

The Coming of The King.

BY JOSEPH HOCKING. Author of "All Men Are Liars," "The Flame of Fire," Etc.

CHAPTER XXII—Continued.

These words I have written down from memory, and although they may not be the exact words spoken, they give the sense of what was said. She did not speak in answer to this, whereupon someone whispered to the justice who had spoken, who shook his head impatiently. "There is a man who had been writing, lifted his head and said— "Your name is Constance." "Yes." "You were born on the 29th of June, 1860." "You will then be twenty on your next birthday?" "Yes." "At this there was a suppressed whisper around the justice house. Just as I thought, "Beautiful, isn't she?" "Fancy that at that age," and so on. "On the 15th of January you were wedded to Sir Charles Denman?" "At that she did not speak." "You must answer the question," said the chief justice. "I saw a look of terror pass across her face. Her hands clenched and unclenched themselves, while a crimson flush suffused her whole face. "What have these questions to do with the crime of which I am accused?" she asked. "It is well known who I am. Moreover, there are certain questions which are painful, and which I have thought to be asked with the crime of which I am believed to be guilty. Therefore be pleased to pass them over." "One might have thought she commanded the court, although she spoke in a low voice, and in a perfectly womanly way. I believe moreover that the principal justice would have asked her these questions, but the chief justice insisted upon them. "These are according to law, Sir William," he said, "and must be answered." "You hear what the clerk says," replied the justice. "I repeat the question," said the clerk. "You were married, were you not, on the 15th day of January, to Sir Charles Denman?" "She drew herself up as if to speak, but no words escaped her lips. "How beautiful the thought of the marriage to be! I thought to myself, and my heart was full of joy at the thought of it. "At this moment there was a great confusion in the court, and I saw that all eyes turned towards the door. "Master John Leslie!" he whispered all over the place. "A man past prime made his way towards the bench, and I saw at a glance that he must be related to Mistress Constance. He had the same cast of features and although there were signs of weakness in his face which did not appear on that of his daughter, he was a man of noble appearance. "I pray you to forgive my tardiness," Sir William," he said, nodding to the chief justice, "but it was far past midnight when she was brought to me in London that my daughter was to be brought before you today. Since that I have ridden without ceasing so as to be here in time for the trial. "I thought then that this man would do his daughter harm rather than good by appearing in this way, for I saw looks of anger and dislike pass across the face of some of the justices. "Your presence is of no great importance, Master Leslie," said the justice drily, "and it seems a pity that you have journeyed all the way from London for my sake. Besides, the justice who is to try your daughter married Sir Charles Denman, and I think she can answer it as well as you." "I saw the eyes of father and daughter meet, and as far as I could judge she seemed to wish him to be silent, but of this I was not sure. I thought, however, that she paid no heed to her wishes, for she turned to the bench with a look of resolution in his eyes. "You have asked whether my daughter is the wife of Sir Charles Denman," he said excitedly. "I will even answer you. She is not." "Father!" "The cry which came from Mistress Constance was as I thought full of pain. "Be silent," cried Master Leslie. "Our God is a God of truth, and I will no longer suffer a falsehood to be believed." "Whose wife is she then?" "She is no man's wife." "There was a silence like unto the silence of death in the room as she spoke, every one there seeming to be afraid to breathe. "I speak the truth, Sir William," went on Master Leslie. "As you know I am not a man to utter light words. That you have had occasion to say more than once as we have sat side by side in this Chapel of Here, the justice hall of Bedford. So you may take that down, Master Cobb!"—this to the clerk of the peace—"For what I have told you is the truth." "I looked at Mistress Constance's face again as he spoke, and for the first time I saw fear in her eyes. She evidently dreaded something which was of a fearful nature, and I sorely pitied her. Yet was my heart filled with such a joy as I had never known before. In truth it seemed to me that a great burden had rolled from my life, for it was no longer a sin to love her. I no longer hated Sir Charles Denman as I hated him before, even although my mind was filled with a great wrong at the mention of his name. "I could see that the presiding magistrate was so astonished that he could not speak, while Master Cobb, the clerk of the peace, seemed busy writing, only to scratch out what he had written. "I pray you, Master Leslie," went on Sir William Franklin, the presiding magistrate, "to speak plainly on this matter. You say that this woman is not the wife of Sir Charles Denman, and that she is no man's wife. Do you also say that it is not she who hath attempted the life of General Monk?" "I do say it, Sir William; she hath st-

