CATHEDRAL IS A TARGET

Comparatively Little Damage to Church So Far Wrought by "Teuton Kultur"

By WALTER DURANTY Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

wright, 1618, by the New York Times Co. With the French Armies, May 10. A city of dreadful stience—that is Amlens today.

Imagine a prosperous American center of 120,000 inhabitants, the railroad traffic, canals, and road system of which make it an important ganglion of national transportation, with an annual commerce turnover reckoned in hundreds of millions, and enormous stores of merchandise. Add to these the incalculable riches of a medieval cathedral, considered one of the masterpieces of Gothic architecture, splendid public buildings and a museum containing priceless frescors of Puvis de Chavannes.

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The sum total gives you Amiens, capital of Picardy, which for six weeks has been the principal goal of German endeavor and for the last fortnight a target of German guns.

As one passes through the deserted streets no sound breaks the stillness save the crackle of one's footsteps in the broken ginss that carpets the sidewalk—that and the dull thudding of the ceaseless cannonade to the eastwark—that and the dull thudding of the ceaseless cannonade to the east-ward. At sudden intervals, now hours apart, now in rapid succession, comes the screaming rattle of a German shell followed by a heavy "boom-whumpf" of an explosion and the soise of falling

masonry.

But of human life there is nothing.

Amiena is deserted, like one of the
cities of the Middle Ages smitten suddenly by plague.

At first sight there is comparatively little evidence of the destruction other than gaping windows. Doubtless here and there the street car cables hang it tangled festoons from the standards. There is a shattered building every hundred yards, and on the boulevards innumerable spots of green mark the branches torn from the new-foliaged trees. But thus far there is nothing like wholesale destruction as at Rheims It is that which makes Amiens ap-

pear terrible, the silence and lonelines of street after street, with never a mov

Ing figure or sound of voice to break the monotony of the desolation.

Yet there are still men and women left in the city. With a shock of surprise one notes a sentry standing impassive at the street corner or a helpmeted fireman clearing up the rubbish and also during the intervals of bom-bardment a little group of soldiers or civilians removing stores or furniture from a building to a waiting vehicle. Stores of food and other things have

been successfully removed under the shell storm and a dangerous fire that threatened ien days ago to involve a wide area was efficiently limited and ex-

That was our worst experience, said a French officer who conducted your correspondent through the city this morning. 'The bothe incendiary shells set fire to a block of buildings and the column of smoke and flame gave him a point to shoot at during two days and one night. The enemy evidently hoped to put the conflagration beyond our control, as he concentrated for a time high explosive and incendiary shells thereupon.

Firemen Wouldn't Be Daunted

We even received gas shells, but the firemen refused to be daunted. Taking into consideration the size of the original outbreak and the difficuities produced by a broken water main, our fire chief reckoned that the salvage work and the extinction of fiames were accomplished more rapidly than at a normal city fire."

A few minutes later I reached the locality in question and was surprised by the small extent of the damage. A group of buildings that would, perhaps, comprise half a block in New York had been burned, but one would never have imagined that the firemen were laboring under an abnormal handicap.

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under an abnormal handicap.

Pinally I visited the cathedral in the center of the city, around which ruin and desolation are most pronounced. With characteristic savagery the Germans seem to be directing their fire against the edifice that with Rheims and Chartres ranks highest in the Gothic architecture of France. No small proportion of the 7000 shells and aerial torpedoes that have been rained upon Amiens day and night for seventeen days have fallen in the neighborhood of the cathedral. At one point its outer railings have been shattered. At another only the sandbags, the outer layer of which is torn to ribbons by iron splinters, have saved a masterpiece of portal statuary from destruction.

