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PRINCESS ZARA
BY ROSS BEECKMAN.

(Continued)

I wondered again at the princess's coolness. Realizing the peril she was in, as she must unquestionably have done, it was strange that she could command herself so well as to remain perfectly in possession of all her faculties, in the face of such dire peril.

For a moment I hesitated. It was a very great favor that she asked of me so calmly; just how great a favor it was, she could not know; and yet there was no reason why I should not grant her request being what I was and who I was. In that interval I wondered what this beautiful creature before me would think, or say, if she could have guessed that it was the chief of the most remarkable secret service bureau in the world whom she was addressing; if she could have guessed that the very man among all other men, whom she would least have thought of taking into her confidence, was the one before her who had listened to the conversation.

"Yes, I will do that," I replied, as she deliberately asked the question; and I watched her closely as I did so, holding myself well in hand, while, in order that I might not instantly fall again under the spell of her fascinations.

"And could you then? I will expect you at noon."

"I thank you, sir. And now, if you will give me your arm, we will return to the drawing room."

I could not help marveling at the wonderful self-possession of the woman whose life, liberty, honor, happiness, and whose all, had been by means of the conversation I had overheard, placed utterly at my mercy. Even though I was really what she supposed me to be, an ordinary citizen, the danger was no less, for I had to repeat what I had heard, to bring about an investigation which would result in only one way. Her confidence was absolute as we walked side by side towards the house, nor did she once refer to the subject upon which we were both thinking so deeply. She was a shade paler than usual, but beyond that there was no sign that anything out of the ordinary had occurred, nor did she manifest any evidence of the nervous fear which would have prostrated most women in such a predicament.

Neither of us returned to the subject that was uppermost in our minds. We indeed were silent during the moment that was required to traverse the length of the garden, and to pass from it into the house where the company was assembled.

But I was conscious of a subtle change in the character of my feelings towards Zara de Echeveria. The fascination that had enthralled me a little while back, was tempered now by a wholesome dread of this notably beautiful creature who could use her God-given feminine attributes to such deplorable ends. What had seemed to be a creature of utter loveliness, seemed to be a creature of a thing that was momentarily horrible, because what I had believed to be all purity, and all perfection, and suddenly been revealed as something that was akin to unnatural.

We parted at the door, she to cross the room and join a group of her friends, and I to go to my room. I had been so long a time together in the garden. The prince joined me while I stood there. He was accompanied by a man whom he wished to introduce to me. "Ah, Dubravnik," he said. "I have been looking everywhere for you. Didn't know but you had gone. This is my friend Alex is Darnieff. You've each heard me talk about the other, so you should be good friends."

"Captain Alex Darnieff?" I asked, shaking hands with him.

"The same," he replied. "Just returned from one of the far posts in Siberia, and I'm very glad to be back here again. I haven't had an opportunity to greet the princess yet; you kept her in the garden so long."

I thought that he gave me a significant glance as he made the laughing remark, but as the princess herself joined us at that moment, I did not give it a second thought. He gave her his arm, and they went away together, leaving the prince and myself alone.

"I think, if you do not mind, I will go," I said. The house of Princess Zara had suddenly become hateful to me.

"What? At this hour? Why?" Prince Michael was amazed.

"Oh, there is no reason, other than that I feel like it," I told him, shrugging my shoulders and trying to look bored.

"Then stay. Some of the best people

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



MORNING FROCK OF PINK STRIPED GINGHAM.

All the smart cotton frocks are built in one piece, and this model with a panel of neck to hem is a representative summer type. The gingham is a soft zephyr quality, with rose pink stripe on white, and the arrangement of the material in transverse stripes makes a very effective trimming. The skirt is fitted over the hips by means of small tucks between the pink stripes, the sleeves being tucked also and made-up crosswise of the goods. The little spike of Irish crochet set into the neck, which is cut in collarless fashion, is a trimming much used this year on these simple morning frocks and blouses.

