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PRINCESS ZARA
BY ROSS BECKMAN.

(Continued)

I wished, somehow, to compel this man to talk freely with me about the princess, and yet all the time I was reluctant in it. During the interval Moret was greater than I; more chivalrous than I; for he remained loyal against her womanliness, and notwithstanding all the insinuations I had put forward, respecting her utter disregard and contempt for him.

"Perhaps she will do so," he said; "that is if she knows ought to say of her."

He was silent for a moment after that, and I waited, knowing that I had tried this man to the utmost point of his mental endurance.

Presently he raised his eyes again to mine, and said:

"Mr. Dubravnik, at the very beginning of our acquaintance, when you made a prisoner of me in one of the rooms of the suite you were to occupy in the palace, I told you that I had gone into this business for the love of a woman, and it was tacitly, if not literally agreed between us at that time, that the woman's personality and name should form no part of our future discussions. You have chosen, at this time, to mention a princess, to whom you give the name of Zara de Echeveria, and I have told you that I know her, and that the name means nothing to me. What you may surmise, Mr. Dubravnik, can have no effect upon me, upon your relations with me, or mine with you. So now I tell you once again, that while I am perfectly free to discuss with you all phases of nihilism, I will not discuss this woman who has named, or any other woman."

He bowed his head and I could see beads of sweat upon his forehead which betrayed the mental anguish he was undergoing. I knew that it was far worse than physical torture, and as there was nothing to be gained by prolonging it, and nothing more to be said, I withdrew.

At the end of another half hour I was announced to the princess.

She received me in a luminous bower of Oriental luxury. Her decorative tastes were decidedly Eastern and lavishly extravagant. She knew how to arrange a room with the objects of stealing away a man's reserve. There is something about the atmosphere of well chosen surroundings which intoxicates judgment and murders discretion—which bases reason at the threshold and generates madness of thought and deed beyond it. So when the princess' drawing room might become a puppet in her boudoir; in that fascinating atmosphere a Jove would have degenerated to a Hermes, or Mars have cast away his sword and shield for the wings of Apollo. To enter it, was like awakening from a vivid dream of battle to find the soft arms of love around you, and to feel the leathery of infinite content. Add to this the personality of the Princess Zara, her half-heating smile of welcome in which pleasure and dread were equally mingled; suffice her face with a quick blush, and instantly replace it with a touch of pallor; render her manner with a suggestion of haunter, softened by a gesture of timidity and doubt; listen to her voice, low-toned and infinitely calm yet vibrating in a moan chord of uncertainty and dread; feel the clasp of her hand cold when it touches yours, yet instantly thrilling you with a glow induced by the contact, and remain thoroughly master of yourself, you can. Retain, if you have the strength to do so, the opinions you have formed, the judgments you have passed. If you succeed, you are a deity; if you fail, you are just what I was—a man, and human.

"You are punctual, and I am grateful," she murmured, "if you had been late."

All the hardness I had felt before returned to me then.

"If I had been late you would have known the reason, princess," I said.

"No, but I should have feared it."

"Dead?"

"Yes; but, unfortunately, the attempt upon my life did not succeed, thanks to fate and poor marksmanship."

"The attempt on your life? I do not understand."

I turned my head so that she could see where the plaster hid the wound made by the bullet of the would-be assassin.

A better marksmanship would have compelled me to break my engagement, princess."

"I said, I had said to him that you were discussing with your brother when you entered the garden last night, princess?" I asked, recalling the mischief of my name between them at that time.

"Yes, I had said to him that you were the kind of a man who should be added to our ranks. I think you must have heard his reply."

"Do you know what Nihilism is, Mr. Dubravnik?"

"No, I have always regarded it as a dangerous organization, more or less, I mean. You must not think that I have considered joining it for any other reason than to place myself in a position where I will feel that it is my duty to respect the confidence that I stole from you, rather than to betray it."

"Then you never had such a thought until you knew I was a Nihilist?"

"Never."

"And you would join us for my sake?"

"No."

"For whose, then?"

"For the sake of the czar."

"Ah, you would join only to betray them all to the hands of the police? That is what you mean."

(To be continued.)

The feeling of sleepiness when you are not in bed, and can't get there, is the meanest in the world.

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



LINGERIE FROCK WITH PLOUNCE AND PANEL.

The Spanish flounce has returned to favor, these deep flounces being attached to deep hip yokes, some quite high on the skirt, others as low as the knee. This frock of tucked lawn is prettily trimmed with insertions of lace, a panel and yoke making an effect of gray richness. Similar panels of the heavy lace extend downward on the frock at sides and back, and the frock is fitted at the waistline by means of very fine pin tucks.

SERVANTS ON STAND TELL OF MRS. HOWARD GOULD'S HABITS

She Was Fond of Liquor and Got Staggering Drunk—Stayed a Fortnight in Her Room at Castle Gould and Consumed Much Brandy

New York, June 15.—Mrs. Gould, with anger and extreme humiliation, alternately flushing with shame, sobbing or clenching her hands in exasperation, Katherine Clemons, Gould's maid through a trying ordeal in the supreme court today at the continuation of her suit for a separation from Howard Gould, third son of the late Jay Gould.

