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The Revolt From Four Walls

By C. COURTENAY SAVAGE.

CHAPTER V. (Continued).

Back from the Islands! It was startling information. Guy looked out across Georgian Bay. There was a small light on one of the Islands. There had been one there for two or three weeks but no one was suspicious of the boy who was this year's keeper. Always at this season of the year, there was a guard, paid by a bird society to see that no feather hunters harmed the sea gulls who flew from the coast to hatch their young. Guy hurried towards the shore. He knew that the bushes, whose land he was passing, kept a small boat on the shore. He would row to the Islands. It would be hard to imagine a more secluded hiding place than any one of the four Brother Islands. They were wild, for that part of Georgian Bay where they were located, was isolated. There were no great summer colonies nearby. The farmers did not indulge in boating, and so the Islands were very infrequently visited. It was only of recent years that the Bird Society had protected the sea gulls. The guards were generally students or occasionally a semi-invalid, glad of the chance to live out-of-doors. Evidently the man who was on duty this season was of different material. And it was probably to visit him that the two men whom Madeline had seen rowing away, had been heading.

He rowed quickly. Hunger and fatigue were forgotten and he did not mind the wind that was rising, making a choppy sea. A mile, two miles, slipped by. He was quite close to the nearest of the Islands. He made his landing noiselessly.

A hundred feet away from the house he dropped to his stomach and crawled towards an open window from which the light streamed and on the opposite side of the building from the door. Crouched beneath the window he thought he could distinguish four different voices, and from other sounds, he knew that the speakers were eating. Precious minutes passed. The wind had shifted suddenly. It was blowing hard from the north. Guy thought of the new back, which would be dangerous. He had about decided to lift himself enough to look into the room, when his own name was mentioned.

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Increase in Capital

With a view of increasing its facilities to the farmers and merchants and the manufacturers of the country, the Bank has provided for an increase in capital and as a result the paid-up capital now stands at \$9,955,370, an increase to date of \$1,614,431. At the same time the reserve has been increased by \$1,400,000 and now stands at \$8,400,000. Both these amounts will be further increased by the instalments still outstanding.

ASSETS	1920	1919
Gold Coin, Dom. Notes and Cr. Balances with Banking Correspondents	\$ 30,630,351.09	\$ 26,042,136.33
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserve	7,500,000.00	8,000,000.00
Government and Municipal Securities	21,114,908.29	36,240,352.41
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	3,837,377.14	3,870,611.91
Call Loans in Canada	8,264,586.81	8,843,017.57
Call Loans elsewhere than in Canada	4,173,236.55	3,418,945.99
Loans and Discounts	120,515,403.60	102,346,514.27
Loans and Discounts elsewhere	1,349,428.69	329,334.27
Loans to Merchants	4,053,351.50	3,878,382.16
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit per contra	2,491,684.35	757,696.04
Bank Premises	3,192,724.42	5,603,251.78
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	602,748.47	911,291.19
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	705,567.02	528,177.93
Deposit with Dominion Government for purposes of Circulation Fund	450,000.00	377,000.00
	\$209,460,448.23	\$198,506,572.90

LIABILITIES	1920	1919
Capital Paid up and Undivided Profits	\$ 9,955,370.00	\$ 8,341,635.30
Reserve Fund	8,600,774.98	7,574,045.32
Notes in Circulation	17,707,877.00	16,827,873.00
Deposits	170,634,061.90	160,006,615.24
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	2,491,684.35	757,696.04
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curiously decided that he must investigate. He dropped to his hands and knees and crawled forward, cheek against the earth, he peered into the room from which the light came.

A young man sat beside the light, leaning and about his ankle was an iron band, from which a chain led to a huge staple driven in the wall!

Wardell studied the man and the place of his confinement thoroughly before he decided to make his presence known. The fellow seemed about twenty-four or five and Guy felt immediately that he did not belong to the crowd on the other Island. The room itself was small, possibly twenty feet square, and man-made, being mostly below the level of the rocky earth.

Wardell jumped to his feet and bending low, dropped to the room.

"Hello—you're a new one?" was the young man's greeting.

"Yes. Who are you?"

"Perhaps I ought to ask the same question of you?"

"Well, I can answer easily. I'm Guy Wardell from over on the Point. I got blown ashore here to-night and when I saw your light, I came up to get refuge, to say nothing of some dry clothes."

"Have you got a boat here?"

"No. I'm marooned."

"Marooned? Gee, that's tough!"

"You're being kept a prisoner?"

"Yes."

"By the gang on the other Island, the fat man, and the fellow with the ferret face, and the rest? They're holding you a prisoner? Why?"

"Because I've been trying to find out their devilry."

"Do you know anything about them?"

"Not much, except that they want to organize the hired hands in this part of the country to strike for what they call liberty. The Point is the start of their work and if they are successful here this spring, they want to spread out and do considerable damage by fall. They have lots of money. That chap you called ferret-faced is the boss. He's a foreigner of some sort; Russian, I think, though I'm not sure."

"And you?"

"I'm Gregory Smith, going to college at McGill. I had a chance to come up here and earn a little playing nurse to the gulls. I guess that gang got scared off the mainland for they landed on my place and took possession. I didn't like them and was

going to get out, when one of them hit me over the head and I woke up here. I can't get this thing off my ankle but I've worked the staple fairly loose."

Gregory Smith's patient labor had loosened the staple considerably. Now, with the help of a heavy stick used as a lever, he and Guy were able to pull it from the wall. The prisoner was free.

The question of whether both of them should remain in the hut and attack and overpower the guard or should go down to the shore and grab the boat the minute he left it, was discussed. Guy decided that Smith would stay as he had for the last few weeks, apparently chained. Guy was to hide outside and then run into the room, point a pistol at the guard and hold him under its nose while Smith bound him.

It was really ridiculously easy when the moment came for the surprise rush. The sight of the gun, Guy's very presence, awed the guard, who Guy recognized as one of the rougher men he had seen in the house on the other Island. Binding him was easy. They left him lying on the floor, blew out the light and made for the boat.

The wind had died down, leaving a choppy but not dangerous sea. Over in the east the sky was growing grey. Soon the early summer dawn would be on them. With a sigh of relief, Guy pushed the prow of the light boat on to the shore before his own home.

"First thing I do is to wake up my wife and get her to make us some coffee. Then we'll get a file and remove your anklet with its pretty chain."



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I brightened it up by striping it with strips cut from orange paper. One half inch width was used for the centre stripe and one-eighth inch for the narrower ones on each side. In applying the strips to the cover I was careful to see that they matched those on the sides of the box.

Small bunches of apples cut from colored kindergarten papers or any other colored paper and applied here and there, gave to another prim little box a quaint appearance. A coat of shellac over the entire surface not only strengthened the box but did much toward keeping the paper trimming in position.

Hollyhocks, stenciled designs, heads cut from magazines or flower designs from cretonnes lend a variety of trimmings for the black boxes.

Blind horses are never known to make a mistake in their diet when grazing. Like all other horses, they are guided by the nostrils in the selection of proper food.

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