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**COUNTERSTROKE**

By AMBROSE PRATT

Author of "Vigorous Daunt, Billionaire."

(Continued.)

"Dead, sir," gasped the man, "shot and killed by a Nihilist this afternoon at Monna."

"Where did you hear of this?"

Dupassé drew a paper from his pocket. "I didn't leave my post, sir," he murmured apologetically; "one of the servants brought it to me. Besides, they are crying out the news in the streets even now. If you listen you may hear for yourself."

In the silence that followed they could faintly catch the far-off shouts of an excited crowd, a confused babel of murmurs, from which occasionally single

his ponderous jaws together with a snarl. "It is lucky that Emmeus is one of us," he growled and strode to the door. "Follow my orders, gentlemen; it is better to be cautious, although excessive caution is no longer necessary since the dogs are in hiding in their holes a week to come at least. You will soon hear from me. I go to Cardinal Orléans now, thence to the new living. The new king! Le roi est mort, vive le roi. Goodbye, gentlemen! If I do not again see you before you go to Atnala, I shall write my full instructions. Ah, the villain, the cruel, cursed villain!"

He passed, his clenched hand unconsciously unrolled on high, hesitated a second, then, with a soft groan, passed out and vanished without a backward glance.

CHAPTER XX.

Side-Lights and Sermons.

"Mein Gott!" said Oeljen, "what a terrible confirmation of your story, my Lord."

Oreningham picked up the journal which Perigord had let fall, and read aloud the account and horrid details of King Humbert's assassination.

"Do you know, Oeljen," he said afterwards, "from the very moment I heard the Count d'Atnala so cold-bloodedly predict the fulfillment of his pledge, I somehow felt in my bones that Humbert was doomed, and that nothing in the power of man to do might save him. I do not feel at all surprised for I expected this."

"I wonder if they will be able to extract any information from Bressi the murderer?"

"Be sure not. The Count knows how to choose his instruments too well for that. Remember Klein!"

"Light! I shall never forget that night. I often dream of the poor wretch's screams of pain."

"And yet in spite of that dreadful torture, he was obstinate and finally decided us."

"Who do you suppose fired the bomb that night, my Lord?"

"Who but the Prince, or rather the Archduke. He arrived on the scene immediately after the explosion. I marked his face particularly and saw his eyes counting us over with an expression of utter disappointment. I am sure that Perigord commenced to suspect him from that moment. I wonder what fate Perigord intends for him?"

## Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



GOWN OF WHITE MULL TRIMMED WITH BLUE MULL AND LACE. It is impossible in a black and white sketch to do justice to this charming little frock, which was of sheer white material trimmed with lace and two-inch wide bands of the pale blue mull. The skirt had three bands of the pale blue mull let in between stripes of Val. lace. Small tuks and little ruffles of Val. lace were also used as trimming for the

"He is a Prince, you know, and heir to a throne."

"You think that?"

"That he is too highly placed to touch. Perigord will probably wear his royal nephew, and in that way draw his teeth. You see, once the Count d'Atnala is killed or imprisoned, the inner circle will crumble to pieces and Nihilism will fade away for want of a leader, never to be revived in our generation at least."

"That is so, for it is the Count who holds all the strings. The Prince and the Turk are merely figureheads."

"So it seems; but what infernal villain are they, worse in my opinion than the Count."

"Ah, you think that because you have not yet seen the Count! Wait a little."

"Do you think we shall encounter much resistance on the island?"

"Very little, if we have any luck. I hope to surprise the place."

"No doubt we shall find records there of all the various Nihilist lodges and their individual members and provincial chiefs."

"I am sure of that, Oeljen, for Atnala has been the Count's headquarters for a quarter century. With what we shall find there Perigord should be able to achieve his mission absolutely and abolish Nihilism as a concerted organization from the face of the earth."

"What a proud man he would be then!"

