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(Continued.)

It was past four in the afternoon and the sweat stood in beads on my brow.

"And you let them go," I gasped, through clenched teeth.

"The Count is an officer and I must obey," replied the corporal faintly. "And besides he insisted that the men should ride with them."

"And you fell into the trap, don't you?" I asked, with little reason—no doubt had I now that that liquor I had swallowed at Vornau had been drugged. "Bring the men hither and parade the squadron."

Scant was the information, little the comfort I gained from the two. It seems they had crossed the river and mounted a path running eastward, doubtless the one I had followed two days before. Within half an hour von Wegen, it seems, had hidden them half, had told them that he and the ladies were going forward to meet me, and that if they did not return within two hours, they were to ride back to the castle, as he, the Countess and I would have returned by another road. In accordance with his orders they had waited the allotted time and then had ridden back to Rohn without a suspicion of having been duped.

Roundly I upbraided them for ever having left the ladies roundly I cursed my corporal for suffering them to pass the gate. "For myself I had neither curses nor pity, nor ought I to be twice, thrice I had been beguiled by this von Wegen and was beyond all aid save that of bullet or halberd."

Into the castle I went in my despair, searching each nook and cranny for those ladies, and found not a living soul save the servants and old Father Juan.

"Where are they?" cried the priest, whoing my words. "I should put the question to thee, rather?"

"To me," cried I.

"Aye, since they tell me they rode north in thy company."

"Tausend teufels," cried I, "Ye speak in riddles, the pack o' ye."

"The colour was dying in the old man's cheeks, his voice quavered. "Hearken and I will tell thee, my son," he faltered. "I sought the children half an hour after noon, when as a rule I dine with them in the chamber that fronts the garden, and when they came not, I asked of the steward, and he told me how that they had ridden forth from the castle above an hour in company of the Austrian officer. And thou art here, and they?"

"God knows, father," I muttered. "Then, it was with the other, their parents, they rode?"

"His voice broke in a sob. "God have them in his mercy."

Speechless, with dim eyes, the old man joined in my hopeless search, nay, he never left me that afternoon but sat restless in my chamber while I wrote briefly of what had befallen to General Khevenhuller in Munich and to the Governor of Salzburg, Colonel von Nattern. North and south I sent my messengers with those first despatches; north, south, east, west, was my squadron scattered to learn tidings of, or, if possible, to overtake the fugitives. Little hope

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(To be continued.)

INVALID BOY BECOMES HERO

He Plunges Into the East River and Rescues Drowning Mother and Babe

New York, April 1.—Seeking the life-giving pure air for her two-year-old baby girl, whom she carried in her arms, Mrs. Mary Mullen, of No. 1207 First Avenue, fell from the pier at the foot of East Sixty-fourth St. into the river. But for the heroism of an eighteen-year-old boy, Joseph Lacour, of No. 200 East Sixty-third Street, himself an invalid in search of health, both mother and child would have drowned.

Mrs. Mullen's little daughter, Margaret, has been ill for some time and the mother is subject to fits of epilepsy. Almost daily she has taken the little girl, to the Sea Breeze Home, at the foot of East Sixty-fifth Street, for treatment. Yesterday afternoon after seeing the doctors, she walked almost to the end of the pier with the child at her breast, when she was suddenly seized with epilepsy and began to stagger.

The woman tried hard to control herself, but lost consciousness and plunged over the edge of the pier into the cold water with the child still in her arms.

Young Lacour, a student at the City College of New York, where he was studying engineering up to six months ago, when he was compelled to abandon his studies on account of a breakdown of his health, was attracted by the cries of a man who had seen the accident, but had made no move to help them.

Without hesitation Lacour plunged overboard. The current was running swiftly and he was hampered by his clothing, but he finally managed to seize the child upon his back. Then he seized the mother and swam to the pier. He supported himself, keeping the heads of both mother and infant above the water until a tugboat steamed up, and they were pulled aboard.

All three were in a state of collapse, and were hurried to the Plover Hospital. There in the emergency ward Drs. Letton and Day devoted their attention to Mrs. Mullen, Dr. Curtis to the child and Drs. Case and Boston to Lacour. The hardest kind of work at artificial respiration was necessary in every case, but finally all were brought back to consciousness. They were then given stimulants and put to bed.

