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SEVEN

SOPHY OF KRAVONIA,

A Novel, by Anthony Hope
Author of "Prisoner of Zenda," "The Intrusions
Peggy," Etc.

(Continued.)

out when the big guns were coming? It could mean only hopeless resistance; more disorder, more bloodshed. Let Volenski and the lady whose claims it supported consider that, he warned in time, and acknowledge King Alexis!

This letter he addressed to Zerkovitch. There were insuperable diplomatic difficulties in the way of addressing it to Sophie directly. "Madam, I may not call you, and Mistress I am loath to call you," said Queen Elizabeth to the Archbishop's wife; it was just a case of that sort of difficulty. He could not call her Queen of Kravonia, and she would be offended if he called her Baroness Dobrava. So the letter went to Zerkovitch's friends—so anxious was the General to be as friendly and conciliatory as circumstances permitted.

Much to his surprise, considerably to his alarm, Lepage was sent for to the General's private residence on the evening of the day on which Colonel Starnitz set out for Kolsko to fetch the guns.

Stenovic greeted him cordially, smoothed away his apprehension, acquainted him with the nature of his mission and with the gist of the letter which he was to carry. Stenovic seemed more placid tonight than for some time back—possibly because he had got Starnitz quietly out of Slavia.

"Big Monsieur Zerkovitch to give the letter to Baroness Dobrava (he called her that to Lepage) as soon as possible, and to urge her to listen to it. Add that we shall be ready to treat her with every consideration—any title in reason, and any provision in reason, too. It's all in my letter, but repeat it on my behalf, Lepage."

"I shouldn't think she'd take either title or money, General," said Lepage, bluntly.

"You think she's disinterested? No doubt, no doubt! She'll be the more ready to see the usefulness of prolonging her present attitude." He grew almost vehement, as he laid his hand on the table in front of him. "Look here, Lepage. This is Monday. By Wednesday evening Colonel Starnitz will be here in Kolsko—here!" He put his finger by the spot. "On Thursday morning he'll start back. The barges travel well, and—yes—I think he'll have his guns here by Sunday; less than a week from now! Yes, on Thursday night he ought to reach Kolsko. On Friday day, on Saturday the look at Miklevni. Yes, on Saturday the look at Miklevni! That would bring him here on Sunday. Yes, the look at Miklevni on Saturday, I think. He looked up at Lepage almost imploringly. "If you hesitate, show her that. They're bound to be here in less than a week!"

Lepage looked his head on one side and looked at the Minister thoughtfully. It all sounded very convincing. Col. Starnitz would be at the look at Miklevni on Saturday, and on Sunday with the guns at Slavia. And, of course, according to the transport would be, they could be before Volenski in two or three days more. It was really no use receding!

Stenovic passed a purse over to Lepage. "For your necessary expenses," he said. Lepage took up the purse, which felt well filled, and pocketed it. "The Baroness may not fully appreciate what I've been saying," added Stenovic. "But Lukovitch knows every inch of the river—he'll make it quite plain, if she asks him about it. And present her with my sincere respects and sympathy—my sympathy with her as a private person, of course. You mustn't commit me in any way, Lepage."

"I think," said Lepage, "that you're capable of looking after that department yourself, General. But aren't you making the Colonel go a little too fast?"

"No, no; the barges will do about that."

"But he has a large force to move, I suppose?"

"Oh, dear, no! A large force? No, not only a company—just about a hundred strong, Lepage. He rose. "Just about a hundred, I think."

"Ah, then he might keep time!" Lepage agreed, still very thoughtfully. "You'll start at once?" the General asked.

"Within an hour."

"That's right. We must run no unnecessary risks; delay might mean new troubles."

He held out his hand and shook Lepage warmly. "You must believe that I respect, and share your grief at the King's death."

"Which King, General?"

"Oh! King Alexis, of course! We must listen to the voice of the nation. Our new King lives and reigns. The voice of the nation, Lepage!"

"Ah!" said Lepage, dryly. "I'd be suspecting some ventriloquist!"

