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## The Pilgrim's Way

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at the Front HE road is straitly lined with elms for seven miles, writes Captain Roger Pocock, the well known Cana-

dian author and brother of the celebrated actress, Lena Ashwell. Westward it ends at a town. That is an old place, with three church towers, and a market square, which Chaucer mentioned, and Froissart filled with a fine clatter of gossip 600 years ago. Now, half the houses are burst with shell fire, and each day adds to the ruins. At the other end of the road is a city, once lovely and illustrious in her age, which three great battles have ruined and over-thrown. Here is a doom like that of Pompeli or St. Pierre, and though the ancient city had sinned like Sodom she could not have been left more desolate.

On either side of the road is a level country farmed with a skill and thrift not to be matched in Euand third hot to be matched in Ed rope yet covered on every patch of pasture and on many arable fields with the encampments of British armies. A few peasents live on the farms who are at intervals chased out by their officials, but come back at dusk having no place to go to or at dusk, having no place to go to, or any wish to live away from home. They sell coffee to the soldiers, silly cards embroidered in silk, veget-ables, eggs, and milk. They do a deal of washing for the troops. They deal of washing for the troops, they tend the farms, and when a barn is shelled, rebuild the walls. The chil-dren play their own games gravely among alien soldiers. This road, which leads through the encampment of great armies, is filled with the traffic of a pilgrimage such world has not seen. We

as the world has not seen. We have read of the Canterbury Pil-grims, of the pilgrimage to Mecca, aye, of the six Crusades, but history aye, of the six Crusades, but history is nothing-more to us than a passing of shadows through a haze of rain, while this pageant of the road is live and urgent. The skirl of the Irish bagpipes, or the Scots, or fife and drum bands of the English come up above the horizon and pass behind it eastward. There is deafening clatter of caterollar tractors drawing heavy of caterpillar tractors drawing heavy guns, the rattle of grimly-humorous tanks, the endless procession of lorries with road metal, rations, or shells, the rapid buzz of staff cars. There is the returning procession of buses bringing weary, mud-incrusted battalions back to rest-camp, of motor ambulances by hundreds. Then there are labor companies going to work or returning, rest parties on the way to the baths, peasant families with carts drawn by dogs. Monstrous trench dredges, road engines, crippied aeroplanes dragged to camp for repair; all night, all day, by the month, the traffic from the armies of the Dominions, India, and Blighty, and the army of labor. Sometimes the roadside India, and Bighty, and the army of labor. Sometimes the roadside camps turn out to line the way while a procession goes by, scantily guard-ed, of German prisoners. This road is just as wide, long, and direct as Broadway in New York, but night and day more crowded. Its fourfold stream of from door not

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