



FROM DAILY ADVANCE OF THURSDAY 7th

General Wolley is in possession of the country. Gen. Digba has collected another army, but it is thought the scarcity of food in the desert prevents him from concentrating or becoming formidable enough to make it necessary to make an expedition against him.

Friendly Arabs at Tokar ask English protection against the Digma. Other tribes are willing to submit if the British remain in the country. A large force of British and Indian troops and friendly natives, under Gen. Graham, marched out at midnight to Tokhar and surprised and defeated 4000 rebels, killing 60 and capturing 12 and 150 head of cattle. After burning the village they returned to Suakin, the fighting continuing until they passed the Tamesh, where they were met by the British and had a hard fight, resulting in a decisive victory.

The Tamesh captures of government relations concerning the Afghan affair, and the necessity of the official statements respecting the arrangements made regarding the Afghan frontier, which it intimates may be all settled before Sir Peter Lushington, who is expected to arrive in London although the official reason given for his recall is that his presence is desired to aid the government in making a settlement.

The charges were made by Abdurrahman, Amos of Afghanistan, in a different position. "This time to make him understand," continues the Times, "that he must strongly garrison Herat, and allow at least the presence there of English officers to fortify the place." "If peace has been further temporarily secured," the Times concludes, "it will be madness to waste time in gaining what, at best, could be but short."

The Standard declares that the recall of Sir Peter Lushington completes the picture of England's humiliation.

Chief of Police Hargrave has received a cablegram from Auckland, New Zealand, announcing the arrest of Maxwell, the English member of the Parliament at St. Louis. It will be remembered that Frelor was murdered and his body left floating up in a truck in the room which Maxwell and he occupied.

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There are few subjects about which there is more confusion of thought than Rights and Privileges, particularly in connection with the franchise, and, consequently, troubles arise which might be avoided, if the distinction between the two things so different was properly kept in view.

We continually hear of rights demanded which may be no rights, after all, and the sordid selling of rights to obtain privileges which should never have been denied in some cases or given, in others. They are often expensive at any price, especially if secured in exchange for rights that are priceless.

We may barter away the right to produce, to buy in the cheapest and sell in the dearest markets, from the privilege of extending profits from the many to enrich the few who will become, eventually, a privileged class in spite of us. The wisdom of this is too irrational to discuss, and can only be defended by unreason and fanaticism. We are gathering experimental knowledge of this iniquity, and it is to be hoped that we shall not, like Esau, find no room for repentance, even in tears, but that we shall win back that which has been lost.

Rights are natural, by birth inherent, and should be inviolable, and any regulation that saps their integrity is dangerous and bad, and should be guarded against with jealous watchfulness. Rights, like truth, being the most precious things, are the more liable to be imitated. This is the danger of the franchise, by assuming its form, in order the better to deceive for the purpose of winning its sinister ends. It would be superfluous to enumerate what rights are; we intuitively know them as we know fire, light and air. They are not privileges, any more than rights are.

In a constitutionally governed country like our own, rights should never be in danger, and if we acknowledged their pre-existent claims, we should not, at times, be occupied in their defence. With privileges it is otherwise, and only exist by force under specific regulations between the individual and the community, within the terms of a contract expressed by institutions based on natural or common law,



A Rift in the Clouds

Marian, dear, how is the morning fair or cloudy? Inquired Ethel Ray, turning on the invalid couch, where she lay day after day as well as night.

Marian swept the seat certain back from the narrow window of their poor room.

"Dark and cloudy," she replied the cold dreariness of the new day striking, a chill to her sensitive, heavily-burdened heart.

"Never mind; that will be a rift in the clouds by and by," she said with renewed hope.

"I am glad you have such faith, pet," said Marian, still looking out on the street. A poor beggar crept feebly along, his rags fluttering in the bitter wind, and in pity for a lot sadder than his own, she turned from the window with a brighter expression, and put on her hat and cloak to start on to that weary round of music lessons, which were their support.

"I am sorry to leave you all day Ethel but it will be late before I can get through."

"Do not fret about me, Marian. Mrs. McNally will come in and give me my lunch and a fresh glass of water, and I will be in the kitchen to meet for Miss Constantine, and that magazine you brought me yesterday to read. Oh, I shall be fully occupied until you return."

"Well, well, it is comforting to have so brave and busy a little sister at home. I think of often when I am out, and it gives me courage," said Marian, bending over the couch with tender sympathy.

"The crippled girl clasped the slender hand caressing her hair, and drew it down against her pale cheek.

"I am a very young man, Marian? Oh, that thought makes me happy! I like her such a helpless, helpless creature. Sometimes I have heard that I was only a burden to you."

