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The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One

INTRODUCTORY NOTE,

IN "The Page of the Duke of Savoy" we meet again most of the members of the doughty band

of adventurers with whom Gabriel de Montgomery is said in the "Two Dianas" to have accomplished the marvellous feat of carrying the Old Fort of Calais by The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One escalade: Malemort, the seamed and scarred hero of a hundred fights, whose first rush was always so impetuous and reckless that he inevitably received a fresh wound at the very beginning, and was incapacitated for further service; Yvonnet the dandy, bold as a lion by daylight, and timid as a hare The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One when the sun had gone down ; Pilletrousse, the rifler of dead men's pockets; Lactance, whose excessive blood-thirstiness was only equalled by his devoutness ; and the two Scharfensteins, uncle and nephew, whose feats of strength out-Hercules Hercules. Procope, Maldent, and Fracasso are new acquaintances, equally diverting, each in his particular line.

The period of this tale was crowded with events of The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One deepest import to the world's history: it embraced the culmination of the world-empire of Charles V. and his The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One abdication; the early years of the reign of Philip II., in which his future policy and conduct were so clearly foreshadowed; the struggle for supremacy between the Guises and Catherine de Me'dicis, the Florentine mother of the last three Valois Kings of France ; and the irresistible growth and spread of the Eeformation.

Of all the famous men who fought and governed in that age, perhaps the very noblest was Emmanuel Philibert, Duke of Savoy, whom Dumas selected as the central figure of his story. All that is here told us of him and his character is amply supported by authority.

Many of the historical events woven into the plot of the "Two Dianas " are here presented The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One to us again, mainly in forms which follow the chronicles more closely. This is especially true of the life of the Comte de Montgomery, and the circumstances attending the fatal disaster at the Tournelles. There is no reason to believe that the death of Henri II. was the result of anything but pure accident, nor has history any more to say of the Comte de Montgomery than is said by our author in the

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following pages. It will be The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One noticed, however, that the gloomy prognostications of Nostradamus reappear here in slightly different form.

As to the siege The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One of Saint Quentin, too, the description given in the present work is entitled to the credit of being more nearly in accord with the facts than that which omits to mention Dandelot's presence, and makes Gaspard de Coligny play a subordinate The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One part to Gabriel de Montgomery. It was the failure of The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One Philip II. to follow up the fall of the town (inexplicable unless it was due to his jealousy of the Duke of Savoy) which saved Paris, and not the defence made by the garrison and citizens, heroic and devoted as their conduct was.

It would be perhaps more accurate to entitle "The Page of the Duke of Savoy" a part of the romance of history than an historical romance; for aside from the scenes in which the exploits of Pro-cope and his associates appear, and the deeply touching love episode of Emmanuel

Philibert and his pseudo-page, there are few chapters of which the historical accuracy can be impugned,— from the famous scene at Brussels when Charles V. laid down his sceptre, to his mock obsequies at the The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One little convent in Spain; from Henri II. haughtily receiving the heralds of The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One Spain and England, to

Henri II. meekly consenting to the shameful treaty of Cateau-Cambresis; from the brilliant pageant and superb jousting in the lists at the Tournelles, to the chamber of death, with Catherine de Me'dicis hovering jealously about the bed of the dying king, who had been so long and consistently unfaithful to her.

The epoch is one The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One which readily lends itself to the romantic treatment, and under the hand of the master few opportunities of arousing the interest and moving the heart of the reader have been lost.

Period, 1528-1580.

THE EMPEROR, Charles V.

MARY OF AUSTRIA, the Queen Dowager of Hungary, sister of

Charles V.

MARY, Queen of England.

PHILIP, Prince of Spain, her husband, son of Charles V. QUEEN ELEANOR, sister of Charles V. DON CARLOS, the Emperor's grandson. EMMANUEL PHILIBERT, Due de Savoie, surnamed Tete de Fer,

nephew of Charles V. SCIANCA-EERRO, his squire. GAETANO, his major-domo.

