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Guelph Evening Mercury

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 30.

NORAH CUSHALEEN

HAUNTED CASTLE.

CHAPTER IV.—THE SMUGGLERS' CAVE—THE DISCOVERY.

Wind and tide being both in their favour, Terry knew they must be going in the direction of the shore, which they must be near, though it was hidden from their sight. He therefore grew anxious as to a proper landing-place, for none knew better than he that it was only here and there a boat could run in.—Sharpe ledges of rocks lay in all directions out from the cliffs, with an occasional narrow and intricate passage between, and in the prevailing darkness and turbulent state of the sea, a safe harbour must be almost as much a matter of accident as of skill. So, being quite aware of the responsibility of his position, and the others were trusting to him he was doubly watchful, and bent a keen searching look in front. There was one circumstance that almost assured him that the beach was at hand, and this was the fact that Dash would not come again into the boat, but continued to swim behind them.

"Back her oars," he suddenly shouted, as he caught a glimpse of a dark form rising in front of the water.

The warning was just in time, for the next moment the boat glided alongside of a high isolated rock which shot perpendicularly from the water.

"Back, but aren't we the lucky ones?" cried Terry, joyously. "Och, by the powers, Ireland forever, and I hope I'll never be so long away from it again."

"Why, what's the matter?" asked Hargreave. "Are we about ashore now?"

"We're nate and handy to it, sir, and to beautiful lodgings too, if the boys are as brisk as they were six years ago. It's a matter of life or death, or I'd be afraid to do it; but an oath is meant to stretch at times, and sure yer honour won't betray the hound boys."

"Haven't the slightest idea what you mean," observed Hargreave, as he and Andrew, now much exhausted with their long rowing, rested their arms and gazed at the precipitous now booming through the darkness.

"Why," returned Terry, "we've got in to the passage that leads to the smugglers' Cave. I took an oath long ago never to show it to a stranger; but it's the very place for us this could night wid this poor colleen to nurse, for cever a bit o' shelter can we get anywhere else, till we cross the hills to Dundarra, and that's a matter o' five long mountain miles."

"Don't fear for us—we're as true as steel, Andrew and I; and we swear that not a soul shall be the wiser for what we see or experience in the smugglers' Cave."

"Then yer honour will have as comfortable a night of it as if it were Dundarra itself, and sure that's not demeaning the quarters, for Dundarra in the Colonel's time was a place to boast of—it's changed now, more's the pity. Och, yer honour, mind the oar, or we'll be smashed to smithereens."

"Ah, ah, it was a mistake," said Hargreave, resuming the strokes, which he had suddenly ceased.

A peculiar 'ahem' from Andrew at the same moment served still further to recall him to prudence, and they pushed forward cautiously and carefully.

The boat was now threading a rocky maze. Black jagged masses, over which the billows broke in spray, rose on both sides, and if the rowers could have looked behind they would have beheld similar barriers closing them in as it were from the open sea. Clearly, none but those familiar with the spot could have guided a boat into such a harbour even in daylight.

They were now in smooth water, for the rocks behind and on either hand broke the mighty waves, which eddied in fragments through the spaces between. They were also sheltered from the wind, which could be heard roaring at some distance, and joining with the dash of the billow to create a thundering sound which went up the face of the cliffs and sounded far over the mountains.

By Terry's directions, Hargreave and Andrew shipped their oars, and bent their heads almost to a level with the edge of the boat, for they had to pass underneath a low archway of rock, and were carried by the full tide some thirty or forty yards into a cavern, the roof of which receded as they advanced, till it rose a lofty sounding dome overhead.

With a loud grating noise the boat struck the gravel, and came to a stand still.

"We're safe to leap, I suppose?" said Hargreave, inquiringly.

"As safe as if you were stepping into your own bedroom, sir," replied Terry. "The floor is as smooth as a garden walk. May be you'll condescend to take hold of the tails of my coat, and I'll guide you both to as purry a place as you would think of looking for in a cave of the sea."

Terry, still carrying the cold, wet body of the girl they had taken out of the water, walked forward, followed by the others. Andrew having taken out of the boat the two portmanteaus which contained his own and his master's travelling wardrobe, and slung them over his shoulders, and Dash, having shaken himself well, brought up the rear.

After walking a considerable distance, and turning in various directions, Terry and his party at length passed, in a few moments the sharp click of a spring was heard, and a door crept open on its hinges.

"By the powers, but the spring isn't rusted, anyhow," observed the Irishman. "It has been opened by the boys not many days ago."

They advanced again, but only for a few paces.

"Might I trouble yer honour to hold the coffee, till I strike a light?"

Terry had scarcely time to make the request, when Hargreave stretched forth his arms with alacrity, and took a supporting grasp of the body.

"H-w-would and stiff ah-h-h," he ejaculated. "Pry heaven out efforts to save her may."

"Her heart hasn't ceased to beat," said Terry, his voice sounding at a little distance; "I've felt it going against mine all the time."

There was a sharp crack, a flash of fire, and the next moment Terry was seen with a blazing torch in his hand.—In a twinkling he lighted several more, and the place was brightly illuminated.

