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Over the Border

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(Continued.)

CHAPTER XXIII.

On the morning of the fourth day Armstrong was delighted to learn from De Courcy that the king had recovered and would see him at noon. The foreigner engaged the envoy in a long conversation, the object of which was to discover whether or not the girl had said anything of the day before. The unsuspecting Scot, entirely off his guard, thinking he spoke with a friend, was read by the other like an open book, and De Courcy was speedily convinced that Frances Wentworth had kept her own counsel. This gave the spy renewed confidence, and as they walked down the street together De Courcy held his head higher than had been the case when he last turned his back upon the Crown Inn. His buoyant nature was quick to recover from depression, and his malice, fed anew from his late rebuff, set his mind at work to contrive some plan whereby he might avenge his wounded pride and avenge himself on the girl and his favored rival, even at some slight risk to himself.

Although the danger of exposure seemed imminent enough when he was with her, he knew that as she grew calmer and reflected upon the situation she would be more and more reluctant to wreck everything in order to bring punishment upon him. He would get them out of Oxford that day if possible, but he would instill a poison in the young lover's mind that would take all sweetest from the journey.

De Courcy had offered to show Armstrong the way to the king's rooms, so that there should be no delay when the Scot set out for his appointment at 12 o'clock, and they had now en-

tered. Very well, since you will have it, and I take your word as a gentleman pledged that you will say nothing to the girl of this until you are clear of Oxford. Know that I was once her lover, and she was my wife, and would have been my wife to-day had her father not fallen.

"Your wife?"

"Yes. Her father gave me permission to pay my court to her. She could not have been much more than sixteen then, and I was her first lover, a personage that a girl never forgets. Her father's ruin changed my plans, and I refused to marry her. I announced this refusal to her in the seclusion of my own room in Whitehall and—"

"Sir, you lie!"

Armstrong's sword seemed to spring of its own will from the scabbard, and his hand drew it a-swish through the air with the hiss of a deadly serpent. The Frenchman shrugged his shoulders, but did not move. The three words of his opponent had been spoken very quietly, despite his impulsive action. De Courcy did not raise his voice as he asked:

"Which of my statements do you question?"

"No matter for that. We fight on this phrase in Scotland. No man ever called me liar and lived."

"This is a coarse phrase, I admit, and I do not represent my king—were I as free as you—you should have had my response in steel ere this. But I cannot wreck the king in a private quarrel of my own. Whether you killed me or I you, 'twould be equally disastrous to his majesty."

"I care nothing for the king. Draw, you poisoner, or I shall kill you where you sit."

"My dear Armstrong, I refuse to be murdered under a misapprehension on



"RISE, SIR WILLIAM ARMSTRONG."

tered the quadrangle of Christchurch, which was deserted save for the guards at the gate. Armstrong thanked him for his guidance, and was turning away, when the other, who seemed about to speak, glanced at the soldiers on duty, then, thinking the spot ill chosen for what he had to say, invited the Scot to his room. They went up a stair together and entered De Courcy's apartment, the host setting out wine and asking his guest to seat himself.

"Has the lady who accompanied you quite recovered from her fatigue?" asked De Courcy indifferently.

"Well, as I told you, I met her yesterday for a few moments only, and I am sorry she was not in the highest spirits, but she will be the better for seeing the green fields again. Like myself, she is of the country, and does not thrive within the walls of a town."

"Yes, I noticed that when she was in London."

"In London? Did you know her in London?"

"Oh, hasn't she told you of our relationship? Perhaps I should not have mentioned it."

"What do you mean by your relationship? You are French; she is pure English."

De Courcy threw back his head and laughed, unheeding and indeed unnoticed the angry color mounting in a face that had grown suddenly stern.

"My dear comrade, there are other relationships between a young man and a handsome woman than the ties of kinship. But those days are long past, and I should never have recalled them had it not been that you two have been traveling about the country together. I make no doubt, with an innocence that recalls the Syrian days of David, that you were in this journey."

