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**A FATEFUL...
....DIAMOND**

CHAPTER XV.

An evening at the Grand Opera
House.

All Paris is gathered there to hear
the great Swedish songstress, Christine
Nilsson, who she is to appear
as Ophelia in "Hamlet," and never
before had a more brilliant throng as-
sembled to witness the triumph of an
artist who on this night was to bring
joy supreme to two hearts and lives
in which we are particularly interest-
ed.

Mrs. Houghton's party occupied a
conspicuous box, and attracted much
attention and admiration. Margaret
Houghton had never looked more lovely
than tonight, arrayed as she was in
palest of pink silk, with great clus-
ters of white roses and green leaves
in her belt and clasped in her fault-
lessly gloved hands. Not a jewel could
be seen upon her, anywhere, but her
peerless face, all aglow with a won-
derful light and beauty, held every eye
spellbound as it was turned toward
the box where she was sitting.

Mrs. Houghton looked regal in black
velvet, relieved by diamonds of pur-
est light, and appeared a supremely
happy matron as she sat beside her
handsome and dignified husband, whose
glance often turned to her with a
glance of fondness that is rare after
more than 25 years of married life.

Ada Parker, bright, piquant little
beauty that she was, looked like some
gray bird from a southern clime in her
dress of crimson satin, relieved by de-
licate white lace, and strings of pearls
on her small, fair, smooth neck and
arms; while Mrs. Parker, in ladylike
gray, with ornaments of opals and dia-
monds, was not by any means the least
attractive of the party.

The only other occupant of the box
was Louis Dunbar, who sat in the rear
of Margaret Houghton, and who, if one
could judge by the expression of his
face, was more absorbed in his fair
companion than in the vocalism of the
great prima donna.

"What a grand, magnificent voice
she has," Margaret said, with a deep,<
indrawn breath, after a superb effort
of the great songstress, while she lifted
her lustrous eyes to the handsome
face beside her.

"She has, indeed," Louis assented,
but meeting her look with a glance that
sent the rich blood bounding to her
cheek.

"Do you know," she went on, with
dropping her white lids a trifle, when
I hear such a voice as that, I am
thrilled through and through, every
fiber of my being is stirred, and I feel
a deep and tender affection going forth
from my heart toward the singer. Were
you ever affected in that way?"

A brilliant light flashed over Louis
Dunbar's face as his mind reverted to
that evening when he had heard the
fair girl beside him sing to a less
appreciative audience than was gath-
ered around them tonight, when she had
started him with her beautiful pres-
ence, and then actually sung his heart
forever out of his own keeping.

Leaning a trifle nearer her, he bent
a thrilling glance upon her, and replied
with an earnestness that made every
pulse in her delicate body throb
strangely.

"Yes, Miss Houghton, I have."

Something in his tone made her flash
a quick look at him, and if ever
man's face betrayed a tender, yearn-
ing love, his did at that moment.

He knew it, but it was beyond his
power to help it, and he saw that she
recognized it by the shy drooping of
the golden lashes and the rosy, con-
scious flush that again swept upward
and was lost beneath the waves of her
shining hair.

An expressive silence fell between
them. Meanwhile the great songstress
was being recalled by thundering ap-
plause, and then came forward to re-
spond, bowing her thanks for the ap-
preciation evinced by her audience.

There was an instantaneous hush,
every being in that great house bend-
ing forward with breathless attention,
eager to catch the first tone of that
ravishing voice.

She sang a simple ballad—sweet, ex-
pressive, impassioned:

"I love thee: I love but thee,
With a love that shall not die
Till the sun grows cold,
And the stars are old,
And the leaves of the Judgment books
unfold."

To Louis Dunbar, sitting there, one
shapely hand resting lightly upon the
back of his companion's chair, his eyes

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Early Closing of British War Loan
Explained—Parliament Scored
by the Times.

BRITISH WAR LOAN.

London, Aug. 7.—Answering a
member of the House of Commons,
who asked a reason for the early closing
of subscriptions of exchequer
bonds, the chancellor of the exchequer
said the lists had been closed as
soon as the bonds had been subscribed
for. He had received an offer from an
Anglo-American house to place
half the issue in America on the same
conditions as issued here. This as-
sured the success of the loan. But
there was another reason. Last Thurs-
day the reserve of the Bank of Eng-
land stood at the lowest point for
years, and he was advised that great
relief might be afforded here by the
movement of gold from the United
States of a large part of this loan
(\$40,000,000) were taken there. It is
understood here that the chancellor of
the exchequer has allotted \$5,000,000 of
the loan to the United States. In sub-
stance, the chancellor of the exchequer
said: "When I made the usual con-
fidential inquiries to ascertain whether
the proposed terms were likely to be
attractive, I received such very moder-
ate encouragement that I accepted
an offer already made to me by a
leading Anglo-American house in Lon-
don to place half the issue in the
United States on the terms I had de-
cided to offer it here. This part of the
issue was already taken when the loan
was taken in Great Britain." In con-
clusion, the chancellor of the exchequer
said: "I regret any disappoin-
tment caused by the early closing
of the lists, but I hope it may to
some extent be mitigated by consider-
ation of the very important points I
have just mentioned."

