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THE PUPPET CROWN.

BY HAROLD MACGRATH.
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There was a flash in Johann's eyes, but he subdued it before the Englishman was aware of its presence. "How," said Johann, "there is something strange. The prince was to have arrived a week ago to complete the final arrangements for the wedding. His suite has been here week, but no sign of his highness. He stopped over a train at Ehrenstein to visit for a few hours a friend of the king, his father. Since then nothing has been heard from him. The king, it is said, fears that some accident has happened to him. Carnavia also is disturbed over this disappearance. Some whisper of a beautiful peasant girl, who can say?"

"Any political significance in the marriage?" "Leopold expects to strengthen his throne by the alliance. But Johann's mouth closed and his tongue pushed out his cheek. "There will be some fine doings in the good city of Bleiberg before the month is gone. The minister from the duchy has been given his passports. Every one concedes that trouble is likely to ensue. Baron von Rumpf," repeated the Englishman thoughtfully.

"Yes, he is not a man to submit to accusations without making a disagreeable defense." "What does the duke say?" "The duke?"

"His highness has been dead these four years." "Dead four years? So much for man and his futile dreams. Dead four years," assented.

"What did you say, Herr?" "Nothing. How did he die?"

"He was thrown from his horse and killed. But the duchess lives, and she is worthy of her sire. Eh, Herr, there is a woman for you! She should sit on this throne by it is here by right. These Osians are aliens and were forced on us."

"It seems to me, young man, that you are talking treason."

"That is my business, Herr," Johann laughed. "I am a socialist, and occasionally harangue the reds. Sometimes, when I am in need of money, I find myself in the employ of the police."

"The muscles of the Englishman's jaws hardened, then they relaxed. The expression on the face of his guide was free from anything but bonhomie."

"One must live," Johann added deprecatingly.

"Yes, one must live," replied the Englishman.

"But I could sell some fine secrets to the Osians had they money to pay. Ah! but what is the use? The king has no money; he is on the verge of bankruptcy, and this pretty bit of scenery is the cause of it."

"So you are a socialist?" said the Englishman, passing over Johann's declaratory confidences.

"Yes, Herr. All men are brothers."

"Go to!" laughed the Englishman, "you aren't even a second cousin to me. But stay, what place is this we are passing?" indicating with his cane a red-brick mansion which was fronted by broad English lawns and protected from intrusion by a high iron fence.

"That is the British legation, Herr."

The Englishman stopped and stared, unconscious of the close scrutiny of the guide. His eyes traveled up the wide flags leading to the veranda, and he drew a picture of a square-shouldered old man tramping backward and forward, the wind tugging his thin white hair, his hands behind his back, his chin in his collar and at his heels a white bulldog. Rapidly another picture came. It was an English scold. And the echo of a voice fell on his ears.

"My way and the freedom of the house and the key to the purse: your way and a closed door which I live. You can go, but you can't come back. You have decided? Yes? Then good morning." Thirteen years, thirteen years! He had sacrificed the

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American colony. They danced well, they sang and played and rode. He had taught some of them how to fence, and he could not remember the times he had been "buttoned" while paying too much attention to their lips and eyes. For Maurice loved a thing of beauty, were it a woman, a horse or a Mediterranean sunset. What a difference between these two years in Vienna and that year in Calcutta! He never would forget the dingy office, with its tarnished sign, "U. S. Consul," tucked insecurely on the door, and the utter loneliness.

He cast a pebble into the lake, and watched the ripples swirl away and disappear, and ruminated on a life full of color and vicissitude. He remembered the Arizona days, the endless burning sand, the dull routine of a cavalry trooper, the little brown bodies of the Apaches, the first skirmish and

the last. From a soldier he had turned journalist, tramped the streets of Washington in rain and shine, living as a man lived who must. One day his star had shot up from the nadir of obscurity, not very far, but enough to bring his versatility under the notice of the discerning Secretary of State, having been a friend of the father, offered the son a berth in the diplomatic corps. A consulate in a South American republic, such was the extraordinary where he had shown consummate skill in avoiding political complication (and where, by a sacrifice of his own inclination, he had feathered his nest for his declining years), proved that the continual uncertainty of a journalistic career is a fine basis for diplomatic work. From South American he had gone to Calcutta, thence to Austria. [To be Continued.]

