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Over the Border

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(Continued.)

"I may go the length of Manchester or Birmingham. The distance and the time will depend on the state of trade."

"If you will tell me places you intend to visit I will include them in the pass. I shall now write for you."

"That I cannot say just at the moment. I wish to follow trade wherever it leads me."

"This an inclusive pass, extending as far south as Manchester, will meet your needs?"

"It will more than meet them, general," said Armstrong, with supreme indifference.

"As you carry no message from Traquair to the king I can write Oxford for your permit as easily as Manchester."

"Thank you, general, but Manchester will be far enough."

"I may say that we are strict about those whom we allow to journey to and fro at the present time, and if you should overstep the limit of this document you are liable to investigation and delay, and I may not be so near at hand on the next occasion."

"I quite understand, and if I wished to go further south I would have no hesitation in begging permission of your excellency, but I doubt if I shall ever see Manchester."

"You will not be leaving Corbiton until the morning, of course?"

"No, general. I know when I am well housed."

"Then, as I have much to do, I will make out your paper later, and it will be handed to you in the morning."

"Thank you, general."

After giving some laconic instructions touching the welfare of the northerner to Captain Bent, who was hovering uneasily in the outside hall, Cromwell, bidding his enforced guest a cordial farewell, ordered Wentworth to be brought to him and retired once

perceptively.

"You own the penalty right?"

"Sir, it is partly right and partly wrong, like most things in this world. It is right to punish me for deserting my post; it is wrong to brand me a traitor."

"Ah, you have found your voice at last, and there is some courage behind it. Desertion is an unpardonable crime. The point I press upon you is this: Your life is forfeit; yet, although your fault is unpardonable, I do not say it cannot be compensated for. Even my enemies admit I am an honest trader. I will bargain with you for your life. You shall buy it of me, and I shall pay the price, even though I do not forgive the crime. We will first, if you please, clear up the charge of treason. You were visiting your own home that night, and as it is on the farther side of Rudy Hall your accusers naturally thought you had a rendezvous there?"

"No, general. It was my intention to have visited Rudy Hall."

"The residence of that foul, malignant Lord Rudy, so called?"

"Yes, but not to see his lordship, who is my enemy, personal as well as political."

"You are truthful, and it pleases me. Why did you make a foolish mystery of your excursions? I take the case to stand thus: Your grandfather and Rudy were neighbors and possibly friends. You were and are in love with my lord's daughter, but since you belong to the cause of the people this oppressor of the people will have naught of you. You have risked your life to see the girl, who is doubtless as silly as the rest of her class, as you will discover if I let you live. Stands the case not thus?"

"In a measure, sir, it does, saving any reflection on the lady, who—"

"Surely, surely. I know what you

I do not wish to harm the carrier. These Scots are a clanish, troublesome, determined race. If you prick one with a sword he holds the whole nation hostile. This, then, must be done quietly, so that we bring no swarm about our ears. William Armstrong is the messenger's name, and he has powerful supporters in his own country. He will stop as soon as he has crossed the border yesterday and brought here. He pretends to be an innocent trader in cattle and will likely keep up that pretense. I have appeared to believe he is a house agent, and leaves this house tomorrow morning with a pass from my hand, giving him permission to travel as far south as Manchester, which was all he asked. I would willingly have given him safe-conduct to Oxford, but he was too crafty to accept such a thing. He can make his way south from Manchester. As a matter of fact, he cannot, but I wish to make the way easy for him.

"Of course I could give a general order that he was not to be molested, but there are reasons against this, as we have doubtless spies in our ranks, and a general order would excite suspicion and would probably prove useless because this man, south of his permit's territory, will endeavor to go surreptitiously to Oxford and win his money. It will be your duty to become acquainted with Armstrong and win his confidence. You will accompany him to Oxford and return with him. You will be protected by a pass so broad that it will cover any disguise either of you may care to assume. It is such a pass as I have never issued before and am not like to issue again, so I need not warn you to guard it carefully and use it only when necessary. It reads thus:

Here the speaker took up a sheet of paper on which he had been writing and, holding it so that the light from the candles fell upon it, read aloud:

"Pass the bearer and one other, without question of residence, from Carlisle to Oxford and return."

"The journey south will give you the opportunity to become acquainted with your man. On the northward march you must become possessed of what he carries, and when you bring it to me you receive in its stead pardon and promotion. If you do not succeed be-come acquainted with the man, possibly kill him as a spy. Will you undertake it?"

