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Under False Colors

Lord Somerton's Ally.

CHAPTER XXVIII.
 "By patient inquiry, I have made myself acquainted with your antecedents, and the selfish ambition that has dominated your whole life. You shall not rise another step by crushing the hearts of those who ought to be dear to me—who are dear to me, but of whose existence I knew nothing among the black hills of India. Your name is mentioned as a possible candidate for Parliament. Mind that you do not serve Her Majesty, the Queen in another way!"

He laughed sardonically, and rose from his chair.

"Mr. Castlemore, are you mad?" the lawyer demanded, his face livid with rage and fear. "Would you have my clerks hear your wild ravings? By Heaven, sir, I should be doing my duty if I surrendered you to the police!"

"You can please yourself, even in that," was the scornful rejoinder. "I have lived upon my wits so long, that I believe both you and your friend, Lord Somerton, will be beaten at the finish. You are both playing at cross-purposes, so be warned, and mark you, I am guarding the interests of Mr. Noel Campbell! I am much given to sentiment or maudlin repentances, but so far as lies in my power, I will redeem the past for the sake of the client to whom you are so devoted, and the blue-eyed daughter of Sir John Sterne!"

Captain Castlemore bowed mockingly, adding:

"Good-morning. I did not come here to say quite so much, but it is best off my mind. In a week or ten days you

shall hear from me again, and we will settle accounts—that is, if neither of us is arrested in the meantime."

He strode out of the room, and the lawyer sat rigid and motionless until the sound of Castlemore's footsteps had died away in the echoing corridors.

A dark frown settled on his brow, then, taking up a pen, he dashed off the following:

NOEL CAMPBELL.
 My Dear Boy:—I have not seen you for a week, and Adeline takes it very much to heart that you did not even trouble to acknowledge Mrs. Grant's invitation to escort the ladies to the Lyceum, while I was out of town. They particularly desired to see Irving in "The Bells," and your negligence deprived them of that pleasure. I must see you at my office forthwith, in connection with a business matter of a most pressing nature. As I have called at your chambers at least a dozen times without success, I am sending this to your club. There must be no delay, please, as I have already tired of the cavalier manner in which you are treating one to whom you owe so much. I can understand that you are very busy—that you are devoted to your pursuits and all that; but the time for a settlement has arrived, if you are a man of honor. Yours respectfully,
 JAMES GRANT.

The lawyer's face was not pleasant to see while he sealed and directed the letter, and muttered:

"Adeline will do the rest!"

CHAPTER XXIX.
 Much to Elsie's annoyance, Lord Somerton was waiting for her at Blairwood station, and when the train stopped, his quick eyes at once led him to the compartment she and Annette occupied.

"I began to feel anxious about you, Mrs. Sterne," he observed, closely scrutinizing her pale face. "London is not a nice place for ladies unattended."

He conducted her to the waiting carriage and seated himself beside her.

"Mr. Grant kept me waiting a long time," Elsie explained. "And then he had so much to say to me."
 Somerton frowned darkly.

"Like his insolence not to give you special and particular attention," he said. "In another hour it will be dark. I do not wish to bother you yet, but I hope that you will tell me all that the lawyer said. Let us hope that the worst is over."

He spoke almost tenderly, and but for the presence of the maid, Elsie would have felt apprehensive of more of his passionate speeches.

"I will tell you everything to-morrow," she replied. "I have not yet decided upon my future movements, because I am not yet sure how much of Mr. Grant's story to believe."

She shivered a little, and he pressed one of her hands, whispering:

"Why need you worry over the future? Give me the right to guard it. I will protect you before the whole world."

The carriage rattled down the broad drive and pulled up before the entrance hall, greatly to Elsie's relief.

She could not trust herself alone with Lord Somerton for one moment, and, with her maid, hurried upstairs to her own apartments.

It was late when Elsie retired to bed, and then she went with a feeling of horror. How was it possible for her to sleep, and the black hours of night would be crowded with ugly phantoms.

She closed her eyes, and nature, utterly exhausted, almost immediately came to her relief. The fears of a long, sleepless night were forgotten, and when she awakened, the twittering of birds was in her ears and bars of sunlight streaming across the floor.

Annette appeared to be busy in the next room, and Elsie touched her bell.

"Oh, what a lovely, long sleep you have had!" exclaimed the maid.

"Look at the clock, madam."

