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Kelly slept in a ranchhouse that night but was up before dawn saddling his horse. He carried for arms two six shooters and a short hilted bear knife. He rode away from the ranch in the heavy darkness before daybreak, headed for the Tortured trail. He was a six footer, sandy haired, heavy jawed and called "Bulldog" because he had once pitted himself against an animal of that title and whipped him in a free fight. His courage was extreme from the brute point of view. To illustrate this, years after this event, when he was on trial for his life in a murder case, he was instructed by his attorney to kill one of the witnesses against him in the courtroom if he attempted to give certain testimony.

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Kelly, as a prisoner, entered the courtroom with a knife up his sleeve, and he sat through all the proceedings with his eyes on the man he was to watch. The latter grew restless and when he took the stand broke down completely and did not aid the prosecution at all. He divined without knowing it that if he testified as the prosecution believed he would Kelly would then and there end him. And this all took place not in a frontier court, but in a court of the United States government.

Well, Kelly rode down the trail as gay in spirit as a man of his nature could be. He did not whistle, for whistling men are rarely brutal. But he abused his horse, and that was the best of evidence that he felt well. He watched the dark hang closer and closer to the plain grasses, the stars grow less brilliant until suddenly in the east it was as if a curtain was drawn up and the day came with the call of wild birds and a wind which rose from the west to meet the sun. He glanced toward Medicine Hat and from that point, out of the black and gray of the hour, rode Mahone, armed as his opponent was. They were a mile apart when they recognized each other. Kelly reined in his horse and waited. Mahone came on. No surgeons nor seconds were in attendance. Medicine Hat was asleep. Mahone drew nearer, moving a little to the left, as if to circle about Kelly. The latter suddenly dropped under his horse's neck and fired. His bullet just clipped the mane of Mahone's horse. Mahone gave a wild whoop and fired back, riding, as Kelly was, Indian fashion and looking for an opening. Both horses were now in motion, and the shots came thick and fast. Kelly's animal went down first, screaming from a bullet through his lungs. His rider intrenched behind him. Mahone made a charge and lost his own horse, besides getting a bullet through his left arm. He, too, intrenched. In a few moments one of his shots cut a red crease across the forehead of Kelly and filled his eyes with blood. He wiped himself off and tied a handkerchief over the mark.

Each was afraid to start out from his horse, but in the course of half an hour their ammunition was exhausted, and then they threw their pistols from them and came toward each other through the grass with their knives out. Kelly now had two good wounds and Mahone had been shot three times. They visibly staggered as they played for the first chance to close in. At last the knives crossed, and Kelly got the first thrust and missed, for which awkwardness Mahone gave him a savage cut. They hacked and stabbed at each other until neither could move, and the small population of Medicine Hat, getting wind of what was going on, rode out and brought them in for medical attendance. Kelly, besides his bullet wounds, had 14 knife cuts and Mahone had 15. They were put to bed in the same room, and the same doctor attended both. For days they lay almost touching each other, and neither spoke. Medicine Hat had been unable to decide which had the better of the fight, and it seemed as if it would be resumed if both lived to recover. But one morning Mahone raised himself painfully from his mattress, and he put out his hand to Kelly and said:

"You ain't no thief. You're game."

And Kelly covered the hand with his own, and they shook. That settled their feud. They were under the doctor's care for three months, but when able to get out rode away to Medicine Hat together the best of friends.

That was a real fight, the only kind of a fight that a real man goes into if he is going to fight at all. It was a pity that Kelly did not hold his courage afterward for better uses. He became involved in one of the most brutal murders known to the Calgary region, escaped the hangman's noose by technicalities and finally in Nebraska or Wyoming fell off a box car one night and was ground to pieces by the wheels of a transcontinental freight.

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Although most nations have at most only a commercial interest in the Russian occupation of Manchuria, its acquisition by the czar may have a great effect on the future history of the world, for Manchuria is not a petty province to be swallowed and digested at will by Russia; it is a great, rich, well populated country, a kingdom in itself. Manchuria's wealth is varied, consisting of agricultural and mineral products. Neither of these sources of revenue has ever been fully developed. Manchuria contains about 360,000 square miles, and its population is variously estimated at from 7,000,000 to 18,000.000.

Manchuria is that part of the Chinese empire that lies between Siberia and Korea. It is bounded on the northwest and north by the Amur river, dividing it from Siberia; on the east the Usuri river and a land boundary separate it from another part of Siberia. On the south are Korea and the Yellow sea, while on the west lie Mongolia and the Chinese province of Chi-li.

It will be seen that Manchuria forms the northeastern corner of the Chinese empire. Its shape is irregular, the two longest axes being from northwest to southeast and from northeast to southwest. In surface Manchuria is diversified, the mountains being in the northwest and in the east. A range of mountains divides it from Korea. Its soil is for the most part very fertile. In the hands of proper cultivators Manchuria should become one of the world's granaries. At present a large number of Manchurian fields are devoted to the cultivation of the poppy, but, besides this narcotic, a great many other products are grown.

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The people of Manchuria, although once a distinct race, have lost their nationality by being merged with the Chinese. As is well known, the ruling dynasty of the Chinese empire is Mantchoo. This is owing to the fact that about four centuries ago the Mantchoos conquered China and became masters of the country. The Manchurians as a race have lost their identity in the swarm of Chinese who entered the country after the Manchurian conquest of their own.

The only remaining Mantchoos of pure descent are a few nomadic tribes. The ancient language of Manchuria is practically dead, being retained only in court circles, and has been replaced by Chinese. In customs, manners, etc., the Manchurians are like the rest of the Chinese, with the reservation that as the Chinese empire is so greatly diversified nothing can be definitely predicated about the inhabitants of one section of the country that will hold true in all sections.

The commingling of races in Manchuria has had a curious effect on the people. They were formerly distinguished for their courtesy, generosity, love of justice and respect for women. This latter trait is especially rare in the Chinese empire. Now that the Mantchoos no longer exist as a pure race they have adopted, along with most of the customs and religions of their southern neighbors, the vices of the latter. The inhabitants of Manchuria are nominally Buddhists, but Confucianism, Taoism and the old Shamanism, or worship of nature, still abound. Traces of Mohammedanism and Judaism may also be found among some classes of the population.

Although Manchuria contains a number of towns with sufficient inhabitants to be styled "cities," they are not so in reality, being for the most part vast collections of huts. Mukden, the principal town and present capital of the country is, however, an exception, for it is a clean and well built city. Mukden is considered a holy city, because it was the ancient residence of the reigning family. It contains a magnificent Buddhist temple and historical buildings. Near the city is situated the sacred park, which contains the tombs of the ancient royalties of Manchuria.

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