

# PERI.

## A Strange Adventure of a Child and a Faithful Dog.

On a warm summer evening in the year 1830 the British ship "Pinta," Captain Nelson, from Liverpool for Montreal, stood slowly up the Gulf of St. Lawrence against a light wind and a strong tide. On her starboard bow, not more than a mile distant, was a long, low, snort-looking schooner, bearing south-easterly across the "Pinta's" course. Having tide and breeze with her she was making good time.

The schooner was the packet "Hoche-laga," plying between Montreal, Pictou and intermediate ports. Among the passengers grouped about the schooner's decks was Mrs. Robert Norwood, a lady passenger.

"I declare," said she, "I can hardly wait till we get to Pictou. It is nearly two years and a half since I was married and went to live in Montreal. I have not seen my father or mother since."

"And they've never seen your baby?" "No, they have not had a look at Edith, although she is fifteen months old. Such a scene as there will be when we arrive."

"Where is baby now?" asked the other lady, looking around.

"Oh, she fell asleep, so I carried her down and laid her on a mattress on the floor of my stateroom. I did not dare to put her in a berth, for she would be certain to tumble out as soon as she awoke."

"I left the door open for ventilation," continued the young mother, "and Peri is mounting guard over her in the passageway. That dog is really more trustworthy than most nursemaids."

"Baby doesn't walk at all does she?" "No, but she's a creeper and such a climber! I have to keep watching her all the time. I think I had better go and look at her now."

It was very warm beneath the deck and the child moved uneasily as her mother approached. When she had dozed off again Mrs. Norwood slipped out of the stateroom. She stopped a moment outside the door to pat Peri, the great Newfoundland dog which lay watchfully in the passage, and then returned to the deck, quite unaware that little Edith had been aroused by her parting movements.

Baby Edith sat up, rubbed her eyes wonderingly, and then crept from the mattress to the dog, just at the foot of the companionway, as her mother went upstairs.

stood watching the sunset until the last lurid rays smouldered into dusky gray. Then he turned his eyes on the millen waste of water from which the Hoche-laga had disappeared in the gathering darkness.

Captain Nelson was about to go to his cabin, when an object a short distance away on the starboard bow arrested his attention. He gazed curiously a moment, and gave his eyes a vigorous rub as if they were not serving him aright.

"Strange," he muttered, "what in the world can it be?" He called to the men forward. There was a rush to the rail, and a dozen pairs of eyes peered eagerly over.

"Looks like a bundle o' white clothes," said a sailor.

"It's a-makin' straight for us," cried another.

"It's the tide that's a-fetchin' o' it along."

"No, it beant no tide—it's a-movin' itself!"

But the captain's eyes were keener of all. Here his commanding voice broke in, and the men sprang to obey.

"Look alive there!" he shouted. "It's a dog supporting a child in its mouth!" The ship's head came slowly about.

A boat was lowered and shot swiftly astern. A few quick strokes brought it up with the white, moving object. One of the men reached out and took hold of a senseless baby form.

But Peri refused to loosen his hold on the front of Edith's frock, by which he was holding her face clear of the water, until he had been taken into the boat. Then he resigned his charge to a sailor, beside whom he mounted jealous guard until the ship's side was reached.

Captain Nelson received the child in his arms as she was handed up to the deck, and bore her directly away to his own cabin. Peri following closely. It was soon found that the child's unconsciousness was due rather to shock than to suffocation or chill. Her lungs were free from water, and her heart was distinctly beating.

Captain Nelson applied restoratives at once, and a feeble cry, which speedily increased in vigor, told of his success. A hot bath and hot blankets were sent in from the galley fire, and the child was held in the captain's arms.

It was a sharp look-out which the schooner, from which there was no doubt the child had come; but the wind had freshened after sunset, and she was probably miles away ere this.

"It's most mysterious that no effort was made to save the child," said Captain Nelson to his mate. "It looks as though the pretty little creature had been abandoned intentionally."

"It's an awfu' world sir," said the Scotch mate. "Hangin' too good for the likes of you!" and he shook his mighty fist in the direction where the "Hoche-laga" had last been seen, while the "Pinta" proceeded on her way.

When Captain Nelson returned to his cabin he made a careful examination of Edith's clothing, but could find nothing to indicate her name or her home. The dog's collar bore but the one word "Peri," still it might be of service in the inquiries to be made at Montreal.

As the captain moved about the cabin his little guest stirred restlessly, and tossed a small white arm above her head. He approached her, and looking down at her with a gentle light in his eyes, then bent over and lightly pressed his lips to the little dimpled hand. Lifting his head, the captain blushed and looked fiercely around the cabin, as if ready to crush anyone who had witnessed his emotion; but no spectator was there.

