

THE STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14 1907.

SOPHY OF KRAVONIA,

A Novel, by Anthony Hope
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Peggy," Etc.

Continued.

THE SOUND OF A TRUMPET.

The Prince of Slavna's answer to the intimation of his father's wishes was dutiful, courteous, and discreetly diplomatic. The Prince was much occupied with his drill and other occupations; he availed himself of Max von Hohlbrand's practical pen—the guest was glad to do his royal host this favor.

They talked over the sense of the reply, Max then draughted it. The Prince did not in the least amend certain expressions which the young diplomat had used. Max wrote that the Prince cordially sympathized with the King's wishes; the Prince amended to the effect that he thoroughly understood them. Max wrote that the Prince was prepared cordially and energetically to co-operate in their realization; the Prince preferred to be prepared to consider them in a benevolent spirit.

Max suggested that two or three months' postponement of the suggested journey would not in itself be fatal; the Prince insisted that such a delay was essential, in order that negotiations might be set on foot to ensure his being welcomed with the proper homage. Max added that the later date would have an incidental advantage, since it would obviate the necessity of the Prince's interrupting the important labors on which he was engaged; the Prince said instead that in his judgment, it was essential, in the interests of the kingdom, that the task of training the artillery should not be interfered with by any other object, however well worthy of consideration that object might be.

In the result, the draught as amended, though not less courteous or dutiful than Max's original, was noticeably more stiff. Translate them both into the terse and abrupt speech of every-day life, and one said: "I'd rather not, please," while the other came at least very near to a blank.

Max was a quick-witted, resourceful, and a man of prayer for postponement; the Prince's was postponement first, with an accompanying assurance of respectful consideration.

Max was not hurt, but he felt a professional disapproval; the Prince said more, and showed more of his mind, than was useful; it was throwing more cards on the table than the rules of the game demanded.

"Mine would have done just as well," he complained to Marie Zerkovitch. "It mine had been rejected, his could have followed. As it is, he's wasted one or other of them. Very foolish, since just now time's his main object. He did not mean saving time, but protecting it."

"Marie did no more than toss her head peevishly. The author of the original draught persevered.

"Don't you think mine would have been much wiser—to begin with."

"I don't see much difference. There's little enough truth in either of them," she snapped.

Max looked at her with an amused and tolerant smile. He knew quite well what she meant. He shook his head at her with a humorous twinkle. "Oh, come, come, don't be exacting, madame! There's a very fair allowance of truth. Quite fair, the truth I should think. He is really very anxious about the gunners!"

"And about what else?"

Max spread out his hands with a shrug but passed the question by. "So have served amply for a least two letters," returning to his own special truth. In fact, that it would be a special point of complaint.

"Marie might well amuse the easy-going, yet-observant and curious young man; he loved to watch his fellow creatures under the stress of feelings from which he himself was free, and found in the opportunities afforded by events which had brought both of his life and that of his profession.

But Marie had gradually risen to a high, nervous tension. She was no puritan—puritans were not common in Kravonia, nor had Paris grafted such a slip into her nature. Had she thought as the men in the Palace thought when they smiled, had she thought that and no more, it is scarcely likely that she would have thus disturbed herself. For all such cases are generally treated as in some sense outside the common rules; exceptional allowances are in fact, whether properly or not, made for exceptional situations. Another feeling was in her mind—an obsession which had come almost wholly to possess her. The faithful foreboding which had attacked her from the first had now full dominion over her; its rule was riveted more closely on her spirit day by day, as day by day the Prince and Sophie drew closer together. Even that Sophie had once saved his life from a no longer Sophie's doubtful prepossession. Unusual and unlooked-for things took color from the mind of the spectator; the strange train of events which had brought Sophie to Praskol borrowed ominous shadows from a nervous apprehensive temperament.

No such gloom brooded over Sophie. She gave herself up to the hour; the past forgotten, the future never thought of. It was the great time of her life. Her feelings, while not less spontaneous and fresh were more mature and more fully satisfied than when Count de Savres poured his love at her feet. A cry of happiness almost lyrical came through her scanty record of these days—there was little leisure for diary or letters.

Winter was melting into spring, snow dwelt only on the high tops. Late was unbound and sparkling in the sun; the days grew longer, yet were far too short. To ride with him to Volent, to hear the cheers, to see the love they bore him, to watch him at work, to seem to share the labor and the love—then to shake off the kindly clinging hands and take to a mountain-path, or wander, the reins on the horses' necks, by the margin of the lake, and come home through the late dusk, tall-

FARL GREY RECEIVES WARM WELCOME FROM LOYAL ST. JOHN



Farl Grey and Countess Grey

Their Excellencies Earl and Lady Grey, with Ladies Sybil and Evelyn Grey, yesterday as the representatives of the crown were given a loyal welcome to St. John. Leaving Digby at 11.30, the Curlew made very good time across the bay and arrived shortly after four, which was much earlier than was anticipated in account of the very foggy weather.

By the time the evening papers were on the streets it was generally understood that it would be at least four before the Curlew would arrive, and when it was stated that the government steamer had not left Digby much before noon it was expected that with the dense fog in the bay it would be seven o'clock before the Curlew arrived. The Curlew on the other hand made very good time on the 42 mile trip, and the ceremony of landing was all over before the arrival of the Prince Rupert, at whose wharf the Curlew docked.

