

### KLONDIKE ENOCH ARDEN

#### James Chapman Returns to Find His Wife Married.

#### She Waited Fourteen Years, and Not Hearing From Her Husband, Supposed Him Dead.

The large manufacturing cities of Akron and Canton, Ohio; the hop fields of Palouse; the cosmopolitan seaports of Vancouver and Victoria; the inhospitable desert of the distant north where the sight of a white man's face and the sound of the English speech are things to be treasured in memory for days and for weeks—these are the shifting scenes in the story of a new Enoch Arden, the tempestuous, tragic tale that is woven about the adventures of James Chapman, Klondike millionaire and unhappy man.

Eighteen long years ago Chapman was engaged as bookkeeper and traveler with the Whiteman & Barnes Manufacturing Co. at their Akron house, and a prominent worker in the Congregational church. His home life was not particularly happy and he eventually decided to go to Alaska—as a missionary among the Indians. His wife consented and agreed to care for their children, Chapman transferring a house and lot to her, with his bank account, ere he took his departure.

Time passed and the husband did not return. Letters from him came regularly for a time—then they ceased altogether, and after a year or two of waiting his wife concluded that he was dead.

Fourteen years later, or just two years ago, she was married to Charles K. ... Meanwhile Chapman had gone from this city to Juneau, and thence into the Alaskan interior, where following his original intention, he became a missionary to the Indians—living and working among them—even losing his identity to white men and as a white man.

When the Klondike discoveries were made his Indians brought the news to Chapman, and he joined the rush of the first stakers on Bonanza and Eldorado. Fortune favored him and this summer he came out with \$53,000 in gold dust and Bank of Commerce drafts.

His heart had through all the years of absence and silence treasured the images of wife and children, as he had left them in smoky Akron in the years ago. Yet he feared to write or telegraph them lest there came back a message of death. He would give them a glad surprise, and in the pretty home to be provided by the treasure wrested from the Arctic snows, the past would be all forgotten and happiness come again.

A ticket was bought for Akron and a week ago the wanderer found himself ringing the bell at the very door from which he had turned his steps northward 18 years before. It was opened by his wife—he knew her in a moment despite the lines by time imprinted on her face. To her, however, he was an utter stranger.

"Don't you remember me?" the wanderer asked with little concealed eagerness. "Aren't you Mrs. Chapman?"

She did not remember—and Chapman was the name of her 'first husband'.

In a moment the truth flashed upon the bearded man of the north.

With scarce a word he turned and left the home that once had been his. Just as it had been 18 years before, his face was set toward the north.

Business keeps him in Chicago for a week, but by next he will be here or in Seattle to take the steamer up to Skagway.

From there it will be but a short journey back into the solitudes of nature where the very air is eloquent with a myriad of mystic tongues and the flickering, phantom lights of the aurora flutter and fade as do the hopes and dreams of life.—Victoria Colonist, Sept. 28.

#### Sir Wilfrid's Sayings.

According to one reliable estimate, 20,000 people gathered in Sohier park, Montreal, to hear Sir Wilfrid Laurier open the campaign. Liberal and Conservative journals unite in conceding to the celebration the maximum of success. Only the extreme Conservative papers, such as the Montreal Star, try to belittle it and Sir Wilfrid. In reply to this, La Presse, the Conservative French organ, says: "What is the good of this unjustifiable childishness?" and heads its report with "a fine speech." La Patrie points out that the spectacle of 16,000 French people

with uncovered heads singing "God Save the Queen" should make "Clarke Wallace and the hordes of Tory fanatics ashamed." The Montreal Witness says: "The name of Laurier is as mighty a power among the masses as ever. The magnetic personality, the silver tongue of this great son of the province have lost none of their influence." Some of the apothems of Canada's premier orator and statesman are reproduced herewith:

For my part, I believe the cause of England a just cause. I do not think that international boundaries are forever immovable, and when a country calls immigrants in and imposes taxes upon them it contracts an obligation to give them all that it would give to its own citizens.

How can it be seriously pretended that they can go to England and ask the British workman to tax what he requires for his daily support for the benefit of the Canadian producer, while Canada taxes British goods for the benefit of the Canadian producer, while Canada taxes British goods for the benefit of the Canadian manufacturer?

I predict that before long we will have a new Quebec. To our north, among the Laurentian mountains is a immense and as yet but little explored region, rich in mines and forests, with great abundance of water power. The time is come to develop this great region.

We are only at the beginning, and if the people of Canada continue to give the Liberal government the confidence extended four years ago, in ten years there will be seen in the harbor of Montreal all the trade of the Canadian and American west.

