

THE HELMET OF NAVARRE

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(Continued.)

"Yes, I give you my word for that, too, Lorraine," Mayenne added. "I have no quarrel with young Mar. His father has stirred up more trouble for me than any dozen of Huguenots. I have my score to settle with St. Quentin. But I have no quarrel with the son. I will not molest him."

"Grand merci, monsieur," she said, sweeping him another of her graceful obeisances.

"Understand me, mademoiselle," Mayenne went on. "I pardon him, but not that he may be anything to you. That time is past. The St. Quentins are Navarre's men now, and our enemies. For your sake I will let Mar alone; but if he comes near you again, I will crush him as I would a buzzing fly."

"That I understand, monsieur," she answered in a low tone. "While I live under your roof, I shall not be treacherous to you. I am a League and he is a King'sman, and there can be nothing between us. There shall be nothing, monsieur, I do not swear it, as Paul needs, because I have never lied to you."

"She did not once look at Lucas, yet I think she saw him, vance under her ead. The Duke of Mayenne was right; not even Mlle. de Montlu loved her enemies. 'You are a good girl, Lorraine,' Mayenne said.

"Will you let the boy go now, Cousin Charles?" she asked.

"Yes, I will let your boy go," he answered. "But if I do this for you, I shall expect you henceforth to do my bidding."

"You have called me a good girl, cousin."

"Aye, so you are. And there is small need to look so Friday-faced about it. I have denied you one lover, I will give you another just as good."

"Am I Friday-faced?" she said, summoning up a smile. "Then my looks belie me. For since you free this poor boy whom I was like to have ruined I take a grateful and happy heart to bed."

"Aye, and you must stay happy. Pardon, what does it matter whether your husband has yellow hair or brown?"

"My brother Henri was for getting himself into a monastery because he could not have his Margot. Yet in less than a year he is as merry as a fiddler with the Duchesse Katherine."

"You have made me happy to-night at least, monsieur," she answered gently, if not merrily.

"It is the most foolish act of my life," Mayenne answered. "But it is for you, Lorraine. If I live comes by it, yours is the credit."

"You can swear him to silence, monsieur," she cried quickly.

"What use? He would not keep silence."

"He will if I ask it," she returned, flinging me a look of bright confidence that made the blood dance in my veins. But Mayenne laughed.

"When you have lived in the world as long as I have, you will not so flatter yourself, Lorraine."

"Thus it happened that I was not bound to silence concerning what I had seen and heard in the house of Lorraine."

Mayenne took out his dagger.

"What I do I do thoroughly. I said I set you free. Free you shall be."

Mademoiselle sprang forward with pleading hand.

"Let me cut the cords, Cousin Charles."

He recoiled a bare second; the habit of a lifetime prompting him against the putting of a weapon in any one's hand. Then, ashamed of the suspicion, which indeed was not of her, he yielded the knife and she cut my bonds. She looked straight into my eyes, with a glance earnest, beseeching, loving; I could not next to read all she meant by it. The next moment she was making her deep courtesy before the duke.

"Monsieur," she said never cease to love you for this. And now I thank you for your long patience, and bid you good night."

With a bare inclination of the head to Lucas, she turned to go. But Mayenne bade her pause.

"Do I get but a courtesy for my courtesy? No warmer thanks, Lorraine?"

He held out his arms to her, and she let him kiss both her cheeks.

"I will conduct you to the staircase, mademoiselle," he said, and taking her hand with stately politeness led her from the room. The light seemed to go out from it with the gleam of her yellow gown.

"Lorraine!" Lucas cried to her, but she never turned her head. He stood glowering, grinding his teeth together, his glib tongue finding for once no way to better his sorry case. He was the picture of

trickery rewarded; I could not repress a grin at him. Marking which, he burst out at me, vehemently, yet in a low tone, for Mayenne had not closed the door:

"You think I am bested, do you, you devil's brat? Let him laugh that wins; I shall have her yet."

"I will tell M. le Comte so," I answered with all the impudence I could muster.

"By Heaven, you will tell him nothing," he cried. "You will never see daylight again."

