

FRANCE READY BATTLE.

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The Allies have suffered many reverses of fortune since the outbreak of war --- but each one finds Britain and France unshaken --- more closely united and more determined. France ~~stands~~ stands ready to receive the expected German attack, bridges blown up, defences manned. Isolated raids have been repulsed, with severe losses to the enemy.... killed, wounded and prisoners. Above all, the Allies are not frightened by such brutalities as the bombing of Red Cross trains.... these things are part of the debt which Germany must eventually repay. The blazing villages and towns in France merely harden the French will to win --- the spirit of France is as calm as that of the old French lady who rescues her pigs from the blazing farm.

Many parts of the lovely countryside of France are now no more than a smoking ruin. But the German Air Force is paying a high price for the attacks. Allied fighters are bringing down scores of planes every day --- these French fighters have a deadly accuracy --- their machine guns ~~have been~~ spit volley after volley at the bombers --- and they bring them down.