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BY **NORMAN INNES,**

Author of "The Surge of War" (London Magazine, English Nash, 1906; "Parson Croft" (English Nash, 1907).

Continued.

"Answer he had none, nor did I waste words in reply to that gruff challenge. I stood for our Austrian authority in those forests. Back reeled the peasant before my fist, his weapon dropped as he fell, and with my foot upon it, I glanced around a fire that blazed upon the hearth. A dozen pair of eyes met mine; a dozen peasants, maybe more, sprang upon the flag or were scrambling to their feet in evident alarm. Josef Mendt, who had followed me into the house, had drawn a sword and the other troopers stood behind me in the entrance.

"What do ye here?" I demanded harshly, frowning in their scowling faces.

"Not a man seemed inclined to answer, moodily, and now one, and then another would lose his hold on the sword or cudgel he had seized as we entered.

"Then spoke an evil-visaged old man who lounged upon the hearth. "We are poor peasants, Your Excellency,"—the rogue had in his grip the blade of a scythe cunningly spliced to a long wooden handle—"poor peasants who seek shelter from the rain."

I glanced at the Spaniard at my side, with a suspicion that this rascal had gathered at von Wegan's bidding.

"Then get ye gone," I cried, waving little to fear from these fellows who were leaderless it seemed and taken by surprise.

With an ill grace they rose, he who had challenged us in the doorway, clanking at the fallen matchlock.

"Nay," I said, with my foot upon the barrel. "What are these in your hands? Robbers rather than peasants I hold ye, food for the gibbet. Drop your arms, knaves."

For a moment they hesitated, but ignorant of what force might be without and mistaking the troopers' grins, they obeyed, dropping a couple of firearms, a few old swords, the scythes I have mentioned and some heavy cudgels.

"Now, away with you," cried I, "reach to his dwelling, and hark ye, that man hangs whose face I set eyes on again this night."

A moody, scowling band they filed past me through the doorway into the night; the Spaniard watched them keenly as they went and more than once glanced in his face as if recognizing the swart stern features.

"Who are they, thinkest thou?" I asked, when the last had gone and Leon de Portugal led the ladies into the house. For a moment he was silent, then a smile flickered on his lips.

"Nay, I scarce can say, Captain Lealy, brigands, Austrian or Bavarian, cut-throat marauders. Mayhap we had best set out for Rohn with-out delay."

"Are they servants to the Count?" said I. I fancied that I had recognized one and another of the knaves who had beset me when first I set foot in Kels.

He shrugged his shoulders, and pointed to the scattered weapons upon the flags.

"Mayhap, who knows? But without these they are powerless for a while."

In the meantime the two ladies had approached the fire and were drying themselves at the blaze. They had thrown aside their cloaks and their skirts were steaming. The older stood with her hands upon her hips, staring into the heart of the flames, her sister was seated on a pile of brushwood red-eyed and very pale. It was then that I brought me of the necklet-pearls, and all else had been forgotten till that moment. Mayhap till that moment the Spaniard had forgotten them also, though some he had risked so much to gain. Each stole a glance at the sisters and then our eyes met. Blank was

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

FOR ALL KINDS OF KIDNEY DISEASE

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE SEAMEN'S MISSION held yesterday afternoon, the following officers were elected: Miss Louise Lovitt, president; Mrs. J. W. Seymour, Mrs. S. L. Gorbell, Mrs. Thomas Graham, vice-presidents; Miss Josephine Lynch, secretary; Mrs. Jane McKechnie, treasurer. The accounts of the departments of the bazaar held recently were settled up though the exact total is not yet known as some of the accounts were not rendered.

ALD. FRINK TAKES DECIDED OBJECTION

In Francis Kerr Lease Matter Says City's Property is Exploited for Private Purposes.

At the meeting of the general committee of the council yesterday, the question of granting a lease of part of a wharf to Francis Kerr was again brought up. The recorder had previously submitted an opinion that the city had no power to grant a lease of a public wharf and that legislation would have to be obtained if the lease was to hold good.

It transpired that the recorder had been asked by an alderman, whose name was not mentioned, to prepare a notice of a bill for the approval of the bills and by laws committee. The recorder prepared the notice and handed it to the common clerk.

Ald. Frink rather hotly took the recorder to task for preparing a notice of a bill after an illness extending over several months. She is survived by three sons, including Percy B. at home, and three daughters—Misses Isabelle and Florence in Portland (Or.), and Miss M. Hunter, registered in the Graduate Nurses Association here. Many friends will sympathize with them in their great loss.

