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CHAPTER XIII.

The Countess Sets a Snare.

It was my wish that the Countesses should enter their home alone with the Spaniard. As the guard swung back the crazy, time-worn gates, I halted and saluted the three who passed inwards before me. Shame and wounded pride I knew must be gnawing the heart of that lady who, hatless in her gown of white satin, slipped unaided from the tired horse. Worn, bedraggled she waited, as Leon de Portugas helped her sister to the ground, but never a whit of her high breeding deserted her. Erect she stood in the light of a sickly dawn, careless of friend or foe, her blue eyes bright and defiant as ever, her head thrown back, though as I rode beneath the archway, I marked how a small hand clenched on the rain-sodden skirt.

"Come, sister," said she with a smile, a smile that might have heartened the most forlorn, and as pale-faced and heavy-eyed, the Lady Elsa stepped blindly towards her, as a mother she took her hand in hers.

Never have I seen, never shall I see again, a picture like to that; those two women whose beauty, nor rain, nor travel, nor sorrow could mar, whose pride no buffet of adversity could dim, side by side upon the stair leading to the upper court. Queens of Rohn were they in that hour albeit captive queens; not a man upon the castle rock, but would have owned the fact.

In the higher courtyard the elder Countess turned and, to our surprise beckoned to Josef Mendt, who had followed with the Spaniard's cloak to the foot of the stairway. As he reached her side, the trooper saluted—old Josef Mendt had had to do with those of blood and birth in his day—and for a moment the Countess spoke with him. Then as the ladies passed onwards followed by Don Leon, the man sprang down the stair, crossed the courtyard and came straight to where I stood with my corporal at my side.

"Her Excellency," said he bluntly, "bids me thank thee, in her behalf and her sister's."

Heaven be my witness, I could have given the man a florin for every word he had uttered.

"Did the Countess Elsa say aught?" I asked all but breathless, torn betwixt hope and fear.

"Nay, not a word, Herr Captain," rejoined the scarred old warrior—good lack, I could have denied him every groschen of his month's scanty pay.

Hiding my discomfiture, I dismissed the escort and turned to my corporal, who on hearing of our arrival had hurried from the lower guardroom.

Now Karl Knecht was as spruce a hussar as ever flung leg across saddle, but one fault he had, a love for embroidering a tale, and that which he told me that dull morning, I was inclined for the moment to set down to his weakness. Were it otherwise the news was grave, undeniably grave, and our safe arrival at the castle among the luckiest chances of our late adventure. Briefly his tidings were these:

On the morning following our departure for Sondheim, my garrison has been surprised by the sudden appearance of a dozen dragoons on the road from Munich. Their horses and accoutrements showed signs of a hasty journey, and the news they bore was sufficient to warrant their state.

All unlooked-for a Bavarian force had suddenly made its appearance to the south west of Munich, has cut off a few of our outposts, and was threatening the remainder of the scattered frontier garrisons. Though the enemy could boast but a strength of some few hundred regular troops, their numbers had been largely increased by bands of malcontent peasants who must have been forewarned of this attempt upon our lines of communication. The incursion had been well timed, the main Austrian armies had advanced into the northern portion of the conquered territory, the garrison of Munith had been greatly reduced, and the detached bodies of our men were individually too small to make any head against this sudden attack. The Governor of Munich had lost no time in apprising the frontier garrisons of the state of affairs, assuring them that troops would be hurried to their support as soon as practicable, but he made it clear that meanwhile they must take such measures as lay in their power to provide for their own defence.

Proof enough had this small detachment had of the turbulent spirit of the peasantry. More than once they had been fired on, and within three leagues of Rohn some forty of the folk of the country had offered to dispute their way. The sight of the troopers, however, blade in hand had daunted their courage. Without waiting to receive their charge, the rabble had fled to the shelter of the woods, and though the butt of the threats and abuse of sundry of these bands, none had dared to molest them.

Their warning given, in obedience to the governor's written orders my corporal had furnished the dragoons with fresh horses, and after a short delay, they had passed on for Salzburg. For the past four and twenty hours a sharp look-out had been kept for any sign of the insurgents, and though more than once bodies of peasants had been seen passing up and down the valley, they had clung to the broken ground that lay beneath the hills. Well assured that the castle could withstand any assault unsupported by cannon, it was for me and the safety of those in my company that Karl Knecht confessed he had had misgivings, and it was with profound relief, as I could read in the honest fellow's face, that he had been informed of our arrival.

