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AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 22.—8.30 a.m.—The Telegrams learn from Berlin that the Germans have restored the railways from Charleville in the department of the Ardennes, opposite Mezieres, to Rheims, and from Hirson, in Aisne, to Montmedy, in the department of the Meuse, 20 miles north of Verdun, which the French destroyed when retreating early in the war.

The railways to Givet, in the department of Ardennes, on the Belgian border, according to the same despatch, will be opened shortly, while the bridges over the Meuse near Lumes, Flire and Donchery, all south-east of Mezieres, are again open.

Blocked tunnels near Montmedy and Mohon, the last named point just south of Mezieres, have also been put into condition to be utilized.

This despatch indicates that, despite the war operations, the Germans are busily engaged restoring lines of communication in the territory of Northern France, occupied by them, which lines were destroyed by the French when they retreated from the Belgian frontier early in the war.

JOINED THE FRENCH

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 22.—9.04 a.m.—A Berlin despatch, published in The Telegraph confirms the report that Dr. Georges Weil, the Socialist member of the Reichstag for Metz, who was with Jean Leon Jaures the French Socialist leader, when the latter was shot in Paris, volunteered for service in the French army on August 8, last. Dr. Weil's disappearance from Germany has caused considerable comment. The Vorwarts, the organ of the German Socialists, strongly condemns the action of Dr. Weil.

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Sir Nigel

By A. Conan Doyle

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"Nay, I saw him not?"

"He came by the western road from Hennebon. Would that he had broken his neck ere he came here. Not an hour ago he left his message and now hath ridden on to warn the garrison of Malestroit. A truce has been proclaimed for a year betwixt the French King and the English, and he who breaks it forfeits life and estate."

"A truce?" Here was an end to all their fine dreams. They looked blankly at each other all round the table, whilst Croquet brought his great fist down upon the board until the glasses rattled again. Knolles sat with clenched hands as if he were a figure of stone, while Nigel's heart turned cold and heavy within him. A truce? Where then was his third deed, and how might he return without it?

Even as they sat in moody silence there was the call of a bugle from somewhere out in the darkness. Sir Richard looked up with surprise. "We are not wont to be summoned after one of the portcullis is up," said he. "Truce or no truce, we must let no man within our walls until we have proved him. Croquet, see to it!"

The huge German left the room. The company were still seated in despondent silence when he returned. "Sir Richard," said he, "the brave knight Robert Beaumanoir and his Squire William de Montauban are without the gate, and would fain have speech with you."

Beaumont sat in his chair. What could the fierce leader of the Bretons, a man who was red to the elbow with English blood, have to say to him, who the errand had he left his castle of Josselin to pay this visit to his deadly enemies?

"Are they armed?" he asked. "They are unarmed," said he. "I will admit them and bring them hither, but double the guards and take all heed against surprise."

Places were set at the farther end of the table for these most unexpected guests. Presently the door was swung open, and Croquet with all form and courtesy, announced the two Bretons, who entered with the proud and lofty air of gallant warriors and high-bred gentlemen.

Beaumont was a tall dark man with raven hair and long swarthy beard. He was strong and straight as a young oak, with fiery black eyes, and no flaw in his comely features save that his front teeth had been crushed from between his jaws. His Squire, William de Montauban, was also tall, with a thin hatchet face, and two small gray eyes set very close upon either side of a long fierce nose. In Beaumont's expression one read only gallantry and frankness; in Montauban's there was gallantry also, but it was mixed with the cruelty and cunning of the wolf. They bowed as they entered, and the little English senechal advanced with outstretched hand to meet them.

"Welcome, Robert, so long as you are beneath this roof," said he. "Perhaps the time may come in another place when we may speak to each other in another fashion."

"So I hope, Richard," said Beaumont; "but indeed we of Josselin bear you in high esteem and are much beholden to you and to your men for all that you have done for us. We could not wish better neighbors nor any from whom more honor is to be gained. I learn that Sir Robert Knolles and others have joined you, and we are heartily glad to think that the orders of our Kings should debar us from attempting a venture."

He and his squire sat down at the places set for them, and filling their glasses drank to the company.

"What you say is true, Robert," said Bambro, "and before you came we were discussing the matter among ourselves and grieving that it should be so. When heard you of the truce?"

"Yesterday a messenger rode from Nantes."

"Our news came to-night from Hennebon. The King's own seal was on the order. So I fear that for a year at least you will bide at Josselin and we at Piermont, and kill time as we may. Perchance we may hunt the wolf together in the great forest, or fly our hawks on the banks of the Duc."

"Doubtless we shall do all this, Richard," said Beaumont; "but by Saint Cadoc it is in my mind that with good-will upon both sides we may please ourselves and yet stand excused before our Kings."

Knights and squires leaned forward in their chairs, their eager eyes fixed upon him. He broke into a gap-toothed smile as he looked round at the circle, the wizened senechal, the blond giant, Nigel's fresh young face, the grim features of Knolles, and the yellow hawk-like Calverly, all burning with the same desire.

"I see that I need not doubt the good-will," said he, "and of that I was very certain before I came upon this errand. Behold you then that this order applies to war but not to challenges, spear-runnings, knightly exchanges or the like. King Edward is too good a knight, and so is King John, that either of them shall stand in the way of a gentleman who desires to advance himself or to venture his body for the exaltation of his lady. Is this not so?"

A murmur of eager assent rose from the table. "If you as the garrison of Piermont march upon the quarters of Josselin, then it is very plain that we have broken the truce and upon our heads be it. But if there be a private bickering betwixt the squires, and this young squire whose eyes show that he is very eager for honor, and if thereafter others on each side join in an fight upon the quarrel, it is in no sense war, but rather our own private business which no king can alter."

"Indeed, Robert," said Bambro, "all that you say is very good and"

Beaumont leaned forward toward Nigel, his brimming glass in his hand.

"Your name, squire?" said he. "My name is Nigel Loring."

"I see that you are young and eager, so I choose you as I would fain have been chosen when I was of your age."

"I thank you, fair sir," said Nigel. "It is great honor that one so famous as yourself should condescend to do some amuse upon me."

"But we must have cause for quarrel, Nigel. Now here I drink to the ladies of Brittany, who of all ladies upon this earth are the most fair and the most virtuous, so that the least worthy amongst them is far above the best of England. What say you to that, young sir?"

Nigel dipped his finger in his glass and leaning over he placed his wet impress on the Breton's hand. "This in your face!" said he.

Beaumont swept off the red drop of moisture and smiled his approval. "It could not have been better done," said he. "Why spoil my velvet paltock as many a hot-headed fool would have done. It is in my mind, young sir, that you will go far. And now, who follows up this quarrel?"

A growl ran round the table. Beaumont ran his eye round and shook his head. "Alas!" said he, "there are but twenty of you here, and I have thirty at Josselin who are so eager to advance themselves that if I return without hope for all of them there will be sore hearts amongst them. I pray you, Richard, since we have been at these pains to arrange matters, that if ten of them were against us it is likely that half of us would be down before ever we came to hand-strokes."

"By Saint Cadoc, William, I think that you are right," cried the Breton. "If we are to have such a fight as will remain in the memories of men, you will bring no archers and we no crossbows. Let it be steel upon steel. How say you then?"

"Surely we can bring ten men-at-arms to make up the thirty that you desire, Robert. It is agreed then that we fight on no quarrel of England and France, but over this matter of the ladies in which you and Squire Loring have fallen out. And now the time!"

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