

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XVIII. PLANNING A MIDNIGHT ATTACK—A TERRIBLE MOMENT.

What a terrible and ferocious light gleamed in M'Kenzie's eyes as he uttered these last words; it caused a shudder to creep through the frames of Gregor and Cameron, hardened as they were, as they sat and gazed at him.

"Then that is half as many as we require; you shall be a third, Gregor and I shall see that a fourth is provided. Or might not we require a fourth without reckoning you, Gregor?"

"You might," was the reply. "And a story of the Capture of Ben-Churni might turn out to be of use posted at the back of Skerryvach at the entrance to the secret passage. We'll not be knowing what might occur."

"The thought is a good one, Gregor; they might be required."

"And you M'Kenzie, you shall see and instruct Angus as to his duties, which, upon the whole, I reckon the most hazardous. You must let him distinctly understand that he has first to ascertain whether the entrance to the secret passage from the Castle is open, and then he must make an effort to learn the situations of the various bedrooms occupied by those we are in search of; and he must make us acquainted with those particulars in time to let us make our attack before Hector M'Leod and my niece are married. You, M'Kenzie, know the importance of the attack being made before then."

"I shall see that Angus is properly instructed," replied Ian. "Where did you say, Gregor, the entrance from the Castle led from?"

"It used to be termed the 'White Bedroom,' and, as I said was occupied by Lady Anne. It is likely that the room retains its old name. I believe it has been known by no other for many years."

"By my sword, you spoke truly, M'Kenzie," exclaimed Cameron. "The plan is an excellent one, and Hector M'Leod will experience a rude awakening that night. My first impulse was an immediate and combined attack within forty-eight hours but that might have failed. Gregor, your plan is a better one, and as you have excellently well won your money, so shall you be faithfully paid it."

As he spoke he drew a bag from the breast of his tunic, and undoing the knot which secured the mouth of it, he took out a heterogeneous mass of silver, and gold, and notes.

"There, Gregor," he continued, "there is your reward in full, I warrant; and you M'Kenzie, you can settle with me after."

The landlord, with glistening eyes, eagerly took hold of the money, and, strangely enough, without counting stowed it away in his breast, at the same time uttering profuse thanks to his companions and especially to Cameron.

"And now, Gregor," continued the latter, "this business is settled, so far as we can settle it to-night, and I wish to remind you that I have ridden far to-day and have fared badly. Bring hither your bottle and some eatables. In the former we shall drink to and seal our compact, and with the latter I shall satisfy the cravings of hunger, which I am beginning to feel after fasting since morning."

Meat and drink—and plenty of them—were soon on the table before the three base men, who sat and drank and ate, and gloated over the success which appeared to be within their grasp. Their minds were already inflamed with the wild, fierce passions which burned within them, and these passions became wilder, fiercer, still as they sat and drank and talked over the diabolical purposes nearest their hearts. The terrible project which they had determined on, did indeed look promising in the extreme, and they felt justified in anticipating the triumph which they expected were awaiting them.

Puslinch Council.

Pursuant to adjournment the Municipal Council of Puslinch met in the Town Hall, Aberfoyle, on Monday, Feb. 9th, at ten o'clock a. m. Members all present. The Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and sustained. On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cockburn, the Reeve issued his order for \$12, to be expended by Peter Grant, Esq., in support of Andrew McPherson, an aged and indigent person. On motion of Mr. Cockburn, seconded by Mr. Caulfield, \$15 were deposited in the hands of Mr. Jan. Clark, jr., for the support of Lewis Grant, an aged and indigent person. Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Caulfield, that the Council go into Committee of the whole for the appointment of township officers for the current year, and that the Deputy Reeve take the chair. On motion of Mr. Nicoll, seconded by Mr. Caulfield, a By-law, for the appointment of township officers, was introduced, and read a first and second time. The Council ordered that one dollar (dog tax) erroneously assessed against Mr. Matthew McPherson be refunded to him. The By-law for appointing township officers was read a third time and passed. The blanks were filled up by the following names:—Samuel Falconbridge, Treasurer; James McLean, Clerk; Joseph Grant, Assessor, south side Brook Road; W. M. Todd, Assessor, north side Brook Road; John Smith, Collector; Duncan Gilchrist, Inspector; Malcolm McBeath, Hall-keeper. On motion of Mr. Nicoll, seconded by Mr. Caulfield, the auditor's report was received, adopted and ordered to be published. The communication from Mr. Thos. Paddock relative to the road on lot 12, con. 2, was laid over until a Committee of Council are appointed to examine the roads of the Municipality. On motion of Mr. Caulfield, seconded by Mr. Cockburn, one dollar (dog tax) was refunded to Mr. Ellis. The Council adjourned to meet again on Thursday, Feb. 23, 1874.

JAMES McLEAY, Tp. Clerk.

Aberfoyle, Feb. 10, 74.

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The funeral of Bishop Guerin was the first at St. Charles on Thursday. The bells were rung in honor of his memory, and were carried by the Sisters of Mercy. The funeral was held at the Holy Trinity Church, St. Charles, St. Louis, Mo., on Thursday, Feb. 11th, at 10 o'clock. The priest took nearly half an hour to pass the street corner.



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