VISITING PRESSMEN GET A GLIMPSE OF BRITISH MIGHT

At Portsmouth on Saturday They Saw 144 British Warships Ready for Action—The Greatest Fleet in the World's History.

Portsmouth, England, June 12.—The delegates to the Imperial Press Conference, who are spending the day here as the guests of the admiralty, have witnessed a naval spectacle that unparalleled in the history of the world.

Stretched out in seven lines in the far famed roadstead and extending from Coves Road to the sea forts guarding the entrance to Spithead, the visitors saw the "War Head" of the British navy, that is to say that section of the fleet which always is fully manned and equipped in readiness for instant action.

Of the 144 ships estimated to be worth all told something like \$500,000,000 that had assembled for today's manoeuvres, not a single one had been especially commissioned for the occasion.

Among the twenty-four battleships were seven Dreadnoughts, while supporting these lines of capital ships lay twenty-four cruisers, thirteen scouts and auxiliaries, forty-eight torpedo boat destroyers and thirty-five submarines.

Had they been placed end to end they would have formed a double line dressed miles long. All the vessels were decked with thousands of flags and with the crews on deck manning ship and bunting playing, the scene was full of animation and color.

Monday, June 14.—Visit to Coventry by London and North-Western special train. Inspection of the Daimler Company's works.

Lunch at Warwick Castle, as guests of the duke afterwards to Oxford.

Tuesday, June 15.—Visit to Oxford University. Reception, as vouches for the Chancellor, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, in the Library of All Souls.

Special train to Sharncliffe by Great Central Railway in the evening.

Wednesday, June 16.—Sheffield. Inspection of the works of Messrs. Vickers, Ltd., and Company, and luncheon as guests of the firm.

Guests of the Lord Mayor of Sheffield at dinner.

Thursday, June 17.—From Sheffield to Manchester by motor car through the Peak District. Luncheon at Chatsworth and at the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire.

Guests of the directors of the Ship Canal at dinner at Manchester.

Friday, June 18.—Manchester. Inspection of Manchester Exchange and Ship Canal; visit to Messrs. Platt's, and to Quaker Mill.

BACK STRAINED BY HEAVY LIFTING

Lay Helpless in Bed for Four Days, Crippled, Suffering Agony and Torture.

"While engaged with a large construction company," writes Anna E. Wilbur from Concord, "I wrenched my back while lifting a steel beam. I realized at once that I was hurt, but finished the day out. I was so lame when I reached home that my wife insisted on my going to bed. I applied poultices, hot water bags and other remedies, but at the end of the fifth day my suffering was so intense that at the first, a fellow workman brought me a bottle of NERVILINE, and rubbed my back twice during the evening. This gave me relief. Rubbing with NERVILINE was continued the next day, and by night I was much improved. NERVILINE must have penetrated right into the muscles that were sore, because it took out the stiffness, cured the pain, and had me well in four days' time. Of course, to strengthen my back, I put on a Nerviline Porous Plaster and find it a wonderful help to a working man."

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MONCTON NEWS.

I.C.R. Brotherhood Hold a Memorial Service—A Rain Storm

Moncton, June 13.—The I. C. R. train orders, conductors, drivers, firemen and brakemen held annual memorial service for departed brothers, in Davidson Theatre, this afternoon. The hall was filled with I.C.R. members and the speakers were Rev. D. MacDermid, Rev. Jas. Stroth and Evangelist Osborne.

The first rain for two weeks fell here on Saturday evening, a short shower lasting ten or fifteen minutes. The country is greatly in need of a heavy rain.

Between fifteen and twenty boys of the Y. M. C. A., under the leadership of E. J. Robertson, physical director, went through Foley's pottery on Saturday afternoon on an educational inspection. The visit was enjoyed very much, the different stages of manufacture being fully explained to the visitors.

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MR. BUTLER DECLARES AGAINST SUNDAY TRAINS ON THE I. C. R.

