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(Continued.)

"Can I wait for my daughter to return, sir?" asked Madame Drakona.

"Volna can do nothing," declared Katinka.

"I regret, madame, that I have no power to permit that."

"Can you tell us nothing about the reasons for this?" asked Paul.

"Nothing whatever. I know no more than you yourself. I wish indeed that the unpleasant duty had been given to some one else to perform."

"I do not blame you, sir," said Madame Drakona, very graciously, despite her agitation. "I will get ready."

"I must ask you not to be longer than five minutes."

He held the door open for her to leave. Katinka went with her and at a sign from the leader, one of the men followed them up the stairs and remained at the door of the room into which they went. The leader stayed with the rest in the hall.

"What can this mean?" asked Ladislav.

"A good thing that no one else is on the list," said Paul.

"You must find that a great consolation," I could not help saying. Paul turned on me angrily, and Ladislav held up his hand.

"It will do no good to quarrel," he said. "What is to be done? Do let us try to be practical."

"The man who can tell you what it means is Bremhof."

"Of course you will go with your mother, Paul," said Ladislav.

"I see no object to be gained."

"Better ask Miss Drakona," I suggested, dryly.

"Your tone is very singular, sir," declared Paul angrily.

"Far less singular than your unreasoning hostility to me, in which you appear to echo your sister's prejudice."

"Robert!" protested Ladislav.

Madame Drakona came in then, and I saw that Katinka had made no preparations to go with the mother.

"Ladislav, you and Mr. Anstruther will stay to see Volna, won't you?" asked the old lady, who was much less distressed than I had anticipated. "She will be so troubled, and she thinks so much of your advice, Mr. Anstruther. You will stay?"

"Certainly at your wish," I agreed.

"I don't see that this gentleman can do any good," murmured the sister.

"We will both stay, if possible—but one of us, certainly," said Ladislav.

"Tell her you don't think this is a serious thing; it can't be really; and I dare say I shall be back again almost before she is home."

"I will tell her," replied my friend.

She kissed Paul and Katinka—both of whom were as unmoved as though she had been going for an afternoon drive—and then shook hands with us. "Volna will rely on you, I know, Mr. Anstruther. Now sit down. Be sure and make Volna understand I am not in the least frightened, Ladislav."

That was her last word spoken with a brave smile as she drove away.

As soon as we re-entered the house Katinka opened fire at me. "If I think we can do what has to be done alone, Paul."

"Madame Drakona asked us to remain, Katinka," said Ladislav.

"I wish you could believe, madam, that I have no desire except for the good of you all," I put in.

She fixed her eyes upon me and replied slowly, "I wish I could, sir; but you have

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influenced my sister so much against us that I find it impossible."

"How can you talk of such pettiness, Katinka, in face of that awful news from Petersburg," cried Ladislav. "Great God it passes my comprehension."

"Are you going, sir?" asked Paul.

"No, I am not. I promised Madame Drakona to remain until her daughter returned, and shall do so."

"Of course," agreed Ladislav, pausing a second as he strode up and down the room in great distress. His excitement mounted fast, and his fears of coming trouble in the city caused by the ill news from St. Petersburg and brought close home by the arrest of Madame Drakona, oppressed him till the burden became almost unbearable.

An hour and more passed in this way. Now and again he would break into a fitful heated discussion with Paul and his sister, sometimes he turned to me with reverent speculations about what would happen; anything in the effort to relieve the weight of his trouble-laden thoughts.

Two or three times the telephone bell summoned Paul; and each time he returned the three would hold whispered counsel together; to end in the same way, by Ladislav resuming his anxious pacing of the room from end to end.

At last some message more disturbing than the rest came.

"Paul and I must go. I dare not stay," he declared. "You will do what must be done here, Robert. They are waiting for us, and God knows what may happen if we do not go; and paying no heed to my protests, scarcely hearing them, indeed, he hurried away."

Katinka and I sat on in grim silence.

I had caught some of the infection of Ladislav's alarm at coming trouble; and my one concern now was for Volna's safety. Even the embarrassment of the thought of meeting her again was dominated by my fear for her; and I waited a prey to very gloomy doubt and anxiety.

