

The Rival Glansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXIV.

CAMERON AND IAN BEGIN TO FEEL UNEASY—FLORA MACGREGOR AND ANNE M'LEOD PRISONERS AT DROICHAIRCH—NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF NED GORDON AND HIS SISTER JEANIE—“HECTOR MUST DIE!”

They were pacing the floor in the inn at Kinloch-Ewe, just preparatory to leaving for Dingwall, when Ian, clenching his right hand, struck it violently into the palm of the other as he exclaimed, with a fierce glare in his eyes—

“Hector M'Leod must be quieted in some way. I cannot rest until I know that he is dead. A cursed fate seems to be working against us in regard to him.”

“I have a plan in my head, M'Kenzie, for getting rid of him,” was the reply; “but the details of it I cannot explain here. It can be better talked over and better carried out in the east country at any rate. I may mention it, however. It is to endeavour to have him arrested on a charge of treason. The plan will require to be matured but I think it can be accomplished. Since '15 the M'Leods have been in bad favour with the Government, and we might easily connect a little plot into which he could be inveigled.” Then Cameron gave utterance to a horrible oath as he exclaimed—

“It was an unfortunate mischance that M'Leod escaped from us after learning from myself that I was the Chief of the Catherans of Ben-a-Chrui, and that he was their prisoner. That has been my weakest act for years, and his escape has caused my babbling tongue to completely betray us.”

“Like me, you had felt too sure of success?”

“Ay, that I did. But that cursed old hag, the Witch of Ben-Lair, has had her own share in the disasters which have befallen us of late. She will tell me more, however. In the meantime, Donald and Rory will have their claymores dyed with her blood, and her carcass thrown out to bleach upon the hillside. It looks a desperate measure against an old woman, M'Kenzie, but it was necessary. Let me tell you that I am mistaken if she knows not a secret of mine which even yet, were it spoken, would upset all our plans.”

“What? how? how is that?”

“Hush, M'Kenzie; I cannot speak it. I am almost afraid to think of it lest the walls read my thoughts, and find means of giving them forth against me.”

“Where can M'Leod have gone now? I hope he may lose trace of us. Or perhaps I would rather that he should follow and overtake us by himself. We might then get the fates, or rather fortune to be on our side.”

“Either you or I would require to engage him, then; and I tell you, Ian M'Kenzie, no man can meet Hector M'Leod with the broadsword without running a risk of his life. You may have felt that before now.”

“I have met him, and know something of his skill. But could not more than one engage him? Is not Gregor, the landlord, to go with us?”

“He will; there is no other to go. But he wouldn't fight, and I could not trust him with the charge of the women. By my claymore, M'Kenzie, it is well we secured Gregor as an ally at the time we did, else we would have been in bad ways now. There's not half a dozen of the Catherans that I know of at this moment free and to the fore. There is the poor fellow who received the bullet in the boat from the soldiers—the sneaking, dirty whelp—who is unable to move a limb; then there are Donald and Rory, who have gone to do my work at Ben-Lair, and Donald and Dugald M'Kenzie, who have gone to the south after Gordon, the Lowlander. These are all I know of, but there may be some who have escaped from the soldiers, and who may turn up soon.”

“But there are at least a dozen of the M'Kenzies who will prove of service to us. It shall soon be time for Donald and Dugald to return, and I hope to hear of their success. Then an ugly obstacle will be removed from my way. It is well to deal summarily with those who are inclined to be troublesome.”

But they ever and anon fell into fits of abstraction, and it was easy to see from their demeanour, and as easy to gather from their conversation, that there was a lurking dread at their hearts. It wasn't that seemed to cause the fear, as a sort of feeling which is implanted in every human heart that a course of conduct such as theirs ever results in confusion, disappointment, retribution. They were wild lawless men, and moral principle had little place in their nature; but they were not void of it. No man is. Though Solomon had never spoken the words, each man and woman would feel that “the expectation of the wicked shall perish;” that “destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity;” and that “the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.” These are oracles which are written in the “fleshy tablets of the heart,” and we do not doubt but the realisation of such a result of their course of crime and villainy had much to do with the feeling of depression with which Cameron and Ian seemed to be affected.

Heavy Artillery.

While England is carefully and steadily increasing the weight of its heavy artillery, from the Woolwich infant, of thirty-five tons for naval service, to the sister of thirty-eight tons for land service, it is reported that the German Government has given an order to its great gunmaker Herr Krupp, to manufacture six breech-loading guns of about 120 tons each, to throw shot of 2,000 lb. weight, the guns to be constructed on the same principle as usually adopted by Krupp. He has also received an order from his Government for a large number of steel breech-loading field-guns, some 12-pounders similar in weight to the English 9-pounders having been tried with success. Steel, as a material for guns, has long been discarded in England, on account of its brittle and treacherous character, in favor of wrought iron built upon the coil system, and the adherence of Germany to that metal is remarkable. Herr Krupp is the only manufacturer of guns in Germany, as Sir William Armstrong is the only manufacturer in England, outside the royal gun-factories.

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