

The Tangle of Fate

"Whose fault was that—not mine!" the invalid grunted, a shade less fretfully. "I courted the prettiest girl in the world, ma'am, and she wouldn't have me! Yes, she refused me, the rich aristocrat, to wed a poor farmer—love in a cottage, you know," sneeringly.

"Then why didn't you marry some other girl? There's as good fish in the sea as ever were caught!"

"No, there was no other woman in the world for me."

"And where is she now, sir?" interrupted the nurse, with all a woman's curiosity in her eyes.

"Dead!" and for a brief while there was a silence.

Then the invalid sad, half-bitterly, as though communicating with himself:

"If she had been mine, I don't think I should have let her die, my love must have held her to life!"

"What a beautiful picture, woman! Was she not too beautiful to perish?"

He thrust his trembling old hand beneath the pillow and drew out a picture painted on ivory. The placid nurse gazed in open-mouthed admiration.

"Oh, what a beauty!" she cried, and the lovely, girlish face, with its large, dark eyes, rosy mouth, and golden veil of curls, seemed to smile back at her in innocent vanity.

"A little rustic beauty who did not have enough sense to know that riches were the proper setting for this loveliness, and who chose a poor man and spent her life in obscurity," John Lloyd muttered, with something like angry disdain, although there was pain, too, in his voice as he continued: "But in spite of myself I could not forget her, and I have gone wifeless and childless for her dead sake. Ah, well, I shall soon meet her in heaven. Perhaps she will belong to me there," his eyes closed, and still clutching the picture in his thin, wasted hand, he seemed to dream or sleep.

"Poor old soul," murmured the nurse, compassionately. She stood still a moment looking down at the fearfully thin and wasted features of the poor consumptive, then turned the night lamp still lower, that his rest might be undisturbed, and went over to the window to look out at the night.

The sky was dark with snow-clouds, and a dismal wind was sighing around the gables and among the leafless branches of the trees on the sloping lawn outside.

"It's going to be a stormy night—snow, no doubt, by the look of the clouds. Well, it's the twenty-fifth of November, and quite time for winter to set in," observed the nurse, in an undertone.

Her patient was very restless. He talked in his sleep, and tossed the covers about. She watched him uneasily.

"He won't last the week out, if he gets through the night," she muttered, and was gazing beyond description, when the housekeeper came in to share her weary vigil by the sick-bed.

The long night hours waxed, and waned, and the world seemed very still, outside snow was falling fast, covering the earth with a fleecy carpet, while the slow hours crept along toward the dawn. Suddenly the two nodding women in the sick-room started broad awake, and the invalid lifted his head in alarm. Someone was knocking loudly on the front hall door. At that strange hour, so near the dawn, the effect was eerie and startling beyond description.

The housekeeper was the most practical-minded of the three, and after a little she began to recover her wits.

"Why, what an old niny I am to be scared so easily!" she exclaimed. "Of course it must be Mr. Lin come in on some of his night trains. I'll go down and let him in. He must be almost frozen if he has walked here from the station in the snow."

"And send him up here at once," called her master's feeble voice.

"Now, don't go for to excite yourself fussing at your cousin, Mr. Lloyd," pleaded the nurse.

"I won't if you'll go down there and hurry him up stairs," he replied, carefully, and drawing the covers about him.

"She stayed so long that he grew quite impatient, but at last she returned, pale, nervous, wild-eyed."

"It was not your cousin, sir; it was a young girl."

"At this hour of the night! I don't believe you!" angrily.

"It's God's truth, sir—a pretty young thing she is, but half-dead with cold and fright. She came on the train, she says, and she did not know where to go, and she saw a light up here on the hill, and dragged herself up here through the snow, and she wants to stay all night, if you please, sir."

"A likely tale," sneered the invalid, coldly.

"It sounds strange, sir, but I believe her. She has such a good, innocent face, and so pretty," Mrs. Baldwin said, with mild enthusiasm.

"What is her name?"

"She would not tell. She said she would go away to-morrow."

"Send her up here to see me, Mrs. Baldwin."

"Oh, sir, the child's all wet and cold, and—and I don't think I mean it might—might—excite you, sir, to see a stranger!"

"Go along, ma'am, and do as I tell you, or the girl shall be turned out of doors again, you hear?"

