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The Battle of Portiers.

SEPT. 19, 1916.

Edward III., learning that the internal disorders of France had increased in consequence of the imprisonment of Charles of Navarre, sent out a small army, under the Earl of Lancaster, to co-operate with the party of that Prince in Normandy. At the same time the Black Prince set out with an army of about 12,000 men, few of them English except a body of archers. He intended to advance to Normandy and join his forces to those under Lancaster; but he found all the bridges of the Loire broken down. King John, thinking he had a chance of defeating the English, set out to intercept the Prince's journey with an army of upwards of 60,000 men. John advanced for Portiers, and the country people, enraged at his wanton destruction of every place he approached, kept him in ignorance of Edward's proximity. The latter, therefore, advanced on Portiers, and on September 17 came on the rear of the French army only two leagues from Portiers. Never did a king of France command a more promising force, for included in the 60,000 men were 20,000 men-at-arms, and 2,000 sent by the Scots. The Prince of Wales' troops had decreased to about 10,000, of which about 4,000 were English archers, the others Gascons. Edward took up a very strong position, which could only be approached by one road, so the French king determined to charge the English on foot. The next morning, September 19, the two armies met. Sir James Audley began the attack with four stout esquires in the van. The Marshals of France were ordered to advance and take possession of the lane leading to the English position, and scatter the archers who lined the hedges; but as fast as they entered the lane they were shot down. The detachment of Captal de Buch, attended by 600 bowmen, attacked the flank of the Dauphin's division, and this movement threw the whole division into confusion. The knights were first to run from their banners, and all was instantly one scene of flight. The Dauphin and his brother were escorted from the spot by 800 lances, and the army of the Black Prince, seeing this, and that the Duke of Orleans was in full retreat, dashed down the lane, riding over dead and wounded, till they came out on the plain where John stood with his division, upon which they burst with a fearful shock. But the king stood his ground, fighting manfully, leading up his division on foot, and heaving his way with his battle-axe, even after he had been deserted by the German cavalry. When called upon to yield, he called out: "Where is my cousin, the Prince of Wales?" unwilling to surrender to anyone of less rank. At this moment, Earl Warwick came up, and conducted John and his son with great respect to the Prince's tent. Thus terminated the Battle of Portiers, one of the most wonderful victories ever achieved, being won by an army numerically only one-sixth of that which it defeated.

If woollen garments are thoroughly dry cleaned before putting away, the moths will not trouble them. Pastry can be made with sour cream, wetting the flour with just enough cream to make firm dough, and sweetening the cream with one-eighth teaspoonful of soda.

War Song Was Composed by Cripple.

Although it has been said that the "Last of the Troubadours" has long since vanished from the earth, each decade sees a reincarnation of the spirit of minstrelry in some representatives of that once interesting tribe. A great love, a great cause in the affairs of men, seems to bring forth some individual who must put that great emotion into song. The war has demonstrated this. Many spontaneous singers from their hearts gave something to quicken the hearts of others. But an unusual troubadour, even for those five heavy years, was Skipper Walter William Francis, a crippled Welshman, who travelled 13,000 miles from under the southern sun to sing to the Australian and New Zealand soldiers in hospitals and camps and on the firing line in France. Skipper Francis' song is simple, with out a touch of the poetic frenzy that is expected in an inspiring song. But it was taken up by the hard-fighting Anzacs, and during moments of great joy or danger it seemed to satisfy their souls. When a transport was sinking, when the Germans were coming on like a storm, when the King came to review, when victory was at hand, Skipper Francis' song was shouted and piped, whistled and sung, like an anthem from thousands of throats. The song goes thus: "Rally round the Banner, the Banner of your country. And take the field with brothers o'er the foam; On land or sea, wherever you be, Keep your eye on Germany. But Britain, Home and Beauty Had no cause to fear. Should Auld Acquaintance be forgot? No! No! No! No! No! Australia will be there!" Skipper Francis' life history is interesting. He was born in Wales in 1886, and, through an accident to his right leg and foot, was permanently crippled. This severe handicap did not

prevent him, however, from becoming an athlete. By vigorous training he came to excel in many fields of sport. In August, 1912, he swam Bristol Channel from Penarth to Newport, a distance of fifteen miles. He was in Melbourne, Australia, when the war opened, and he immediately volunteered for the service. He was rejected by every fighting branch because of his physical incapacity. Intensely patriotic, he brooded over his inability to go to the front. In October of 1914 he composed his song, writing both words and music. He visited Broadmeadows Camp, near Melbourne, and told the soldiers that he had a song for them. He sang his lay, "Australia Will Be There," and before he left the cantonment every soldier knew the song and was singing it. From that moment the song grew in popularity. Like "Over There" in this country, it was accepted as the official march song of the Australian Expeditionary Forces in the same month and was sung by the troops on their farewell march through Melbourne, December 17, 1914. Never a troopship left Australian shores but "Australia Will Be There" was sung by both populace and soldiers.

When the transport Southland was torpedoed and sunk on Sept. 2, 1915, the Australians sang as they rowed away from the doomed ship; and they were singing the Skipper's song. When the Anzacs captured the advanced trenches at Gallipoli in one of the most stirring of campaigns, his song filled the air at the charge. It was sung when the Ballarat was torpedoed in the English Channel on April 25, 1917; at billets on the Western Front, in France, in Flanders, Palestine, and Africa.

An official report of an action on the western front gives this episode dealing with the lay:

"At the height of an action on the western front an Australian subaltern mounted a parapet with a tin whistle in his hand. He played 'Australia Will be there.' The men cheered as they fed the machine guns, declaring that he would attract the Huns with his music, and they would offer better targets. The subaltern then proceeded to play 'The Watch on the Rhine,' upon which the enemy machine gunners, greatly incensed, seemed to concentrate their fire upon him."

The song was played as an overture at every London theatre when Prime Minister Hughes arrived; the King and Queen heard it on March 22, 1916; it was played and sung during one of the Liberty Loan campaigns in New York.

"According to Hoyle."

(From the Westminster Gazette.) One hundred and fifty years ago on August 29th, Edmund Hoyle, whose name became immortalized in the well-known adage "According to Hoyle" whenever any dispute in games of chance occurred, passed away from this life at his house in Cavendish-square. He was a barrister, and was appointed Registrar of the Prerogative Court of Ireland, but shortly abandoned his profession for the more lucrative one of imparting instruction in games of chance for a guinea a lesson. The first treatise which he wrote was one on Whist, of which game he has, quite erroneously, sometimes been called the inventor, but which, doubtless, he systematized, and brought to its present standard.

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