She came in not knowing that I was there. She saw only Katinka as she entered with the question, "Where is mother?"

Then she saw me and started back in sheer astonishment. Her eyes lighted, she paled slightly and then the color rushed to her face and with both hands outstretched she came to me as a week before at the priest's house in Kervatje. "Is it really you?"

I took her hand. "It is really I."

Then Katinka got up and coughed. "Of course I am not surprised; but it is none the less scandalous, sir, considering Volna's mother has just been taken to prison."

The piteous look of pain and alarm on Volna's face as her hands fell from mine made me wish for the moment that Katinka had been a man. I could then have told her plainly some of the things I thought about her.

CHAPTER XX.

DEFIANCE.

"To prison? Do you mean that, Katinka?" asked Volna; her tone low and tense.

"Do I usually say one thing and mean another?"

Volna turned swiftly to me as if seeking a contradiction.

"Where is my mother, Mr. Anstruther?"

Katinka's large eyes flashed angrily. "Do you wish to insult me, Volna, by appealing from me to this new English friend of yours?"

Volna ignored her save for a gesture. "Mr. Anstruther?"

"I stayed at your mother's request to assure you that she does not think it serious."

"My dear, dearest mother!" A piteous cry of sorrow and pity; and then a change to indignant reproach. "This is your doing, Katinka, yours and Paul's and uncle's; with your miserable plots and schemes and intrigues! And having done the mischief, you were such a coward as to leave her to face the consequences alone. Shame on you! If I had no other cause to hate you, conspiracy, your cowardice in this would make me do it."

"Don't be theatrical, Volna."

"If it comforts you to cover your cowardice with a sneer, do so. I do not envy you the consolation. I should have thought even you would be ashamed."

"I shall not remain to be insulted before a stranger."

"When the truth bites like an insult, I understand how it hurts to hear it. I shall go to my mother, of course. You will help me find her, won't you, Mr. Anstruther?"

"Of course he will—for Ladislav's sake," said Katinka, turning to deliver her last shot as she went out.

"What does she mean?" asked Volna with a start. "She has so many bars in her speeches. But it doesn't matter—nothing matters until we find mother. Where do you think they have taken her? How can we find out? Oh, I feel half distracted."

"I think Colonel Bremhof holds the key," I said, very quietly.

She was bending over a small table and looked up instantly and sharply, hesitated and then replied: "This must be explained. They have told you—about him?"

There was just a suggestion of a chal-

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THISTLES HOLD
McLELLAN CUP

The Thistles were successful again last evening in guarding the McLehlan cup. Sixteen brave curlers from New Glasgow, where the Thistles re-captured the trophy last year, were the challengers but they were defeated by 25 points. Three of the Thistle rink came out ahead and one rink finished tie. D. Willett, the veteran skip, scored a great victory over C. S. Jackson, trailing the score of his opponent. One rink was played in the afternoon and three in the evening. The risks and scores were as follows:

Thistles.	New Glasgow.
G. B. Purpoe.	J. Stewart.
A. G. Stevens.	B. DeVeber.
J. S. Malcolm.	J. S. Malcolm.
D. McLehlan.	A. Marshall.
F. F. Purpoe.	C. S. Trotter.
T. U. Hay.	G. A. MacGregor.
D. Malcolm.	Judge Patterson.
W. A. Shaw.	A. R. Murray.
skip.....14	skip.....14
H. G. Barnes.	Jas. Cavanough.
H. C. Olive.	D. B. MacKenzie.
D. Willett.	C. S. Jackson.
skip.....21	skip.....7
R. I. Cunningham.	Robert Murray.
Jas. Mitchell.	J. D. Fraser.
J. P. Shaw.	W. Murray.
skip.....17	skip.....8
TI	43

Fredericton, 30, St. Stephen, 48.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 20.—(Special)—Four

rinks of St. Stephen curlers played a match with Fredericton here today for the McCaffrey trophy, and were defeated by thirty-two points. Rinks and scores were as follows:

