

SOPHY OF KRAVONIA.

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

(Continued.) Dunstanbury bowed assent. The Colonel in his turn bowed to Sophy, and the two of them turned and walked off towards the barn. Sophy stood motionless, watching them until they turned the corner, and then she fell on her knees and began to talk smoothly to Peter Vassip, who was hit hard, but in Basil Williamson's opinion, promised to do well. Sophy was talking to the poor fellow, when the sound of a revolver shot—a single shot—came from the barn. Colonel Staffitt had corrected the mistake. Sophy did not raise her head. A moment later Dunstanbury came back and rejoined them. He exchanged a look with Sophy, inclining his head as a man does in answering "Yes." Then she rose. "Now for the barges and the guns," she said.

Sorrow had not passed from her face, but serenity had come upon it in fuller measure. She had struck for Monsieur, and the blow was witness to her love. It was enough in her, and enough in little Volens. Let the mightier avengers do the rest! She had allowed Dunstanbury to leave her after supper in order to make preparations for a start to the frontier at dawn. "You must certainly go," she said, "and perhaps I'll come with you."

They could carry the guns back to Volens; no indeed, was there any use for them now. But neither were Monsieur's guns for the enemies of Monsieur. Under Lukovitch's skilled direction (his word proved slight) the big guns were so disassembled as to remain of little value, and the barges taken into mid-stream and there scuttled with their cargoes. While one party pursued the fugitives, the other made the prisoners collect their wounded and dead, place them on a wagon, and set out on their march to Slavina. Then his men placed their dead on horses—they had lost three. Five were wounded besides Peter Vassip, but none of them severely—all could ride. It was Peter they took a cart from the farm to convey him as far as the ascent to the hills; up that he would be carried by his comrades.

It was noon before all their work was done. The barges were settling in the water. As they started to ride back to Volens, the first rank, the second was seen to follow it. "We have done our work," said Lukovitch. And Sophy answered, "Yes." But Staffitt's men had not carried the body of their commander back for the trap that he had led them into. Later in the day, the panic-stricken keeper stole out from the cellar window, hid himself in a hole, and found it in the barn. He and his wife lifted it with cursing bore it to the river and flung it in. It was carried over the water and floated down to Slavina. They fled it out with a boat-hook just opposite Suleiman's Tower. The hint to Captain Sterkoff was a broad one. He reported a vacancy in the command, and sent the keys of the fort to General Stenovic. It was Sunday morning. "The Colonel has got back just when he said he would. But where are the guns?" asked General Stenovic of the Captain Sterkoff was a broad one. This time made up his mind which turn to take.

But no power ensued to Stenovic. At the best his fate was a fall on a cushioned shelf. The cup of Kravonia's Iniquity, full with the punishment of the man who had caused it. The fight by the lock of Mikolov flat-capped soldiers, the summit of St. Peter's Pass. Sophy watched them through a telescope from the walls of Volens. "Our work is done. Monsieur has mightier avengers," she said.

FRIDERICHTON, Sept. 2.—Labor Day was quietly observed here. Many citizens went to St. John while others indulged in private picnics and excursions to the country. The weather was all that could be desired. The only attraction in the amusement line was the cricket match on the Officers' Square between the Veterans and an Eleven elected from the Fredericton Cricket Club. This drew a large crowd of spectators and though the exhibition of cricket was none of the finest, it afforded much amusement to all present. The veterans were victorious, they lacked considerable practice and lacked the wide awake eye. They went to the bat first and with the assistance of the bowlers succeeded in running up a grand total of 14 runs. The youngsters followed and after 7 batsmen had put together 42, the leading bowler added 36 to their score of which the old time cricketer James D. Reid, aged 83, contributed ten. Mr. Reid batted in fine style and was loudly applauded and when he was retired on a difficult one, he ran off the field like a boy of sixteen. His batting was the feature of the day. The youngsters, who included several cricketers who played in the seventies, succeeded in putting together the 3 runs necessary for winning with the loss of only three wickets.

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FIREMEN'S LABOR DAY PARADE FINEST IN THE CITY'S HISTORY. Streets Lined With Cheering Thousands—DeForest Prizes for Finest Turnout Won by No. 1 H. & L. Co., St. John; Bangor and Halifax—Sports Unfinished—Today's Programme.

