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ARIETTE'S communications by wireless were very brief, and on the
second day of the revolution Gisela went by
special train to Berlin. It was the King's
own train, and always ready to start. The
engineer and fireman avowed themselves
"friends of the revolution," but they performed their duties with two armed women
in the cab and fifty more in the car behind
the engine.

The cities through which Gisela passed, as well as the small towns and wayside villages, presented a uniform appearance: smoking ruins in the outlying sections which had been devoted to the war factories, and streets deserted save for women sentries. One or two of the smaller towns had burned, owing to lack of fire brigades. The food