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(Continued.)

"December 21st, 1887. The last chapter in my book is by far the most brilliant and searching which I have yet added to that fascinating volume. Whatever Carliotta suffers in the present, she shall go down to posterity as the martyr of her sex. I will place her on a pinnacle as high as my own. Indeed, I was never so sorry when I had to tell her the story of the love-letter, and how I had been playing on her feelings all these months. At the same time, I looked forward to the explanation, because I knew that it would open up to me a fresh phase of womanly nature. And I confess that I did with vengeance. Carliotta turned pale. She stood there looking as if she were filled with the greatest physical agony. Her eyes were filled with tears which did not fall. I don't know how many days it is since she spoke to me last, but certainly it must be upwards of a fortnight. This is not exactly what I expected. It is only when a woman talks that one can judge of how the experiment is progressing. Tomorrow, all being well, I am going to adopt a new scheme which I hope will have the desired effect."

December 22nd, 1887. Our little Vera has disappeared. Evidently she has been kidnapped with a view of a reward. The whole neighborhood is up in arms, and my wife is distracted. It has often been a favorite topic of mine that every man takes a second place in a woman's affections as soon as her first child is born. I look back now with a vivid recollection of the early days when I first met Carliotta. I look back to her passionate love scenes, and her declarations that I should be first with her. I am very much enamoured, I had my doubts when I was alone, and in a position to debate the matter. The time has come to put the question to a test, and thus it became necessary for Vera to disappear. I might say at once that my theory has been vindicated to the letter. I now know that Carliotta cares far more for Vera than she does for me. The reflection is not so nothing to a woman's vanity, but there it is. There is a wildness and intensity in her grief, which I can never would have experienced had I been brought home to her in the last stage of dissolution. I must keep this up. I must work this phase as long as it lasts, while it will not be an indefinite time, because I must not drive my patient too far. She begins to show signs of collapse already. I think at the end of a week I must have Vera brought back again. By the expiration of that time, I fancy I can add another chapter of my remarkable book."

Walter stopped for a moment, his voice was full of loathing and disgust. In honest indignation almost choked. He saw now that his anger and contempt were reflected on the face of Ravenspur. "Do you want me to read any further?" he said, "or is that sufficient? Shall I tell you, for instance, what happened after the inhuman wretch brought his child home again? Shall I tell you of other tortures and tyrannies, and how this scoundrel rejoices in the fact that his neighbors like him and pity him because he is married to a bad-tempered woman, who makes his life a burden? That is the note that runs all through this extraordinary diary. The man uses it as a weapon to play upon the feelings of his wife. If you are not yet satisfied I will pick out—"

"No, no," Ravenspur cried, as he rose to his feet. "I have heard enough and more than enough. My mind must have been a madman; and yet I regarded him as one of the best and noblest of men. I never dreamt he had an enemy. I never knew anybody say a word against him. Do you think that a man of the world like myself should be deceived in this way? Everything is now growing wonderfully clear before my eyes. Walter, I can even understand why the Countess left her daughter behind her. Fancy suffering all that trouble and humiliation to find, later on, that the child you had

done so much for was likely to turn out as her father had done! In the last ten minutes you have proved that I was wrong, and the Countess was right; and yet it seemed to me that I was justified in my actions. I don't know what I am going to do. I don't know what steps I can take to convince that unhappy woman that I acted for the best. At any rate, I must make a beginning before I go to bed tonight."

Ravenspur took up the volume and went down the stairs. In the drawing-room, the Countess, Mrs. Delahay, and Vera were still seated, talking earnestly together. Ravenspur crossed the room to the Countess's side and held out the book. "Do you know what this contains?" he asked. "I suppose you have read it from cover to cover?" "Once," said the Countess, with a shudder. "But never again."

"I can quite understand your feelings," Ravenspur said. "I have only heard extracts, but they have been quite sufficient for me. And now let me do my best to try and convince you that I acted in what I conceived to be the true interests of your child. I know now how wrong I was. I know that you have been made the victim of a scoundrel and a madman; and if you can forgive me for what I have done, I will be your grateful servant in the future."