"Yes, sir, but I wash my hands of the consequences, mind that!" sternly, as she went out of the room, but going down the stairs, she muttered, in a dazed way:

"Lord, I never see such a likeness, never! And I don't know but he'll take her for a ghost! I hope it won't bring on hemorrhage, that's what I do! But he will have his way to the last!"

John Lloyd lay, pale but alert, with his gray eyes fixed on the door. Keen disappointment at his cousin's failure to arrive was blent with angry jealousy over the girl down stairs.

Steps and voices came along the hall, a girl's voice faint and timid, a matron's tender and encouraging:

"I am so frightened. Will he send me away?"

"No, my dear. John Lloyd wouldn't turn a dog out in such a storm. But he is ill and fretful. Do not mind if he speaks crossly. I will take care of you, my dear, so don't be frightened."

John Lloyd lifted his feeble head and stared—stared again!

A young, very young girl, in a dripping red cloak, over which hung wet masses of golden curls, framing a white, woful face, lit by great appealing dark eyes full of frightened tears, a beautiful face that once seen could never be forgotten—Bonnie Dale!

Something like awe and terror came into the gaze's dilated eyes; his lips parted, and he uttered, hoarsely:

"Avis Gardiner!"

The girl before him gave a great start of surprise and clasped her tiny white hands appealingly:

"My mother's name! Who is it that speaks my mother's name to me?" she breathed, in wonder.

"Are you the child of Avis Gardiner?" he asked, agitatedly.

"Oh, yes, but she is dead!"

"Do I not know that, child? I, who was your mother's friend!" he muttered, solemnly and sadly.

"My mother's friend! Oh, then, it is her spirit that has guided me here!" sobbed Bonnie, as she fell on her knees by the sick man.

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It did, indeed, seem as if some good spirit had guided poor little Bonnie to the home of John Lloyd.

As soon as he learned that the forlorn young stranger was the daughter of his old love his heart melted with compassion, and, laying his hand tenderly on the golden head as she knelt before him, the old man promised solemnly to be her true friend.

Then, although he was burning with curiosity to know how she had come to this forlorn strait, he put a strong curb on his impatience, and called Mrs. Baldwin to take Bonnie away and tell the housekeeper to give her warm drinks and put her to bed, lest she should be ill from the exposure to the inclement elements.

"To-morrow, when you have had a good rest, we will have a long talk, my dear," he said, kindly.

Bonnie could only sob gratefully as she was led away. Her heart was too full for words.

When Mrs. Baldwin returned to her patient he was lying broad awake, with a very thoughtful look on his face, and he said, immediately:

"Nurse, did you notice the wonderful likeness of that young girl to the picture that I showed you?"

"Indeed I did, Mr. Lloyd, the moment I clasped eyes on her down here in the hall, all cold and cold as she was. And it gave me a kind of a turn like I had seen a ghost!"

"I will tell you something strange, nurse," he said, so gently that she was surprised at his new mood. "That young stranger is the youngest daughter of my old love, who has been dead for years. It seems to me that the poor child is in some trouble, and that the spirit of poor Avis herself must have guided her child to my fatherly care. Do you not think so?"

"It looks like it," Mrs. Baldwin returned, in an awe-struck tone.

"Perhaps her father, too, is dead; perhaps she is friendless and alone in the world," continued the invalid, tenderly.

"Well, I shall have a long talk with her to-morrow, and if things are as I suppose I shall adopt this girl as my daughter, and leave her my fortune."

"Oh, dear me, and your cousin, Mr. Lloyd!"

"If he comes to-morrow I shall divide my fortune and care for all time. If he fails me I shall cut him off with a small legacy," replied the rich man, frowningly, for he was bitterly wounded at the neglect of his favorite cousin, handsome Lin La Valliere, whom he had expected to make him heir.

(To be Continued.)

LABOR MEN

Spoke at Open Meeting of the Building Trades Council.

The mass meeting held in Kennedy's Hall last night under the auspices of the Building Trades Council was fairly well attended, and two good addresses were given.

Mr. E. Dewey, President of the Building Trades Council, was chairman, and formally introduced the speakers—Messrs. Allan Studholme, M. P. for East Hamilton, and John Kennedy, of Toronto.

