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THE WEAPONS OF MYSTERY

BY JOSEPH HOCKING.

Author of "All Men are Liars," "Fields of Fair Renown," etc., etc.

(Continued)

"You can do something; you can do something. You can save me from him."

"Oh," I cried, "I know I must appear a pitiful coward to you. It is for me you have placed yourself in this position, while I refuse to try to liberate you from it. If I only could; if I dared! But I am chained on every hand."

"But you are going to brake those chains; you are going to be free; you are going to be happy." Will you give me some hope that, if I should succeed, you will be the wife of such a poor thing as I am?

"Miss Forrest," I said, "do not mock me. My life for days has been a hell. I have had a terrible existence; no light shines in the sky. You cannot think that your words mean to me, or you would not speak them."

"Will you not, for my sake, if not for your own, exert yourself? Will you not think of my happiness a little? Will you not think of the man who is madly in love with you?"

"Miss Forrest," I cried, "you must think I have lost all manhood, all self-respect, when you hear what I say; but the only thing that could make me think of trying to do what is ten thousand times my duty to do, is that you will give me some hope that, if I should succeed, you will be the wife of such a poor thing as I am."

"She looked at me intently. She was very pale, and her eyes shone like stars. Beautiful she looked beyond compare, and so grand, so noble. She was tied down to no conventionalities; whether her pure heart felt her, she followed."

"If you succeed," she said, "it will be your wife."

"But not simply from a feeling of pity," I cried. "I could not let you do that. I have manliness enough for that even yet."

"No," she answered proudly, "but because you are the only man I ever did love."

For a minute I forgot my woes, my pains. No ghostly deed haunted me with its memory, no dark cloud hung in the skies. I felt my step's steps against mine; I felt that her life was given to me. I was no longer alone and desolate; a pure, beautiful woman had trusted me so fully, so truly, that she had given me her life, and earth was heaven."

"Now, Justin," she said, "after a few minutes of happy silence. 'You must stay. Every hour may be precious. God knows how gladly I would be with you, but it must not be. But remember, my hope lies in you, and my love is given to you. God bless you!'"

She went away then and left me; while I, without knowing why, prepared to start for London.

I had a great work to do. I had, if I was to win Gertrude for my wife, to break and crush Voltaire's power over me. I had to find Kaffar, if he was to be found, and that to me was an awful uncertainty, and I had to bring him to Gertrude before the next Christmas Eve.

Away from her the skies were dark again, great heavy weights rested on my heart, and my life seemed clogged. Still her love had served me to do what I otherwise could never have done. It had served me to try, and so, with her warm kisses burning on my lips, I hurried off to the great metropolis without any definite idea why I was going.

CHAPTER XIV.—GOD.

For the next three months I was a atheist! These are easy words to write, but terrible to realize. No one but those who know can tell the terror of a man who has given up belief in an Eternal Goodness, in a living God that cares for man.

I left Yorkshire with some little hope in my heart—the memory of Gertrude's words was with me, cheering me during the long ride; but when once alone in my rooms, nothing but a feeling of utter desolation possessed my heart. The terrible night on the Yorkshire moors came back again, the dark forbidding waters, the ghastly red hand, the gleaming knife, the struggle—all were real. Did I kill him? I did not know. Possibly I was a murderer in fact, if not in thought. I could not bear to think of it. Who can bear to think of having taken away a fellow-creature's life? And he might be lying in Dreamwater Pond even then!

Then there was the terrible spell that

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



TURBANS ARE MUCH WORN WITH DRESSY COSTUMES.

That the turban is not for the tailored suit alone has been proved by this year's Paris fad for evening turbans of swan-down, tulle and fur. This graceful turban has a rounded crown of sable fur and at the side are arranged two willow plumes in rose and brown shades, one plume falling directly over the other to give height to the hat. The brim is an entirely new effect, made of knotted satin ribbon in rose and brown shades, the small twists of the ribbon giving the effect of tiny flowers massed closely together.

CHANCELLOR JONES TELLS OF THE NEEDS OF THE U. N. B.

Speaking at Alumni Meeting Last Night He Shows How Little This Province is Giving for Higher Education—More Money Required and What It is Needed For.

A very interesting meeting of the Alumni Society of the University of New Brunswick was held last evening in the Equity Court room. President W. S. Carter was in the chair. William Brodie acted as secretary in the absence of H. V. Bridges. A committee was appointed to arrange for a dinner of University graduates a year hence. The dinner will be given in St. John under the auspices of St. John members of the Alumni Society. Several other matters of University interest were disposed of.

