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PRINCESS ZARA
BY ROSS BEECKMAN.

(Continued)

I wished, somehow, to compel this man to talk freely with me about the princess, and yet all the time I was reluctant in my own soul to have him do it. During that interval Moret was greater than I; more chivalrous than I; for he remained loyal to his duty towards her, as he saw it, in spite of the terrible accusation I had made against her womanliness, and notwithstanding all the insinuations I had put forward, respecting her utter disregard and contempt for him.

"Perhaps she will do so," he said; "that is if she knows ought to say of me."

He was silent for a moment after that, and I waited, knowing that I had tried this man to the utmost point of his mental endurance.

Presently he raised his eyes again to mine, and said:

"Mr. Dubravnik, at the very beginning of our acquaintance, when you made a prisoner of me in one of the rooms of the suite you were to occupy in the palace, I told you that I had gone into this business for the love of a woman, and it was tacitly, if not literally, agreed between us at that time, that the woman's personality and name should form no part of our future discussions. You have chosen, at this time, to mention a princess, to whom you give the name of Zara de Echeverria, and I have told you that I know no such person; that the name means nothing to me. What you may surmise, Mr. Dubravnik, can have no effect upon me, or upon your relations with me, or mine with you. So now I tell you once again, that while I am perfectly willing to believe myself to be morally free to discuss with you all phases of nihilism, I will not discuss this woman you have named, or any other woman."

He bowed his head and I could see beads of sweat upon his forehead which betrayed the mental anguish he was undergoing. I knew that it was far worse than physical torture, and as there was nothing to gain by prolonging it, and nothing more to be said, I withdrew.

At the end of another half hour I was announced to the princess.

She received me in a diminutive bower of Oriental luxury. Her decorative tastes were decidedly Eastern and lavishly extravagant. She knew how to arrange a room, with the object of stealing away a man's reserve. There is something about the atmosphere of well chosen surroundings which intoxicates judgment and murders discretion—which bars reason at the threshold and generates madness of thought and deed beyond it. A Solon in the princess' drawing room might become a puppet in her boudoir; in that fascinating atmosphere a Jove would have degenerated to a Hermes, or Mars have cast away his sword and shield for the wings of Apollo. To enter it, was like awakening from a vivid dream of battle to find the soft arms of love around you, and to feel the lethargy of infinite content. Add to this the personality of the Princess Zara, her half-hesitating smile of welcome in which pleasure and dread were equally mingled; suffice her face with a quick blush, and instantly replace it with a touch of pallor; render her manner with a suggestion of hauteur, softened by a gesture of timidity and doubt; listen to her voice, low-toned and infinitely calm yet vibrating in a monotone of uncertainty and dread; feel the clasp of her hand, cold when it touches yours, yet instantly thrilling you with a glow induced by the contact, and remain thoroughly master of yourself if you can. Retain, if you have the strength to do so, the opinions you have formed, the judgments you have passed. If you succeed, you are a giant; if you fail, you are just what I was—a man, and human.

"You are punctual, and I am grateful," she murmured. "If you had been late."

All the hardness I had felt before returned to me then.

"If I had been late you would have known the reason, princess," I said.

"No, but I should have feared it."

"I would have been dead."

"Dead!"

"Yes; but unfortunately, the attempt upon my life did not succeed, thanks to Fate and poor marksmanship."

"The attempt on your life? I do not understand."

I turned my head so that she could see where the plaster hid the wound made by the bullet of the would-be assassin.

"A better marksman would have compelled me to break my engagement, princess," I said.

She extended one hand and rested a finger lightly upon the wound, as though she intended the mere touch to heal it. With the other hand she gently turned my face towards hers; yet she did it in a way that was devoid of intimacy. Somehow she changed what might have been suggestive

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SERVANTS ON STAND TELL OF MRS. HOWARD GOULD'S HABITS

She Was Fond of Liquor and Got Staggering Drunk—Stayed a Fortnight in Her Room at Castle Gould and Consumed Much Brandy

New York, June 15.—Torn with anger and extreme humiliation, alternately flushing with shame, sobbing or clenching her hands in exasperation, Katherine Clemons Gould sat through a trying ordeal in the supreme court today at the continuation of her suit for a separation from Howard Gould, third son of the late Jay Gould.

