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THE LONELY GUARD,

NORMAN INNES,

CHAPTER VIII

I supped alone that evening in high ill-humor—matter of those jewels stuck in my gorge. Earlier, Count Otto von Wegen had offered to do his best to procure me an invitation to sup with himself and his cousins, had suggested that any small concession I might make to their prejudices would be amply repaid, and had gone so far as to hint that my presence at the ladies' table would relieve him of no little embarrassment, but my temper was such that I could meet his overtures for conciliation neither favorably nor fairly. Giving him no credit for good intention, I curtly refused his offer, once more hinted broadly that my position in Rohm differed widely from his and assured him that it was impossible for me to make the smallest advances towards a better understanding with the Countess.

Nay, once or twice I had it on the tip of my tongue to charge him then and there with having robbed me of the jewels that I had seen about his cousin's neck. I was satisfied that I had recognized the collar, knew circumstances backed my suspicion, but yet I hesitated. Clearer proof of his knavery was necessary, and I could not find it. Perhaps he was annoyed, but whatever his feelings it was out of temper with myself, with Rohm and its mistresses and above all with this von Wegen that I swallowed a hasty supper and sought refuge from bitter thoughts in a weary history of the campaigns of Gustavus Adolphus. Page after page I read of march, negotiation and battle, but failed in gaining either interest or even sleep from the historian's long-winded periods. At length as the light was failing, I tossed the volume aside and sprang from my chair to seek relaxation in a game of chess with the priest. He was usually to be found in the library after supper—as far as I recognized the voice of those in the room adjoining for the conduct of those beneath my charge, were never strictly enforced.

Down the main corridor I strode and into the eastern gallery, I paused before the door opening into the library at the sound of voices within. It was the priest, doubtless speaking with one of the servants, and having always been most careful to avoid any appearance of interfering with the domestic affairs of the castle, I strolled to the further end of the gallery to wait till the servant had retired. A window was open before me, and I leaned upon the sill, looking out over flower-garden and battlements to the distant plain over which the night mist was creeping. It was very still, the moon had not yet risen and a few stars were glimmering on a pearl grey sky. It was hot, too, and as I stood in the shadow of the heavy curtains, an intense weariness stole over me. Indeed I came near to falling asleep as I leaned with my elbows upon the sill. My eyes were almost closing when, starting suddenly, I was wide awake in an instant, as I recognized the voices of those in the room adjoining. The speakers, it seemed, were standing close beside the library window, their speech was low, but so still was the night that every word fell clear on my ears as though I stood at their side.

They were the Countess Inez and her cousin.

"Surely thou wilt believe me," the man was saying. "Can I give thee further proof than my word as Count of the Empire?"

"Nay, Otto," his cousin rejoined, after a moment's pause, "but it seems strange indeed, and thou art

the Duke's household, of the Queen's guards. Why hast thou done this?"

It was in my heart to tip-toe down the corridor, to withdraw quietly was no overstatement, no spy to suck the secrets of a man and amid the pretence of a service to the State—but as I turned, von Wegen's answer and the dry laughter that accompanied it, held me as though bound hand and foot.

"Why, cousin mine? Canst thou ask? That I may gain the surer information, play my part in greater security. Who would dream that an officer of a Grenadier Regiment of the Guard would hold correspondence with the Elector, though he were a son of a score of von Wegens whose interest and service were ever with Bavaria?"

"Assembling, I clutched at the curtain, the Countess spoke. Truth to tell she seemed doubtful of the knave's tale.

"But the bulk of thy estates lie upon the Austrian side of the frontier. Thou hast ventured far, Otto, hast risked much?"

"Aye, I know it and must walk with care, yet who knows the issue of the quarrel. For the moment the Queen's star is in the ascendant, but within the year when the new French levy is raised, and when Prussian Fritz grows weary of the truce, Austrian affairs may take a blacker hue. The English have small interest in our business, are courted by Prussia, and should their government withdraw its subsidy, your Elector is likely to be Emperor to boot."

"And then?" demanded the lady.

"Ah, who knows, but trust me, much have I risked for Bavaria, cousin. I have worked cautiously, have told none of my schemes but thee. Canst thou doubt me longer, withhold thy favour to my sister?"

He paused abruptly, mayhap he caught the oath but half-stilled, that escaped me. Trembling I stood in the curtain's shadow, trembling for jealousy, loathing and triumph. So this handsome scornful gallant was a traitor self-confessed and ten thousand times a crime in my eyes, a traitor to his cousin's hand. And I had him in my power, held his life forfeit mayhap, nay, for a moment thought to end the matter then and there. But prudence bade me wait, and besides the strange excitement to which I was a prey, forbade any immediate action. No idle boast was his that few would suspect him of that which he had confessed, one of his rank and influence might laugh at the unsubstantiated evidence of a single accuser. But I had discovered him, him whom I had hated from our first meeting, this knave who had been so glib in accusing one whose crime was as nothing to his. What mattered the necklet now? Thine he might be, traitor he was of a surety.