THISTLES HAVE ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Thistle Curling Club held last evening in the club rooms, the following officers were elected: J. C. Chesley, president; J. W. Cameron, vice-president; E. M. Smith, secretary; D. McClelland, treasurer; J. Archdeacon, Raymond, chaplain.

The business proceedings were followed by an enjoyable smoker which proved one of the most successful ever held in the history of the club.

A summary of the games played by the club this season follows:

- Games Won.
- Jan. 16—Thistles vs. Pictou, McLeLellan Cup, by default.
- Jan. 20—Thistles, 97, vs. Fredericton, Ian Cup, by default.
- Jan. 21—Thistles, 97, vs. Fredericton, 72, friendly game.
- Jan. 21—Thistles vs. Antigonish, McLeLellan Cup, by default.
- Jan. 23—Thistles, 48, vs. Miramichi, 45, McLeLellan cup game.
- Jan. 25—Thistles, 240, vs. St. Andrews, 237, Raymond cup series.
- Jan. 28—Thistles, 73, vs. St. Andrews, 69, McLeLellan cup series.
- Jan. 30—Thistles, 65, vs. Truro, 31, McLeLellan cup series.
- Feb. 1—Thistles, 254, vs. St. Andrews, 292, Raymond cup series.
- Feb. 3—Thistles 103, Carleton 99, Friendly game.
- Feb. 4—Thistles 67, Carleton 38, McLeLellan cup game.
- Feb. 5—Thistles 67, Campbellton 51, McCaffrey trophy game.
- Feb. 6—Thistles 69, Moncton 38, McLeLellan cup game.
- Feb. 11—Thistles, 40, Chatham, 31, McLeLellan cup game.
- Feb. 13—Thistles 74, Halifax 26, McLeLellan cup game.
- Feb. 20—Thistles 34, St. Stephen 28, McLeLellan cup game.
- Feb. 24—Thistles 71, New Glasgow 43, McLeLellan cup game.
- March 6—Thistles 64, Sackville 50, McCaffrey trophy game.
- March 18—Thistles 23, Hampton 8, Friendly game.

Games Lost.

- Jan. 18—St. Andrews 231, Thistles 225, Raymond cup series.
- Feb. 19—Carleton 98, Thistles 78, Friendly game.
- Feb. 19—Yarmouth 32, Thistles 22, Friendly game.
- Feb. 22—Hampton 39, Thistles 35, Friendly game.
- Feb. 26—St. Stephen 80, Thistles 61, McCaffrey trophy game.
- March 2—Fredericton 118, Thistles 84, McCaffrey trophy series.

The Indian Poets to Visit St. John.

Those who in the near future hear Pauline Johnson and Walter McEwen in their St. John evening, will have a rare treat. Mr. McEwen has strong dramatic talent. Humor and pathos mingle in his Habitant selections. Miss Johnson, in the Indian costume, makes one realize she is the daughter of Ojibway and grand-daughter of "Disappearing of the Indian summer mist." The silver brooches over her Indian dress were buried for safe keeping at Niagara in the war between the Mohawks and Hurons about the year 1649.

Redmen Die, relates to an incident of the war. The four bits of silver were plundered from the Huron camp by the Mohawks, who in battle exterminated the Hurons. "The Legend of 'Appelle Valley'" and "Canadian Boy" will be among her readings that evening. Miss Johnson is well educated and speaks English rapidly and fluently.

The Irish Literary & Benevolent Society has elected Hon. R. J. Ritchie, president; John O'Regan, 1st vice; John Crowley, 2nd vice; Fred Kelly, recording secretary; James Lee, financial secretary; P. J. Gorman, treasurer; M. J. Nugent, Mathew O'Neil, J. Olsen McWilliams, trustees; Arthur McHugh, librarian; John Callahan, sergeant-at-arms.

H. J. ANDERSON'S SUIT FOR RIGHTS CLAIMED AS PARTNER

In the equity court yesterday, hearing in the suit of H. J. Anderson vs. R. D. Isaacs, The Northwestern Land & Investment Co., Ltd., et al, was begun before Chief Justice Barker. It was continued at 10 o'clock this morning. H. D. Forbes and M. G. Teed, K. C., represent the plaintiff, and L. P. D. Tilley and H. A. Powell, K. C., represent the defendants.

