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The.... Laird's Secret

CHAPTER XXV.—(Continued.)

"Are you still of the same mind you were last night?" he asked. "Yes," returned Marjorie, softly. "You still absolutely refuse to marry me?" "I cannot marry you."

He has been broken by accident. May I go on? "What do you wish to say?" murmured Marjorie, hiding her face and "rily crying."

A TELEGRAPHIC PATENT.

Clever Invention of a Manitoba C. P. R. Operator. A Winnipeg despatch says: Patents for a machine which is almost super-human have been granted to Mr. McKenzie, C. P. R. station agent at Kenora, Man. It is in connection with the telegraphic apparatus, very simple in construction, but it will do the work of an operator so far as the calling of another office is concerned.

MINES BUREAU REPORT.

The Output for 1904 is Valued at \$11,572,647. A Toronto despatch says: Parts I. and II. of the fourth report of the Bureau of Mines have been published. Part I. contains the statistics of mineral production for 1904 in considerable detail for the various products.

MUST STUDY MARKET.

Agent at Manchester Gives Advice to Canadian Shippers. A despatch from Ottawa says: A communication to the Department of Trade and Commerce from Mr. P. E. McNamara, Canadian agent at Manchester, tells of the gratifying increase in Canadian products imported into that port by the vessels of the Manchester and Liverpool, Limited.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS. Toronto, Jan. 2.—Wheat—Ontario—78c bid 79c asked for No. 2 white, red or mixed at outside points, goose and spring 74c to 75c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Quotations are unchanged. Creamery 24c to 25c Dairy solids 23c to 24c Dairies rolls, good to choice, 24c to 25c do tubs 23c to 24c do medium 20c to 21c do inferior 18c to 20c Cheese—Steady to firm at 13c for large and 13 1/2c for twins.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—The market for oats is easy in tone, the offerings being more liberal, but business continues quiet, and prices were unchanged this morning. There was some demand for American mixed and No. 3 yellow corn. The four market rules steady under a dull demand, both for export and local trade.

BUFFALO MARKETS.

Buffalo, Jan. 2.—Flour—Quiet, unchanged. Wheat—Spring, dull; No. 1 Northern, 93 1/2c; winter, No. 2 red, 88 1/2c offered. Corn—Opened firm, closed easier; No. 2 yellow, 49c; No. 2 corn, 49c. Oats—Dull; No. 2 white, 36 1/2c; No. 2 mixed, 35c. Barley—Dull; 45 to 56c. Rye—Dull and easy; No. 1, 74c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—The live stock trade was dull at the Western Cattle Market this morning. Export Cattle—Receipts are quoted at \$4.60 to \$4.90, good to medium at \$4 to \$4.50, others at \$3.75 to \$4, bulls at \$3.50 to \$4, and cows at \$2.75 to \$3.50.

NEW YORK MARKET.

New York, Jan. 2.—Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red, 91 1/2c in elevator and 93 1/2c f.o.b. aboat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 94 1/2c f.o.b. aboat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal, f.o.b. aboat.

POOR FAMILIES FOR CANADA.

Baron Rothschild to Pay Expenses of 200 of Them. A despatch from London says: Baron Rothschild has undertaken to pay the costs of the emigration of 200 poor families from Tottenham, which is practically a London suburb, to Canada.

FLASHES FROM THE WIRE

The Very Latest Items From All Parts of the Globe. CANADA. Toronto's assessment shows an increase of \$20,000,000 for the year. C. P. R. trackmen have been granted an increase of wages by the company. The value of buildings erected in Edmonton this year totals \$700,000.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Many London poor are eager to take advantage of Lord Rothschild's offer to get to Canada. Statements of the London poor and workhouse population show an increase over the past thirty years.

UNITED STATES.

Jacob H. Schiff, the New York banker, gave his cook, Lena, \$5,000 for a Christmas present. The Poles of Boston have pledged their support to the cause of their compatriots in Poland. The official returns of the recent New York Mayoralty election show McClellan elected by a majority of 3,468 votes.

ARMED RISING ON LARGE SCALE.

According to information received by the revolutionary leaders here an armed rebellion on a large scale has been planned in Poland. The Socialist revolutionaries, encouraged by the success of the insurgents in the Baltic provinces and of the situation in the Caucasus, have decided to attempt to cast off the yoke of autocracy.

INCREASE OF SMALLPOX.

There are Nearly Two Hundred Cases in the Province. A Toronto despatch says: The returns for November to the Provincial Board of Health are more complete than for the same month last year, twenty more divisions having reported. They give the total deaths from all causes as 2,011, or 108 more than were reported in November, 1904.

CHILD SLEW COSSACKS.

The correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, as an instance of the ferocity of the struggle conducted at Kharkoff, relates as follows what he calls a "typical incident." A little boy was seen approaching Konys Square, where a detachment of Cossacks was stationed. The Cossacks, however brutal, drew the line at children, and the boy was allowed to approach unmolested.

ODESSA PANIC STRICKEN.

The London Times' Odessa correspondent says the terrorists still hold the town in subjection. The Cossacks and troops act as if martial law existed, although it has not been officially promulgated. The present state of tension cannot continue. One ill-advised shot would probably bring about a repetition of the November bloodshed.

THE BALTIC PROVINCES

The Whole Population is Defying the Russian Authorities.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says—Gen. Mistchenko, who commanded the Cossacks in Manchuria has arrived in Moscow from the Far East. He had a narrow escape from capture. It is reported that he will immediately be employed in an important capacity, probably to repress the rebellion in the Baltic provinces.

MORE SAILORS MUTINY.

A despatch from Berlin says.—It is stated here that the crews of the Russian warships at Libau, who were ordered to proceed to Riga to quell the revolt there, refused to work. Consequently the ships have not started.

REBELS ARE WEAKENING.

A despatch from London says.—There are many reports that the rebels in Moscow are weakening, some going so far as to say that they are crushed. It is impossible to verify them. They can be verified only from their respective sources.

THREE "ARMIES" BUSY.

A message from Moscow says that during the night the artillery worked at destroying the barricades. The revolutionists, this message says, are divided into three armies, the first, consisting of 800 men armed with rifles and pikes, is operating between Moscow and Perovo, on the railroad, which it controls. Artillery and cavalry are being employed against this force.

WINNIPEG BANK ROBBED.

Two Daring Thefts From the Merchant's Bank. A Winnipeg despatch says: About two weeks ago a daring theft was perpetrated in one of the city's banks whereby the thief secured \$7,000 and vanished without leaving the faintest clue. News of the robbery has just now become public, but an effort has been made in the meantime to locate the criminal.

NEW BRUNSWICK FINANCES.

Deficit Shown by Statement for Fiscal Year—Loans Effected. A St. John, N. B., despatch says: Provincial accounts for the fiscal year closing with the month of October were given out on Wednesday evening. Ordinary receipts are declared to be \$850,000; ordinary expenditures \$874,000. But, in addition, two loans were made and apparently expended for what the Government calls permanent bridges. These were for \$175,000 and \$125,000. An advance of \$35,000 in bonds was made for credits. At the close of the year a loan of \$550,000 was obtained from the Credit Foncier.

MOHAMMEDAN RISING.

Its Probability Being Discussed in Turkish Political Circles. A despatch from Constantinople says: In political circles the probability is being discussed of a general rising of the Mohammedan population in the Caucasus and in West and Central Asia.