"Quite forgivably so, too. I can't help admiring the fellow, and I more than admire. You see, for some weeks I have been his intimate companion, and, to some degree, he has given me his confidence and friendship. He is uncouth, and often does things which jar a little on one's nerves, but he is so big in every other way; such a giant physically and mentally, so liberal in his views for other people, although in his own life, a severe ascetic, so broad-minded, so charitable and generous. I could tell you a score of things he has done without ostentation and without a second thought—generous, dutiful things which would show you the man's true heart. Why, only last night as we came down from Milano in the train, a poor wrecked man was travelling second class, slipped into our carriage unnoticed by the guard at some small wayside station and brought up to allow him to hide beneath a giant physically and mentally, so liberal in his views for other people, although in his own life, a severe ascetic, so broad-minded, so charitable and generous. I could tell you a score of things he has done without ostentation and without a second thought—generous, dutiful things which would show you the man's true heart. Why, only last night as we came down from Milano in the train, a poor wrecked man was travelling second class, slipped into our carriage unnoticed by the guard at some small wayside station and brought up to allow him to hide beneath

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## WATERWAYS IN ENGLAND

Total Length of British Canals and Navigation 4048 Miles.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12.—In the report of the Royal Commission on Canals just issued, it is stated that the total length of the British canals and navigation is 4,048 miles, of which 2,385 miles are "independent" and 1,663 miles are connected with railways. In 1881 these canals carried 22,325,000 tons of merchandise, and the net revenue was £1,825,000. In 1905 the net revenue was £1,137,000, the net revenue being £688,000 a year and a sinking fund of one and a half per cent, which would mean meeting the cost in about 60 years, would be £215,000. Then Mr. Sauer took the maintenance and management of the whole of the canals at £1,137,000, making a total of £2,072,000 per annum, which would have to be met. Against this we have the present gross income of the present canals taken at £1,560,000, which would leave a net deficiency of £512,000. To meet that we should only require 11,000,000 additional tons at 1s per ton to cover the cost. The tonnage, in Mr. Sauer's opinion, would be very much greater than that.

On the matter of canal competition, E. C. Corbett, secretary of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, put in some figures, of which the following, relating to timber, are illustrative:

Where canals compete	Miles per ton	Rate
Worcester to Gloucester	23	2s 12d
Worcester to Birmingham	36	4s 4d
Worcester to Shrewsbury	68	5s 6d
Gloucester to Birmingham	66	6s 11d

Where no canals compete

Where no canals compete	Miles per ton	Rate
Worcester to Cheltenham	33	4s 4d
Worcester to Shrewsbury	68	5s 6d
Worcester to Oxford	67	5s 7d

We get Worcester to Bristol, 66 miles, 6s per ton, against Worcester to Shrewsbury, 68 miles, 5s 6d per ton.

A great deal of valuable evidence has been taken as to the waterways of the continent and the great sums which have been spent by various countries in public works canals and canalized rivers.

A quiet wedding took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in St. Mary's church, when J. H. Richards, of the Wm. Richards Company, Portofino, was united in marriage to Miss Maud Waldron, formerly of Moore's Mills, Charlotte county. Only immediate friends were present, and Rev. W. O. Raymond performed the ceremony.

R. W. McLellan, of Fredericton, was in the city yesterday.

## PLAYGROUNDS FOR TORONTO



The News of That City Gives the City Council Some Good Advice.

(Toronto News.)

A playground is absolutely distinct from a park, a field which the city council of Toronto does not seem to realize. Parks are very necessary, not only as breathing places for city dwellers, but as beauty spots, whereby the general attractiveness of a community can be enhanced. But children are not allowed to play in these places. They might break the flowers, or scrape the bark off the trees, or make holes in the green sward. In some cases, indeed, menacing signs advise the little ones to keep off the grass. The playground, as known in New York, is exactly what the word signifies—a place where children can play to their hearts' content. Its main object is to keep the boys and girls off the street, where they are subject to innumerable dangers. Therefore its proper place is where population is congested. In Toronto the first playgrounds should be established in the ward. The council thinks the project is too costly. This, we believe, is a mistaken idea. Aldermen might study with advantage a booklet entitled, "Playgrounds for Toronto," which has been issued by J. J. Kelso, provincial superintendent of neglected children. Pictures of several of the more important playgrounds in New York are presented, and the case in favor of the acquisition of land for such purposes is stated strongly and concisely.

The mayor's answer to the University Women's Club, on the question of a playground in the ward, is most encouraging. If the mayor and the board of control will but give definite and concrete expression to the intention outlined in his reply to the Women's Club, it will be a sound and progressive step of civic policy, and will stand to the lasting credit of the administration. It is true such a project

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