"This an ungracious office you would bestow upon me, sir. I had rather meet him in fair fight and slay him or have him slay me, as God wills."

"These speaks youth!" cried Cromwell impatiently. "This man is a treacherous, lying spy, whose life by all the rules of war is already forfeit. I propose to execute him as a spy. I will see him from the destruction he merits. You are set to do him the greatest service one man can offer another. If you fail, he dies; if you succeed, he has probably a long life before him."

"Sir, you are in the right, and your argument is incontestable. I accept your command willingly."

A gleam of pleasure lit the rugged face of the general, for he was delighted to believe in his progress in controversy was no less potent than his genius in war. His voice softened perceptibly as he continued:

"You save your country and at the same time save your own life. My only excuse will give to Armstrong for your desire to visit Oxford?"

(To be Continued.)



"I TRUST YOU HAVE MET WITH NO HARSH TREATMENT."

more into the dim council chamber. With hands clasped behind him and head bent, he strode slowly up and down the long room in deep meditation, vanishing into the gloom at the farther end and reappearing in the limited circle of light that surrounded the two candles. For the torches had long since smoked themselves out, and there had been no replacement of them, none daring to enter that room unsummoned while the leader was within it. The watcher in the gallery felt rather than saw that there was an cautious frown on the lowered face as the commander waited for the second prisoner, over whom hung sentence of death.

This time a clanking of chains announced the new arrival, who was preceded by Colonel Porlock and accompanied by two soldiers, one on either side of him. The young fellow, who shuffled up to the table dragging his fetters, cast an anxious look at the ceiling. I have examined the evidence, and I find your condemnation just."

"I have never questioned the verdict, general, nor did I make appeal."

The shaggy brows came down over Cromwell's eyes, but his face cleared

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE.

Nearly one hundred children of the primary department of St. Mary's Sunday school assembled at their school room last evening on the occasion of their annual tree and entertainment. Rev. Dr. Raymond presided and was assisted by a number of the teachers of the school. The following programme was carried out: Carol by the school, Silent Stars, West's Wishes, jousts, songs, St. Sava's Christmas Stumble, Maggie Sullivan; Flo's Letter, Mary Lattimer; Santa Claus and Many Others; Pearl Frost; Christmas Spies; Eddis Willis; Christmas Bells, Mary MacRae; Five Years Old, Carl Wetmore; Little Ragged Beggar, Bessie Smith; message to Santa Claus, Maude Willis; Christmas Carol, George MacRae; Mattie's Wishes and Wishes, Marion Mann; Alaska's Christmas Carols, Minnie Pattison; duet, Marion Mann and Maude Willis.

Refreshments were passed around at the close of the recitations, after which the tree was lighted and became the centre of attraction. The phonograph selections by A. J. Lipsit contributed not a little to the success of the occasion.

KING'S DAUGHTERS ENTERTAIN

The King's Daughters' guild last evening gave a supper to the pupils of their evening classes, at which a large number were present. The members of the mothers' meetings were also included in the banquet. There were about seventy present. John Bullock was the chairman.

The following pupils took part in the musical and literary entertainment which was carried out after the supper was over: Miss Lizzie Church; Miss Annie Steen, Miss Mamie Roddy, Miss Susie Whitaway, Miss Emma Mason, Miss Mamie Dalton, Miss Alice Barry and Miss Ethel Floyd. They were assisted by Miss Grace Law, Mrs. J. S. Turta, Miss Annie Smith and Miss Alice Rising.

TEMPERANCE WORK.

Michael Kelly, grand lecturer of the Sons of Temperance, held a successful public meeting at Norton on Friday evening last and on Monday held another temperance at Bellisle Creek. He will spend the balance of this and the greater part of next week in the Millstream district and on the fourteenth instant will conduct a public meeting at Sussex.

DROPPED DEAD.

Geo. L. Palmer Passed Away at Fredericton.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 5.—Geo. L. Palmer, representing W. A. Ewing & Co. of Montreal, and a well known commercial traveller, this afternoon shortly before five o'clock entered the Western Union Telegraph office and while engaged in writing a telegram suddenly dropped to the floor. Drs. Crockett and Atherton were immediately summoned and on their arrival announced that Mr. Palmer was dead. Death had been instantaneous. The doctors expressed the opinion that death had resulted from heart failure. Within a few minutes after the sad fatality happened a large crowd gathered at the office, and until the arrival of Mr. McDonald of Hunt & McDonald the deceased was not identified.