Mr. Kennedy spoke of the benefits derived from unity, and strongly advised all members of unorganized trades to get together and form unions for their own protection. He mentioned cases where unions had been formed and within five years the wages of the men had been doubled.

Mr. Studholme addressed the meeting on the benefits of co-operation, explaining that therein lay the secret of success and prosperity. He also urged the members to unite, and thereby not only strengthen themselves, but advance the cause of the whole labor party.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the speakers.

Mr. Dave Murray gave a reiteration, and the meeting adjourned.

CONTROL OF TELEGRAPHS.

Companies Must Now Submit Tariffs to Railway Commission.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—An order in council has been passed, bringing into effect the amendment to the railway act passed last session providing for bringing telegraph companies under the control of the Railway Commission. It was provided in the act that the clauses of telegraph companies are now placed on a similar footing, and will have to submit their tariffs to the commission for ratification or revision.

WINNIPEG KILTIES.

New Regiment May be Named "Cameron Highlanders."

Winnipeg, Feb. 3.—The formation of a Highland regiment here is believed to be almost an accomplished fact. A meeting is to be held to-morrow, when the project may take tangible form. R. M. Thompson, a prominent barrister, is likely to be named for lieutenant-colonel, with Major Hugh E. Maclean, formerly of Toronto, as major. The name for the corps most favored is the Cameron Highlanders, and it is said Mr. D. C. Cameron has promised a donation of \$10,000 if his clan is thus honored.

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Quebec, Feb. 3.—Sir Louis A. Jette, in the Practice Court this morning, rendered judgment in the case of Hon. A. Turgeon vs. Charles Vezina, condemning the defendant to a fine of \$500 and costs, and in default of payment imprisonment, besides severely reprimanding Vezina, who did not put in an appearance.

The action was based upon remarks made by the defendant, Vezina, at a meeting during Lieut.-Col. Talbot's campaign in Bellechasse County, in the last federal election, when he accused Hon. Mr. Turgeon of having perjured himself in a lawsuit, and of having trampled under his feet everything that was most sacred, and wound up by stating that he took full responsibility for all that he had said, defying Hon. Mr. Turgeon to prosecute him.

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SELECT COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH MARINE AND FISHERIES.

Row Over Proposal to Postpone Consideration of the Level Crossing Bill—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Explains the Government's Reasons.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—A comprehensive and effective policy of conserving and developing the natural resources was brought a step nearer realization by the unanimous adoption by the House of Commons to-day of a resolution, moved by Mr. Sinclair, of Guelph, calling for the appointment of a select standing committee to deal with the questions relating to marine and fisheries.

In the discussion Mr. Sinclair's motion the other day the Prime Minister suggested that marine and fisheries should be dealt with apart from other resources, and in accepting, on behalf of the Government, the resolution submitted by the member for Guelph this afternoon, Hon. Mr. Brodeur intimated that as soon as possible an amendment to the rules of the House would be introduced, authorizing the constitution of additional committees, including one for the marine and fisheries. Much of the credit for bringing this step about is due to Mr. Sinclair. Last session he moved a resolution, similar in terms to that adopted to-day, and so strong was the case which he was able to present that, if circumstances had permitted, the House would in all probability have agreed to the proposal then. The discussion which took place to-day left no room for opportunity to several of the new members from the Maritime Provinces to form a speaking acquaintance with the House, and elicited an expression of opinion based on intimate knowledge of the subject, and a vast amount of interesting information. In fact the educative aspect of the debate was one of the strongest arguments in favor of the appointment of a committee, illustrating as it did the many and various phases of the fisheries problem. The excellent appearance made in the discussion by the young members who took part was favorably commented upon, and confirmed the impression that in the infusion

of new blood the debating power of the House has gained in strength. Mr. Sinclair's speech in moving the resolution, was concise, well informed and conclusive. The importance of the fishing industry to the Maritime Provinces and its great possibilities were strongly emphasized by statistics showing that in Nova Scotia alone 25,000 men earned their living on the sea, and that the output amounted to \$30,000,000 a year. What was needed was better transportation facilities and a better market, and these were matters which could with great advantage be investigated by a committee.

ROW OVER LEVEL CROSSINGS.

Passing on to the orders of the day, the House took up Mr. Lancaster's level crossings bill, which stood for third reading.

