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THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL

BY BARONESS ORCZY.

(Continued.)

"I have been down to the shore already," he said, "and had a talk to one or two skippers. It is quite impossible to set out tonight, so every sailor assures me. No one," he added, looking significantly at Marguerite, "no one could possibly put out of Dover tonight."

Marguerite at once understood what he meant. No one included Chauvelin as well as herself. She nodded pleasantly to Jollyband.

"Well, then, I must resign myself," she said to him. "Have you a room for me?"

"Oh, yes, your ladyship. A nice, bright room. I'll see to it at once. And there is another one for Sir Andrew—both quite ready."

"That's brave now, mine honest Jolly," said Sir Andrew, gaily, and clapping his worthy host vigorously on the back. "You unlock both these rooms and leave our trunks here on the dresser. I vote you go to bed with sleep, and your ladyship must have some supper before she retires."

"There have no fear, friend of the ruffin! contentment her ladyship's wait, though at this unusual hour is a great honour to thy house, and Sir Percy Blakeney will reward the doer, if thou canst see well to her privacy and comfort."

Sir Andrew had no doubt guessed the many conflicting doubts and fears which were in Jollyband's mind, and, as he was a gallant gentleman, he tried by this brave hint to allay some of the worthy innkeeper's suspicions. He had the satisfaction of seeing that he partly succeeded. Jollyband's rubicund countenance brightened somewhat, at mention of Sir Percy's name.

"I'll go and see to it at once sir," he said with alacrity, and with less frigidity in his manner. "Has her ladyship everything she wants for supper?"

"Everything, thanks, honest friend, and as I am famished and dead with fatigue, I pray you set to in the kitchen."

"Now tell me," she said eagerly, as soon as Jollyband had gone from the room, "tell me all your news."

"There is nothing else much to tell you, Lady Blakeney," replied the young man. "The storm makes it quite impossible for any vessel to put out of Dover this tide. But, what seems to you at first a terrible calamity, is really a blessing in disguise. If we cannot cross over to France to-night, Chauvelin is in the same quandary."

"He may have left before the storm broke out."

"God grant he may," said Sir Andrew, merrily, "for very likely he'll have been driven out of his house! Who knows? He may now even be lying at the bottom of the sea, for there is a furious storm raging, and it will fall ill with all small craft which happen to be out. But I fear we cannot build our hopes upon the slight chance of that cunning devil, and of all his murderous plans. The sailors I spoke to, all assured me that no schooner had left out of Dover for several hours: on the other hand, I ascertained that a stranger had arrived by coach this afternoon, and had, like myself, made some inquiries about crossing over to France."

"Undoubtedly, then, I go away," he said, and ran my sword through him! That were indeed the quickest way out of the difficulty."

"No!" Sir Andrew, do not jest! Alas! I have often since last night caught myself wishing for that fiend's death. But what you suggest is impossible! The laws of this country do not permit of murder! It is only in our beautiful France that wholesale slaughter is done lawfully, in the name of Liberty and of brotherly love."

Sir Andrew had persuaded her to sit down to the table, and to partake of some supper, and to drink a little wine. This enforced rest of at least twelve hours, until the next tide, was sure to be terribly difficult to bear in the state of intense excitement in which she was. Obedient to these small matters like a child, Marguerite tried to eat and drink.

Sir Andrew, with that profound sympathy born in all those who are in love, made her almost happy by talking to her about her husband. He recounted to her some of the dating exploits the brave Scarlet Pimpernel had contrived for the poor French fugitives, whom a relentless and

bloody revolution was driving out of their country. He made her eyes glow with enthusiasm by telling her of the bravery, his ingenuity, his resourcefulness, when it meant matching the lives of men, women and even children from beneath the very edge of that murderous, ever-ready guillotine.

He even made her smile quite merrily by telling her of the Scarlet Pimpernel's quaint and many disguises, through which he had baffled the strictest watch set against him at the barricades of Paris.

This last time, the escape of the Comtesse de Tourlaville and her children had been a veritable masterpiece—Blakeney described as a hideous old market-woman, in filthy cap and straggling grey locks, was a sight fit to make the gods laugh.

Marguerite laughed heartily as Sir Andrew tried to describe Blakeney's appearance, whose gravest difficulty always consisted in his great height, which in France made him doubly difficult.

This an hour wore on. There were many more to spend in enforced inactivity in Dover. Marguerite rose from the table with an impatient sigh. She looked toward the open air, and the night in the bed upstairs, with terribly anxious thoughts to keep her company, and the howling of the storm to help chase sleep away.

She remembered where Percy was now. The Day Dream was a strong, well-built, sea-going yacht. Sir Andrew had expressed the opinion that no doubt she had got in the lee of the wind before the storm broke out or else perhaps had not ventured into the open at all, but was lying quietly at Gravesend.

Briggs was an expert skipper, and Sir Percy handled a schooner as well as a master-mechanic. There was no danger for them from the storm.

It was long past midnight when at last Marguerite retired to rest. As she had feared, sleep sedulously avoided her eyes. Her thoughts were of the blockade during these long weary hours, which that incessant storm raged which was keeping her away from Percy. The sound of the distant sea was made her heart ache with melancholy. She was in the mood of the sea has a saddening effect upon the nerves. It is only when we are very happy, that we can bear to gaze merely upon the vast and limitless expanse of water, rolling on and on with such persistence, tripping monotonously to the accompaniment of our thoughts, whether grave or gay. When they are gay, the waves echo their merriment, but when they are sad, they every breaker, as it rolls, seems to bring additional sadness, and to speak to us of hopelessness and of the pettiness of all our joys.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Calais.