It was a day of testimony for the defense during which Mrs. Gould's attorney sought to bring out through witnesses who had been associated with Mrs. Gould that her habits were such that her husband was justified in leaving her. In the event of proving this, the defense hopes to undermine the charge of abandonment, the only phase of the plaintiff's case which had withstood the attacks of opposing counsel. Justice Dowling ruled out the charges of cruelty and non-support yesterday. Howard Gould himself may take the stand tomorrow.

Mrs. Gould having naively told yesterday what is required of a woman of fashion in the matter of dress at Palm Beach and elsewhere, witnesses for the defense today recited what they alleged were the indulgences of the same woman of fashion in the matter of alcoholic stimulants, while the heavily-veiled Mrs. Gould buried her face in her hands, at certain remarks and conversations not exactly in keeping with \$800 gowns and the palatial Castle Gould on Long Island.

It was during this testimony concerning some of the alleged violent and profane language, some of it as related being too strong to be printed with propriety, that Mrs. Gould wept most. Yet, she recovered herself quickly and at times coached her lawyers, refreshing their minds on certain incidents with suggestions and reminders.

Specific statements that Mrs. Gould had been intoxicated on various occasions, that she called Howard Gould "you little hound" one night, that once she was apparently so under the influence of liquor as to stagger against the banister at Castle Gould, that her maid brought liquors to her room, including sometimes two cocktails before breakfast, were brought out as employees of the Gould estate related on the stand their experiences with their former mistress.

In the midst of the testimony concerning Mrs. Gould's alleged inebriation, her lawyer, Clarence J. Shearn, who had objected strenuously at first to the trend of the testimony, but was over-ruled, injected into the case the rather novel argument that admitting even that his client had been intoxicated, this should have strengthened rather than weakened the ties between wife and husband.

"It has been held," he said, "that if a husband drank, he needed the love and company of his wife more than if he were sober. Is not this equally true in the case of the wife?"

As opposing this view, Delaney Nicoll for the defense, argued that Mrs. Gould's alleged excesses, as he would show, had rendered her unfit for her household duties and that this certainly justified the husband's actions and attitude.

Whether or not fit for managing a household, it was a rather erratic administration that Mrs. Gould conducted at Castle Gould, according to most of the testimony today. Verbal clashes with the manager of the great estate, heated arguments against closing the front door, and she told him to go ahead and lock up. To appease her, he testified, he shut the door, but did not lock it.

This was the night that Mrs. Gould is said to have called her husband "a little hound," a term which she applied to him, as testified, after he had come to her room to see what the matter was, confusion having been spread through the great castle by the ringing of bells in Mrs. Gould's room and the burglar alarm system.

While most of today's testimony was against Mrs. Gould, one witness, late this afternoon, spoke in her favor. He is Charles H. Danis, of Glen Cove (L. I.), an ice manufacturer, who formerly was engaged in the business of sinking artesian wells. He testified that in 1902 and 1903 he did considerable work on the Gould estate and saw Mrs. Gould frequently. He had never seen her intoxicated, he said, but at times he knew she had been drinking because he could "smell her breath."

On cross-examination, he reiterated his statement that in all the times he had been on the Gould estate, he had never seen Mrs. Gould intoxicated.

The carpenter who told of the alleged dispute at the chicken coop, was the last witness of the day. He is William H. Gockis, of Port Washington (L. I.), who had done repairs on the Gould estate. He testified that on two occasions he had seen Mrs. Gould under the influence of liquor. After his testimony was concluded, adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

The argument on the application of Mr. Shearn for a further allowance of \$20,000 counsel fee for his services as counsel for Mrs. Gould, that was to have been argued this afternoon, was adjourned until tomorrow. Shearn has already received a counsel fee of \$5,000.