New York, Aug. 7.—Baring, Magoun
& Co. have arranged to ship two mil-
lion dollars to London tomorrow.

London, Aug. 8.—The allotment of
such a large portion of the war loan
to America has not been well re-
ceived in many quarters. The Daily
Chronicle, in its financial article, says:
"The people are so angry that they
have not time to consider to what in-
humiliation we have been brought in
having to appeal at all to foreign
money markets for assistance."

The Daily Express says: "There is a
chance, if the bonds go to a high
premium, that the Americans may
promptly sell them back and so de-
feat the object our bankers have in
view, to dislodge the demand for in-
vestment of a well-founded belief
that the demand for insurance com-
panies and other classes in the United States is so
great that the bonds will be retained
for the sake of their yield."

A BARREN SESSION.

London, Aug. 8.—The morning papers
devote long editorials to a review of
the session of parliament which prac-
tically closes today. The Times, re-
ferring to it as "marked from begin-
ning to the end with a moribund, barren
character," says: "Few among
keen observers of politics doubt that
within two or three months, pro-
position throughout the session has
been paralyzed by its numerical weak-
ness, and its division on vital issues.
We regret the curious inability of
Mr. Salisbury and Mr. Lauriston to
appreciate the drift of public opinion
and the latter's irritability, as well
as the fatalistic spirit that has per-
meated their speeches. With the ex-
ception of Mr. Chamberlain, who,
right up to the end, has been clear,
decided and courageous, few of the
ministers have risen above the level
of their chiefs."

EXPORT OF ARMS PROHIBITED.

In accordance with the recently passed
bill, the Gazette proclaims the
prohibition of the export of arms or am-
munition to China from today.

CHANGES.

In consequence of the retirement of
the Right Hon. Sir Horace Rumbold
from his post as British ambassador at
Vienna, and the retirement of the Right
Hon. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, the
British ambassador at Madrid, the Hon.
Sir Francis Richard Plunkett, British
minister at Brussels, and Sir Henry
Mortimer Durand, British minister at
Tehran, Persia, will succeed them
respectively. Mr. Edmund Constantine
Phillips, the British minister at
Rio de Janeiro, is transferred to
Brussels, and Sir Henry Nevill
Berling, British minister to Mexico,
has been transferred to Rio de Jan-
eiro.

PRaises CANADA.

The Times praises Canada's decision
not to receive any more destitute im-
migrants. In view of the spread of an-
archy it recommends a similar course
of action to European states.

REPORTER CAN COPYRIGHT.

The House of Lords gave judgment in
the case of the Times vs. the London
question being whether a reporter can
copyright speeches. The judgment re-
verses the decision of the court of ap-
peals, and upholds the Times. Lord
Robertson dissented from the judg-
ment.

INDIA'S CROP OUTLOOK.

London, Aug. 8.—The vicerey of
India, Lord Curzon, writes that a
very decided improvement in the
crop prospect has taken place during
the last ten days. Ample rain has
fallen for the present agricultural re-
quirements in Gujarat and the greater
part of Rajputana and Central India,
and sowings are being rapidly pro-
ceeded so far as the scarcity of plow
bullocks permits. If the present favor-
able conditions continue considerable
autumn crops will be secured, and
the tension will relax. There are now
about 3,350,000 persons receiving relief.

HUMBERT'S FUNERAL.

Rome, Aug. 8.—It is stated that King
Victor Emmanuel intends to meet the
remains of the late King Humbert at
the railway station on their arrival
here, and to follow them on foot with
the princes to the Pantheon.

A Monza telegram to the Tribuna
says: Apparently Bressi's accomplices
were several. After his arrest, cries
of "Let him go!" were heard, and while
the king's carriage was being driven to
the royal villa an unknown man re-
plied to Gen. Onzio Vaglia, minister of
the royal household, who asked where the
assassin was: "There is no assassin."
Moreover, east-off workmen's clothing,
evidently intended for purposes of dis-
guise, has been found. The police be-
lieve that Bressi's flight was favored
by accomplices. Among the persons
arrested are Francesco Nicolletti and
Salvatore Tiscionetti, from Pater-
son, N. J.

Altogether 63 suspected Anarchists
things.

have been placed under arrest within
the last 48 hours.

CABLE NOTES.

American tourists in Japan number
three times the total of all other
foreign travelers.

