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PRINCESS ZARA

BY ROSS-BEECKMAN.

(Continued)

"She would not wish to come here, monsieur. Princess Zara once had a lover who became crazed, and was killed here in the palace by one of the guards, I believe, so."

"Yes—yes, I understand. You did right. Stop! One word before you go. This conspiracy to which you referred, against the whole royal family, are you sure that you have got at the root of it?"

"As sure as I am that I am here in the presence of the Czar of Russia."

"You have never failed me yet, Derrington. And I grasped my by the hand."

"And I never will, monsieur."

"Well, go. I shall expect you soon after daylight."

In reality there was little for me to do that night, more than I had already done, and yet it was impossible that I should be shut up in the palace with so much taking place throughout the city, immediately under my direction and over which it was imperative that I must retain supervision. I knew that there would be frequent demands upon for authority to do and perform certain things, and it was important that I should be on hand. I was always provided with the necessary papers for any official line that I might be called upon to perform. This had been arranged in the beginning, the better to preserve the secret of my business in St. Petersburg. I had innumerable imperial passports signed and sealed in black, and there was no outside authority exercised by any official of the realm which I had not prepared to meet. In short, my power was in many respects greater than that of the czar himself for I was always prepared for whatever I might have to do in any or all the departments of the empire.

The whole of the night I had under consideration, and that I had decided to make them a little sooner than was my first intention, was due in part to the danger surrounding the princess; in part to my own sudden formed determination to complete my business there and return to the United States; and lastly, to the fact that the last few reports I had received so nearly completed the knowledge I had striven to attain, that I came to the conclusion that my work was done, and that it was time to draw the net. My salary was enormous, and already amounted to a competence, and I knew that if I remained in Russia, sooner or later somebody would find me out, and then there would be short shift for me between the nihilists on the one hand, and the jealous nobility on the other, for the latter saw in me nothing but an interloper who had stolen their prerogatives.

My first business on leaving the emperor, was to call upon Jean Moret, for now his usefulness was past, and the time had come for me to keep my word with him, and set him free. Somewhere in the world he would be able to find a safe haven of shelter from the enemies who would claim vengeance; and now, after my net was drawn this night, there would be few active nihilists remaining to seek his life.

"Well, Jean," I said, as I entered the room where he was confined, "would you like to leave prison and Russia?"

"Indeed, I would, sir," he replied. "There is nothing that would make me quite so happy as that. Has the time come to let me go?"

"I think so. Are you quite sure that there is nothing that would make you as happy as permission and passports to leave the country?"

"Quite."

"Not even—"

"No, not even that to which you refer, or are about to refer. I have had plenty of time for thought, since you brought me here, and I have unraveled the fact that I made a consummate fool of myself. I will not deny that I still love her, or that I probably always will love her, but I know that she never did, and never will, love me. That ends it, you see, and so I am glad to get away."

"Was it the princess, Jean?" I asked.

"You have been very good to me, Mr. Derrington. And I ought to deny you nothing. Still I hope you will not ask me to tell you anything concerning the woman I was foolish enough to love so madly."

"I honor you for that expression, Jean, and I will ask you only one question. You can reply to it readily enough. Do you love her still, and well enough, so that you wish her every happiness? So well that you cherish her ill will against her for what she did to you?"

"I would give up my liberty, now, to be assured that she might always be happy; yes, even to know that she has broken with the nihilists; for sooner than later they would lead her to Siberia. Will you

answer one question for me, Mr. Derrington?"

"Willingly."

"Has she been arrested?" He did not appreciate the confession involved in his question.

"No; and she will not be. She has also broken with the nihilists. And, Moret, I wish you to know that I honor you for not telling me her name. I know to whom you refer."

He was silent a moment, until with some confusion in his manner, he said:

"I would like to shake hands with you, Mr. Derrington. You are a good man, and in whatever country Jean Moret finds a home, there you will always find a friend of yours."

We had some other conversation, and then I gave him his passport, together with sufficient money for his needs. I personally conducted him from the place of imprisonment, and we finally parted in the street. That was the last I ever saw of Jean Moret, but whatever his ultimate fate, I knew him to be a man of sterling qualities.