"I have Mayenne's word," I began, but his retort was to draw dagger. I deemed it time to stop parrying, and I did what the best of soldiers must do sometimes. I ran. I bounded into the oratory, flinging the door to after me. He was upon it before I could get it shut, and the heavy oak was swung this way and that between us, till it seemed as if we must tear it off the hinges. I contrived not to let him push it open wide enough to enter; meantime, as I was unarmed, I thought it not shame to shriek for succor. I heard an answering cry and hurrying footsteps. Then Lucas took his weight from the door so suddenly that mine banged it shut. The next minute it flew open again, mademoiselle, frightened and panting, on the threshold.

A tall soldier with a musket stood at her back; at one side Lucas lounged by the cabinet where the duke had set down the light. His right hand he held behind his back, while with his left he poked his dagger into the candle-flame.

"What is the pother?" he demanded.

"What devilment now, Paul?"

"Mademoiselle's protegee is nervous."

"Lucas answered with a fine sneer. 'When I drew out my knife to get the thief from the candle he screamed to wake the dead and look singular in the oratory. I had given him the lie then and there, but as I emerged from the darkness Mayenne commanded:'

'Take him out to the street, d'Auvaray.'

The tall musketeer, saluting, motioned me to precede him. For a moment I hesitated, turning to defend my valor before mademoiselle. Then, reflecting how much harm my hasty tongue had previously done me, and that the path to freedom was now open before me, I said nothing. Nor had I need. For as I turned she flashed over to Lucas and said straight in his face:

"When you marry me, Paul de Lorraine, you will marry a dead wife."

XVII.

"I'll Win My Lady!"

Lucas's prophecy came to grief within five minutes of the making. For when the musketeer unbared the house door for me, the first thing I saw was the morning sun.

My spirits danced at sight of him, as he himself might dance on Easter day. Within the close, candle-lit room I had had no thought but that it was a black night; and now at one step I passed from the gloomy house into the heartening sunshine of a new clean day. I ran along as joyously as if I had left the last of my troubles behind me, forgotten in some dark corner of the Hotel de Lorraine. All ways my heart life when, after hours within walls, I find myself in the open again. I am afraid in house, but out of doors I have no fear of harm from any man or any thing.

Though Sir Sun was risen this half-hour, and at home we should all have been about our business, these lazy Paris folk were still snoring. They diked well to turn night into day and lie long abed of a morning. Although here a shopkeeper took down shutters, and there a brisk servant swept the doorstep, yet I walked through a sleeping city, quiet as our St. Quentin woods, save that here my footsteps echoed in the emptiness. At length, with the knock I have, whatever my stupidities, of finding my way in a strange place, I arrived before the courtyard of the Trois Lanternes. The big wooden doors were indeed shut, but when I had pounded lustily awhile a young tapster, half clad and cross as a bear, opened to me. I vouchsafed him scant apology, but dropping on a heap of hay under a shed in the court, passed straightway into dreamless slumber.

When I awoke my good friend the sun was looking down at me from near his zenith and my first happy thought was that I was just in time for dinner. Then I discovered that I had been prodded out of my rest by the patfork of a hostler.

"Sorry to disturb monsieur, but the horses must be fed."

"Oh, I am obliged to you," I said, rubbing my eyes. "I must go up to M. le Comte."

"He has been himself to look at you, and gave orders that you were not to be disturbed. But that was last week. Darn! you slept like a sabot."

It did not take me long to brush the straw off of me, wash my face at the trough, and present myself before monsieur. He was dressed and sitting at table in his bedchamber, while a drawer served him with dinner.

"You are out of bed, monsieur," I cried.

"But yes," he answered, springing up. "I am as well as ever I was. Felix, what has happened to you?"

I glanced at the serving-man; M. Etienne ordered him at once from the room.

"Now tell me quickly," he cried, as I faltered, tongue-tied from very richness of matter. "Mademoiselle?"

"Ah, mademoiselle!" exclaimed, "Mademoiselle is—" I paused in a drench of words worthy of her.

"She is, she is!" he agreed, laughing. "Oh, go on, you little slow-poke! You say her? And she said—"

"He was near to laying hands on me to marry my tale."

"I saw her and Mayenne and Lucas and ever so many things," I told him. "And they had me flogged, and mademoiselle loves you."

