

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta. CHAPTER XIX. THE PURSUIT.

Poor Flora! she realised her position now. She instinctively knew that she was being conveyed by an underground way. Her destination she knew not; but the purpose for which she was being conveyed thither was only too apparent. Oh, what was she to do? how could she escape? But she could offer no solution. A feeling of giddiness took possession of her senses, and a season of sweet relief came—she swooned away.

But within the Castle all was now uproar and confusion. Again and again had the cry of Anne M'Leod been repeated, until it had been stopped—perhaps by no gentle means. The clashing of weapons was mingled with the shouts and cries of men, and heavy tramping of feet approached the door of the room which Ian M'Kenzie had just left with Flora Macgregor. A light suddenly gleamed into the passage beyond, and Donald Cameron was seen approaching with a female struggling in his arms. He carried in one hand his drawn claymore, and the blade was dyed with blood. A wild, savage gleam was in his eyes, and his whole aspect was one of the most savage ferocity.

"Lead on quicker, you varlet!" he shouted to a strange looking man who preceded him carrying a torch.

"This will be the place," was the reply; and the voice could have been distinguished as that of Gregor M'Donald, the landlord of the inn at Kinloch-Ewe; but it was evident he had taken the precaution to guard against too easy recognition.

But the clashing of weapons sounded near behind them, and, suddenly, above the confusion was heard the voice of Hector M'Leod.

"To the rescue, my clansmen. Down with the Caterans of Ben-a-Chruil!"

"Damnation!" shouted Cameron, in a tone of bitter disappointment and annoyance; "that puppet still lives. What blunder is this?"

But rushing quickly forward, the landlord entered the room, and approaching the corner where Ian had disappeared, pressed upon a panel. A dark aperture was revealed, and he quickly passed through, followed by Cameron, who still bore Anne M'Leod in his arms, and the panel slipped again into its place.

The sound of the conflict came nearer, and in a moment after three or four Highlanders—Caterans, one could tell at a glance—were forced backwards into the room, fighting every inch of ground, pressed on by a number of partially dressed M'Leods, conspicuous amongst whom was the young Chief, fighting with all the fury of an enraged and outraged man.

Once inside the room one of the men who were fighting against Hector turned and made a dart to the corner, in an instant passing through. It was the new serving man, Angus M'Turk. Hector observed the movement, and in a moment the whole plan of action was revealed; and more he realised how successful it had been.

"Ha, no!" he exclaimed, as the two Caterans who remained also backed towards the place, "you shall not. Too many have gone by that route already."

As he spoke he sprang between the Caterans and the place for which they were making, and in an instant more one of them, uttered a loud cry, fell to the ground, pierced through the heart by Hector's sword, while his companion, springing back, plunged his weapon into his own breast, preferring death in this manner to suffering the vengeance of the outraged M'Leods.

"Now, my kinsmen, to the pursuit and the rescue," shouted Hector, with flashing eyes, though with a slightly tremulous voice. "We need not follow in this direction. The entrance to the Castle by this passage is at the back of Skerryvach. It has been built up for years, and these villains must have conspired with them, but we may be in time to meet them ere they can leave the passage. Don your clothing quickly, and follow me."

A cheer answered his words, and with eager haste all left the room, some to prepare more fully for the pursuit, and others to summon those of the clan in other parts of the Castle to join with them.

The Royal Pantheon. Some interesting details in reference to this great establishment, the burning of which was recorded amongst our telegraphic intelligence recently, have appeared in the New York Sun. We give a portion of the article:—

The Royal Pantheon Company was organized in 1893, and was similar to the American Security and Trust Companies. The building itself was an imposing block, eight stories high, fronting Hyde Park, and in the immediate neighborhood of the palatial residences of Baron Rothschild, the Duke of Wellington, Sir Robert Peel and others. The basement, which was lined with iron, was carefully guarded by watchmen, while each safe had an iron grating before it. Here were locked up the valuable silverware of the old families of England, who rarely used it except on state occasions. These priceless collections were carefully numbered, the company giving bonds for their safe keeping, and charging according to the valuation of the property.

The first floor was a magnificent art gallery, in which were deposited the rarest pictures of the Turner, Reynolds, and other galleries. Persons going out of town also left their private collections of pictures here for safe keeping. Besides these were glass cases filled with costly jewelry and valuable collections of coins. In the rear of the first floor were collections of equipages, mostly of foreign make. On the floors above were endless collections of costly furniture, requiring constant care and attention to keep in order. Supposing that a London family desired to give up a town house for three or four seasons, to travel on the continent, or reside elsewhere for a short space, instead of selling off their furniture at a sacrifice, losing thereby many things they could not replace, they would arrange to take one or more compartments in this institution. The Pantheon was also used for the safe keeping of landed titles, mortgages, and other valuable papers, the company sometimes advancing money on the collateral deposited.

Every day during the London season rows of carriages could be seen standing in front of the building while their occupants were viewing the collections inside. The company owned a large number of vans and carts, and employed nearly a thousand persons. It had branch offices in all the principal cities of Great Britain. The destruction of the building will involve heavy losses of rare family pictures and plate which cannot be replaced. There will be sorrow in high places through this conflagration.



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