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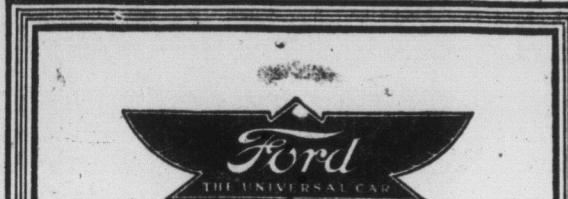
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By William Black

But even when Vin Harris received his property back, he appeared to take no heed. He had observed that the newspaper lying on the old man's knee was the Toronto Globe. He drew attention to the circumstances, and now all his talk was of Queen's Park, Lake Ontario, of King St. Queen St., Church St., and the Exhibition Grounds, of Park Island, and Block House Bay, and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. So he had been there too? Oh, yes, he had been all over Canada and America. He was so familiar with Idaho as with Brooklyn. He had fished in the Adirondacks and shot mountain sheep in the Rockies.

"You have been to Omaha then?" the old man asked. "Oh, yes, of course." "For my granddaughter here," he continued, with a smile, "is an Omaha girl." "Oh, indeed?" said Vin Harris rather breathlessly, and again he ventured to look across to Mairie Bethune and her downcast eyes.

"Yes, but only by the accident of birth," said George Bethune instantly, as if he must needs guard against any misapprehension. Every drop of blood in her veins is Scotch and of a right good quality too. Well, you have heard, you have heard. Do you think anyone could understand those old Scotch airs who was not herself Scotch in heart and soul?

"I never heard anything so beautiful," the young man answered, in an undertone; indeed, he seemed hardly capable of talking about her any more than he could fix his eyes steadily on her face. His forced glances were timid and fugitive. There was something sacred that kept him at a distance. It was enough to be conscious that she was there; his only prayer was that she should remain, that he and she should be together, if a little way apart, looking at the same skies and water and trees, breathing the same air, hearkening to the same sounds. So he kept on talking to the old man in rather a nervous and eager fashion, fearful all the time that either of them should propose to go.

And thus it came about that young Harris seemed to have a good deal to say for himself; he appeared to forget that he was speaking to two strangers; rather he was chatting with two neighbors, whom he wished to be his friends. And the old man, in his self-sufficient and dignified way, was quite content to encourage this new acquaintance. His conversation was something to pass the time withal; he was modest, well-mannered, intelligent; there was an air of distinction about him that showed good upbringing as well as some decision of character. No doubt he was of a well-to-do family, and he had not had to spend so much of his time in travel. By accident he had mentioned one or two well-known people as though he were in the habit of familiarly meeting with them. From some passing hint as to the nature of his studies, Mr. Bethune gathered that this pleasant-spoken and pleasant-smiling neighbor was destined for a public career. To one who had grown old and callous, there was even something interesting in the young man's clear light in his eyes, the clear air of strength and ease and courage that sat lightly on him, as befitting one who was in the very May-morn of his youth.

But at last, for shame's sake, Vincent Harris had himself to rise and break up this all-too-attractive companionship. He said, with great humility, "I am sure I ought to apologize to Miss Bethune for having taken up so much of your time. Rather an unwarrantable intrusion, but I don't think there is any chance of the rain coming now, and—so I will say good-by." "Good-by; glad to have made your acquaintance," said old Geo. Bethune, with a grave courtesy. And Mairie made him a little bow, for he was looking at her rather supplicatingly, as he raised his hat and withdrew. Their eyes had met once more; she could not have avoided that. And of course she saw him as he walked away southward, across the bridge, until he disappeared.

