

THE HELMET OF NAVARRE

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(Continued.)

"Bravo, Felix! I am proud of you. That is an idea worthy of Caesar! You would set your enemies to exterminate each other. And I asked you to be my rival!"

"Which do you wish to see slain?" demanded the black Gervais.

I answered quite truthfully: "Monsieur, I shall be pleased either way."

I know not how he relished the answer, for Yeu-gris cried out at once:

"Bravo, Felix, you are a paragon! I have not wit enough to know whether you are as simple as sunshine or as deep as a well, but I love you!"

"Monsieur," I answered, "I think, very nearly, 'if I am a well, truth lies at the bottom.'"

"Well, Gervais?" demanded Yeu-gris. Gervais bent his lowering brows on his cousin.

"Do you say trust him?"

"Aye, I would trust him, for never yet did villain turn honest, nor honest man false, in one short hour. When he was asked to serve against the duke he showed his stuff. He was no traitor; he was no coward; he was no liar. I think he is not these things."

Gervais was still doubtful.

"It is a risk, if he betrays—"

"What is life without risks?" cried Yeu-gris. "I thought you too good a gambler, Gervais, to falter before a risk."

"Well," Gervais consented, "I leave it to you. Do as you like."

Yeu-gris said at once to me:

"This Lucas, as I told you, is too cowardly to meet my cousin in open fight. Since he got the challenge he has never stuck his nose out of doors without two or three of the duke's guard about him. Therefore we have the right to get at him as we can. We have paid a man in the household to tell of his movements. He is to follow out secretly at night on a mission for M. de Due, with one comrade only. M. Gervais and I will interrupt that little journey."

"Very good, monsieur. And if?"

"You will meet my eye and learn the name of the expedition. Last night, when the duke's plan, it had not been decided."

"Then he will be the other man I saw in the window? I shall know him."

"You have sharp eyes and a sharp brain, youngster. But he will not know you. Therefore you can say you know from the shuttered house in the Rue Compejre. You will meet him in the little alley to the north of the Hotel St. Quentin. Do you know your way to the hotel? Well, then, you are to go down the passageway between the house and M. de Portresse's garden—you cannot mistake it, for on two sides of the house is the street, on the third the garden, and on the fourth the alleyway. Half-way down the alley is an arch with a small door. In that arch, our man Louis Martin, will meet you. Do you understand?"

I repeated the directions.

"You have learned your lesson. You will ask him the hour—only that."

"And you will take oath not to betray us," commanded Gervais.

I took out the cross that hung on my rosary. I was ready to swear. Gervais prompted:

"I swear to go and come straight, and speak no word to any but Martin."

With all solemnity I swore it on my cross.

"That oath will be kept," said Yeu-gris. He held out a sudden hand for the cross, which I gave him, wondering.

"I swear that we mean no harm whatsoever to the Duke of St. Quentin. He blessed the cross and flung the chain back over my neck."

At last I saw the door unlocked. Yeu-gris even returned to me my knife.

"Au revoir, messieurs."

Gervais, sullen to the last, vouchsafed no answer, but Yeu-gris called out cheerily: "Au revoir!"

CHAPTER XVI.

Matters of life and death.

Nothing in life can be so sweet as freedom after captivity, safety after danger. When I gained the open street once more and breathed the open air, no one molesting or troubling me, I could have sworn with joy, I fairly hugged myself for my elation in getting out of my plight. As for the comat I was furthering, my only doubt about that was lest the skulking Lucas should not prove good sword enough to give trouble to M. Gervais. It was very far from my wish that he should come out of the attempt unscathed.

But as I went along and had more time to ponder the matter, other doubts forced themselves into my reluctant mind. Put it as I pleased, the affair smacked too much of secrecy to be quite savory. I was curious to say the least, that an honest encounter should require so much plotting. Also, Lucas, coward and rascal though he might be, was Monsieur's man.

A FREAK BUILDING FOR WALL STREET

New York, May 8.—About the "chamunist" piece of architecture in the country will be the building now in process of construction on the corner of Broadway and Wall street, New York. It will run eighteen stories into the air, while its site is only thirty-nine by twenty-nine feet.

