

The Rival Clansmen:
A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER VII.
THE SOLDIERS AND THE CATERANS—A TERRIBLE STRUGGLE.

As Captain Winterton had said, he was "well placed"—that, was in a good position to meet the enemy who now came in such numbers against him. He was inside the large, square building, protected on three sides by high walls, which were practically impregnable, while immediately in front was a breast work formed of the ruined gable—the only weak points of which were the recess of a door and a low window.

"Now, men, be ready," he said, in a low whisper, when the Caterans had advanced to within about sixty yards of the ruin.

Then he cried out in a ringing voice—"Caterans of Ben-a-Chruil, in the name of King George, I call upon you to halt and surrender."

A wild, derisive yell of defiance was the only reply he received, and, tiger-like in their fury, the horde of savage, desperate mountaineers rushed forward to the attack.

But they received a check.

"Fire," cried Winterton.

A momentary pause. Then followed a flash and a report. The soldiers had delivered their shower of death-hail, and wild yells of mortal agony, mingled with curses and terrible threats, filled the air from fallen and falling men, while the others rushed forward with redoubled fury.

"Now forward and meet them with the steel," was the command of Winterton, and the soldiers sprang forward just in time to meet the Caterans, who were already clambering over the wall.

With their teeth set and braced for the conflict, the soldiers met them firmly and unwaveringly, and several times was the wild yell of agony repeated as their bayonets pierced one and another of the attacking Highlanders; but despite their utmost efforts the opponents were able to force an entrance by the doorway and by the window, and now a dozen at least swarmed around them.

It was with considerable apprehension that Captain Winterton saw this, and realized that he was outnumbered and his position carried.

He was at the same moment personally attacked by two the bravest of the Caterans; but while he dealt them crashing blows, and met with cleverness and skill their combined attack, he did not for a moment forget the safety of the men under his command. For he at once, in a voice which was heard above the sound of conflict—the clashing of weapons, the oaths and curses of contending foes, the tramping of feet, and the shrieks and moans of wounded men—shouted out—

"We are outnumbered! Turn back, and fight your way to the boats."

An answering cheer from the men followed his words; then with a desperate effort each man threw off his immediate opponent, and when again the outlaws closed around, they found opposed to them an impenetrable phalanx of glittering steel, with Captain Winterton safe in its centre. But at this moment a voice, which had not been before heard, shouted out—

"Caterans, cut every man down; our safety depends upon it."

A wild loud shout of savage ferocity burst from the outlaws' throats as they heard this voice, and with redoubled efforts they dashed themselves against the little band of soldiers.

It was Donald Cameron who had spoken.

He and Ian had listened throughout the whole proceedings at the foot of the stair leading from the aperture which the stone covered, and had heard every word of the conversation between the soldiers and their commander. The discovery made by Captain Winterton that there was an opening of some sort beneath the stone did not particularly dismay Cameron, for he knew that the stone could not be raised, as the mechanism by which it was secured was workable only from the inside. His heart leaped for joy when he heard the shot fired and the sentinel proclaim that the Caterans had returned. He knew from the sounds he heard that the soldiers were not in great force, and that they would easily be defeated by the Caterans, if they were present in anything like their full strength. When he thought the struggle was at the hardest, he told Ian to follow him, and rapidly and noiselessly ascended the stair and moving the springs, he removed the stone from the mouth of the entrance, and they passed out, taking care to leave it open, and then rushing forward, the chieftain announced his presence as we have heard.

But although the Caterans, inspired as they doubtless were by the arrival of Cameron and Ian, did their very utmost, they could not break through the compact front presented to them on every side by the soldiers, who, if they lacked the savage fury of the Highlanders, possessed equally valuable requisites in their coolness, fine training, and quiet courage. Inch by inch they retreated to their boats. They were now out of the square, having by careful maneuvering been able to squeeze themselves in compact form through the large doorway.

In vain did the Caterans place themselves between the soldiers and the boats and attempt to cut off their retreat. They burst through them again and again, and at every step neared their goal. Cameron kept continually shouting to them—at one time praising and at another upbraiding and cursing them—but he could not cause them to fight harder than they were doing. At last a happy thought struck him. Gathering half a dozen of the Caterans around him, he cried in a muffled tone—

"Off immediately to the chamber for the firearms and the ammunition; return within the minute."

But low as they were spoken, the words reached the ears of Sergeant Goodley, and that gallant soldier at once shouted out—

"Captain, they are off for firearms and ammunition; if they get them to bear upon us, we are done for."

The half-dozen men who had left to perform this order, and those who had been killed and disabled in the melee, had considerably diminished the strength of the Caterans, and this Captain Winterton was not slow to notice. When, therefore, he heard the Sergeant shout that firearms were to be brought against him, his decision was at once taken, and he immediately called out—

"Now, my lads, a dash for the boats, and we are safe."

With a loud hurrah, they obeyed his command.

They were within a few yards of where two boats lay, when a shout arose, and so suddenly was the movement made that the soldiers had gained them before the surprised Highlanders had time to pursue.

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