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INTRODUCTION

THE outbreak of the war found us peacefully motoring through Germany. The news of mobilisation reached us on the outskirts of Berlin, and burst upon us, with something of its full meaning, in the Friedrich Strasse, where our road was blocked by vast numbers of students marching through the streets and shouting, "Nach Paris!" These tumultuous demonstrations continued both day and night, during our forced stay in Berlin. Sleep was out of the question, as until daybreak the city rang with tramping footsteps, and the thunderous strains of "Die Wacht am Rhein" and "Deutschland, Deutschland über Alles!"

In those days telegrams announcing

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the decisions of the Powers were posted, in huge letters, outside the newspaper offices in the Unter den Linden, and here all Berlin as well as all foreigners gathered in breathless expectation, awaiting that announcement which never came . . . that an eleventh-hour peace arrangement had been made. . . .

Of the waiting in endless lines of people for our turn to obtain a provisional passport to leave the city, . . . of the confiscation of the motor car by the military authorities, and the desperate conniving at the escape of the French chauffeur, . . . of the terrible trip home to Paris in dirty, crowded third-class carriages, from which we seemed to change at every station, . . . of the arrival at Herbesthal, and the walk from there across the Belgian frontier and of the interminable, weary, starved wait at Liège, only a nightmare-like memory remains.

Paris was reached at last. Although