CHARLES THE GOOD, of Portugal, father of Emmanuel Philibert. BEATRICE The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One OF PORTUGAL, Emmanuel Philibert's mother. LEONA MARAVIGLIA, passing as Leone, the page of the Duke

of Savoy,

The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One COMTE FRANCESCO MARAVIGLIA, her father. LA COMTESSE MARAVIGLIA. COMTE ODOARDO MARAVIGLIA, Leona's brother, Ambassador of

the Kings of France and The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One Spain. JOHN FREDERICK, Elector of Saxony. ADMIRAL OF CASTILE, DUKE OF MEDINA COELI, R.UY GOMEZ DE SILVA, \ Spanish noblemen. DUKE OF ALVA, DON Luis DE VARGAS,

FRANCESCO MARIA SFORZA, Duke of Milan.

ARCHBISHOP OF TOLEDO.

CARDINAL POLE.

WILLIAM The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One OF ORANGE.

DON GUZMAN D'AVILA, Herald of Spain.

SIGNOR ANGELO POLICASTKO, Astrologer to Charles V.

COMTE WALDECK, in the cavalry service of Charles V.

VICOMTE WALDECK, his son.

THE BASTARD SON OF COMTE WALDECK.

ODINET DE MONTFORT, a Savoyard cavalier.

COUNCILLOR PHILIBERT BRUSSELIUS.

FRANCOIS I., King of France.

HENRI II, his successor.

CATHERINE DE MEDICIS,

DIANE DE POITIERS.

DIANE DE CASTRO.

MARGUERITE DE FRANCE, sister of Henri II.

THE DAUPHIN, afterwards Franfois II.

MARY The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One STUART, married to the Dauphin.

MARY FLEMING, ~\

MARY SEATON, I M ^ , Four Marys ,

MARY The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One LIVINGSTON, I

MARY BEATON, J

ELIZABETH DE VALOIS,) daugllters of Henri IL

MARGUERITE DE VALOIS,

Due D'ORLEANS, afterwards Charles IX.

Due DE NEVERS, Lieutenant-general of the king.

HENRI, his brother, afterwards Henri III.

CONSTABLE DE MONTMORENCY.

GABRIEL DE MONTMORENCY, his son,

MONSIEUR DE CEIATILLON, the Constable's nephew.

FRANÇOIS,. Due de Guise.

CARDINAL DE LORRAINE,

DUG D'AUMALE, ^^ brothers .

MARQUIS D'ELBCEUF, CARDINAL GUISE.

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surgeons.

men of letters at the French Court.

preceptors of the princes.

ADMIRAL COLIGNY, Envoy extraordinary of Henri II. MONSIEUR DANDELOT DE COLIGNY, his brother. MONSIEUR DE BOISSY, Grand Equerry of France. MONSIEUR DE VIEILLEVILLE, Grand Chamberlain. ALPIIONSE D'ESTE, Due de Ferrara.

DUCHESS DE NEMOURS.

CARDINAL CARAFFA. GABRIEL DE LORGES. AMBROISE PARE, ANDREW VESALIUS,

RONSARD,

The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One REMY BELLEAU,

DORAT,

Du BELLAY,

JACQUES The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One AMYOT,

M. DANESIUS,

JACQUES DE LA MOTTE, Abbe The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One de St. Prix.

Due D'ENGHIEN,

MARECHAL DE SAINT-ANDRE,

Due DE NEVERS,

MARECHAL STROZZI,

MARECHAL DE BRISSAC,

MONSIEUR DE THELIGNY,

MONSIEUR DE BREUIL,

MONSIEUR DE JARNAC,

CAPTAIN LANGUETOT,

CAPTAIN RAMBOUILLET,

CAPTAIN Louis POY,

MONSIEUR DANDELOT, the admiral's brother,

VICOMTE DU MONT NOTRE-DAME,

SIEUR DE LA CUREE,

COMTE DE LA ROCHEFOUCAULD,

DUG DE MONTPENSIER,

DUC DE LONGUEVILLE,

Due DE BOUILLON, VICOMTE DE TURENNE,

" French officers.

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LIST OF CHARACTERS.

soldiers of fortune in the French service.

