

LANDMARKS IN FRANCE GONE IN THE HAVOC OF WAR

Many of Scenes Well Known
To Tourist Desolated By
Ravages of Modern
War Machines.

Fields Sowed With Steel and Iron Which Will
Have to be Gathered Up Like Picking
Stones From Rocky Ground—Beetroot Salvage
Along the Fighting Line—The Labyrinth and the Fighting There—Coal Needs
and Restrictions.

Paris, July 10.—"Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark" was good law according to Moses. All through the invaded provinces of France, wherever the fighting line has been, this commandment is honored in the breach—and each owner of a field will have trouble to mark his land when peace comes. It is a question of so much importance that the French Parliament already is looking toward some means of settling the disputes which are sure to be the outcome. There is, first, the great Parliamentary Commission of War Damages which, second, has just formed a sub-committee for the study of ways and means to start the daily life of labor going once more in territory won back from the invader. And their first task will be to decide which land belongs to whom.

Take, for example, on the road leading to Bethune considerably more than a square mile of land which has been conquered from the German troops in the last few days. It is known as the "Labyrinth," and deserves its name. Miles of "bowels" in the soldier's picturesque speech, were dug there to connect the military works which made of it a veritable German fortress. There were cemented trenches, platforms for heavy guns, and light artillery shelters every twenty-five yards. It is like some work of giant moles, upsetting the depths of the soil as an earthquake would never have done, or, since it is scientific, it is rather a series of mines just beneath the earth's surface, worked at intervals by the army which burrowed there.

From 1906 to 1910, German engineers had sounded, prospected, and planned all this region, on pretence of seeking the continuation of the coal field too deep to be worked. But they had done good work for this military engineering, as all can see.

This region from Arras to Combray is divided up in small farms, under the system of French peasant proprietorship which came in with the Revolution. The minute division of the land in farms that resemble garden beds, and have been almost as closely cultivated, made it difficult in times of peace to know just where one property ended and another began. Now everything has to be started afresh. And this is the condition of things along the whole line of trenches for something like four hundred miles and more.

Perhaps this is not the worst. Here a corner rock and there a rivulet may be left, showing by common consent the division of certain properties. But what about the fields? What was once ploughland has become a dumping field of iron and steel in the ammunition dumps of this war where artillery is reckless. All this must be gathered up like picking stones from rocky ground.

Who is going to pay for all this work? The proprietor? But it will cost him a good part of what the land is worth. The state? But France will have so many wrongs to make right that this will complicate and delay Germany? But this means an indemnity sufficient for all purposes, which presupposes that Germany is beaten thoroughly enough to consent to repair the damage she has done—and that she is able to pay such indemnities.

The French Parliament is already taking up measures to restore the invaded provinces and their residents to peace conditions, but with the utmost good-will the task is not easy. Even so, the bulk of the labor must fall on the industrious, thrifty French peasant in the Argonne region, the wealth of the land was in its superb woodlands. Now the trees have been cut down and carried off to Germany. Only the centuries can heal such ravages.

While the railroads were in daily use for troops and their provisions. Then he had to find men to pull up the beets and cart them off—to the tune of artillery firing close at hand, with an occasional German shell falling in the field. He succeeded in hiding the men he wanted among the refugees of those invaded parts. Beetroot to the value of \$100,000 which had been considered lost was recovered; and the factory work supported a whole population during winter. Those who contributed the money asked no profit. Among them was a Senator of the region and a former and a present Cabinet Minister.

The annual report of the central committee of the Coal Mines of France shows more lasting destruction. The fighting line of the past months runs between the mines of Bethune, which are still in French hands, and Lens, which the new French advance is intended to win back. All this time three-quarters of these mines of the North have been inside the German lines. It is said the invader has worked some of them to supply German needs and has filled up or damaged others, which is a way of destroying enemy's property, but is certainly no legitimate act of war against him.

Keen uncertainty is felt as to the probable condition of these mines after the invader is driven out.

Fears for Winter Fires
The present result is that France, during the year of war, has produced only one-half of the customary coal from her mines. On the other hand, lessened industrial activity has reduced the consumption of coal by the same amount, and so France is not importing more coal than in other years. Here there is another complication. In years of peace, certain kinds of coal were brought from Belgian mines which are also in German hands. This coal France must now import from England, not without difficulty. It is one of the reasons of a coal flurry among Paris householders, fearing for their winter fires.

Native coal is under State control. It must go first to army and navy and military establishments and transport; and prices are settled by a special commission. After all these needs are satisfied, certain factories and mills have next preference, because they too work for army stores. By the time you get down to the small consumer, his house coal has to come from England this year if he is to have any. Before the war, France burned 60,000 tons of coal a year, of which it produced 40,000 tons and imported 20,000 tons. Now she is producing only 20,000 tons, but she is burning only 40,000—which leaves 20,000 again to import. Only all this has now to come from England—and there is the rub. How Belgians are going to keep warm we may know when the cold weather comes.

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ches. It is properly shored up, and holds twenty men. It is dark there and damp and cool, and the men joke together. Some call it The Paris Metro (the way); some the Catacombs, and so on.