Nor was my satisfaction one whit less than his, when I called to mind the sinister company that we had found in the hunting-lodge at Kels, and the crowd of shouting vagabonds that had witnessed our fording of the Rhonau. That the rabble should have dared so far, augered ill for the state of the valley.

Having given orders that the sentries should be doubled and bidding my corporal take such measures as he saw fit for the strengthening of the outer gate, I made for the castle and in spite of the disquieting intelligence, worn out by the toil and anxiety of the night, was soon sound asleep.

It was past noon when I woke—weariness and utter exhaustion must be my excuse for having slept so long.

Meanwhile my men, under the direction of Karl Knecht had not been idle. Iron chains had been fixed athwart the main gate and baulks of timber and flags, torn from the courtyard, had been piled behind it. The few old muskets that we had found in the castle had been cleaned and proved, to supply our lack of firearms of a greater range than a trooper's pistol. Cattle and goats had been driven within the walls from the hamlet, such corn as could be found—it amounted to but a few sacks—had been seized, and in spite of our meagre supplies, shelter within the castle had been offered to such of the peasants of the neighborhood as might desire it. In the circumstances there was little more to be done, if provisions were scanty there was no lack of water in Rohn, our firearms might be few, and all but useless, but I had no cause to doubt the courage of my men, and though the walls we would defend were weather-worn and crumbling, no better would be found to hold them than the hussars of Szegedin. My one fear was lest in the event of siege, famine might work our ruin; nought else save artillery could win the fortress before the arrival of supports from either Munich or Salzburg. So far not a sign of the enemy had been seen since the morning, not a Bavarian uniform, nor even a solitary peasant, and more than once I was inclined to doubt the accuracy of the information supplied by my corporal; the country folk ruined by the campaign might be ripe for robbery or outrage, but that a body of the enemy's troops should have ventured so close to our frontier was hardly conceivable.

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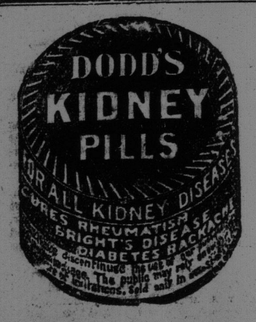

Washington, D. C., April 14.—The house of representatives today adopted the conference report on the special pension bill granting increases of pensions to widows of soldiers and sailors.

THE LESSONS TAUGHT BY THE BANK OF YARMOUTH

A Financial Journal Comments Upon the Latest Judgment---The Responsibility of Directors---The Case of the Ontario Bank Another Instance

(Montreal Shareholder.)

The directors of the defunct Bank of Yarmouth are personally liable to the shareholders for a portion, at least, of the losses by the failure of the bank, and that they are liable to make restitution therefore, was the unanimous decision of the full bench of the Nova Scotia supreme court, on Saturday last. This was a reversal of the judgment rendered in the first instance by Mr. Justice Townsend, who held that the directors were not liable. This latter judgment was appealed from, and the former judgment will now be taken in appeal to either the supreme court of Canada, or to the judicial lords of the privy council. The judgment in that case will be anxiously looked for throughout the whole dominion. It will be remembered that a dividend was declared by the Bank of Yarmouth, when it had not been earned. The bank failed some two years ago, its funds having been loaned in greater part to the Redding firm and owing to its financial difficulties it was unable to meet its liabilities. As a consequence, the bank was obliged to close its doors and to go into liquidation. By the later judgment the directors are condemned to pay to the liquidator the amount of the last dividend, which was at five per cent. on the total paid-up capital, $300,000, which is equal to $15,000. They were further condemned to pay the loss accrued from the transactions with the Redding firm. This was not a case of fraud on the part of the directors, but one of negligence and mismanagement. If directors accept office they assume, towards the creditors and depositors, a responsibility which they should be compelled to fulfil, and if they fail to do so, they should be compelled to make good the losses which have been sustained through their neglect of their duties. It occasionally happens that the directors leave the whole management of the bank's affairs to the general manager, or cashier where there is no general manager, and take no part whatever in that supervision of the bank's operation which it is their duty to give. Had proper supervision been given by the directors to the operations of the bank, the disaster which ensued from its absence would and should have been averted. The case of the directors of the Ontario Bank is a similar one. There the directors were in total ignorance of what their manager was doing. Had they done their duty, the defalcations which subsequently sent the general manager to the penitentiary would have been discovered and put a stop to. The confidence of the public is gained by the standing of the directors in whom the bank's creditors place their trust. When a bank failure occurs, hundreds, if not thousands of individuals, are subjected to loss and privation through no fault of their own. To whom, then, is the fault ascribable? We answer, "To the directors, who are responsible that their employes faithfully discharge their duties." Where directors fail in this respect and are made mere figure-heads, their responsibilities should be brought home to them in a manner that will make them realize that a neglect of duty on their part renders them liable for what could not have occurred had they done their duty as they ought to have done. The innocent should not be made to suffer for the guilty. The depositors and creditors are the innocent, and those assuming a position of trust and confidence and neglecting the obligations they assume, are the guilty. If there are other directors who follow the example of those of the Bank of Yarmouth, they should take warning and mend their ways, or similar punishment may overtake them.