"A very agreeable young man, that," said Mr. Bethune, with decision, as he rose to his feet and intimated to his granddaughter that they had better set forth again. "Frank in manner, gentle, courteous, intelligent, too—very different from most of the young men of the day." "What! don't you think so, Mairie?" he said, with a touch of impatience, for he was used to her assent. "I think," she answered, a

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little proudly, that he showed a good deal of confidence in coming to speak to you without knowing you; and as for his playing those airs in the evening, and in such a way—well, I don't like to see the word impertinence—but still—

He was surprised; perhaps a little vexed. "Impertinence! Nonsense, nonsense! Frankness and neighborliness, that was all; no intrusion, none—a more modest young man I have never met. And as for my coming up to speak to me, why, bless my life! that merely shows the humanizing effects of travel. It is like people meeting at table d'hote; and what is the world but a big table d'hote, where you speak with your neighbor for a little while, and go your way and forget him? Confidence! impertinence! Nonsense! He was natural, unaffected, outspoken; as a young man should be, in fact, I found myself on such friendly terms with him that I forgot to thank him for the little service he did us—did you, I should say. Bashfulness, Mairie," he continued, in his more sententious manner—"bashfulness and stiffness are among the worst characteristics of the untravelled and untaught. Who are we? whatever may be our lineage and pride of birth—that we should force ourselves round with a pallid air of suspicion or disdain?"

And thus he went on; but he did not with a response. And he did not like it; he grew all the more emphatic about this young man, and even hinted that women were curiously, perverse creatures, who evinced no toleration or sympathy for good-nature in their judgment of their fellow-beings. What was her objection? To his appearance?—he was remarkably good-looking and refined in aspect, without a trace of effeminacy. To his manner?—he was almost humble in his anxiety to please. To his talk?—he had shown himself most bright, good-humored and well-informed.

He had no right to come up and speak to you, grandfather, was all she could say, and that with a quite unusual firmness. In the evening, after dinner, when the time came at which Mairie was accustomed to take up her violin, there was obviously a little embarrassment. But Geo. Bethune tried to break through that by a forced display of geniality. "Come, now, Mairie," said he, in a gay fashion, "our neighbor over the way was straightforward enough to come up and offer us his hand; and we must return the compliment. One good turn deserves another. Get your violin, and play something; he will understand."

"Grandfather, how can you ask me?" she said, almost indignantly; and there was, in the tone of her voice that forbade him to press her further. But perhaps the universal stillness that prevailed thereafter consoled her; or perhaps her heart softened a little; at all events, she presently said, in a rather low voice, and with a diffident manner, "Grandfather, if you—if you really think the young gentleman wished to be kind and obliging—and if you would like to show him some little politeness in return—couldn't you step across the way—and—say him, and—perhaps he would be glad of that, if he is quite alone."

FOOD SAFE—JUST

Germany Promises Not to Belgian Relief Supply

Assurances Are Given By Under Secretary of State Zimmermann

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The under secretary of state today gave assurances that the German government would not make requisitions for food supplies in Belgium until a reasonable time after the delivery of the last delivery.

This concession was obtained personally by Ambassador Gerard in reporting the fact to the Belgian government, which is the chairman of the Belgian International Commission in food, and for a reasonable time after the delivery of the last delivery.

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BERLIN ADMITS DEFEAT

Austrians Must Find New Positions—French Strong in Vosges

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—Among the items given out for publication yesterday by the German official press bureau were the following:—The fact that the Russians are making attempts to picture Russia's occupation of the line of Kronstadt as being no real gain for the Russians, but, on the contrary, are weakening their position. This view, however, is considered too optimistic, and the fact must be recognized that the extreme left wing of the Russians has proved itself superior to its opponents. The present action of the Russian in strengthening their forces there is due to their realization of what an encircling of their flank in Galicia would signify.

News of importance is likely to come from the Vosges region given time, since the French have assembled strong forces all along the line of Belfort-Epinal-Nancy. They still hold all the Vosges passes and appear to be developing new activity along an extended line against Alsace and Sundgau.

Major Morait, military expert of the Tagblatt, in an article discussing the English reconnaissance at Cuxhaven, declares that the landing of troops on the Heligoland North Hanover coast would be extremely difficult in winter, but says even if it were carried out the invaders would get a warm welcome.

The German Government will permit private traffic on the Belgium Railway from Jan. 1.

A pastoral letter from all the German Catholic archbishops and bishops calls the world a divine judgment for human wickedness. The letter lays emphasis on the statement that the German people were not to blame for the outbreak of the war.