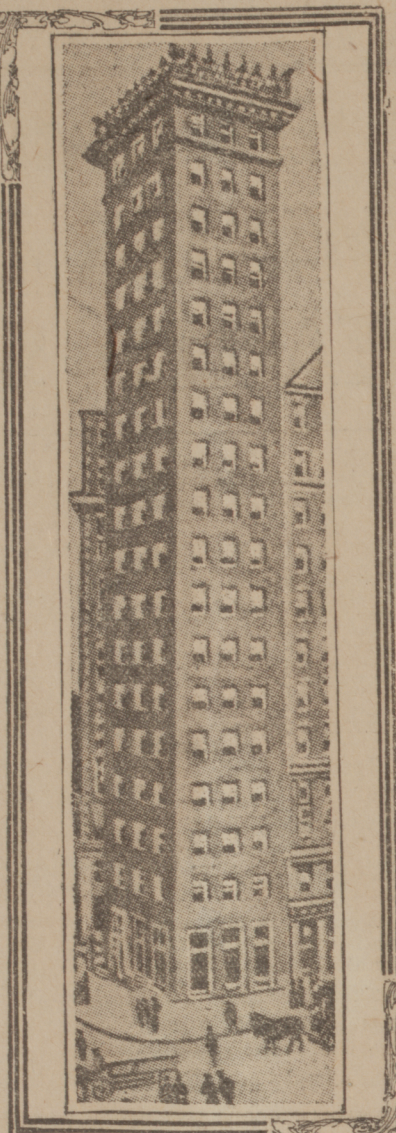
St. Louis, Mo., May 7.—Number One Wall Street Corporation, organized here to erect an office building on the site which has been styled the most valuable piece of real estate in the world, and which cost \$700,000, has decided on the design of the eighteen story structure that will be constructed across Broadway from famous Trinity church, New York. The "corporation" is made up of fifteen St. Louis men, whose names have not yet been made public. The Mercantile Trust Company, of this city, handled the entire transaction, and the work will be done by the Westlake Construction Company, a St. Louis firm.

To utilize every inch of the valuable space has been made a matter of minute calculation. The cost of the building will be \$300,000.

The building will be an innovation in the line of office structures. Three high power elevators will be in operation. The elevator shafts will be enclosed, so that passengers will not be on the privacy of offices as they pass up or down the elevators. Each floor will consist of one office, into which the elevator will open directly.

The building will be fireproof in every particular. It will be of steel construction, covered with tiling. The bracing of the building against the wind has been the subject of much study on the part of the architects, Messrs. Barnett, Haynes & Barnett. The base is only 30x35 feet and the height is over 200 feet. The interior, including the doors and windows, will be of steel and bronze finish. There will be no attempt at ornamentation.

The Westlake Construction Company expects to have the building ready for occupancy January 1, 1907. Lorenzo E. Barnett, vice-president of the Mercantile Trust Company, is now in New York city on business in connection with the new structure.



Proposed Building to be Erected at Wall Street

SPEAKER READS THE RIOT ACT IN PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, May 10.—(Special).—There was a startling outburst of certain statements about himself in the Toronto World which were false and he asked Mr. MacLean to withdraw.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that Mr. Ingram had no recourse against Mr. MacLean, but he had against the reporter. That might be inquired into.

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WILL BUILD NO BRANCHES TO ST. JOHN OR HALIFAX

Ottawa, May 10.—(Special).—When the bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific branch lines company came up for consideration at the railway committee today, Mr. Johnston (Cape Breton) suggested that the bill be held over for further consideration. It was true that it was before the committee for some time but it was an important measure and ought not to go through in its present shape.

Mr. Crawford (Portage) who had charge of the bill said that he wanted to propose some amendments and would then ask the committee to go on with the bill. In the first place it was intended to drop the eastern branches. They were from Montreal to Halifax and from a point on the Transcontinental to St. John. The proposition to build from northeast of Fort William to a junction with the G. T. P. north of Toronto, with a right of way through or reach by spur line St. Mary or Sudbury, was also struck out. The branch from Calgary to the fourth terminal of the G. T. P. was struck out. This left two branches from Calgary,

one to boundary line and another to the fifth terminal of the G. T. P.

The general clause for construction of other branches was also struck out. A clause allowing the company to build from Winnipeg to the boundary is to be made more definite by confining it to 25 miles on either side of the Red River and connect with other lines to the south. As it was near 1 o'clock the bill was left over until Tuesday next.

The general impression here is that the G. T. P. had to drop their branches because Maritime Province members were opposed to competition they would give to the L. C. R. over the same routes.

