

The Fighting Hand of Scandal

THIRTY-TWO years have gone since a wave of consternation passed over England with the news that a grave charge had been made against one of her greatest and most popular statesmen, a man of irreproachable reputation. The news was paralyzing, incredible, impossible, and yet it was true.

"Sir Charles Dilke's fall," Mr. Justin McCarthy wrote a few months later, "is like that of a tower. He stood high above any rising English statesman; and but for what has happened he must have been Prime Minister after Gladstone." There was, indeed, no more brilliant and promising statesman of his day. From his first entry into the House of Commons he had been marked for a great career. He was a born political leader, a speaker and debater of rare skill, and he had a knowledge of foreign affairs unapproached by any other man at Westminster. He had achieved European fame; and, to fill his cup of success and happiness, he was about to marry a woman of singular sweetness and charm, whom he loved, and who loved him with a rare tenderness and passion—Mrs. Mark Pattison, widow of the rector of Lincoln College. And it was at this supreme hour of his triumph that the blow fell—a "thunderbolt" from a sky of unbroken blue—which hurled him from his pedestal to the dust.

On the evening of July 18th, 1885, Sir Charles had returned from a dinner given by the Reform Club, a which he was the guest of honor, to find awaiting him a letter from an old friend who asked him to call on the following morning on "grave business." And it was at this interview that he learned that the wife of a Liberal member of Parliament had volunteered a confession to her husband that she had been unfaithful to him with Sir Charles Dilke immediately after her marriage.

This was the terrible accusation that he was so suddenly called upon to face—a charge which, if it could be proved, meant irretrievable ruin and disgrace, at the very zenith of his career and promise.

Terrible as the position was in which Dilke found himself, he faced it with characteristic calmness and courage. There was still a hope, however slight, that the scandal might be kept from public knowledge; but within a few days this hope was dashed to the ground when he learned that legal proceedings were to be taken.

To Mrs. Pattison, at whose feet he had so gladly and proudly laid as tribute his great position in the world, he wrote in this dark hour, when his career was in such dire peril: "I feel this may kill you—and it will kill me, either if it kills you or if you don't believe me."

This was indeed by far the bitterest drop in his cup of suffering. His trust was not misplaced. Mrs. Pattison from her bed of sickness at once cabled a message of absolute trust in him and unquestioning faith in his complete innocence. And that the world might have no doubt of her loyalty, she also cabled to the Times an announcement of her engagement. Well might Lord Granville write to Dilke, "I wish you joy most sincerely. The announcement says much for the woman whom you have chosen."

It was a misfortune for Dilke that Mr. Gladstone formed his new Ministry before the great case came on for hearing; and thus was unable to offer a place in it to a man who, however distinguished, was still under the shadow of so serious a charge. At the trial the charge against Sir Charles was dismissed with costs, the judge saying expressly that there was no case for him to answer.

Immediately there arose a virulent campaign against him by a section of the press. A scathing and pitiless attack was made on him by Mr. Stead, in the Pall Mall, in which allegations of a most serious nature were put forward.

Never was a more pitiless and unscrupulous campaign directed against any man. Not only in the press were horrible charges of immorality more than suggested against him; the tongue of scandal gave them definite and circumstantial form—stories of the betrayal of innocence, or orgies, almost rivaling those of that ducal rone, Philippe of Orleans; and this torrent of unspeakable scandal Sir Charles was powerless to stem. The court had indeed dismissed him from the case "without a stain on his character," but, on the advice of his counsel, advice which was supported by the judge, he had not gone into the witness-box to submit himself to cross-examination; and it was this suspicious shrinking from "the music" that opened the flood-gates of scurrility.

To the fame that he should retire from Parliament, he wrote in his Diary: "Renewed attempt to dismiss me out of public life. But I won't go now. In July I said to my wife and to Chamberlain, 'Here is the whole truth—and I am an innocent man.'"

He found himself avoided in Parliament; he was a social outcast; his splendid career of public service was ignominiously ended. The "tower" had fallen in irretrievable ruin.

With what courage and patience he bore this cruel blow, supported by the touch of affection of his wife and the loyalty of his friends, the world still remembers. A few years later he returned to Westminster as member for the Forest of Dean. But he never regained anything like his old influence. The story of Dilke's downfall is one of the saddest tragedies in the history of English politics.—Tit-Bits.

Frankville

Mr. Walter Hanton has sold his farm to Mr. Haskin, of Easton's Corners. Mr. Hanton is going to move to W. D. Livingston's house lately occupied by Miss Munroe.

Miss Pearl Moran has returned home after a month's visit with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Goodfellow and Mrs. M. Livingston spent last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dunham of Toledo.

