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(BY LOUIS TRACY.)

Beyond this her intuition could not travel. It was impossible that she should realize how sorely her wish to placate Bower disquieted Spencer. He had seen the two under conditions that might, indeed, be explicable by Helen's flight; but he would extend no such charitable consideration to Bower, whose conduct, no matter how it was viewed, made him a rival. Yes, it had come to that. Spencer had hardly spoken a word to Stamps during the tedious journey from Maloja. He had looked facts stubbornly in the face, and the looking served to clear certain doubts from his heart and brain. He wanted to win Helen, if Helen was left from him now, he would gaze on a darkened world for many a day.

But he was endowed with a splendid self-control. That element of cast steel in his composition, discovered by Dunston after five minutes' acquaintance, kept him rigid under the strain.

"Sorry I should figure as spoiling your excursion, Miss Wynnton," he was able to say calmly, when all was said and done, the weather was bad, and you will have plenty of fine days later."

Bower crept nearer. His action suggested stealth. Although the wind was howling under the deep eaves of the hut, he would not let Helen hear him. "Yes, you are quite right. Let us go now—at once. With you and me, Mr. Spencer, Miss Wynnton will be safe—safer than with the guides. They can follow with the stores. Come! There is no time to be lost!"

The others were so taken aback by his sudden change of front that they were silent for an instant. It was Helen who protested, faintly enough.

"Oh, lighting seems to have given up an attack of nerves," she said. "It would be ridiculous to rush off in that manner." But then she was silent in delay.

"I admit it, I was wrong."

Bower's anxiety was only too evident. Spencer, seeing him from a single viewpoint, deemed him a coward, and his gorge rose at the thought.

"Oh, nonsense," he cried contemptuously. "We shall be two hours on the glacier, so five minutes more won't cut any ice. If you have to go, go. I am not here. I am not here. I am not here."

"Assuredly, fraulein," he cried. "Am I not here? Were it to begin to snow at once, I could still bring you unharmful to the chalets."

Joseph Barth had borne Stamps's reproaches with surly defiance; but he refused to be degraded by such trouble before Karl, too, whose tongue wagged so loosely.

"That is the talk of a foolish boy, not of a man," he cried wrathfully. "Am I not fitted, then, to take mademoiselle home after bringing her here?"

"Fruity on a fine day, Josef," was the smiling answer.

"I told monsieur that a gale was blowing up from the south, so did Karl. He would not listen. Ma foi! I am not to blame." Barth, on his dignity, introduced a few words of French, and from the Chamounix men, he fancied they would save Stamps, and prove incidentally how wide was his own experience.

The old guide only laughed. "A nice pair, you and Karl, he shouts. You told monsieur, indeed! You ought to have refused to take mademoiselle. That would have settled the affair, I fancy."

"But this monsieur knows as much about the epidemic as any of us. He might surprise even you, Stamps. He has climbed the Matterhorn from Zermatt and Breuil, and he knows the mountain well on the Col des Nantillons. How is one to argue with such a voyageur on this kind of glacier?"

Stamps whistled. "Oh—knows the Matterhorn, does he? What is his name?"

"Bower," said Helen. "Mr. Mark Bower."

"What? Say that again, fraulein! Mark Bower? Is that your English way of putting it?"

"That is not my name," he snarled viciously.

"Marcus Bauer," repeated Stamps in the same repressed monotone. "I am Etta's father."

"Why do you address me in that fashion? I have never before seen you."

"No, you took care of that. You feared Etta's father, though you cared little for Christian Stamps the guide. But I have seen you, Marcus Bauer. You were slim then—an elegant, is it not?—and many a time have I hobbled into the Hotel Mont Cervin to look at your portrait in a group lest I should forget your face. Yet I passed you just now! Great God! I passed you!"

A ferocity glared from Bower's eyes that might well have daunted Stamps. For an instant he gazed toward Spencer, whose clear-cut profile was silhouetted against a background of white-blue ice, now gleaming in a constant flutter of lightning. Stamps was not yet aware of the true cause of Bower's frenzy. He thought that terror was spurring him to self-defense. An insane impulse to kill, to fight with the nails and teeth, almost mastered him, but that must not be. It is useless, "It is useless," he said, with a calmness so horribly unreal that its deadly intent was all the more manifest. "I am the avenger, not you. I can tear you to pieces with my hands when I will. It would be here and now were it not for the presence of the English signorina who stands between us."