Chancellor C. G. Jones made a brief and exceedingly forceful and well reasoned address on the needs of the University.

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| Roman Catholic | 21 |
| Methodist | 18 |
| Others | 18 |
| Comparison with the province of Ontario: | |
| New Brunswick—Population, 231,130; revenue, \$3,229,000; university grant, 1907, \$13,844.48. | |
| Ontario—Population, 2,182,947; revenue, \$32,229,000; university grant, 1907, \$1,384,480. | |
| On the basis of population our grant to be as large relatively as that of Ontario should be \$30,000, and on the basis of revenue it should be \$45,000. The new western provinces promise to surpass even Ontario in their generous support of higher education. | |
| The following States are little superior to New Brunswick in population and resources: | |
| Grant. | |
| Colorado | \$400,000 |
| Oklahoma | 100,000 |
| Oregon | 72,000 |
| South Dakota | 136,479 |
| Vermont | 68,000 |
| Washington | 448,871 |
| The following States have less population than New Brunswick: | |
| Grant. | |
| Arizona | \$42,000 |
| Delaware | 40,000 |
| Montana | 225,000 |
| New Mexico | 312,000 |
| North Dakota | 227,372 |
| Utah | 238,788 |
| Needs of the University requiring permanent addition to annual income: | |
| To raise professors' salaries from an average of \$1,250 to an average of \$1,800 each, \$3,150. | |
| To found Chair of English Language and Literature separate from Chair of Modern Languages, \$1,000. | |
| To provide for instruction in Education and History, \$1,000. | |
| To provide an assistant in Mathematics and a Librarian, \$1,000. | |
| Total, \$7,250. | |
| These needs would be largely met by an increase of the provincial grant from \$13,844.48 to \$20,000. | |
| In the year 1829 (eighty years ago) when the population of the province was 90,000 and the annual revenue less than \$300,000, the grant to the University was \$8,844.48. Our population is now 231,130, and our annual revenue over \$1,000,000. If the University grant had increased in proportion to the increase in population it would now be over \$32,000, and if it had increased with the revenue it would be over \$44,000. The student attendance has increased more than seven-fold and the staff of instructors from four to ten. The subjects of instruction are infinitely more complex, requiring large expenditures for laboratory equipment, etc. In 1829 the institution appealed to but one religious denomination. Now it appeals equally to students of all denominations. The present attendance is divided religiously as follows: | |
| Church of England | 39 |
| Baptist | 38 |
| Presbyterians | 38 |
| Captain Donovan, of St. John, is master of the vessel. | |

ST. JOHN SCHOONER TOWED OFF CAPE COD

The J. Arthur Lord Taken in Charge by U. S. Cutter After the Bottom is Pounded Out of Her.

Vineyard Haven, Jan. 8.—The identity of the two-masted schooner which, after pounding her bottom in dangerous proximity to the menacing Stone Horse Shoal, early today, was manned by the crew of the Monomoy Point life saving station and further assisted by the United States revenue cutter Gresham, was learned tonight, when the schooner J. Arthur Lord, St. John (N. B.) for New London, was towed here by the Gresham, looking badly and partly full of water.

The schooner, which was laden with lumber, was coated with ice when she arrived here tonight, and was dead burden all the way from Monomoy Point.

The experiences of the Lord's crew, beginning at 2 o'clock this morning, were such as to render the men incapable of effort to keep the schooner from sinking through working the pumps, as the men on the weather two-master were numbered and weary after their twelve hours' siege.

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HOT SPOT FOR THE EXPRESS COMPANIES

Judge Mabee Says the Railway Commission Has Been Misled and That New Tariff of Express Companies Will be Disallowed Unless it is Withdrawn at Once

Montreal, Jan. 8.—The close of the sittings of the railway commission here in the express rates enquiry this afternoon was marked by a scathing criticism of the express companies' methods by Chairman Mabee. In fact so sharp was the chairman's attack on their case, and that when the commission gives its ruling it will for the present nullify the new rates, and arrange for the equitable share of the business back where it was before the new rates went into effect.

The only thing that prevented this summary course was the arguments of counsel that the old tariffs might not be available should so sudden a return to them might make confusion worse confounded. Sufficient, however, was said to show that the board of trade of Toronto and Montreal have so far on their case, and that when the commission gives its ruling it will for the present nullify the new rates, and arrange for the equitable share of the business back where it was before the new rates went into effect.

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The exceedingly caustic remarks of Judge Mabee came as a surprise this afternoon at the close of a dull session. The counsel were getting ready for adjournment when Judge Mabee made them aware of his opinion in their case, and that if he could give any reason why the new tariff should not be allowed to stand, and business put on its old footing until the enquiry ended.