"One moment," the Countess said. "There is another matter, and you must understand from my nephew that the police think that they have a more important case than yours of Louis Delahay. The police are all wrong. It is incredible to me that they have not discovered the truth before, that they have blundered on it. Surely you can guess who it is who is responsible for the death of my poor sister's husband?"

"I am afraid," Ravenspur murmured, "that I cannot—"

"Not even after it was known that you were at work in the studio that night?" "No, unless perhaps—good heavens, you don't mean to say—Silva?" "Nobody else. The man tracked you to Fitzjohn Square. There was not one of your movements that he did not know. He came this way, I dare say, nurse will not mind us talking to the patient for a few moments alone. You shall hear Silva confirm what I have said to you."

Ravenspur stumbled to his feet. He was amazed and dumbfounded; and yet the more he came to think of it, the more plausible it seemed. No, the nurse had no objection, it would not harm the patient. He was very near to his end now. Weak as he was, his eyes gleamed as he caught sight of Lord Ravenspur, the old wolfish look was on his face. "We have been mistaken, my dear Silva," the Countess said. "Lord Ravenspur has been one of my best friends. I have known him, as hundreds of others were. His lordship was led to believe that the Countess was a martyr to a dreadful wife, a woman incapable of looking after a child. The kidnapping of my daughter was part of his vengeance upon me, so that he could reach me from the other side of the grave. Everything has been explained, the diary has been read by Lord Ravenspur; and he has forgiven you, he has come to your bedside to say so before you—"

"De!" Silva said, with an effort. "Curses his forgiveness. If I could stand up now—"

He could say no more, the malignant hate, the fire of madness, still gleamed in his dark eyes. He would hold the same tradition to the end. There was no chance of anything like a reconciliation here. "I expected nothing else," the Countess said sadly. "Only a Corsican could understand his feelings. It is his blood, his religion. But if you can't forgive me, my poor Silva, you can console. It may be the means of saving an innocent life. It was you who were responsible for the death of Mr. Delahay?" Silva nodded quite coolly. There was an upward curve of his shoulders that was very expressive. It was like one who confesses to a mistake.

(To be continued.)

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



Bright patches of color on the fashionable golf links this summer are the pretty linen jumper frocks, which the feminine golf enthusiast is wearing. White, of course, is always worn, and looks charming against the green background of the links; so, also, does the delicate blue or buff. Both these colors are seen in pretty jumper frocks that are sometimes trimmed with hand embroidery done in white to correspond with the white lingerie of lace embroidery or dainty lingerie material.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

TRIP TO THE SOUDAN AT THE NICKEL TODAY

The Nickel has a sterling feature for today and tomorrow—several in fact—but one especially good one, A Trip in the Soudan, that far-off territory which sprang into such prominence when Lord Kitchener took hold of it. The costumes of the natives, their work and play make great sightseeing for stay-at-homes. For the first time in several months the Nickel will show another Pathe colored transformation picture, The Magic Dice, a bewitching thing. The exceedingly funny Edison farce "Skinney's Finish" is a long picture that deals with the love affairs of the living skeleton in a circus side-show. The Lost Ball is a trick photo by Pathe Freres with a novelty chase. Altogether there is variety and real merit in this programme with Miss Foley's fine singing and Mr. Gurney's excellent tenor. The orchestra, also, another two days of cheap but good entertainment is assured.

HUNTLEY STOCK CO. NEXT WEEK

Commencing Monday, July 27th, The Huntley Stock Co. supporting Jas. H. Huntley and Miss Sadie Hilton will open a three days' engagement in the pretty pastoral drama "Hazel Kirke." This organization is conceded to be the very best stock company in the east playing at popular prices. Previous to Mr. Huntley's starring tour in "Rip Van Winkle" he was at the head of the present organization which was permanently located at Atlantic City, N. J., where he set a standard for dramatic excellence and costly productions that has not been equaled in that city. In introducing the present company to the theatre patrons, they are assured of finished presentations and an exceptionally capable company to interpret the same. Popular prices will prevail during the engagement.