It is understood that the dominion government is making further enquiries at Washington to see what disposal can be made of the \$100,000 grant to the San Francisco sufferers.

Lord Grey received today the following telegram dated Montreal, May 9, from Prince Arthur:

"Many thanks for your kind telegram. Have had a most pleasant visit here, and am very sorry that my visit is ended."

(Signed) "ARTHUR."

Yesterday an emissary of the Standard Oil hurried on board and said that the anchor of the battle-ship had broken a six inch pipe of the company, which crossed the river at that point. A chart of the North River was produced and the agent was shown that it had no reference to any pipe crossing. The agent did not express any surprise at the omission. No one around the West Shore plant of the company could be induced even to admit that he knew that such a pipe had been laid.

WARSHIP REVEALS SECRET PIPE LINE

New York, May 9.—Not until the anchor of the battle ship Illinois smashed into it does it appear to have been generally known to any one outside of the Standard Oil Company that a six inch pipe had been laid under the North River, crossing from the company's plant north of Weehawken to somewhere in the neighborhood of 97th street, Manhattan.

They have fixed positively on to-night. They will leave by this door and take the route I described last night to M. Gervais. They will start as soon as the streets are quiet, sometime between ten and eleven. They must allow an hour to reach the gate, and the man goes off at twelve. In all likelihood they will not set out before a quarter of eleven; M. de Due does not care to be recognized."

So they planned to kill Lucas at Monsieur's side? Yeu-gris had not dared to tell me that. But he had looked me straight in the face and sworn on the cross that he would not set out before a quarter of eleven; M. de Due does not care to be recognized."

"Also Vigo will go."

"Vigo!"

(To be continued.)

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HOW ASSESSMENT VALUES IN ST. JOHN HAVE GROWN

Contented That Assessment Is Not Quite Up to the Real Values—The Figures.

Discussions on the growing rate of taxation are not infrequent in and around city hall, and the opinion has been expressed that the valuations by the assessors have not kept pace with the growth of the city or the increasing prosperity among the citizens. It is urged that the taxation would be reduced to a considerable extent if the valuations more nearly represented the true value of property and incomes in the city.

The following comparative table gives the assessors' valuations in 1896 and 1905:

Real estate,	\$12,940,200	\$12,334,100
Income,	1,696,100	1,696,100
Equal to \$175,000 a year.		\$13,040,200
Personal estate,	1896, \$7,423,300	1896, \$7,423,300
Income,	1905, \$4,357,000	1896, \$4,357,000
Equal to \$17,575 a year.		\$7,780,300
Income,	1905, \$4,357,000	1896, \$4,357,000
Equal to \$45,200 a year.		\$12,137,500

A RIGHT WAY and A WRONG WAY

Many people have many ways to bring about the same result. Most of them are mistaken ways, but this is not known until the test of time points plainly to the error. Practically there are but two ways to accomplish anything; a right way and a wrong way. Take, for instance, a man with a bad back, there are lots of them, and of various kinds, some with stitches and twinges; then there's the dull, heavy continuous kind that lasts all day and doesn't sleep at night. They're all bad enough, they're all hard enough to get rid of. Some people rub the back with liniment, others cover it with plaster, either or both means often bring relief, but the pain comes back—it's the wrong way to cure the trouble.

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MOONEYS FINISH SECTION THREE

Pipe Line from Robertson's Lake Dam to Latimer Lake is Completed.

B. Mooney & Sons yesterday completed the pipe line from Robertson's Lake dam into Latimer Lake and Loch Lomond water is now that much nearer the city. The work of extending the pipe into the lake has been a difficult operation on account of the bottom of the trench being some twelve feet below the surface of water at the present time.

It is expected that all clearing up and leveling will be finished early next week. Messrs. Mooney will then have completed their contract with the exception of some paving work and unimportant details which remain to be seen to at the dam.

The inquest into the death of Himan Eisenstein, the young Jew killed in the elevator shaft of D. Ashkin & Co.'s establishment on Wednesday, will be held Tuesday night next, at 8 o'clock. Coroner Berryman will preside, and the following jury has been empaneled: Chas. Damery (foreman), LeB. Wilson, Geo. C. Hunter, W. Hawkesley, Herriot, Harry Ervin, Wm. Hatfield, and Charles A. Clark. They viewed the body yesterday and permission for burial was given by the coroner.

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