"She does!" he cried, flushing. "Felix, does she? You cannot know."

"But I do know it," I answered, very loudly. "You see, she wouldn't have wept so much, just over me."

"Did she weep, Lorraine?" he exclaimed.

"They flogged me," I said. "They didn't hurt me much. But she came down in the night with a candle and cried over me."

"And what said she? Now I am sorry they beat you. Who did that? Mayenne? What said she, Felix?"

"And then—" I went on, not heeding his questions in sudden remembrance of my growing years, "Mayenne and Lucas came in. And here is something you do not know, monsieur. Lucas is Paul de Lorraine, Henri de Guise's son."

(To be continued.)

NEWS OF THE PUBLISHERS

NEW TOURIST BOOK.

The annual publication of the New Brunswick Tourist Association is this year the most attractive they have yet issued. The illustrations all relate to outstanding attractions, and include views of scenery at St. John and on the river, the north shore, Grand Manan, St. Martins, Shediac, St. Andrews, Grand Lake, Fredericton, Dalhousie, and other places. The views are new, particularly fine, and very artistically arranged.

The descriptive matter includes a quick run through New Brunswick, a historical sketch by Dr. Geo. U. Hay; an article on chances for investment in St. John; an article on hunting, fishing and canoeing in New Brunswick; a list of hunting and fishing resorts and summary of game laws, list of names of books on the city and province, a hotel list, and a fine map of the maritime provinces.

This book should prove of great value in attracting the attention of tourists and sportsmen to this province. The book was issued from the Daily Telegraph press.

THE ANGLER'S JOY.

The Times has received from P. D. Mallock, Scott street, Perth, Scotland, his Catalogue of Fishing Rods, Reels, Lines, Flies, etc., a book of more than 130 pages, illustrated not only with pictures of fishing tackle of all sorts, but of fish and game, photos of famous fishing waters and fine catches of trout, and other contents of great interest to the sportsman. That so large and handsome a book is issued indicates the extent to which the sport of the angler is carried in the old country.

AMERICAN LUMBERMAN.

Negotiations have just been completed whereby the interest of W. B. Judson in the American Lumberman, published in Chicago, and the great lumber journal of the world, has been acquired by J. E. Delebaugh, who thus becomes sole owner of the corporation. Mr. Judson's efficient services to the lumber trade have continued uninterruptedly from the early 70s and he retires to seek a well earned rest after thirty-three years of arduous labor in this field.

No change will be made in the methods of the publication, nor in its policy, in either the editorial or business department. The heretofore unremitting effort to make each issue of the paper superior to its predecessor will continue unceasingly.

Mr. Delebaugh is the author of a History of the Lumber Industry of America, in four volumes of about 500 pages each. The first volume is now in its second edition. Canada is the subject of a series of chapters in this history, giving the history of her individual provinces, as well as the lumber industry, epitomizing her forest legislation and showing her present lumber manufacturing position and remaining timber resources.

The preparation of this history has been with Mr. Delebaugh a labor of love. The American Lumberman is a great weekly magazine with a corps of skilled writers and illustrators, and correspondents all over the continent and in England.

WHAT'S IN MCLURE'S

There is as much important and entertaining reading in Mclure's for June as one would expect to find in a volume let alone a single number of a magazine. The leading story is "Buried Treasure" by Stewart Edward White, which is a romance and reality most suggestively, and which goes with a swing reminiscent of Stevenson. Ray Stannard Baker contributes the sixth of his series "The Railroad on Trial," telling the astonishing story of how Danville, Virginia, has wavered between prosperity and ruin because of its struggle with the Southern Railway. Barton J. Hendrick continues the story of Life-Insurance with a resume of the work of Eliza Wright, the Pioneer, who made the failure of a life insurance company a mathematical impossibility and who gave the Equitable, the New York Life and the Mutual, the strength to withstand the attack of the last twelve months. "Yellow Fever: A Problem Solved," by Samuel Hopkins Adams, is a most engrossing story of last summer's Battle of New Orleans. Mr. Adams tells of the discovery of the mosquito theory and how by its working out last year this country has probably been saved from another great epidemic of yellow fever.