These young men are our hope. In twenty years hence they will be where we are now. I shall not be here then. I shall be delivered from the cares of politics; but let me remind them of this: Patriotism should never be based on hatred; to love one's own country one needs not hate others.

I am a British citizen; I accept the full responsibility and all the duties of my British citizenship; all my compatriots always claimed their rights in virtue of their British citizenship. If they have accepted the rights they have also accepted the responsibilities.

I am opposed by the most disloyal of weapons. I am prepared to meet my opponents upon any ground they choose if the weapons are fair; but I have only contempt for those who appeal to religious and national prejudices.

Canada has spent more than a hundred million dollars in money and land to open the northwest, and of all the products of the northwest, not one-tenth part comes by the St. Lawrence route.

I am ready to have reciprocal preference if it is possible to obtain it under present conditions. But it is not possible unless we are willing to have absolute freedom of trade between England and Canada.

What the government has done I need not repeat. It is written in letters of fire from one end to the other of Canada. It has made this country more prosperous than ever before.

I say once more, that the salvation of the country today, as in 1841, is in the alliance of the English Liberals and the French Liberals of Canada.

For my part, I am one of those who love England. I love my race, but there are other races which have rights as well.

We have done in three years more than our predecessors did altogether.

That is the last word I say—union, peace, friendship and fraternity. That device I submit to you, my friends, my fellow-citizens and my compatriots.

#### Chamberlain's Speech.

London, Sept. 28.—Although the Unionists are still confident of victory at the forthcoming parliamentary general election, there is an undercurrent of apprehension that the party will be returned to power with a smaller majority than had been expected. The St. James Gazette says: "If we are to have a triumphant majority we must watch early and late, and work hard all the time."

Arthur Balfour made what the Daily Mail calls a "disappointing" speech at Manchester last evening, where he declared that the agitation for army reform was a "red herring drawn across the track of South African settlement by military questions."

Taking him to task, editorially, for this statement, the Daily Mail declares that the "country is very serious upon army reform and will not stand the retention of Lord Lansdowne."

George Wyndham, parliamentary under secretary of state for war, who went last evening to speak in favor of the Unionist candidate in Battersea London, had a very hostile reception at the hands of the Radicals. He was

shouted down by a howling mob and compelled to abandon his attempt to speak, but he fought his way through the hostile crowd, which, in admiration for his courage, cheered heartily.

Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, addressing a Unionist meeting at Tunstall, referred to the mushroom growth of Liberal Imperialists, and warned the country that if the Liberals were returned to power, they would restore independence to the Boer republics.

#### Northern Town Destroyed.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 28.—News has been received here that Solomon City at the mouth of Salmon river, was devastated by the recent storm on the coast of Alaska. All buildings were either swept away by the waves or were wrecked by the wind. The town had a population of 200, all of which are destitute and homeless.

A message from the sea was picked up on the beach by a soldier on September 17th near the military reservation. The bottle was tightly corked and a message was written on a common Japanese paper napkin and read as follows: "Off Port Safety, Sept. 11, 1900.—Who finds this please report to authorities. Eight of us left Port Clarence three days ago and are now sinking, with no hope. (Signed) Jack Delaney, G. L. Myers, Sam Mark, John Dolan, Geo. Thomas and A. M. Dean."

#### Cardinal Gibbons May Arbitrate.

Baltimore, Sept. 27.—Cardinal Gibbons has been asked to act as arbitrator between the striking miners and the operators of the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania. While admitting that he has been approached on the subject, he said tonight that he had heard from only one side of the parties in the controversy, and must decline to discuss the question of arbitration until all had been heard from.

"Will you consent to act if both sides approach you?" the cardinal was asked.

"In that case I will take the matter under consideration." He added that he would be glad to do anything in his power to help solve the problem, which affects so many souls. It is said on good authority that the cardinal had practically agreed to arbitrate, and it is thought that various interests concerned will decide to leave the settlement of their disagreement to the head of the Catholic church in the United States. Cardinal Gibbons will go to Philadelphia tomorrow or Saturday, and it is believed this trip will be in connection with the strike situation.

#### The Chinese Question

There seems to be much difficulty in the way of an agreement among the powers as to the best method of approaching the Chinese question. Germany's proposal that the persons guilty of the attacks upon foreigners shall first be given up does not meet with much approval, not because it is unreasonable, but because it seems to be impracticable. Germany very naturally feels specially sore against China, for her minister at Peking was assassinated, and national dignity seems to compel her to take a more determined stand than any of the other powers. If she stood alone, no government would venture to say a word to deter her from taking any course that seemed expedient, but unfortunately for any nation desiring a free hand in China, all the rest of the world is deeply concerned as to the manner in which a settlement is reached.

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