Mr. Enos Soper, who has been confined to his home for some time through illness, is now better and hopes to be about again soon.

Misses Geraldine and Norma Richards, students at the Brockville Business College, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richards.

W. H. Montgomery and G. M. Levrette are auditing the township accounts this week.

May's moving picture show is being held nightly in Montgomery's Hall this week.

Mrs. G. A. Comerford, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is now much improved.

Mrs. Mary Producers, of Carleton Place, is spending a few days with her sister, Miss Kate Jones.

Word received by Mrs. William Johnston from her son, Kenneth, states he is progressing favorably in an English hospital, and expects to return home sometime in the near future. He has another brother, Charles, who has been on the firing line since 1916, having enlisted with a western battalion.

Private Ben Yates, who was seriously wounded last August, and who has since been in a hospital in England, states in a letter to his parents that he is able to get around with the aid of crutches. He is a son of Mrs. R. C. Yates, and enlisted here with the 156th Battalion.

C. R. Church went to Alexandria Bay, N.Y., yesterday to attend the funeral of Charles Mallory, a relative. Deceased was a resident of this section for some years, removing from here about two years ago. His wife predeceased him over a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Smith and children are visiting relatives at Harlem and Chantry.

Mrs. Francis Richards is spending a few weeks with her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stone, at Fortar.

Memorial Service.

A memorial service will be held in the Athens Baptist church Sunday morning at 10.30 for the late Private Gerald Botsford, killed in action. The pastor, Rev. G. V. Collins, will preach.

ROD AND GUN

"The Condition of the Fur Seals To-day" by Bonnycastle Dale; "His First Duck" by F. V. Williams; "The Civilizing of Split Rock" by M. A. Shaw; "Injun Devil" by H. A. Sturtzel; "A Toilet Set for the Camper" by E. G. Brewer; "The Old Time River Brigade" by R. J. Fraser; "Wandering Trails" by H. C. Haddon; "A Hunt with New Brunswick Guides"; these are some of the stories and articles that go to make up the mid-winter number of Rod and Gun in Canada, published at Woodstock, Ont., by W. J. Taylor Limited. In addition to the above their February number contains under the heading of "Guns and Ammunition" two fine articles by expert gunners, namely Thomas K. Lee and Major Townsend Whelen. Mr. Lee is described by the editor of this department as "undoubtedly the finest target shot with the .22 rifle that ever lived" and his article on Repeating and Single Shot Rifles will be read with great interest by gunmen.

Death of James Wallace

Mr. James C. Wallace passed away on February 11, after an illness of two weeks, at the age of 72 years. He had been a resident of the village for several years, coming here from his farm near Greenbush. Surviving him are his wife, who was a daughter of the late Wm. Tackaberry, of Wiltstown, and one son, Robert Wallace, on the homestead.

The funeral is taking place this afternoon from the residence to the Methodist church where Rev. T. J. Vickery will conduct services. Interment will be made in the spring, the remains being placed for the present in the vault.

Miss Hazel Latimer is in Toronto this week attending the millinery openings.

Mr. Robert Blair, of Westport, is in Athens to attend the funeral of Mr. Wallace.

Oak Leaf

Mr. M. J. Johnson and son Wallace drove to Brockville on Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Whaley returned home from New York and will spend a few weeks with their friends here, after which they will leave for Alsask, Sask.

M. and Mrs. G. E. Godkin entertained a few of their friends to tea Saturday evening.

Mr. W. F. Warren and son Lloyd were in Brockville on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Green entertained a few friends at progressive five-hundred on Monday evening.

The residents of Oak Leaf deeply regretted to hear that Pte. Gerald Botsford was killed in action on Jan. 25, and offer their sincere sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Mr. J. White of Toledo, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. King.

Mrs. S. Godkin collected eight dollars for packing the soldiers boxes at Charleston Monday evening.

Mrs. L. Green returned home on Monday.

Glen Elbe

Miss Gladys Barker, of the parsonage, Delta, spent the week-end with her friend, Miss Anna Ferguson, of Glen Elbe.

Glen Elbe was well represented at the house party and carnival held at the home of Mr. J. M. Percival on Friday evening of last week. Master Clifton Cassell took one jolly load, and Harold Ferguson another. All reported a good time. The neat sum of \$31.25 was realized toward the building of the new church shed.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taber and daughter, Miss Rheta, spent last week in Toronto (and in the snow drifts along the line).

Mr. Wilson Burnham has been on the sick list but is now improving. Farmers in the vicinity are busy getting out their supply of wood.

The pupils from here attending the A.H.S. had a holiday on Monday of this week on account of the scarcity of coal.

