

No. 13—HEROES OF HISTORY.

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ROLAND—The Paladin Who Saved France.

"A" N army of Saracens—the largest ever mustered beneath the sun—was beating down on us. There is still time to fly."

As reported the scout sent to reconnoiter by Roland, commander of Charlemagne's rear guard.

"The greater their numbers the greater glory for ourselves and for France," replied Roland, and he set his little army in battle array to meet the onslaught.

This was in the year 778. Charlemagne was king of France and had passed his conquests into other lands. Rome had long since fallen, and up to Charlemagne's time no world-power had yet arisen. Europe was divided up into petty kingdoms, few of them fit for self-government; fewer still or caring to uphold civilization. In the orient the followers of the prophet, Mahomet, were already rolling up power. Many of them had settled in Spain, which was a great Mohammedan stronghold. England was ruled by the Saxons, who had at last subdued the ancient Britons and filled nearly the whole island. On the continent of Europe Saxons also had a foothold and openly practiced heathen rites. It was a period of violence, war, pestilence, anarchy.

In the midst of this chaos arose Charlemagne. Little by little he conquered the greater part of Europe, subdued and Christianized the Saxons, made himself master of Rome and, in fact, gathered up his own strong hands the long-dissevered reins of the old Roman empire. Under his sway the ameliorating aches of civilization, progress and education flowed up for a brief interval. What King Arthur had done for Britain, Charlemagne did for continental Europe—even to the establishing of an order like that of the Round Table and the king it with brave knights known as "Paladins." The bravest of these was his nephew, Count Roland. Much legend surrounds Roland's life and death. As in the case of King Arthur, one must choose merely the events that are most probable.

In the course of his conquests Charlemagne marched an army over the Pyrenees into Spain to crush out Mohammedanism among the Moors there, and incidentally to annex that kingdom to his own. For six years he remained there, partly subduing the country and defeating such Saracens as dared oppose him. He repeatedly sent to Saragossa, the Moorish stronghold, ordering the Saracen king, Marsilia, to surrender. Each time his messengers were put to death by torture. At last, pressing affairs ordering his presence in his own kingdom, Charlemagne planned to return to France. He sent a final command to Marsilia to yield and, at Roland's advice, chose the Ganelon as his envoy.

Ganelon swore vengeance against Roland for putting him in so perilous a position. He had no relish for martyrdom, so he sought his safety by revealing to Marsilia the secret of Charlemagne's proposed evacuation of Spain and the route the French monarch would take over the Pyrenees. Also that the army's passage would be guarded by a rear guard of 20,000 men under Roland. Marsilia raised an immense army to cut this rear guard to pieces, and, if possible, to follow after and fall upon the unsuspecting main body of Charlemagne's troops before they could escape from the narrow mountain passes.

As Roland, with his rear guard, followed up the rest of the army he received news that Marsilia was marching down upon him. Instead of retreating to the main body and thus allowing the Saracens to attack the whole force at a disadvantage, he halted near the Pass of Roncesvalles and awaited the coming of the stronger foe. Then was fought the battle the story of which is still told at Pyrenean firesides. The French, though hopelessly outnumbered, yielded not an inch. All day the fight raged, the overwhelming numbers of the Saracens pouring down upon the brave little band from all sides, only to be repulsed before the mailed phalanx of the "Paladins" passed. At length, near midnight, the Moors drew back baffled, leaving the remnant of Roland's troops still successfully holding the pass. One hundred thousand of the heathen are said to have fallen, while of Roland's 20,000 only 50 men remained alive.

Roland barricaded his handful of heroes in the pass just as a second Moorish army came up. This second and fresher force assailed the worn-out little band and slew them to a man. Roland had stubbornly refused to send forward to Charlemagne for reinforcements, but, according to legend, as he was dying, he blew three mighty blasts on his ivory hunting horn, the sound of which reached the French army and caused them to turn back to the rescue. It is more probable that some fugitive from the beleaguers carried the news. In any case, Charlemagne is said to have returned and wreaked terrible vengeance on his nephew's slayers.

Yet the hero who died in Roncesvalles pass that day in 778 had even greater vengeance than his emperor could accomplish. For the news of his gallant feat spread throughout the world, carrying to the heathen a dread of Christian armies, making the glory of France (and of progress) to shine in the darkest places and advancing the cause of civility against barbarism. So, in his death, Count Roland indirectly achieved more than in a whole lifetime of warlike deeds.



