

CATHEDRAL AT RHEIMS THE MOST IMPOSING RUIN

Chicago now has a Chance to Demonstrate What Adoption Means. The City a Colossal Monument to the Ravages of War ---Masked Dugouts and Trenches Disfigure the Boulevards.

(Junius B. Wood in Chicago News)

Out of the cold skies a dove fluttered down and came to rest on one of the shattered spires of that ruined architectural rhapsody the Rheims cathedral. Another speck left the side of the world's most imposing ruin. A French soldier searching in the loose debris where a hot hail of German shells had ruthlessly mingled with the sculptures of dead masters, blasting paving blocks and soil undisturbed for ages, picked up a fragment of stained glass as souvenir of France's fine example of gothic architecture.

Life was returning to Rheims, the charred and battered skeleton of a city where pomp, gayety and wealth once reigned. Chicago, which has planned to "adopt" Rheims, can now proceed to demonstrate what adoption means.

Rheims is not a long jump from the fighting front in the Champagne, where American troops formed the spearhead of Gen. Gouraud's army, which released the martyred city from the German cannon after it had been beleaguered on three sides for four years. From the crash and turmoil of battle it is but a short transition to the silence of the city where the ghosts of former days lurk behind gaunt walls and tumbled stones.

Monument to War's Ravages

The city is a colossal monument to a war stricken countryside. The fertile fields of former years are weed grown and interlaced with tangles of barbed wire. The only spots showing the tenderness of human hands are the scattered graves of soldiers fallen in the bitter strife. All else presents the hard face of war.

The beautiful Ste. Menchould-Rheims boulevard is covered with coarse grass cut everywhere with trenches, while the aisles of trees have been torn as with giant hands, leaving only stark, leafless trunks scarred by the hail of steel.

On the north side of this highway only 100 yards away were the front line trenches until three days ago, while at an equal distance on the other side of the Chalons-Reims railroad were the masked dugouts where the same hardy French fighters stuck tenaciously throughout the war. On a bare spot less than a kilometer (five-eighths of a mile) to the east where it was reached by French trenches loomed the front of De La Pompele a battered shapeless mass of chalky clay, but a defense which the Germans never passed.

For fifteen hours last March the Germans had a foothold on its sides, but then they were ousted. The graves of their dead and an abandoned tank, one they captured from the British on the Somme, are the only traces of the high tide of their success.

Even the French defenders are gone, for the line is now twenty-five kilometers (fifteen miles) beyond. Trench rats are roaming hungry and unmolested in the former human burrows.

Three French soldiers, cleaning up scattered property, emerged from a dugout at a place on the skyline across the waste of trenches, barbed wire and desolation that stretched westward for six kilometers (3.6 miles).

"We'll open a bottle of champagne, for the news today is good," said the poilus, producing stained tin cups.

"A toast to victory," somebody proposed.

"And to peace," added one of the poilus.

"And there are 15,000,000 more bottles like that over there said a poilu putting down his empty cup and looking off in the direction of the towers of Rheims.

Earlier the same morning we stopped at a gate barring a railroad crossing. A young Texas colonel, a Yale graduate, going to the lines for the first time leaned over the side of the automobile to chat.

"We want the kaiser as a hostage first before we discuss peace," he said.

BOLSHEVISM IS DEFINED BY PROF. LEWIS HARLEY

(Philadelphia Bulletin)

Are you bourgeois? If so, the Bolsheviks may get you, if you don't watch out.

Do you work for a living? And does your work require some exercise of your brain? Can you keep your hands, face and clothes clean at your work? Have you at least a dollar and a half you can call your own, over and above the necessities of life? If so, you are hopelessly bourgeois from a Bolshevik view point.

The word bourgeois is of French origin. It is derived from the same source as the French word "bourg," meaning town. It is pronounced "boorshwa," with the accent on the first syllable. The dictionary defines it thus:

"Bourgeois—A man of middle rank in society; a citizen as between a gentleman on one hand and a peasant on the other; one of the shopkeeper class."

To the Bolsheviks as nearly as can be ascertained from information of their doctrines and conduct received in this country, persons in what Americans know as moderate circumstances, as well as the comfortably well-to-do and the moderately wealthy are "bourgeois."

They belong to the "bourgeois," pronounced "boor-zhwa-ze." Above this classification are the nobles and aristocrats.

"Bolshevism is nothing more than ultra-radical Socialism gone wrong," was the description of this new world problem given by Professor Lewis Harley, head of the department of history at the Central High School.

To Americans, safely in America, the antics of the Bolshevik seem fantastic in the extreme—so much so, in fact, that they have a comic aspect. To bleeding Russia and shuddering Germany and Austria, there is no element of comedy about Bolshevism. It is a red terror, even more to be dreaded than German warfare, made so with deliberate intent by its doctrinaires. Nothing so pleases your true Bolshevik as to be told that the world revolts at his excesses and trembles in fear of him and his theories.

And it is a very real fear that confronts Europe, for the menace of Bolshevism is spreading rapidly. Germany is honeycombed with it, Austria is being swept into its vortex and the statesmen and sane thinkers of Holland, Sweden, Switzerland, Norway and Spain are wrestling with the problem of how best to check its admitted growth.

The word Bolshevik is pronounced "Bolshe-vee-kee," accenting the second syllable. That is the plural or collective form of the noun. Bolshevik is the singular form of the noun and also an adjective, as "Bolshevik tendencies," "Bolshevik outrages." The thing itself, the theory, doctrine, or whatever you choose to call it, is Bolshevism.

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YOUNG MAN FATALLY SHOT

Montreal, Nov. 25—The victim of a revolver bullet, Abraham Mardler, 21 years of age, died at the General Hospital after he had been arrested Friday night by Sergeant Bailey and a constable of the C. P. R. police on a charge of theft. The man had been taken to the city detective headquarters, later complained of being sick, and was sent to the hospital. Mardler, as far as can be learned, made no mention to the city police or the hospital authorities of having been shot and only admitted this in a deposition to Judge Choquette after an operation had revealed the presence of a bullet in his abdomen. Inquiry was made at the Angus Shops to which it was said Bailey and his comrade were attached, but the officer on duty had no report of the affair.

KING GEORGE TO VISIT PARIS

Paris, Nov. 24—Great Preparations are being made for a visit by King George to France this week. President Poincare and members of the French government will meet the King at the railway station whence a procession will drive to the foreign office where a suite of rooms has been reserved for the use of the King and his party. The official object of the king's visit is to convey personally to the president his congratulations on the successful termination of the war. King George will pay an official visit to the president on Thursday, the day of his arrival, and in the evening a dinner will be given by the president at the Elysee Palace. On Friday there will be a reception at the British embassy and on Saturday the king will leave Paris to visit the armies.

IT LOOKED SUSPICIOUS

Old Jenkins was mad with rage. For 12 months he had taken the plate round at the local church every Sunday. Now someone else had been asked to perform the duty.

"I consider I have been grossly insulted," he said to a friend.

"But," said the latter, "I don't think there is any bad feeling toward you."

"I don't know about that," roared Jenkins, "but it looks very suspicious. The fellow they have asked to do the job has only got one arm."

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