A number of the young people from here attended the carnival held on the Athens rink last Thursday night.

Miss Edna Scott teacher of Elbe school spent the week-end at her home in Addison.

Mrs. Wilson Burnham entertained the ladies of the neighborhood at a quilting bee a few days ago. In the evening the other members of the families were invited in for oysters. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Miss Lillian Dixie, teacher at Glossville spent the week-end at her home in Addison.

Philipsville

The merchants of this village are enjoying the holiday occasioned by the closing order from Saturday to Tuesday morning.

Serg. Edgar Phelps, of Portland, Ore., who arrived home on Thursday last to visit his father L. N. Phelps, of Delta, who is quite ill, paid a flying visit to the home of his brother-in-law, A. E. Whitmore, of this town, on Friday evening.

The farmers are having difficulty in reaching the wood that has been cut, and it is still lying in the woods awaiting delivery.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Green on February 6, a son.

Mr. Ach Stevens is on the sick list, for the last few days owing to a bad cold.

The carnival and house social at J. M. Percival's, Addison, on Friday evening last, was a great success. The skaters thoroughly enjoyed the rink and the guests at the house enjoyed the vocal and instrumental music, games, gramophone selections etc. About 10.30 the ladies of the congregation served delicious refreshments after which came the merriest time of all, and the house seemed a veritable hive of amusement, music and laughter. At a late hour the rector, Rev. Mr. Lyons, in brief address full of wit and humor, brought the happy time to a close, all singing the national anthem. Proceeds were over \$32.

LaFORTY—IRWIN
Wednesday afternoon last at 2 o'clock at the Wall street church parsonage, Brockville, Rev. P. L. Richardson, B.A., D.D., united in marriage Miss Hattie Irwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Irwin, Soperion, to Clarence LaForty, son of Mr. Hiram LaForty, Athens.

The bride, who was unattended, was charmingly attired in a gown of Copenhagen silk trimmed with crepe de chene and lace. Her traveling suit was of navy blue, and she wore a white hat.

Mr. and Mrs. LaForty will visit friends in Brockville and vicinity before their return here.

Chantry

Mr. Sandy Elliott spent a day in Brockville this week.

Miss Ruth Derbyshire is on the sick list.

Miss Ida Knowlton has returned to Delta after spending a couple of weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. Davis.

Mrs. R. Trotter entertained a few friends two evenings last week.

The men had a bee helping Roy Derbyshire get up wood for his cheese factory.

The ladies of the Baptist church held their annual thank-offering meeting Thursday evening at Isaac Stevens.

Notice to Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE of Adam Ducolon, late of the Village of Athens, in the County of Leeds, Cheese Maker, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "The Revised Statutes of Ontario," 1914, Chapter 121, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Adam Ducolon, who died on or about the fourth day of January, 1918, are required on or before the sixth day of March, 1918, to send by post prepaid, or deliver to T. R. Beale, of Athens, Ontario, solicitor for the Administratrix of the property of the said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date, the said Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice, and that the said administratrix will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.

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S. Blanchard, Lombardy, while cutting wood in his bush, about one and a half miles from his home, one day last week, met with a painful accident. The axe slipped, and striking the left foot, almost severed the great toe. He walked home and had it dressed until he could receive medical attendance. He is now able to be about, although it is still very painful.

Brockville Business College

WEEKLY BULLETIN
Ed. Nute has resigned his position with the city ticket agent of the G.T. Ry. and is now stenographer and typist for the Canada Carriage Co. of town.

Miss Gladys Pocock, who graduated last week, has been placed as stenographer with the Whyte Packing Co.

Percy Anderson has resigned his position here as stenographer with the supervisor of the G.T. Ry. and has accepted an appointment with Carriages, Limited, in their Toronto office.

Miss Blanche Whiting has taken the position on our staff caused by Miss V. Fitzpatrick becoming stenographer for the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Harry Phillips, a student of last term, is now stenographer in local office of the G. T. Ry.

Bert Clissold, one of our last year students, has been placed by us as book-keeper for J. J. Curran, grocer. Miss Pearl Acheson, who graduated last week, has gone to Kingston expecting to take a position.

Miss Blanche Beath, a graduate of former days and recently stenographer for the agricultural representative at Napanee, has been transferred to Ottawa, and is now in a private secretarial position to one of the leading agricultural officials for

the Dominion.

Miss Esther Scott has been placed for us in a stenographic position with a Toronto firm by the employment department of the United Typewriter Co.

Miss Ina Conner was this week passed our 80 word per minute shorthand test, and Miss Ray Magill has passed the 100 word test.

We have two vacant seats for young people who would like to start courses next week.

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