

A MYSTERY OF THE NEVA.

A STORY OF RUSSIAN INTRIGUE.

(Continued.)

"After a long consultation the Consul suddenly raised his face to me and said:

"Then six ten-shilling ones have been taken?"

"Why? There must be some motive."

"They are of no use to anyone except to Consuls," he explained. "Perhaps they were wanted to affix to some false certificate! See," he added, opening the portfolio, "there were six stamps here, and all have gone."

"But they would have to be obliterated by the Consular stamp," remarked Cavendish.

"Ah, of course," exclaimed Hutcherson, taking out the brass seal from the safe and examining it minutely. "By Jove!" he cried, a second later. "It's been used. They've stamped some document with it. Look! They've used the wrong ink-pad. Can't you see that there's violet upon it, while we always use the black?"

"I took it in my hand, and there, sure enough, I saw traces of violet ink upon it—the ink of the pad for the date-stamp upon the Consul's table."

"Then some document has been stamped and sealed!" I gasped.

"Yes, and my signature forged to it, no doubt. They've fabricated some certificate or other, which, bearing the stamp, seal and signature of the Consulate, will be accepted as a legal document. I wonder what it is?"

"Ah!" I said, "I wonder!" And the three of us looked at each other in sheer bewilderment.

"The reason the papers are all upset is because they were evidently in search of some blank form or other, which they hoped to find," remarked my friend. "As you say, the whole affair was most carefully and ingeniously planned."

We crossed the great sunlit piazza together and entered the Questura—that sun-blinded old palace, with its long cool loggia, where the sentry paces day and night. The chief of police, whom we saw, had no further information. The mysterious yacht had not put in at any Italian port. From him, however, we learnt the name of the detective who had seen the two strangers leave Leghorn by the early morning train, and an hour afterwards the police-officer, a black-eyed man, short of stature, but of an intelligent type, sat in the Consulate replying to our questions.

"As far as I could make out, signore," he said, "the man was an Englishman, wearing a soft black felt hat and a suit of dark blue serge. He had hair just turning grey, a small dark moustache, and rather high cheek-bones. In his hand he carried a small bag of tan leather of that square English shape. He seemed in no hurry, for he was calmly smoking a cigarette as he went across to the ticket office."

"And his companion?" asked the Consul.

"She was in black. Rather tall and slim. Her hair was fair. I noticed, but she wore a black veil which concealed her features."

"Was she young or old?"

"Young—from her figure," replied the police agent. "As she passed me her eyes met mine, and I thought I saw a strange, fixed glare in them—the look of a woman filled with some unspeakable horror."

CHAPTER IV.

Concerns a Woman.

Next day the town of Leghorn awoke to find itself gay with bunting, the Italian and English flags flying side by side everywhere, and the Consular standard flapping over the Consulate piazza. In the night the British Mediterranean fleet, cruising down from Malta, had come into the roadstead, and at a signal from the flagship, had manoeuvred and dropped anchor, forming a long line of gigantic battleships, swift cruisers, torpedo boat destroyers, torpedo boats, despatch boats and other craft, extending for several miles along the coast.

In the bright morning sunlight the fleet was both picturesque and imposing, for from every vessel flags were flying, and ever and anon the great battleship of the Admiral made signals which were repeated by all the other vessels, each in turn. Lying still on those calm blue waters was a force which one day might cause a nation to totter, the overwhelming force which upheld Britain's right in that oft-disputed sea.

A couple of thousand British sailors were ashore on leave, their white caps conspicuous in the streets everywhere as they walked orderly in three and four files to inspect the town. In the square outside the town a squad from the flagship were setting up a temporary band stand, where the ship's band was to play when evening fell, while Hutcherson, perspiring in uniform, drove with the Admiral to make the calls of courtesy upon the authorities which international etiquette demanded.

Myself, I had taken a boat out to the Bulwark, the great battleship flying the Admiral's flag, and was sitting on deck with my old friend, Captain Jack Durnford, of the Royal Marines. Each year when the Fleet put into Leghorn we were inseparable for in long years past, at Portsmouth, we had been close friends, and now he was able to pay me annual visits at my Italian home.

He was on duty that morning, therefore could not get ashore till after luncheon.

"I'll dine with you of course, to-night, old chap," he said, "and you must tell me all the news. We're in here for six days, and I was half a mind to run home to London. Two or three of our chaps got leave from the Admiral and left at three this morning for London—four days in the train and two in town! Gone to see

their sweethearts, I suppose."

The British naval officer in the Mediterranean delights to dash across to Europe for a day at home if he can get leave and funds will allow. It is generally reckoned that such a trip costs about two pounds an hour while in London. And yet, when a man is away from his fiancée, or his wife, for three whole years, his anxiety to get back, even for a brief day, is easily understood. The youngsters, however, go for mere caprice—whenever they can obtain leave. This is not often, for the Admiral has very fixed views upon the matter.

