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**THE RUINE FRONTIER.**  
By an inspection of the map of Western Europe, the geographical relations of France and Prussia, attention is first drawn to three principal points, viz: the position of the fortress which lies between the centers of France and the line of the Rhine; the route which is naturally laid open by these fortresses to the heart of France, and the routes which connect these same fortresses with the great centers of Germany. When the importance of these strongholds is understood, and when it is remembered that they are in the possession of Prussia, it becomes easy to understand why France should be glad of any pretext to justify her in making an attempt to get control of them. As the famous Russian quadrilateral was to the Americans, so in this German quadrilateral of the Rhine, it enables them to rapidly march and to receive any sudden attack, while it reserves for them a base of operations which is as favorable for them as could well be conceived or desired. The four great fortified points were, until 1866, Coblenz, Cologne, Metz, and Luxembourg, but in that year the latter was dismantled by the Prussians, very unwillingly, and only on the strong representation of the other Powers, which insisted on the fulfilment of the treaty of Prague, as provision of which was also, the abandonment of the fortress of Metz or Mayence, which has not been complied with to this day by Prussia. Luxembourg having been partially dismantled, the Prussians have since fortified Saar Louis, Germersheim and Landau, which in a very short time are placed in a goodly attitude, and which really form but one place, and make to take the position recently occupied by Luxembourg. Metz commands the entrance to the river Main and covers Frankfurt. Coblenz commands the Moselle, while Cologne and Ehrenbreitstein commands the Rhine at their respective points. In addition to these strongholds the Prussians have planned an entrenched camp at Treves, which is a well equipped garrison, which is so situated, moreover, that a Prussian army sheltered within it would be able to attack in flank or rear a French army entering Germany through Sedan or Rheims. Metz, while on the other hand, the road to Paris is comparatively unobscured. By way of Saar Louis, Germersheim and Landau, Prussia can reach the Rhine, through Coblenz and Bonn, and the points of the frontier between Prussia and Metz, having Alsace, which is the bridgehead of the Rhine, the route through Nancy, she may march directly to Paris.

It should not be forgotten that the points situated in Metz by a double line of fortification with the Rhine, and the other points also connected with Metz, which are situated in the valley of the Moselle, which are now in the hands of the Prussians, are now in the hands of the Prussians, and are now in the hands of the Prussians, and are now in the hands of the Prussians.

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