

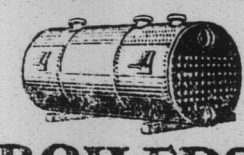
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And further take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this Notice, application will be made to the Governor in Council for approval of said Plan and Site.

Dated this 1st day of June, A. D. 1907

John McAlister,
Secretary-Treasurer
Restigouche Boom Co

Tenders.

Contractors are invited to tender for the various Artizan works required in the erection of a hall for the Royal Orange Lodge No 64 in Campbellton. Plans and specifications will be on view at the office of the architect, J. A. Proudfoot Bulman from the 13th until the 20th of June, 1907.

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"And I think that Mr. Oscar will be looking for you."
"And he won't need to look long, sir. But I should like to see you safe on board the boat; then I'm ready to go."
"Right. We can both leave by Thursday's boat, and we'll get the captain to drop you and your men at Lopez. We can get things ready by then, I think."

"Easy, sir."
The question thus settled, there seemed to be no necessity to prolong the interview. But Joseph did not move. Meredith waited patiently.
"I'll go up, sir, to the platter," said the servant at length, "and I'll place myself under Mr. Oscar's orders; but before I go I want to give you notice of resignation. I resign my participation in this 'ere simlachine at six months from today. It's a bit too hot, sir, that's the truth. It's all very well for gentlemen like yourself and Mr. Oscar, with fortunes and fine houses, and, as sayin' goes, a wife apiece waiting for you at home—it's all very well for you to go about in this blamed country with yer life in yer hand, and not a tight grip at that. But for a poor soldier man like myself, what has smelt the regulation powder all 'is life, and hasn't got nothing to love and no gal waiting for him at home—well, it isn't good enough. That's what I say, sir, with respects."

He added the last two words by way of apology having banged a very solid fist on the table.
Joseph rubbed his hands slowly together and departed, leaving his master to begin a long letter to Guy Oscar.

And at the other end of the passage, Jocelyna Gordon was sobbing in a wild burst of grief because she had probably saved the life of Jack Meredith, and in doing so had only succeeded in sending him away from her.

When Jack Meredith said that there was not another man in Africa who could make his way from Loango to the simlachine plateau he spoke no more than the truth. There were only four men in all the world who knew the way, and two of them were hoisted on the summit of a low mountain in the interior. Meredith himself was unfit for the journey. There remained Joseph.

In coming down to Loango Joseph had had the recently made track of Oscar's rescuing party to guide him day by day. He knew that this was now completely overgrown. The simlachine plateau was once more lost to all human knowledge.
And up there, alone amid the clouds, Guy Oscar was, as he himself tersely put it, "sticking to it." He had stuck to it to such good effect that the supply of fresh young simlachine was daily increasing in bulk. Again Victor Durnovo seemed to have regained his better self. He was like a full blooded horse—tractable enough if kept hard at work. He was a different man up on the plateau from what he was down at Loango. There are some men who deteriorate in the wilds, while others are better, stronger, finer creatures away from the luxury of civilization and the softening influence of female society. Of these latter was Victor Durnovo.

"What is that?" asked the half breed.
"It must be Joseph," answered Guy, "or Meredith. It can be nobody else."
"Let us hope that it is Meredith," said Durnovo, with a forced laugh, "but I doubt it."

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renewed attention. And while above all was eagerness and hurry, below, in the valley, this man's name insured peace.
The trees were now beginning to show the good result of pruning and a regular irrigation. Never had the leaves been so vigorous, never had the simlachine trees borne such a bushy, luxuriant growth since the dim, dark days of the flood.
Oscar relapsed into his old hunting ways. Day after day he tranquilly shouldered his rifle, and alone or followed by one attendant only, he disappeared into the forest only to emerge therefrom at sunset. What he saw there he never spoke of. Sure it was that he must have seen strange things, for no prying white man had set foot in these wilds before him; no book has ever been written of that country that lies around the simlachine plateau.

Oscar was thinking of Millet Chyve one misty morning while he walked slowly backward and forward before his tent. His knowledge of the country told him that the mist was nothing but the night's accumulation of moisture round the summit of the mountain, that down in the valleys it was clear and that half an hour's sunshine would disperse all. He was waiting for this result when he heard a rifle shot far away in the haze beneath him and he knew that it was Joseph, probably making one of those marvelous long shots of his which roused a sudden sigh of envy in the heart of this mighty hunter whenever he witnessed them.

Oscar immediately went to his tent and came out with his short barreled,



"It isn't good enough. That's what I say, sir, with respects."
He fired both barrels in quick succession and waited, standing gravely on the edge of the plateau. After a short silence two answering reports rose through the mist to his straining ears.
He turned and found Victor Durnovo standing at his side.
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"It must be Joseph," answered Guy, "or Meredith. It can be nobody else."
"Let us hope that it is Meredith," said Durnovo, with a forced laugh, "but I doubt it."

Oscar looked down in his sallow, powerful face. He was not quick at such things, but at that moment he felt strangely certain that Victor Durnovo was hoping that Meredith was dead.
"I hope it isn't," he answered, and without another word he strode away down the little pathway from the summit into the clouds, loading his rifle as he went.