The weariest nights, the longest days, sooner or later must perform some of an end.

Marguerite had spent over fifteen hours in such acute mental torture as well-nigh drove her crazy. After a sleepless night, she rose early, wild with excitement, dying to start on her journey, terrified lest further obstacles lay in her way. She rose before anyone else in the house was astir, so frightened was she, lest she should miss the one golden opportunity of making a start.

When she came down stairs she found Sir Andrew Ffoulkes sitting in the coffee-room. He had been out half an hour earlier, and had gone to the Admiralty Pier, only to find that neither the French packet nor any privately chartered vessel could put out of Dover yet. The storm was then at its fullest, and the tide was on the turn. If the wind did not abate or change, they would have to wait another ten or twelve hours until the next tide, before a start could be made. And the storm had not abated, the wind had not changed, and the tide was rapidly drawing out.

Marguerite felt the sickness of despair when she heard this melancholy news. Only the most firm resolution kept her from totally breaking down, and thus adding to the young man's anxiety, which evidently had become very keen.

Though he tried to disguise it, Marguerite could see that Sir Andrew was just as nervous as she was to reach his comrade and friend. This enforced inactivity was terrible to them both.

How they spent that wearisome day at Dover, Marguerite could never afterwards say. She was in terror of showing her

CANON RICHARDSON CHOSEN AS THE COADJUTOR BISHOP

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 3.—At 2.30 o'clock this morning, after the synod had been in session for twelve hours, Canon Richardson was elected co-adjutor bishop of the diocese of Fredericton. A decision was not reached until the eleventh ballot had been cast when thirty-five clergy and forty-five laity, making a total of eighty-seven, voted for the rector of Trinity church, St. John, and seventeen clergy and thirteen laity, numbering thirty, all, received their ballots for the archdeacon of Woodstock.

When the results were made known there was an outburst of applause in which a number of ladies, who were present, joined.

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F. BLAKE CROFTON GIVES UP OFFICE

Provincial Librarian of Nova Scotia Was Superannuated by the Government on Saturday.

(Halifax Chronicle).

F. Blake Crofton, who has been provincial librarian since January 1st, 1883, retired from office on Saturday. At the last session of the legislature an act was passed providing for Mr. Crofton's superannuation, as he had intimated that it was his intention to relinquish the office.

In addition to his duties as librarian, he was for about seventeen years secretary of the Nova Scotia Historical Society. Mr. Crofton has also found opportunity for much literary work of real merit. In 1887 he was made one of the vice-presidents of the second International Library Conference held at Guildhall, London. At that conference he read by request a paper of a humorous nature. His reputation as an author has been for some time assured. He is one of the vice-presidents of the Canadian Society of Authors for the Nova Scotia division. His publications include: The Revolted Quakers, 1875; The Major's Big-Talk Stories, 1881; Humberd's Recipes of Major Mordaunt, 1888; For Glee Union, 1897; Is It Too Late? (a pamphlet published by the Imperial Federation Committee of London), 1900; Sombre Tints, 1904. Mr. Crofton has also contributed to many Canadian and American reviews. Mr. Crofton will continue to reside in Nova Scotia, though he serves his official connection with the library. Miss Annie E. Donohoe, who has been the popular and obliging assistant librarian for some time, has been appointed acting librarian by the government, pending a permanent selection.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lannon left yesterday for Boston, New York and Bagdad.

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Toronto, Oct. 2.—When the insurance commission resumed today C. A. Masten, representing the Bank of Nova Scotia, submitted a long legal argument raising the question of the jurisdiction of the commission in regard to the production of the books and accounts of the bank in which George W. Fowler is concerned.

Mr. Masten said Mr. Fowler was not in town, and the bank had not been able to communicate with him to learn whether there is any arrangement possible by which he would consent. Under the circumstances the Bank of Nova Scotia had no alternative but to submit to the commission what they were advised is their legal position in the matter.

Mr. Masten contended that the commission being engaged in the investigation of the investment of funds of the I. O. F. and other allied questions, could not go into the private affairs of the Okanagan Lumber Company, a separate and independent entity. The Union Trust Company, he admitted, was in some measure a subsidiary of the I. O. F. for investment of their funds and the affairs of that company had been investigated in some degree and to some extent so far as they appear to affect the funds of the Foresters, after that there was a second subsidiary corporation known as the Kamloops Lumber Company, the nature of the relations of which to the Union Trust Company he had not been advised.

G. W. Shepley, K. C., for the government argued that the fact remained that monies belonging to the I. O. F. had been entrusted in the hands of a creature of the I. O. F., the Union Trust Company; by hands of the Union Trust Company those funds had found their way through

the hands of the Kamloops Lumber Company into the hands of the Okanagan Lumber Company, and from the Okanagan Lumber Company they reached the hands of George W. Fowler and thence into the Bank of Nova Scotia. Early in the enquiry the principle had been laid down that every dollar belonging to the I. O. F. would be followed, no matter into what channel it went, in order that the commission might find out whether any part of it had been wasted or frittered away. That enquiry was germane to the accounts and books in the hands of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and unless the commission abandoned the principle, which has underlaid the enquiry from the beginning the examination of the books and documents in question must be proceeded with.