Guelph Evening Mercury

MONDAY EVNG, NOV. 17, 1873.

THE COAL FAMINE.

At this season chill and drear,
Why, O, why are coals so dear?
Is it that they cannot find
Plenty where the mineral's mined?
Then it won't the owners pay,
And that miners choose to play,
That the masters may maintain
Roguery still for sake of gain?

Why should millions for a few
Suffer hardships as they do?
Chiefly falls it on the poor,
Who may groan, but must endure
Scanty food and raiment thin—
Often what they scarce can win.
Lodgings dark, and damp, and bare,
What of comfort is there there?
Feeble forms that most require
Warmth to cheer them from a fire;
Wonder not that fell disease
Often does such victims seize,
And that struggling with their foes
Soon in death their eyes should close.

In the caverns underground
Store exhaustless can be found,
Nature, with a bounteous hand,
Spreads it wide throughout the land.
Why should, then, the public good
Be by sordid knaves withstood?
Filled with arrogance and pride,
Coally magnates o'er us ride,
Long we've felt their cruel sway;
Longer still they seek to prey.
What care they for public health,
When they grasp enormous wealth?
What though thousands round should lie,
Stiffening 'neath a stormy sky?
Hearts as black and hard they own,
As by what their pelf has grown;
All combined, the devilish faction
Long have flourished by exaction.

The Rival Clansmen:

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER VII.

THE SOLDIERS AND THE CATERANS—A TERRIBLE STRUGGLE.

In an instant the soldiers had embarked, but nothing too soon, for two or three brawny outlaws laid their hands on the prows just as they were being shoved off. Captain Winterton and Sergeant Goodley stood in the fore end of their respective boats, and as their weapons circled round their heads they shouted—

"Back, or have your skulls split."

But the words did not dismay the Caterans, who only let go their hold that they might plunge into the water, and, swimming forward, attack those at the sides.

But they were too late. Strong men were at the oars, and the boats' were turned in the direction of the shore, and rapidly left the Island.

"Now, my lads, give them a parting volley," cried Winterton to those who were not engaged at the oars.

The soldiers quickly loaded, and sent a shower of lead amongst the pursuers, for many in their eagerness were still in the water frantically swimming after them. But firearms were now in possession of the Caterans, and at the word from Cameron a shower of bullets whizzed past the ears of the soldiers, who were still within range—one or two of them striking the boat, another carrying away a cap, but wounding none of the men. Another volley; but this time the balls fell short of their mark.

"Why not take our boats and follow them," cried Ian.

"Yes, we'll follow them," shouted several, and they rushed off to where their own boats were lying.

"No," shouted Cameron. "Come back here. We must now let them go."

A slight murmur of dissatisfaction was heard.

"Caterans, bethink yourselves," he exclaimed, noticing this. "See, the sun's beams already gild the white summit of Ben-Eay, and we must not be seen out now. Were you to pursue these fellows, we could not return to this place unseen. No; we must go below, and when below we must do this—prepare for immediate removal from this spot. Its secret is now disclosed to those who hunt us, and it can afford us shelter no longer. I know of a secure retreat, not many miles, where we will not be easily discovered, and where if surprised we shall have the advantage. But of that I shall speak again; attend to the wounded now, and you, Dugald M'Kenzie, remain in the old ruin and see that we are not again surprised; you shall soon be relieved. It was fortunate you returned in such numbers."

"It was more fortunate that we overheard them get the information," replied one, coming forward.

"Ah!" exclaimed Cameron, "where were you? who gave it?"

"The Witch of Ben-Lair told them to search the Ruin," was the reply. "Fifteen of us saw the soldiers coming, but as we wished to get on as far as Achnasheen, we lay by to let them pass. It was just half-way up Glen Dochart. Before they came forward, the Witch appeared—no one could tell from which direction—and told them what I have mentioned. Then they inquired where they could procure boats, and she informed them. When they had left, and had gone down the glen, we followed the Witch, determined to run a claymore through her, but she disappeared as she had come, and could not be found. We turned back and overtook our companions, who had taken the road to Torridon. They too, returned, and we followed the soldiers with all speed, but could not overtake them."

"The Witch of Ben-Lair!" exclaimed Cameron, savagely. "I shall meet her yet, and then there shall be an end to her prating. I should have done it when I met her but a few hours ago. But we must get below, for see yonder are figures moving on the heights of Slatadale—perhaps some of the M'Leods may spy us. Keep the grass."

And, stooping, they made their way on their hands and their knees to the inside of the old ruin, where they were free from danger of being seen.

Here they found the casualties on their side resulting from the conflict to be three men killed and four badly wounded, while numbers had received cuts more or less severe.

One soldier, too, had fallen, and his comrades had been compelled to leave him behind; but to him now savage ferocity had no terrors—he was dead. On his neck was a large, ugly, gaping wound, which he had received from a claymore, and Cameron caused him to be buried in the same corner with the others.

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November 3, 187 w

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