

THE FIRST CRUSADE.

REMARKABLE ARMY THAT WENT TO CAPTURE THE HOLY LAND.

Thousands of Innocent Lives Sacrificed Because of Ignorant Enthusiasm—When Intelligent Knights Took Part, Victory Came—Men Who Led.

Peter the Hermit was a monk of Picardy, who had made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. While there he had witnessed the sufferings of those who tried to preserve the true faith among the hordes of barbarians who had swarmed upon and now possessed the lands of Asia Minor. He saw the shocking profanations of the sacred places of the Holy City, and his heart burned within him to release it from its oppression. At nighttime dreams came to him from which it was pointed out to him that his mission was to rouse the nations of Europe to a holy war.

Fired with this ambition, he made his way back to France. The reports of his powerful preaching spread, and greater numbers flock each day to hear him. Finally, in November of 1095, such a company is gathered as probably has never been seen together before.

The plain of La Limagne, in Auvergne, was covered with white tents, in which were lodged 90,000 people, 4,000 priests and 400 bishops and abbots were there, while also there was one man who was mightier than all of them, Urban II, pope of Rome, to whom all western Europe did homage.

A lofty stand had been erected in the open air, for no building would accommodate the throng. Upon this sat the pope, and beside him stood the hermit, holding aloft the cross. With burning words and tearful eyes he described the shameful sights he had witnessed in Jerusalem, and called for volunteers to go with him to wrest the Holy City from the infidel.

His appeal was seconded by Urban, who promised all who fought that if they won the land they conquered should be theirs; while if they died a place in heaven should surely be their reward. The cross was held out to them and they were invited to come forward and take it to wear upon their persons as the badge of their devotion.

Admiral de Montferri, bishop of Puy, was the first to come forward, and thousands poured after him. The excitement spread and all Europe resounded with the preparations for this undertaking. Peter, with excess of zeal and absolute lack of wisdom, gathered a multitude of peasant men, women and children, unarmed and unprovided with the sustenance for the march which he undertook to lead in person to Jerusalem across the mountainous parts of central Europe.

Extorting food from the people among whom they passed, and set upon by them in revenge, the pilgrims fell in every road, cut down by sickness, starvation and the sword. Others no doubt ran back to their deserted homes, until in Hungary Peter found himself alone. Meanwhile a very different army had been gathering on all sides, made up of the very flower of chivalry of all the European nations.

Godfrey de Bouillon, duke of Lorraine, the Count of Toulain, Raymond, Tancred, Felet de la Flèche and many another warrior whose name stands high in history led their armies to join the host.

William Rufus was now king of England, a man so avaricious and unscrupulous that he never hesitated to take by force any possession of his nobles that was left unguarded. Under such a master it is not strange that the English nobles were loath to leave their castles for so long a journey, and hence few English names have figured in the first crusade.

Impetuous, improvident, trustful Robert of Normandy, however, who never could remember evil of his brother the next day after he had most cruelly abused him, now turns to William for aid. His generous heart burning to relieve the sufferings of the Holy Land leads him to sacrifice every future prospect for the purpose of obtaining the means of gratifying the present impulse.

He mortgages his duchy of Normandy to his brother William Rufus, king of England, and with his money thus obtained fits out his portion of the holy army.

The science of navigation was in that age too crude to be able to provide means of transit for so large an army by water, and the whole force, 500,000 infantry and 100,000 cavalry, marched by land across central Europe and over the Hellespont into Asia Minor.

The pitiless sun, the flinty soil, a strange climate, lack of food, want of water, all fought on the side of the Turk against the Crusaders, and the path of the devoted army was marked by a trail of graves. At Nicaea, at Antioch, and in other places the contending armies met. As a general thing the Crusaders were victorious, and on a January morning in 1098 the advancing army, Tancred in the lead, ascending a hill, looked for the first time upon the city of Jerusalem.

General and soldier, prince and peasant, fell prostrate upon the ground. Some wept for joy at the sight; others with arrows, because above the temple and the sepulchre the crescent of Mohammed glistened in the sun.

The steps which followed lasted for months, and when at last the city was taken the few inside whom the assailants had spared fell by the swords of the conquerors.

In making arrangements for governing the city the conquerors decided to elect one of their number king, and the crown was offered to Robert of Normandy, who declined it. Afterward Godfrey de Bouillon, who seems to have been an irreproachable knight, was chosen to this high place with its cares, but would not take this title nor the crown. He made a most successful ruler until his death, only one year later.

Thus ended the first Crusade.—Boston Courier.

A Halloween Experiment.

Halloween is sometimes called "nut crack night," because nuts have always taken a conspicuous part in its observance. Two nuts placed in the fire on Halloween are named for two lovers, should they lie together and burn together, John and Tillie will be a happy husband and wife, but should the nuts bounce and fly asunder, the sign is a bad one.—New York Herald.

Delicacy of feeling is not confined to gentle people, commonly so called. It is well known, for example, by those who have to do with men confined in prison, that such convicts never speak the hated word "prison," but invariably use some euphemistic substitute, "this institution" being perhaps the one of latest adoption.

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