tempted no man's life, and is innocent of the whole matter as a babe but last night born. "I saw that he was much excited, and that because of it he forgot much of the usual formalities of asking questions. He judged too that Master Cobb, seemed to be hesitating between his desire to conduct the affair after the usual order, and his great curiosity concerning what Master Leslie was saying. "What you Sir William will come with me for a moment, I will explain all these matters to you," said Master Leslie, whereupon the other justices protested, declaring that such was not the law of our land. So Sir William had to concede that which was evidently against his desire to the brother justices. "What's said must be said in the open court," he said. Then realizing that he had been conducting the affair in an unusual way he went on— "Moreover, it is not you who are at present under examination. If you doubt the evidence after the prisoner hath been examined I will allow you to do so." "Then let me say this," said Master Leslie, "whatever my daughter may deny or whatever she may refuse to tell, I shall not take a straight course and tell everything which appertaineth to this business. "Upon that Master Leslie took a seat as near to his daughter as he was able, while Master Cobb evidently relieved that events were to take a lawful course again, prepared to ask questions. "Again I looked around this little white-washed hall, and looked at the eager faces of the crowd. I have been told that many trials of note had taken place in this Chapel of Here, which was a building associated with the Grammar School, and used as a justice court, but I doubt if ever one caused more eagerness than that in which we were now engaged. "I have asked you whether you were married to Sir Charles Denman. Will you answer?" "My father hath told you. There is, therefore, no need for me to do so." "But it is necessary you should. Please tell the bench." "No, I have never married him." "Are you guilty or not guilty of attempting the life of General Monk?" "She looked at her father before replying, and reading in his face the resolution to tell everything she replied— "I am not guilty." "But you were seen in his house, you wounded his secretary." "That is not true." "What evidence have you whereby you can prove your innocence?" "I can prove that I was not in London at all at that time." "Where were you then?" "I can answer that when I am brought before a proper tribunal." "Do you assert that this is not a proper tribunal?" "Yes. If it were, my accuser should be here to accuse me. You have no right to try me here at all." "At this there was some discussion, and I believe that Master Cobb maintained that it was the duty of the justices to detain her until she was formally charged by her accusers, but they were too curious to allow her to say one word on the trial. "You say you can prove that you were not in London at the time of the attempted murder?" "Where were you at the time?" "Answer, answer," said Master Leslie eagerly. "I was in my father's house at Barnet." "You say you can prove this?" "I can prove it, Sir William, for I was myself there at the time. Also there were servants who can take oath to it." "This was spoken by Master Leslie eagerly. "Then how came you to be accused of this crime?" "A great fear came into her eyes again. She looked towards her father pleadingly. "At this Master Leslie spoke again. "I have more than one daughter, Sir William, and if this girl is to be fastened on one of them, it must be fastened upon my daughter Dorcas, who married Sir Charles Denman, and who lived in London. This, my daughter here, knew naught of the outrage until after it was committed." "But General Monk's secretary heard her say she was called Constance Denman." "I will explain that, although, as my daughter says, this is not the proper tribunal for her to be judged, but I will tell the truth so that you may see that you do wrong by detaining her as a prisoner. My daughter Dorcas is the wife of Sir Charles Denman as I have said. God hath blessed her, and she hath borne me a son, a man of mind which he hath been pleased to give to my daughter here, and she became the slave of the man she married. It was her husband who commanded her to make it known that she was called Constance. Then, and here Master Leslie's voice became tremulous, "after she had escaped, my daughter Constance, who hath been unjustly imprisoned, in order to save her sister, so great is her love for her, assisted her to keep in secret hiding, and even appeared with Sir Charles Denman as his wife, in order to attract all suspicion upon herself, and save her sister." "There was a silence which could almost be felt as he said this, and I saw that the face of Mistress Constance was pale, as if with fear and shame. "Thus my daughter here is guilty of naught save of a great and overmastering love for her sister," went on Master Leslie. "To save her she hath allowed herself to be hunted like a fox, to save her she hath travelled alone with her sister's husband." "The place had ceased to be a court of justice, and there was scarcely a man there but who forgot that naught was being conducted as the law provided. "By this means she hath succeeded up to now in diverting attention from her-

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PARRSBORO.