A STRENUOUS RIDER.

President Roosevelt on one of his riding horses. The president recently rode 98 miles in 37 hours, most of the ride being made through a driving rain and sleet storm. (The army and navy officers are only required to cover 50 miles in three days.)

Postal Reform is On Taft's Program

CONGRESS is likely to be given plenty of work to do by President Taft. There seems to be good reason to believe that his administration will be noted for a determined effort to secure two sweeping reforms in postal administration, the parcel post and the postal savings bank. Both of these reforms will be bitterly fought in and out of Congress, just as they are now, and just as they always have been since first proposed. It is understood that Mr. Taft's inaugural address will urge both of them, and will use the influence of his administration persistently until they are authorized by law. The last great step in the improvement of the postal system was accomplished during the administration of the late Ohio president. Rural free delivery was inaugurated under President McKinley. The coming Ohio president considers the parcel post and the postal

Postal savings bank of almost, if not quite, equal importance to the people.

THE OPPOSITION TO RURAL DELIVERY.

Rural free delivery was established in the face of the most violent opposition. Representatives and senators were flooded with letters and telegrams representing that the proposed system would drive thousands of poor country merchants out of business. It was claimed that the rural free delivery would cause farmers to stay at home, and that a great deal of his business would be lost to the country merchants.

Of course, many small fourth class post-offices have been abolished, but the business of the country is not being hurt. It is being helped. The farmer at a dis-

distance from the village where his country merchant does business has been brought into closer touch with the market than ever. Rural free delivery has been a great boon to the farmer and the country merchants alike.

BANKS NEEDLESSLY ALARMED.

Now, some of the small country banks are scared about this postal savings bank proposition, because they fear it will keep the deposits in little post-offices and reduce the business of the country banks. Experts of the post-office and treasury departments say that just the opposite results may be expected. The latter expect that postal savings banks will be merely a not to gather deposits which would otherwise be hidden away at home, or not saved at all.

Under the plan proposed by the government 5 per cent only would be paid on deposits, and there would be a limit placed upon the amount which any person could have deposited. The result would be that when the limit was reached, if not before, the deposits would be transferred to a nearby bank where a higher rate of interest could be obtained. At the same time the government would deposit money received by the postoffice in the nearest national bank, and the bank would get the benefit of a stimulus to saving coming from the security the people feel who have their money in the hands of the government.

THE FEW AGAINST THE MANY.

It is hardly necessary to review the arguments for and against the parcel post. It is simply the argument of

the interest of the few against those of the many. The parcel post for which Mr. Taft will make his fight will provide for a maximum of 10 pounds to correspond with the weight fixed for foreign packages and a domestic rate of 12 cents a pound, which is the same as the foreign rate. Now, a package can be sent from anywhere in the United States to Europe at a cost of \$1.32 for 10 pounds. The limit of weight for a package sent from one point in the United States to another is four pounds, and a package sent from one town to the next, if of that weight, cost 4 cents. The same package sent to London costs only 48 cents.

Of course, the express companies will find the United States a competitor in carrying packages any long distance under the proposed parcel post, and for short distances the express

companies could easily undercut the mail. The express companies, with their close affiliations with the powerful railroads, are fighting the parcel post. They have enlisted the assistance of the same country storekeepers who a few years ago were scared over the rural free delivery.

The country merchant would be no more harmed by the proposed parcel post than he has been by rural delivery. What he would lose to city department and mail order house under the new system would be more than made up by what he would gain by being able to send goods to customers through the mails at a low rate himself. To prevent the possibility of any injury to country merchants, as well as to benefit the farmers and bring revenue to the government, Postmaster-General Meyer ad-

vised the idea of a preferential rate on rural routes.

The idea is to charge only 2 cents a pound for parcels sent from one point on a route to another point on the same route. If the 12-cent-a-pound rate were established on all mail packages throughout the country, the rural routes which would mean the farmer and the country merchant, there would be a preference of 2 cents a pound. This would give the country merchant quite an advantage over the mail order merchants of the big cities.

The fact that the express companies persistently practice such extortion in their rates should be a strong argument in addition to those cited for the adoption of the parcel post system proposed—Orange Judd Farmer.

Store Closed Monday—Washington's Birthday

Countless Shopping Treats Awaiting You Here Tuesday!