Two wide, blue eyes unfolded and looked inquiringly into his. After a brief scrutiny Edith stretched her baby hands joyfully toward him, and astonished his bachelor ears with a shrill, glad cry of "Papa!"

"What a time!—she's adopted me!" thought the captain, and as he took her in his arms he wondered whether a bachelor could legally adopt a daughter, and what Susan Grey, his intended at Liverpool would say of the proceeding.

Before he succeeded in inducing Edith to sleep again he was fully aware that the office of adopted father was no sin-cere; yet his heart was as the time more delighted with the confiding little one.

She ate heartily of bread and milk, and for hours that night the galley fire blazed while the cook prepared the wee maid's one suit of clothing for the morrow.

Next forenoon Captain Nelson brought her on deck, looking as fresh and rosy as though she had only taken her customary bath the evening before. She seemed quite content with her new surroundings, and the sailors were vastly delighted with her especially when she babbled "Papa!" "Papa!" to their captain.

"What will you take for her, sir?" said the first mate respectfully, but with jocular intention.

"Take?" said the captain, sternly. "Not the ship, nor all the ships afloat. Seems as if God sent her to me especially."

"But you may find who she belongs to sir."

"Aye—I'll try. It's my duty. But if they abandoned her—what then?" "You'll adopt her?"

"I will that, as quick as she adopted me. She shall never know what it is to lack a father's care."

So the voyage up the St. Lawrence was pleasantly continued, and in due time safely ended at Montreal. Captain Nelson was ready to go on shore as soon as the "Pinta" entered her dock. But Peri did not wait for him. He leaped lightly to the wharf, and set off at top speed.

"I'll find the kid's friends quicker'n the cap'n," remarked one of the sailors. "I'm thinkin' the captain's heart will be clean broke if he does," said another.

Not many minutes afterward Peri was in his master's place of business, St. James street, and Robert Norwood sprang to his feet with a cry of surprise and alarm.

"What? Peri, you here! What does this mean? Where's Edith?" At the child's name the dog ran excitedly to the door. Mr. Norwood sprang after him, but there was nothing in the street to relieve his anxiety.

In deep agitation he turned for his hat, to go out and make inquiries. The dog tried to prevent him from going back and wailed pitifully.

"Oh, if he could only speak!" cried the young man with trembling lips.

A moment afterward he was in the street running swiftly toward the office of the "Hoche-laga's" agents. The dog bounded joyfully on his wife and child, else Peri never would have abandoned them. The dog caught his eye as he emerged, and with a sharp bark turned towards the river.

Peri Peri! he said, in broken tones, "as you tell me nothing? Have you led me here only to show me the river?"

For answer Peri looked toward the "Pinta" and gave a prolonged howl of impatience.

## CHANGED VIEWS.

### Prominent Methodist Minister has Ideas of his Own.

Richmond, Va., April 11.—Rev. Dr. Richard M. Smith, professor of Greek, Hebrew and Sankeyite of Randolph Mason college, where the Methodist ministers of Virginia and North Carolina are educated, will soon resign his position at the institution. He will take the step on account of a change of his views on religion. It is difficult to state what Dr. Smith's views really are, as he admits himself that he is in a state of great uncertainty. He is inclined to doubt the inspiration of certain portions of the Scriptures, and where he grants the inspiration at all, it is not in any special sense. That is to say, he believes the Bible to have been inspired, just as the church hymn book is inspired and that St. Paul and other Bible authors were inspired men just as Martin Luther and John Wesley were inspired. They were just as good men, but not specially filled with the inspiration of the Creator. It is also stated that Dr. Smith doubts the existence of the Holy Spirit and that he believes God's infinite justice will save men from eternal punishment.

## AMERICAN PROTECTORATE.

### Over Venezuela not Approved in Central America.

Mexico, City, April 13.—The suggestion of the United States to acquire a protectorate over Venezuela by consent of the Venezuelan people, the better to resist English aggression there, is not approved here or in Central America. Statesmen in this region would regard such a move as unwise and unnecessary. As long as the United States maintains the Monroe doctrine, the United States is considered amply able, under that doctrine, which is now a part of the unwritten law of this hemisphere, to interfere to keep England from taking any territory from Venezuela or Nicaragua. Mexican public men think England's aim in her policy towards Nicaragua is to prevent the American government exercising exclusive dominion over the ship canal.

