

trees and promenades. The Tiber, in its course through the city, is of unimpaired width, averaging over 100 feet. It is proposed to confine the water course to 120 feet, leaving nearly 100 feet on either side for embankments and promenades. The river would be provided with locks and sluices at Ponte Molle, which could be opened at the inundation period to relieve the pressure on the new deviation. These sluices would likewise permit of a sufficient and regular quantity of water passing into the city for sanitary purposes. The plan of the supply altogether is a most judicious one, and it is to be hoped that the plan for rectifying the Tiber.

THE ORIGINAL PROJECTS MODIFIED.

On the first interview I had with General Garibaldi at the Villa Severini, a few days before he removed to the Villa Casalini, his views were on a far vaster scale than he has since recognized to be the case. He then was to devote the waters of the Tiber entirely into the bed of the Anio for about a couple of miles as far as the Nomentano bridge and then cut an entirely new and navigable canal, to serve also as a collector to a whole system of lateral drains, down to the sea. The old bed of the Tiber, however, was to be preserved in a restricted form, with sluice gates, by which the quantity of water allowed to pass through the city at flood periods might be regulated, and by closing which entirely at low water the bed of the river might be searched for the treasures of gold and silver, and other minerals, and the objects of artificial and archaeological interest, which it is reasonably supposed may have fallen or been thrown into the Tiber from time to time during the kindly, republican and imperial periods of Rome, or during the lawless pillage and destruction so repeatedly inflicted on the fallen mistress of the world during the Dark Ages. But the General found that what was very easy to mark out with his pencil on the great map of Rome and the Campagna, which he kept stretched before him, would be very difficult if not impossible execution, through the difficulties of varying ground and differing levels, and he became convinced that any restriction of the Tiber, intended to be really practicable, must be limited to the valley through which it now runs, or at any rate only extended to the cutting of a new channel a little above the junction of the Tiber and the Anio, two miles north of Rome, round the eastern circuit of the city walls, profiting by the valley of the Marrana to rejoin the main river in the neighborhood of the Basilica of St. Paul's without, and so relieve the city of a great mass of water, which would otherwise overwhelm its lower districts in periods of flood, as has been repeatedly the case during successive autumns. This measure, and the shortening of the lower branch of the Tiber—that is, from Rome to the sea—by opening direct cuts instead of the many serpentine windings which now characterize the course of the river, would suffice to the present requirements of the capital of Italy, as far as the city itself and the Tiber are concerned, and the construction of a port at the mouth of the river, that is, in the navigable canal called the Fiumicino (Little River), is, of course, necessary to complete the hydraulic works and confer on Rome the boon of easy access to the sea. Garibaldi has already visited Fiumicino and has frequently conferred with the government engineers on the practicability of his project. He is, however, not so sanguine as to the success of the new port and breakwater, about which I spoke at some length in my opening letter.

A HERALD VISIT TO GARIBALDI'S NEW VILLA.

Yesterday I drove out to see Garibaldi at his new residence, the Villa Casalini, over a mile beyond the Porto Pia. The situation is much more advantageous and the house much more comfortable than the Villa Severini. It derives its name from the owner, from whom the municipality of the city of Rome has rented it for Garibaldi. It is a curious coincidence that, whereas from the Villa Severini Garibaldi enjoyed the immediate prospect of Victor Emmanuel's villa residence outside the Porta Salara, from the Villa Casalini he enjoys that of the sumptuous villa owned by the Prince of Torlonia, by the Castel St. Angelo, the King Victor Emmanuel's morgue-villa.

THE CHURCH OF ST. AGNES.

We have driven, in full view of the snow-capped mountains of the Apennines and the Sabine Hills, dotted with villas and villages, and then Casalini to our left, a long, two and a half story villa, looking upon a pleasant lawn and fountain, and surrounded by a wall of cypress and a greenhouse and orangery at the back. The villa will be a delightful place when spring arrives and the garden, or rather gardens, are made fragrant with the perfume of flowers and shrubs. There are little artificial pools or lakes of clear running water to be seen in the vicinity at the back, and in front is a graceful, slender monolith, supporting the figure of an ancient goddess. There are a great number of rooms, even now blooming with carnations, and a delightful cave or grotto in one corner, where the General can find refuge in summer from the pouring sunshine to which the villa itself will be exposed. Entering the house the ground floor is occupied by storerooms and kitchen, and a dining room looking out on the fruit garden. It is the first story, with long rooms, mosaic floors and frescoed, where the General and his family reside.