"Never think that again, dear one. It is not for you. She broke off, and stooping, kissed the sweet, pale face resting on her breast, when she would have moved away. Ethel held her a moment longer.

"Marian, darling, do not lose your faith and hope. There will be clear sunbeams after a while, and all these dark clouds will vanish."

"I will try to think so," she replied, with a smile. "I will be as brave as the moments she left her sister's presence, and memory began to bring up one by one the events of the two years passed.

The girls had been left orphans at an early age, but with property sufficient to supply all they could ever need, not only of necessities, but even luxuries. Their guardian controlled the money, and they lived in his house, under the care of his good-hearted maid-servant. Ethel had always been delicate, but Marian went out into the world, seeing and enjoying its beauties and pleasures.

Walking swiftly along to give her first music lesson, she drew a sharp breath as she recalled the glory and happiness of a three months' tour to Europe, with a party of friends, just before the downfall of fortune. At the very outset they met Mark Keller, handsome, travelled, and to the young girl a very kind among men. He joined the party, and was the object of her attention. The routes they travelled had been over before, and she could point out all the beauties and interesting. It was a golden season, and the girl's heart surrendered in spite of womanly pride and reluctance. But she had no cause to feel shame, or believe her love unrequited for. One mellow, moonlight night in an old Italian garden, he stretched out his hand to her with sudden passion, and she loved, and so eloquently did he plead for the sweet gift of all her future life, she could not withhold the promise to be his wife. "You shall never regret it. You shall be happy," he cried, with a lover's confidence.

"I am happy now," she whispered, flushed and shy, but radiant.

They wandered long among the flowers feeling that heaven lay about them; but the next morning the girl received bad news from home. She only made out clearly that her presence was needed, and with only one regretful sigh for the brighter dreams she had cherished, she began preparations for the long journey. Keller earnestly begged to accompany her, but she gently refused. He must go on with their friends, and if he needed him she would write for him to come.

"It shall come on in a few weeks whether you send for me or not. We must finish this interrupted tour together, Marian."

"She returned home to find her guardian dead, and their fortune gone, swept away in some ill-directed speculation. The maiden lady sought a home with relatives and Marian Ray found herself among the world's workers, and with a helpless invalid to take care of. Helpless, did I say? Nay, she was the only hope and comfort of poor Marian's heart, for her handsome wealthy lover came not, and the letter she wrote to him explaining their reverse of fortune remained unanswered. She tried to think of him with content; but in the evening a strip of faded in the hour of her bitterest need as a valueless, but she only succeeded in tormenting her own faithful, loving heart which in spite of pride and reason clung to that short sweet romance, with a hold which death alone could break.

All day she walked from house to house through the bitter cold, while the clouds hung dull and heavy over the city; but when her day's work ended, she started home with a strange, a strip of blue appeared overhead. She lifted her eyes to it, and saw the clouds part, water and wind, until the little rift had become a broad space across the heavens. "Dear Ethel! She would rejoice in that, and call it a happy omen, but I cannot, she thought with a tender smile that ended in a sigh.

"It was dark when she reached home, and hurrying eagerly up stairs, she pushed open the door, anxious to be with her sister as soon as possible. They were careful with fuel, with everything necessary forced them to study economy, and Marian expected to find the room in darkness, only a dimmy handful of coal in the grate. She entered, to find a glowing fire, and the table set with dainties, while the tea-kettle steamed merrily on the hearth.

"Ethel! she cried, hastily throwing off hat and wraps and turning toward her sister's bed.

"Oh, Marian, sister! cried the invalid, in a voice trembling with strange emotion; then Marian felt her heart leap in a sufficing throb of pain and rapture, and out of the semi-darkness of the corner, Mark Keller advanced, with outstretched hands to meet her.

"Marian, have you no welcome for me?" A chilling remembrance of all his silence and neglect swept over her, and pride rose in arms.

"Certainly, I—I welcome you, Mr. Keller," she said, stiffly, and stepping back a little.

"What? Have you forgotten?" he cried, in keenest disappointment.

"No, sir, it is because I remember that I can give no freer greeting. I wonder that you can expect it, after such neglect and coldness. I cannot pass over such slight."

"But Marian, he did not get your letter and he could not come when he intended for a hard received among the Alps kept him a prisoner for several weeks, and then he had to search and search, and has just found us," said Ethel, half raising herself up, the crimson firelight giving even her pale face a rosy tint. Marian's face changed, and her eyes mately questioned her lover.

"It is all true. Could you believe I loved you so lightly? he murmured; and this time she did not shrink back, but she approached but gave him the welcome he craved.

"The rift in the clouds. Hope said it would come, and I had faith to believe, thank God!"

Ethel fell back among her pillows, her gloated hands clasped, her eyes radiant.

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