

THE BLOW THAT KILLED

Or, The Beginning of the End : : :

CHAPTER III.

A sudden thought came to Leroy, and he turned into the house he hurried into his own room. It took him hardly a moment to unlock his writing case and select from a package of letters, one directed in a bold, but peculiar hand. "I thought so!" he exclaimed in triumph. "Old Raymond never did a better thing than when he gave me this letter of introduction. And now for the first move in the game."

All women, widows, maids or maids, are deeply interested in all matters pertaining to marriage. "What, uncle! The governor! Can it be possible? Are you sure?" "Um—rather. He writes the news himself. Do you know the lady, Mr. Melville?" "Miss Beatrice Darrow, a distant connection of mine. I call her cousin," Leroy replied. "That is good; and she is a lady of a certain age, eh?" "She is a lady of twenty-three."

two strongest sentiments of my heart. I wish to concentrate all my care, all my tenderness, all my joy on forming a wife worthy of you—one of whom you may be proud. I will promise you—I will swear to you to concentrate to you this sweet duty. I will devote to all my time, every instant of my life. I swear to you that I shall be very happy if you only tell me that you consent to this."

LEADING MARKETS

Toronto, Jan. 30.—Wheat—Ontario—No. 2 white, 75c; red, 78c to 79c; mixed, 78c; goose, 75c; spring, 74c to 75c at outside points. Manitoba—No. 1 hard, 80c on track at lake ports; No. 1 northern, 81c; No. 2 northern, 81½c; No. 3 82½c; all rail quotations, North Bay, at 3½c above these prices.

BUFFALO MARKETS.

Buffalo, Jan. 30.—Flour—Quiet and steady. Wheat—Spring lower; No. 1 northern, 90c; winter, No. 2, nothing doing. Corn—Unsettled; No. 2, nothing doing, 48c; No. 2 corn, 47½c nominal. Oats—Dull but steady; No. 2 white, 35½c; No. 2 mixed, 35c. Barley—Steady; Western, 45 to 55c. Rye—No. 2, 71c.

WRECK OF THE VALENCIA

A Survivor Tells of His Terrible Experience.

The steamship Valencia, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's passenger fleet which has temporarily replaced the City of Pueblo on the San Francisco-Puget Sound route, pending repairs to the regular boat, drove to destruction in a dense fog ten miles east of Cape Elizabeth, B. C., and one hundred lives were lost.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Prices are quoted unchanged. Creamery—24c to 25c. Dairy—24c to 25c. Eggs—22c to 23c. Potatoes—Ontario, 65c to 75c per bag on track here, 75c to 85c out of store; eastern, 70c to 80c on track and 80c to 90c out of store.

CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—There was perhaps no marked advance in prices, unless it was for something very choice in the butcher line. There was very keen demand for the choicest butcher cattle, and there was so few of the right class offering, some better prices were paid to-day than yesterday.

A SURVIVOR'S STORY.

The following is the story of G. Willets, one of the passengers, and one of the men rescued from a life raft: "The ship struck at 12.07 on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 23. I was on deck at the time, smoking a cigar, and was looking at my watch when the first crash came. In an instant all was excitement. There were the shrieks of the frightened men and women, the wail of little children, and the hoarse orders of the officers of the ship. The vessel reeled like a drunken man, slid over the bows, and struck again."

SMASHED LIKE EGG SHELLS.

"Every wave now washed clear over her, and many people who hastily rushed on deck went to their deaths without time to murmur a prayer. The order was given to get out the boats, but the water while the boats were being launched and were smashed like egg shells as soon as they struck the water. Then came the attempt to get out the life boats."

A GREAT RECORD.

C. P. R. Handed Western Grain Crop Successfully. A Winnipeg despatch says: Considerably over 62,000,000 bushels of grain of this year's crop is already marketed, and of this amount 46,163,000 bushels were received at C. P. R. points, and yet so excellent has been the transportation facilities at this end of the lakes that in spite of the great increase in marketing no semblance of a blockade exists at the lakefront. Indeed, only 4,600,000 bushels are in store there, where there is a capacity for 18,000,000, including both C. P. R. and C. N. R. elevators.