Carl Schurz gives "Reminiscences of a Long Life," an account of Paris on the eve of the Second Empire. The second installment of the Kipling series is even more engrossing than the first. "On the Great Wall," is the story of how a British-born Roman took a hopeless task from his emperor and sacrificed his youth to its performance.

Other fiction in this remarkable number is "Uncle Sammie," a great Decoration Day story by Charles Fleming Embree; "The Strange Adventure of Lulu" by Robert McDonald; "Lost—An Echo" by George Allen Engle; and "The Sewing-Machine Story" by Frank H. Spearman. The poems are "Timed to an African Chant" by Rosalie M. Jones, and "The Sea Witch" by Marjorie L. C. Pickett.

The June number is illustrated by such artists as Andre Castaigne, Frederic Dory Steele, P. V. E. Ivory, E. Dalton Stevens, and George A. Shipley.

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PROPOSED NEW BERTHS ON THE WEST SIDE

The board of works last evening decided to increase the 450 foot berth now under construction by D. C. Clark to 550 feet by an addition of 100 feet at the Union street end. As will be seen by the diagram printed below, showing the proposed new South Rodney wharves, the berth will now be extended from the dotted line (G. G.) a distance of 100 feet to meet Union street.

and will afford ample accommodation for steamers of the Virginian and Victorian class without difficulty. A committee was appointed to arrange for the necessary timber and with power to act. The same committee will also take steps to urge the government to arrange for a second dredge that the second berth may be completed for the season of 1907-08.

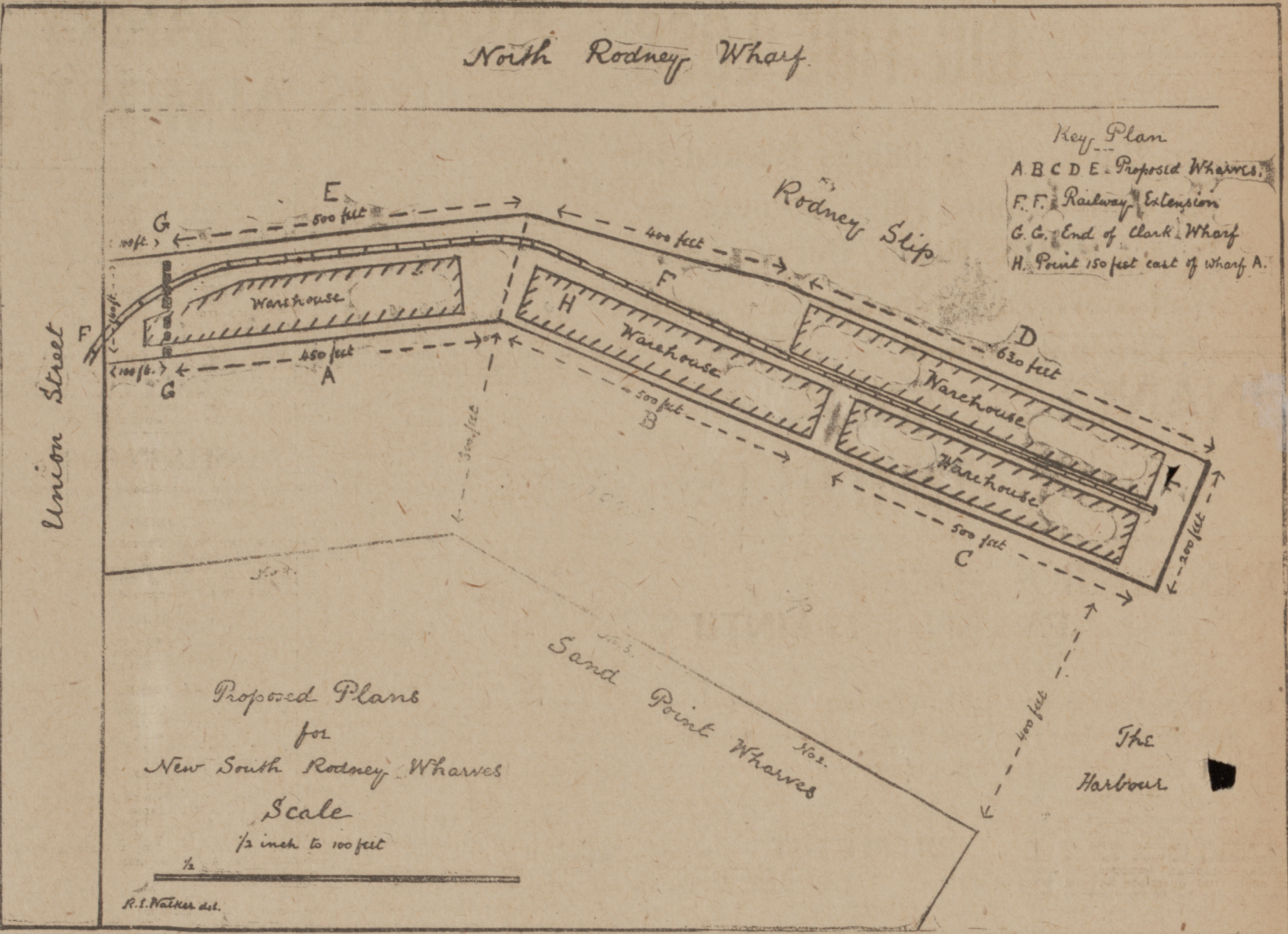
A committee will confer with the street railway on the question of extending the