Important Announcements About the Service Made by Chairman of New I. C. R. Commission—Improvements in Passenger Service.

"There will be no Sunday trains on the I. C. R. as long as public sentiment remains as it is today in the Maritime Provinces," said M. J. Butler, chairman of the new I. C. R. commission, in an interview with a Telegraph reporter yesterday. "The time may come, and doubtless will come," he added, "when business men may force us to run a seven-day service whether it pays or not, but for the present there is no movement in that direction. In fact we have received many resolutions from all over the provinces protesting against any change in policy in this respect."

Mr. Butler arrived in the city on Saturday, and will be joined today by the other commissioners, who spent Sunday in Moncton. Continuing their first tour of inspection they will spend the day in St. John and will leave this evening for Fredericton.

Speaking of the trip, Mr. Butler said that, starting from Montreal, the commissioners had made a careful inspection at all points on the road and had spent some time in Halifax, Sydney and P. E. Island.

At Campbellton they received many requests for changes and improvements, some of which could not be complied with. Among these were extensive improvements in the station. The town, he thought, had an excellent station now, and what was asked for was out of the question. The commissioners had agreed to leave M. C. A. building, as the lots were not required for extension purposes.

In general, throughout the trip, they found the road bed, bridges and rolling stock in good condition. On all sections work was being pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

At Sydney, Mr. Butler continued, freight business was dull, and while generally a shade better than last year, did not present nearly up to the season of two years ago. Some reductions in the staff at Sydney had been necessary on this account. He had never seen so many idle cars as there were today, a condition which he attributed in part to the slow resumption of business in the New England States.

At Moncton the new shops were nearing completion. The freight car department and passenger car paint shop had been working for some time and already for the road was feeling the benefit of it. All the new shops would be in running order by July 1. Among the numerous improvements of Mr. Butler upon in enthusiastic terms of a new 500 h. p. engine in the power house driven by producer gas was one of the easiest running engines, he said, he had ever seen.

While in Moncton the commissioners received eight or nine delegations representing employes in different branches of the service. Most of the subjects discussed referred to matters of discipline. There were many things, Mr. Butler said, which required strengthening out, and the commissioners in friendly talks with the men found them fair and reasonable.

The victims at Saint Canant and Rognes were horribly mutilated. There were evidences that several of the victims lived for hours imprisoned by the debris before they died. The people rushed into the streets when the first shock occurred, crying out in terror. Many of them returned to the rescue of their families.

At Rognes a family of four were buried in the ruins. Their cries could be heard throughout the night, but all were dead in the morning, when a rearing party reached them.

At Saint Canant an old man and his son were watching a billiard game. They were instantly killed. The players escaped with slight bruises. The Chateau Valmoussier, near Saint Canant, was badly damaged. The Communal Chateau at Arguilles was split in two. The historic village of Vergennes was wrecked, but no one was killed. The monetary loss in the affected district is very heavy.

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The Times Daily Puzzle Picture



ANNUAL TIP.
The same advice is used once more, don't reckon ones please me, don't swim too far from shore, and do not seek the boat.

Find another bath.

ANSWER TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE.
Under left corner down in skirt.

THREE MONTHS ON CONTEMPT CHARGE

Jules Fournier of Le Nationaliste Sentenced by Quebec Judge

Quebec, June 13.—Three months' imprisonment was the sentence meted out Saturday to Jules Fournier, editor of the "Nationaliste," who appeared before Chief Justice Langlois, on a charge of contempt of court.

Mr. Fournier was the author of an article published in the Nationaliste of May 9 last under the heading of "Prosecution of Justices," hence his appearance. Le Nationaliste is a French Sunday paper published in Montreal, and the organ of the party headed by Mr. Bourassa. Fournier, an editor, succeeded Oliver Asselin who was released from the Quebec jail last week after serving fifteen days for slapping the face of Hon. Mr. Taschereau, minister of public works.