Up to the early part of 1907 a partnership was carried on under the name of the Northwestern Land & Investment Company for the purpose of dealing in western lands and doing a general brokerage business. On or about February of last year a company was incorporated for the same purposes, and it took over the business of the partnership.

The plaintiff claims to have had an interest in the partnership and seeks a share of its profits. The defendants deny that he was a partner and say that he was a salaried employe of the partnership.

Yesterday the bill and answers were read and Alfred A. Clark was called on behalf of the plaintiff. He testified that he had bought three lots of land from the partnership, and that on one occasion, while in their office, Mr. Isaacs, designating the plaintiff, said "This is my partner," or words of like significance.

The secretary-treasurer of the company, H. Leslie Coombs, was also called for the plaintiff. His evidence was that for some time previous to February 1907 a partnership subsisted between R. D. Isaacs and Mrs. Coombs, wife of the witness, his business being the same as that of the company which was afterwards incorporated and which now buys and sells lands, etc. The plaintiff and the witness were salaried employes of the partnership, as the witness now is of the company.

Mr. Teed pointed out that the books of the partnership showed the witness, the plaintiff and Mr. Isaacs to have drawn almost corresponding amounts. The witness explained that to his knowledge there was no salary paid for Mr. Isaacs.

The plaintiff's counsel then put in evidence a cheque drawn on the Union Bank of Halifax for \$25. It was drawn by H. J. Anderson, "treasurer," but with no further designation. H. Leslie Coombs was the payee and the cheque was indorsed by him. The witness said that the cheque was drawn by Anderson as "treasurer" because of his having deposited as "treasurer" \$25 in the Union Bank, where the partnership did not have an account, and in order to obtain the amount he had to sign the cheque in the same capacity in which he had deposited it. It did not mean that he was treasurer of the partnership.

The incorporators of the company were: R. D. Isaacs, Wm. H. Meneray, Wm. Banks, Mrs. H. Leslie Coombs and John Hannah.

Mr. Teed referred to a draft petition for incorporation prepared in the fall of 1906 by E. R. Chapman. It contained the name of the plaintiff as a proposed incorporator. It was not placed in evidence however.

H. A. Powell, K. C., cross-examined the witness at some length and the court rose until this morning.

MARINE OFFICIALS WERE SUSPENDED FOR INSUBORDINATION

Ottawa, April 2.—The leader of the opposition asked the premier, when the house met today, if the report, that Judge Walter Cassels refused to act as commissioner to enquire into the marine department, was correct.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that he had just received a letter from Mr. Cassels as he was entering the chamber, but had not yet time to read it.

Mr. Borden wanted to know on what grounds the officials of the marine department were suspended, seeing that the charges of the commissioners were general.

Mr. Brodeur said that one of the officers, A. W. Owen, the accountant, was suspended sometime ago. After the report of the royal commission was received, J. F. Fraser, the commissioner of lights, and J. U. Gregory, the agent at Quebec, were suspended. They were suspended because orders he had given were disregarded by them.

Mr. Brodeur—It was something affecting his private conduct, and I do not want to prejudice his case.

Mr. Borden—What was it for?

Mr. Brodeur—I will tell the leader of the opposition privately. No interest would be served in making it public.

Mr. Brodeur told the leader of the opposition that he would bring down the papers affecting the suspension of Fraser and Gregory.

The speaker announced that a meeting would be held in the railway committee tomorrow of members and senators to discuss and devise the best way of promoting the interests of the battlefields project.

OVERSEAS MAIL CONTRACT HAS ABOUT EXPIRED

Montreal, April 2.—There is a prospect that the famous "Overseas Mail" instituted last year by the Canadian Pacific Railway and steamship service between Liverpool and Hong Kong will come to an end within a few weeks, by the expiry of the contract.

The present contract with the British government comes to an end in about a month. In fact the overseas mail, which leaves Liverpool for the Orient Friday by the Empress of Ireland, will be the last westbound mail under the old contract, while one more overseas will make the trip from Hong Kong to Liverpool under the same arrangement.

Whether the service will be continued or not depends upon the action of the British government. Negotiations are now under way between the Canadian Pacific and the home government for a renewal of the contract, and it is expected that this will be done. Until the imperial government reaches a decision, however, nothing can be said on this side as to whether the famous service will be continued or not.