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WILL VISIT QUEBEC.

Admiral Prince Louis of Battenburg Coming.

Quebec, June 19.—Admiral His Serene Highness Prince Louis Frederick Battenburg, with the first squadron of the channel fleet cruisers, will cross the Atlantic during the course of next month on a cruise to New York, Halifax and Quebec, arriving in the latter port during August. This exclusive piece of news was received in Quebec on Thursday from England, and has been communicated to His Excellency Earl Grey. Prince Louis Frederick of Battenburg will fly his flag from the cruiser Drake, and will be accompanied by five other cruisers of the same calibre, tonnage and speed. The arrival of such an important number of His Majesty's ships of war, with so distinguished a naval officer in command, together with the large complement of officers and crews manning the six cruisers, is bound to cause a season of society excitement in the ancient capital during their stay. His Excellency the Governor General and household will be in Quebec while the fleet are here, together with a number of Canada's most prominent citizens.

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A HOOPSKIRT RIOT.

Old Time Bird Cages Cause Trouble At Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, June 19.—Miss Genevieve Tucker of No. 4361 Fifth Avenue, and Miss Henrietta Hebert of No. 32, Stanwick Street, came down town yesterday in the carriage of the former's father, dressed in old time crinolines. They were not the modern three coil featherbone skirts, but genuine hoopskirts, the kind worn nearly half a century ago.

The carriage stopped in front of a department store in the heart of the shopping district, and the young ladies alighted. Inside of a few seconds a mob of several hundred people assembled, blocking the streets

and stopping the cars. The girls tried to get into the store through a storm door, but could not squeeze through. Then they pushed their way to the front door, and got inside. Everybody in the store crowded around them, clerks stopped work, and for a time it looked as if a panic would follow. The house policemen were called, but were compelled to call in two outside policemen before they could scatter the crowd and get the women back to their carriage. Over a thousand yelling men followed the carriage down the street.

HOW TO KEEP COOL.

Don't Worry and Keep the Mind Absorbed With Something.

"Warm weather is with us now and suggestions for keeping cool are in order, I suppose," said a local physician today. "Though all suggestions are apt to prove abortive when put into actual practice. There is a deal in the idea, once offered in a jest, that a man read stories of winter and Arctic travel on a hot day, if he wants to feel comfortable. The location of the story has nothing to do with it, however, but purely the quantity of fascination in the plot. If the mind is entirely absorbed in a good story or an occupation of any kind that entirely engrosses the attention, one's thoughts are not on the thermal conditions, and consequently the heat is forgotten; hence the individual is actually relieved of his suffering for the time being. If any one came to me for advice about to keep cool, I think that is about what I would give him, apart from suggestions regarding proper clothing, diet, and so forth, though it may sound a good deal like a joke. It's the only way a bad habit, like drinking, smoking and that sort of thing, may be successfully combated, too. Keep the mind absorbed with something and the nerves will not have a chance to exhibit themselves."

The wise are polite all the world over, fools are polite only at home.

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TAYMOUTH.

June 16—The weather for the past few days has been very warm.

Mrs. P. Cass, and son, of Fredericton, spent a few days with F. Cass, of this place.

Frank Smith, of St. Marys, passed through this place.

A crowd of fishermen passed through this place on their way to Cain's River.

Chas. McConnell is hauling logs to Hanson's Mill to get sawed.

Miss Maggie Somerville is spending a few days at her home.

Miss Somerville, of St. John, is spending a few weeks with her aunt Mrs. James Somerville, of this place.

Mrs. James Somerville spent a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Sturdie, at Zion.

John McConnell was the guest of J. W. McConnell on Tuesday last.

Mrs. J. W. Waltman spent Monday at St. Marys.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mrs. Peter Waltman of this place. She has been sick for two weeks.

Our popular carpenter, John Miner, of Covered Bridge, is building a new house for Peter Woodworth of this place.

Miss Lena McDonald, of Covered Bridge, is dressmaking with Mrs. Peter Woodworth.

Mrs. James Young is spending a few days with her mother.

A. D. Colter, agent for fruit trees, passed through this place.

We are glad to see Richard Evans, able to be around again. He returned recently from Stanley, where he was under the care of Dr. Moore of that place.

Peter Reid is building a new house for E. Moore.

George Woodman spent a few days at St. Marys.

Our teacher, Miss George, spent a week at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McGivney spent Sunday with Mrs. McGivney's sister, Mrs. P. Owens, of this place.

First loves are declared by many to be the best, but they don't last long enough to be given a thorough test.

Tell a woman that she is spoiling her children, and she will convince you that she is a good mother.

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