General Stenovic honored the ally with a broad smile. He thought the representatives with colds would be amused if he repeated it. The pat on the shoulder which he gave Lepage was a congratulation. "The animal is so very inarticulate of itself," he said.

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ON SATURDAY AT MIKLEVNI!

Though not remote in distance, yet Volenski was apart and isolated from all that was happening. Not only was nothing known of the two great neighbors—nothing reached him in Volenski of the state of affairs in Slavia itself. They did not know that the slaves were quarrelling about plunder, nor that the diplomats had taken cold; they had not thought of how the art of the ventriloquist would be of use to him who was dead; only that they had chosen Sophie for their Queen because she had been the dead King's wife and his chosen successor.

All the men who could be spared from labor came into the city; they collected what few horses they could; they filled their little fortress with provisions.

They could not go to Slavia, but they awaited with confidence the day when Slavia should dare to move against them into the hills. Slavia had never been able to beat them in their own hills yet; the bolder spirits even implored Lukovitch to lead them down in a raid on the plains.

Lukovitch would sanction no more than a scouting party, to see whether any movement were in progress from the other side. Peter Vassal rode down with his men to within a few miles of Slavia. For result of the expedition, he brought back the news of the guns: the great guns, rumor said had reached Kravonia and were to be in Slavia in a week.

The rank and file hardly understood what that meant; anger that their destined and darling guns should fall into hostile hands was the feeling uppermost. But the tidings struck their leaders home to the heart. Lukovitch knew what it meant. Dunstanbury, who served three years in the army at home, knew very well. Covered by such a force at Slavia could bring up the guns would pound Volenski to pieces—and Volenski could strike back not a single blow.

"And it's all through her that the guns are here at all!" said Zerkovitch, with a sigh for the irony of it.

Dunstanbury laid his hand on Lukovitch's shoulder. "It's no use," he said. "We must tell her so, and we must make the men understand. She can't let them have their homes battered to pieces—the town with the women and children in it—and all for nothing!"

"We can't desert her," Lukovitch protested.

"No, we must get her safely away, and then submit."

Since Dunstanbury had offered his services to Sophie, he had assumed a leading part. His military training and his knowledge of the world, gave him an influence over the rude, simple men. Lukovitch looked to him for guidance; he had much to say in the primitive preparations for a defense. But a declared defense to be impossible.

"Who'll tell her so?" asked Basil Williamson.

To be Continued.

FOUR KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Machine Collided With Trolley Car Near Rochester.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 28.—Three women and a Rochester physician, who was driving an automobile near Canandaigua, were instantly killed this afternoon in a collision between the machine and a Rochester and Eastern trolley car. The dead:

Dr. George Waldron, a physician of Rochester.

Mrs. Catherine Farnsworth of Rochester.

Mrs. William Scandling of Hopewell.

Mrs. Jane Hobbs of Hopewell.

WM. MCKENZIE HAD NARROW ESCAPE IN TRAIN WRECK

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 28.—A special train with Wm. McKenzie, head of the McKenzie and Mann systems of railways, and General Manager C. W. Spencer of the eastern lines, was wrecked today at Ingranport, 20 miles west of Halifax, but no persons were injured. The private car containing McKenzie and Spencer left the rails and was ditched, the occupants having a narrow escape. The car hauled by the engine and Messrs McKenzie and Spencer reached here this evening. A wrecking train was sent out to replace the car on the rails.

HEAVY CLAIMS FOR HAIL DAMAGE

REGINA, Aug. 28.—If claims for remuneration for damage caused by hail in the province are any index of the damage done, it would appear that agriculture in Saskatchewan suffered heavily this year. There are fifty per cent. more policy holders than in 1906 and a considerable number have preferred claims.