TITLE OR DEBT CUTS NO FIGURE

Chicago, April 2.—"A title does not make a man, neither do debts." This is the first public statement that Theodore P. Shonts has made concerning his titled son-in-law, Luc de Chalmes et de Picquigny. It was given today at the Auditorium Annex, where Mr. Shonts was luncheon after a conference with financiers.

"It is not wise to generalize about a matter of title," said Mr. Shonts. "The possession or lack of a title has nothing whatever to do with the worth of a man. And a man's debts may prove his worth. It takes a good man to get into debt and live comfortably."

"Is it true," he was asked, "that the Duke has become incriminated with the American germ of work?"

"Well," laughed Mr. Shonts, "it hasn't broken out in a virulent form as yet, but then he is on his honeymoon and cannot be expected to turn from these pleasures. I tell you, the Duke is a square-shouldered young man who looks the world right in the face and wants only a chance. And he is going to get it. I know that he is going to plunge into it and make good at it. If he does make good he will find me behind him."

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HARVARD HAS AN ANARCHIST PAPER.

But it is Only a "Joke" Sheet Edited by a number of Clever Students.

Cambridge, Mass., April 1.—A freak sheet, intended to be funny, and called the "Harvard Anarchist," has been sprung on Cambridge. It is a large four-page publication printed on flaring red paper, and edited by J. S. Ivins, son of the well-known New York politician who ran for Mayor of the city on the Republican ticket against both Hearst and McClelland. The "Anarchist" is filled with quips at the expense of the professors and the political clubs. It took the college by storm and within twenty-four hours passed into six editions.

The sponsorship of the new sheet was accredited to many sources. The editors of the "Lampoon" declared that they would willingly claim the ownership if they could. Undergraduates finally traced the responsibility to young Ivins. Friends of Ivins professed to entertain fears that he had actually turned anarchist but he assured them that he had not, but that he had been prompted to issue the "Anarchist" as a sort of sarcastic reply to the "Harvard Democrat" which had been issued the week before by the Harvard Democratic Club and edited by his clubmate, Samuel Bowles.

The Platform of the "Anarchist" is given as follows: "We are for Political Clubs, Anarchy, Socialism, Prohibition, Women's Suffrage, Piracy, Trial Marriage, Lynch Law, and No Exams." The paper contained a rumour of daring fake interviews, in which popular professors were humorously caricatured, this feature being the most popular among the undergraduates in general. The leader of the new party at Harvard was pictured as "Patrick Sansculotte Kescauskis," who in reality is Max Kessler, the second hand clothes dealer of the university.

ONCE FAMOUS STEAMER IS HUMBLE COAL BARGE NOW

Providence, R. I., April 2.—All that is left of the steamer General Slocum which figured in the worst marine disaster in the history of the country, when she was burned off North Brother Island near New York and over one thousand lives were lost, arrived in this port yesterday as the barge Maryland with 1,250 tons of coal. With her new paint and trim appearance the boat shows little sign of the catastrophe which was enacted in June, 1904.

On that date, the General Slocum, loaded with about 1,800 passengers, mostly women and children, members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of New York, left her pier in the East River, bound for a day's outing. Before the craft had gone three miles down the river, fire was discovered and a panic immediately ensued. Some were saved, but when the roll was finally compiled it was estimated that over 1,500 had met their death.

FREDERICK W. THOMSON, FISH INSPECTOR, DEAD

Frederick W. Thomson, one of the best known residents of the North End, died early this morning at the age of 68 years. He was the government fish inspector on the South wharf. He had been in poor health for more than a year, and had been confined to the house for the last five weeks. The cause of death was heart trouble.

Mr. Thomson was survived by two sons and three daughters. The sons are Charles W. and Frederick C., both of this city. Mrs. F. D. Miles, of Douglas Avenue; Mrs. George T. Harding, of Bangor, and Miss Blenda S. Thomson, are the daughters. Mrs. Charles E. Calkin, of Linden (Mass.), is a sister. The news of Mr. Thomson's death will be heard with general regret.

POSTMISTRESS CONTRACTS SMALLPOX FROM HANDLING MAILS

Weston, Ont., April 2.—Yesterday Mrs. John Barker, wife of the postmaster here, was taken to the hospital at Toronto, suffering from smallpox. It is supposed she contracted the disease through handling the mail.

Ottawa Official Resigns. Ottawa, April 2.—It is understood that W. J. Bredner, chief clerk of the customs department, has accepted a position from the manufacturers association.