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It would seem, however, that, when you said the cadger, bending earnestly towards his banner, that he was, in fact, a tempter, and whether it fail or succeed serious consequences will be sure to follow it. In fact, if it had succeeded the consequences will be all the more, for the tempter will be engaged at their defeat, and will seek like pointers for them as planned or took part in the rescue. 'Ye'll no be offended if I ask ye the price, never take mention my name in the matter?'

'My lips shall never breathe it, Janie,' was the answer. 'As you say, the deed will be accounted an auspicious one, and the doors of it will be eagerly sought for. But take my word for it, the time for passive resistance must end soon, and to-morrow's work may, as well begin the sterner action as anything else. At any rate, it would be to our eternal disgrace if we failed to rescue our friends when we have it in our power.'

With a wave of the hand 'Lellan turned away, taking the pony to Greystone, while Jamie reined his pony into the road which led to Woodhead, and, doubtless much to the annual's surprise, forced it to a pace to which it was wholly unaccustomed. But Jamie had good reason to hasten forward. The evening was wearing late, and the road before him was long one. Also, the work he had reluctantly undertaken was of the last importance, and he was anxious to have it performed. As he trotted on he began to realize the fact that the work to which he was committed was a violent departure from that prudent course he had hitherto followed, and would, if his share in it became known, render him obnoxious to the troopers, and make it no longer possible for him to traverse the country.

'I canna help it, he said to himself. 'If this is to be my undoing, it must be so. If it had been only the Laird of Barscov and the Laird, they might've been carried them awa' the Embro' for me, but I canna see them abused, when it's in my poor fae hinder. Gae, gae, ye're no lazy rascal, ye're no mirr' errand man mine the nicht! Dick snorted a decided protest against the speed at which he was compelled to go, but at the same time he did not refuse to baste himself, and ere long he had carried his master into the wild mountainous region where the towering Lowthers are surrounded by hills little less majestic.

'We do not require to narrate his doings when he got there. Suffice it to say that his mission was successful, and by ten o'clock on the following morning the Laird of Barscov arrived at Leadhills, accompanied by Andrew Weir, he found waiting for him thirty strong-hearted, resolute men, who were ready to follow his leadership in the contemplated enterprise.

The morning was dull and gloomy, and the hills were enveloped in mist, as they left the village and proceeded over the rising ground to the south, each man had a weapon of some kind in his possession. Some had muskets, others horse pistols, not a few had carried rusty swords, and some who had not been able to obtain anything more valuable carried pitchforks and scythes. It was in truth a motley band, but their hearts beat firm with one desire to deliver the captives from the hands of the Phillips. They were all men who had been made to suffer in the cause of the Covenant. Their homes had been the scenes of wanton outrage and oppression, they had borne every indignity at the hands of the troopers, had been plundered in every variety of way. It required no persuasion, therefore, to get them to assist in the rescue of the prisoners whose capture at the convalescent had already roused all their sympathy and interest.

The Entabank Pass is a tremendous ravine, stretching for three or four miles between two lofty mountains, whose steep precipitous sides rise over against each other with a smoothness that is almost unbroken, and so near that, while their base is separated only by the breadth of a small mountain stream, their summits of eighteen hundred feet elevation, are not further distant than that a strong man could cast a stone from one to the other. This indicates how terribly steep is the slope which they descend, yet on the western side of the gorge, and about half way between the base and the summit, a narrow pathway has been formed, by which it is possible to traverse the Pass, though the feat is somewhat dangerous for a pedestrian, and will more for a rider, since, should the traveller lose his footing and stumble, there is little chance of his being able to recover himself. Down the terrible descent he must go, and he inevitably dashed to pieces in its far depths.

'At the time of our story, this Pass, even with the road's perilous as we have indicated, was generally used as a communication between Dumfriesshire and the Metropolis, from the shortness of the route compared with the broader and more level highway, and it was through this difficult and dangerous Pass that Charlie Allan meant to convey his prisoners.

A short while before noon the scouts stationed on the southern heights came in with the intelligence that the troopers had entered the Pass at the lower end, and were making their way up in single file. They could not possibly proceed in any other fashion, for there was not room in the narrow path for two horses to walk abreast. The spot where the Covenanters had posted themselves was near the head of the Pass, where the descent was steepest, and the footing on the path most insecure. A thick mist still shrouded the scene, and concealed everything beyond the distance of a few yards.

On the brow of the dizzy steep lay the waiting band, peering down the Pass for the first glimpse of the approaching cavalcade. Foremost of the group, and on a point where the road could be farthest seen was the leader, the Laird of Barscov, and close by his side was Andrew Weir, whose only weapon was a gallows flail, an instrument which seemed very unfit for warlike purposes, and which an assailant would probably treat with contempt, but if he entered into conflict with the man who wielded it, he would very soon be forced to change his opinion. At close quarters a sword-man had no chance with it whatever, and Andrew, who was well acquainted with his use on the barn floor, seeing how formidable it would prove in a scuffle, angled himself with it in preference to either scythe or pitchfork.

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