By four o'clock the wharf was thronged with spectators. Every available point of view was secured. The Yale, lying at the adjoining wharf, proved one of the most attractive places of observation.

Curlew's Arrival

At last the Curlew was seen coming up the harbor, hunched in bunting. The waters pressed forward and the camera lenses innumerable made ready to welcome.

The Curlew docked under the direction of Harbor Master Ferris. As the steamer came to the wharf the Curlew's salute was given. The Curlew's salute was given. The Curlew's salute was given.

The Civic Address

When the party had become seated, Mayor Sears arose and read the address of welcome.

His Excellency's Reply

Earl Grey's reply spoken in a voice which carried each word to the most distant listener, was as follows:

"I thank you for your address of welcome and goodwill, and for your hope that Lady Grey, my daughters and myself may not only enjoy our stay among you but also be so fortunate as to be able to pay you a further visit at no distant date. We cordially reciprocate that kind and friendly wish. Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to see more of this historic province, and to make a closer acquaintance with its loyal, united and imperial people."

The fact that St. John has the honor of being the first city in B. N. A. that obtained a civic chair-

State Dinner at Union Club

In the evening Earl Grey was the guest of the Lieutenant Governor at dinner at the Union Club.

The table decorations of last night have probably never been surpassed in the history of the club. The central set design was of circles arranged in an exact copy of what has been used during the last few months on all state occasions in the White House at Washington.

This design consisted of an artistic set piece raised on a base of scarlet geraniums, alysium and blue sweet peas. It contained eight curved arms and three bells, all a mass of flowers. On both ends of the table was a scroll set with a row of sweet peas and the whole table was dotted with cut glass vases containing roses, sweet peas and carnations.

At each cover was a pink carnation boutonniere. The mantel-piece was tastefully decorated with climbing vines and West Indian croton. The whole scheme reflected great credit upon H. T. Bailey, the club steward and W. K. Pederson, florist.

It was just half-past eight when his excellency drove up to the Union Club. Lieutenant Governor Tweedie presided with His Excellency upon his right and the other guests were seated as in the printed table. As at all state dinners, the only toast drunk was "The King."

Harris's orchestra during the evening played a large number of selections.

Americans Interested

The American tourists, of whom there are a very large number in the city, were very much in evidence during the ceremonies of welcoming the Governor General.

Their alleged democratic feelings, many of them were the most eager to push to the front to get a view of the points of vantage, took numerous snaps with their cameras of the arrival of the Curlew and the landing of the distinguished visitor.

Although the police force is none too large, Chief Clark had his men well arranged as to give ample service at the D. A. R. wharf, the Royal Hotel, the Opera House, the Union Club, and other places where the crowds gathered to get a view.

At the wharf Chief Clark and the deputy chief were both present themselves.

ODDFELLOWS THE FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS AT MONCTON

Are Enjoying Lots of Fine Weather at St. Stephen Large Crowds Saw the Sports Held Yesterday

About Four Hundred Oddfellows and Rebekas in the Town—Annual Reports of the Officers

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Aug. 13.—Oddfellows and Rebekas to the number of about four hundred have owned the town today and are a very welcome addition to St. Stephen's population. They have brought with them an abundance of bright sunshine which gives promise of continuing all through the session of their grand bodies.

The opening gun was fired last evening when the members of the encampment witnessed an exemplification of degree work by Fellowship Lodge in the rooms of that body in Calais.

Today the Grand Encampment has occupied the Masonic hall and the Rebekahs have occupied Oddfellows' hall in St. Stephen.

The grand officers of the Encampment were elected as follows: Grand patriarch, John H. Yeomans, of Amherst; grand senior warden, Alex. S. Stalker, of Pictou, N. S.; grand junior warden, P. P. Crockett, of Hopewell; grand scribe, M. McKean, of Moncton; grand treasurer, Charles A. Simpson, of Fredericton; grand representatives, T. L. Grant, of Westville, and James A. Laidlaw, of Halifax, elected last year for two years; grand marshal, D. McDougall, of Glace Bay; grand sentinel, J. H. Allen, of Yarmouth, N. S.; deputy grand sentinel, J. H. Fraser, of Truro.

The annual report of officers showed total receipts of \$12,750, and a balance on hand of \$41,515. The present membership is 1,024, as compared with 843 last year. The Rebekahs elected grand officers as follows: Grand president, Mrs. Hattie Bayers of Halifax; grand vice president, Miss Maggie Peters of Bridgetown; warden, Miss Harriet A. Smith of St. John; grand secretary, Miss Mary McLean of Moncton; grand treasurer, Mrs. P. McGowan of Moncton. The reports showed total receipts of \$3,834, and a balance on hand of \$10,855. The present membership is 1,196 brothers and 2,141 sisters, as compared with 1,041 brothers and 1,785 sisters in 1906.

The Grand Lodge of Oddfellows opens tomorrow morning.

Again I thank you for your address, and I heartily wish you and the people to represent an ever increasing measure of noble, prosperous and cultured life.

The whole ceremony only lasted a few minutes. At the conclusion of Earl Grey's reply, Mayor Sears asked the public remain in the house until the vice regal party had left. Earl Grey and those accompanying him then left the stage again through the pit. His Excellency bowed right and left, acknowledging the loyal greetings of those present as he again passed down the aisle.

It was just five o'clock when the ceremony of the city's welcome was concluded.

After this function, Earl Grey and party were driven to Rockwood Park, and then out Douglas avenue as far as Memorial Park.

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