"Rats" Saved a Girl's Life

St. Louis, Mo.—When the elevator fell in the Flaniers' Hotel, and a broken cable came through the top and struck Miss Laura Wind on the head, it was thought that she was killed. At the hospital, the doctor found that three "rats" in her hair had saved her life by breaking the force of the blow.

Many women have had their lives saved as if by a miracle. Mrs. M. Breiland, of St. Manitoba, suffered for years with severe indigestion, constipation, and womb trouble with pains in the back, which made her miserable. "I tried physicians and took many remedies, but got no relief until I was induced to try 'Fruit-a-tives,'" writes Mrs. Breiland. "Fruit-a-tives" quickly relieved the constipation, indigestion, and womb trouble.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Roger Hunter.

Mrs. Eliza J. Hunter, widow of Roger Hunter, died at an early hour this morning after an illness extending over several months. She is survived by three sons, including Percy B. at home, and three daughters—Misses Isabelle and Florence in Portland (Or.), and Miss M. Hunter, registered in the Graduate Nurses Association here. Many friends will sympathize with them in their great loss.

Sergt. C. H. McCormack.

The body of Sergeant C. H. McCormack was brought to Fairville yesterday from Fort Douglas, Utah, where his death took place in battle. The funeral took place at Cedar Hill cemetery, Rev. F. E. Bishop, of Fairville, performing the burial service. Sergeant McCormack had served in the armies of Great Britain and the United States. He fought all through the Cuban war, and then became a coastguard at New Orleans. Later he was drafted to the Philippines, where he contracted his fatal illness. Death was due to heart failure, of which he died at the age of 34. His brothers and two sisters survive him. They are: Fred and Samuel McCormack, of Fairville; John in Boston; Joseph in New York; and Mrs. J. O. Nelson, of Milford (Me.).

B. R. MACAULAY IS AGAIN PRESIDENT

Westfield Outing Association Decided on Good Friday Excursion—The C. P. R. Suburban.

At the annual meeting of the Westfield Outing Association last evening, reports of the past year were satisfactory and a balance in the hands of the treasurer. It was decided to hold an excursion to Westfield on Good Friday, leaving at 7 p. m. A committee was appointed to take the C. P. R. to have the 11.30 p. m. train for Westfield, which last summer ran only on Wednesdays and Saturdays, made a daily train in place of the one which left at 9.25 a. m.

The officers elected were: President, B. R. Macaulay; vice-president, W. C. Rowland; secretary, E. E. Church; treasurer, H. B. Robinson; J. A. Lelky, E. A. Inches, Geo. L. Warwick, D. W. Ledingham, Alexander Macaulay, F. A. Clarke, G. M. Robertson, Dr. J. R. McIntosh, John Prodhann, J. H. Deedy, R. M. Magee, M. M. Jarvis, A. C. Smalley, Sailing commodore, W. A. Church, Joshua Clawson, Chas. Leonard, H. B. Robinson, Dr. H. C. Wetmore, J. A. Lelky.

VALUES ASSESSED BY JUDGE McLEOD

Sleath & Quinlan and Gordon Cases Again Referred to the Supreme Court.

Progress was made before Judge McLeod yesterday in the Sleath, Quinlan and Gordon cases against the city of St. John in connection with the expropriation of a 30-foot strip of land in Carleton. Judge McLeod decided to again refer the matter at issue to the supreme court, but made assessments of all the claims preferred by counsel for the plaintiffs.

The buildings and assessment for loss of business had been previously placed at \$1,350 for Sleath & Quinlan, and \$900 for Mr. Gordon. Judge McLeod yesterday valued the filling in at \$3,000 and for piling and capping \$668, three-quarters of this for Sleath & Quinlan, one-quarter for Mr. Gordon.

Hon. H. A. McKewen for the plaintiffs contended that, under the late judgment of the supreme court, Frederick, the full value of these works should be allowed as they were necessary as furnishing foundation for the buildings. Hon. C. N. Skinner represents the city. The matter will go before the supreme court at Fredericton at the session to open today.

An important point is that if these valuations are confirmed by the supreme court they will apply only to the 30-foot strip but to the 230 feet comprising the property.

Gordon Division. Sons of Temperance last evening elected and installed Kenneth D. Spear, W. P.; Miss N. McFarland, W.; Miss A. Cunningham, R. S.; R. S. White, A. R. S.; H. L. McCavour, P. S.; Hugh McCavour, treasurer; Mrs. Kirkpatrick, chaplain; Harry Bolyan, conductor; Mr. Collier, C.; Mr. McFarland, I. S.; Mr. Fuller, O. S.; Mrs. Ring, S. Y. P. W.