Mr. Palmer for a number of years was employed at John M. Wiley's drug store in this city. He was married to Miss Lizzie Thompson, sister of John Thompson, carriage maker. Coroner Geo. McKeown was summoned and ordered a removal of the remains to J. A. Adams' dissection rooms. The coroner decided to hold an inquest this evening. Robert Peake, Western Union Telegraph operator at St. John, is a nephew of the deceased, and a son, Geo. Palmer, is employed in Fairville and was immediately telegraphed for. He arrived on this evening's train.

A FRENCH ACTRESS.

Rejane is Causing Sensation in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—La Presse, with the leading French newspapers of the city, tonight stated that the advertisement of Rejane, the French actress now playing here, has been cancelled, and that no further criticisms of the performances would appear in consequence of the number of complaints received concerning the morality of the production which she was acting. The church authorities had decided upon the question, and it is reported that it is the agent responsible for the action of La Presse. Meanwhile Rejane is playing nightly to crowded houses.

TWO NEW STEAMERS

For Canadian Pacific Railway—Contracts Awarded

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—The directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway today approved of the plans and awarded contracts to the Fairfield Shipbuilding company of Glasgow, for two new steamships for the company's Atlantic business. The new boats will be 550 feet long, 65 feet beam, 14,000 tons register, and will have quadruple expansion engines, designed to give a speed of 20 knots per hour. They will have accommodation for 300 first class, 350 second class and 1,000 steerage passengers. The contract calls for delivery in April or May of 1906.

THAT IMMORALITY CHARGE.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—A report has been received to the head office of the Canadian Pacific Railway in this city respecting the alleged immorality which was said to have prevailed on the Lake Manitoba during its last voyage across the Atlantic.

A searching enquiry was made by the company's marine superintendent into all the facts forthcoming. Passenger Manager Kerr pointed out this morning, and the outcome, was a substantiated.

Relating to this affair, a special cablegram from London, Eng., to the star, indicates that Mr. Baker is being highly indignant that the suggestion should have been made that general immorality prevailed on the company's steamers, as special precautions were taken to provide against anything of the kind. Regarding the particular case of the Lake Manitoba, Mr. Baker would not speak, until he had received a report on the stringent investigation ordered in Montreal.

LOBB-BROWNE.

A very interesting event took place last evening at 8.30 o'clock at the residence of John A. Browne, 119 Guilford street, when his eldest daughter, Bessie, was united in marriage to Rolla M. Lobbs of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. G. Marr in the presence of relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride was beautifully dressed in white crepe de chene, trimmed with chiffon and lace. After the ceremony a sumptuous supper was served. The presents received testified to the popularity of the young couple. The groom's present to the bride was a handsome gold watch and chain. Mr. and Mrs. Lobbs will reside on St. David street.

Among the hundreds of dress-makers in this city are at least scores of GOOD ones. A woman who has a poor dressmaker is handicapped even more than the man with a bungling tailor. And once again, here I want to offer to her full emancipation—the way will find for her the right dressmaker.

ARE STRANDED.

Russian Immigrants Hung Up in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—The city authorities and the Baron De Hirsch institute are facing a stiff proposition just now in the shape of a thousand or so of Russian Jews who landed at St. John, N. B., within the last ten days, and have reached Montreal in a stranded condition. The new comers profess to be willing to work, but there is nothing for them to do. Montrealers out of employment during the winter months are numerous enough to attend to all stray jobs, such as snow shovelling, etc. The Baron De Hirsch Institute has been feeding these people, but it finds the burden more than it pleases, and has asked the city to do something. The city asserts that it is doing all it can in giving employment to its own people. The Baron De Hirsch Institute has cabled societies in Europe to send springing this class of immigrants until spending months in the meantime is dropping as many as it can to other places.

WILL NOT ENGAGE ANOTHER.

Directors of School for Deaf Appointment Miss Bateman to Principalship

The directors of the school for the deaf and dumb have decided that it is not advisable to fill the position of principal made vacant by the resignation of W. J. Stewart, by the appointment of any other instructor. There are now in the staff of the school three regular teachers and one assistant, to thirty-one pupils. The attendance and one teacher for every ten pupils is considered sufficient.

