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Suddenly he grasped Fontenay by the arm and pointed out to him near some sand-bags a man in a long-skirted green coat, with no stripes or gilt buttons, and no sword, very busy in studying the town through a telescope.

"You are in luck," remarked the Pole in an undertone. "He has risen early this morning, and you arrive just in time to be introduced. That is Marshal Lannes."

Fontenay at first believed the speaker was hoaxing him. What! this citizen whom he would have taken for an army contractor, was the Emperor Napoleon's illustrious lieutenant, the commander at the siege, the famous Marshal Lannes, Duke of Montebello!

Smiling at his young comrade's amazement, Zolnycki pursued: "I told you he had genuine courage. Now you see the proof. There he stands under shot and shell as quietly as in a room. And the bullets fairly shower down—just hear their music!"

"I have heard it before," returned Fontenay. "Who is the officer standing by the marshal's side?"

"That is General Lacoete, commanding in chief the engineers. He is not afraid, either. Now, my dear friend, snatch your chance! Go up gently, place yourself behind them and when the marshal makes up his mind to retire, accept him. I'll answer for your being well received."

"I am going." "Mind, it is not very healthy there!" A cannon-ball had struck the rampart of gabions and tossed a sand-bag up in the air.

"Pooh! the marshal is hale enough," returned the young captain, walking on without hurrying.

Three paces behind Lannes he stopped to wait; he had not been heard coming. The Polander had spoken the truth; it was not a healthy spot. The fusillade redoubled in violence and the bullets from the nunnery sent up little clouds of dust where they skipped on the ground all around him. Evidently the Spaniards had noticed the three men, isolated and unshielded, in the midst of the too-open trench; they aimed at them and it was a miracle none yet were hit.

Paul thought of Marguerite, but time hung heavy for once.

At length the marshal shut up his telescope and Fontenay heard him calmly say to General Lacoete:

"I believe they have seen us. Let us get out of it."

He turned his back as on a troublesome chatter. This was the moment Fontenay was waiting for, with his hand up to his schako and his heels on the same line. He recognized the marshal's handsome martial countenance from having once seen it at a reception in the Tuileries. Surprised to see an officer there whom he did not know, the marshal sternly asked him who he was and what he wanted.

Fontenay named himself, and the cloudy brow lightened up.

"You are sent to me and recommended by the Emperor," he said; "I will attend to you, and you shall not lack occasions to distinguish yourself. But what are you doing in the trenches? This is no place for you who are not on duty."

"I knew that I should find you here, marshal, and I was in haste to present myself."

"You do not fear projectiles by what I can see?" "I have never witnessed a siege and I try to instruct myself in all the branches of the military art."

"You will be in a good school here and I do not wish to cut short your first lesson in the attack of strongholds. You may stay here to-day, and when the company which you have followed out is relieved from guard, come for my orders at headquarters."

A cannon-ball whizzed over the speaker's head, and he added merrily: "Do not get killed—it would be a pity."

He passed on with General Lacoete, who was to die, shot mortally, three days subsequently. The soldiers cheered him as good judges of fearlessness. The valiant leader testified by a friendly wave of the hand that he was not insensible to their prolonged hurrahs.

"Well," said Zolnycki to his new comrade, "I gave you good advice, and it seems to me that you have done well in following it."

"I am only too happy, dear friend!" exclaimed Fontenay, "the marshal allows me to stay with you until evening."

"That's right. You will not lose your time, for I foresee that it will be a rough day. Our miners are hard at work below and they will need only a few hours to tunnel beneath the large building you perceive yonder at the back. It is a hospital which the Spanish fortified so that we have not been able to drive them out. I hope this afternoon you will see it blown up; but that will not finish it. These obstinate Aragonese cling to the ruins, and they will fire on us as long as one stone sticks on another. I will show you how our men will carry it with the bayonet, and how our sappers clear the way."

"I am burning to be in it all." "So am I, but the time has not come. Meanwhile come with me to the gabion wall, here I will teach you to 'spoil the shot.' This is very important."

"Spoil a shot?" repeated Fontenay, not yet familiarized with the slang of the military engineers.