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MONTREAL, Aug. 28.—R. M. S. Empress of Ireland, of the C. P. Atlantic Line, promises to bring the time between Liverpool and Quebec down to less than six days, and establish the fastest record ever made. The Empress left Liverpool at 5.30 o'clock on Friday afternoon, Aug. 23rd, and at 8 o'clock last night she was reported as entering the Straits of Belleisle. From that till 8 o'clock this morning she made a run of two hundred miles, passing between Liverpool and Quebec, and northeast of Heath Point at that hour. Provided the vessel meets with no mishap she is sure at Rimouski, where she will land her heavy consignment of mails at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning. Proceeding immediately up the river to Quebec, she should arrive there by time after two o'clock in the afternoon. She has made an average run of over 18 knots an hour.

The Empress has on board 1,544 passengers, made up of 326 first-class, 322 second, and 896 steerage. She has also a very heavy mail made up of 1,236 sacks of mail matter and 572 sacks of parcel post.

METHODIST COLONY LOOKS LIKE SUCCESS

The Methodist Camp Meeting and Summer Resort Association feel much gratified at the success that has so far attended their scheme. Following is a list of those who have secured lots:

First tier—B. C. Holder, Alfred Burley, Ida B. Burley, John H. Burley, Roy R. Burley, John H. Burley, Rev. H. Harrison, Rev. G. A. R.

Second tier—Rev. W. McLaughlin, Rev. W. J. Dean, R. A. Corbett.

Third tier—Rev. E. Bell, Rev. I. N. Parker, Rev. Geo. A. Ross, E. M. Robertson, H. Robertson.

Fourth tier—Rev. G. W. Smith, Jersey City, Rev. J. Crisp.

Another clergyman, the son-in-law of Dr. Smith of Jersey City, has also selected a lot in the fourth tier. Many other applications are also in.

The new platform that has been erected by the C. P. R., preparatory to building a station at the site of the colony, was used for the first time yesterday.

PORTFOLIO CHANGES POSSIBLE

Report that New Brunswick May Lose the Railways Department

Rumors of General Cabinet Shuffle in the Air But Nobody Knows Just What Is to Happen

OTTAWA, Aug. 28.—As previously announced in this correspondence, it is certain that on Friday Hon. Wm. Pugsley will be sworn in as a minister of the crown, and it is practically certain that Hon. G. P. Graham will take the oath of office at the same time.

However, the delay occasioned by the absence from Ottawa of the governor general has given rise to a report that though Dr. Pugsley will succeed Hon. Mr. Emmerson it may not be that he will be given the portfolio of Public Works. There is a good deal of talk of a possible rearrangement of portfolios. Details are altogether lacking and it may be safely said that no one, not even the Prime Minister, has made up his mind beyond the names of the two men who are to enter the government.

It is certain that if New Brunswick is not given the Railways and Canals portfolios it will be given another of great importance. The growth of Canada's a less important matter than formerly. It will be remembered that there was an indication of this when the portfolio of Public Works, which had been regarded as the property of Quebec, was taken from that province and given to an Ontario man. There may be another change on this occasion.

GLASSEY ONLY NOMINEE.

TRURO, N. S., Aug. 28.—John Glassey, son of John Glassey of Halifax, the former bookkeeper with Stanfilds, Limited, was the only nominee for the Truro town council to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Frederick C. Schuman to Alberta. It is understood that George Fisher, also in Stanfilds' employ, was first requested to accept, but declined.

INDIAN GIRLS SOLD LIKE CATTLE

Tale of Shocking Depravity From the West

One Girl of 14 Brought \$1,000, Another Sold for \$700—A Third Sold Three Times.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 28.—Word has reached here that at Indian Potash at Alert Bay, last week two Indian girls, both under 14 years of age, were sold by their male friends to other Indians for wives. The girls were not consulted in the deal but went to the highest bidder. One brought a thousand dollars cash, the other fourteen hundred blankets, supposed to be worth \$700. Another Indian girl named Rebecca has been sold at Alert Bay three times. She is not yet 20 years of age, but has been the mother of five children, all of whom died in infancy.

Baby Captured Grandpa's Heart.

