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The Captain of the Kansas

By LOUIS TRACY. (Continued.) "Why the Vicome de Bragelmont only, and not the Three Musketeers?" she mused aloud. "And if the Life of Goethe, why not his poems, his essays, Werther?—Ah, I know—the crowning offence of Werther. A Stevenson library! Each volume he recommends in 'Books which have influenced men,' I suppose? What a charming ideal! I shall never forgive myself for not having thought of it long ago. "Courtney laughed and blushed like any school-girl. Elsie's appreciation had a downright, honest ring in it that went far beyond the platitudes. She accorded him the ready comradeship of a kin soul. "Many people have been surprised by my collection; you are the first to discover its inspiration," he said. "That is not strange. There are so few who read. Reading means discerning, interpreting. I am a worshipper of R. L. S., but I have been shocked to find that for a hundred who can talk glibly of his novels there is hardly one who has communed with him in his essays. "We have actually hit upon a topic that should prove inexhaustible. Believe me, Miss Maxwell, that is my pet subject. More than once, needing a listener, I have even lectured my long-suffering terrier, Isobel, laughing softly. The two standing in front of the bookcase started apart, with a sudden consciousness that they were speaking unguardedly for Isobel's mirth had mockery in it—"there was a laughing devil in her sneer. "By the way, where is Joey?" she asked. "The dog answered her question by appearing with a stretch and a yawn, from beneath a bunk. He had heard his name in Courtney's voice. That sufficed for Joey at any time. "What a strange animal!" went on Isobel, "I should have thought that he would bark, or peep out at us, at the least, when we came in." "Joey had a disturbed night," said Courtney. "We passed the evening in the Hotel Colon, and he regards South American hotels as the natural dwelling place of cats, and other bad characters. Here, he is at home, and he knew that I was present." "Otherwise, he would have classified us as suspicious?" "He is far too discriminating. What do you say, pup?" "Joey looked up at his master. Apparently, he found the conversation trivial; he yawned again, capaciously. "You darling! You must have slept with one eye open," said Elsie, stooping to pat him. "Oh, take care!" cried Isobel. "He may bite you." "Not he! When you see that wistful look in a dog's eyes, have no fear. He wants to speak to you. You won't bite me, will you dear?" And Elsie sank on one knee, to stroke Joey's white coat; whereupon Joey tried to lick her face. "Between the Stevenson Library and the captain's dog you are installed as a prime favorite on board the 'Kansas,'" commented Isobel. The other girl rose hurriedly. She had caught the touch of malice in the smooth voice. "Captain Courtney is too polite to remind us that we are intruders," she said lightly. "We forget that he is busy. Joey, sandily canine, did not try to hide his feelings." Isobel swung her chair round to face the foe. "This is quite the best place in the ship," she said. "I am very comfortable, thank you. Please don't send us away, captain." Before Courtney could answer, the officer of the watch looked in. "Cape Caranulla bearing south-west of

Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



THE MATERIAL IS A NOVELTY SERGE. A jaunty runabout suit in one of the new novelty serge weaves, of which there are many this winter. The skirt, white plaited, is not exaggerated in its fullness, being a seven gore model with a wide box plait on each seam. The coat, a pretty youthful shape, is semi-fitting with single-breasted fronts rounded at the corners and fastening with four large black bone buttons. Hip and breast pockets have rather wide flatly pressed flaps. The collar is faced with black satin and the sleeves are of moderate size and full length. Black and white is the coloring of the material, and to further carry out this fashionable combination, an all white hat with trimmings of huge wings and folded malinette, and black lace gloves and kid boots are worn.

The resolution was carried without further discussion. The reports of the board of works, and water and sewerage board were adopted as read. The safety board report was adopted, with the exception of the section recommending an increase of \$225 in pay to the city hall janitor in lieu of rent on his vacating the top flat. Action on this was deferred. The report of the appeals committee was adopted and appointment of the heads of departments was deferred until the adjourned meeting tonight. Communications were read from the agents of different ocean steamship lines, warning attention to discrimination in wharfage rates against east side berths, and asking that the tariff may be amended so as to provide for through traffic via St. John which must be handled at the McLeod, Pettigall, and Corporation wharves to connect with the I. C. R. The matter was referred to the board of works. A communication from Wm. Thomson & Co., asking that an exception be made in the charges on lumber in the case of agreement made before Oct. 1 for shipment during the winter season, was received and referred to the board of works. Ald. Bullock moved the customary resolution relating to the sale of the fisheries. Charles McLaughlin and John Stubbs were appointed directors on the east side and George Clark and E. C. Woodward on the west side. Arrangements were left in the hands of the following committees: Ald. Lantieri, McFolrick, Baxter, Baskin, Holder, Pickett and Vanvar. Ald. McGoldrick gave notice of motion to bring the placing of lamps in Stanley ward under the control of the safety board. When the Stomach, Heart or Kidney nerves get weak, these organs always fail. Don't drug the Stomach, nor stimulate the Heart or Kidneys. That is simply a makeshift. Get a prescription known to Druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. The Restorative is prepared expressly for these weak inside nerves. Stomach, Heart, Kidney, build them up with Dr. Shoop's Restorative—tablets or liquid—and see how quickly help will come. Free sample sent on request by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Your health is surely worth this simple test. All druggists.

ALD. FRINK OUT FOR A COMMISSION Gives Notice That He Will Move for Abolition of City Council and Government of City by a Commission.

