

A GIRL IN A THOUSAND

It seemed like poetic justice, too, that this party should be one of the dusky seven men from Mandalay, who dodged the footsteps of Bridgewater, seeking their precious idea's glowing eye.

Well, he had muscle enough to be of considerable assistance, though possibly he might not have so readily exerted it had he been aware of the identity of the party in whose cause it had been demanded.

The fragment of roof was propped up, and out came a figure on hands and knees, a figure so bedraggled that Rex was loath to believe it could possibly be his friend, but that he had the evidence of his ears.

Bridgewater felt himself all over rapidly, and then gave a shout.

"Think I'm sound enough. How are you, Rex, old fellow? Nance, my dear girl, are you hurt?" he exclaimed.

"No, no; but my father; where is he?" stooping to look under the wreckage again.

"He's there, sure enough, but I think only knocked senseless—cushions protected him more than they did me. Soon have him out. Rex, have you ever had an experience equal to this? Beats a melodrama all to nothing, with the storm and this smash. Come, lend a hand. What, you?" as he recognized in the stranger to whom he partly owed his escape, one of the stealthy trackers from India.

The man slunk away, with his confusion as he had lost all his venomous feeling toward Bridgewater—indeed, it was enough to distract anyone.

Rex lent a willing hand, and between them they managed to drag the old Abyssinian from under the wreckage.

He looked at them through his days of battle under the banner of the Negus had reached their limit—indeed, at first Rex thought Ras Eagonla was dead, nor could he blame Nance for uttering a mournful cry, as she saw the blood upon her father's face.

A hasty investigation, however, proved the falsity of this fear, and as he could not find any serious wounds about the athletic form of the general, he reassured the girl, who, given new hope, ceased her cries and insisted upon taking her father's head in her lap.

A strange tableau was thus presented to the eyes of those who looked on, rendered doubly so by the white glare of the lightning around.

Under ordinary circumstances it would have been the first duty of a physician to have secured some water and dashed it in the face of the unconscious man; but just now such an act must have been superfluous, since the cold rain was beating down with steady persistence.

"He'll come to presently—don't be worried. Find some shelter for them, if you can. Bridgewater, my dear fellow, do have a care about those ugly chaps. I believe they'd do you serious mischief even under these dreadful conditions."

"Oh, I'll look out. Are you off, then?"

"There are others in plenty who need attention."

"How about your party? I suppose you're with them all the same, though I'm too badly fuddled to understand, you know," called the other after him, as he moved off.

"All safe, thank God! We weren't in the most serious part of it, which is about here. Take care of yourself."

Rex did find plenty to do, and many owed alleviation from suffering to his prompt care.

Owing to the rain, it was difficult to make a fire, but some of the passengers managed to do so eventually, when the horror of darkness was taken from the dreadful scene.

By degrees Rex grew anxious concerning Madge, and taking advantage of a lull in operations, when the storm seemed over, he headed in her direction again.

Here a great and genuine surprise awaited him, of such a nature he could scarce believe it.

Apparently, Count Rudolf had reached the limit of his patience—nothing but a bold stroke, in his mind, could win the day, and taking advantage of the American's absence, what did the other do but actually avow his passion for Madge Moore then and there, silly fool that he was, as if with those cries of pain in her ears she could give him a single thought.

She told him as much in plain language, but instead of taking his medicine like a man, he seemed to imagine that, in her half-crazed condition, she might be won by bold insistence.

Accordingly, he proposed an immediate and romantic elopement—if she trust to him, would see her safely to Lucerne, by means of a vehicle which could be obtained near by, and there the nuptial knot could be tied.

It would be chieftain to believe the count's mind had been affected by some blow received during the fearful mix-up.

He refused to take no for an answer, and so annoyed the young girl that, with tears in her eyes, she appealed to Tremaine.

"That was quite enough. An Englishman is always ready to do his full duty in the cause of womanhood. And Count Rudolf must have thought, when allowed to limp away from the spot, that he had by some accident run up against one of those old-time catapaults."

"The honed!" exclaimed Rex, hardly knowing whether to be angry or amused; "I wish I had been here."

"It was fairly well done, nevertheless," said Tremaine, modestly.

"You have placed me under obligations, my lord," returned Rex with an air of cool proprietorship, that convinced Tremaine he had not the ghost of a chance.

CHAPTER XXXV.

Well, it looked very much as though that was the end of the rainierous count—he had occupied a unique place in the drama, after all, serving as a foil to the Americans, and none of them would shed a tear over his discomfiture, unless, perchance it might be the old maid, who apparently had taken to heart the idea of a noble marriage for her niece.

Rudolf would score one defeat in his list of adventures, and look about for a fresh victim, since the war was large. Rex found that Tremaine had been very sensibly engaged during his absence.

Their compartment was topsy-turvy, but, at least, it was in a fair state of preservation, and as the rain still accompanied the rattling thunder, he had conceived the idea that the ladies might find a temporary shelter within.

It was only after much persuasion

acquaintances of ours, some of the famous seven."

"True as gospel, Rex—you're getting warm on the trail. Watch 'em—see how they cringe before his majestic presence."

"Majestic presence is good, old man, but I'm hanged if it isn't the right thing in this case. He's certainly a fine-appearing chap. You seem to know him—where have you met—by Jove, now?" as a sudden thrilling thought flashed into his mind. "You don't mean to say—"

"But I do, now!" eagerly.

"That this great mogul is the gentleman himself?"

"The Rajah of Mandalay?"

"Doubtless some search of his price-less idol's eye, which carries with it the happiness of his country. Why! I never heard of such luck!"

"Lucky, my boy!" chuckled Bridge.

"Think of it—that you two should meet here, of all places in the world. There were a million chances to one against you."