HAMILTON CHALLENGER FOR THE CANADA CUP NOW BEING BUILT

The Designer Is Mr. William Johnston—Expected That Craft Will Be Speedy.

Hamilton, March 15.—On Mill street, in an unpretentious barn, a Canada Cup challenger is being built. It will be named the Hamilton II. Just now the planking is well started and Capt. J. H. Fearnside and William Johnston who are building the boat, expect that it will be ready for the water about June 1. The designer, Mr. Johnston, a Hamilton man, has achieved some fame in that line. He designed the Hamilton I, the scout and other fast yachts. It is believed that he has designed a fast boat. She will be a fine, roomy yacht, with considerable speed. Work on the boat has been going on for some months, and so far both owners are entirely satisfied with the progress.

The Hamilton II, is 29.9 wateline, with an over all length of 50 feet 6 inches. For a 30-foot craft the overhangs are rather long, but it had to be done to get an easy entrance and counter, for the rules make a deep midship section necessary. Hamilton II, has as much head room as the 50-footer Gloria. With her cabin top she will have six feet head room. Her body is twice as deep as that of the celebrated Invader, although the wateline is practically the same. The new boat will be seven feet longer than her namesake Hamilton I. This would indicate that the boat is a very large, comparatively speaking, than the predecessors of her class, but the new rules compel all the boats to be similarly built, with the exception in length, which is unrestricted.

She will be timbered throughout with Indiana white oak, and is even above specifications in the matter of strength. The bolts of the four-ton slab of lead ballast sit on the floor frames, thus bringing the strain of the ballast within the hull, instead of applying it simply to the keel. She is very strong, tied with white oak floors and iron bolts at every frame, and the timbers themselves are sawn from carefully-selected timber, and all spliced in the

same place, at the turn of the bilge. Double futtocks of white oak, one on either side of each beam, make a splice both strong and neat, and the whole will be clamped together by powerful big keelsons. Moreover, the frames are reinforced by steel plates running to the keel, at the main rigging, and three more amidships. The whole frame was put together without the use of a piece of iron. The designer has an ingenious way of dovetailing the frames into the backbone, and with this saving of the floor frames the boat has an excellent skeleton. She is being planked to the wateline with Michigan white pine, and above the keelsons with selected British Columbia cedar, specially selected. It is in 35-foot lengths.

The rig will be a simple jib and mainmast, the latter being about 75 per cent of the whole area. She will spread the limit allowed, which is only 1,500 square feet. Hamilton II, had a spread of 1,620 feet. The old Hamilton, which was a pretty fast boat, was noted for her stiffness in a breeze, and the new one will, it is expected, be equally stiff, if not more so. She has a bigger body than the old boat with less ball, and has 4,000 pounds of lead to the old boat's 1,500. All of which should make her very stiff. To get the maximum of advantage out of this circumstance, the designer has given the boat a very symmetrical bilge. From deck to keel there is very little variation in the curve of her side. She should sail equally fast at any angle of heel. Her waterline is quite full forward, but she has a nice, clean entrance, and a smooth, clear run. She should be very dry, and unless her overhangs slam down harder than is expected.

The Hamilton II, will have hollow spars and her bowsprit will be only four feet outboard.

The dimensions are: Wateline length, 29.9 feet. Over-all length, 50 feet 6 inches. Beam, 10 feet 6 inches. Ballast, 2 tons. Draught (estimated), 6 feet 11 1/2 inches. Sail area, 1,500 square feet—mainmast with 1,182 feet and jib about 388 feet. Midship section, 22.32 feet.

IMPERIALS EAGER TO PLAY LORNES

Issue a Challenge for the Hockey Championship of the City.

The Imperial Club, through the columns of this paper hereby challenge the Lornes to play a series of games for the city championship. The Lornes will accept the challenge, it is understood. Terms will be arranged this week.

The much-talked-of final hockey match between Appin and Adolphe was played off this week on the Glenora rink before three hundred spectators. The game was fast and clean from start to finish and the ice was in good condition. Adolphe scored the first goal in about ten minutes and Appin scored one also. This ended the scoring for the first half. Appin scored again and Adolphe followed with another. The last ten minutes of play was very exciting, until the local boys handed the puck to their opponents' net, making the score at full time 3 to 2 in Appin's favor. Stuart Finlayson refereed.

