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THE new Republic which followed the overthrow of the Monarchy in France was a political Ishmaelite. It raised the red flag and made war on all the powers of Europe; and the powers of Europe combined against the Republic. At this juncture appeared a man who was to cause oceans of blood to flow, and myriads of men, through cruel deaths, to fill untimely graves. The city of Toulon had revolted from the Republic, and was held for the Bourbons by the English and Spanish. A young captain of artillery pointed out the weakness of the defence and recaptured the city. It was Napoleon Bonaparte—a name destined to blaze like a star of evil omen over all Europe, presaging wrath to the nations, and suffering and slaughter to men. He was soon called to Paris to suppress the insurrection of the people. He did it with a merciless hand. He was at once recognized as the genius of power who could bring order out of chaos.

He became in rapid succession a member of the Directory, Consul, First Consul, Consul for life, and Emperor. His military genius and audacity made him at first everywhere victorious. In Italy, in Austria, in Egypt, conquest followed his

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