"Oh, we all say that. But I am not in the least curious. If you intended to marry her, then were my mouth

your part. I have said nothing against the girl. 'Tis all your own hot blood. And indeed your bawling is the girl's greatest danger; she might well tremble if she knew your present occupation. If you run your nimble sword through me, you give the girl to the fate that befell her father."

At the first word of danger to Frances the point of Armstrong's blade sank to the floor, and he stood hesitating. A gleam of triumph glinted and died in the eye of the Frenchman. He knew he was the victor, although the chance he had run at one stage of the game almost made his heart stop beating.

"How can any action of mine jeopardize Lady Frances Wentworth?"

"If the king knew this girl was within his jurisdiction, she would be instantly arrested, tried and condemned. She entered Whitehall the day her father was executed for the sole purpose of murdering Charles. I prevented the carrying out of that purpose, and these scars on my face are the results of my interference with a mad-dened woman."

"Again, you lie, yet if she had killed you both she would have accomplished but justice."

"As to the truth or falsity of my statements, regarding which you make comments of unseemly tenderness, you may ask the king when you see him, or you may ask the lady herself when you get her out of Oxford. If you precipitate a turmoil here, you are like to tumble her pretty head in the basket. When this war is done with I will go far to teach you the correct method of addressing a gentleman."

Armstrong's sword dropped into scabbard again, and he drew a breath that was a sigh. The poison was already at work. He remembered the distress of the girl on the road, and her wail, "I am not worthy the love of any honest man."

"I shall never question her or any other, but will believe her lightest word against the world when she condescends to tell me. Meanwhile I shall get her out of this thieves' den as soon

as may be, and when I meet you—"

De Courcy had risen, and now bowed slightly to his perturbed guest.

"Sir, you shall meet me at 12, and it will be my privilege to conduct you to his majesty. Good morning."

He stood by the window overlooking the quadrangle and watched his late visitor cross it, staggering once as if he had partaken freely of the wine which remained untouched on the table. As the Scot disappeared under the archway De Courcy laughed.

"My fine, strutting cockerel," he muttered, "I'll lay you by the heels before two days are past. Cromwell's at Broughton, curse his tattling tongue. How many more has he told of me? Never mind. He's the coming man. The king's game is up, and I shake the dust of Oxford from my feet to-night. St. Denis, if she had only known! Every man in Oxford distrusts me except the king."

When Armstrong was brought before Charles he found no difficulty in convincing the king that he was a well accredited envoy, and his majesty inquired eagerly about the disposition of the Scottish people toward him, the number likely to take the field in his behalf, who their probable leaders were, and how soon they would be ready for the fray. All these questions Armstrong answered as hopefully as he could, in deep commendation for a defeated man. The king commanded one of his secretaries to write out the required commission, and while this was being done Armstrong related to him the purpose of the papers which he had not dared to bring with him.

The names of the nobles were inserted in the document from the dictation of the Scot, then the king's seal was affixed, and Charles signed the papers keeping within his vest. While thus engaged the king said a word to the secretary, who handed him a light rapier, then whispered to the messenger the single word "kneel."

The Scot flushed to think he had been wanting in the etiquette of the court, his kind heart yearning to proffer any defence which should be rendered to a monarch, more especially that he was no longer in a position to enforce homage. He dropped on one knee and bowed his head. Charles, rising, touched the rapier blade lightly upon the shoulder of the kneeling man, saying:

"Rise, Sir William Armstrong, and be assured that if you bring this poor signature of mine to Scotland, there is no title in my gift you may not demand of me."

Armstrong rose, awkward as a school boy, not knowing where to look or what to say until he caught the cynical smile of De Courcy standing at the right hand of the king.

"I congratulate you, Sir William," said the Frenchman. The sight of the smile aroused the new hatred against the man which was smoldering in his heart, and he made no reply to the greeting, but said to the king:

"Sir, the only thanks I can tender you is haste to the north, and may God make my arm as strong to defend this signature as my heart is true to your majesty."