The Firemen's Tournament is a success. Nature proved kind to the firefighters and provided them with the chief essential to the day's success—fine weather. The slight drizzle of rain in the air made the day even more pleasant for those taking part in the immense procession, which was held in the morning, and the successful sports which took place in the afternoon. The city wore a smiling holiday appearance. Flags were flying in every direction and visitors thronged the hotels and could be seen in every direction. Immense crowds witnessed the morning turnout and the artistically decorated apparatus and the favorite companies were enthusiastically received all along the line of march. An interesting feature of the day's programme was the awarding of prizes for the company making the best appearance and for the best decorated apparatus. In these events No. 1, Hook & Ladder Company won prominent honors. Not more than half the long programme of events at the sports in the afternoon were finished. The programme will be continued this morning, beginning at 9:30. In the afternoon the visiting firemen will be the guests of the local men to an excursion up river on the Victoria. Six special cars will be at the head of King street at 3 o'clock to convey the visitors to Indian town. The Victoria will leave at four o'clock. Last night's plans were also carried out without mishap. Immense throngs filled the streets. Bands and pipes could be heard in all directions. The Halifax pipers paraded the streets and thousands gathered on King street to hear the Royal to hear their play. Band concerts were given on King square and on King street east, while the fireworks set off from a stand in front of the registry office on King street were watched by hundreds. The different stations were thrown

open to the visitors and were crowded all the evening. In some of the engine houses interesting programmes were arranged for the visitors. It was nearly midnight when the crowds began to take themselves home. A Fine Parade. The Firemen's parade, yesterday morning, proved to be probably the finest parade ever seen in St. John, or at any rate within many years and the fire ladders are certainly to be congratulated on their excellent appearance. The procession was well managed, the floats being especially well gotten up while the different companies certainly gave the spectators an eye-opener as to how many fine, stable-looking traps are fighting fire in the Maritime Provinces and Maine. The procession itself upon being seen from a distance resembled a monster sea serpent of variegated colors, it being so long that it had the appearance of being one solid line of moving figures. Twenty-eight minutes was the space of time taken for the procession to pass a single point. The floats were many and ingenious, some of them allegorical, others showing miniature firemen engaged in fighting a blaze. The Charlottetown Band, which was at the head of the parade, was generous in its selections and the hard-working bandmen were most popular. There were two pipers' bands and the Grace Bay Band, who handled his sticks like a veteran, came in for unstinted praise. It would be difficult to say which of men were greeted most cordially, as all received applause, and while some were more popular in some sections of the city, the others received their share in the other sections of the route of march.

Many Swell Floats. Between a number of the floats it was hard to choose a winner. From outside towns the Yarmouth float was the most popular. It was a large decked wagon, being all draped in white, with a seat had been built up in pyramid style on which sat a beautiful maiden, with wings as natural in appearance that it was hard to realize that the maiden was a living figure. The float was a living part of her. The Halifax float was also a very attractive one, and received much applause from the different spectators. On the back of the float, which was drawn by two beautiful grey horses, were Douglas Avenue and returning down Main street were again vociferously greeted. One of the most touching features of the procession was the presence of the veterans driving before the companies of which they were honored members in the days gone by. The veterans were in their element and besides applause received in several instances bouquets from their admirers in the crowds. Order of Procession. The procession lined up in the following order: Mounted police, grand marshal, Chief of Police Clark, assistant marshals, Dr. W. H. Simon, V. S., and Major Markham, barouches with guests. The first barouches carried His Worship Mayor Sears, L. Heslin (chairman of the relief committee), Ald. Bullock and Ald. Sprout. The other carriages contained Ald. Vanwart, Ald. Baxter, Senator Ellis, Ald. Lewis, Ald. Sprague, Ald. Lantam, Ald. McGoldrick, Ald. Kelly, Ald. Johnson of Halifax, Ald. Binal and city representatives in the local house. These barouches waited for the procession on Wentworth street, near Princess street, the rest of the procession being made up in six sections and falling in the following order: Charlottetown, Sydney, with pipes; Sackville, Halifax and Amherst, on King street east; the old burying ground. Second section—Fredericton Brass Band, Fredericton, Chatham, Windsor, Yarmouth, 62nd Fusiliers drum corps, Bangor, Milford, Old Town, Onono, Brunswick, Brewer, Augusta, Lubec, Moncton Brass Band, Moncton, Truro, I. C. R. brigade, Carleton Cornet Band, Sussex, Milltown, Cains, almost of section 1 on King street east from Wentworth to Carleton, along Carleton to Leinster, along Leinster to Sydney and along Sydney. Third section—Fairville, 62nd Fusiliers Band, Chief Kerr, ex-Chief Kane, No. 1 Salvage Corps, veterans of No. 1 department—David Dennis, Robert Macge, Chas. Magee, Wm. Kee, No. 1 hose, John Boyer, Robert Boyer, Wm. Quigley, Thos. Lawson, Wm. Hoop, No. 3 hose, on Carleton and Leinster streets alongside of part of section 2. Fourth section—City Cornet Band, No. 1 hook and ladder, No. 1 chemical engine, on the south side of King square. Fifth section—Carriage with District Engineer McLeod, No. 4 hose, No. 2 hook and ladder, No. 3 hand engine, dressing house of the bystanders instead. Sixth section—St. Mary's Band, No. 2 Salvage Corps, No. 2 chemical engine, No. 2 hook and ladder, No. 4 hose, No. 5 hose. Parade Awards. The parade awards were not made up until last night. Following are the decisions of the committee: Chief Kerr, St. John, Sept. 2nd. Dear Sir—Your committee appointed to award the Harry W. DeForest prizes of \$25 each for the best appearing body and apparatus of men from