WILL CHECK USURY.

Government May Pass Bill Framed on the Imperial Act. An Ottawa despatch says: It is stated that the Minister of Justice contemplates the introduction of a bill into Parliament next session, framed on the Imperial Money Lenders Act, and designed to put a stop to usury. Under the Imperial statute, where a money lender seeks to recover money lent and the court is satisfied that the interest or other demand in respect of the money actually loaned is excessive, it may relieve the person sued for payment of the amount in excess of such sum as the judge may hold to be reasonable.

THE PLOT TO KILL WITTE.

Many of the Conspirators Arrested Throughout Russia. A despatch from London says: The Vlna correspondent of the London Telegraph says a member of the Terrorist group has been arrested there. This is the group that has undertaken to kill Prime Minister Witte. The police say that several other conspirators have been arrested in other places. Documents that the authorities seized show that not only Count Witte, but Minister of the Interior Durnovo and Vice-Admiral Doubovoff, Governor-General of Moscow, were originally doomed by the Terrorists. It was ultimately decided to concentrate the attack upon Count Witte, because it was believed his death would lead to a spread of the disorders, and a new and successful insurrection.

MUTINY AT VLADIVOSTOK

Artillerymen Fired at and Wounded the Commandant. SAILORS RAID A STORE. A despatch from Vladivostok says: The sailors here mutinied again Monday. They raided a rifle store and held an armed meeting, after which they marched to the residence of Gen. Selivanoff, the commandant, and demanded that the prisoners be released. Troops scattered them with quick-firing guns. The artillerymen mutinied Tuesday. Gen. Selivanoff went to pacify them. He addressed them, and they were apparently appeased, but as he quitted the battery mutiniers fired at him, wounding him in the neck and chest. His condition is serious. Cossacks have been sent from Nicholas to quell the mutiny.

JAPAN'S BUDGET.

Expenditure with Withdrawal From Manchuria is \$225,000,000. A Tokyo despatch says: The Budget for the fiscal year of 1907 was informally submitted to the Lower House of the Diet on Wednesday. The extraordinary expenditure for the withdrawal of the troops from Manchuria and for other military arrangements exceeds 550,000,000 yen (\$225,000,000).

REVOLUTION IN CAUCASUS.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: A railroad communication with the Caucasus generally has been restored. The revolutionists of Guria and Mingrelia are retreating to the mountains, obstinately resisting the advance of the troops. The revolutionists who were driven from Kvirila rallied on Friday and fought a regular battle, advancing on the troops. Other severe encounters are reported. Several towns besides Kvirila are in flames.

ATROCITIES BY SOLDIERS.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of The London Times cables. The newspapers have published columns about atrocities by soldiers at the St. Nicholas Lunatic Asylum of 1,000 inmates, where 700 perfectly sane persons have been injured by the police on account of revolutionary tendencies. The police have a right under the provisions of a minor stage of siege prevailing in all the large cities of the empire to send any one to a lunatic asylum for an indefinite period. Soldiers brutally maltreated not only the hapless inmates, but many members of the asylum staff for reasons unexplained.

FIRST THROUGH SIMPLON.

Train Passes Through Tunnel, Amid Artillery Salutes. A despatch from Isella, Northern Italy, says: The first passenger train, carrying notabilities and officials, passed through the Simplon tunnel on Thursday amidst artillery salutes. There were no other noteworthy incidents.

SAFETY FOR THE JEWS.

Russia Provides Districts Where They May Live in Peace. A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Further concessions have been granted to the Jews in the Governments of Russia where they enjoy the right of domicile by the addition of one hundred and thirty-three places, in the country districts, where they will be permitted to reside without hindrance.

EXECUTING REVOLUTIONISTS.

Protests Against Summary Punishment of Accused Men. A despatch from St. Petersburg says: A lively storm of protest is flowing against the summary execution of revolutionists even if caught with arms in their hands, such executions being declared contrary to all forms of Russian laws. A despatch just received reports the execution of 45 revolutionists in one village in Livonia Sunday last, under what the despatch calls the convenient fiction that they were shot while trying to escape.