While a building adjoining has been

While a building adjoining has been reduced to a mere shell, so far the cathedral has suffered comparatively little. As if by a miracle, none of the sheels that actually struck it has caused sheets that actually struck it has caused the damage normally wrought by large caliber high-explosive missiles. Some of them spent their force harmlessly against the outer buttresses. Another crashed through the wall of a small side chapel, threw down the altar, and destroyed a great ivory Christ and carved woodwork beside it. But it did not injure the main building. One penetrated part of the super-



Pershing's Men to Write to "Her" on Mother's Day

"Write to Mother" is the basis of n order just issued by General Pershing to the commanding officers of the army in France. He suggests that the soldiers write home on Mother's Day-next Sun-

General Pershing's order reads: "I wish every officer and soldier the American expeditionary forces would write a letter home on Mother's Day. This is a little thing for each one to do, but these letters will carry back our courage and our affection to the patriotic women whose love and prayers inspire up and cheer us on to victory.

structure and the outer and inner roofs; only to pierce (without exploding) the floor just outside the central nave, which Ruskin called the finest in the world Another tore through the outer roof of the nave itself, but exploded against a gigantic beam, which prevented its access to the cess to the interior. Another burst against the massive out-work of the side chapel, near the main entrance, and did little harm beyond causing a rain of dust and minute fragments over a large part of the interior. The seven towering stained glass windows are for the most part intact. There are none of them free from holes that deface their

"We have removed the art treasures, carved and painted, from the interior, and protected the outer statuary, as far as possible, with sandbags; but that is the utmost we can do," said the offi-

"It is dreadful to think that this wonderful monument of Christian faith and French genius may be ruined by a single shell from those barbarous brutes. Was not Rheims sufficient, or must Amiens cathedral also give the world another proof of Teuton kultur?"

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ITALIAN SHIPOWNER ARRESTED AS TRAITOR

Parodi, Multimillionaire, Accused by Government of cused by Government of Trading With Enemy

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of Commander Vittorio Emanuele Pa rodi, multimillionaire shipowner, on the charge of trading with the enemy. He and Germany through Switzerland under the guis eof hemp. Several other arrests are expected. The plot was revealed through a recent raid at Come. The confidence of the public was shaken at first by this arrest of a man of such standing and influence as Parodi, but the action of the Government has had the best effect as proving that it will not hesitate to strike at the most powerful personages and interests when the safety and integrity of the country are involved.

With the American Army in Lorraine, May 9.

The Germans opposite the American lines in Lorraine continue to show evidence of uneasiness. They are speeding up their machine-gun and artillery are involved.

Parodi is reported to have made a profit of \$7,000,000 in a few days by the sale of steamships urgently needed to help supply the country with foodstuffs, it appears, according to the charges found against him, that he was

GERMAN PARTY SEEKS MORE HOLLAND GRANTS

ndications That Annexationists Want Further Concessions From Neutral

on the Island

London, May 10.—General Sir Bryan Mahon has relinquished command of the British force in Ireland.

Lieutenant General Sir Frederick Shaw succeeds General Mahon.

Lord French, commander-in-chief of the home forces, recently went to Ireland.

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Dutch Government Accepts Pro posal of the United States

This means Holland has decided to accept the Amercan offer to expedite grain to the Dutch population.

Copyright, 2018, by the New York Times Co. Rome May 10. Public opinion is excited by the arrest GERMAN POSITION

is accused of exporting jute to Austria Accomplish Feat Inside Enemy Lines-Kill Several and Take 4 Prisoners

fire and increasing their gas bombard-

Despite the fact German officers tell their men that the Americans here are a pariner of two Germans named Vogel and Telch in one of the largest rope-making plants in Italy, which was seized by the Sovernment after war had been declared, but that this did not prevent him from keeping up an indirect correspondence with them in Germany, and in this way organizing the avportation. combats are concerned. They retire from their front lines every night, our patrols have discovered. German de-

lines. The patrol captured a German position, killing several and bringing back four prisoners. They crawled all the way back to their trenches on their stomachs, owing to the flares sent up by the Germans. The raid was made

Companies I and L of the Ninth In-From Today's Public Ledger
The Hague, May 3.—There are some indications in the German press that annexationists and militarists are urging pressure should be brought to bear on Holland to secure for Germany in connection with the new economic agreement concessions that were not included in the recent discussions.

fantry also received the French War Cross. They beat off a German attack April 14 north of St. Mihiel, when enemy froops entered the American subt because of regard for the Germans, but because military policy demands the taking of prisoners when practicable.