Another very interesting game of hockey was played at Dorchester, between the Belmont Stars and the Dorchester team, resulting in a victory for the Dorchester team by 2 to 0. Both teams played well from start to finish. The Dorchester team scored the first goal after ten minutes play. William Cline and Claude Sinclair scored the two goals for Belmont. Mr. Robbie Second scored the only goal for Dorchester, while Edwards, Belmont's goaltender, kept Dorchester's score down. After the game a very dainty supper was served. Belmont's team was greatly weakened by the absence of Ernest Fitchett.

New York March 15.—The St. Nicholas link management has arranged for the Victoria hockey team of Montreal to play a game in this city on March 24. The Canadian series which won the championship of the C. A. H. L., will meet an All-New York team that night, consisting of a team picked from the five clubs in the Amateur Hockey League.

ANNOUNCEMENT WAS NOTHING BUT A BLUFF

San Francisco, Cal., March 15.—It became known in sporting circles today that the announcement of Manager Coffroth that he made a match between Jabex White, the back-number Briton, and Jimmy Britt was a little fiction designed to bring Battling Nelson to Britt's terms in regard to the division of the purse in their proposed fight. White and Britt have not been matched, and if they are the public will not support the fight. There has been some correspondence on the subject, but that is all. Nelson learned some time ago that Britt had a private arrangement with Coffroth, by which he secured 10 per cent of the fight proceeds, win or lose. Nelson demands similar treatment. He is willing to box for 65 per cent of the gate and divide the proceeds any way that Britt desires, even winner take all. In addition he will make a side bet as large as Britt will cover. Coffroth and Britt have labored hard with Nelson to make him accept their plan. As they were still negotiating today it is certain that the White story was without foundation.

BRITISHERS WIN FIRST DAY'S PLAY

Gain a Decided Advantage Over the Americans in International Tourney.

Boston, March 15.—When the first day's play of the international checker tournament, in which Americans are pitted against British players, was concluded tonight, the visitors had a decided advantage, having won nine games, while the Americans were victorious in but three. Twenty-eight games were drawn. The tournament, the first of its kind in America, was held in the banquet-room of the American House, British and American flags were entwined over the heads of the players, and streamers of red, white and blue, strung across the room. During the afternoon the American players held their own, scoring in twenty games played, but never broke with present and past champions of England and Scotland, five men from each of these countries making up the visiting entries, as the best of the Metropolitan aroused the most interest was between G. F. Horro, of Buffalo, and Robt. Stewart, for the past five years champion of the world.

In order that original plays might be developed the "two move restriction" system was adopted. By this method the two moves, which are restricted to certain portions of the board, are decided by lot, thereby leaving to chance the advantage of the man who plays the first move. The British team is composed of five players, probably the best in the world, a combination that the two countries can jointly produce. They include the following:

England.—A. Jordan, London; A. Hynd, Manchester; H. Merrill, Liverpool; W. Halliwell, Durdinfield; W. Gardner, Leeds. Scotland.—J. Macdonald, Edinburgh; R. Stewart, Jun., Blairadam; J. Ferrie and G. Buchanan, Glasgow; H. Henderson, Muirkirk.

THE RING.

A CUTTING SCRAPE. New Orleans, March 15.—There was a cutting scrape at the City Park today about noon, in which Jockey Shea was cut and slashed in dozen places by Jockey McCauley during a fight at the stables of Max Koffler, by whom both boys were employed. Shea fled before the fight was over, and was taken to the Charity Hospital. McCauley was arrested. He was ruled off by the officials for his part in the affair.

A TAME SCRAP.

Detroit, Mich., March 15.—"Gus" Gardner, of Philadelphia, got the decision over George McFadden, of New York, here last night after fifteen tamerounds.

BOUTS AT TORONTO.

It is likely that there will be a large entry list from Hamilton at the ninth annual boxing and wrestling championships of Canada, to be held in Toronto under the auspices of the Argonaut Rowing Club, on April 20 and 21. The prizes will be: champion, 2-year-old pacer, and the runner-up will get a silver medal. The classes are as follows: Bantam, 105 pounds and under; feather, 125 and under; special, 125 and under; light, 125 and under; welter, 145 and under; middle, 158 and under; heavy, no limit. Weight in at prestige. Entry blanks and all further information will be gladly furnished on application to Joseph Wright, secretary of the tournament committee.