The emotional interest that is aroused in the picture, A Kind Grandfather, at the Nickel captured the large crowds that attended yesterday afternoon and evening. It is a familiar story of a man who marries beneath his station and is consequently cast out from under the parental roof. One day the grandfather sees his baby grandchild in the park and his old man's heart is touched with the love of kinship. Comedy is introduced as both the grandfather and grandmother contrive to hold a peace conference with the son of the first water, and roars of laughter reigned as it proceeded. The Sham Bazaar is an absorbing bit of Paris life with a touch of grim humor, while Athletic American Girls tells of feats of strength at the right time of a bery of Uncle Sam's fairest. Miss Felix will have a new song today, "Alice, Where Art Thou Going?" and Mr. Brown's contribution to the musical programme is to be a pretty ballad entitled "Yesterday." Mr. Swaney, the banjoist, as usual.

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RUNYAN ONLY A LITTLE THIEF WHEN HE MET MRS. CARTER—SHE ENCOURAGED HIM TO MAKE HAUL

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Chester B. Runyan, the former paying teller who stole nearly \$100,000 in cash from the Windsor Trust Company last June, today told the story of his downfall in the court of general sessions, at the trial of Laura A. Carter, charged with receiving several thousand dollars of the money she knew to be stolen. The stolen money, with the exception of about \$25,000, which has never been found, has been restored to the company.

Runyan testified that last May he took \$100 from the bank to speculate in stocks. He lost between that time and the June day when he packed nearly \$100,000 in a suitcase and fled, to a restaurant and later to her home. He told her that one of his friends had embezzled several thousand dollars and wanted someone to keep him in hiding until the trouble blew over. He told her. She replied that it would be unnecessary for him to look further than that she would do it.

Two or three days later Runyan told Mrs. Carter that he was the man, and she immediately began arranging a retreat for him in Harlem.

"You're in bad now," Runyan declared she said to him. "Why don't you take some more and have enough for yourself?"

A little later he filled the suit case from the bank vault and started for the apartment which Mrs. Carter had rented in Harlem. Mrs. Carter met him at the door, and her first words to him were: "Have you got the money?" He replied that he had. They spent some time drinking and discussing the possibility of his being followed. The next morning they emptied the suit case and counted the bank notes. There was \$75,000. He gave her \$5,000 and she went out and deposited it in a safety deposit vault. Runyan said Mrs. Carter asked him for money constantly, and that on several occasions he gave her sums amounting to several hundred dollars.

Runyan said Mrs. Carter continued to ask for money and finally said: "I'm not being half paid for the risk I'm taking for you. I must have \$10,000 or there will be something doing."

"I gave her ten thousand," said Runyan.

Runyan stated that after he gave Mrs. Runyan the \$10,000 she immediately left the flat. He had begun to suspect her and dreamed for the first time since he had been in the flat. Before he had finished dressing, the police who were accompanied by Mrs. Carter came in and arrested him.

This ended the direct examination. The cross examination had not developed anything new when court adjourned for the day.

15 YEAR OLD HILLSBORO BOY MET SHOCKING DEATH YESTERDAY—VICTIM OF ANOTHER ACCIDENT WILL LIKELY DIE

HILLSBORO, Aug. 28.—John Taylor, the fifteen year old son of James Taylor of Lower Hillsboro, met with a shocking death this morning. While pulling the machinery of a car he got entangled in the chain and was so crushed that he only lived a few minutes after he was extricated.

Another shocking accident occurred at Plaster Quarry this afternoon, S. Reynolds being the victim. While stepping into a car in the tunnel Mr. Reynolds missed his footing and fell under the car, which passed over his limbs, cutting off both feet and breaking one leg. He is not expected to recover.

LOCATING GRAVES OF CANADIAN DEAD

Colonel Hamar Greenwood, Now in Ottawa, Is Interesting Himself in the Matter.

OTTAWA, Aug. 28.—Lieut. Col. H. S. Greenwood, a Canadian and graduate of the Royal Military College, has just returned for a short visit. He is now a citizen of Johannesburg, where he is a resident engineer of the Central South African railways and commandant of the railway corps of that district.