"Yes; which means to forestall the

enemy's fire by firing upon him. The valent lies in giving without receiving, as the fencing-master says to M. Jourdain in Moliere's 'Bourgeois Gentilhomme.' Our soldiers are already at the work. See them over there, kneeling behind the barricade, gently moving the sand-bag, and forming a loophole between the two earth-baskets in which to rest the musket barrel. But one must fire quick, without getting shot, which is humiliating."

"I believe my orderly is taking a lesson."

It was true. Instructed by a Polish sergeant who had formed a liking for him, and had lent his gun, Tourneval had knelt down and was attentively aiming through an interstice at a Spaniard, ambushed behind a chimney on the convent roof. The shot went off and the Spaniard tumbled down on the ground.

"Bravo!" shouted Zolnycki. "Your draagoon is very skillful and never learnt marksmanship in his regiment. Let us watch him at work. Stop, there's a corporal of the Fourteenth Foot who has let himself be 'winged.' That comes from uncovering himself. Your soldiers are as bold as mine, but they never went out with d-fowling like my fellows, who learned the art in their marshy country, in knocking over the wild geese. I must put this in order by having the little fellows of the Fourteenth taught the tricks of the trade."

Some fifty of these French had come at the same time as the Vistula Legion company, and they were merrily shooting away. A few only had sat down to repose before relieving the ones engaged.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

EATEN BY ANTS.

Terrible Torture Inflicted Upon a Prisoner by Bandits.

TOMBSTONE, Ariz., March 24.—The Indians have always been known for their devilish ways of torture, but it has remained for a band of Mexican bandits to cap the climax.

"Dutch Henry's" band of horse thieves raided Henry Wither's ranch on the Garrita river recently, driving away all his stock. Wither started after the band single handed, and succeeded in shooting down three of them from an ambush before they discovered that only one man was pursuing them.

They succeeded in capturing him as he was trying to get away. Death was his sentence, but shooting was too easy a death. Wither was taken out on the hot sand beds and left to lie naked for six hours, fully exposed to the sun's rays.

This was not enough and he was then carried, still nude, to a bed of cactus bushes, where he was laid on the sharp points. He was bound tightly to a stake, and then a large ant hill, which was near, was piled open with sticks, and he was left to his fate.

The insects swarmed over Wither's body and within two hours he was dead from their bites. The ants did not leave him alone, however, until every particle of flesh was eaten from his bones.

A prisoner of the band was taken where he could witness the whole affair, and was afterwards turned loose, and told to tell the people that that would be the future punishment of all who tried to kill a member of the band.

Chatham.

The winter which is now nearly passed away has been one which has made many blanks in our town by death, it has come in different forms, la grippe having claimed a good percentage. Our friend and townsman, Mr. A. J. Loggie, having been in failing health for some months, had been advised to go to the sunny south in order that he might regain his health. He left here last October, and for a time after he had arrived at Los Angeles reports were of a cheering nature. However, our town was very much surprised on March 4th, when a telegram was received that he had died on that day at the residence of his brother, Mr. James Loggie, of San Francisco, California, Miss Nellie Loggie, his sister, also being at his bedside when he passed away. His body was embalmed in a very beautiful casket with Masonic trimmings and forwarded to his family by express. It arrived at Chatham on Tuesday morning. Mr. T. G. Loggie, of Fredericton, brother of deceased, met the remains at Montreal and accompanied them to Chatham. The funeral took place the same afternoon at 4 o'clock under the direction of the Miramichi Lodge of Free Masons, of which the deceased was a past master. The procession was headed by the band of the 73rd battalion. The Masonic body turned out in large numbers having in its procession representatives from Northumberland Lodge of Newcastle, Lodge St. Andrew of Richibucto, and also a member of the fraternity from across the border. The funeral cortege was one of the largest seen in Chatham for many years. The beautiful and impressive services in connection with the Masonic order were read by J. D. B. F. McKenzie, W. M. The services at the house were conducted by Rev. Jos. McCoy, Presbyterian, and Rev. Thos. Marshall, Methodist. Mr. Loggie was at the head of the large dry goods establishment known as A. J. Loggie & Co., and was a fine specimen of an honest man, a good and upright citizen, a kind and faithful husband and father, and one which the town will miss very much.

Yours, &c., P.

[The above arrived too late for last issue.]



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