## PRINCE CHARLIE.

### The Hero of the Jacobite Romance as Pictured by Andrew Lang.

He was a young Prince Charming, beautiful, brave, capable of enduring hardships, and, till his misadventure, a man, not only kind but of an uncommon and almost impolitic humanity. Well might Walton, the spy, pronounce him, with the blood of John Sobieski in his veins, "a far more dangerous enemy to the present establishment of the government in England than ever his father was." In those days when a king of some sort was a necessity, England seemed to have in Charles a king born to be adored. But the tendency of things was inevitably against him. He appears, I own, to myself, to have better qualities than any man of his line since the Fourth James fell at Flodden. There was nothing in his Scotch expedition, till the fatal morning of Culloden, that did not become a gentleman and a king. The Cameronians, a feeble but virile remnant of the old leaven of the Covenant, publicly blamed his "foolish lenity and pity" to the "red-coats whom Providence put into his hands." If his courage is accurate, so has that of the Mar-borough been, and the evidence of Malcolm McLeod, already quoted, "never was a man not a coward so prudent, nor a man not rash so brave," may be taken as disposing of the childishly malevolent accusation. He was gentle and considerate till misfortune taught him suspicion, and hope deferred made the heart sick. The exposure which he bore so gallantly in the Highlands, and the habits of that country, taught him his fatal vice, which corrupted and debased a character naturally noble and generous. In peace may be rest—he that once was brave, beautiful and kind; courteous, compassionate, and much enduring; the last Prince of Romance; the last who woke the ancient loyalty of the Highlands.—Andrew Lang in Scribner.

## LOOKS LIKE MURDER.

### Mystery Regarding the Skull Found at Clover Valley Cleared up.

Mr. W. C. Jones of Clover Valley, on whose land a skull was recently found, has thrown some light on the mystery. In December last a Swiss, named John Roy, who had resided in Westminster district for the last fifteen years, was working for Mr. Jones. It is believed that he had saved a considerable sum. He left Mr. Jones' employ about the end of December, at which time Mr. Jones owed him \$11 and promised to pay him in a few days. Three months previous to this a man, who called himself George Dewman, arrived from the American side and undertook to do some clearing of a ranch belonging to Chief of Police Carty of New Westminster. Dewman was very reserved and did not impress the people favorably. He was always complaining of being hard up, and frequently expressed the wish that he had a little money.

When Roy left Jones' farm he went to Dewman's shack and remained with him three days, when Mr. Jones paid Roy the amount due. From that day nothing has been seen or heard of Roy, and what makes the matter more suspicious is the fact that two letters have since been sent to Roy's address at Cloverdale notifying him that certain money due him by Maple Ridge parties would be paid on application. Roy never indicated that he intended leaving the neighborhood.

The day following the payment of the \$11 to Roy by Mr. Jones, Dewman visited Blaine and mailed a registered letter. He also made various purchases, including some new clothing. While in Blaine Dewman received intelligence that caused him some uneasiness, and Mr. Jones

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who visited Blaine the same day, learned that Dewman was wanted on the American side for some crime, and, his whereabouts having been discovered, extradition proceedings were to be taken to secure his return to the United States. The next day Dewman disappeared and has not been heard of since. So far as can be learned, he told no one of his intended departure.

Taking all these circumstances into consideration, it is the opinion of Mr. Jones and many other farmers in the neighborhood that the authorities should bestir themselves in the matter. Not a few firmly believe Roy has been murdered, and that the skull found belonged to the missing man.

## TERMS OF PEACE.

### Official Statement from the Legation at Washington.

Washington, April 12.—An authoritative statement of the terms of the peace being negotiated between Japan and China has been secured from official sources. The statement is made in order to clear up much misapprehension arising from speculation. The terms are as follows:

First—The independence of Korea. Second—Permanent cession of the island of Formosa to Japan. Third—An indemnity of 300,000,000 taels.

Fourth—Permanent occupation of Port Arthur and immediate contiguous territory. Fifth—A new treaty opening the interior of China to commerce.

The money indemnity is expressed in Chinese taels instead of Japanese yen. The tael is in reality a weight instead of a coin. It is considered silver money. While at the face value of \$1.33 the indemnity would be equivalent to \$399,000,000 in silver, it is said the actual value would be between \$210,000,000 and \$220,000,000 in gold. The fifth term as to the new treaty includes various trade features, such as free access to Chinese rivers. There is no demand for territory on the mainland outside of Port Arthur and its contiguous surroundings.

London, April 12.—The Times has a dispatch from Peking that the officials in the Chinese capital are largely ignorant of the situation in respect to Japan. The Manchus people strongly resent the idea of ceding Manchuria to Japan. The former war faction is still strong and there is danger of dissatisfaction among the people. This faction would not yield to Japan, but fears that resistance is impossible.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—The Novoe Vremya says that Great Britain has approved the territorial demands of Japan in regard to Manchuria and Corea. Russia will consider herself relieved of the obligations of common action and will oppose Japan on land and on sea.

