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recollection now, I was told that she was beautiful though I can't say as to that. She was heavily veiled that day, and when I saw her later it was by night, and I have no clear notion of her appearance. She was a heretic all right, but I must own she had a reason. It was common talk that no priest could meet her in debate on doctrine. It would not be unpleasant to meet her again sometime. It is my hope that I may, for the thought of that case brings something that is almost like tenderness to my heart.

Thus the carefree pair traveled mile on mile toward Rome. Through long and vine-aded valleys they passed, drinking at way-side wells, or resting in the courts of inns. The gleams were brooded under their hats and the ox-carts groaned under their loads of clusters. Then came the mountains and the passes known to the ancient hosts which swarmed in the cheeks, browned them to the dusk of olive. Ever the way became more delightful.

Ever the interest deepened. The land through which they were going was becoming more rugged and sublime. Far above them towered the snowy peaks of the Alps through whose passes the unwritten hordes had swarmed hurrying like swift streams to ravage the sunny lands beyond. Then came the southern slopes down which the waters of the Po rush to join the march of waters to the blue Adriatic. Their way was now through smiling landscapes, rich in all the wealth of harvest. Orchards and olive groves spread out before them, and gardens smiled in dreamy beauty.

With every mile the beauty and diversity of the land increased. Above them the fathomless sky was unruffled in its blue serenity, and the atmosphere, crystal clear, clasped them about with ravishing crispness. At last Rome came to view, and with the vision of the templed hills and winding river rushed memories of the past. Here the mighty Caesars had reigned. Here the forgotten tribes had lifted up their altars. Hun and Visigoth, Saracen and Moor had planted their banners in the streets of the famous city, whose vitality had sustained the waste of centuries, and held under her iron hand the feverish nations of the earth.

Percy laughed in a careless way. "As to that I may own a passing thrill or two, though the cases were not desperate I hope. Nevertheless I have looked on beauty with a seeing eye. There is one—with her I rode over England's fair common while the skylarks seemed to bear the sentiment of our hearts to heaven. And then—well, there was another; a devilish strange matter. She was accused of heresy, and I fought to clear her of the charge. Made a lot of enemies by it, but I feel a pride in the

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place, or that the infallible head cared little for the degenerate conditions. Either discovery would be fatal to the claims of the pontiffs.

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LETTERS FROM THE FIRING LINE

We give below a few extracts from letters, expressing sentiments typical of the hundreds that are pouring in: From a Louisville, Ky. friend: "THE MENACE cleaned up Louisville; now the people must do some extra work for THE MENACE. Many have promised they will. One reliable patriot in Frankfort will pay for fifty or sixty subscriptions. Enclosed is my own check for \$27.75 to pay for subscriptions enclosed, the balance is for one hundred copies of 'The Vatican, The Kaiser and The World War.' It is constantly growing easier to get the news stands to handle your paper and books. Please send me about 100 to 150 sub blanks for distribution among friends who wish to get subscribers badly longed for and need THE MENACE treatment."

A New York patriot writes: "Permit me to congratulate you on the splendid victory that you helped to 'put over' in various parts of the country. In this neck of the woods the enemy has, by the trick of raising the cry of Americanism succeeded in fogging the issue and elected a church ticket from top to bottom and they are in for four years to come. If their scheme had been known in time it could have been defeated for this city can give a large majority for a true American ticket, any time the people are aroused to the importance of so doing. It is a long way to look ahead but it is not possible to start a campaign now that will bring the real issue to the front four years from now? We are anxious to lay the foundation for a movement that will sweep them out of power in this second largest city in the world."

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A Pennsylvania patriot writes: "Am so pleased at the election results that I must send my congratulations to all you boys in the office and on the Firing Line. It surely speaks volumes for the work of the League, THE MENACE and their supporters. If such results can be obtained under such adverse conditions, what could be done if the patriots of the nation would forget their petty grievances and personal ambitions and get together in the interest of the common cause, placing their shoulder to the wheel with the League and THE MENACE in a tremendous out in the open campaign of education and organization for victory."

A friend in Emporia, Kansas, writes: "Dear Friends: Your letter of the 10th received yesterday explaining why my 'MENACE' was not received in due time. In reply want to say that it was received the next day after writing you and I was sure glad to get it. I note by your letter that you are

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