Durnovo said his men, working among the simlachine bushes, heard from time to time a signal shot as the two Englishmen groped their way toward each other through the everlasting night of the African forest.
It was midday before the newcomers were espied making their way painfully up the slope, and Joseph's welcome was not so much in Durnovo's handshake, in Guy Oscar's silent approval, as in the row of grinning, good natured black faces behind Durnovo's back.

Joseph's arrival with ten new men seemed to give a fresh zest to the work, and the carefully packed cases of simlachine began to fill Oscar's tent to some inconvenience. Thus things went on for two tranquil weeks.

"First," Oscar had said, "let us get the crop in, and then we can arrange what is to be done about the future."
So the crop received due attention, but the two leaders of the men—who led by fear and he who commanded by love—were watching each other.

One evening when the work was done Oscar's meditations were dis-



He shook him as a terrier shakes a rat, turbed by the sound of angry voices behind the native camp. He turned naturally toward Durnovo's tent, and saw that he was absent. The voices rose and fell; there was a singular accompanying roar and whirr which Oscar never remembered having heard before. It was the protesting voice of a mass of men—and there is no sound like it—noise so disgusting, Oscar listened attentively and suddenly he was thrown upon his feet by a pistol shot.

At the same moment Joseph emerged from behind the tent, dragging some one by the collar. The victim of Joseph's violence was of his feet, but still struggling and kicking.
Guy Oscar saw the flash of a second shot, apparently within a few inches of Joseph's face, but he came on, dragging the man with him, whom from his clothing Oscar saw to be Durnovo.
Joseph was spitting out wadding and burned powder.
"Shoot me, would yer, yer skulking chocolate bird? I'll teach you! I'll twist that brown neck of yours!"

He shook him as a terrier shakes a rat, and seemed to shake things off him—among others a revolver which described a circle in the air and fell heavily on the ground, where the concussion discharged a cartridge.
"Ere, sir," cried Joseph, literally thriving Durnovo on the ground.
Oscar's feet, that man has just shot one o' them poor niggers, so 'elp me God!"

Durnovo rose slowly to his feet, as if the shaking had disturbed his faculties.
"Oh, don't make a fool of yourself," he said in a hissing voice; "you don't understand these natives at all. The man raised his hand to me. He would have killed me if he had had the chance. Shooting was the only thing left to do. You can only hold these men by fear. They expect it."
"Of course they expect it," shouted Joseph in his face; "of course they expect it, Mr. Durnovo."

"Why?"
"Because they're slaves. Think I don't know that?"
He turned to Oscar.
"This man, Mr. Oscar," he said, "is a slave owner. Them forty that joined at Masala was slaves. He's shot two of 'em now; this is his second. And what does he care? They're his slaves. Oh, shame on yer!" turning again to Durnovo. I wonder God lets yer stand there. I can only think that he doesn't want to dirty his hand by strikin' yer down."

Oscar had taken his pipe from his lips. He looked bigger, somehow, than ever. His brown face was turning to an ashen color and there was a dull, steel-like gleam in his blue eyes. The terrible, slow kindling anger of this northerner made Durnovo catch his breath. It was so different from the sudden passion of his own countrymen.
"Is this true?" he asked.
"It's a lie, of course," answered Durnovo, with a sneer at the shoulder.

He moved away as if he were going to his tent, but Oscar's arm reached out. His large brown hand fell heavily on the half breed's shoulder.
"Stay," he said; "we are going to get to the bottom of this. Oscar's hand was on the half breed's shoulder, rubbing his hands slowly together; "this is prime."

"Go on," said Oscar to him.
"Where's the wages you and Mr. Meredith has paid him for those forty men?" pursued Joseph. "Where's the advance you made him for those men at Masala? Not one ha'penny of it have they fingered. And why? Cos they're slaves! Fifteen months at £50—let them as can reckon tot it up for themselves. That's his first swindle—and there's others, sir! Oh, there's more behind. That man's just a hot-bed o' crime. But this 'ere slave owning is enough to settle his hash, I take it."

"Let us have these men here; we will hear what they have to say," said Oscar in the same dull tone that frightened Victor Durnovo.
"Not you?" he went on, laying his hand on Durnovo's shoulder again.
"Joseph will fetch them, thank you."

So the forty—or the thirty-seven survivors, for one had died on the journey up and two had been murdered—were brought. They were peaceable, timorous men, whose manhood seemed to have been crushed out of them; and slowly, word by word, their grim story was got out of them. Joseph knew a little of their language, and once the headlighting men knew a little more and spoke a dialect known to Oscar. They were slaves, they said at once, but only on Oscar's promise that Durnovo should not be allowed to shoot them. They had been brought from the north by a victorious chief who in turn had handed them over to Victor Durnovo in payment of an outstanding debt for ammunition supplied.

"I leave this place at sunrise tomorrow," said Guy Oscar to them all. "I never want to see it again. I will not touch one penny of the money that has been made. I speak for Mr. Meredith and myself."

"Likewise me," put in Joseph.
"I speak as Mr. Meredith himself would have spoken. There is the simlachine. You can have it. I won't touch it. And now who is going with me—who leaves with me tomorrow morning?"
He moved away from Durnovo.
"And who stays with me," cried the half breed, "to share and share alike in the simlachine?"
(To be continued.)

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