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The Price of Dishonor;

Or, The Lord of Verona's Disappointment

CHAPTER XXVI.—(Cont'd)

They entered the courtyard in silence, the soldiers forming up close around her. The cavalcade had ridden slowly, and there was no trace of Graziosa's arrival. The palace seemed quiet. Valentine dismounted as usual, and was mounting the entrance steps when de Lana advanced.

"I have a painful duty to discharge, Princess," he said. "You are my prisoner."

Valentine went white. "The Lady Graziosa is in danger of her life," continued de Lana.

"Is no fault of mine," said Valentine. "What do you want with me?"

Costanza clung to her, weeping loudly. "Have done!" said the soldier, sternly. "Follow behind your lady. You will follow me, Princess."

"Seeing I cannot help it," retorted Valentine. "Where is the Duke of Orleans?"

"She looked round once; from somewhere there stepped forward two of de Lana's men and took their places at her side. She moved up the stair, Costanza with her, weeping with fear."

De Lana opened the door of the Duke's apartments and stood aside for her to enter, but Valentine shrank back. "Tis the Duke's orders," said de Lana, and he moved Costanza back. "You will enter alone."

Then Valentine summoned up her courage, and when she had passed the door, de Lana followed and stood beside it.

Visconti was at the table, behind him Giannotto, and he raised such a white, distorted face of fury, that Valentine quailed and sank back against the wall.

"Ah!" cried Visconti, "I have it in my mind to kill you, my sister. I have it in my mind to give myself the pleasure—to kill you."

He rose as he spoke, and Giannotto drew farther away from him, glancing at Valentine with a white amazement; the Duke was bordering on frenzy.

"Oh," cried Visconti again, "so you have no more wits than Tisio; you think, because it suited me that you should wed d'Orleans, that you are free to flout me at your will!"

"Now be silent," breathed de Lana to Valentine, who leant against the wall beside him.

"You!" said Visconti. "You!—to meddle with me—let me lift my finger and I can bring you lower than any slave in Milan!"

"Silence!" breathed de Lana again. But Valentine had too much of her brother's own spirit.

"Ay, or you can kill me," she said, "as you have the others; but you cannot make me humble before your wife out of the streets."

"I have had enough of you," said Visconti, and strode down upon her in a white madness of fury. "I will clear you from my path—yes, as I did the others." Then he looked at de Lana, and something in the soldier's face told him he would have to kill him first.

"And as I will any who oppose me," he cried, furiously. "Am I not the Duke of Milan? Take thy hand from thy sword, de Lana. Now we will settle scores, Valentine." His hand was lifted, Giannotto turned his face away, and de Lana had thrown himself forward, when a light knock on the door close by broke the moment's silence, and Visconti's hand sank to his side.

"Open!" he cried. "It is the messenger from the Lady Graziosa, and de Lana flung wide the door."

Visconti looked up and met Valentine's eyes, and she knew how near she was to death.

"My lord," said de Lana, returning, "the Lady Graziosa hath recovered—there is no fear of her life, my lord."

"Ah!" Visconti returned his dagger to its sheath.

"Take my sister to her apartments, de Lana, and guard her well there—and if any ask for her, say she is under my displeasure."

The captain turned, glad to take her from the room alive.

"Will you see the messenger, my lord?"

"No," said Visconti, fiercely. "As long as she lives, what care I for the messenger?"

The soldier seized Valentine's wrist and forced her, still reluctant, from the room. She was conquered, not subdued.

"If Graziosa dies," said Visconti, turning to Giannotto, "she does not live either. You have heard me say it. She and her woman's venom! I should have swept her away sooner—I would now but for the French, and the French shall not save her the next time. He is a fool, Giannotto, who thinks that because a woman is a prisoner she

is powerless—let him remember her tongue."

"My lord, she may have thought of her punishment. In two days or a little more, when I have had my answer from the Estes," said Mastino, rising. "I march on Milan."

"But in those two days?" questioned Ligozzi.

"Visconti seems to have ceased all sallies," said Della Scala; "and yet I know not what this quiet means."

"It means his policy is ever caution," returned Ligozzi. "Of a sudden he may—"

"He may do anything," cried Mastino; "he hath Milan and Rome and the Empire to back him. Still do I hold many towns. Verona is strongly fortified; I lie between him and Mantua. He cannot fall on those."

"He has Padua, Bassano, Mestre and Chioggia," said Ligozzi.

Mastino struck his hand against the tent impatiently.

"I know!" he cried. "I know the odds are not equal! When I seek to comfort myself, why will that remind me, Ligozzi? What can I do? Nothing but what I say: march on Milan. And mark me, Ligozzi; whatever befall, if I desert me to a man, if d'Este fall, I will not leave the wall of Milan—alive, without my wife."