DECLARE OTTAWA WILL GO TORY

Civil Service Vote Will be Alienated Owing to Failure to Give Salary Increases.

(Ottawa Citizen.) If the government were to bring on an election in Ottawa about this time, the chances of its carrying either of two seats would be lowered to the irreducible minimum. The civil service vote which is a very potent influence in political contests here has been alienated by reason of the announcement that there are to be no salary increases apart from what is provided for in the new civil service bill. To say that there is indignation all through the service is putting it very mildly. There was disappointment when no provision for a general increase was made in the bill. Then it was explained that the supplementary estimate would likely provide for some immediate augmentation. The later budget has at least been bright and cheerful, and still there is no provision for the civil service. Those who have been trusting that nothing would be done, and who see the desideratum accomplished have consequently abandoned hope. Through all the departments the government is being slung right and left. Incidentally, while no threats are publicly made, there is quietude in the next and not far distant election. The main point emphasized before the civil service committee was the greatly increased cost of living, and this was conceded in the report and while a general increase was not recommended consideration of deserving cases on a basis of 10 or 15 per cent. augmentation was suggested. The service claims that the pledge that nothing short of a gold brick. The sorest touch of all is that certain favorites already drawing big salaries are given increases amounting in some cases to \$200 or \$300, while the rank and file either remain stationary or will need wait a long time before receiving any benefit under the new act. It looks as present as though the government had deliberately thrown away the two Ottawa seats. At least this is the view expressed in circles friendly to the administration both in and out of the service.

WEDDINGS

Malley-Holmes

Newcastle, July 14.—At St. Patrick's church, Monday morning, Rev. Father Power officiating, William Malley, Sr., was married to Mrs. Henry Jane Holmes (nee Malley). Wm. Malley, Jr., son of the bridegroom, was best man, and Miss Minnie Harvey acted as bridesmaid. The bride was becomingly attired in white tulle, and the bridesmaid in pink. Mr. and Mrs. Malley will reside in Nelson.

Magee-Winslow

William J. Magee, a popular young man and an active member of the Young Men's Society of St. Joseph and of some time manager of the society's baseball team, was married this morning to Margaret Winslow, daughter of Joseph Winslow, of 17 St. Patrick street. The marriage took place in the Cathedral at 8 o'clock in the presence of relatives and close friends of the bride and groom. The bride wore a pretty traveling suit of blue with hat to match and carried a bouquet of white carnations. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Etta Marshall, of St. George, who was attired in a costume of white point. The bride wore a black picture hat and carried a bouquet of red roses. C. P. O'Neill was groomsmen.

Donovan-McCarthy

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was the scene of an interesting event at 5:45 o'clock this morning, when Rev. A. W. Mehan united in marriage Michael Donovan and Miss Margaret McCarthy. The groom was attended by Arthur P. Murphy and Miss Nellie A. Driscoll was bridesmaid. The bride was given away by her brother, Florence McCarthy was attired in a tailor-made costume of navy blue and the bridesmaid wore a cream suit.

THEY ARE PREPARING

All hands are hustling along today and if people could only get a peep into the Union Clothing Company's store they would see a busy lot of men trying to have everything in readiness for their big anniversary mid-summer sale which is to start to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock. Their stores are closed to the public today to give them a chance to have everything in good shape. If you want anything in the clothing or furnishing line attend this sale. 7-15-11 American window glass is sent all over the world.

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GET RIGHT TO WORK ON THE MARSH CREEK PROJECT

Plan for the Proposed Dam Submitted to Meeting of Citizens Last Evening—Committee Will Estimate Cost.