At the monthly meeting of the common council yesterday, Ald. Frink gave notice that he would move, at the next regular meeting, that at the civic elections in April next a plebiscite should be taken on the advisability of the dissolution of the common council and the appointment of a commission of five citizens to administer the affairs of the city. The reasons given were the cumbersome nature of the present system and the impossibility of economical administration of civic affairs under it. Ald. P. MacIntyre, accountant at the Portland Rolling Mills, was appointed city controller and auditor, at a salary of \$2,000 a year. The office of chamberlain was declared vacant. The report of P. Neil Bédou on improvements at city hall was submitted, the estimated cost being \$7,500. Action was deferred until this evening, at which time the meeting adjourned. It was decided that no renovation of Stanley street be undertaken until the city should be permitted during the winter, and the St. John Railway Company are to be requested to open up a double track City street. The mayor occupied the chair, and the full council was present, with the common clerk, Marshal Coughlan was in attendance. At the opening of the meeting and presented to Capt. J. L. McAvity, president of the St. John Rifle Association, the Corporation cup, held this year by E. F. Gladwin. The report of the treasury board was then taken up. The recommendation that the bills and by-laws committee prepare a bill to recover the balance remaining between the value of the securities held by the city and the total default. The auditor mentioned that the amount to be recovered was between \$800 and \$1,200. Ald. Baskin said he had been opposed to the city accepting any money from the estate of Mr. Sandall. He was told at first that the securities and cash were being held in trust for the guarantee company. Ald. Bullock replied that he was actuated by the idea of saving Mr. Sandall in any way that was possible. He could not forget that he was a brother citizen. It was true that he had gone wrong, disgraced his family and ruined his reputation, but he was a man for a great, and that was why he moved the resolution. It was not going to do the city any great injury. In closing, Ald. Bullock made a strong and eloquent plea to the council to exercise a little sympathy.

BOARD OF TRADE

Annual Meeting Held Yesterday and John H. McRobbie Re-Elected President.

The annual meeting of the board of trade, held yesterday afternoon, was largely attended. J. H. McRobbie was elected president and Walter E. Foster vice-president. The members of the incoming council will consider the project of holding an annual banquet at which matters of interest to the city will be discussed. W. S. Fisher suggested that in order to secure a larger membership, that the fee be reduced from \$10 a year to \$5, which is the rate at Halifax. In the absence of the president, W. E. Foster presided and announced that he had received a telegram from Mr. McRobbie in which he expressed his regret at not being able to be present. The annual reports of the council and treasurer were read. In connection with the treasurer's report, W. S. Fisher said it might be well to explain that a charge for housing at board the sister city is a bit steep, but there is room here for much forward work and great need for it. He thought that with St. John's population there ought to be 1,000 members of the board. Different schemes had been tried to increase public interest. It might be the annual fee of \$10 is too high. In Halifax it was only \$5, and it ranges from that to \$20 for banking concerns. Mr. Jarvis endorsed the remarks of Mr. Fisher, and urged that the meetings of the council should be more largely attended. The following were the members of the council: W. H. Thorne, G. E. Barbour, T. H. Estabrook, John Sealy, W. C. Green, W. E. Hatheway, J. N. Harvey, G. Hunter White, H. B. Schofield, and W. S. Fisher. At some future meeting Judge Wilcox will read a paper on How to Promote New Industries in St. John Along the Lines as in American Cities. The following were the members of the council who were re-elected: They are George McKean, Joseph Bullock, W. S. Fisher, Andrew Malcolm, S. S. Hill and James F. Robertson. Application for membership was received from H. L. Coombes. He was proposed by C. H. Eason and elected. In connection with the matter of wharfage rates charged by the I. C. R. here and in Halifax, the secretary then read a communication from the Intercolonial Bureau of Public Works to the effect that the Intercolonial wharfage rates both in Halifax and St. John were based on the rates charged by private wharf owners. The chairman thought the whole question of rates in the harbor of St. John was a very serious one. He thought that rates here should be on the same basis as at other Atlantic ports. He suggested that the incoming council should obtain all possible information on the subject, including longshore rates.

Items of Interest It is often difficult to remove the grease and soot from iron cooking utensils, but it will be found that if the pieces are placed in an old boiler, with a strong solution of soda and a good sized piece of soap and the boiler filled with water, is allowed to boil the grease will be thoroughly removed and the vessels rendered clean and wholesome. After the utensils have been thus cleaned they may be rinsed in clear water, and set on the stove to dry. A useful suggestion to those who burn wood in open fireplaces or open stoves is that in putting on fresh fuel, draw the pieces already burning to the front and put the new wood at the back. This throws the heat out and prevents smoke. If distern water is used in the household, any disagreeable odor can be removed by using an ounce of permanganate of potash crystals, which will also destroy any deleterious germs it may contain. The first effect of the drug is to turn the water brownish, but it will clear in two or three days. On this account, it should be used several days before the water may be used for washing. A few crystals of this drug added to half a pail of water makes an excellent disinfectant for cleaning a refrigerator or sink. BEATRICE CARRY.

LETTER ENIGMA.

My first is in wild, but not in tame; My second is in Indian, but not in game; My third is in nice, but not in good; My fourth is in iron, but not in wood; My fifth is in rear, but not in jump; My sixth is in water, but not in pump; My whole spells a season. By some called most dear; And it comes round to see us 'bout this time each year.

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