tracks along Union street with a view to arranging another route. Tenders were awarded for 4,500 yards of block paving. Applications from the New Brunswick and Central Telephone companies for permission to lay conduits were referred to a special meeting. City employees in the street department petitioned for an increase in wages, and the matter was left to the director.

The director was instructed to bring in a statement showing where he proposed

to lay granite curbing, and renew the asphalt. D. Mullin, K. C., notified the board on behalf of Miss Maud Staines that the Orange street dump nuisance must be abated or action would be taken. Reasonable compensation was asked for.

The director said repairs were being made to the fence dividing the lots and some cars removed. Mr. Mullin will be informed that steps are being taken to remove the cause of complaint.



SAVE THE BOYS AND GIRLS

To the Editor of The Montreal Gazette:—Sir,—Clergymen, medical men and the officers of the law and order, are awakening to the fearful dangers to which our boys and girls are exposed to by being allowed to roam loosely about the streets and lanes after nightfall. It seems much harder for ordinary parents to raise children law-abiding than it ever was. Formerly boys and girls had a greater reverential fear of the parents, and they seldom provoked their displeasure.

Of course it must be admitted that men and women in the old days gave time and attention to the home and the growing needs of the family, and as a result we had a more obedient lot of children. Today competition among men is so keen that they become so engrossed in business, their social engagements so numerous that they become immersed in luxury, and in order to cope with the existing conditions, they sacrifice the hours that should be employed in the interests of the home and family. The children are consequently committed to the care of the mother, who in turn hands them over to the servants or to their own resources. They grow up as strangers to her and years only to enter on their own life, follow their own pleasures and make their own conquests. Thus the home training which should lay the foundation of character, which should mould the heart and mind, become almost a thing of the past. Our future men and women of the land are exposed to a series of moral ills which, if not checked in some way, are going to seriously affect the usefulness of their future manhood and womanhood. If it will not through them change the entire nature of society.

Who then is responsible for this threatening calamity? The parents, of course, who wantonly trust the children into places, associations, companionships and influences that put their lives in jeopardy. God has not promised safety to those who love the danger, as all parents love the danger by unnecessarily exposing their children to it, both parents and children will run the risk of perishing in it.

Today the children need the utmost care, watchfulness and a continuance of the wise restraints of wholesome home discipline, otherwise they will develop into lawless, arrogant and soon assume the morbid passions and propensities of the vicious and depraved of society, who figure so prominently on our city streets after nightfall.

FATHER SIEHA.

A REASONABLE THEORY ABOUT CANCER

There is a peculiar condition of the blood that favors the growth of Cancer, and neither knife nor plaster will effect a permanent cure without the aid of a constitutional treatment such as ours. Send 6 cents (stamp) and get the book let and names of those cured without knife, plaster or pain. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

MEXICAN WATER TREATY

The Problem of the Rio Grande Like that of the St. John River.

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