

THE RED YEAR

A Story of the Indian Mutiny BY LOUIS TRACY

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CHAPTER V—(Continued.)

He uncoiled a long cord from beneath his cummerbund, and running up the steps, attached it to a pillar of the baradari with an ease and quickness that showed familiarity with such means of exit from a closely-guarded residence.

"Now, you first, sahib," said he to Malcom. "Then we will follow you to the hillside, and the bar-sahib can follow."

There was nothing to be gained by questioning him as to the nature of the mystery underlying the Begum's wish that they should go north.

Winifred, making the best of a man's crudeness, until they had improved on each at their own difficulties.

They were on the move, with the two sharp-edged bows leading the noise made by a number of the men coming toward them on the landward side and in front, brought them to an abrupt halt.

"Spread out to the right until you reach the river," cried a rough voice which Malcom was sure he identified as belonging to Abdul Huq.

Winifred, shivering with fear again, knew not what the man said, but she drew near to Malcom and whispered:—"Not into his hands, Frank, for God's sake!"

The movement of her horse's feet had not passed unnoticed.

"Be sharp, then!" snarled the Pathan again. "They are not far off, and only six of them. Show me the right way to the bank."

"None can pass between me and the stream," replied a more distant voice. "Forward, then! Keep close! Not too fast, you near the wall."

Frank loosened his sword from its fastenings and took a revolver in his left hand, in which he also held the reins.

He fell insensible, with part of his body resting in the water. It was a queer moment for noting a trivial thing, yet Frank saw that the man's turban did not fall off.

The incident did not demand more than a few seconds for its transaction and Winifred barely noticed it as Malcom was she.

With a rapidity that was almost magical, the horses were put on board, the boat shoved off, and the huge machine hoisted to get the benefit of any breeze that might be found in midstream.

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ence would insure the constant wooer's return with her at the right moment.

While the majority ruled in one way there was an active minority that wished the Nana to set up an independent kingdom. His nephew and his Mohammedan friend, Azim-ullah, were convinced that their faction would lose influence as the Nana returned to Meerut.

Hence, Malcom's arrival gave the Begum a chance that her quick wit seized upon. Why not, she argued, connive at the Englishwoman's escape, and let it become known that she had fled back to Meerut?

No more curious mixture of plot and counterplot than this minor chapter of the Bithoor romance came to light during that disastrous upheaval in India. Never did events of the utmost importance take place in the community at large.

There was a name of violence, nearly culminating in a murder, when Nana Sahib came to Bithoor at dawn. He met the scorn of Roshinara with a furious rejoinder, and an account of the prudent self-government of his actions.

They were easily awayed. Acclaiming the Nana as a prince, they obeyed his orders, and thus sealed the doom of many hundreds of unhappy beings who thought until that moment they would be free from the British yoke.

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Here is an extract from Holmes's history: "A private was walking with his wife when a single bullet killed him, broke both her arms, and wounded an infant who was carried to the hospital."

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The procession made its way slowly towards the river, three quarters of a mile to the east. No doubt there were joyful hearts even in that sorrow-laden band.

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lowed by their deeds. And even the rebels were not without their moments of humanity. The women and children in bullock-carriages or on elephants, the wounded in progress of the British assault, the sepoy came clustering round the officers they had betrayed, and talked in wonder and admiration of the surpassing heroism of the defense.

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W. B. DICKSON AWAY: EMPLOYER ACTS

W. M. MacKay Gets Absconding Debtor's Order; Amount Involved Large

OTHERS AFFECTED

Albert M. P. Seen at Vancoboro Monday, and Believed Now to Be in Pennsylvania—Several Operators Affected—Total Amount Said to Be in Vicinity of \$80,000.

On an affidavit made by W. Malcom MacKay that Walter B. Dickson, M. P. P., for Albert County had obtained sums of money by forging contracts for lumber and that to the best of his belief Mr. Dickson had left the country on Friday by Judge McLeod.

No information with regard to the matter could be obtained Friday from Mr. Dickson. A Telegram reporter called at his office but he declined to be interviewed. Mr. Taylor was equally reticent, explaining that as his firm were not a party to the matter, he had no statement regarding their client's business affairs.

Mr. Dickson, who was a former resident of St. John, had represented Mr. MacKay in Albert County for some years. In his relations with the firm, he acted as an agent, buying lumber and other goods for the shipments. It is understood that he received specific instructions and had no general authority. He was also engaged in the lumber business on his own account and it is said that his creditors had recently been pressing him for payment.

No suspicion of the state in which his affairs were involved is reported to have been aroused in St. John until less than three weeks ago, when Mr. MacKay was surprised to find that there was only half a cargo of lumber for a steamer which had been sent to Hillboro to load. Since then rumors of all kinds have been abroad, but it was not until yesterday that any definite action was taken.

Mr. Dickson was in St. John last week, and when questioned, said there was nothing in the disquieting stories concerning his position. He attended a political meeting in the Opera House while here and occupied a seat on the stage.

With George D. Prescott, M. P. P., he was elected last March as a supporter of the Liberal administration, and it was reported yesterday that as one of the Albert county representatives he had been considerably sum of road money in his possession.