This tariff and rules," Judge Mabee declared, "is opposed to business interests, and discouraged shippers all over the country when it was put into force without notice that they might prepare themselves for it."

Further than that Judge Mabee declared that the tariff was not in the interest of the real intent of the new tariff when it was presented he would never have approved of it. There had been an arrangement between the board and the companies a year ago that if any changes were made in rates there should be no increase in tariffs until the next investigation was ended. But the evidence showed that in many cases the tolls had been increased a hundred per cent.

Judge Mabee further intimated that the express companies had asked for approval of the new rates on the ground that they were designed as "reasonable protection against unfair treatment of the express companies shippers; but he remarked "that such a new tariff was not the real object."

In fact, the chairman intimated all through his remarks that the express companies had misled the board. He declared, "had I appreciated the effect of these changes, as I now understand them, I should not have permitted them to be introduced into variations I would never have allowed it without allowing the public an opportunity to consider it."

Judge Mabee's very severe language took the counsel for the express companies completely by surprise, and he declared he was to state that they had not known before the enquiry that the changes in tariff involved such increases, and under the circumstances they asked for at least a delay until Monday so as to consult their clients.

Judge Mabee again referred to the fact that the companies had lied to believe that they were merely defending themselves, the practice of shippers sending out goods by freight and having the expenses returned free by express, when their real intention seemed to have been to increase rates. He, however, concluded, "We will leave the matter over until Monday for discussion. But my view is that unless the tariff is withdrawn and unless more is shown on Monday than heretofore the board will have to issue its order."

The finding of Judge Mabee came as a complete surprise to the various lawyers, and was hailed with delight by Messrs. Gresham, who appeared for the Toronto Board of Trade, and Tiltson, who represented the Montreal Board of Trade.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS

CAPE BRETON MEN ARE CHARGED WITH CRUELTY

Halifax, Jan. 8.—Cruelty has been reported to the S. P. C. A., Halifax, as occurring in North Sydney. A couple of men had been making a practice of tying strings to pigeons' feet, letting them fly and then hauling them down again to a certain distance and shooting at them.

It is also reported that magistrates in that district did not consider the case an act of cruelty but the society at Halifax is taking the matter in hand and it is likely the matter will be laid before the attorney-general with a view to removing the magistrates if they do not see fit to act in the matter.

The agent in Cape Breton further reports that the pigeons are often shot and left to struggle without being humanely destroyed.

ST. JOHN MEN PASS THE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The following are the names of the successful candidates at the civil service qualifying examination held in St. John:

Frank Buckley, William Dowd, William F. Griffith, Cyril H. Macdonald, Robert A. Clarke, W. Leonard Emack, John E. Leger, Ora C. Matthews.

The engagement of Miss M. Pearl Spragg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Spragg, of St. John, to John K. Hart, of Rawlins, Nanaimo, is announced. The marriage will take place early in February.

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HALIFAX SEALERS RESCUE SEVENTY MAROONED MEN

(Halifax, N.S.)

Reference was made in the Echo of the latter part of last month to Captain R. B. Balmou, in the Halifax sealing schooner Agnes G. Donohoe rescuing thirty-seven Norwegian men, who had been marooned on an island in the Indian Ocean. When the Donohoe left her Captain Balmou announced he would seek new sealing waters until after he left that he was going into the Indian Ocean. It was luck for the marooned crew of the steamer Solgint that the Agnes G. Donohoe and Beatrice J. Corkum did so, otherwise they might never more have been heard from, as the island appears to be one that had not been visited before for half a century. The Solgint was a steamer of 600 tons and was in charge of Captain Bull, an experienced Norwegian navigator.

When she left Norway the purpose of her trip was not publicly known, though it is like. I don't think anybody else has been to the island for forty or fifty years. It is a desolate place; there are icebergs floating about and they are about all one can see at times. By taking the rescue and also of the Agnes G. Donohoe's trip in search of new sealing waters. The letter is dated Fort Natal and was written in the early part of December. Captain Balmou writes that he found on an island in the ocean a shipwrecked crew of seventy-five men from the Norwegian steamer. He had been after sea elephant oil and when their steamer struck a rock they had to run her ashore. They saved themselves and some provisions and clothing, and had been on the island about a month. "We could not leave them there," writes the captain, "so I took half of them on board and the Beatrice Corkum took the other half. The first day I got there I got seventeen on board, and then it came on a gale of wind and we were blown off for four days. Then we got back to the island again and

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