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the Romanists said that ~~Antoin~~ Colitny - I think his name is worth writing down - he was a very wonderful man, a great French leader, a very enthusiastic and sincere Calvinist. Admiral Colitny was accused of inciting the crime which he denied though he admitted that he was rather glad that the Duke of Giis wasn't around any more after the things he'd been doing and the (8.) But the Duke of Giis was killed, his son succeeded him as Duke and Catharine tried to have peace between the different groups and so she issued an edict granting liberty of conscience to all and liberty of worship under certain restrictions. Great nobles to be allowed to hold meetings for divine service according to reform matter in their own houses if they chose and one village in each bailiwick to be allowed to have a Protestant chapel. This was the order which she gave. And she refused to publish the decrees of the Council of Trent because she said this might infringe on the liberties of the French church and most French Catholics agreed with her in that. It was at this time that she began to use her "Flying Squadron" of 24 beautiful maids of honor, of high rank and low principles to help her rule the refractory nobles on both sides. And she was trying thus to get everyone subject to herself but the Romanist leaders attacked the Protestants here and there and one of them said, a Catholic soldier said in a rage, "We've beaten our enemies over and over again. We were triumphing by force of arms but they have triumphed by means of their diabolical writing." Because it seemed as if the more of them they killed, the more new people came to their view. And there was considerable upheaval and turmoil within the kingdom and it came to the year 1572 when Charles IX had been King for twelve years. And Charles, under the influence of the Jesuits now, the Romanists were forming leagues to combat the organizations of the Huguenots. They called their league The Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit and there was a small group of powerful nobles