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C. H. McDONALD WINS THE TRIP

St. John Youth Will Represent New Brunswick on the Standard of Empire Tour

Toronto, June 15.—The Standard of Empire contest for a free trip of five weeks to the old country, offered to high school and collegiate boys throughout the dominion, came to a close at noon today and the result was officially announced. The successful boys in the various districts are:

Winnipeg—H. E. Scott, Winnipeg College, 23,035 votes.

Saskatchewan—Chas. W. Wellington, Moosejaw Collegiate, 22,470.

Western Ontario—W. S. McKough, Chatham Collegiate, 20,550.

New Brunswick—C. H. MacDonald, St. John High School, 19,425.

Eastern Ontario—Lorne Johnson, Ottawa Collegiate, 13,405.

Quebec province—K. M. Rowlock, Quebec High School, 13,110.

Manitoba province—Leslie Wright, Russell School, 11,900.

Toronto—Kenneth Coulter, Jarvis Street Collegiate, 11,575.

Montreal—A. J. Lawrence, Montreal High School, 8,210.

Nova Scotia—W. K. Wortman, Wolfville School, 7,020.

Alberta—Howard Taylor, Edmonton High School, 6,450.

These eleven boys, accompanied by a Canadian physician and the manager of the Standard of Empire, will sail in the S. S. Empress of Britain on July 16 and will return on the S. S. Empress of Ireland on August 19.

Contest prizes were secured by J. D. McRae, London Collegiate, London; Thomas R. Woodhouse, Hamilton Collegiate, Hamilton; C. R. Carman, Fredericton (N. B.) High School; John E. Genet, Bradford Collegiate, Bradford; and L. T. Higgins, Harbord Street Collegiate, Toronto.

The votes for leaders in New Brunswick stood: MacDonald, 19,425 votes; Cecil R. Carman, of Fredericton, 14,825. MacDonald was fourth in all Canada.

Master McDonald, who is a son of John J. McDonald, of Oak Hall, received a telegram yesterday from Mr. Goode, of the Standard of Empire, notifying him of his success. Needless to say the young man was delighted. He is eighteen years old, a High School boy of good traits, and should well represent younger New Brunswick on the coveted trip. He has worked hard for the success which has come and, in speaking of the matter yesterday, expressed his hearty thanks to all who had assisted him.

The programme of the trip is as follows:

Friday, July 16—Leave Canada by C. P. R. liner Empress of Britain.

Friday, July 23—Leave Liverpool Central for Manchester Central.

Saturday, July 24—Leave Manchester Central 8.42 a.m., arrive Rowley 10 a.m. Drive to Chatsworth and Haddon Hall. Leave Rowley 2.25 p.m. or 4.40 p.m. or 9.4 p.m.

Sunday, July 25 to Monday, Aug. 2—In London, including visits to Portsmouth, Hampton Court, Windsor, River Thames, C. Arthur Pearson's house at Frensham, Brighton, Oxford, Stratford, etc. On Sunday to Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's services, visit to Ealing with H. Vivien, M. P., to see experiments in co-partnership. Oral on Bank Holiday, exhibition, etc.

Tuesday, July 26—Luncheon with Lord Roberts at his residence at Asot.

Tuesday, Aug. 3—Leave London, St. Pancras, at 9.45 a.m., arrive Sheffield 1.15 p.m. Visit workshops of Vickers, Sons, and Maxim. Leave Sheffield 4.43 p.m., arrive Melrose 9.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 4—Drive to Dryburgh and Abbotsford and back, leave Melrose 6.2 p.m., arrive Edinburgh 7.49 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 5—At Edinburgh.

Friday, Aug. 6—Leave Edinburgh, Waverley, at 9.5 a.m. for Aberdeen, thence coach to Loch Katrine, steamer to Stronachlachar, coach to Inverness, steamer on Loch Lomond to Belloch, rail to Glasgow, arrive 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 7—Morning at Glasgow, leave by afternoon service at 4.10 p.m., via Ayr, Stranraer, and Larne, for Belfast, arrive 10 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 8—At Belfast (excursion can be made to Giants' Causeway and back if desired).

