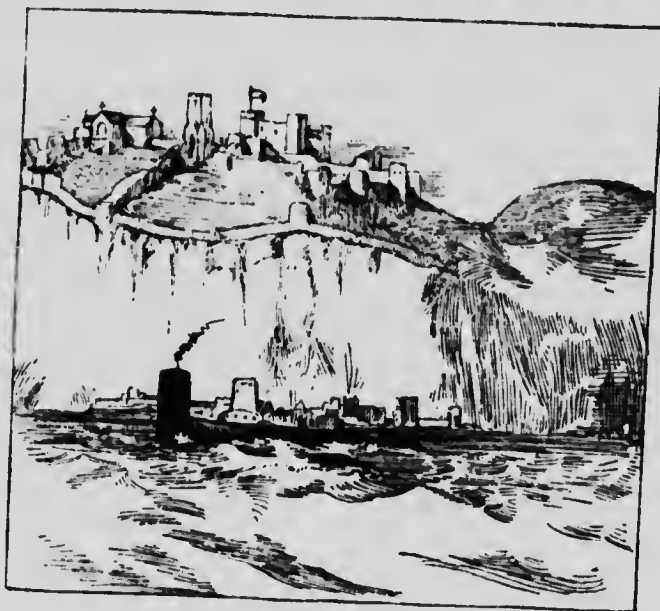


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made his plans to return to Hastings. He hoped that the news of his victory would have spread far and wide, and that the people, the great English earls especially, would come and submit to him, and acknowledge him as their lord. He waited for several days wondering



Dover

why they tarried, and he waited in vain. No more delay was advisable, and so he marched on to Romney, a fortified town. The sight of the Normans and their leader awed the English soldiers, and they surrendered at once. Cheered by this success, the Normans now marched on to Dover, where Harold had built a castle on the edge of the cliff. It was in an impregnable position, and could not be taken by assault. The Duke realised at once that prompt action was necessary, and he commanded his men to fire the town. The