Col. Greenwood is the representative of the Canadian South African Memorial Association and as testified by Col. D. T. Irvine, secretary treasurer of the association, has given valuable service to the association and to Canada generally, by looking after the location, transportation and erection of 165 memorial headstones sent from the Dominion to be placed over the graves of Canadian soldiers who fell in the Boer war. He has had sixty-five of these headstones photographed and sent to the relatives of the soldiers lying beneath. Col. Greenwood has brought with him a number of additional photographs which will be distributed immediately. He states that the resting places of twenty-five more Canadian soldiers have recently been located and that headstones will be required for them. The constabulary have given the greatest possible assistance in locating the graves of the Canadian soldiers, the railways have shown kindness in transporting the heavy granite monuments and have borne the charge and the Loyal Women's Guild of South Africa have done most kindly work by assisting in maintaining the graves in an orderly manner, placing coping stones and beautifying the places of burial.

Already Col. Greenwood has had a number of trees planted in the cemeteries at Paardeburg, and he intends to continue this work as the means and time at his disposal will permit. The association has spent \$5,825 on its work in South Africa. It has sufficient funds for the carrying on of its work.

Hon. Rodolph Lemieux today gave a luncheon in honor of Lieut. Governor Jette, of the Province of Quebec. There were present besides Governor Jette, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. William Patterson, Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, and Hon. William Pugsley. It was recalled that the day was the anniversary of a couple of old political victories as a bery of Uncle Sam's fairest. Mr. Jette defeated Sir George Carter in an election and Hon. Mr. Patterson defeated Sir Francis Hincks.

MAY LOSE HER ARM.

MARYSVILLE, Aug. 28.—William Henry, formerly of Milltown, accompanied by his family, but now residing at New Bedford, is in town spending his vacation. Mr. Henry was at one time employed in the cotton mill here, but left ten years ago to accept a situation in the United States, where he has since resided.

Miss Fanny Merritt is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Oulton, at St. John.

Mrs. Emma of Glen is suffering with a hand which in some way was injured. It is feared she will have to lose her arm.

AUSTRALIANS HAVE ARRIVED AT LAST

Marksmen From Antipodes Got Lost on Great White Way in New York—Good Shooting Yesterday.

OTTAWA, Aug. 28.—Fine shooting was again done on Rockcliffe range today. The weather was good, as it had been from the first of the month, and the scoring was remarkably high. In the extra series at 500 yards there were twenty-eight possible. The missing Australians who have been seeing New York turned up today and started going into shape for the Palma trophy.

In the Walker match of five and nine hundred yards the trophy and \$35 was taken by Sgt. Wilford, 90th Winnipeg, with 88 points. Major Jones of Summerside was fifteenth, winning \$8 with 68. Lt. Schaffer of Antipolis was 20th, winning \$8 with 66. Lt. Creelman, 78th, Truro; Pte. Williams, Antipolis, with 64 each; Sgt. Crooks, 1st Artillery, Halifax; Sgt. Bartlett, 9th, Woodstock, with 63 each, won \$6 a piece. Corp. Daigle, 72nd, Chatham; Sgt. Freese, 74th, Sussex, with 62 each; Capt. E. A. Smith, 62nd, St. John, with 61 points, all took \$4 each. Among the tyros in this match Sgt. Smith, 67th, Woodstock, with 59 points; Sgt. McCallum, 78th, Truro, with 58 points, won \$4 each.

In the 500 yards extra series twenty-eight shots were made, each man winning \$2.14. Among the winners were Major Jones of Summerside and Sgt. Kennedy, 9th, Truro.

In the Borden match, quick-firing at 500 yards, Capt. Duff Stuart of Vancouver, won with a possible of 25; Sgt. Triton of Halifax was second, and Sgt. Price of Halifax was third, each scoring 34 and winning \$15 and \$15 respectively. Sgt. Marsden, 90th, Halifax; A. Jardine, Moncton, with 33 each; Lt. Col. LeCain, 69th, Antipolis; Sgt. Crooks and Corp. Nickerson, Artillery, Halifax; Pte. McCallum, 78th, Truro, with 32 each; Lt. Creelman, 78th, with 31 points, all won \$5 each.

The Borden team prize was won by the 60th, Vancouver.

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