"I will not desert thee," said Ligozzi simply. "I will never desert thee, my lord."

"I never doubted thee," returned Mastino impulsively. "Ah, forgive me if I am harsh, for in truth my heart is very heavy; when I think of her—in Visconti's power—it is terrible! Such things cannot happen, Ligozzi, can they? I cannot be I shall never see her again! God cannot mean that—though He take all from me, though He humiliate me before my enemy, He cannot mean that! No! Visconti is not leagued with heaven; it cannot be! it cannot be!"

"No," said Ligozzi; "even Visconti wouldn't dare to harm the Duchess. Ye will see her again, my lord."

"But they do not understand," said Mastino in his heart. "I will never go back alive—without my wife."

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

GENERAL.

A bitter feud war is being waged by rival clans in North China.

Numbers of Anarchists from Russia have taken refuge in Australia.

Hon. Thomas Price, the Labor Premier of South Australia, is dead.

Dr. Theodore Barth, long one of the radical leaders in Germany, is dead.

Nine Moslems and six Armenians were hanged at Adana, on Wednesday.

Newfoundland ran behind \$150,000 in its finances during the fiscal year just past.

The fishing schooner *Souris Belle* was so battered by ice floes that she went down off St. John harbor. Her crew were rescued.

UNITED STATES.

The rats of the United States eat \$100,000,000 worth of grain yearly.

Pittsburg steel mills are running to full capacity for the first time in twenty years.

Three municipal officials, convicted of stealing money from the city of Boston, have been sent to jail.

An engineer on the New York Central wrecked his train at Medina, N. Y., to save the life of a child on the track.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A speaker at the Royal Institute in London said there was a scientific justification for cannibalism.

The London Morning Post criticizes the action of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress in attempting to restrict emigration to Canada.

CANADA.

Toronto manufacturers have advanced the price of biscuits one cent a pound.

Building permit values at Toronto for the first five months of the year aggregated \$6,827,830.

Rev. Dr. Lyle has been elected Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

The Polson's Iron Works Company will erect a new and large shipbuilding plant at Toronto.

The hours of civil servants at Ottawa have been increased to from 9 to 5, with an hour and a half for lunch.

Mr. I. B. Lucas, M.P.P. for Centre Grey, has been sworn in as a member of the Ontario Cabinet without portfolio.

Regina police are on the trail of "Dutch Henry," a noted outlaw, whose record entitles him to be shot on sight.

The Ontario Government decided to issue another public loan in Canada of \$3,500,000 in 4 per cent. 30-year bonds.

Shareholders of the Elgin Loan Company, which failed six years ago, will receive a dividend of 1-3 cents on the dollar.

A witness at the Montreal civic inquiry swore that Ald. Proulx asked him for \$300 for an appointment to the police force, but he refused.

The Grand Trunk Pacific train men are said to have applied for a Board of Conciliation, alleging that conditions in the west are very onerous.

Recent advances in beef hides and calf-skins have increased prices, being paid in the country from sixty to one hundred per cent. over the level of last year.

TO VISIT ENGLAND.

Italian King Will Arrive in London in August.

A despatch from Paris says: The King of Italy will visit England in August and Germany in September.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, June 8.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$5.65 to \$5.75 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export; on track, Toronto, \$5.80 to \$5.90; Manitoba flour, first patents, \$6.20 to \$6.40 on track, Toronto; second patents, \$5.70 to \$5.80, and strong bakers', \$5.60 to \$5.70 on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.32, Georgian Bay ports; No. 2, \$1.29, and No. 3, \$1.28, Ontario Wheat—Prices of No. 2, \$1.37 to \$1.38 outside.

Barley—Feed, 62 to 63c outside. Oats—No. 2 Ontario white, 57 1/2 to 58c on track, Toronto, and 54 1/2 to 55c outside. No. 2 Western Canada oats 56c, and No. 3 at 55c, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2, 95 to 96c outside. Rye—No. 2 74 to 75c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 53c on track, Toronto; No. 3, 52 1/2 c on track, Toronto; Canadian yellow, 76 1/2 to 77 1/2 c on track, Toronto.

Bran—Manitoba, \$23.50 to \$24 in sacks, Toronto freights; shorts, \$24.50 to \$25, Toronto freights.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—\$4 to \$5 for choice qualities, and \$3 to \$3.50 for seconds.

Beans—Prime, \$2, and hand-picked, \$2.15 to \$2.20 per bushel.

Maple Syrup—95c to \$1 a gallon.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$15.50 to \$14 a ton on track here, and lower grades, \$11 to \$11.50 a ton.

Straw—\$7.50 to \$8 on track.

Potatoes—Car lots, 95c per bag on track. Delaware, \$1.10 to \$1.15 per bag on track.