Hon. John Morrissey, chief commissioner of public works, when asked by telephone Friday evening if this statement was correct, said he did not think it at all likely that the report was true. The returns showing how the money had been spent were nearly all in, and while he could not speak from memory with regard to the matter, he had no reason to suppose that Mr. Dickson ever had a dollar charge of forgery is not yet known.

Hillboro, Sept. 4 (Special).—Word received here today from St. John that Mr. Dickson had been granted an absconding debtor's order against Walter B. Dickson has created little surprise among those who are familiar with the financial difficulties and had probably left the country. He returned from St. John last Saturday evening and on Monday night was driven by a friend to Moncton where it is presumed he caught the Boston train as he was reported to have done. The losses were estimated at \$80,000. Mr. Dickson was on his way to his brother-in-law, who lives in Pennsylvania. Besides acting as agent for Mr. MacKay, Mr. Dickson carried on an extensive lumber business on his own account. It is said that some \$80,000 is involved, the greater part since the local elections last March.

LAUDIER OPENS THE CAMPAIGN

Spoke to 10,000 People at Sorel, Quebec, Saturday Afternoon

CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Premier Gives His Reasons for Seeking New Lease of Power—Time Not Opportune to Tell the Date of Elections, He Says.

Sorel, Que., Sept. 5.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier fired the first gun of the present campaign here this afternoon at one of the biggest outdoor meetings ever held in the district. There were fully 10,000 people gathered about the platform and the Liberal leader was warmly cheered by the crowd, although not 2,000 of them could hear much of what he said. Sir Wilfrid was evidently in better health than he had been for some time, and appeared to be in the most buoyant spirits during an address of nearly an hour and a half.

The meeting was an impressive demonstration, naturally, since the town of Sorel is almost supported by the big government shipyards there. The premier was accompanied from Montreal by a ship load of enthusiasts and the party was greeted at this port with cannonading and fireworks from the shipyards and a procession formed to the Market Place where a large platform was erected. Hon. Messrs. Brodeur, Lemieux, and Bureau, as well as many provincial members, senators and deputies were present.

Sir Wilfrid on coming forward was heartily cheered. The Grand Trunk Pacific, said Sir Wilfrid, was his greatest work, and he hoped that the future generations to come would connect his name with it, when they saw what it did for Canada.

"When that work is done," said Sir Wilfrid, "I will, like the prophet of old, say, 'Lord, now let Thou Thy servant depart in peace.'"

Confident of Victory. In opening, Sir Wilfrid referred to the encroachments of age, but declared that his heart was still young for Canada, and that he felt as strong as a young man working for his country's advancement, and he expressed the utmost confidence that whether the elections came now or in 1910, he would be able to meet them with the same confidence.

Besides the G. T. P., Sir Wilfrid referred to two other works of his government, which he considered merited confidence of the people. The first of these was the increase in the federal subsidies. The other was the policy of doing nothing but try to stir up scandal. He expressed thankfulness that the Liberal party could never descend to such baseness, and with a voice of warning he said that if they did not reach the promised land.

Throughout his speech the premier dwelt upon the policy of conciliatory dealings between especially the French and the English-speaking peoples, declaring that this had been his policy of doing nothing but try to stir up scandal. He expressed thankfulness that the Liberal party could never descend to such baseness, and with a voice of warning he said that if they did not reach the promised land.

Other speeches were delivered by Messrs. Brodeur, Lemieux, and Bureau, who were all well received. The premier was so delighted with the demonstration accorded him that he voluntarily addressed the audience, and he said that he was very glad to see the people of Sorel and that he would be glad to see them at the next election. He said that he would be glad to see them at the next election.

L. C. R. EMPLOYEES' INSURANCE REPORT

Moncton, N. B., Sept. 4 (Special).—Secy. Paver, of the L. C. R. Employees' Relief and Insurance Association, is issuing the nineteenth annual report of the association. The report contains many interesting statements. The total receipts during the year were \$73,310.83, and the total expenditures were \$73,135.03, a net surplus of \$175.80. The expenditure in the year was \$73,135.03, a net surplus of \$175.80.

Levin had highest average for claims and accident indemnity, each member in that division contributing \$4.71. Campbell had the highest average payments for surgical and medical attendance, each member contributing \$5.74. In the St. John district the average was low, the cost per member for sick and accident indemnity being \$2.16, and for surgical and medical attention \$2.50.

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EXHIBITION OPENING ON SATURDAY NEXT

Good Music and Good Speeches Promised for the Inaugural Ceremonies.

The appearance of Miss Darling, the leading soprano singer of the Grand Opera company which will open a week's engagement in the St. John Opera House the week of September 21, and who will sing at the opening ceremonies of the exhibition on Saturday evening next, Sep. 12, is being looked forward to with a great deal of interest.

The opening ceremonies will be held in the large assembly hall and there will be no charge other than the admission fee to the exhibition. Season ticket holders may also be present. A large number of the industrial building and judging from the preparations being made at the exhibition, the most attractive one at any previous show.

The entries received for the carriage hall ensure that building being crowded and the same applies to the poultry, horse, cattle, sheep, swine, agricultural, horticultural and dairy departments. Next morning the exhibitors will be asked to space the only thing needed now to ensure the most successful fair is fine weather so that the crowds will pour in to the city to see the fair. The dates are September 12 to 19.

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