With that he turned his back upon royalty, a grievous breach in the eyes of courtiers, and he strode out, saying "God grant it," said the king, with a sigh, as he sank once more in the seat from whence he had risen.

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ROYAL GAZETTE NOTICES.

St. John Business Men Apply For Incorporation to Carry on Wholesale Grocery Business.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 18.—The Royal Gazette tonight contains the following:

Notice of application for incorporation is given by Geo. B. Barbour, F. T. Barbour, W. L. Hamm, J. D. Palmer, St. John, and F. A. Barbour, Esq., as the promoters of a company to carry on a wholesale grocery business. Capital \$20,000, divided into 200 shares.

Notice is also given for incorporation by E. A. French, N. M. Smith, L. V. Lingley, Ada L. Currie and J. M. Scott of River du Loup, as the promoters of a company to carry on a wholesale grocery business. Capital \$20,000, divided into 200 shares.

Henry W. Currie of York is appointed as provincial constable.

The Singer Sewing Machine Co. is granted the license to do business in the province to Oct. 31st, 1905.

Notice is given that the Carleton Place Hall Co. will apply for incorporation at the next session of the legislature.

Notice of assignment of J. Hains Dunphy of Kingsclaire to the sheriff.

At the Cathedral at six o'clock this evening Dean Partridge united in marriage W. F. Sherborne of Milford, Mass., and Mary Eliza, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hazen, Charlotte street. The happy couple left on the 9 o'clock train for St. John on their way to Milford, their future home.

The death is reported from Sheffield of David C. Burpee, 64 years of age. Deceased is survived by a widow, three sons and two daughters, also three brothers, Geo. F. of Vancouver, Jesse of Houston, and L. C. of the I. C. R., Moncton.

WARRANTS FOR ARREST

Of Christian Scientists For Death of Wallace Goodfellow.

TORONTO, Jan. 18.—The verdict returned by the coroner's jury in the case of the Christian Scientists' case was to the effect that Wallace Goodfellow came to his death from typhoid fever, and allowing culpable negligence on the part of Mrs. Sarah Goodfellow, Mrs. Grant, Edward Buendeste and Mrs. Lee.

The jury also expressed their belief that the persons mentioned were guilty of manslaughter. Acting upon the information contained in this verdict, warrants have been issued for the arrest of all four Christian Scientists, on the charge of manslaughter. The case is attracting much attention.

Chinese Aided Russians.

Reported That Regulars Took Active Part in Recent Engagements—Chinese However Falling Under Japanese Influence.

TOKYO, Jan. 18.—The following report has been received from Japanese Manchurian headquarters:

"In the recent engagements it became evident that the Russians were being aided by many Chinese regulars."

"A Japanese detachment surrounded Russian cavalry and Chinese soldiers in the vicinity of Sanchia, west of Newchwang, on Jan. 14, and dispersed them. The Russian casualties were over 300. The Japanese captured a quantity of arms."

"Lieut. Gen. Mischenko's raiders were between 5,000 and 6,000 strong. After they were defeated at Newchwang they retreated to the north, passing Laotunliu."

"Japanese cavalry encountered the

exhausted Russians in the neighborhood of Laotunliu Monday evening, Jan. 16. They report that the Russians wore Chinese coats and caps, and that among them were many entirely clothed in Chinese costumes and wearing pistols."

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 18.—The foreign office expresses satisfaction at the action initiated by Secretary Hay at Peking regarding the necessity for China adhering rigidly to neutrality and in communicating the action of the United States to the powers, in the hope of securing joint action. It is distinctly asserted here that Russia does not desire, unless forced to do so, to extend the area of hostilities to China. According to Russian official reports both the Chinese government and people are falling more and more under Japanese influence, especially since the fall of Port Arthur.

A SLACK DAY.

