

THE BLOW THAT KILLED

Or, The Beginning of the End

A number of persons were there assembled; two or three women of different ages, were seated at a table, working; a young man appeared to be writing; while several persons lounged on comfortable seats around the room.

standing at their doors. Stopping before one of them he asked: "My friend, to whom does that large house belong there, facing the other road, beyond?"

Between them stood the singer. She was a pale brunette, not much more than twenty-five years of age. The somewhat severe oval of her face was relieved by a bright pair of black eyes that seemed to grow larger as she sang.

"No, no," replied the woman. "Dr. Gray lives much farther on." "Ah! Then who lives there?" "Why, Judge Hiram Henderson, of course."

Presently the song was finished. Then followed a few moments of general conversation, during which—embracing the girl pianist, who immediately left the room—the songstress walked to the window.

"Ah! Judge Henderson. But tell me, he does not live alone? There is a lady who sings his wife's sister?" "Ah, that is his niece, Mrs. Stanley—Agnes, who—"

The beautiful lady leaned from the window, gently fanning herself, as she looked now at the sky, now at the landscape. The young man concealed in the tree imagined he could distinguish her gentle breathing above the sound of the fan; and leaning eagerly forward for a better view, he caused the leaves to rustle slightly.

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He felt the full awkwardness of his position, but could not judge whether or not he was visible to her; but under the danger of her fixed regard he passed the most painful moment of his life.

Commander of Left Japanese Army Acclaimed in Capital. A Tokio despatch says: General Oku, who commanded the left army during the war with Russia, made a triumphal entry into the capital on Friday morning.

She turned into the room and said in a calm voice, a few words which brought three or four of her friends to the window, and among them the old gentleman with the violin.

Men of "A" Battery Left to Mourn Money Losses. A Kingston despatch says: Pay Sergeant Norwob of "A" Battery, R.C.H.A., has disappeared, leaving many of his comrades short of cash, which he borrowed from them.

He had quite sufficient for the adventurous young man. He was not a coward; he would not have budged an inch before an enraged tiger; but he would have traveled a hundred miles on foot to avoid the mere shadow of ridicule.

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LEADING MARKETS

Wheat—Ontario—78c to 78 1/2c bid for No. 2 white outside, and less active demand for red and mixed at 77c to 77 1/2c; 73c to 74c for spring and goose.

Flour—Ontario—Dull export bids \$3.10, buyers' bags, outside, for 90 per cent. patents. The domestic market is steady. \$3.40 to \$3.55. Manitoba—\$4.50 to \$4.60 for first patents, \$4.10 to \$4.20 for second patents, and \$4 for strong bakers.

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IMPROVE THE DAIRY COW

DOING'S AT THE EASTERN DAIRY-MEN'S CONVENTION. What the Dairy Industry Has Done for Canada—President Derbyshire's Annual Review.

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MONTREAL'S LEADING HOTEL

Fire Destroys the Central Building of the Windsor.

A despatch from Montreal says: The historic Windsor Hotel, Montreal's leading hotel, was badly damaged by fire on Friday night, Manager W. S. Weldon was seriously injured while helping to fight the flames at the outset of the fire, and the three hundred guests of the hotel had to seek other quarters.

The hotel building is constructed in the form of a quadrangle, with a central court. The fire resulted in the complete gutting of the section of the building two stories in height, occupying the centre of the square on which the hotel stands, and which contained the upper floor of the dining-room, ladies' ordinary, and kitchen, and on the lower floor, bar-room, grill-rooms, and other public rooms. It was only the peculiar architecture of the building which saved the entire structure from destruction, heavy brick walls and fire-proof doors shutting off the remainder of the building from the burned portion.

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RESTORED FOUR FOLD.

Man Who Misappropriated Money of Kildonan Municipality. A despatch from Winnipeg says: The treasurer of the municipality of Kildonan on Tuesday received \$140 conscience money from a man who misappropriated \$35 while running the municipal ferry twenty years ago, but who is now preaching in the west. He desired to restore fourfold, but has never been able to afford it. The municipality will probably return the surplus payment. His delinquency was never known.

CAUGHT AFTER A LONG CHASE.

English Forger Who Came to Canada, Taken in Minneapolis. A despatch from Minneapolis says: After a chase, which extended from Quebec, Canada, to the Dakotas, George Ernest Sissling, of Nottingham, Eng., was arrested here on Wednesday evening, charged with forgery and embezzlement. The complaint is by William Bagley, a lace manufacturer in Nottingham. Sissling's alleged defalcations are said to amount to a large sum, but the specific charge is that of forging a cheque for \$525. Sissling is alleged to have fled from England in 1904, with his wife. He went to Quebec, but, learning that his whereabouts were known, he left Canada. He lived in different Eastern cities and four months ago came to Minneapolis.

LOSS MAY REACH \$150,000.

The firemen, after a couple of hours' hard work, succeeded in getting the fire under control, having confined it to the section already mentioned, and the other portions of the hotel containing the guests' apartments being saved. The fire was attended by considerable excitement; at the time there were some 300 guests in the hotel, but they all showed decided presence of mind and many of them did all they could to cope with the flames. Hundreds of people gathered in the vicinity of the hotel to watch the fire. All the books and valuables were removed from the hotel safe to the Bank of Montreal.

OFFICERS ARRESTED.

A despatch from St. Petersburg to a London paper reports the arrest of eight artillery officers of the St. Petersburg garrison on the charge of being engaged in a conspiracy to blow up the Trotsky bridge and to capture the fortress.

WORST IS OVER IN SIBERIA.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The first advices received by the Government from Siberia after the restoration of telegraphic communication, show that the most critical conditions prevailed during the recent strike, but that now, with the arrival of reliable troops from Manchuria, the worst happily is over. Owing to the interruption of communication, the local governors were unaware of their authority to declare martial law, which was conferred by the Emperor's ukase. The military forces at their disposal were in open sympathy with the strikers, and many of them were revolutionaries, and this prevented energetic measures being taken to restore the authority of the Emperor, which practically was non-existent for many days.

ATTACK MILITARY TRAIN.

A despatch from Riga, Livonia says: News has just reached this city of a daring attempt of the revolutionists to capture a military train conveying a large sum of money from St. Petersburg to Libau. A band of revolutionists having advance information gathered at Hazenpott, burned two bridges and tore up the track. Two companies of infantry which were escorting the train left the cars and were joined by a detachment of dragoons. This force marched against the revolutionists, who, from behind improvised defences, opened fire on the soldiers. The infantry, after firing two volleys, which killed 65 and wounded nearly 100 of the revolutionists, charged with bayonets, and the dragoons completed the rout by sabring the revolutionists their overtook.

HUGE INCREASES.

You will be glad to know that we received about \$10,000,000 more in 1905 than in 1904 for cheese, butter and bacon. It will be noticed that our dairy men produced (including condensed milk, milk for our cities, towns, etc.) cheese valued at \$22,000,000; butter, \$8,000,000; bacon, \$15,000,000, and the home consumption was \$50,000,000. We are sending our goods not only to our own country, but to the Orient and farther afield, and in increasing quantities each year.

REFORESTATION.

President Derbyshire urged all to use their influence to improve the quality and increase the quantity of goods. "With our present opportunities for education and instruction," he said, "there will be no excuse for having an ordinary maker for they are dear at any price; or having an old open factory resting in the mud, with no drainage, or not having modern machinery, or not delivering your cheese to the station in clean wagons, with proper covers to keep the cheese or butter clean, or not doing everything in your power to make the watchword for 1906 cleanliness and improvement all along the line."