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Afternoon Sports. In the afternoon the programme of sports was begun on the Barrack Green and was a decided success. Favorable weather drew to the grounds a very large number of people, and the grand stand was sold out to its full capacity. As was expected, all the events on the very lenient programme were not completed. The sports will be continued this morning at 9:30. There will be no admission fee to the grounds while a small charge will be made to the grand stand. The following were the results of yesterday's events: 100 yards dash, amateur—Bovard, St. John, first; Garnett, St. John, second; and Kiley of St. John third. Time, 11:24. Salvage corps only—Hooper of Charlottetown, first; Howard, No. 1, St. John, second. Time, 11:35. Hook and ladder men only—First heat, McLeod of Charlottetown, first; Black, Amherst, second; and Farrell, Sussex, third. Time 11:25. Second heat—P. Ball, Sydney, first; R. W. McKean, Sydney, second; and Smith of Sydney, third. Time, 11:25. Finals—P. Ball, Sydney, first; and McLeod, Charlottetown, second. Time 11:15 seconds. 200 yards dash, amateur—Garnett, St. John, first; Bovard, St. John, second; Grierson, St. John, third. Time 25 seconds. The finish between Garnett and Bovard was very close and the race a very pretty one. The hook and ladder race for teams of ten men proved an exciting event. The conditions were that the men should run 50 yards with the ladder, raise and mount, time taken when man grasped top rung, man to start from the ground. Bangor and Sackville did not enter. The Moncton team met a mishap and their man did not reach the top. The time of the other competitors was as follows: Sussex, 17:35; Chatham, 17:35; Amherst, 18; Sydney, 18:3; St. John, 19; Halifax, 19:3; Sydney, 19:3; Moncton (I. C. R.), 20; and Charlottetown, 20. As Chatham and Sussex had tied these teams again competed. The finish between Sussex made 17:45 and Chatham, 18:15. Sussex was therefore declared the winner. The 200 yards Salvage Corps with apparatus, 10 men, was begun, but so far the only team which has run off is Halifax, H. P. C., in 33 seconds. The greatest interest, however, was taken in the quarter-mile hose reel race. Fourteen teams competed, Fredericton and Bangor not taking part. The time made by the various organizations was as follows: Sydney, 1:07; and 25:25 seconds; Halifax, 1:07; Charlottetown, 1:28:55; Moncton (I. C. R.), 1:58; Chatham, 1:32:55; Sussex, 1:32:55; Amherst, 1:30; Chatham, 1:30; Yarmouth, 1:30:35; Sackville, 1:30:45; Windsor, 1:31:25; Milltown, (I. C. R.), 1:32:35; Fairville, 1:34; and St. John, 1:40.

Protest Against Sydney. The Sydney winners were however, protested by the Halifax, Moncton, Charlottetown and Yarmouth teams on the grounds that they had tampered with the couplings during the race. The judges will hear the protest this morning and Sydney will also have an opportunity to make their defence. The last event was decidedly popular with the spectators. Each team of local men naturally received enthusiastic applause, although the spectators were quite ready to urge to victory the representatives of the Nova Scotia capital and the republican visitors. The Chatham team although not making very fast time in the race, made their coupling in remarkably quick time. The contests were marked by the best of feeling, which was not marred by the protests in the afternoon of hose reel races. The Halifax and Sydney teams both gave their "yell" before leaving the grounds and the latter left headed by the protesters. The following were the list of officials: Referee, Ald. J. H. Frink; Judges at finish, John Wilson and Hiram Phillips; F. H. Tappin and Hiram Phillips; Starter, R. A. Watson; Clerk of the course, Fred W. Coombs; Assistants, T. G. Murdoch, E. M. Oliver, W. L. Ellis, M. D., J. A. Sinclair and A. J. Tutts; Time keepers, E. L. Jewett, Walter Jewett and Martin Dolan; Announcer, J. H. Sprout and Soar, Harry Eddy. Although the races were enthusiastically followed, the day was none too warm and the fall feeling in the air made many leave the grounds before adjournment was made at a quarter to seven. One of the amusing incidents in the waits between the events was a young St. John tough who tried to pick a quarrel with the young mascot of the Halifax men by knocking the fireman's cap from off the head of the Nova Scotian youngster and making a slighting remark about his birthing. The Halifax boy replied placidly that "St. John is on the bum." He was hushed up by the Halifax men, who told him that he would be arrested for high treason.

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