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ELECTION CARDS.

To the Electors of the City of St. John:

Ladies and Gentlemen: Having been tendered the unsolicited support of a large number of ratepayers, I have decided to accept nomination for the Mayoralty and trust I will receive your endorsement.

If elected, I will endeavor to give you safe, progressive and business-like administration.

During the time I have held the position of chairman of the treasury department, I have given very full attention to the city affairs; and whilst I have no doubt that the progress and development of the city (increasingly manifested during several years) will be continued, I realize fully that the taxation of the citizens must not be materially increased, but that as far as possible the rate of assessment must be reduced.

Soliciting your vote and support on Tuesday the 21st inst. Yours respectfully, **THOS. H. BULLOCK.**

To the Electors of Queens Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I will be a candidate for Alderman to represent Queens Ward at the ensuing Civic Election and kindly solicit your support. Yours respectfully, **HENRY DUNBRACK.**

To the Electors of Queens Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the solicitation of a large number of the Electors, I have decided to offer as a candidate for Alderman at Large. If you favor me with your vote and influence, I shall, if elected, endeavor to administer the affairs of the city in a straightforward, business manner. Yours truly, **GEO. A. HETHERINGTON.**

Alderman at Large.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I will be a candidate at the coming Civic Election, to be held Tuesday, April 21st, for the position of Alderman at Large. If you favor me with your vote and influence, I shall, if elected, endeavor to administer the affairs of the city in a straightforward, business manner. Yours respectfully, **CHARLES A. CLARK.**

ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE.

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the solicitation of a large number of ratepayers of the city, I have consented to be a candidate for Alderman-at-Large in the coming civic election. If I do my utmost to assist in the business of the city conducted as economically as the needs of the city will permit. Yours respectfully, **W. E. SCULLY.**

To the Electors of the City of St. John.

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the solicitation of a large number of the ratepayers I will again be a candidate for Alderman-at-Large. If once more returned I will endeavor to work for the best interest of the city. Yours respectfully, **H. L. MCGOWAN.**

To the Electors of Prince Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the solicitation of a large number of the Electors I have consented to be a candidate for Alderman in this ward. If I be elected, I will use my best efforts to see that the business of the city is properly administered. Trusting to be favored with your support, I am, Yours respectfully, **JOHN F. MORRISON.**

To the Electors of King's Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the earnest solicitation of a large number of the ratepayers of this ward I have again decided to offer as candidate for the office of Alderman, and I respectfully solicit your support. Yours faithfully, **J. B. HAMM.**

To the Electors of Queen's Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the earnest solicitation of a large number of the Electors of Queen's Ward I have consented to be a candidate for Alderman of the ward at the election to be held on the 21st inst. If elected, I will do all in my power for the good and economic government of the city. Yours respectfully, **AMON A. WILSON.**

To the Electors of Landsdowne Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I will be a candidate for Alderman of this ward on Tuesday, April 21st. As I cannot see all the electors in the ward, I take this opportunity of soliciting your support on that date, and if elected will endeavor to look after the interests of the city and the many needs of the ward to the best of my ability. Thanking you in anticipation, I remain, Yours respectfully, **A. M. ROWAN.**

To the Electors of Guys Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the solicitation of a number of the ratepayers of the ward I have again decided to be a candidate for the ward this year, and if elected will do all in my power to further the interests of ward and city. **J. B. TAIT.**

- Telephone Subscribers**
- PLEASE ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY—
- Main 2123 Farris, F. S., residence, 100 Main.
 - Main 2140 Foster, F. A., residence, 63 Hazen, number changed from Main 1857-11 to Main 2140.
 - Main 1820-11 Kenwick, W., residence, 19 1/2 St. Andrew.
 - Main 1264-12 Glynn, John, Livery and Coach Stable, 12 Dorchester, number changed from Main 761-11 to Main 1264-12.
 - Main 2139 Hastings, A., residence, 4 Wentworth.
 - Main 1833-12 Johnston, Wm., residence, Mt. Pleasant.
 - Main 2131 Leonard, John G., D.D.S., Dentist, 15 Charlotte.
 - Main 2138 Lilley, Harry R., Meat and Fish Market, 138 Mill.
 - West 188-31 Maleney, R. C., residence, 290 King, W. E.
 - Main 1060 May Queen, Warehouse, Industrial, number changed from Main 204-11 to Main 1060.
 - F. J. NISBET, Local Manager.