

September.

(Written for The Catholic Bulletin by Dr. James Henderson.)

Low hung thy golden suns, September, Like mighty censers swung late in the afternoon Till luscious haze o'erspreading all the ways, If we remember, mind again of June. Lo! on the hills are resting winds outblown In cave and glen; a spell they rest them there And in the quiet hush of even, September, Each day nearer, lower down When even reaches for Sol's golden urn And shadows chill are on the world again, Thus, round and revel of the muted year Brings us into touch another spell: Thus bud and blossom in the chalice brew September, we faint would draw us near And quaff as golden suns their censers swing And embers of the fallen leaves and sere Must on thy hearth but pale them, And Autumn's hopes are crushed and rudely strewn. In any lengthened shades in quiet repose Brilliant dyes; pigment of the frost-sprites for the painting! Swing low! swing low thy golden suns, September, For soon upon thy world shall pencilled beauty dwell.

The Measure of A Man.

By Anna C. Minogue, in Rosary Magazine

"Convict No. 125" had not stirred from his place. Now, seeing the girl, the Judge by her side, coming in his direction, he was turning away when she raised her crop. His feet were glued to the ground; it was Mollie's old gesture, calling him. They continued to advance until they were a few paces from him, when she paused; and the blood shot like fire through his veins as he saw Mollie standing before him.

"I am sure I am a great deal of bother to you, Judge Brown," she said, "but will you get me a glass of water? The soup was so highly seasoned it has made me thirsty."

The Judge, with another sweeping bow, acknowledged the pleasure it gave him to serve her and hastened to fulfill her commission. Then, looking into the eyes of "No. 125," she said: "Everybody is watching us—I am going to ask you something about the road."

She moved her crop carefully toward where the plowed earth showed blood-red against the grass, and he touched his hat. While the pantomime was being enacted, she was saying: "Larry will wait back in the woods with a horse for you. I will meet you on the Texas border. Then the Rio Grande! Better move on!"

"Mollie! Mollie!" he whispered, softly; then forward to join the gaping crowd, passing on the way Judge Brown, returning with the water.

Pains in the Back

Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys or liver, and are a warning it is extremely hazardous to neglect, so important is a healthy action of these organs. They are commonly attended by loss of energy, lack of courage, and sometimes by gloomy foreboding and dependency.

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Cures kidney and liver troubles, relieves the back, and builds up the whole system. wonder of Mollie's coming. He had seen Mollie! Clever little Mollie! He began to move back into the crowd, for the face of the Deputy had become disconcerting. He concluded that it were better to wait until all had been served. After dinner, when the men would settle down to discuss the matter of the road and the young people were amusing themselves—then he would find his opportunity.

"Come up, my man, and don't be so shy! Those girls won't hurt you!" "No. 125" heard the Deputy addressing the words to him, and they sent him forward to a place at one of the tables. A lovely girl, who seemed to be made up of blue ribbon, smiled upon him as she brought him a bowl of soup. He had no relish for it, but he made a pretense at eating, for somewhere, the Deputy might be watching him. When he escaped from the table he joined a group of young men, and while they talked he planned the best way to reach the wood. It came when he saw the Deputy, with Judge Brown and the others, start towards the road.

As he turned, he encountered one of the convicts. "Say pal, it was some spread, was it not?" he remarked. "Mac's white all the way through. I heard some of the women talking, and they said as how, when the invite came to Mac, he said nixy on the blow-out for him, unless his men could come, too. He's a man's man, is old Mac" and the speaker, who was serving a ten-year term for robbery, moved on.

"No. 125" made a second start, when a woman asked him to bring her a hamper. "There are so many cakes and pies left," she explained, "that we have decided to send them down to the camp for Mr Mac and his men."

"Mac and his men"—the words went singing through his brain, as he obeyed her orders. At last he found himself free to follow his way to the wood where Larry, Mollie's brother was waiting with the fleetest horse to be found in Texas. If any one noticed him, they would know probably he was one of Mac's men.

The thought jerked him up. That was what he called them—men—and treated them as such. And they had proven worthy of his trust. "No. 125" told himself that he would not have betrayed that trust either, had he been guilty. He could see among the shrubs the heads of the horses, and his heart gave a leap. Freedom—Mollie—Mexico! Then he stepped for he seemed to see the face of Deputy Mac. When the men met for supper that night and one was missing? Of course it would be a blow, but he would write and explain. He could now see Larry lying on the grass, and he cursed the weeping in his soul. But for him he would not have had to spend those two years in prison, would not now be running away! But why should he curse the poor fellow! He could not help it. The yellow streak was in him; he only needed the occasion to reveal it. That came when he wounded the sheriff of Pushmataha County, and on his knees begged his friend to save him for his sister's sake.

"No. 125" came to a dead halt. What he intended doing was what Larry had done; he, too, only required the occasion to show himself a coward at heart! Had he not put himself in the place of the boy, offered himself a victim for justice in his stead. And now he was taking his first opportunity to go back on his bargain! His face burned at the thought. Sometime Mollie would learn what was in his soul and cease to care for him! He leaped forward and, catching the sleeping youth by the collar, set him on his feet.

"I am not going with you," he said, slowly and deliberately. "I put myself in your place, you cowardly cur, and I'll serve my time out! Tell Mollie that I will come to her, when I can come as a man, and not as an escaped convict with a price on my head. Tell her I love her more than ever for what she did for me today—that she is worthy of the best there is in me—and she is going to have it. Now, get off—for I don't like the sight of you!"

Larry mounted and galloped off, leading the riderless horse. As he turned back, "No. 125" said—and there was a singular lightness in his heart—"One of your men, Deputy Mac!"

The Kaiser's Changed Opinions

It is interesting to note the change in the state of mind of the Emperor of Germany as manifested by his public utterances. When this war broke out he declared that Germany was fighting for "a place in the sun," and indulged in more or less bombastic predictions of the "glorious successes" to be won by the sword of the Fatherland. This was his mind until after the battle of the Marne when he changed his view and flooded the press of Germany with references to the "mailed fist" and "the shining armour" of the "superman of Prussia," who would "drive their enemies into the sea and win for Germany an empire greater than had been dreamed of. But the Kaiser is climbing down. He talks no longer of German prowess but now adopts the tone of an injured innocent and prates of the awful war that was "forced upon us" by "enemies oblivious of our progress."

In an address delivered at Essen, the seat of the great Krupp industry, he intimates that Germany is willing for peace but that the Allies persist in wishing to continue the struggle. Wilhelm, seemingly, cannot understand why his desires should not be granted. He forgets that he willed the war which for more than four years has drenched the world with blood and set back the progress of civilization for half a century. It suits him not to remember the massacres of innocent non-combatants, the atrocities committed in the name of Kultur at Louvain, the sinking of the Lusitania or the murder of Edith Cavell, all the work of his wearisome Kaiser.

Contrast with the plaint of the Kaiser the simple yet portentous words of the Premier of Great Britain: "There can be no compromise between freedom and tyranny." There speaks the first minister of the nation which will have the final say in the arrangement of peace. When tyranny cases and due reparation is exacted for the crimes committed by Prussianism, when German "kultur" and the doctrine of might has been beaten and crushed to earth and, in the words of President Wilson, the world has been "made safe for democracy" some attention may be paid to the opinions of the Butcher of Berlin but until the end for which Britain drew the sword has been fully attained this war must go on. Berlin is welcome to what comfort she can extract from the present situation. The rest of the world will be satisfied with the assurance of Lloyd George that "nothing but heart failure on the part of the British nation can prevent our achieving a real victory." There will be no premature peace.

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