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the coal strike, the annual Conference of Education in the south, at Nashville, and the observance of the semi-centennial anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh and the death of the Confederate leader, Albert Sidney Johnston.

The SILVER HORDE

By REX BEACH.

Author of "The Spoilers" and "The Banner"

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(CONTINUED.)

"Are there any women in Alaska?" questioned the girl.

"In the mining camps, yes; but we fishermen live lonely lives."

"But the coy, shrinking Indian maidens? I have read about them."

"They are terrible affairs," Marsh declared.

"Not always!" Boyd gave voice to his general annoyance. "I have seen some very attractive squaws, particularly breeds."

"Where?" demanded the other.

"Well, at Kalvik, for instance—your home. You must know Chakawana, the girl they call 'the snowbird'?"

"No."

"Come, come! She knows you well."

"Ah, a mystery! He is concealing something!" cried Miss Wayland.

CHAPTER VIII.

MARSH directed a sharp glance at Boyd before answering. "I presume you refer to Constantine's sister. I was speaking generally. Of course there are exceptions. As a matter of fact I wasn't exactly right when I said we had no white women whatever at Kalvik. Mr. Emerson doubtless has met Cherry Malotte?"

"I have," acknowledged Boyd. "She was very kind to us."

"Oh, delightful!" exclaimed Mildred.

"First a beautiful Indian girl, now a mysterious white woman! Why, Kalvik is decidedly interesting."

"There is nothing mysterious about the white woman," said Marsh. "She is quite typical—just a plain mining camp hanger-on who drifted down our way."

"Not at all," Boyd disclaimed angrily.

"Miss Malotte is a fine woman," then at Marsh's short laugh. "And her conduct bears favorable comparison

with that of the other white people at Kalvik."

Marsh allowed his eyes to waver at this, but to Mildred he apologized. "She is not the sort one cares to discuss."

"How do you know?" demanded Cherry's champion. "Do you know anything against her character?"

"I know she is a disturbing element in Kalvik and has caused us a great deal of trouble."

It was Boyd's turn to laugh. "Text surely that has nothing to do with her character."

"My dear fellow"—Marsh shrugged his shoulders apologetically—"If I had dreamed she was a friend of yours I never would have spoken."

The dinner was finished, and Mr. Wayland had asked for his favorite cigars, so Mildred rose, and Boyd accompanied her, leaving the others to smoke. But, strangely enough, Marsh remained in such a state of preoccupation, even after their departure, that Mr. Wayland's attempts at conversation elicited only the vaguest and shortest of answers.

In the music room Mildred turned upon Boyd. "Why didn't you tell me about this woman before?"

"I didn't think of her."

"And yet she is young, beautiful, refined, lives a romantic sort of existence and entertained you?" She tossed her head, sent herself at the piano and struck a few idle notes, inquiring casually, "Kalvik is the name of the place you are going, isn't it?"

"It is."

"I suppose you will see a great deal of this—Cherry Malotte?"

"Undoubtedly, inasmuch as we are partners."

"Partners!" Mildred ceased playing and swung about. "What do you mean?"

"She is interested in this enterprise. The cannery site is hers."

"I see!" After a moment, "Does this new affair of father's have any particular effect on your plans?"

"Yes and no," he answered, feeling again the weight of this last complication, forgotten for the moment.

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TRIED TO POISON TWO OF HIS COUSINS

Chatham, N.B., March 28—Mr. R.

A. Lawlor was called to Bathurst

Tuesday night to defend a Gloucester

County man who is accused of attempting to murder two of his

cousins by placing strychnine in their

food. The accused is Charles Edmund

Ellis, sometimes called Jesse

James by his neighbors. He has had

for years a line of traps through the

woods, and, like all hunters and

trappers, has come to look upon the

territory in which he operates as his

own. So when his cousins—Robert

and Leslie Ellis—planted another line

of traps within a mile or so of his

outfit, he resented their conduct as

an intrusion into the woods that he

had preempted and possessed. When

they returned to camp the other day

they noticed snowshoe tracks near

their shanty and naturally wondered

who had been there. And when they

sat down to their next meal they

detected a bitter taste in the beans

and the tea, and growing suspicious, ate

and drank very sparingly, and took

their food to town for examination

by a chemist. The analysis revealed

strychnine enough in the sugar bowl

to kill ten men, and it is supposed the

men escaped death only because the

crystals of the poison had not time

to be dissolved before they detected

the bitter taste. As Charles Edmund

Ellis was the only man, so far as

they know, within snowshoe reach

of the camp, and as he was the only one

whom they suspected of hostility

towards them, they had him arrested

on a charge of attempting to murder

them. Mr. O'Brien is conducting the

preliminary inquiry.

Bathurst, March 29—The examination

in the case of the King vs. Chas.

E. Ellis, charged with having administered

strychnine to Robt. H. Ellis

and Leslie Ellis, was concluded yesterday

afternoon. The hearing began on

Wednesday morning. Six witnesses

were called by the crown and after

hearing the evidence, the magistrate,

E. L. O'Brien, decided that the accused

should be sent up for trial.

Bail was applied for and granted in

the sum of \$3000 for the appearance

of the accused at the August term of

the Gloucester circuit court.

From the evidence it transpired

that Robert and Leslie Ellis were

hunting in the vicinity of the Tracadie

River and had a camp there. On

March 7th they left the camp in the

morning as usual and returned in the

afternoon. At supper, after putting

sugar in tea and upon beans, they

detected a bitter taste and immediately

spat out the food. A little later Robert

experienced cramps, and they left the camp, taking with them the sugar, and arrived at Dr. McNichol's office in Bathurst about two a.m. on the 8th. The tests made by Drs. McNichol and Coffin revealed the fact that a large quantity of strychnine, enough to kill a number of persons, had been placed in the sugar. A snowshoe track made on the 7th, during the absence of Robert and Leslie Ellis to and from their camp, was investigated later, and it was discovered that it led from a camp owned by the accused. Bad feeling has existed between the parties for some time and caused suspicion to rest upon the accused.

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