In place of Mr. Stewart, Miss Bateman, who has been appointed to the principalship and no other teachers of experience will be engaged. At the same time it is probable that the directors will in the near future secure the services of some one with common school experience who will undertake the work of an assistant and thereby secure knowledge of the requirements of a teacher of the deaf.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

Domestic Ports.
HALIFAX, Jan 5.—Ard, str St Helena from Port Morien, CB; schs Narka, from Ponce, PR; Lila D Young, from Bay of Island, NND; Werra, from St. Emille Andrew, from St. Emille, Mich. str Ulunda, for Liverpool, via St John's, NND, and sid.

Foreign Ports.
PLYMOUTH, Jan 5.—Ard, sch Electra, from St. John's, NND; str Damaris from Halifax and St John's, NND. Sid, str Ottoman, for Portland.
GLASGOW, Jan 5.—Ard, str Hungarians, from Portland.
QUEENSTOWN, Jan 5.—Sid, str Maquette, from Liverpool, for New York.
Foreign Ports.
CITY ISLAND, Jan 5.—Bound south, schs Seth W Smith, from Port Chester; Ethyl B Sumner, from St. John, NB.
NEW YORK, Jan 5.—Ard, str Graf from South Amboy, for Eastport. Sid, str LaChapagne, for Havre; Numidian, for Glasgow; bark Meran, for Dunkirk.
HAVRE, Jan 5.—Ard, str LaSavoie, from New York.
CALAIS, Me, Jan 5.—Ard, sch T W Allen, from New York, for Portland.
VINEYARD HAVEN, Meas, Jan 5.—Ard and sid, sch Tattle, from Bay of Islands, NND, for New York.
Passed, tug Georges Creek, towing barges B, from Baltimore, for Boston and C, from do, for Portland.
PORTSMOUTH, NH, Jan 5.—Sid, tug Savage, with barge No. 8, for Portland; schs Samuel Cantner, Jr, from New Brunswick, NJ, for Lubec, Me; Judge Luten, from Edgewater, NJ, for Pembroke, Me; E Waterman, from New Haven, for Calais, Me; str Geremore, from New London, for St John, NB; Rowena, from Boston, for Port Greville, NS.
DELAWARE BREWATER, Jan 5.—Ard, tug Patience, from Philadelphia, towing two barges for Portland.
Passed up, sch Oakley C Curtis, from Portland, for Philadelphia.
ROSTON, Jan 5.—Ard, str Geremore, from Antwerp; Genes Alexandria, from Manila and Cebu.
Sid, str Winifred, for Liverpool; Catalina, for Louisville, CR.
Cid, str Sylvania, for Liverpool.
BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Me, Jan 5.—Sid, schs Ella F Crowell, for New York; M H Reed, for do; Lizzie Carr, for do; Chester R Lawrence, for Boston; Annie F Kimball, for Portland; Sallie E Ludlam, for Bar Harbor; F H Odorne, for Eastport; James A Stetson, for Lubec; Jennie, for St John, NB; Priscilla, for do; Josephine, for do; Marguerite, for Bellevue Cove, NS.

AMUSEMENTS.

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Police race, class II.
Street railway men's race.
Snow shoe race.
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Need Elbow Grease.

The Hector concert given in the Orange Hall, at Fairville, last evening, was largely attended and the programme was very successfully carried out. The concert was given under the auspices of the Salvation Army. Col. Sharp of the army, presided.

Although it is two days since the storm the streets and sidewalks in Fairville are still in a disreputable condition. Some parties have shovelled off the walks in front of their houses and in other places there are drifts two or three feet high that have never seen a shovel. The streets in some places are in such a condition as to make driving difficult and dangerous.

Diphtheria Card Taken Down

The diphtheria epidemic in St. Vincent's Convent is over, the twenty-five or thirty children having recovered, and accordingly on Thursday the placard was taken down from the convent door. The building has been thoroughly disinfected, including the school rooms, and everything is now as it was before the disease appeared, and the school will be re-opened Monday. The disinfection was completed on Thursday by Inspector Howard, who went over the dormitory occupied by the sick children thoroughly. Material was also supplied by the board to the Sisters for the disinfection work.

But few cases of diphtheria are now reported in the city.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

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