

A MYSTERY OF THE NEVA.

A STORY OF RUSSIAN INTRIGUE.

(Continued.)

"I shall esteem it the highest honour if you will trust me," I said, in deep earnestness. "I can only assure you that I will remain loyal to your interests and to yourself."

"Ah! I believe you will, Mr. Gregg," she declared, with enthusiasm. Her large eyes turned upon me—the eyes of a woman in sheer and bitter despair. Her face was perfect, one of the most handsome I had ever gazed upon. The more I saw her the greater was the fascination she held over me.

A silence fell between us as she sat with her gloved hands lying idly in her lap. Her lips moved nervously, but no sound came from them, so agitated was she, so eager to tell me something; and yet at the same time reluctant to take me into her confidence.

"Well?" I asked, at last, in a low voice. "I am quite ready to render you any service, if you will only command me."

"Ah! But I fear what I require will strike you as so unusual—you will hesitate to act when I explain what service I require of you," she said, doubtfully.

"I cannot tell you until I hear your wishes," I replied, smiling, and yet puzzled at her attitude.

"It concerns the terrible discovery made up in Ramoth Wood," she said, in a hoarse, nervous voice, at last. "That unknown man was murdered—stabbed to the heart."

"Well?"

"Well," she said, scarcely above a whisper. "I have suspicions."

"Of the murdered man's identity?"

"No, of the assassin."

I glanced at her sharply and saw the intense look in her dark, wide open eyes.

"You believe you know who dealt the blow?"

"I have a suspicion, that is all. Only I want you to help me, if you will."

"Most certainly," I responded.

"But if you believe you know the assassin, you probably know something of the victim?"

"Only that he looked like a foreigner."

"Then you have seen him?" I exclaimed, much surprised.

My remark caused her to hold her breath for an instant. Then she answered, rather lamely, it seemed to me:

"I saw him when the keepers brought the body to the castle."

Now, according to the account I had heard, the police had conveyed the dead man direct from the wood into Dumfries. Was it possible, therefore, that she had seen Olinto before he met with his sudden end?

I feared to press her for an explanation at that moment, but nevertheless the admission that she had seen him struck me as a very peculiar fact.

"You judge him to be a foreigner?" I remarked, as casually as I could.

"From his features and complexion I guessed him to be Italian," she responded, quickly, at which I pretended to express surprise.

I saw him after the keepers had found him. Besides, she went on, "the stiletto was evidently an Italian one, which would almost make it appear that a foreigner was the assassin."

"Is that your own suspicion?"

"No."

"Why?"

She hesitated a moment, then in a low, eager voice she said:

"Because I have already seen that three-edged knife in another person's possession."

"That's pretty strong evidence," I declared. "The person in question will have to prove that he was not in Ramoth Wood last evening at nightfall."

"How do you know it was done at nightfall?" she asked, quickly, with some surprise, half rising from her chair.

"I merely surmise that it was," I responded, inwardly blaming myself for my ill-timed admission.

"Ah!" she said, with a slight sigh. "There is more mystery in this affair than we have yet discovered."

Mr. Gregg. What, I wonder, brought the unfortunate young man up into our wood?"

"An appointment, without a doubt. But with whom?"

She shook her head, saying: "My father often goes to that spot to shoot pigeons in the evening. He told us so at luncheon today. How fortunate he was not there last night or he might be suspected."

"Yes," I said. "It is a very fortunate circumstance, for it cannot be a pleasant experience to be under suspicion of being an assassin. He was at home last night, was he?" I added, casually.

"Of course. Don't you recollect that when you called he chatted with you? I did some typewriting for him in the study, and we were together all the afternoon—or at least till nearly five o'clock, when we went out into the hall to tea."

"Then what is your theory regarding the affair?" I inquired, rather puzzled why she should so decisively prove an alibi for her father.

"It seems certain that the poor fellow went to the wood by appointment and was killed. But have you been up to the spot since the finding of the body?"

"No. Have you?"

"Yes. The affair interested me, and as soon as I recognized the old Italian knife in the hand of the keeper I went up there and looked about. I am glad I did so, for I found something which seems to have escaped the notice of the detectives."

"And what's that?" I asked eagerly.

"Why, about three yards from the pool of blood where the unfortunate foreigner was found is another small pool of blood, where the grass and ferns around are all crushed down as though there had been a struggle there."

"There may have been a struggle at that spot, and the man may have staggered some distance before he fell dead."

"Not if he had been struck in the heart, as they say. He would fall, would he not?" she suggested. "No, the police seem very dense, and this plain fact has not yet occurred to them. Their theory is the same as what you suggest, but my own is something quite different, Mr. Gregg. I believe that a second person also fell a victim," she added, in a low, distinct tone.

I gazed at her open-mouthed. Did she, I wondered, know the actual truth? Was she aware that the woman who had fallen there had disappeared?

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A Tartar.

Xantippe, the wife of Socrates, sometimes emptied buckets of slop from the windows on his head as he entered or left the house.

Horses, Cattle and Wolves.

Horses and cattle are believed to have an instinctive fear of wolves. On a recent afternoon the wolves in the London zoological gardens howled so ferociously that a horse in the street blocks away was panic stricken by it.

Earthquake Warnings.

Noises of various kinds usually precede, accompany or succeed an earthquake. These have been likened to the howling of a storm, the growling of thunder, the clanking of iron chains, the rumbling of heavy wagons along the road, the shattering and crashing of enormous masses of glass and the like.

Japanese Prayers.

The Japanese religion demands that a man must worship "on the soil" every day. Princes and rich men evade this by sprinkling a little dirt in one corner of a room, sometimes on a square of cement made for the purpose.

Contraband of War.

During the war between Spain and Holland those powers acted with so much vigor toward ships of every nationality conveying goods to the belligerents that England felt bound to protest. The resistance provoked by England led to the first use of the term "contraband of war" when the treaty of Southampton was drawn up between that country and Spain in 1875.

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Mr. Van Calles (examining little Hattie's Easter eggs)—Ah, this is a beautiful one! What an exquisite tint of crimson!

Little Hattie—I thought you would like it. It's the same color that Sister May uses for her cheeks.—Brooklyn Life.

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"Her husband is teaching her to say 'yes' and 'no.'"

"That's strange. Why does he restrict her in such a fashion?"

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A Good Thing.

Weary Willie—I dunno but it'd be a good thing if a lot o' them Filipinos would emigrate over to this country.

Dusty Rhodes—What for?

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