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"THE ROAD OF OHAIN"

By George Corbin.

The life of Napoleon covers more pages of the world's history than does the life of any other man that ever lived. The history of Europe from 1795 to 1815 is a record of the deeds of this man. Born in an obscure quarter of the world and left an orphan, he rose by the powers of his own genius to the pinnacle of earthly greatness, and carried the other members of his family with him, as sharers of his glory. Napoleon possessed the rare gift of judgment and perception, which enabled him to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles. At the siege of Toulon; while traversing the desert of Egypt, when the directory was overthrown, and on various other occasions, these wonderful powers were in evidence, but like all earthly things, these powers were in the case of Napoleon imperfect. There were occasions when they failed him and those failures wrought his downfall and ruin. These failures, however, were not the result of judgment on Napoleon's part, but rather because of the part played by unknown factors, which lay beyond his power of perception, reasoning, from known causes, the result he could always foresee, but all things seen and known are interlinked with the unknown and unseen, hence, even in the case of Napoleon there came a time when he failed. Panning over the minor events of this character we come to the supreme event of his life when he stood

at the crest of another ridge a mile or more away. On this ridge was encamped the French army on the night of June 17. The allied armies being advantageously posted awaited the attack of the French, which began at noon on the 18th. For four hours the battle continued without any advantage to either side. Napoleon, expecting the aid of the Prussians under Blucher. Standing on an eminence in the rear of the French line, Napoleon with his glass took in the whole field. Calling an aid to his side, he asked if there was any obstruction on the right; which would impede the advance of his cavalry. He was told there was none, and just here the fatal error was made. Along the front of the English line near the brow of the hill ran the Road of Ohain, which in that quarter was an excavation 20 feet broad and 12 feet deep and several hundred yards in length. From the French position, this could not be seen, and its existence was unknown to them. Napoleon ordered up the Cuirassiers, that splendid body of cavalry which had so often ridden to victory on European fields. On they came, like an avalanche across the ravine, both armies waited for a moment to witness the magnificent spectacle. Ascending the ridge they approached the English lines, when the horses of those in front were seen to leap into the air and disappear from view. Those in front were forced on by those in the rear, battalion after battalion disappeared in this living grave, the Road of Ohain, until it was filled to the surface with a third of their number. When the remainder crossed over on this struggling mass of men and horses and continued to the English line, which, however, did not yield, more than half of this splendid body of men were left on the field and in the Road of Ohain.

The psychological effect on both armies was great: The English were encouraged, the French were depressed. For more than an hour, there was a lull in the struggle, before the final effort was begun. At 7 o'clock as the sun approached the horizon, bringing to a close this eventful summer day, Blucher with his 50,000 Prussians appeared in the distance. Napoleon realized the necessity of a supreme effort, ordering up the Imperial Guard and placing Marshal Ney, the "brave" at their head, he ordered the charge. The hour had struck. The fate of Napoleon was sealed and the Imperial Guard, the creature of his hand expired with the emperor. Thus ended the campaign of Waterloo which cost the lives of a hundred thousand men and closed the career of "The Man of Destiny."

It seems to me that the experience of Napoleon in the Road Ohain has a parallel in the lives of other celebrities, and indeed in the lives of all of us, if we seek to attain to eminence in earthly things as a goal and not as a means to an end. Take the case of our own James G. Blaine, the "Plumed Knight," who as a statesman and politician, had few equals. He was nominated for the presidency and making a successful canvass the prize seemed within his grasp. Returning from a canvass of the west to New York, he was given a reception by a number of his admirers, in the assembly was a minister by the name of Burchard, in the course of his short address, while enumerating the political enemies of the candidate he used the words, "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion." Many hearts saw the fatal error, it was carried far and wide, Blaine was defeated in the state of New York by the narrow margin of 1190, and Cleveland was elected to the presidency.

For 30 years William II was the directing genius and head of the German nation, the most powerful national force on the globe. Choosing the sword as the means to conquer the world, he stood ready to meet all corners. The calculation was a drollery made, and scientifically worked, but just when success seemed sure, this same Road of Ohain, in the person of President Wilson, with six million Americans stood in his path. In place of a world conquered, the house of Hohenzollern ceased to reign and the Kaiser saws wood near the border of the North Sea.

Julius Caesar, "the greatest Roman of them all," met his end in the Road of Ohain. Like Alexander he had arrived at the point where there were no more worlds to conquer, but the Roman political system was rotten to the core. A conspiracy was formed and Caesar was assassinated by those who had been recipients of gifts at his hands.

We may rest assured that this "Road of Ohain" lies across the path of each and every one of us, no matter who we are, what we are, nor what we came, nor what our purpose in life, nor how well equipped we are for the journey, nor how well fortified we may be against failure. Alas, the majority realize this fact too late. They, like Napoleon's cuirassiers are forced on by the surging mass behind, forced into the depths and disappear forever. The thoughtful mind at this point asks, "Is there no way to avoid this dark ending of what was such a bright beginning?" We say thoughtful mind, because few think of these matters, until the shadows begin to fall, and the wallings of those lost tell them of their own impending fate. There is no valid reason why this should be so. It is the part of

ENGLISH PHYSICIANS HAVE FALLEN UPON LEAN TIMES

(Correspondence Associated Press.) London, Dec. 7.—Physicians and surgeons have fallen upon lean times, and complaints of dwindling practices are widespread. The other day a doctor from the fashionable Harley street district was sued in the courts for a small debt which he declared he was unable to pay because his practice had "dropped almost to the vanishing point."

Fashionable doctors say that so many ordinary practitioners have had, wartime experience with surgery cases that, in thousands of instances, they now do their own operating instead of sending their patients to specialists. Another reason is that many formerly well to do people who would in other circumstances have consulted a prominent physician now go to hospitals where they obtain treatment at much lower cost. Others say that women now prefer to be attended by doctors of their own sex and that psychoanalysis and various other forms of faith heal-

HINDENBURG MAKES ATTACK ON NEW GERMAN COLORS

(Correspondence Associated Press.) Berlin, Nov. 30.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg said in a recent interview that the new German colors, black, red and gold, ought never to have been adopted, as to him they symbolized the fratricidal warfare of 1866 between Prussian and other German states.

A historian in the Vorwarts defends the colors of the republican flag on the ground that they date back to medieval times. The emperor Ludwig of Bavaria, it appears, made black, red and gold the colors of his army as far back as 1336.

BERBIA PRACTICALLY FREE FROM EPIDEMIC OF DISEASE

(Correspondence Associated Press.) Nish, Jugoslavia, Nov. 21.—Berbia today is practically free of epidemics of disease. The population never enjoyed better health or more genuine contentment. The hospitals never held fewer patients. The death-rate seldom has been lower. Doctors have rarely found it so difficult to make a living. This is regarded as remarkable in view of the fearful scourges which claimed half its population during the world war and the post-armistice period.

RADICAL LEADER ELECTED GOVERNOR OF YUCATAN STATE

(Correspondence Associated Press.) Merida, Yucatan, Dec. 2.—Felipe Carrillo, leader of the radical movement in this state, has been elected governor

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