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Causes Spirit of Retaliation in Army

NOW AIM TO KILL

By EDWIN L. JAMES

More than any other fighting man the American soldier, while amenable to discipline, thinks for himself. He has first-hand knowledge that the German fighter is no gentleman, and he knows that this is no kid-glove war.

He has made up his mind that the best way to win the war is to kill as many boches as possible, and this is his his closers.

"Tell U. S. te Hurry"
"Tell them to hurry up back home.
We need all the men and all the tools we can get to do this job right."

I have just completed a trin through the American sectors of battleform, and found that the success of the third Liberty Loan had caused the greatest recipients. This was not so mysch be-

spondence with them in Germany, and in this way organizing the exportation of jute by false declarations of the nature of the consignments.

Parodi's brother, who is a member of Parliament, is greatly affected by his arrest.

Parodical interval in the consignment is arrest.

American soldiers of the finding of the bodies of two "doughboys" who had not only had their leads smashed in. but had also been cruelly bayoneted after they fell.

While Americans will never stoop to darkness 400 yards inside the German lines.

The patrol captured a German I believe that the enemy will regret.

AMERICAN DEAD

New German Barbarity

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just fruit with the American army. If the Germans wants rough warfare, loan the Americans will take it under due consideration.

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I never realized the stupidity of the German practices of barbarity as yesterday, when I saw the reception by American soldiers of the finding of the

while Americans will never stoop to the inhumane atrocities of the Germans. I believe that the enemy will regret every cruelty practiced on American sol-diers. The development of the spirit of diers. The development of the spirit of revenge is recognized by American com-manders, who on several occasions have taken pains to investigate the reports of German atractities upon Americans to guard against the excessive development of the desire for retaliation. This was done not because of regard for the Ger-mans, but because military policy de-mands the taking of prisoners when

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Although the youngest soldiers in France, the Americans are the most serious. More than any other soldiers they take a deep personal interest in the war. For instance, I heard one today stop a group of comrades and remark:
"Say, fellows, just read. The old United States to have a bumper wheat crop this year. Guess that will set Henry Boche back a peg. Some old country we've got."

"The way the Americans came across with the new Liberty Loan shows that we are going to have good teamwork," he got."

This shows how they keep in touch with what is going on. Of all the sol-diers, too, they have the best personal conception of what they are fighting for. They are businesslike, know they have a big task and tackle it as such. When one gets to know them personally they

invariably have one request "Tell U. S. to Huery"

program from now on.

It is because every American soldier that his own opinions about the war that German atrocities will reap their some parts of the United States which

send back home as often as possible, it is the absolute necessity of the con-

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liers it will stay fresh. Nothing can happen to shake the fine faith of Americans in the real ability of their country and her ultimate success.

I tallied yestedny with the general commanding the American troops who participated in the Seicheprey fight. After reading all the reports of the combat, he said: third Liberty Loan shows that the whole

we are going to have good teamwork," he said. "With good teamwork there is nothing that Americans cannot accomplish, I believe. Teamwork means no more disappointments on the part of our country. They are going to make good, sure."

This feeling was found to be general.

There are two things about this war that soldiers who have been in France for some time want the folks at home to realize. The first is the size of the undertaking; and the second, the need of abandoning the talk about the German people not being responsible for the war, but the Kalser and the Junkers being only to biame.

The soldiers are now confident that ers being only to blame.

The soldiers are now confident that the country has awakened to the size of the war, but they are weary of the repeated talk about the German in the ranks being a victim of a Junker conspiracy. Whether or not he is in the last analysis, the American soldier knows that the German in the ranks is the one that must be beaten, and other considerations are subordinate.

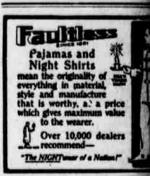
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