From there I made my way to the office of my friend Canfield, where it was arranged that I should receive the reports of my men, and there, closeted with Canfield, I remained until daylight. Messengers were coming and going constantly, and I knew long before dawn that every plan intended by Canfield, I knew that when the sun rose, there would not be a half dozen real nihilists at liberty in St. Petersburg, and that the order would be paralyzed and broken throughout the empire. To just particular attention, and that those who were arrested and disposition of those who knew Zara and Ivan, personally, and who were aware of her condemnation to death by the order. Many of those who were arrested that night, were sent to St. Petersburg for long terms of imprisonment; but I could not be criticised for that, for they one and all deserved to go. I was yet to meet with an adventure before I returned to the emperor, however.

After leaving Canfield I sought an interview with O'Malley. I found that with out going out of my way, I could pass the residence of the prince, where I believed Zara to be peacefully sleeping, for I knew that Durniel must have suffered arrest before there was opportunity for him to carry out the order. I had taken the train to the czar told me that he had been sent after the princess, I had every confidence that the man would be arrested before he could gain admittance to Zara's presence. Later, at Canfield's office, I had received the report that he had been taken.

(To be continued.)

CHATHAM NEWS

Tax Rate is Now \$2.30—Anchors and Chains Stolen From Scow.

Chatham, N. B., July 5.—Chatham's tax rate for 1909 will be \$2.30 on \$100 with a poll tax of \$5. This was the report of the chairman of the finance committee at the council meeting tonight and means a slight reduction from last year.

A bold robbery was perpetrated on Saturday evening, when two kedge anchors with chains were stolen from J. & J. W. Anderson's scow as it was tied up at the wharf. The police are working on the case.

E. S. Peacock's services in behalf of St. John's church choir were recognized tonight by the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Peacock of a handsome music cabinet and set of dishes at a pleasant gathering at their home.

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MR. TIFFIN TALKS ON

ST. JOHN AND I. C. R.

E. Tiffin, of the I. C. R. board of management, and Mrs. Tiffin arrived in the city last evening and registered at the Royal. Mr. Tiffin's visit here at this time, he said, had to do with the I. C. R. water supply from the city, and he was to meet the water board this morning. The road owes the city about \$4,000.

Asked if St. John was next in line for an I. C. R. shake up, Mr. Tiffin would make no announcement. When he was asked with reference to a rumor of the closing of the I. C. R. district freight office here, he said it was absurd, that nothing of the kind was contemplated.

He could see no reason for losing sleep here with reference to the laying off of employees. St. John, with other places, he said, was under consideration by the commission. Retrenchment was the order and if it was found that it could be worked here to advantage steps would be taken along those lines. Other than this he could say nothing.

Mr. Tiffin will leave this evening for Moncton.

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



NE WSATIN BATH SUIT WITH CAP TO MATCH.

Satin is the favored material for bathing suits this season, and many charming costumes for the bath are seen, made of plain black or blue satin or in fancy effects. This black satin suit it brightened considerably by the bias strappings of black and white satin in stripe pattern. The suit is in two pieces, the tucked waist being made separately and then attached to the skirt, the pointed effect at the waistline in front being decidedly new. This suit is, of course, worn over a corset and bathing tights of closely woven silk or black cotton.

WHAT IT COST UNITED STATES TO CELEBRATE "THE FOURTH"

This Year's Casualties Not as Large as Usual But at the Same Time it Was More Dangerous Than a "War"

New York, July 5.—Four dead and 337 injured—a score dangerous and at least one so seriously that death seems certain—was the record of New York's "old-fashioned" fourth, up to a late hour tonight. The 10 of injured and perhaps of dead will be swelled with complete reports from Long Island and other suburban districts.

Philadelphia, July 5.—One death and 380 persons injured is the result of Independence day celebrations in this city up to midnight.

Boston, July 5.—Young America in Boston became aroused to the fact it was the fourth of July tonight and added a fitting accompaniment of noise to the various evening displays of fireworks, but otherwise throughout the "night before" and during the entire day, there was a markedly insignificant observance of the day along the lines of former years.