Elsie did look, and was astonished to find that the hands pointed to the hour of ten.

"Help me to dress, Annette," she said. "I am sorry that I have slept so long, and I have so much to do! But oh, I was so tired and weary!" She glanced anxiously at her, adding:

"Are there any letters, Annette—any letters for me? But you have, perhaps, not seen Stretton this morning?"

"Yes, madam, he met me an hour since in the long walk and brought a letter for you. It is in the small drawer, where I put everything of that kind."

She stepped swiftly to an escritoire and took from the drawer indicated an envelope bearing Miss Sterne's name in bold characters. Elsie knew the handwriting instantly, and a flood of rich color dyed her cheeks, for the letter was from Colin Ernscliffe.

Annette hustled about until the finishing touches were put to Miss Sterne's toilet; then she stammered:

"If you please, I want to ask a favor for my sweetheart—for William. He wants to go to London to-day to buy the new furniture for the lodge."

Permission was readily granted, and Stretton went to London that day with a light heart.

CHAPTER XXX.
 The moment that the door closed behind Annette, Elsie opened her letter, and was about to press her lips to the dear writing, when she remembered with a bitter pang that there was, perhaps, a barrier, an insuperable barrier, between her and Colin Ernscliffe.

Oh, to forget the misery that was now ever present—the misery that had followed so soon upon the blossoming of Love's flowery day!

She opened her letter with trembling fingers, and eyes blinded with hot tears. To lose her lover now was the cruellest pain of all.

This was the letter that Ernscliffe had written:

My Dear Little Sweetheart:—How careless and neglectful you must think I am! How prolific of promises which I do not keep! But I have been so busy—how busy you will know some day, and understand why I have not written to you oftener. I have your dear letters safe, and each one has been kissed and read many times, and my only grief is that they should breathe so much trouble that I, at present, am powerless to sweep from your path and mine.

So the gamekeeper is sure that he saw me in the grounds of Blairwood Park a few nights since? What very sharp eyes the young fellow must have! But since he is devoted to your service, my darling, I am disposed to forgive him anything.

You have appealed to me to give you advice in a troublous hour, but I fear that I am a broken reed, being myself like a straw in the grasp of a whirlwind. But, Elsie, darling, I am coming to see you to-morrow, and promise not to appear before you like a knight of the doleful countenance. I know a great deal of your trouble; I have learned it through Noel Campbell, and I am working in your cause with what, at last, promises some hope of success. I do not think it admissible to come direct to the house, but will meet you in our Court of Love—in the beautiful glade where our vows were first spoken—with its floor of emerald

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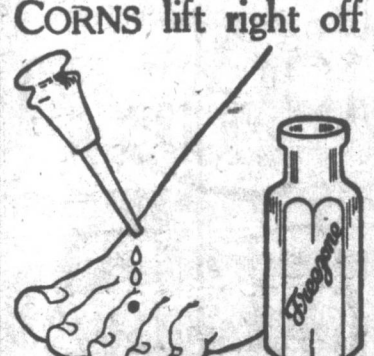
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agreement between the Federation and the longshoremen. As soon as the 1,400 union men stopped work, the shipping companies took steps to replace them with the result that the expected crippling of the port's activities did not materialize. There were over a dozen vessels in the harbor at the time, including two passenger vessels on the Orient run, but the work of unloading and loading proceeded with little interruption. The longshoremen's union, the most arbitrary one on the coast, failed to draw any support from the Trades and Labor Council. After the strike had been in progress for more than a week the Shipping Federation issued a formal statement declaring against entering

national Longshoremen's Association." This appears to be another case where union labor has over-reached itself. The present rate of pay is 80 cents an hour and pay and a half for all overtime and Sunday's work has been steady—Saturday Night.

from the shoulder is excellent for the woman with large hips. A shirred frock of yellow cotton is worn over a slip of cloth of gold and is styled with gold ribbon. Embroidery in pearls and crystals is used on a gown of green lace with a corsage of tinted ostrich. A cloth in tapestry effect is used for the collar, cuffs and pockets of a coat dress of navy poret trill. A rather large buckle of rhinestones holds in place the drapery of a dance frock of white charmesse. Paris is fond of embroidery with sparkle this season, especially rhinestones, brilliants and silver. Brocades, velvets, laces and metallic cloths contribute the richness of the beauty to the evening mode.

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