Soudan Moslems With Britain. LONDON, Dec. 31.—The official press bureau yesterday received from the Governor-General of Sudan a report that the Moslem inhabitants of the Sudan had unanimously declared their loyalty to Great Britain.

EAST BUFFALO LIVE STOCK. EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—Cattle—Receipts 100; steady; prices unchanged. Veals—Receipts 100; active; heavy and mixed, \$7.25; Yorkers, \$7.35 to \$7.50; pigs, \$7.80; roughs, \$6.25 to \$6.50; active, unchanged.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Cattle—Receipts 4000. Market steady. Choice, \$14.10 to \$14.20; mixed, \$13.10 to \$13.20; roughs, \$12.10 to \$12.20; calves, \$7.50 to \$7.60.

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To Shut Door of Belgium.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 31.—(Via London.)—Commencing Jan. 1, the German administration in Belgium intends to close the Belgian borders against all comers. No more passports will be issued or recognized except the special military pass.

The cause for this unusual precaution is not known here, but it is believed to have been ordered to prevent espionage.

HEWLETT SAVED?

Flight Commander May Be a Prisoner of War in Germany.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The British aerial raid on Cuxhaven may yet prove to have been without loss of life to the British.

According to a despatch published by The Daily Sketch, Flight Commander Francis Hewlett, whose seaplane was wrecked, the commander himself being reported missing when the flyers and their convoy returned, is now reported to have been saved.

It is believed that the daring aviator was picked up by a German warship, and that he is now a prisoner of war.

FLANKS DRIVEN BACK

German Forces in Flanders Give Ground Before Allies.

Sharp Artillery Actions Occur All Along the Line in France and Belgium and in Flanders Duke of Wurtemberg Has to Yield—French Gunners in Alsace Silence German Battery.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Sharp advances against both flanks of the German marines and infantry under Grand Duke Albrecht of Wurtemberg in the rapidly developing offensive of the allies in Flanders were reported in official statements issued yesterday. French gunners in Alsace silenced a German battery which was bombarding Upper Asbach.

On the remainder of the battlefront, all of which is still enveloped in a sweeping fog, sharp artillery actions were fought, the German attempts being very energetic.

The allies' salient in front of Ypres, held against the most vigorous counter-attacks of the Germans for weeks, has been held firm.

On the line from Steenbeke, which with the capture reported yesterday of an important point of German support to the southeast of Zonnebeke, on the road from Beccle to Paschendale, has been thrust forward a distance of five miles, threatening the left flank of the German forces.

All the more important because the position commanded the military highway, a highly-valued acquisition in the eyes of the German command, which the armies have turned into a veritable bog.

To the north, where the Franco-Belgian forces are operating against the left flank of the Grand Duke's army, more ground was gained among the sand dunes to the north of Lombaertye and northeast of Newport, while the allies occupying St. Georges, two miles south of Newport, on the Yser, were compelled to withstand a furious bombardment by the German heavy artillery.

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Red Cross Forwards Comforts.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Canadian Red Cross officials here have within the last few days sent over 2,000 mufflers and pairs of socks to Salisbury camp. Thirty thousand cigarettes and many thousand packages of tobacco were distributed among a large number of camp hospital. Red Cross officials here, while giving due regard to present necessities of the troops at Salisbury, are prudently looking ahead to the time when the men will be at the front, and are endeavoring accordingly to conserve their resources until that time.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 31.—A Berlin private message says that the German Supreme War Tribunal has sentenced a British war prisoner, Londale, to death for assaulting it. It is stated, a German officer at the Dobritz concentration camp, Londale, in the first instance was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, but the military authorities' appeal for a sentence of capital punishment has been successful. Londale, it is admitted, did not hurt the officer, and the prison guard beat him off.

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Bold Train Robbery.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 31.—Handits who robbed passengers in the two rear sleeping cars of the west-bound Sunset Express on the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway early last night secured \$7,840 in cash and jewelry valued at \$3,000, according to the passengers' reports. The robbers who boarded the train at Olney escaped as the train neared Spofford.

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