House Sat Only Twelve Minutes Yesterday.

Main Estimates for the Year Aggregate An Increase of Six Millions Over Last Year.

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—The house today sat exactly twelve minutes, though such a slack day has probably not occurred again for a while, as just before adjournment today the government laid on the table the estimates for the year.

The only other business transacted was the reintroduction of McCarthy's act to amend the steamboat inspection act.

In reply to a question of Kemp of Toronto the minister of railways said on Oct. 6 last certain municipalities had been granted free carriage for hay on the intercolonial.

Mr. Foster on Friday will ask for copies of all correspondence with the government on the R. C. R. authorities reference to this free transportation, also names of parties to whom rebates or reductions were made and quantities shipped to each.

The main estimates for 1904-5 are brought down today aggregate \$68,664,397. Last year the main estimates were \$62,933,338, or \$5,731,059 less.

The supplementary estimates last year amounted to over twelve millions, so that if the same method is followed this year the total expenditure will amount to over eighty millions of dollars.

The principal increases are in the departments of railways and canals, \$18,820 and the post office, \$15,565, and public works, \$14,545. The increase for the militia is \$18,365.

In the savings bank department there is an increase of \$200 for the Halifax office and \$150 for the St. John office.

The Tracadie lazaretto gets \$50 more. The following are among the propositions for the I. C. R., charged to capital. In every instance the sum named is largely a revote of appropriations made last session for the current year.

Predating at deep water terminus, \$18,000; increased accommodation at St. John, \$35,000; increased accommodation at Moncton, \$10,000; increased accommodation at Halifax, \$20,000; increased accommodation at Memramcook, \$3,000; increased accommodation at Miramichi, \$10,000. The only entirely new appropriations for the I. C. R. are: Improvements at Campbellton, \$25,000; improvements at Campbellton, \$12,000.

The following appropriations for public buildings in New Brunswick are in every case revotes and extensions of the old bill and are not new appropriations to the front: The Campbellton public building, \$18,000; St. John dominion buildings, improvements, repairs, etc., \$2,000; St. John drill hall, \$10,000; St. John immigrant detention building, \$22,000; St. John quarantine station, Partridge Island, \$22,000; Woodstock armory and gun shed, \$35,000.

The only change in the steamship subsidies is a reduction by \$24,666 of the subsidy for service between Canada and Australia and the granting of a \$20,000 new subsidy for the Canada-New Zealand service.

Appropriations for Indians in Nova Scotia are decreased \$1,250, in New Brunswick increased \$1,000.

The salaries in the post office in St. John by \$2,000. One significant item is the increase in the clerks and the salaries in the auditor general's department amounting to over ten thousand dollars, presumably as a sop to the auditor general in place of granting his other demands.

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—Beyond appointing a special committee to consider the question of the form of prayer used in opening their deliberations, the senators transacted no business of moment today. The senate will probably adjourn tomorrow till some time in February.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

Proposed to Amend it in Manitoba—The Charges.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 18.—A bill to amend the liquor license act of Manitoba was introduced in the legislature by Attorney General Campbell. The following changes are proposed: Granting of restaurant licenses is abolished; no wholesale licenses can be issued in villages; no licenses in Winnipeg are to be issued to houses of less than fifty bedrooms; in Winnipeg the standard is raised from one in five hundred to one in twelve hundred of population.

The following license fees are made: In Winnipeg, \$500; in cities between five and ten thousand, \$350; in towns and villages between two thousand five hundred and five thousand, \$200; less than two thousand five hundred, \$250, and in rural municipalities, \$200. A like amount for wholesale licenses and \$300 for commercial travellers' licenses. The age limit for boys employed in hotels is raised from sixteen years, as at present, to eighteen years.

DIED AT CAMBRIDGE.

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., Jan. 17.—The report of the death at Cambridge, Mass., today, of Margaret, wife of Edwin Saunders, and second daughter of the late Donald Clark of St. Andrews, was received here by telegram this evening. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn the loss of a good wife and mother. The remains will be taken to St. Andrews for interment in the family lot in the Rural cemetery.