THE GENERAL AND HIS FAMILY RESIDE.

An old, long-bearded servant, who greets you with a few words of English, takes your card and enters one of the rooms leading from the frescoed lobby, and soon returns to bid you walk in. It is rarely that you can find the General alone; there he sits at a long deal table in the long frescoed and well-furnished study, with a map of the world on the wall, and a large map of the Campagna on the floor, poring over the maps and discussing with engineers, deputies and visitors holding in his right hand a pencil, with which he sketches on his maps the outlines of his plans, explaining them to his audience at the same time. He is usually seated near the bright wood fire, for it is cold in Italy just now, and he seldom rises. His appearance. He looks very well, indeed, considering his age. He is clad in his old characteristic costume, a gray mantle carelessly thrown back over his shoulders revealing the red Garibaldian shirt, and a silver watch chain hanging down from his waist. On his head he wears a kind of embroidered smoke cap, which he never puts aside. His voice is silvery clear. He speaks English well and slowly; also French and his native language.

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of excellent Marsala stood on the table when I visited the villa. I drank a glass with the General to the success of his great undertaking, and he wished me to convey through the Herald his heartfelt thanks to all Americans for the interest they seem to take in his work, and for the appreciation shown by his great journals.

DURING MY VISIT TO THE GENERAL.

During my interview the Countess of Mirafiori came very courteously to pay a visit to the General, who abandoned the lay table at which we were examining maps and plans and went to receive her in an adjoining saloon. And while the General was in the saloon, I had the honor to receive the aristocratic visitor who was accompanied by her garden and grounds connected with the villa in order to get a picture of Garibaldi's present home.

GARIBALDI AND THE DEPUTIES.

The Countess left, and then came other visitors, two deputies from the ministerial benches, who carried on an interesting discussion with the General. He assured him of the hearty concurrence of the government and the whole parliament in the execution of his patriotic projects. They were surprised at not finding the Prime Minister, Signor Minghetti with him, as he promised to meet them there. They were very complimentary to the General. "When," they said, "a man like yourself undertakes to promote a grand work of public utility, there is an end to all opposition. The government, the parliament and all its political factions, the provincial and municipal councils, in fact the whole nation, concur in supporting your proposition." To which Garibaldi replied:—"I conscientiously believe that I am going to do good. I have engaged my head, my heart and my hands in the work, and I hope to see it carried into effect. The capital of Italy is now subject to continual inundations. It is without a port. It is a city on the brink of an uncultivated desert, and afflicted with malaria. These are evils which must be remedied, and I reckon upon the patriotism of all parties to achieve the desired improvement."

IT IS AN OLD SAYING THAT "WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY."

Another old saying joins ways and means together, and Garibaldi knows very well that means will be required to a large extent for his undertaking, and that the money of the

government guarantee for a fair rate of interest it must come from Italy. The General wants ONE HUNDRED MILLIONS OF FRANCS, or \$25,000,000. The principal spokesman of the two deputies assured General Garibaldi that there was such a feeling in Parliament against increased expenditure that, if his proposition had come from the government, even with the King's personal initiation, not only the Left but the leading members of the right would have thrown out any bill requiring the Government to raise such an object. Coming from Garibaldi, on the contrary, government and Parliament would unanimously support his proposition. The General was assured that he might reckon on a parliamentary grant of five millions of francs a year, and most probably an annual million would be voted by the province and municipality of Rome. Another five millions might be furnished by a company or consortium, or obtained abroad, although some Italian journals are just now displaying jealousy on the subject of foreigners participating in so great a national work, forgetting that both money and practical hydraulic engineering are more easily obtained abroad than in Italy.

DISCUSSION ON THE NEW PORT.

