

The Invincible Marne

Is there some fatality for barbarism in the waters of the Marne, or in the air about it? Has it been fixed by fate as the limiting line of savage and inhuman autocracy? It is a long time, as time is counted by years, from Atilla to William II, but morally they are contemporaries and historically they are twins. Before Atilla there was no one in his likeness; since there has been none until now; and both Atilla and the kaiser have found at the Marne an invisible something that seems to stand as with drawn sword and to say, "Back!" It was on the plain just below Chalons-sur-Marne that Atilla and his great army of huns met the final check to his aspiration for world power. It was a day memorable in the world's history, a day of battle, "ruthless, manifold, immense, obstinate." The old-time estimates of 175,000 to 300,000 slain can not be relied upon, but the carnage was awful and the result was final. Atilla retreated across the Rhine and the power of Atilla and the huns was forever broken.

"Forever," did we say? Ah, no! Another Atilla and other huns were to arise fifteen centuries later—a greater Atilla and a vaster tribe, greater in the advantages and opportunities of evil than fifteen centuries of human development has given them. Yet he, too, and they, have come to the Marne only to meet disaster and defeat. Twice these later huns touched the waters of the invincible stream, and twice has it hurled them back, shattered and broken. Twice this battle has raged, as on the old day, "ruthless, manifold, immense, obstinate," and twice

SALE OF TIMBER LANDS AND OTHER UNALLOTTED LANDS AND SURFACE OF SEGREGATED COAL AND ASPHALT LAND BELONGING TO THE CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW INDIAN TRIBES, AND ONE TRACT OF UNALLOTTED LAND BELONGING TO THE CREEK TRIBE IN HUGHES COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

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have the Huns retreated bleeding from a million wounds. When they came down, like the Assyrians, four years ago, with all the pomp and majesty of conquering power, they held the French to be easy prey. Their countless hordes had, indeed overwhelmed all opposition, and Paris, the world's desire, seemed almost in their grasp. But the Marne intervened, the Marne, whose waters shall be held sacred through all ages, and their reaching hands clutched but the emptiness of death.

But they had greater powers and greater resources than Atilla. Etzel, as they call him, never returned. The huns of kultur came back. It took them four years, four long, bloody, horrible years, but again they came—no less mighty, no less frightful, no less brutal than before. Elsewhere they had advanced, foot by foot, and every step at fearful cost, yet insistently advancing, pressing forward as if pushed by fate into the crushing arms of destiny. And so, once more they reached the Marne; once more the possession of Paris and the fulfillment of their hopes seemed almost accomplished. But again the guardian spirit of the Marne, the guardian spirit of humanity, touched them, and they crumbled as to dust. Who shall say that this is but coincidence? Who shall say that the physical limitation of might and the spiritual limitation of evil may not be somehow concurrent? Three times the huns have met the Marne; three times it has destroyed them. There is the fact. Explain it who can.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

AMERICANS CALLED CRUSADERS

A Washington, D. C., dispatch, dated July 24, says: Italian writers who have visited the American army in France are deeply impressed not only by the spirit of the soldiers themselves, but the gigantic preparations that have been made for their transport and supply. American terminals have been built at Mediterranean as well as Atlantic ports of France and are constantly being enlarged.

The Americans are hailed as "Crusaders of the Holy War" in an article published in Il Secolo XIX, of Genoa. It was written by a correspondent of The Gironale D'Italian of Rome. The article translated and made public today by the state department says:

"The American intervention is not a formula, a hope, a promise; it is a reality in all its forms.

"The organization for transforming and receiving the great army is already complete for the actual needs and is being completed for those of the future. The building of maritime bases, or railways, immense stores of arms, food, munitions, coal, medicine, etc., is in some cases finished and in others nearly complete. The organization is broadening gradually out.

"Summing up in few words my impressions, I would say: I did not believe that the Americans could have done so much, but, after having seen it, I am able to believe that they will do much more and will obtain their aims.

"I would define the American army as a revealing phenomenon. The speeches, the thoughts of the officers and soldiers are surprising; it is not simply an army which goes into line, not merely soldiers who make ready to fight; it is a people in arms which lands from across the sea, sure of its own strength, confident in its own deeds, like a knight in helmet and breastplate approaching to study the magic of an enchanted island.

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"The French cry aloud: 'Oh, the boches, we shall have them.' The Americans repeat quickly: 'We will destroy them.' And they do not raise their voices. They believe, have persuasion, faith. For them it is a question of time. This persuasion is nourished by the faith which they have in their own country. It is a pride; they feel that they are a great people, in its great hour; they are sure of having all gold, means, leaders, raw materials, organizers."

GRAFT FOUND IN ARMY SHIRT AND SHOE DEALS

A Washington dispatch, dated July 24, says: Fraud and gross profiteering has been uncovered in many contracts for army shoes, shirts, leggings and other soldiers' supplies and equipment as a result of investigation by army intelligence and department of justice agents, it was learned today.

Information shedding light on methods by which manufacturers were able to evade rigid inspection tests and pass inferior articles to fill government contracts, is understood to have been gathered from new confessions of some of the 18 raincoat contractors under arrest in New York charged with bribery, fraud or conspiracy.

Action will be taken against the other manufacturers as rapidly as specific proof of fraud is developed, it was said.

Commissions for Officers.

A large number of officers, particularly in the quartermaster's corps, are said to have been given commissions through the influence of former employers. These officers subsequently used their influence to obtain commissions for others similarly situated, and it is charged that certain companies or groups of concerns have been able, through this personal contact, to dictate specifications and other details of contracts favorable to their methods of manufacture.

All army officers receiving some form of compensation from sources apart from the army pay are not open to suspicion, it was explained,

particularly when they are not connected in any way with purchasing.

Another reform being worked out in Washington as a result of discovery of contract frauds is the gradual elimination of men assisting the government from the nominal pay or "dollar a year" basis and the payment of adequate salaries on which they can live without resorting to compensation from special interests.

IOWA DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

A Des Moines, Ia., dispatch, dated July 18, says: Discussion of a platform at the state convention of Iowa democrats was interrupted several times late today when a reading of bulletins on the American drive in France set the 200 delegates cheering wildly. Resolutions finally adopted approved submission of the national prohibition amendment to the state legislatures; endorsed woman suffrage and approved of the administration conduct of the war. Vocational training for maimed soldiers also was advocated, and it was suggested that loans on easy terms be made to returning soldiers for building their homes. The record in congress of Iowa's four congressmen—Sweet, Hull, Haugen and Ramseyer—was criticised, and Governor Harding was scored for supporting them, in which, the resolution said, he was, "actuated by a blind spirit of partisanship."

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