READY FOR THE END.

MONTREAL, Jan. 18.—Glaciot, the Italian who is to be hanged on Friday morning, declares to his spiritual adviser that he is quite ready for all that may come. He has given up all hope of any interference by the authorities, and preparations for the execution are being made. Over 250 tickets for the hanging have already been issued.

OIL SHEDS BURNED.

HALIFAX, Jan. 17.—The oil shed of the I. C. R. at Stellarton was burned today, causing a loss of \$1,000. The fire caught from a torch.

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SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS.

Provincials Pass Exams. at Guelph Institute.

QUEBEC, Jan. 18.—The following provincial students have been successful in the three months' course in nature study at the Macdonald Institute, Guelph. The course embraced field and laboratory practice with plants, insects, birds and other common animals; with minerals, rocks and soils; elementary astronomy and the study of the constellations, elementary meteorology, manual training and nature study methods:

Acadia, Lunenburg, Hampshire, Prince Edward Island; Babbitt, Miss Beas, Shanklin, N. B.; Brennan, Miss A. M., Old Barns, Colchester Co., N. S.; Clarke, Miss Annie, Esplanade, Prince Edward Island; Crawford, W. M., Debec, N. B.; Hall, Miss Carrie M., Middleton, Annapolis Co., N. S.; Hayes, Miss Maude, Blanford, Prince Edward Island; LePage, Miss E. Mable, Woodstock, N. B.; Long, Miss Tina, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Moses, Miss Winifred, Belmont, Colchester Co., N. S.; Mulhern, Miss Helena, Woodstock, N. B.; Noonan, Miss Lizzie, Albany, Prince Edward Island; Omer, Miss Bertha, G. Brookfield, Colchester Co., Nova Scotia; Palmer, Pritchard, Miss Frances P., Hampton Station, N. B.; Shanklin, Miss Annie J., Shanklin, N. B.; Spencer, Miss Agnes, Great Village, Colchester Co., N. S.; Spurr, Miss Margaret C., Middleton, Annapolis Co., N. S.; Toole, Miss Wilhelmina, Tooton, N. B.

The students in attendance were all experienced teachers. They were chosen by the governments of the different provinces, and each received a scholarship on the successful completion of the course. The travelling expenses of the teachers were paid out of the Macdonald Rural School Fund. On account of the non-completion of the plant houses at the Macdonald Institute, in which many of the studies with plants, etc., were to be conducted during the winter months, it was thought advisable to begin the next three months' course in April rather than in January.

EXPERT TESTIMONY

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 18.—Expert testimony occupied the entire time of the court during today's session of the Tucker murder trial and with the exception of about twenty minutes, surgeons occupied the stand. Without exception these witnesses stated that a knife thrust into a body at an angle described by Medical Examiner Meade could not possibly touch the azygous vein. Each of the medical experts also stated that the knife shown them, a duplicate of the one owned by Tucker, would not have made wounds similar to those found on the body of Miss Page, the reason ascribed in every case being that its broad back would leave a mark unlike the mark of a blade without such a back, and which marks were not found on the body.

TWO PROVINCIAL MEN.

Rev. Seldon McCurdy, a native of Musquodoboit, N. S., and a graduate of Worcester (Mass.) Academy, Acadia College and Newton Theological Seminary, has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church, Marlboro, Mass. He has been living in Lynn, but was a missionary to Rumford, Rev. Charles Elliott McKenize has just been elected to the archdeaconate of the Columbus, O., diocese. He was born in Pictou, N. S., in 1858, was educated at the Pictou Academy and Kings College, and was ordained by Bishop Blinney. He labored in Springfield, N. S., and Alberton, P. E. I., and then in Shelburne, N. B. He afterwards was rector of St. Luke's, Cleveland, O., in 1890.

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