A meeting called by W. Frank Hatheway, M.P.P., to consider the question of placing a dam in the Marsh creek, was held in the Victoria rink last evening. Between twenty and twenty-five people were present. At the opening of the meeting Charles Nevins read a letter from Mr. Hatheway, in which he mentioned that he had been called to Hampton by the illness of his daughter and apologized for his absence. Ex-Mayor Sears was then voted to the chair and Mr. Nevins was appointed secretary. A plan prepared by William Murdoch was laid before the meeting and the various points in connection with the proposal were explained. After a general discussion, a committee, consisting of the chairman, Mr. Hatheway, Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Wilson, J. E. Wilson, M.P.P., R. J. Wilkins, and H. C. Page, was appointed to see the property owners and obtain an estimate of cost and other details. The committee's report will be submitted at a meeting to be held at the call of the chair. In the course of the discussion, Mr. Wilson mentioned that Hon. John Morrissey, chief commissioner of public works, accompanied by A. R. Wetmore, the provincial engineer, was coming to confer with the city engineer on proposed improvements to the Marsh bridge. They will also look into the question of responsibility for keeping the abutments in repair. After the meeting, the committee, accompanied by Mr. Murdoch, to the approximate site of the dam, which it is proposed to place opposite the centre of the Marsh bridge and near the spot where the creek turns east. Should this site be selected it would leave sufficient area between the dam and the bridge for the sewage to be discharged.

PERSONALS

Lieutenant Governor Tweedie is at the Royal. Hon. D. V. Landry, commissioner of agriculture, was at the Victoria yesterday. Harry McGibbon, of New York, formerly of this city, who has been spending the past few weeks in St. John, will leave tomorrow on a trip up the river. T. C. Carter, of Andover, is registered at the Victoria. M. Macdonald, of St. Stephen, was at the Victoria yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Knox, of Knoxville, Alabama, arrived here yesterday and will spend the summer with their daughter, Mrs. E. W. McCready. Miss Lillian Shewan, of Westmount (P. Q.), arrived in the city yesterday and the guest of Mrs. and Mr. John G. Shewan, Summer street. Dr. Brydome-Jack and A. C. Brydome-Jack, of Vancouver, are in the city. Rev. Howard Sprague, D.D., of Sackville, passed through the city last evening en route to St. Stephen. Channing G. Lawrence, curate at Oak Point church for the summer, was in the city yesterday. R. J. Adams and daughter have returned after a trip to Campbellton and the North shore. Edmund Breen, arrived yesterday on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. I. J. D. Landry. George D. Prescott, M.P.P., and wife, of Albert, are at the Dufferin. Rev. Arthur C. Archibald, B.D., of Brockton (Mass.), passed through the city yesterday on his way to Nova Scotia to visit friends. H. P. Timmerman, of the C. P. R., Montreal, was in the city for a few hours yesterday. Sheriff O'Brien, of Northumberland County, is at the Royal. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bergen, of New York, arrived by the steamer Governor Cobb yesterday afternoon and are the guests of Mrs. C. H. Peters, Leinster street. Mrs. E. Tiffin, of Moncton, is registered at the Royal. C. W. Eldredge, of Advocate (N.S.), was registered at the Dufferin yesterday. Mrs. James Lowell, accompanied by her sisters, Miss Jessie and Maggie Lawson, and aunt, Mrs. Vanburg, of Boston, arrived yesterday on the steamer Calvin Austin. Frank Heavey, representing Slater & Palmer, of London (Eng.), is at the Royal.

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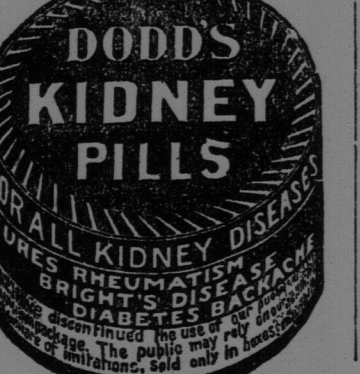
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