"Don't doubt it, but fate had settled it that way. There's a big load off my shoulders, anyhow."

"Yes, those heaps will let you alone now."

"Jove! they'll wait on me as humbly as you please, the beggars, when they see my returning hand in glove with my friend, the rajah," radiantly, for the clouds had melted from his sky, and the glorious sun poured forth in all his majesty.

(To be continued.)

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FOUND GUILTY.

UNO PARK WOMAN SENT THREATENING LETTERS.

Tells a Story of Great Hardship—Driven to the Deed by Poverty—Compelled to Eat Mice and Moles—Sentence Reserved Till Tuesday?

Whitby, Jan. 22.—Mrs. James Hubbard was today found guilty by Judge McCrimmon of the charge of attempted blackmail. Mrs. Hubbard is the second wife of James Hubbard, late being a sister of John Watkin of Cannington. Mrs. Hubbard's first letter to Mr. Watkin was dated North Bay, Sept. 8th. She says: "I wrote to you to let you know I am the manager of the 'Anarchist Society.' If you don't send your wife and yourself to the United States, \$500 of the money I have collected for it will be the worse for you. If you don't send the \$500 to his address at Uno Park, New Ontario, by the first of next month we will blow you and your family and building up with a bomb. Your premises are wanted, with yourself and wife, day and night, so you need not think you will escape us, as we Anarchists are like bloodhounds when we get on a man's track; we never leave him until he comes to our terms. Now, beware. (Signed) 'Anarchist.'"

The letter was followed by one from Joseph Hubbard, in which he says the Anarchists are working for him.

Mr. David J. Adams, Port Perry, received a similar letter to the first one received by Mr. Watkin. This also demanded \$500 on pain of being blown up with dynamite. This was signed 'The Head of the Anarchists in North Bay.'

Mr. Watkin's family were so badly frightened by these epistles that Mrs. Watkin has required a doctor's attention. The family were afraid to go out after dark, and Mrs. Watkin was also greatly disturbed by his letter.

Mrs. Hubbard did not deny that she wrote the letters. She says that poverty must have made her insane. She said she thought Anarchists were a religious society. She tells a pitiful tale of her own life, and how she has lived the lives of herself and wife. Hubbard followed the new line of railway for miles daily, in order to pick up scraps which were thrown away from the lunches of prospectors. They also ate mice and moles.

Sentence is reserved till Tuesday ext.

NEW CANAL.

Welland Canal in Wrong Place For Hamilton and Toronto.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir.—Our Government is seriously contemplating, if it has not already decided, to build another and larger canal between Lakes Erie and Ontario, to accommodate the greater traffic and the increased size of vessels which would ply between our Canadian ports on Lake Superior and Montreal. This has become an imperative necessity is evident from the fact that the largest vessels that now go through the Welland Canal are of the Nepeawa, Dundee and Hamilton classes, and these, I understand, cannot be loaded to their capacity for want of depth, and being within a few feet shorter than the locks, the greatest care must be exercised to prevent accidents. Vessels larger than these named, that are wanted on the upper lakes, have to be cut in two and then put together after passing through the canal. This, as you will see, prevents any of the larger vessels being built on Lake Ontario, and also keeps all the repair works on the upper lakes. But another reason for urgency in building a new canal is the fact that the Americans are trying to arrest our great natural grain route from us, and for this purpose have voted over one hundred million dollars to enlarge the old Erie Canal from Buffalo to the Hudson River, and which, I understand, will be completed in 1910. This new canal and fifteen years still will be necessary to complete the work.

As to the location of the new canal, and this is mainly what this letter is written for, it is evident that the present Welland Canal is entirely too far west, and that the new canal should be built, but for the energetic efforts of the Hon. Mr. Merritt, representing that part of the Province. In its present position the Welland Canal serves Buffalo and the Erie Canal much better than it does either Toronto or Hamilton. Placing the new canal to the east, using Burlington Bay, one of the finest harbors on the fresh water lakes, and from there taking some point due south, or slightly south west, to Port Dover harbor, would make Toronto and Hamilton as convenient to the great Northwest freight route as Kingston or Prescott is at present. The great freighters, after discharging their grain cargo into some ocean steamer or elevator, are glad to get loads of merchandise to take back to them, and instead of going direct to the Welland Canal, call at Toronto, about twenty miles out of their course, then to Hamilton, for its wealth of manufactured products, about twenty miles off the regular route, thus placing Hamilton and Toronto at a disadvantage as compared with the great Northwest. And now that we have a non-partisan council of good business men, an energetic Board of Trade and the great majority of these freighters owned and controlled by the citizens of Hamilton, an earnest effort should be made to locate the canal where it will do the most good for the people that will have to pay to build it. Trusting this may set the ball rolling, and that some effort will be made to influence the Government, and thanking you for space in giving my views on the subject, I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, Andrew Leitch.

TEMPEST IN MOROCCO.

Five Small Villages Overwhelmed by Flood.

Ceuta, Morocco, Jan. 22.—A terrible tempest, accompanied by a torrential down-pour of rain, raged for five hours last night over the northernmost section of Morocco.

Reports brought in by native rumormongers from the Khmara territory, a mountainous district fifty miles to the south, decried that five small villages were overwhelmed and many persons killed or injured.

The lower portion of the town of Ceuta, just opposite Gibraltar, was inundated. The fires in the electric light plant were extinguished and the town consequently plunged into darkness.

Wigg—Bjones isn't a bad sort of fellow. He has lots of good in him. Wagg—Well, he manages to keep it bottled up pretty tight.

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- Extra Heavy Bordered Crash Toweling, clean, absorbent weave, regularly 12 1/2c, for 10c
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