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GREAT GOTCH IS DOWNED BY JENKINS

New York, March 15.—Tom Jenkins, of Cleveland, O., defeated Frank Gotch, of Humboldt, Iowa, in their wrestling match here tonight. The contest was a catch-as-catch-can, and Jenkins secured the first fall with a half-Nelson-and-bar hold in 19 minutes and 34 seconds. The second fall was won by Gotch with a bar-lock-and-neck hold in 6 minutes and 47 seconds. The third fall went to Jenkins with a crotch hold in 11 minutes and 10 seconds.

FAVORITES HAVE THEIR DAY AT NEW ORLEANS

Yesterday was a day for the favorites at New Orleans, five of the seven events on the card being taken by them. The defeated ones were McWilliams in the first race and Inquisitive Girl in the sixth. Inquisitive Girl did not even get a place, finishing among the "alsos," while McWilliams just succeeded in getting in the money. Martin's strongest finish was required to land Spencerian in front of Old Stone at the end of the handicap. Maltster just lasted long enough to win the sixth race. On the turn Knowledge, W. Robbins up, crowded Inquisitive Girl and cut her off. The boy was set down for the remainder of the meeting.

FASTEST ENTERED IN BIG HANDICAP

List for Metropolitan Includes Some of the Best of the Nags.

Forty-three entries have been received for the Metropolitan handicap, which will be run May 4, the opening day of the new Belmont Park track, at Queen's, L. I. Although not as strong numerically as in previous years, the list includes the cream of the horses in training in this section.

Hermis, Beldame, Irish Lad, Stalwart, Ort Wells, Delhi, Sysonby, and Artful are among the entries. In that number is represented the best among the thoroughbreds of America. Possibly no country in the world could furnish a faster octet for a mile race than one made up of the horses named. Certainly the early English handicaps do not begin to compare with it in point of class. What the field of starters will actually develop is of course, problematical, but no circumstances existing this year point to any "complimentary entries" as the horses of the Metropolitan eligibles have in some years been characterized.

The entries follow: Marjoras, 4; Santa Catalina, 3; Bohemia, 3; Beldame, 1; Lord of the Vale, 3; Wotan, 4; Ort Wells, 4; Chieftain, 3; Rose of Dawn, 3; Irish Lad, 5; Knight Errant, 4; Sir Briller, 3; Martinus, 5; Kahanian, 3; Bedouin, 3; Jacquin, 4; Roseben, 4; Delhi, 4; Israelite, 4; Little Elm, 4; Merry Lark, 3; Abdell, 4; Slight, 3; Coy Maid, 3; Incantation, 3; Lord Badge, 6; Goldsmith, 6; Ormonde's Right, 4; Wood-saw, 3; Race King, 4; First Mason, 5; Colonial Girl, 6; Baker Waters, 5; Hermis, 6; Stalwart, 4; St. Belene, 3; Tan-y-3; Artful, 3; Dolly Spanker, 4; Mont-treson, 4; Leonidas, 4.

THE TURF.

FORMER CHAMPION DROPS DEAD. New York, March 15.—Direct, 2-year-old, formerly champion pacer, paid by the heart at East View Farm, Jas. Burns' place, died today. The stallion was valued at about \$50,000 and was the sire of Directly, 2-year-old, and Direct Hal, 2-year-old. Directly is still the world's champion 2-year-old pacer. Sixty of Direct's get are credited with standard records, 21 of them under 2:15. Direct was sired by Director and was a trotter and at the age of 6 years became a pacer, winning about \$14,000 in paces. His heat of 2:08 is still the world's high-wheel sulky record.

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS.

At New Orleans—Bullfinch, Whorlbert, Homestead, Spencerian, Malediction, Maltster, Leonard, Joe Hayman.

EASTERN MEETING FOR NEXT WEEK

Championship Schedule Shows That Season Will Open Thursday, April 27.