GROWING BOYS.

Need an Occasional Tonic to Maintain Strength and Keep the Skin Clear.

On every side one sees young men and growing boys with pale, pasty complexions, their faces covered with pimples and their gait shambling and listless. Such a condition is extremely dangerous—the blood is out of order—a complete breakdown may result. To put matters right; to give that spring to the step; that clearness to the skin and that glow of active health to the face, a tonic is needed—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are needed. As proof of this, Mr. Charles Diefenthal, 12 St. Ursule street, Quebec, says:—"Frequently my studies necessitated my remaining up until a late hour. The result was that my system gradually weakened, and in December, 1903, I seemed to collapse. I was completely run down and went under the care of a doctor, but instead of gaining strength, I seemed to grow weaker. I could not take solid food, did not sleep well, and weakening night sweats gave me further cause for alarm. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were brought to my notice and I began their use. Almost from the outset they seemed to help me, but it was some weeks before there was a material change for the better. From that on, however, recovery was rapid, and in a couple of months I was as well as ever I had been, and able to resume my studies."

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WAS POSTMAN MORE THAN QUARTER CENTURY

James A. Morgan Died Last Evening After a Brief Illness.

James A. Morgan, for more than twenty-five years a letter carrier in St. John, died last evening at his home, 119 King street east. After faithful service, in which he gained many friends, Mr. Morgan was superannuated last year. On Sunday last he was taken suddenly ill, and passed away at 7 o'clock last evening, his death coming as a great shock to his family. They will have deep sympathy of many friends in their great loss.

Mr. Morgan was a native of St. John, and was in his 60th year. He was one of the early members of Court La Tour I. O. F. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and five sons. The daughters are Mrs. G. H. McRobbie and Miss Mabel Morgan, both in St. John, and the sons are Frederick W., in Vancouver; Robert, in New York; Sydney S., in Winnipeg; and Charles A. and Joseph in this city. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

"Sleeping Beauty" at the Nickel.

Today and Thursday at the Nickel, Pathe Freres' most spectacular success, "Sleeping Beauty," will be presented on a scale not equalled by any other motion picture extant. This wonderfully beautiful fairy story was the centre of attraction at Keith's handsome new bijou dream theatre in Boston all last week and also in the Premier, Comique and other leading houses. It is full of entrancing pageantry, dazzling ensembles, real castle scenery and mediaeval interiors.

The Sacrifice is a drama from real life, while a Narrow Escape deals with the dark scheme of a couple of Paris footpads and a physician's lone wife and child. In keeping with the spirit of Holy Week, the Nickel will show an extra feature of fifty beautifully colored views of the Holy Land, slides selected from one of the best collections in America and an educational travelogue of rare interest. Miss Davis will repeat her pronounced success in Nevin's My Rosary, and Mr. Maxwell will again render Adams' The Holy City; appropriate orchestral selections.

Miss Hazel Carleton.

Miss Hazel Carleton is the cyclonic little comedienne, with the Harder-Hall Stock Company, billed to appear, in the Opera House, for an engagement of two weeks, commencing Monday matinee, April 20.

It is claimed for Miss Carleton, that she is one of the most versatile actresses on the stage. Many actresses have a certain line of parts they can play, and appear solely in that line, but it is different with Miss Carleton. She, it is said, by some, is at her best in soubrette and boy parts, while others claim emotional leading parts are her natural vein. Whichever side is right, the play goers of St. John will have an opportunity to judge for themselves, for she will appear in a variety of parts, from a newsboy to a princess, during the company's stay here.

MISS HAZEL CARLETON.

ST. JOHN FIRM TO HAVE BRANCH ON NORTH SHORE

(Campbellton Graphic.)