Monday, Aug. 9—Leave Belfast 9.55 a.m., arrive Dublin 1.35 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 10—Leave Dublin by 1.15 p.m. steamer for Holyhead; train to Conway, visit Conway Castle; thence by train to Chester and on to Windermere and Ambleside, Lake Country.

Thursday, Aug. 12—At Ambleside, drive to Lake Ullswater or to Lake Coistion and back, leaving after afternoon service at 5.10 p.m. by steamer to Windermere Lakeside, thence rail to Liverpool, arriving at 9.55 p.m.

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AN INTERESTING AFTERNOON SPENT AT ROTHESAY COLLEGE

Sports, Presentation of Prizes and Addresses Yesterday Afternoon—Old Boys Association Choose Fred R. Taylor President.

The annual closing of Rothesay Collegiate School took place yesterday afternoon. The programme included athletic sports, military drill, and the formal closing ceremonies. His Lordship Bishop Richardson presided, after having presented trophies to the winners in the sports.

The military drill was participated in by fifty boys, under the direction of Captain W. Alward with H. Hall as first lieutenant and H. Teed as second lieutenant. The Artillery Band played. The drill included rifle exercises and firing exercises. The manoeuvres were well done and were greatly enjoyed by the spectators.

Following the drill, the closing ceremonies were held, prizes were awarded and the president, W. R. Hibbard, M. A., delivered the closing address.

In his annual report on the condition of Rothesay College, the headmaster, Rev. W. R. Hibbard, M. A., touched upon the satisfactory nature of the examinations recently held. He hoped, however, that they would in the future have a paid examiner for the classes. He referred also to the gymnasium and the manual training department under the charge of E. S. Morrison, who will become a regular member of the staff next term.

Efforts are being made, he said, to construct a quarter-mile track on the athletic field overlooking the river. Thanks were extended to Rev. LeBaron McKelvie for providing a holy table, lectern and reading desk for the chapel, and to all who had in any way aided the college.

In conclusion, Rev. Mr. Hibbard said that he was fairly well acquainted with the boarding schools for boys in eastern Canada, and he was convinced that none of them had the advantages possessed by the institution at Rothesay.

The prizes were awarded as follows:

Sixth form—First prize, gold medal; second, silver medal; third, silver medal; fourth, silver medal; fifth, silver medal; sixth, silver medal.

Fifth form—First prize, silver medal; second, silver medal; third, silver medal; fourth, silver medal; fifth, silver medal; sixth, silver medal.

Fourth form—First prize, Hibbard; second, Hibbard; third, R. McKay.

Latin prize—Hibbard.

Third form—First prize, Coeter; second, Rankine; third, Murray.

Mathematics prize—Coeter.

Second form—First prize, J. Starr.

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First form—First prize, J. Starr.

H. B. Schofield prize for manual training, won by Teed.

A silver medal for the best essay given by the Old Boys' Association was won by Alward.

After the ceremonies tea was served to visitors, the faculty and the students. In the evening a dance was held. Music was furnished by an orchestra from the city. The school orchestra also played.

The sports resulted as follows:

Putting shot, senior—1st, Hall; 2nd, Teed; distance 28 feet, 4 inches.

Standing broad jump, senior—1st, Hall; 2nd, Sternie; distance, 8 feet 11 1/2 inches.

Standing high jump, senior—1st, Teed; 2nd, Clarke; height 4 feet, 8 1/2 inches.

440 yards dash, senior—1st, B. Gilbert; 2nd, McKay; time 63 seconds.

Pole vault, senior—1st, G. G. Gilbert; height 8 feet 6 inches.

100 yards dash, intermediate—1st, Zwicker; time 15 seconds.

Hurdle race, senior—1st, B. Gilbert; time 17 seconds.

Running broad jump, senior—1st, Hall; distance 17 feet 8 inches.

At a well attended meeting of Court La Tour, I. O. O. F., last night, the following were appointed delegates to the high court: M. E. Grass, A. A. Wilson, K. C. James Stephenson, James Manning, and J. M. Scovill, jr.

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