If there were less apparent interest in the day it had a favorable side in the lessening of the number of accidents, not a fatality due to fireworks occurring in the city during the 24 hours and there were a comparatively small number of serious accidents. There were the usual number of incidents of fire but none of any considerable damage.

The Charles River regatta was marked by the accidental drowning of one of the competing oarsmen, otherwise these sports, with the field events on the common and other places, the yachting and other festivities were carried out with zest and enthusiasm, the bright, clear sky and cool atmosphere marking the day as one of the most delightful of the season.

The police last tonight gave out the official list of injured, which totalled 110 injured, five seriously.

Camden, N. J., July 5.—During a celebration in Reservoir Park tonight a non exploded, a piece of which killed Mrs. Emma Hebel and her six-weeks-old infant, Charles Mullian, 17 years old, had the top of his head torn off and cannot live. Geo. Houser, 19 years old, was also badly injured.

Boston, July 5.—The unwilling contribution of New England to the list of

deaths caused directly or indirectly by the observance of the fourth of July was comparatively small today, but six persons coming within the broadest interpretation of such fatalities. Of the six deaths, but one, that of Mrs. Margerie Hauskalters at Medford, was due to the use of fireworks, while firearms caused two other deaths, although neither was a direct result of the observance. The day's toll from New England includes the following victims:

Edward Morley, 78 years old, Boston, drowned while rowing in the Charles River in a regatta.

Mrs. Margerie Hauskalters, 40 years old, of Medford, burned to death by fireworks.

Benjamin C. Meuse, 7 years old, Watertown, killed by train while collecting material for a bonfire.

James Corcoran, 28 years old, of Lowell, at Portland, Maine, killed by dropping from balloon.

Stainslaw Posinkis, 25 years old, Brookton, head blown off by shotgun.

Alphonse Gideon, 14, Tiverton (R. I.), killed by stray bullet, probably fired by celebrator.

The number of minor injuries, some of which may yet result in death, is large, but it is believed much smaller than the average. Large fires were few in number, one at Rumford Falls, Maine, which started in timber from a firecracker, causing a damage of \$100,000 to lumber and paper mills and material.

Everything considered, today's celebration is believed to be one of unusual freedom from serious mishaps.

Bangor, Me., July 5.—About a dozen accidents occurred here during the celebration. Samuel Albert, pedlar, was hit by a dynamite cracker thrown purposely into his face, and one eye was injured so badly that it was removed. The sight of the other is affected. The police have not been able to locate the assailant. Dennis Curran, a captain in the fire department, was knocked down during a horse race and injured internally. He will live.

St. Louis, July 5.—Two deaths today were added to yesterday's fatalities as incident to the Independence day celebration.

CAPE BRETON COAL MINES CENTRE OF LABOR STORM

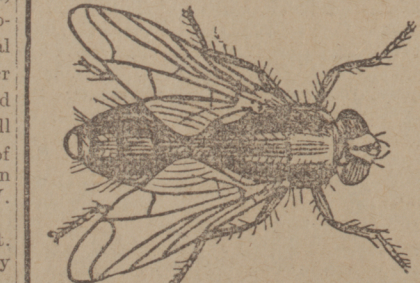
All the American Union Miners Have Been Called Out But There is a Difference of Opinion as to How Many Will Obey—P. W. A. Men Say Collieries Will Not Be Affected.

Glouce Bay, N. S., July 5.—The strike of U. M. W. employees of the Dominion Coal Company is on. The streets are crowded with men and meetings are being held at all the different colliery centres where U. M. W. locals are organized and the strike order is being promulgated by the heads of the order.

It is hard to give a definite idea as to how many men will come out tomorrow. The U. M. W. officials claim that eighty-five per cent. of the present employees of the coal company will obey the order issued by the district executive, P. W. A. officials, on the other hand, say that all their men will work and these are said, on the same authority, to be a goodly proportion of the men working for the coal company. Other opinion is that the larger proportion of the men will come out and that at the most the coal company will not be able to operate more than two of their collieries. Reserve and Dominion No. 1 are said to be the strongest P. W. A. centres.

Coal officials are on the streets tonight. Manager Duggan will remain at Glouce Bay all night.