Poultry—Chickens, yearlings, dressed, 17 to 18c per lb.; fowl, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 18 to 22c per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 18 1/2 to 19c; tubs and large rolls, 16 to 16 1/2 c; inferior, 14 to 15c. Creamery rolls, 21 to 22c, and solids, 18 to 19c.

Eggs—Case lots, 18 1/2 to 19c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, old, 14 to 14 1/2 c per lb., and twins, 14 1/2 to 14 3/4 c. New quoted at 12 1/2 c for large, and 13c for twins.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long, clear, 13 1/2 to 13 3/4 c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$22 to \$22.50; short cut, \$25.

Hams—Light to medium, 15 1/2 c; do., heavy, 14 to 14 1/2 c; rolls, 12 to 12 1/2 c; shoulders, 11 to 11 1/2 c; backs, 17 1/2 to 18c; breakfast bacon, 16 1/2 to 17c.

Lard—Tierces, 14c; tubs, 14 1/2 c; pails, 14 1/2 c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, June 8.—Peas—\$1.05 to \$1.06. Oats—Canadian Western, 50c; extra No. 1 feed, 58 1/2 c; No. 1 feed, 55 1/2 c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 50c; No. 2 feed, 57 1/2 c; No. 2 barley 72 1/2 to 74c; Manitoba feed barley, 68 1/2 to 67c; buckwheat, 69 1/2 to 70c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents first, \$6.30 to \$6.50; do., seconds, \$5.80 to \$6; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5.60 to \$5.80; winter wheat patents, \$6.75; straight rollers, \$6.50 to \$6.60; do., in bags, \$3.15 to \$3.20; extras, in bags, \$2.65 to \$2.80. Feed—Manitoba bran, \$22 to \$23; do., shorts, \$24 to \$25; pure grain moultrie, \$33 to \$35; mixed moultrie, \$28 to \$30. Cheese—westerns, 12 to 12 1/2 c, and easterns 11 1/2 to 12c. Butter—22 to 22 1/2 c. Eggs 19 to 20c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, June 8.—Wheat—July, \$1.29; Sept., \$1.20; Sept. \$1.10; to \$1.10 1/2; Dec., \$1.08 1/2; cash, No. 1 hard, \$1.33 1/2 to \$1.34 1/2; No. 1 Northern, \$1.32 1/2 to \$1.33 1/2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.30 1/2 to \$1.31 1/2; No. 3 Northern, 1.28 1/2 to \$1.30 1/2. Flour—First patents, \$6.40 to \$6.60; second patents, \$6.30 to \$6.50; first clears, \$5.05 to \$5.25; second clears, \$3.65 to \$3.85. Bran—In bulk, \$23.50 to \$24.

Buffalo, June 8.—Wheat—Spring wheat firmer; No. 1 Northern carloads store \$1.35 1/2; winter nominal. Corn—Stronger; No. 3 yellow, 80c; No. 4 yellow, 79c; No. 2 corn, 79 1/2 to 79 3/4 c; No. 4 corn, 78 1/2 c; No. 3 white, 80 1/2 c. Oats—Steady. Barley—Feed to malting, 77 to 81c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, June 8.—More than half of milkmen's strippers sold at 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 c per pound; the best cattle sold at about 5 1/2 c per pound, but they were not extra; pretty good animals sold at 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 c; common stock, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 c per pound. Large milk cows sold from \$35 to \$65 each; the others sold at \$25 to \$50 each. Calves \$2 to \$8 each, or 3 to 6c per pound. Sheep from 5 to 5 1/2 c per pound; lambs from \$4 to \$7 each. Good lots of fat hogs 8 1/2 to 8 3/4 c per pound.

Toronto, June 8.—Butchers' cattle were in strong demand and fully

NOTHING TO FIGHT ABOUT

Count Bernstorff Says Jingoism Will Soon Pass Away.

A despatch from New York says: Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, who came to New York on Wednesday to receive an honorary LL.D. at the Columbia University commencement, took occasion in the course of an interview in the afternoon to pool-pool the talk of impending or probable war between England and Germany. "England has no need to worry about the likelihood of war with my country," he said. "The jingoism of a few easily excitable persons in England will soon pass over. Between the two Govern-

ments there is no misunderstanding or enmity, and the sentiment of the two peoples toward one another is not hostility or bitterness, but a healthy, temperate, good-natured rivalry.

"Germany is very proud of the progress which Count Zeppelin and our other aeronauts have made. But the English yellow journals are of course wrong in their efforts to make war talk out of our efforts to conquer the air. We are building no secret fleet of war airships, and we have no secret balloons hovering over the English coast."

A DECREASE OF 5,486.