When Hon. Mr. Graham asked that the bill be allowed to stand over for a few days, quite a storm broke out in the Opposition benches. As a reason for delay the Minister of Railways explained that he had asked the chairman of the Railway Commission to submit his views as to the form which the legislation contemplated by the Government should take, and that he expected that information in a few days. It was the earnest desire of the Government to reach a practical result, and no one was better fitted to advise them on a matter of that kind than the chairman of the commission.

Mr. Lancaster vigorously protested against delay, pointing out that the bill had passed the House three times, and claiming that it should at once be sent back to the Senate. "The people of the country are crying out for this legislation," he declared, in impassioned tones, "and it would not be surprising if in some parts they resorted, in desperation, to the derailing of a train."

Dr. Edwards (Frontenac) and Mr. Lennox joined in the protest, the former suggesting that the Government were blocking the bill in the interests of the Grand Trunk Company. So eager were the members of the Opposition to vent their indignation that they came perilously near to talking the bill out, and so bringing about the delay which they were so anxious to avoid.

It was left to the Prime Minister to save the situation. Rising a few minutes before the hour for adjournment, Sir Wilfrid in a characteristically tactful speech, poured oil on the troubled water. He assured Mr. Lancaster that the House was unanimously in sympathy with the legislation which he proposed, but he delicately suggested that perhaps the rea-

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son why the Senate had rejected it was because of its drastic character. Would it be wise, therefore, he asked, to force it precipitately upon that Chamber again when a few days would enable the Minister of Railways to get the information upon which to act? In any case Mr. Lancaster's bill would not suffer. It would still retain precedence on the order paper and come up again, if not to-morrow, next week, in ample time to be sent, if the House saw fit, to the Senate, which has adjourned until Feb. 25.

Mr. Lancaster admitted the reasonableness of the Prime Minister's statement, and agreed to the delay.

DANCED WITH KING.

Death of Mrs. George Taylor, a Belle of Cobourg Long Ago.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—There has passed away Mrs. George Taylor, who had the honor of dancing with King Edward VII. when, as Prince of Wales, he visited Canada in 1860.

Her maiden name was Mary Boswell, daughter of the late Judge G. M. Boswell, of Cobourg, and the ball, at which she danced with the prince, marked the opening of the Cobourg town hall. It was an important one in Mr. Taylor's life, for it was her first ball and the one at which she took her position as a young girl in the social world. The late Mrs. Taylor was the wife of Mr. Taylor, I.S.O., clerk of the English journals of the House of Commons.

IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF

Will Lead to Better Understanding Among Parts of Empire.

London, Feb. 3.—General Hoop, of Australia, speaking to the Canada Club, said a better understanding and better results would follow the inauguration of an Imperial General Staff. The efforts of Britain in connection with the territorial forces would be watched with the greatest sympathy in Australia, where the citizens had accepted the responsibility for the country's defence.

Sir Gilbert Parker, President of the club, referred to the approaching visit of the Imperial pressmen, each of whom was given a minute instruction. The conference was bound to lead to a larger understanding, bringing nearer the goal of interdependence, co-operation and high ideals tending for the good of civilization.

COMPROMISE ONLY HOPE.

South African States Divided on Cabinet Question.

Cape Town, Feb. 3.—The judiciary of the United South Africa will be situated at Bloemfontein. The constitution agreed on by the convention will be published on the tenth inst. and will be considered by the various legislatures on March 30. The balance of opinion at present seems averse to the arrangement regarding the capital, which makes Cape Town the legislative and executive administrative centre. It is believed this will make the Government costly and cumbersome if not unworkable. The supporters of the division say that the only alternative is the failure of the convention.

ORPHAN GIRL AND A FORTUNE.

A Fake Matrimonial Agency Unearthed in Cleveland.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 3.—L. A. Horthy, wanted by the Federal authorities upon the charge of operating a fake matrimonial agency, was found upon the streets here to-day disguised as a Catholic priest. He was taken into custody. He will be held on the charge of using the mails to defraud.

It is alleged by the authorities that Horthy advertised for suitors for an orphan girl with a moderate fortune, who desired to marry. He taxed the applicants \$4 each, and over 300 letters were raised in his office when it was raided last Monday.

WENT THROUGH — E. O. E.

Man, Horse and Sleigh Disappear in the St. Lawrence.

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