It was a day of testimony for the defense during which Mr. Gould's attorney sought to bring out through witnesses who had been associated with Mrs. Gould that her habits were such that her husband was justified in leaving her. In the event of proving this, the defense hopes to undermine the charge of abandonment, the only phase of the plaintiff's case which Mrs. Gould set through a trying ordeal in the supreme court today at the continuation of her suit for a separation from Howard Gould, third son of the late Jay Gould.

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C. H. McDONALD WINS THE TRIP

St. John Youth Will Represent New Brunswick on the Standard of Empire Tour

Toronto, June 15.—The Standard of Empire contest for a free trip of five weeks to the old country, offered to high school and collegiate boys throughout the Dominion, came to a close at noon today and the result was officially announced. The successful boys in the various districts are:

Winnipeg—H. E. Scott, Winnipeg College, 23,035 votes.

Saskatchewan—Chas. W. Wellington, Moosejaw Collegiate, 22,470.

Western Ontario—W. S. McCough, Chatham Collegiate, 20,650.

New Brunswick—C. H. McDonald, St. John's School, 19,225.

Eastern Ontario—Lorne Johnson, Ottawa Collegiate, 18,485.

Quebec province—K. M. Rolloway, Quebec High School, 13,110.

Manitoba province—Leslie Wright, Russell School, 11,980.

Toronto—Kenneth Coulter, Jarvis Street Collegiate, 11,375.

Montreal—A. J. Lawrence, Montreal High School, 8,210.

Nova Scotia—W. K. Wortman, Wolfville School, 7,025.

Prince Edward Island—Taylor, Edmonston High School, 6,450.

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AN INTERESTING AFTERNOON SPENT AT ROTHESAY COLLEGE

Sports, Presentation of Prizes and Addresses Yesterday Afternoon—Old Boys Association Choose Fred R. Taylor President.

The annual closing of Rothesay Collegiate School took place yesterday afternoon. The programme included athletic sports, military drill, and the formal closing ceremonies. His Lordship Bishop Richardson presided, after having presented trophies to the winners in the sports.

The aggregate of the sports resulted as follows:

100 yards dash, senior—1st, McQueen; time 11.5 seconds.

Running broad jump, intermediate—1st, Carritt; distance 15 feet 2 inches.

Old boys' race, 100 yards dash—1st, Learmont.

The aggregate of the sports resulted as follows:

Senior—First prize, a gold medal, offered by the Old Boys' Association, won by Hall, with H. Gilbert tied. It was decided by the Old Boys' Association that in this contingency another gold medal would be presented, giving one to each of the boys. The second prize was won by Sterne, and for the third prize J. McKay and Teed were tied.

Middle school—The first prize was a gold medal, offered by H. Gilbert, of Rothesay, and was won by Hibbard. The second prize was won by T. Gilbert and Carritt was third.

Junior—The first prize was won by J. Gilbert, Murray was second, and Old Boy.

The cricket ball presented by the Old Boys' Association for the best general average, was won by G. Kurbing.

At a meeting of the Old Boys' Association the following were elected for the coming year: President, F. R. Taylor; vice-president, J. Learmont; secretary-treasurer, Hugh McKay; W. H. Harrison was elected by the association to the board of education under the canon of the diocese. It was decided that the annual dinner of the association would be held next term, probably in Rothesay.

Among the visitors present at the closing exercises were Judge Ritchie, Senator Ellis, Archdeacon Raymond, M. G. Teed, W. H. Hickman (Dorchester), and Bishop and Mrs. Richardson.

At Rothesay, prizes in gold donated by A. G. Fairweather were won by Miss Ursula Whalley, Miss Geena Hopkins, and Miss Augusta Currier.

At the third annual meeting of the graduates of Rothesay those present were: Miss Margaret Walker, '06; Miss Olivia Murray, '06; Miss Nora Knight, '06; Miss Marion Caswell, '07; Miss Jean Kitchen, '07; Miss Gladys Blair, '08; Miss Muriel Sadtler, '08; Miss Edith Raymond, '08; Miss Nora Peters, '08; and Miss Ursula Whalley, '08. Miss Muriel Sadtler was elected president and Miss Olivia Murray, secretary.

It was decided to spend the funds for prizes, to be competed for by the students of Rothesay and arrangements were made to entertain the pupils in the fall.

At a well attended meeting of Court Le Tour, I. O. F., last night, the following were appointed delegates to the high court: M. E. Grass, A. A. Wilson, C. J. James, Stephen, James Manning, and J. M. Scovill, Jr.

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This is no ordinary case—see doctor's endorsement to relieve and cure Mr. J. E. Gempaine, Port Arthur, and all failed to bring in this awful suffering even temporary relief. "I am over sixty years of age," writes Mr. Gempaine, "and as far back as I can remember I have suffered from rheumatism. It was principally on the large muscles of my back, but extended to my limbs and made me quite a cripple and I found it very difficult to get work. I am a grain shoveler, and any work seemed to make matters worse. I did very little towards a cure until one day when I was in a very sore state. I was unable to stand the chilling winds and outdoor exercise at all. I went from one doctor to another—five in all—but got no relief. My muscles and joints stiffened, ached intensely and hard lumps came out on the tendons of my fingers and wrists.

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