The details of the proposed port at Fiumicino and docks at Port Trajan were discussed at some length with us by General Garibaldi, who has some ideas of his own, but, as I said before, is not obstinate in maintaining them, with respect to the comparative advantages of different methods of constructing breakwaters or harbors of refuge. He suggested the possibility that the granite of which his own island of Cabrera is principally formed might be usefully applied in the construction of the Fiumicino breakwater. Of course this would depend on the cost of freight from the island, otherwise it would be an interesting memorial to posterity that the pier and breakwater projected by General Garibaldi should have been executed with stone from his own island home. He spoke then of the advantages of the railroad connection between Rome and the port, and the hope they had of keeping the channel of Fiumicino clear of sand, by placing sluices or locks to prevent the muddy waters of the Tiber rolling through it. The General seemed to entertain bright pictures of the future of the port. We had some conversation with regard to the best mode of reclaiming the marshy lands forming the delta of the Tiber. But the General said that this question should be referred to the works for the reclamation of the Tiber, and the construction of a harbor at its mouth, were fairly initiated.

CHANGES OF PLAN.

I then had a few words with the General alone, when he kindly went over the whole ground embraced in his plans. But what he then said I have already enunciated in the introduction to this article, and to tell the truth, so many changes are made in the plans from one day to the other that I should not be at all surprised if a telegram should arrive at the Herald office simultaneously with this letter telling you that the Tiber is to be drained, the Campagna rectified and the Vatican reformed, and that the breakwater at Port Trajan is to be the project of the next day. But the general idea which I gave in my first letter may nevertheless serve as a basis of information. I have all respect for General Garibaldi, because of his heroic past; nevertheless, I

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that he should permit himself to be influenced by unimportant persons who know nothing about any plans save those which may serve their interests. The General's heart is most assuredly in the right place, but it is guided frequently by strong attachments to listen to appeals and insinuations where, in projects like these, it should be guided by the public good alone.

WHAT THE ITALIAN MINISTERS SAY.

I am informed that Minister Minghetti has assured the General that the Italian government is ready to advance 4,000,000 of francs toward the carrying out of his projects. Victor Emmanuel has presented the General with four of his own beautiful horses to enable him to ride about on the Campagna in order to study the grounds of operations.

THE KING AND THE BANKERS.

The meeting between Garibaldi and Victor Emmanuel a few days ago is now the subject of numerous poems and pictures, which are sold in great quantities on the Corso. They had not met since the evening after the battle of Custoza.

PRINCE TORLONIA.

visited the General yesterday and spent over an hour conversing with him. The Prince is the owner of the land all around Fiumicino and Port Trajan, and is very naturally zealous that the project of the new port should be carried out. In fact he is ready to drain the swamp that now occupies the site of Port Trajan himself, in order to facilitate matters. He is reported rich enough to buy the site of the Garibaldian plans himself, if so he felt inclined.

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

has behaved in a most generous manner to the General. It grants him a free income of \$20,000 a year, with the disposition of 1,000,000 francs at his disposal. Indeed it tries to meet every one of the General's wishes before it is uttered. In a few days the General promises a return visit to our Minister, Mr. Marsh. I had almost forgotten to mention that the General is now suffering from rheumatic affections. The last time I saw him he said on seeing me, "Ah! excuse me, my shaking hands with you, and my legs, which are much affected by rheumatism that they pain me." His legs were rested on two chairs, and just beside him I noticed two canes, which he is compelled to use when walking. It is possible that he may have to give up the great task he has undertaken, the excitement is too much for him, and sometimes he sighs for Caprea.

THE COLOGNE HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION.

A grand International Horticultural Exhibition will be opened in the city of Cologne, Prussia, on the 26th of August next, and continue until the 15th of September of the present year. This most splendid exhibition is to be held in the city of Cologne, and will be carried out under the most distinguished patronage, including the active participation of Her Imperial Majesty the Empress and His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany. All persons who take an interest in gardening and horticulture are invited to contribute to the exhibition, which will be under excellent management. The German Minister of Agriculture has been very active in conducting negotiations for the nomination of commissioners from foreign governments. The exhibition will be held in the city of Cologne, and will be carried out under the most distinguished patronage, including the active participation of Her Imperial Majesty the Empress and His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Germany. 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