The force of constables appointed at last session of the county council have been armed with rifles and revolvers and those who are willing to act are being sworn in today. Some of these men have refused to act as constables, and consequently are not being sworn in.



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SUSSEX CROPS WERE DAMAGED BY HAIL STORM

Potatoes and Other Vegetables Were Stripped of Their Leaves Yesterday and Much Damage Done

Sussex, N. B., July 5.—Foster Tamblin, son of Charles Tamblin, of Newtown, died last night at his home, aged twenty-seven years. Deceased, who has been in the United States for some time, returned home about two months ago in poor health. Tuberculosis had its grip upon him which wasted his life away. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from his father's residence; interment at Newtown cemetery, Rev. Dr. Rogers officiating.

This afternoon a severe thunder storm visited Sussex, carrying in its wake a tremendous shower of hail. The ice that fell was as large as an English cherry and the ground was covered with it. In many places the gardens and crops are reported considerably damaged. Several lots of potatoes within the town limits were stripped of their leaves and nothing remains but the stalks.

On Main street the residence of Mrs. S. H. Langstroth was struck by lightning and after demolishing the chimney passed on down into the cellar. No serious damage was done except that soot was driven all through the house. The occupants of the house got a bad fright but no one was hurt.

MR. SPENCER'S POEMS

Mr. H. L. Spencer, at the age of eighty years, has just published a volume of poems which will be highly valued by all lovers of genuine poetry, and treasured by many who have been charmed by Mr. Spencer's writings in the press during many years past.

The present volume is entitled "The Fugitives, a Sheaf of Verses," and in an introductory note the author tells us that many of the poems have been afloat in newspapers, magazines and anthologies for more than half a century. In gathering them together in this collection of poems and sonnets, in a book of 175 pages, on heavy paper, printed in large, clear type, and very handsomely bound, Mr. Spencer has made a notable contribution to Canadian literature.

Readers of the daily press are familiar with the poem "A Hundred Years to Come," with which the volume opens. It is one of the short poems in the English language that will not die. St. John readers, and indeed many others, have read "The City of Sleep," and other familiar poems in this collection. The following may be quoted as an illustration of Mr. Spencer's style:

Only a leaf! but it speaks to me
Of a soul as pure as the souls above,
On a leaf! but a history
It breathes in my ear of saintly love.
Only a leaf! To my dim eyes
It doth a chamber of death recall,
And a far-away graveyard where slumbering lies,
One that was childhood's all-in-all.

One tone pervades Mr. Spencer's poetry. It is a tone of gentle sadness. An intense love of nature, and a haunting memory of old scenes, old friends and happy days, are characteristic of his verse. His mind dwells upon the meaning and the mystery of life, and those problems which vex the soul of the philosopher; and he gives expression in simple but always felicitous phrases, to feelings and speculations common to us all. His poems are marked by purity of diction, and a smoothness of versification that makes them pleasant reading. There are no long poems, nor is there any difficulty of interpretation. There are poems of the heart, that appeal to the heart of the reader. Whoever has loved and lost, who ever sees in fancy the forms of lost children, or hears the echo of voices, long since lost in silence, will be moved by Mr. Spencer's poetry. Whoever loves Nature in her varied forms and moods will find here the eloquent expression of emotions that have stirred his being.

This volume is published from the press of Mr. John A. Bowes, and will delight the book-lover by its appearance and the large, clear type. The introduction, which is partly biographical and partly an appreciation of the work of Mr. Spencer, is from the pen of Mr. A. M. Belding of the Times. The volume should have a very wide circulation.

At the last regular meeting of Silom Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 29, the following officers were installed by District Deputy Grand Master A. D. Smith: Wale McBride, noble grand; Wm. R. Green, vice grand; A. G. Blaisie, recording secretary; H. E. Codner, financial secretary; John Jackson, treasurer; John Walker, warden; D. C. Wetmore, conductor; J. T. Flewelling, inner guard; Geo. Drake, R. S. N. G.; G. A. Stephenson, G. H. N. G.; E. Woods, R. S. V. G.; C. J. Ross, L. S. V. G.; B. S. Messer, R. S. S.; Nelson Withers, L. S. S.; Wm. Shellington, P. G.

