

done. They had us in their power for a few minutes and could have wrecked our whole venture. But I parleyed with them. They are my prisoners and I have pledged my honour that they shall not suffer. Besides, you would make a noise in Europe, my Captain. And that would be fatal, just now."

The mountaineer frowned. It was annoying to be forbidden to hang his enemies.

"My men will be enraged. They have long scores to settle," he protested.

"You will make them wait," responded Count Sergius. "You can tell them, from me, that it will not be long before we square accounts with Austria. But meanwhile, as touching these poor slaves, who have but tried to do their masters' bidding," (in the eyes of the mountaineers, this was bitterest of contumely), "you understand well that my private honour is in your hands, Captain. I look to you to guard it, when I leave."

"What must be, must be!" sighed the mountaineer with deep reluctance.

"You will hold them, Captain, for twenty-four hours and then send them back uninjured, unmisused in any way, to Durventa?" insisted Sergius.

"You have my word. They shall be counted as your children—till the next time we meet them!"

"Thank you!" said the Count and held out his hand. The mountaineer grasped it.

"You will be safe with this gentleman," Count Sergius turned to the Austrian leader.

"Yes, I know!" grunted the man sayagely. He turned his furious little blue eyes for one moment full upon the mountaineer's face and his heavy mouth worked as if he were about to burst forth with curses. Then he spat scornfully on the ground and fell to studying the tree-tops.

"And now, Captain Stephan, let me present my dear friends—our true friends and allies—Captain Andrews and Mr. Wesley Carver. My friend, Ivan Petrovich, you already know."

"And I know all about Mr. Carver and Captain Andrews. In the name of our Holy Servia, I thank and bless them!" cried the mountaineer, his fierce face breaking into smiles of ardent welcome. "What time did you leave the Black Mountain? And why so much sooner than Gregory expected?" he asked Andrews.

"We left at a few hours' notice, because of a warning that reached us from Belgrade. We started just after midnight. We're ravenous, Captain Stephan. I could eat an ox, if you happen to have one about you."

Count Sergius and Carver, meanwhile, had gone off with two of the Bosnians to the edge of the woods to get the hidden petrol.

"You've not breakfasted, then?" exclaimed Stephan.

"No, indeed, Captain!" responded Andrews enthusiastically. "But we're most open to an invitation, if you're so good as to think of inviting us. Besides, here under your care is the only place, this side of a thousand feet up, where we could feel safe."

The mountaineer laughed sympathetically. The big Englishman seemed to make nothing of running a hundred leagues of air and dropping down out of the sky for either a battle or a breakfast. This attitude was much to Captain Stephan's taste. He gave quick orders to certain of his men and two of them set off for the woods at a run, while others busied themselves about the fires. Sergius and Carver were just coming up with the petrol.

"Gentlemen, you are to have breakfast with me before you go any farther," said he. "Captain Andrews has accepted for you."

"With all my heart!" exclaimed Sergius; while the American hurried over to examine the biplane's motor. He had been consumed with curiosity as to what Andrews had done to it so quickly while in the air.

(To be continued.)

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