Success is crowning our every effort. Others are telling you that February is the dulllest month of the year, and here we find it almost the busiest. Our February Sales have had a phenomenal growth from year to year. By close figuring and close pricing, we go a step further each season and such extraordinary values as the following make it so. Who would disdain to share in such Savings as these?

New Wash Fabrics At Unusually Low Prices!

The best manufacturers of the World find in this store a place to put their finest products before a discerning clientele. The women of Salt Lake have learned well that Auerbach's are out "before the birds" with Spring Fabrics. We are offering prices for next week that most merchants would call "Sale Prices," but this is in pursuance of our policy to TAKE A LOW PRICE, HERE SELL AT LOT. TAKE ADVANTAGE YOURSELF OF THIS SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY.

100 piece FLEMISH—a linen finished Wash Fabric in the New Border of—very pretty colorings 34 inches wide—Value 25c. Next week 9c

25 PIECES NEW BORDERED SWISSES—in light and dark—Value 25c. Next week 16c

25c LUSTER LINENS—in all the popular shades—next week per yard 16c

25c MERCERIZED LINEN SUITINGS—next week per yard 35c

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Auerbach & Bro.

ONE PRICE TO ALL NEVER UNDERSOLD

TUESDAY! \$2.50 Portieres At \$1.39 the Pair	TUESDAY! \$2.00 Lawn Waists At \$1.29	TUESDAY! 75c Dresser Scarfs and Squares At 39c each
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50 pair Tapestry Portieres Curtains, woven in raised figured designs, fringed at top and bottom, in reds and greens, 7 yards long. Value \$2.50. Special for Tuesday, \$1.39 a pair.

Dozens and dozens of handsome long sleeves, open front and back, all over embroidery lawn waists, Waists worth \$2.00, Tuesday \$1.29 day as long as they last.

200 spokedstitched White Dresser Scarfs, size 18x36, and Lunch Cloths, size 28x36, all with drawn work borders. Value 75c. Special 39c for Tuesday at each.



NEW SUITS

Many will be shown and be on sale for the first time this week—that's not all—we want you to choose early and offer the greatest of all inducements—"Prices." Here are some of them—never before offered at any price:

New Spring Suits \$20.00

Never before in the history of Salt Lake have you had the opportunity to purchase at the very beginning of the season \$20.00 suits in series. Panamas and fancy materials. All the new models as we show this week. \$20.00

New Spring Suits \$14.75

A collection of swell, dressy suits of serge, fancy suitings and Panamas in solid colors and mixtures, new hipless coats, new gored skirts, dished suits, loops and buttons. You can't go wrong with one of these \$14.75 suits this week.

New Spring Suits \$10.75

For the first time this season we are showing new spring tailored suits of Panama and Scottish cloth at a price that will sell this line in a hurry. Worth fully \$15.00—here this week. \$10.75

TUESDAY!
Ladies' Vests
Best 20c grade at 12 1/2c

Ladies' Low Neck Sleeveless white Vests with fancy lace front, all sizes, the best 25c Summer Vest. 12 1/2c on sale Tuesday only at...

TUESDAY!
\$3.00 per bolt White English Long Cloth
At \$1.89 a bolt

100 piece fine white English Long Cloth, the newest finish, strictly from from dressing, 36 inches wide. Value \$3.00. Special for Tuesday, \$1.89 a bolt.

TUESDAY!
Ladies' Vests
Best 35c grade at 25c

Ladies' White Vests with high neck and long sleeves, all sizes, an excellent light weight quality for early spring wear, best 35c. Value, Tuesday at 25c.

TUESDAY!
\$3.00 White Bed Spreads
At \$1.89 each

Extra large size White Crocheted Bed Spreads, measure 82x92 inches and fine white. Marcelline Bed Spreads, measure 72x82 inches, all choice patterns. Special \$1.89 for Tuesday, at each. Limit 1 to a customer.

TUESDAY!
Ladies' Union Suits
\$1.25 Grade for 75c

Ladies' light natural gray wool mixed Jersey ribbed Union Suits, all sizes, our regular \$1.25 quality on Tuesday only at...

Spring Dress Goods And Silks

Are Arriving Daily.

So numerous and varied are the materials which will be considered important for the coming season that special description is manifestly impossible, but you are invited to come and LOOK at the pretty fabrics to your heart's content. We'll be happy to show them even if you are not yet ready to purchase.