Lieut. George Cornwallis-West, who
married Lady Randolph Churchill, has
been placed temporarily on half-pay
in consequence of ill-health. The
question as to whether she would re-
tain her title has been settled by her
decision to be designated as Mrs. Geo.
Cornwallis-West.

Although no plan has yet been
adopted for international protection
against Anarchists, the German for-
eign office is authority for the state-
ment that it is quite likely a scheme will
be devised, and that the preliminary
steps have already been taken.

THE ODDFELLOWS

Annual Gathering of the Grand En-
campment, I.O.O.F.

Hamilton, Aug. 7.—The Grand En-
campment of the Independent Order
of Oddfellows met in convention at the
court house here this morning. Mayor
Teetzel, on behalf of the city corpora-
tion, delivered an address of wel-
come, to which Grand Patriarch W. T.
Potter, of Chatham, made a suitable
reply.

Rebekah assembly met shortly after-
ward in the council chamber of the
hall, and in reply to Mayor Teetzel's
welcome address, President Sister
Selle, of Chatham, of Brockville, respon-
ded. The delegates then got down to
business.

The morning session was occupied
with routine matters and presenting
credentials by delegates, who are pre-
sent in large numbers from all parts of
the province.

The Oddfellows had secured all the
accommodation at the principal hotels
ahead of time, and when the delegates
to the convention of the Brotherhood
of Locomotive Engineers arrived in
the city today they had to do con-
siderable hustling to secure accommo-
dation.

The annual report of the president
of Rebekah Assembly contains an in-
teresting review of the work of the or-
der, and stated that the prospects for
an exceedingly prosperous year were
very bright. During the past year three
new lodges were instituted.

The grand secretary, Mrs. Annie
Waddell, presented a very complete re-
port, from which the following statis-
tics are taken: Brothers initiated, 14;
sisters initiated, 266; brothers died, 5;
sisters died, 9; brothers dropped from
roll, 88; sisters dropped from roll, 167;
present membership, 1,228 brothers and
1,842 sisters; net gain in membership,
167; total receipts during the year,
\$702 13.

The grand patriarch pointed out that
the grand encampment was first in-
stituted 31 years ago, and that its birth-
place was Hamilton. At that time
there were but six encampments, with
a total of 157 members. There were
now 70 encampments in Ontario, with
a total membership of 4,000. During the
year the membership had increased
nearly 100 per cent.

The following statistics are taken
from the report of the grand scribe, M.
D. Dawson:

Number of members, 1899.....	3,338
Initiated during the year ending	150
Deceased.....	12
Reinstated.....	13
.....	175
Total.....	3,533

Withdrawn by card.....	21
Suspended for non-payment of	138
dues.....	1
Suspended for cause.....	28
Deceased.....	188

In membership, Dec. 31, 1899.....	3,345
Number of patriarchs relieved.....	398
Amount paid for burying the	167 00
dead.....	115 00
Amount of special relief.....	12 50
Amount of relief to widowed	3,349 42
families.....	
Amount paid for the relief of	
patriarchs.....	

Total amount of relief paid \$2,654 92
Invested funds of subordinates \$21,058 61
Total amount of annual revenue \$7,768 46

Western Ontario.

Walkerville and Sandwich will hold
their civic holidays the same date at
Windsor, Aug. 8.

The Waterford Baptist Church will
be closed during August. In the mean-
time it will be repainted and repaired
generally.

The Waterford school board has se-
lected the following assistant teachers
out of 31 applications: Science and
mathematics, W. R. Saunders, B.A., of
Jaxby, English and moderns, Miss E.
W. Gould, B.A., of Colborne.

On Sunday morning Tilsonburg lost
one of her most highly respected citi-
zens, in the person of Mr. Geo. Frost,
who has been lying in a very pre-
carious condition for some time past.
He lived to mourn his loss a wife and
four daughters. He was aged 80 years,
and the funeral takes place from his
home on Broadway on Tuesday at 1
p.m. to St. John's Church for service.

William Clark, of Leamington, who
wanted \$9,000 from the United Natural
Gas Company for injuries sustained
by a gas explosion, has reached an
amicable settlement with the company.
Its main runs through Clark's premises
close to his greenhouse. The gas es-
caped, and, working its way through
the earth to the greenhouse, caused a
terrific explosion when Clark entered
with a light.

Woodstock Times: Mrs. Mary El-
stone, a Woodstock widow of 70 years
of age, has taken the primary steps
to bring an action for breach of prom-
ise of marriage against George King,
a widower of 84 years old, at one time
a resident of Woodstock, but now of
Hickson. Mrs. Elstone has also con-
nected another Woodstock gentleman
with the defendant, on the grounds
that he assisted to alienate the affec-
tions of her intended, the defendant.

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