

He was a , in his war, certain of his wars, he was very ruthless, that is true. While his wars were ruthless, terrifically cruel and his treatment of people was very very bad yet he did not carry this over into his ordinary administration. He, in his dealing with his people he showed a justice, and he tried to do what was right and he, there was not unscrupulousness with the ~~people~~ people within the territory subject to him. ~~Afterwards~~ ~~Charlegmane/succeeded/in/persuading/~~ Afterwards the bishop of Rome succeeded in persuading the , Charlegmane that the Lombards were a real menace, to Christianity in Italy, and so they came into Italy with a big army and completely destroyed the Lombards, the Lombards power, though he does not seem to have shown any ferocity to the Lombard people as to what he showed to the Saxony people. This destroyed a movement which would have made an Italian nation, and there was never after it never any successful movement for the Italian nation until 1870. From the viewpoint of the Italians , Charlegmane conquest was a very unfortunate thing. Italy was torn between conflicting factions for the next 1000 years and never had a chance to establish a nation. And it was well on the way to a nation when Charlemagne destroyed the Lombards. However we must remember,

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Now the whole concept of a nation is a modern concept, and was not named particularly at that time, people at the time of Charlegmane had the concept of empire which Rome stills has and theoretically all of the west was ~~the~~ ~~the~~ part of the empire whose emperor reigned in Constantinople thought actually his power in the west was comparitably slack, occasionally an emperor in Constantinople would be strong enough to force the bishop in Rome to do his will, or take him prisoner and carry him off to Constantinople, and nominally Rome owed allegiance to Constantinople, but actually the power that far away from Constantinople, was pretty slight at this period. Well now you have your concept of empire, theoretically it is the one great empire which embraces all the civilized world and then you have all these      think