75 pieces of 36-inch COLORED FANCY SILK. New Spring styles in plain colors, changeable, figures and plaids. In this collection can be found a very choice assortment to select from suitable for Dresses, Waists and separate skirts, the 75c quality. Special for Tuesday and week at 48c

20 inch wide COLORED DOTTED PORTLAND SILK, in a beautiful range of colors with a large stylish dot. Can be had in the following colors: navy, black, red, brown, and green. This is soft, rich, flexible silk and is an ideal fabric for Waists, Dresses and separate skirts. The \$1.00 quality. Special for Tuesday and week at 79c

Extraordinary Clothing and Furnishing Values

To emphasize our strong bargain-giving, we make these ridiculously low prices on the following lots:

Gents Good Hosiery
25c to 50c. Cashmere, wool or linen half hose, all colors. Broken lines last of lots, etc. Your choice at per pair 23c

\$1.50 Childrens Caps 59c
Headband caps in all styles and several colors, adds and ends, values up to \$1.50. To close them out take your choice at only 59c

Men's Flannel Work Shirts
14 dozen men's wool flannel overshirts, embracing all broken lines of shirts worth from \$1.25 to \$3.00. Sizes 14 1/2 to 17. All put out at one price for Tuesday and week at 95c

\$3.50 to \$5.00 Boys' Suits \$2.48
Two hundred and fifty suits, broken lines, last of lots, etc. Sizes 7 to 16. Value \$2.50 to \$5.00. All to go during the week at your choice for \$2.48

Surprising Values in New Spring Shoes

One visit to our shoe department will give you a better idea of the new styles and the values we offer than a whole page of talk would give.

These specials for Tuesday and week:

Ladies Black or Brown Kid Oxfords
With medium weight soles and military heels, all sizes, spring stock, value \$2.50 a pair. \$1.95

LADIES' NEWEST STREET OR DRESS OXFORDS
In Black Kid, Patent, Tan, Brown or Wine, all made over the newest spring lasts, the largest assortment ever shown. Value up to \$3.45

MISSES' BLACK DONOLA KID SHOES
With patent tips and extension soles, sizes 1 1/2 to 2 1/2. Value \$1.75. Special spring price \$1.35

BOYS' BOX Calf School Shoes
With extension soles, sizes 2 1/2 to 4 1/2. Value \$2.50 at a pair \$1.95

NEW HOSIERY!

RELIABLE QUALITIES AT EXCEPTIONALLY LOW PRICES.

At 3 Pairs for \$1.00.
Wayne Knit Indestructible Hosiery, guaranteed for wear, a guarantee that means what it says. If they are not perfectly satisfactory return the old and we'll exchange them for new, all sizes in light or medium weight at 3 pair for \$1.00

At 25c a Pair.
Ladies' black or tan, extra quality seamless embroidered Cotton Hose all sizes, our regular \$1.25 quality at 25c

At 25c a Pair.
Ladies' fine light weight Lisle Thread Hose with Garter Tops, is full regular made with high apical heels and toes, all sizes, best 50c grade at a pair 25c

At 50c a Pair.
A great variety of the best 50c values in Ladies' plain Lisle or Musc Cotton Hose and an endless variety of pretty Lisle or Embroidered Hose, in all sizes, all our best 50c values this week at a pair, 50c

At \$1.19 a Pair.
Ladies' all Pure Silk Hose in an extra good guaranteed quality, made with double soles and high apical heels and toes, all sizes in black and white and colors, the greatest \$1.19 values in America, on sale at a pair \$1.19

At 50c a Pair.
Infants' all Pure Silk Hose in black, white and colors, sizes 4 to 6, the best wearing 50c quality, on sale at a pair 50c

TUESDAY!
\$2.25 Linen Table Cloths
At \$1.29 each

100 White Linen Table Cloths—hemstitched and spokedstitched—some with drawn work borders, 8-4 and extra sizes, all new designs. Value \$2.25. Special for Tuesday, \$1.29 each. Limit 2 to a customer.

TUESDAY!
Boys' Blouses
At 49c each

100 Hemmed Bleached Bed Sheets—the Best Make—Linen finished—24 yards long and 24 yards wide—the double bed sheet—Regular Price 75c—Tuesday—limit 4 to a customer at 49c

TUESDAY!
75c Bed Sheets
At 49c each

100 Hemmed Bleached Bed Sheets—the Best Make—Linen finished—24 yards long and 24 yards wide—the double bed sheet—Regular Price 75c—Tuesday—limit 4 to a customer at 49c