It was a large rocky chamber, comfortably furnished, with chairs and tables and couches. There were also several recesses, some containing a bed, and others bottles and crockery. In one corner was a heap of burnt ashes, and a pile of dry wood lay near it.

Hargreave and Andrew were both amazed and not a little pleased by a sight of such comfortable well stored lodging; but the girl had the first claim on their attention, and Hargreave laid her tenderly upon a couch.

Her slender form was enveloped in a thick woollen shawl, and her arms were tightly folded on her breast. Her long hair fell in wet heavy masses over her face, so that her features could not be seen.

The youth, with all the tenderness of a woman, unpinned the shawl and took it from her bosom, when lo! they found that her arms clasped an infant to her breast.

TO BE CONTINUED.

HOW A BURGLAR WAS VANQUISHED BY A BRAVE OLD LADY.—A correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, writing from Augusta, Ill., says: "Our usually quiet little village was startled about 11 o'clock on Saturday night last, by an attempted burglary at the residence of two old ladies, named Mead. The oldest was startled by hearing a noise in her sister's room, and supposing it was her sister, she started in to see what was the matter, when she suddenly found herself seized by the throat by a man and told if she made any noise she would be killed. She, however, managed to tell her sister to run for a neighbor, when the would-be thief, thinking discretion the better part of valor, made his exit through a window—minus any booty and most of the skin from his face, which Miss Mead had managed to secure under her finger nails, and which led to his arrest and identification on Monday. He is now in jail at Carthage under \$8000 bail, awaiting trial."

RIOT AT ST. HYACINTHE.—A disgraceful riot occurred at St. Hyacinthe on Saturday evening. An excursion party of Grand Trunk employees, from Montreal, had gone there, and thirty or forty Griffintown rowdies had managed to go with them. The roughs picked quarrels with country people and insulted them. The mayor called out the volunteers, who drove the roughs to the cars. It is alleged that the volunteers fired into the train and injured several passengers. One woman, shot in the breast, has since died. Great excitement prevailed on Saturday night.

CHURCH BURNED IN MONTREAL.—Early on Monday morning Zion Church, (Rev. Dr. Wilkes,) old Haymarket Square, Montreal, was discovered to be on fire, but too late to subdue it. It originated about the organ, and seized the steeple, which fell in. The whole building was soon in flames, and nothing is left but the bare walls. The fire had several narrow escapes. Alfred Perry fled a distance of 20 feet, but was not seriously injured. The choir was in the church on Saturday night, and it is supposed that some fire was left. The church was built in 1843, at a cost of \$12,500.

Queen Victoria is building an extensive house for occasional occupation on Loch Muick, among the Grampian Hills. The site is a very wild but picturesque locality. On each of three sides of it, and within a few hundred yards of the house, rise the bold rocky mountains. The house will be large enough to accommodate her Majesty and a limited suite for a night, and will take two seasons to build. Its isolated position may be imagined when it is known that it is about seven miles from the nearest farm-house, and nearly four miles from the nearest habitable dwelling, the latter being the house of one of her Majesty's gamekeepers.

TELEGRAPH TO CUBA.—Within a few days we expect to receive our news from Cuba and the other West India islands by way of the cable which is now being laid between that island and Key West. The advantages to the commercial world of this telegraphic line will be readily comprehended. Lines will, doubtless, next be established between Cuba and the islands of Jamaica and Hayti, and next under the Mexican gulf to Vera Cruz, in connection with Panama. Thus we shall be in immediate communication, we may say, with the West Indies, Mexico, Central and parts of South America, and thus our commercial and political relations with all those tropical colonies and nations will become closer, better understood and more intimately established and more widely extended, to the benefit of all concerned. We predict that the cable between Key West and Cuba will be the inauguration of a new epoch of prosperity in our commercial exchanges in the tropics, to say nothing of the extension of our political influence in behalf of the Monroe doctrine.—New York Herald.

THE NORTH WEST.—The Montreal Gazette says:—"We understand it is the intention of the Imperial government to form the North-west territory into a crown colony. This is a step which is not only desirable but urgently called for, to prevent it from drifting into annexation with the contiguous states. We have always looked upon the question as one of the greatest interest. For this reason, if ever we are to form a great northern nation out of the Dominion of Canada, we must have the band of cultivable territory and moderate climate, which stretches across the continent to the Pacific with the Pole at our back. Things go fast in these days; and either we must by simply keep British North America, or it will soon become American. We understand that Mr. J. Nelson, of London, passed through this city yesterday en route for the Red River settlement, to report upon its capabilities for settlement. We believe he will return in October."

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.—At a special meeting of the Kingston City Council, held on Thursday, it was resolved, after a long discussion, to grant \$1000 for the repairs and alterations necessary on the Crystal Palace grounds, to accommodate the Provincial Fair in September next. The grant was carried by 11 to 5. The minority did not wish to give more

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AT DAYS.

Guelph, 22nd July, 1867.

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Wyndham St., Guelph, July 22. d1w1

NOTICE.

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HUGH BLACK, 311

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