Under Fire
"Up above the guns swing and explode; torpedoes short and long; and shells crash. This lasts half an hour. Now and then some wretched late comer arrives. Then—all is silent—and every one leaves the 'sape' as he would a tavern, smoking and talking. They gather up the fragments and look at the damage done. No one killed? All's well!

"Second. 'Lieutenant, the gasses!' It is just at the end of the second service rest. A few bombs have been heard from the direction of a neighboring company. This is the enemy's ruse—treason before succor. Our provident Government has made a distribution to all of us of vaselines, goggles, and padded masks. Water runs all around us and hyposulphite and ammoniac give out their scents. Each one washes his face, arranges the pad, vaselines his skin, and then—On guard! The trench is full up and the night is dark; but fuses are set off near by and the green masks and greenish goggles give a strange look to these devils firing to make the enemy keep silence. Twelve shots from our 75 guns sound in the Boches' ears and calm renews once more. We laugh and wipe off our vaseline, and the squad goes off philosophically for more water to be used next time.

"Third, at midnight. A sentinel in the trench, after the countersign has been given, lets the company major with two corporals pass. Two officers are asleep in the cabin, and a candle is burning. The corporals sit down to make their report, and the wording has to be dictated to them with the spelling. They have gone over the parapets, crossed the barbed wire, and crept under the Boches' noses—and here they are like children spelling out. 'A violent fusillade welcomed us,' etc.

"All at once a big devil of the legion comes in furious, with his breast all bloody. He is my best patrol, and has been wounded involuntarily by a comrade. He is in a rage as the infirmarians dress his wound among the tattoo patterns. They jest and laugh, and confidence is restored. Then even one takes a Government drink and goes to sleep to watch, or gets himself cared for.

"So goes the story of the trenches." To mark a date, it may be worth remembering that, for the first time in this fighting between human molehills, the German report has now acknowledged that the French, near their lost Labyrinth, have gained on them a mile and a quarter in width, and two miles in length.

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PLAIN SPEAKING NOT
RELISHED IN BERLIN**

The Vorwarts Said German People Stricken With Jingoism—Doubts German Government's Claim of Being the Injured Party.

An entire edition of the Vorwarts, the official organ of the Socialists in Germany, was recently confiscated by the German government. The Vorwarts is a daily newspaper that speaks for Karl Liebknecht and the Social Democratic party, known in this country as the Socialist party, says the Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

The other day Karl Liebknecht was sent into the army because of his anti-war speeches in the Reichstag. He was the only member of the Reichstag who was sent into the army.

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will not be permitted to address an audience outside the chamber in which he sits by vote of the people, and as he goes to the front in silence he may be killed.

The reason why the Vorwarts was visited by the wrath of the government is disclosed in a translation of the editorial which was printed in the suppressed edition. It will be seen by this editorial that there exist in Germany many some men who have ventured to question the righteousness of the present war, and even to criticize the German attitude. How widespread may be the sentiment this editorial reflects it is impossible to say, owing to the measures that have been taken to prevent its expression.

Text of Editorial.
"Man does not display all his strength and all his weaknesses save in exceptional situations. On the day of battle certain plants fall like rotten trees before the tempest. The people, like individuals, reveal in times of crisis their hidden virtues of their unknown failings.

"The present crisis is terrible. . . . It shows that the German people is stricken with a malady which in the end may prove fatal; and this malady is jingoism. Thus one names a disease nationalism which sees neither virtue nor courage in any nation but its own, and which has only insults and suspicion for others.

"Unhappily, this disease appears to have seized on the German people at a time when the Empire was in a particularly flourishing condition, and it was in full blast even before this war broke out.

"When war was decided on there was an eruption of jingoism of the most feverish sort. Violent articles appeared in the press. In the great cities inflammatory speeches were made, and war songs were chanted. The confagration was regarded as a fete. The campaign was to be a simple promenade to Paris and to St. Petersburg.

"To argue the contrary was to risk being lynched. As soon as war was actually declared the people of other nations were subject to every insult. We were honest Germans; our adversaries were 'brutal Russians,' 'perfidious English,' 'insidious Serbs.' The mob tore down the signs of shops that bore a few words of English or French as to who began the war—we were the innocent lambs, while the French, Russians and British were the wolves of the table. Those who formerly had imputed to the Jews all the faults of our social state now discovered in England the cause of everything.

"At the first victory the flags appeared, the bells rang, perfervid speeches were delivered in public places. In the restaurants the music was sung but 'Deutschland über Alles.' The public hypnotized, rocked nothing of the death rattle of the wounded on the battlefield, of hundreds of villages in flames, of thousands of people robbed of their belongings, of German families who waited with anguish news of their sons engaged in the combat.

"Then one heard the atrocious details of the war in Belgium. The inhabitants had fled on four soldiers. The Belgians were 'barbaric,' 'age beasts,' unworthy of any consideration. They must expiate their crimes by sword and fire. No one troubled to explain the uprising of the Belgian people. Our perfervid patriots could not understand that a people must lose its calmness on seeing itself unexpectedly attacked, its fields laid waste, its towns and villages occupied, its men sacrificed in battle.

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