

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XII.

M'LEOD GOES TO THE RESCUE OF HIS SON—THE M'LEODS AND THE CATERANS OF BEN-A-CHRU! BACK TO FACE.

The steep was sheer and long, and many times they had to pause to breathe ere they again pushed forward. But at length they reached the flat, and silently formed in order of battle before they advanced further into the deep corrie.

A compact double rank was formed, and then turning to their right, with the Chief at their head, accompanied by the Witch of Ben-Lair, they held along by the right side of the corrie, keeping as well concealed as they could in the shadow of the mountain side.

Breathing hard, and with eager purpose, they pushed on, guided by the old woman, until an impetuous gesture from her commanded them to halt.

"See ye yonder, white piece of rock right in front!" she asked.

All peered eagerly forward, and a low murmur signified that they had descried the object to which she referred.

"Just behind that is the entrance to the cave where Hector M'Leod lies prisoner," was the response.

A thrill shot every clansman's breast as he heard the words, and all braced themselves for the struggle which might be before them.

The plan of action had been previously arranged. The clan was to be drawn up as close to the entrance of the cave as was compatible with their presence being undiscovered by the Caterans, if they were within. One of them was then to go forward the entrance and give the signals which had been heard by the Witch of Ben-Lair. When the entrance was opened the clansmen were immediately to rush forward and discomfit and overpower the Caterans before they would have time to offer resistance.

If, on the other hand, the Caterans were not present in force, they were to content themselves with searching for, and if possible, discovering Hector.

Cautiously the Highlanders moved forward, every ear on the alert for a sign that would indicate the presence of their enemies. At length they had arrived within a few feet of the entrance, and at a signal all lay down and concealed themselves as best they could. Roderick M'Leod alone remaining on his feet. Stealthily moving forward, Roderick bent his head and listened; then approaching nearer, he raised a piece of rock and struck two sharp blows with it. Shortly afterwards the whole of the clansmen were electrified to hear a hoating sound return from just within the entrance. This Roderick repeated and in a few minutes a figure emerged from the cave.

"Who comes?" enquired a gruff voice, speaking in Gaelic.

"M'Leod comes for his son!"

The reply was the signal for the clansmen to rush forward.

"MacLeod gu brath! Bas do nam-haid!" burst from nearly half-a-hundred throats; the next moment, and springing as one man from their lairs they bounded forward.

But the Caterans were almost equally quick. Something about the signalling had evidently been faulty, and had given the alarm; for sudden as the M'Leods had bounded towards the entrance, some half-dozen Caterans had rushed out like bees from a hive, overtaking Roderick and preparing to meet the clansmen before they could reach it.

"Ben-a-Chru!—Ben-a-Chru!" was the cry which now mingled with that of the M'Leods, heard above the report of firearms and the clashing of steel.

Yelling, shouting, and cursing, the Caterans continued to pour out from the cave, and the impetuous rush of the M'Leods was checked. A few shots had been fired by those who carried muskets, but these, refusing to load again, clutched their claymores and dashed into the now raging conflict. In order to obtain better fighting ground, the M'Leods drew back some distance from the cave, closely followed by the outlaws, and then, both sides having mustered their whole strength together, they prepared for the terrible struggle.

It has been said, "When Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug of war." No doubt when the phalanxes of Greece met and became interlocked with each other, the struggle was severe and the carnage terrible. But if this were true of the Greeks, it is equally if not more true of the Gaels, than whom a more hardy, brave, devoted race never trod the field. In their annals are to be found instances of as desperate, daring, reckless courage as ever characterized Athenians or Spartans; and to every Scot, gathered from the floating traditions which he has known from infancy, instances innumerable proving this to be true will become present to his mind quick as the idea is suggested. Here, then, in this deep corrie, half-way up, but surrounded on three sides by the lofty rugged peaks of Ben Slengath, was Gael prepared to meet Gael in terrible conflict—on the one hand the M'Leods, eager to revenge the insult offered to their Chief, and on the other the Caterans, for the moment startled and surprised at being discovered in this, as they imagined, impenetrable retreat, but now determined to overthrow, as their only means of safety, those who had discovered them.

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I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,
W. F. TOLSON.

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Reynolds, the "hinness of the sea," said, "I am a fisherman." "No," he replied, "I am a piece."



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