FAIRVILLE LIBERALS HAVE ORGANIZED FOR CAMPAIGN

Great Enthusiasm Shown for the Election of A. F. Bentley as the County M. P. P.—The Standard's Tactics Shown up

The temperance hall, Fairville, was filled last evening with an enthusiastic crowd of voters who met for organization purposes in the interest of A. F. Bentley, the Liberal candidate in St. John county. James Lowell, M. P. P., acted as chairman. After speeches by the chairman, E. H. McAlpine and E. S. Carter, the meeting organized with W. F. Barnhill as chairman for the campaign and Joseph O'Brien secretary for the Fairville district proper. The chairman for Beaconsfield district is William McKee and the secretary John Murphy.

Milford district meeting will be held on Wednesday evening for organization.

All the speakers were well received and enthusiastically cheered as they discussed the issues of the campaign. From all sections reports of the success of Mr. Bentley were received, there was unanimity of belief that he would be elected and the only question was by how great a majority. Everywhere Mr. Bentley goes he receives the warm hearty reception.

Councillor W. F. Barnhill was asked last evening with reference to a statement in the Standard yesterday in which the two councillors for Lancaster parish, Dr. L. M. Curren and himself, were charged with throwing difficulties in the way of working the new highway act and Secretary-treasurer Stymest, the Hazen government's appointee on the board, was stopped.

Mr. Stymest was quite agreeable to this course and when the men had finished what they were doing the work was stopped.

With regard to Mr. Stymest, the third member of the board, Councillor Barnhill said he (Stymest) just as much to do with having the work discontinued. It was impossible to go blindly on without knowing where the money to pay the men was coming from and at the last meeting at which Roadmaster Gilles, Mr. Stymest and himself were present it was unanimously decided to lay off the men until they found where they could get the money.

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THE PLAYGROUNDS

Bangor Paper Makes an Appeal for Attention to the Children's Claims

(Bangor Commercial.)

As the season advances and the days of the school vacations are passing, the work of the playgrounds in most of our cities and large villages assumes greater activity and a more decided spirit of approval in the public mind in their support.

In Boston on Monday over 1,000 of the school children assembled in the playgrounds of 33 school yards and even in corners of many public parks under supervision of the school committee. The playgrounds are fitted with swings, teeterboards, slides and sand boxes and the hours of play extend from 10 o'clock a. m. to 3 p. m. Special courses in playground work have been given under school hygiene, and a manual on playground management and control has been prepared for the instruction and guidance of the teachers. A special feature is the introduction of story-telling, dramatics and folk dancing. A professional story-teller is to go from playground to playground and interest the children in our country's history, development and people, as well as in the best works of our authors. For the boys too old for the schoolyard playground a system of athletic coaching has been established on each of the large playgrounds.

In Albany, N. Y., what the city authorities have not done in the Mothers' club has done in providing two public playgrounds for the children, and the work is receiving public acknowledgment and support.

In New York city the church yards of old St. Joe's chapel and Old Trinity have been opened to the children for playgrounds. So two new playgrounds have been gained in the congested city. This movement suggests that the claims of the children are at last being heard. "It may be, after all," ingeniously remarked a New York clergyman at the other day, "that their claims are just as important as ours."

New York and in many another city it sometimes seems as if the presence of children had been forgotten. Certainly much of the work now done for them is in the nature of after-thoughts for they have too long been neglected.

Now what is being done for playgrounds in Bangor? What about that one-half acre of Chapin park, to be set aside as a playground, as suggested by the school directors?

HE WILL RECOVER

Monteral, Q. July 5.—(Special)—It is now now expected that Percy Covans, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident last Tuesday night near Dixie, will recover. Covans was in an auto with W. G. MacIntyre, who was killed. Covans was unconscious for several days after the accident.

NO REALISM FOR HER.

The actress—Gracious, but it's an awful hot night.
The Stage Manager—What of that?
The actress—I don't see how I can possibly go through that snow-storm scene.

The Times Daily Puzzle Picture



According to this real estate man's report, land values are rising rapidly near a certain western city.

Rising land values is one of the signs of prosperity. Can you determine the name of the city concealed in this puzzle?

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE.

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