, exercising a rear guard check to the enemy and fording the swollen streams whenever possible, the retreat is slow but certain.

In the meantime, British and French assistance is being hurried to the scene of the impending conflict.

The political aspect of the enemy drive in Italy is rapidly becoming apparent. The military viewpoint brings out the determination to stand firm and save Italy.

"Not a single whisper reached London that reinforcements were needed in Italy to repel a possible invasion," the Globe declared today in an editorial, depicting the situation as England and France did not heed Italian warnings.

"None doubted the solidarity of the Italian military situation or questioned the ability of the Italians to hold their recent gains," the newspaper declared.

"ITALY IN FIGHT TO WIN," CHEERING MESSAGE OF AMBASSADOR TO U. S.

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From our Allies we receive the support of their solidarity and of their arms. The enemy in the first place has succeeded in overrunning a few units of our army, innumerable deeds of valor were accomplished. When particulars shall be known, our country will find in them reason to rejoice. It was only yesterday that a glorious advance was accomplished. The enemy coalition, seriously endangered by our success, has concentrated in a supreme effort his forces on the Italian front.

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