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IN our last paper we traced the fortunes of the founder of the Napoleonic dynasty. In the present paper we shall outline briefly the remarkable career of his successor, Napoleon III. The house of Bourbon, for whose re-establishment on the throne of France oceans of blood were shed, was destined soon to disappear amid the kaleidoscopic changes that the government of that country underwent. In 1830 and in 1848 the throne again was shaken, and at last on its ruins another Republic was set up. "At the very beginning of the new régime," says Dr. Ridpath, "a shadow, sphinx-like and historic, stole out of the horizon and stood up in the midst. It was Louis Napoleon Bonaparte, son of King Louis of Holland and Hortense de Beauharnais. The apparition came out of England on the very heels of the Revolution of 1848. This strange personage, destined to play so important a part in the subsequent history of France and Europe, had had the career of an adventurer." He was born in the Tuileries, on the 20th of April, 1808. Napoleon I. stood as his godfather. After the collapse of the

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