HEINRICH SCHAKFENSTEIN,

MARTIN PILLETROUSE,

FRANTZ SCIIARFENSTEIN,

C[^]SAR ANNIBAL MALEMORT,

HONORE-JOSEPH MALDENT,

JEAN-CHRYSOSTOME PROCOPE,

The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One

VICTOR-FELIX YVONNET,

CYRILLE-NEPOMUCENE LACTANCE,

VITTORIO-ALBANI FRACASSO,

COUNT EGMONT,

COUNT HORN,

COUNT SCHWARZBOURG,

COUNT MANSFIELD,

DUKE ERIC OF BRUNSWICK,

DUKE ERNEST OF BRUNSWICK,

FIELD-MARSHAL DE BINNSCOURT,

CAPTAIN CARONDELET,

COLONEL NARVAEZ,

JULIAN ROME RON,

ALONZO DE CAZIERES,

The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One

MADEMOISELLE GERTRUDE, j gervants at the Ch&teau du p arcq

PHILIPPIN,)

JEAN PAUQUET, captain of a company at St. Quentin.

GUILLAUME PAUQUET, his brother.

GUDULE, Gnillaume Pauquet's daughter.

MAITRE GOSSEU, a Picard peasant.

CATHERINE, his wife.

officers in the array besieging St. Quentin.

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THE: PAGE OF THE DUKE OF SAVOY,

PART I.

CHAPTER I.

WHAT MIGHT The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One HAVE BEEN SEEN FROM THE GREAT TOWER OF HESDIN-FERT ON MAY 5, 1555, AT ABOUT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

THOSE of our readers who do not fear to take with us a stride of three centuries into the past, we will transport at once into the presence of the men whose acquaintance we wish them to make, and The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One into the midst of the events we wish them to witness.

It is the fifth day of May in the year 1555. Henri II. reigns over France, The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One Mary Tudor over England, and Charles V. over Spain, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and the two Indies, — that is to say, over a sixth part of the world.

We are in the little town of Hesdin-Fert, which Emmanuel Philibert, Prince of Piedmont, has just built near the site of Hesdin-le-Vieux, which he captured and destroyed a year ago. We are travelling, therefore, in that part of ancient France which was called Artois, and is known to-day as the department of Pas-de-Calais.

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We say " of ancient France." for Artois was for a short time reunited to the patrimony of our kings by Philippe-Auguste, the conqueror of Saint-Jean-d'Acre and of Bou-vines; but having been joined to the house of France in 1180, it was given by Saint Louis to his younger brother Robert in 1237, and passed successively, at the hands of three women, — Mahaud, Jeanne I., and Jeanne II., — into the possession of three different families. Then, being owned by Marguerite, sister of Jeanne II., and daughter of Jeanne I., it fell into the hands of Comte Louis de Male, whose daughter conveyed it to the house of Burgundy. Finally, after the death of Charles the Bold, Marie de Bourgogne, sole inheritor of her father's great name and vast wealth, married Maximilian, son of the Emperor Frederick III., and carried both name and wealth to the house of Austria, where they were engulfed like a river which is merged in the ocean.

This was a great loss to France, for Artois was a fair and fertile province; and therefore for three years Henri II. and Charles V. had struggled, with varying fortune but with unflinching determination, — the former to recover, the latter to retain it.

During this desperate war — in which the son met again the old enemy of his father, and like his father must have his Marignano and his Pavia — each had encountered his good and evil fortunes, his victories and his defeats. Charles V. had been forced to abandon the siege of Metz in disorder, and had lost Marienbourg, Bouvines, and Dinant; but, on the other hand, he had carried Therou-anne and Hesdin by assault, and furious at his defeat at Metz, had burned one and razed the other to the ground

We have compared Metz to Marignano, and we do not

exaggerate in The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One making this comparison. An army of fifty thousand infantry and fourteen thousand horse, decimated by cold, by disease, and also, it may be said, by the bravery of the Due Francois de Guise and the French garrison, vanished like mist, disappeared like smoke, leaving, as the only trace of its existence, ten thousand dead, two thousand tents, and one hundred and twenty cannon !

The rout had been so The Page of the Duke of Savoy, Volume One complete that the fugitives had not even sought to defend themselves; and when Charles de Bourbon was pursuing a body of Spanish cavalry, their captain turned his horse, and riding up to the French officer, " Whether you be a prince or a simple gentleman," said he, " if you fight for glory, seek some other occasion; for now you are slaughtering men who are not only too feeble to resist, but without strength to escape."

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