Bower made one last effort to assert himself. "You are talking in riddles, man," he said. "If you believe you have some ground to stand on, come and see me tomorrow at the hotel. Perhaps—"

"But that is your tomorrow. Do not dream that you can escape me. Now that I know you live, I would search the wide world for you. Blessed Mother! How you must have feared me all these years."

Stamps was using the Romansch dialect of the Italian Alps. Bower spoke in English. Spencer heard them indistinctly. He marvelled that they should discuss, as such subdued passion.

"Hello, Christian," he cried, "the clouds are lifting somewhat. Where is your promised snow?"

Stamps peered up into Bower's face, for his twisted leg had reduced his own unusual height by many inches. "Tomorrow," he whispered. "At ten o'clock outside the hotel. Then we have a settlement. Is it so?"

"There was no answer. Bower was wrestling with a mad desire to grapple with him and fling him down among the black rocks. Stamps, however, was not so easily won. He said, "I offer you tomorrow," he said, "am I not here? Have I not waited six years? But it may be that you are tortured by a devil, Marcus Bauer. Shall it be now?"

To be continued.

BOARD OF HEALTH WILL INVESTIGATE

Truant Officer Weir's Charges Regarding Whooping Cough Will Be Probed.

The board of health will investigate the whooping cough, said to be prevalent in the city.

After the statements of Truant Officer Weir that there were hundreds of cases in the city, the board of health, Dr. H. O. Hutchinson, M. D., thought that an investigation would reveal the facts. As a result, a committee with Dr. B. Williams and other members of the board, and they will look into the matter.

The physicians of the city will be asked by Dr. Hutchinson to forward a list of cases to the board, in order that definite information might be obtained regarding the prevalence of the disease. If it is found, the board will compel all those afflicted to remain on their own premises. It is reported that the number of them are on the streets daily, and are travelling in street cars.

Truant Officer Weir still insists that there is an epidemic of the disease. Dr. Hutchinson states that he has no proof of epidemic does exist, but that he intends finding out.

MAY ORDER ALL LOCAL WIRES UNDERGROUND

Hydro-Electric Co. Expected to Take Action in This City.

The announcement that the hydro-electric commission had ordered the Ontario Power Company and the Catskill Power Company in Hamilton to place their wires underground is received with much interest in London, and if the city council asks for a ruling it is said that similar action will be taken here.

It will be remembered that London joined with Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton and other cities in requesting the Dominion Railway Commission to enforce the hydro-electric act respecting this matter.

Although the hydro-electric commission have made the order in this case, it is understood that they have the support of the Dominion Railway Commission in so doing.

The water commissioners here anticipate that an order will be made shortly to enforce the London Electric and other companies to put their wires underground.

"We made application with the other cities," said Chairman Pocock, when questioned about the matter. "It seems to be the best way to carry out the commission made the order with the consent of the Dominion Railway Commission. We have provided conduits here for the London Electric and other companies and expect to occupy a portion of them within a short time. There is no need of a pole on the streets in the city of London, not even in the suburbs. In the future I think it will be possible to carry our wires through backyards, and get them off the streets altogether. That would make it much better for all. We will deal reasonably with the other companies, but I am of the opinion that all poles should come off the streets. It would be a great improvement."

REPAIRING BREAKWATER

City Engineer Has Put a Force of Men at Work.

The breakwater is being repaired, and will be put into a condition to withstand a flood.

City Engineer Brazier, Ald. Ashplant, and Mayor Graham visited the breakwater Wednesday and saw what was needed. Mr. Brazier at once got

a force of men at work, and they will hurry it through.

"Piles will be driven down and boarded up," said Mayor Graham. "We will make it secure until such a time as the council decide whether or not permanent repairs will be made."

CASTLE CARTER BOARD APPEARS TO BE POPULAR

The Prisoners, It Is Said, Are Anxious To Have Terms Made Longer.

Now that the work of repairing and altering the court house building has been abandoned for the year, the prisoners are cleaning up the grounds and yards for the winter. A number are engaged in outside work, while others of a more artistic bent of mind are employed applying coats of white-wash in the corridors and wards of the jail.

Governor Carter reports that at present there are 32 prisoners confined in the jail, but he is making preparations for an influx of guests within the next two or three weeks for the Christmas season.