The large and successful firm of Jones & Schofield with head offices and warehouses in St. John, N. B., have just completed arrangements for the erection of a new warehouse in Campbellton to be used in conjunction with their present branch in this town. The firm have taken a lease from the Shives Lumber Co. of a piece of land near the Government wharf, on which the new building is to be erected. This building is to be used chiefly for the purpose of storing goods that will be imported to Campbellton by water.

This firm opened a branch warehouse in Campbellton some four or five years ago, under the management of T. H. Cochrane and since then their business has grown very rapidly. Last year they found it necessary in order to take care of their business, to secure more warehouse room, and this year they are confronted with the same proposition, and they have consequently decided to build and will do so as early as weather conditions will permit.

A representative from St. John comes as far as Bathurst, and their customers from Bathurst north, including Gaspe Shore, are supplied from their Campbellton branches.

THE NEW PATRIOTISM

(A. J. Haynes, in Social and Religious Ideas.)

The old patriotism was much concerned with guns and flags and all the paraphernalia of war. The new patriotism is to be a thing of schools, hospitals and churches and mission halls for all who feel the extraordinary burdens of life. The new patriotism will concern itself with clean streets and well-built houses; it will demand that the rich be satisfied with less and that the poor have more; it will not be so spectacular, but it will be more real, more vitally related with the raw needs of human life. The day of the hero on horseback is past; the day of the hero in the bonds of civic self-sacrifice has come.

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5. All answers must be posted not later than May 31st. 1908. The names of the prize winners will be published in this paper as soon after that date as possible.
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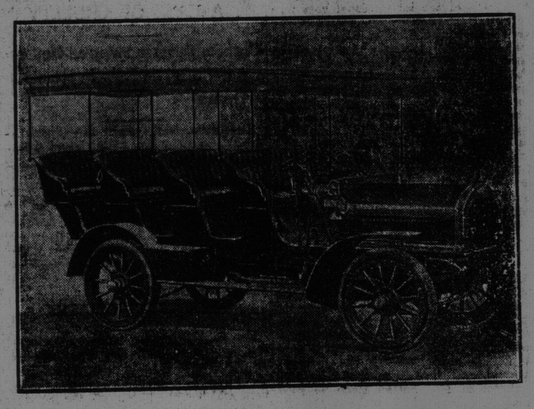

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MERGER IS ILLEGAL.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 14.—Chancellor J. W. Sneed in an opinion handed down today, held that the merger of the United Order of the Golden Cross and Home Circle, which was effected at Boston, Mass., in April, 1906, is null and void, and ordered that steps be taken at once to put the organization in status quo as to finances.

A London cable says: The Empress of Ireland made the recent voyage from Halifax to Liverpool in 5 days, 19 hours, 41 minutes, the fastest winter passage recorded in the Canadian trade.

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 endorsation.

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

During the time I have held the position of Alderman and discharged the duties 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 in this ward. If returned, I shall exercise my judgment to the best of my ability to assist in giving the city good government, and I, therefore, most respectfully solicit your support.

Yours truly,

GEO. A. HETHERINGTON.

Alderman At Large.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the solicitation of a large number of the electors of the city I have decided to offer as a candidate for Alderman-at-large in the coming civic election, to be held on the 21st inst. If elected, I will do all in my power to promote the best interests of the city. Yours respectfully,

JOHN SIME.

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.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES A. CLARK.

ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:—

At the solicitation of a large number of the ratepayers of the city, I have consented to be a candidate for Alderman-at-Large in the coming civic election. If elected, I will do my utmost to have 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.

Respectfully,

H. L. McGOWAN.

To the Electors of Duke's Wark.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I will be a candidate at the coming election for Alderman of Dukes Ward. I cannot see you personally before election day, but will assure you that, if elected, my circular sent to each voter will be my platform for the coming year, and, while especially interested in Dukes Ward, the general interests of the city will not be overlooked.

Hoping to have your support, I am,

Your obedient servant,

FRANK LESLIE POTTS.

To the Electors of Prince Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the solicitation of a large number of the electors of this ward, I have again decided to offer as a candidate for Alderman; and as in the past, if elected, will do all in my power for the best interests of the city. Respectfully soliciting your support, I remain, Yours truly,

JAMES SPROUL.

To the Electors of Prince Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the solicitation of a largely signed requisition of the Electors I have consented to be a candidate for Alderman in this ward. Should 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 solicitatin 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.

Respectfully yours,

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.