St. Stephen.	Fredericton.
Sharp.	MacKay.
McAllister.	Crowe.
Topkins.	Lozelle.
Grant, skip.....15	Wilson, skip.....15
Wry.	Benson.
Brune.	Hopkirk.
Simmons.	Simmons.
Ganong.	R. P. Randolph.
skip.....10	skip.....28
Webber.	Shea.
Nicholson.	Doherty.
McLachlan.	Fowler.
Murphy, skip.....11	Hart, skip.....17
Moore.	Shaw.
Douglas.	Dunbar.
Hyslop.	Bridges.
Stevens, skip.....12	MacQuitt, skip.....22
Totals.....48	89

THE SCRIBES WON

"What a game it was!" said the crowd of people who swarmed out of the St. Andrews rink last evening. "Why who won?" asked a timid man who stood at the door. Why "they" did, said they all as if with one voice. But who are "they" asked a busy body. "There can be only one 'they' said an indignant newspaper man that 'us' we simply eat 'em up, 21-7."

The enquirer looked dubious but soon swelled the cheering throng. But inside the rink the excitement was intense the admirers of the scribes were with difficulty prevented from rushing on the ice and carrying the "pencilmen" off in triumph. As to the game, many valuable points were obtained by old curlers who had to admit that some of the shots were simply wonderful.

Charlie Olive's rink was generous and by way of encouragement allowed Theo. Belya's men to make some points. The curlers skip and his men took advantage of Charlie's generosity and declined to relinquish the advantage. The "old war" got right after them and if there could have been a few more ends was in a fair way of smothering the "revenue men."

"Put" Ervin was a hard task master and "ditch the screws" right on Charlie Tilley, never even once let him see a ray of sunshine. Now let them all come.

Custons House. Newspaper-men.

Thomas McCreary. C. S. Olive.

George Jenkins. H. V. McKinnon.

A. McHugh. Frank McCafferty.

C. P. Tilley. Ervin.

skip.....3

McCarthy. Stan. Taylor.

C. Dalton. A. E. McGinley.

K. A. Barbour. W. B. Hooper.

skip.....14

skip.....9

HOCKEY

Red Rose Tea Men Won.

Red Rose tea men defeated the hockey team representing J. M. Humphrey & Co. last night in the Glacier rink. The game was close and exciting and the final score was 2-1. The teams were:

Red Rose.	J. M. Humphrey & Co.
Titus.	Gambin.
Point.	Point.
Stewart.	Cover Point.
Birmingham (Capt.).	Crosby (Capt.).
Right Wing.	Right Wing.
Jones.	Centre.
Centre.	Centre.
Harrison.	Cochrane.
Left Wing.	Left Wing.
Reade.	Codner.
Rover.	Rover.
March.	Roberts.

Marathons vs. Fredericton Tonight.

Though the showing made by the Marathons in some of their games this season has discouraged a number of their supporters there are many who are looking forward to a good game tonight, when the Greeks will meet the Fredericton Capitals in the Glacier rink. The announcement that Tufts and Bizard, formerly crack players, will figure in the Marathons line-up will be received with interest. Tufts will play goal and Bizard will play on the right wing. Mooney will appear as rover.

Acadia, 6; Mt. Allison, 4.

Wolville, N. S., Feb. 20.—(Special)—Acadia defeated Mount Allison at hockey here tonight by a score of 6 to 4. The ice was in very poor condition. From start to finish the game was a battle royal and the enthusiasm of the spectators was at its height. The second half was swift and rough. After a few minutes Acadia slid the rubber into Archibald's good work prevented a score. After a few minutes Acadia slid the rubber into Archibald's good work prevented a score. After a few minutes Acadia slid the rubber into Archibald's good work prevented a score.

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SKATING

Relay Race Saturday.

The relay race in the Victoria rink on Saturday night is creating considerable interest in skating circles. The race will start at 9:45 o'clock and last half an hour. The entries will close this evening. Among those entered are: A. Logan and Wright; M. Bell and R. McLean; Johnston and Colahan; Cunningham and Fowler; W. Bell and Whitebone; Hunter and Alcorn; Coleman and R. Belya; Longley and Shellington; Hipwell and Riley; Campbell and Shepp.

The awful blow has fallen.

The M. P. A. A. A. it is reported, has suspended all the skaters who took part in the maritime championships here on