## CLEVELAND NOT SATISFIED

### With the Apology Tendered by Dr. Lansing.

Boston, April 12.—As an outcome of the apology made by Dr. Lansing in the Cleveland episode, a Boston citizen felt that some fellow townsman ought to call upon Dr. Lansing and demand an apology for the statements he made. With this end in view, an apology and proper reparation was forwarded to the President, and to-day the following was received:

"Washington, April 11.—While this so-called retraction is an aggravation of his original offence, I am willing that his further punishment should be left to his conscience and the contempt of his neighbors and the American people. "GROVER CLEVELAND."

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employed to do errands and that had not been very much surprised to see Gordon coming in. His contention that there was no roven.

out a solitary person or mourner of Richard Horne, who was to death in the View street fire yesterday morning, was interested yesterday afternoon at Ross Bay cemetery. A general took place from the under-riars of W. J. Hanna.

storage has brought about many in the distribution of food, and says it is probable that ere will be the means of supplying and Australia with frozen salted instead of the canned product familiar. It is proposed to send whole fish from British Columbia to Sydney, where it could be ped to P. and O. or Orient to London.

pecial to the Times dated Reclam-rks, Kootenay, April 9th, which ayed by the break in the wires Seattle, says, Capt. Fitzsimmons constables arrived to-day. All at present. As soon as the began some of the Indians heard Captain was coming. They cross the boundary and up the ver but they declare their intention returning and killing the men.

annual examination for proban in the Methodist church, in the of Victoria and Westminster, be-nesday in the Homer street Vancouver, and finished on Fri-en candidates, at different stages four years' course, came up for sion in theology, history, logic, sics, literature and other sub-ies. The Rev. T. W. Hall, chairman ard of examiners, presided, and ed by Rev. S. J. Thompson, of the board, Rev. Coverdale and Rev. W. W. Baer, secretary nference, and several other min-

rs. Gilley brothers are getting hundred ship yards at the logging in the North Arm, for the Has-ils, Vancouver. The spars are for Sydney, N. S., where they used in shipbuilding, and will be round the Horn in a sailing ves- to leave next month. The spars e shorter than 65 feet nor ex- feet, and at the centre must have er of from 14 to 23 inches. Each e of be can fir timber, and free ecks, knots, or other defections. ll be squared at the camp to re- weight as much as possible. A rder is being filled at McPherr- on the North Arm.

Dominion steamer Quadra, rived from Nanaimo on Thurs- ing, stopped on the coast, dis- gage the reef at Coal Island, Col- passage, on which the Joana e. The reef extends off the e of Knapp island for a distance ards from low water mark, and e end of the reef that was ounded, as some copper was e the rocks. With the exception short spit extending from the land shore, the passage between and Piers islands is a safe one, depth being five and a half fath-

Victoria & Sidney Railway Co. ing arrangements to give the of Salt Spring and other islands uif a daily service. They intend a steamer on the route between and Vesuvius bay, calling at all late ports. The steamer will with the Victoria & Sidney train and returning, so that the e will be able to come to Victoria mornng, transacting business rn in the evening. The company, negotiating for the purchase of er and hope to have her on the a few days. This will be a on to the settlers, who at present ly a weekly service by the Joana.

es of the following notice from Brown, assistant general freight e C. P. R., are being sent to here by George L. Courtenay, agent of the line: In order to the delivery of small shipments nt from British Columbia coast commencing Tuesday, April 9th, load a special car (or more if ex-clusively with less than car-ments) for the Kootenay country. Shipments will leave Vancouver Tuesday, reaching Revelstoke in the boat leaving Friday morn- Robson and freight should reach rent Kootenay Lake points on e of Sunday. Agents will please shippers and merchants are notified of this, and make the y arrangements to insure these e being at Vancouver not later o.m. Tuesday evening.

ector of Customs Milne has re- notice from the department or sealers' claims, and which follows: "Notice is hereby given the amount allotted to hunters, men in the award of Her Britan-esty's government, as compensa- loss in respect of the modus vi- Behring Sea during 1891, a bal- the sum allotted to hunters and on board certain of the vessels. Claims have not yet been present- ins unpaid. The lords commis- of Her Majesty's treasury have an extension of the time for re- claims from these hunters and on lay (or their legal representa- share in the compensation, up day of March, 1896. All out- claims must, therefore, be sent collector of customs, at the coast at Victoria, British Columbia, fore that date, and no claims will ved or considered thereafter."

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