(To be continued.)

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MOVE FOR CHEAPER SCHOOL BOOKS

Board of Education Appoints Committee to Make Inquiry

Premier Hazen, Hon. John Morrissey and Dr. Inch Chosen—Many Vacant Offices Filled—Government to Meet in St. John Friday—U. N. B. Defeats St. Francis Xavier in Joint Debate.

Fredericton, March 25—The board of education, as at present constituted, held their first meeting this afternoon. Governor Twelfth presided. The question of procuring a reduction in price of school books was under consideration and a committee composed of Premier Hazen, Dr. Inch and Hon. John Morrissey was appointed to look into the matter and submit a report at a later date.

A meeting of the executive was held this evening, but only routine matters were discussed. The members will likely go to St. John tomorrow evening to meet at hospital conjurers.

The U. N. B. representatives from St. Francis Xavier College of Antigonish in joint debate before a large audience at the opera house this evening by forty-two points. Lieutenant Governor Twelfth presided and the judges were: Justice Russell of Halifax; Police Magistrate Ritchie of St. John, and J. D. Phinney, K. C., of

far more infamous than that of any ordinary murderer.

This matter has been brought to my attention by the Mayor of the city of Antigonish. I wish every effort made, to get the criminals under the federal law. It may be impossible to do this. I shall also, through the Secretary of State, call the attention of the Governor of New Jersey to the circumstances, so that he may proceed under the State law, his attention being further drawn to the fact that the newspaper is circulated in other States.

"After you have concluded your investigation I wish a report from you to serve as a basis for recommendations by me for action by Congress. Under section No. 3,893 of the Revised Statutes, books and letters for indecent uses are excluded from the mail, and provision is made for imprisonment of those guilty. The newspaper article in question advocates murder by dynamite. It especially advocates the murder of enlisted men of the United States Army and the officers of the police force and the burning of the houses of private citizens. The preaching of murder and arson, if it is not already forbidden by law, should be forbidden.

The immigration law now prohibits the entry into the United States of any person who entertains or advocates the views expressed in this newspaper article. It is, of course, inexcusable to permit those already here to promulgate such views. Those who write, publish and circulate those articles stand on a level with those who use the mails for distributing poisons for the purpose of murder, and convictions have been obtained when the mails have been used for the distribution of poisons. No law should require the Postmaster-General to become accessory to murder by circulating literature of this kind."

Please see to it if it is not possible to prosecute criminally under any section of the law that is available the men that are interested in the sending out of this anarchistic and murderous publication. They are, of course, the enemies of mankind, and every effort should be strained to hold them accountable for an offence

QUEBEC BRIDGE A COSTLY AFFAIR

Had Taken About \$8,000,000 of Government Money Up to Time of Collapse.

Ottawa, March 25—The civil service commission report will be presented to the house tomorrow.

In reply to R. L. Bouché Mr. Oliver said that the investigation into the Dickey case was not yet completed but from what could be learned so far Dr. Dickey was the writer of the letter signed W. H. Dods.

In reply to a question Mr. Fleming said: In the session of 1899 the government granted a subsidy of \$1,000,000 towards the Quebec bridge under the terms of legislation secured from parliament. Last session the government advanced 2,000,000 to the Quebec Bridge Company, receiving in return guaranteed bonds of the company to the amount of \$475,000.

In the session of 1903 the government guaranteed bonds to the amount of \$6,672,000. The bonds so guaranteed were delivered to a trust company to be applied to the purposes of the undertaking, they had not, however, been issued to the public. The bonds were used as collateral in raising loans from the banks to the amount, including interest up to June 3, 1907, of \$5,661,507. The government advance of \$2,000,000 has been applied in reduction of this indebtedness. The cost of the Quebec bridge including the Chaudiere bridge and the railway approaches to March 1, 1903, was \$6,899,033.40 which is to be added interest from June 30, 1907, on the advances for which the bonds of the company were pledged. This cost included for customs duty, harbor dues and fees, \$510,288. No estimate has been made as to the cost of reconstruction.

The budget debate was continued today by Messrs. Miller, Lake and Schell.

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No Change in Governor Guild.
Boston, March 25—The condition of Governor Guild has not changed since noon yesterday. At 10.30 o'clock tonight, Dr. Winslow issued the following bulletin: "Governor Guild holds his own well and is resting comfortably."

HUGHES REFUSES TO SAVE GILLETTE FROM THE CHAIR

Albany, March 25—Chester Gillette, of Cortland, must die in the electric chair at Auburn Prison next week for the murder of his sweetheart, Grace Brown, at Big Moose Lake, two years ago. Governor Hughes tonight definitely announced that he had carefully examined the evidence in the case and had found no ground which would justify him in interfering with the judgment of the court.

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