New York, March 15.—Final touches have been put on the Eastern League baseball schedule, and it is all ready for presentation to the league delegates when they assemble at the Victoria Hotel, New York, next week. A special committee, composed of President P. T. Powers and Managers Burnham and Hanlon, of the Newark and Baltimore Clubs respectively, prepared the dates and have all the plums ready for distribution. The season will begin Thursday, April 27.

Other subjects that will receive consideration at the hands of the delegates will be the proposed acceptance of the new draft plan proposed by the National Commission, composed of the National and American Leagues, and which was selected by Counsel Howard Griffiths, of the National Board, recently, and the mooted question of supplying P. T. Powers, president of the Eastern League. Since Ban Johnson renewed his draft proposition to the minors, through the solicitation of President Powers, the latter and Griffiths have been on the outs, and there is said to be considerable opposition developed against Powers' regime. Griffiths is now on the Pacific coast, where he has been working up the alliance of the class A leagues of the association, and is expected back in New York in time for the Eastern League meeting.

The much-discussed question of replacing the Montreal and Rochester teams with clubs located at Harrisburg, Pa., and Wilmington, Del., is not given credence in Eastern League circles. Whether both Rochester and Montreal lose money last year, they have taken a new lease of life, and with strong financial backing are prepared for an active season ahead. There has been some flutter at Harrisburg recently over the likelihood of dropping out of the Tri-State circuit, and a desire has been expressed by the owners of that club to enter the Eastern League if an opportunity were offered. However, the Eastern League officials are perfectly satisfied to continue another year under the present arrangement of clubs.

In connection with these rumors there is also some talk of the Paterson Club, of the Hudson River League, joining the Eastern League, and this is also viewed in a similar light with Harrisburg and Wilmington.

THE GUN.

A SHOT AT MAPLETON. Belmont, Mapleton and Gladstone shot bluebirds at Mapleton on Saturday.

BASEBALL.

THE PERRIN BASEBALL TEAM has signified their sincerity to enter the City League by posting their forfeit with Secretary Tyler.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR OLD BOYS.

Messrs. Bert Shreer and J. W. Smith have been appointed representatives of the City Baseball League on the sports committee for the Old Boys reunion.

SOAK ON LONDON.

Brantford Examiner: London doesn't exactly care about the big baseball scheme for Western Ontario, and no representatives from that city may attend the meeting in Brantford on the 21st inst. It seems that their own little city league in London presents enough excitement for the local sports fans this season. Further, the London Free Press hints at baseball approaching Eastern League for London, which is a chance to get a game for something really worth while. London fondles the city league. It looks very much as if London were down and out, far as sport is concerned, anyway.

Great Commando Dead

Lexington, Ky., March 15.—James R. Keene's great racer, Commando, by Domino, out of Enroda C. by Dan's S. foaled 1888, died at the Castleton stud here at 3 o'clock on Tuesday. It is supposed the animal died from lockjaw, which was superinduced by an injury to his foot. The whole racing community here regard the loss of Commando as a blow to the breeding interests of Kentucky.

Domino, the sire of Commando, died seven years ago, as he was about to begin his third season at the stud. Commando follows in his footsteps. Commando's winnings on the turf were nearly \$60,000. It was impossible to breed an outside mare to the horse as Mr. Keene reserved him for his own mares.

Commando was considered by expert turfmen one of the best race horses seen in many years. In the Matron stakes, at Morris Park, in October of 1900, Henry Spencer's bad ride cost Mr. Keene the value of the stake, and at a meeting of the stewards of the Jockey Club two weeks later the Jockey's license was revoked.

The only other time Commando was beaten was in the Realization of 1901, won by R. T. Wilson, Jun., The Parader. Commando had shown evidence of unsoundness two weeks before the race, and he ran suffering from a wounded heel. Probably Commando's best race was when he won the Carlton at Gravesend. He carried 125 pounds and conceded 15 pounds to Blues; Commando won with ridiculous ease, running the mile over the circular track in 1:39 2-5, a feat never equaled.

Commando has been two years at the stud, and in Mr. Keene's stable at the Coney Island Jockey Club track there are seven 2-year-olds by him, while S. W. Street has one in the west. One of the colts is a half-brother to Hamburg and another is half-brother to Cap and Bells, which won the Oaks in England in 1901.

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