

The Rival Clansmen:

A Scottish Vendetta. CHAPTER VII.

THE SOLDIERS AND THE CATERANS—A TERRIBLE STRUGGLE.

Both of these circumstances seemed to Captain Winterton to be significant. In the first place, had the stone lain untouched in the position in which they had found it for any length of time it would necessarily have been imbedded in the earth, and to some extent overgrown at the sides with moss, fog, and lichens; and in the second place the trampling about must have been done by some parties who had visited the place clandestinely; for it was well known that the ruin was shunned by the whole neighbourhood every inhabitant holding it in such veneration that they would have put to death their great sacrilege any whom they knew to have set foot on the holy ground. And another suspicious thing, the ground had been trodden quite recently.

He felt almost certain that he was upon the track. Turning to a group of men who stood near apparently unoppressed as to where they were to search next, he called out—

"Come here, four of you, and see if this stone can be raised."

The men at once came forward, stooped down, and attempted to remove it, but in vain; it remained immovable. Once more—no better result.

"That, too, looks suspicious," exclaimed the Captain, manifesting some excitement. "By heavens! the old woman who directed us hither may have sent us on no fool's errand, though we thought so. The force we have applied should have raised that stone. Some of you take your bayonets and cut away the earth or whatever is beneath it. Be on your guard lest you start secret springs."

The men set to work with a will. But they had not been digging long when one of them suddenly fell forward, the hilt of his bayonet resting on the ground—the blade having reached and gone through some vacuum underneath.

"It's hollow beneath the stone," shouted the man, rising to his feet, and waving his weapon jubilantly around his head.

Others now came rushing up from every direction, setting up loud and triumphant hurrahs when they learned the discovery which had been made.

"Tear up the stone now," cried Winterton, eagerly, "and then see to your arms."

But the stone still refused to move, and he stamped his feet with impatience. Stepping up to it, however, he knelt down and cried out in a loud tone—

"Caterans of Ben-A-Chruil, I call upon you to surrender, in the name of the Sovereign, King George."

There was no response; but the sound of his own voice echoing along the passage told him that beneath there was at least a hiding place for those he sought.

"Surrender, in the King's name, or I will at once fire upon you," he again exclaimed, but echo only answered him.

He rose from his knees with a stern expression on his face, and was just about to give some orders to his men when the loud report of a firelock broke upon the stillness of the night awakening innumerable echoes among the hills around, and rousing myriads of waterfowl, which circled overhead, uttering wild, weird, discordant cries. At the same moment, a soldier, who had been stationed upon the top of the ruins, rapidly descended, exclaiming as he rushed towards the others—

"To arms, to arms; the Caterans are upon us. They are double our strength."

"Stand to your arms, men, and form up," cried Winterton, in a clear voice, and with a ready alacrity the men sprang to where their firelocks were piled, and, seizing them, at once formed into a compact double line. "Where are they?" eagerly inquired Winterton, turning to the man who had acted as sentinel.

"They are just landing in boats," was the reply. "They have come from the north shore of the loch."

"I now see them," exclaimed the officer. "We are well placed; I will meet them here."

The Caterans could now be distinctly made out by all the party within the ruin. They had just disembarked, had hauled up their boats on dry land, and were now advancing cautiously in compact ranks, with their claymores drawn, and glittering ominously in the struggling light.

It was now nearly four in the morning, and the feeble glimmerings of dawn blending with the light of the moon, yet more clear and powerful, which appeared over the mountain tops in the south east, told that the new day would shortly break. At present everything could be seen with tolerable distinctness, but in a short time hence the brightness of day would blaze over the scene.

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