According to a prisoner, who was released this week, the cuisine at the jail is excellent, and the boarders whose terms will have expired before the festive season are sorry that they cannot stay longer. Two of the out-of-town guests were so delighted with the hospitality of Host Carter that they have decided to adopt a rather original scheme in order to return. As soon as they are liberated, it is alleged, they intend to become intoxicated, and be arrested, and when arraigned at the police court, will ask the magistrate to put them on the prohibitory list. A day or so later they will accumulate an excess load of spirits, and hope that as a result they will be given a term of 30 days.

CITY MAY EXPROPRIATE TWO OF THE PROPERTIES

Mayor Believes That the Prices Asked by the Owners Are Excessive.

The options on all the property for the federal square have been secured, but it is probable that in one or two instances expropriation proceedings will be taken to secure some of the land in case the people vote for the scheme.

For instance, Mr. R. Hueston gave an option on his livery stable on Wellington street for \$33,000. The property is assessed for \$6,000. Dr. C. S. Moore placed a price of \$25,000 on his residence, which is a great deal more than the property is assessed for.

"We shall probably take expropriation proceedings to secure these sites," said Mayor Graham. "In my opinion the prices are excessive, and I do not think we are called upon to pay that amount for them. I think we could go to law, and get both much cheaper. The other property-owners have placed a fair figure on their land and houses, and I fancy we will have no trouble in securing them."

The Coote property, where Mitchell's garage is situated, is also bonded. The Ford Motor Corporation, of Walkerville, has leased a portion of it. An effort was made to secure a long term lease by the Ford people, but Mr. Coote preferred to sell it outright, so he gave an option to the city.

In case the bylaw is not carried, it is stated that the Ford people will be given a long-term lease.

Ald. Coles is securing a written agreement from the McCormick Company to erect a big plant in the city, in case the bylaw is carried. The firm will employ 300 more people than at the present time.

"We shall keep this industry if the bylaw carries," said Ald. Coles. "That means something for the city, I am sure."

"We roused the audience to great enthusiasm," said Mr. Stormington Barnes. "Did they give you an ovation?" They did more than that. They got so interested that they insisted on breaking in with original dialogue, and some of them even tried to climb on the stage and take part in the battle scene.—Washington Star.

Whooping Cough Epidemic

Hundreds of Cases in London

Attendance at the Public Schools Has Been Very Much Affected by Outbreak.

An epidemic of whooping cough has broken out in the public schools of the city, and about two hundred of the pupils are confined to their homes suffering from the disease.

Twice the number of children are being kept home by their parents for fear of them contracting it, and as a result the school attendance is very low.

It is reported that the medical officer of health has ordered some schools closed in the city, and about two hundred cases have been reported to the medical officer.

Mrs. Robert Jamieson, Bathurst, N. B., writes: "I cannot speak too highly of your Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. My little boy was very bad with whooping cough. I tried all kinds of doctors' medicines, but they did not help him. Finally I got a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and I am thankful to say that before he had taken the first bottle I could see a change in him, and before the second bottle was gone he was completely cured. I cannot speak too highly of its favor, and would not be without a bottle in the house."

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Arrive from the West—12:14 a.m., 2:45 a.m., 3:55 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m.
Depart for the East—12:19 a.m., 3:48 a.m., 7:20 p.m., 10:45 p.m.
Depart for the West—3:57 a.m., 7:40 a.m., 11:18 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 8:20 p.m.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.
Arrive—10:23 a.m., 11:40 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 11:05 p.m.
Depart—6:35 a.m., 11:43 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 8:05 p.m.

STRATFORD BRANCH.
Arrive—11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m.
Depart—6:00 a.m., 10:26 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:55 p.m.

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Arrive—10:00 a.m., 6:10 p.m.
Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:40 p.m.
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Arrive from the West—4:30 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:46 p.m., 6:15 p.m.
Depart for the East—4:38 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 11:25 p.m., 5:55 p.m.
Depart for the West—5:00 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:23 p.m., 11:20 p.m.

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Arrive—7:04 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 4:50 p.m., 9:40 p.m.
Depart—7:20 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 5:20 p.m., 10:21 p.m.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.
Arrive—8:45 a.m., 12:25 p.m., 4:58, 8:50 p.m.
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