Parrsboro, N. S., Sept. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. John, of Pettedisco, have been making a short visit at the home of Mrs. O. L. Price. Miss Avena McLeod, who has been vice-principal of our public school, has accepted a position in Rochester (N. Y.) and left on Friday to take up her work, followed by the best wishes of her large circle of friends. Mrs. Band and Miss May Jenks returned on Thursday from Truro, where they have been attending the Baptist convention and visiting friends. Mr. E. B. Newcomb has been spending a short time in Amherst and returned on Thursday. Mrs. Mrs. West, of DeLhaven, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. D. D. Layton. Miss Lizzie Dyer returned from Amherst on Wednesday and will spend a few days at home. Mr. J. Parsons and wife, of Halifax, with their parents, Mrs. Hickman, of Wolfville, spent Sunday in town. Miss May Jenks entertained a number of her young friends at tea on Saturday. Mrs. Young and Miss O'Brien, who have been visiting at the parsonage, left for their home in St. George on Monday. Mrs. H. C. Jenks was at home for a few days on Saturday. A pleasant time was spent in innocent recreation, the guests returning to their homes at an early hour. Miss Nellie Lyons and Miss Alice Smith have taken charge of their respective schools, the former at Diligent River and the latter at Warren. Mr. Henry Emmerston returned to his home in Dorchester on Monday. Mrs. Layton Jenks and wife, of Boston, spent Sunday with friends in town. Miss Beatrice Fullerton entertained the tennis clubs at her home in Prospect on Friday evening. About fifty were present and enjoyed themselves during the evening. Dancing was indulged in by some in the house, and games and pastimes by others on the lawn, which was brilliantly lighted by Chinese lanterns and colored lights. The company returned to their homes at a seasonable hour, promising the occasion a most delightful one. Mrs. Stewart, of Boston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. Newcomb, returning on Friday. Mrs. James Allen, who has been visiting friends at Port Greenville, has returned to her home. Mrs. H. H. Archibald, of Bridgewater, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Corbett. Mrs. McKenzie, of Advocate, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Tucker. Mrs. B. L. Tucker and Mrs. Lenghead are guests at Broderick's Hotel, Five Islands. Mrs. Town of Sackville, is visiting her friend, Miss Dickinson. Mrs. Pulsifer is visiting friends in Springfield and Amherst. Mrs. Talbot, much to the regret of her many friends, is to take up her abode in River Heber, leaving today for her new home. Mrs. Reed, of Wolfville, is the guest of Miss Evangeline Ayer. Mrs. Gogge and Miss White, of St. John, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Henderson. D. J. Taylor spent a few days in Amherst, returning on Wednesday. Mr. Doane, Mr. Matyer, of Bermuda, and Mr. Severy and wife are guests at the Methodist parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Alkman have been in Halifax attending the meeting of the grand. Dr. D. Layton went to Amherst on Monday, returning on Wednesday, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Abbie. Miss Nellie Gillespie, of New York, is at home visiting her parents. Miss Nettie is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Copp. Miss M. G. Conner (N. H.), is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mills. Rev. W. H. Dyer, who has been visiting for a few weeks with his friends, has returned to his home in Wolfville (Mass.). Mr. T. M. Fraser, of the Halifax Chronicle staff, with his bride, spent a few

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MOTHER OF REV. G. OSBORNE TROOP DEAD

Montreal, Sept. 5.—(Special)—The mother of Rev. G. Osborne Troop died here today at the residence of her son. She was born in Fredricton and was the widow of William Henry Troop, first of the redoubtable Gordon, of Fredricton. She was in her 73rd year. Quiet Holiday at Chatham. Chatham, N. B., Sept. 5.—(Special)—The holiday was quietly observed here. A member of the Council of the Empire, has been appointed minister of the interior and chief of the Russian police in succession of the late Mr. Von Plehve.