Immigration Figures for April Show a Falling Off.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The total immigration into Canada for April was 24,237, as compared with 29,723 the same month of last year. The immigration from the United States was 12,609, as compared with 9,054, an increase of 39 per cent; 11,628 arrived at ocean ports, as compared with 20,669 for April of last year, a decrease of 44 per cent. In addition to the immigrants arriving at ocean ports there were 2,728 classed as returned Canadians, that is they were either Canadians born or had been in Canada before.

ATTACKED THE GUARD.

William Duff's Desperate Effort to Escape From Moose Jaw Jail.

A despatch from Moose Jaw, Sask., says: William Duff, under trial here for horse-stealing, made a desperate effort to escape on Thursday morning. He succeeded in breaking the lock from his door, and securing the iron bar he attacked the guard fiercely, and it was only after assistance had been rushed in that he was overpowered.

SMOTHERED IN SAWDUST BIN.

Peculiar Accident to Son of a London Man.

A despatch from London, Ont., says: While playing in a bin of sawdust, Gordon, the year and ten months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Knokles, of 1 High Street, was smothered to death at about 1 o'clock on Thursday. When Hedley Weaverly, an employe of Mr. Knokles, returned after dinner and went to the bin of sawdust, which is used as fuel for the engine, to put on more fire he saw the hand of the child sticking out. The boy was covered only about four or five inches and at the place where he was buried the sawdust was only about 18 inches deep.

SET STREET CARS ON FIRE

Motormen and Conductors Dragged From Cars and Severely Beaten.

A despatch from Philadelphia says: The attempt of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit to operate its cars on Wednesday with strike-breakers imported from other cities resulted in the first serious rioting which has occurred since the strike of the street car men began on May 29. In the Kensington district, where many mills are located, the feeling ran high. Mobs of men, women and children pulled the motormen and conductors from their cars and beat them severely.

GHOSTS HOLD UP STEAMER.

Crew Left Because of Row They Made in the Hold.

A despatch from Rome says: The Italian steamer *Monconico*, bound for New York with a cargo of pumice stone, has been held up at Palermo by ghosts. On the arrival of the steamer at Palermo from the Lipari Isles, the crew refused to continue the voyage because ghosts were making a row in the hold, which they believed presaged shipwreck. The police searched the vessel, expecting to discover that members of the Mafia had stowed themselves away on board, hoping to escape to America, but they found nothing. As soon as the police left the steamer the ghosts became livelier than ever. The crew left her, and refuse to re-embark. Other hands cannot be obtained.

EXPLOSION IN SPANISH MINE.

Six Men Killed and Many Injured as Result of Fire Damp.

A despatch from Madrid says: An explosion of fire damp occurred on Wednesday in the Mosquetara mine, in the Province of Oviedo. Six miners were killed and several injured.

DEGREE FOR EARL GREY.

Oxford Will Make Him a D. C. L. During His Visit.

A despatch from London says: The University of Oxford will confer the degree of D. C. L. on Earl Grey during his approaching visit to England.

CZAR AND KAISER TO MEET

European Situation Promises to Enter Upon a Decidedly Peaceful Stage.

A despatch from St. Petersburg at St. Petersburg. It was supposed in some quarters that German mediation, which had ended the crisis, had left an inheritance of bitterness which would estrange the two monarchs and lead Russia to identify herself more closely with Great Britain's continental policy. The meeting, which, according to some reports, has been arranged by the initiative of Emperor Nicholas, is taken to mean that Russia prefers an amicable arrangement with Germany to the doubtful issue of an antagonistic policy. If Emperor William also meets President Fallieres, as reported from Berlin, the European situation may be regarded as entering upon a decidedly peaceful phase.

WHEAT GOING WEST.

Unusual Situation in United States—Cash Wheat Scarce.

A despatch from New York says: For the first time in history wheat has been shipped back from New York to the west for consumption. Recent inquiries have been received from as far away as Texas for New York red wheat. Already two boat loads are en route from here to Buffalo, four more are loading and some shipments have been made by rail. This unusual action is made possible by the great scarcity of cash wheat all through the west. No. 2 red sold here on Thursday at \$1.47, and \$1.50 was asked at the close.

DEAD MAN ON PLATFORM.

Startling Discovery by C. P. R. Agent West of North Bay.

A despatch from North Bay says: The C. P. R. agent at Pardee, 250 miles west of North Bay, found the dead body of a man lying on the station platform on Wednesday evening. From papers found on the body he was evidently Dan Donnohue, of Palmerston, where he has relatives. He spent two weeks in Sudbury Hospital recently. There was no evidence of foul play.

TO RESCUE MY WIFE.

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BUSH FIRES ARE RAGING

Lumbermen and Miners at Elk Lake Trying to Save Their Property.

A despatch from Elk Lake says: Bush fires have started earlier than usual this season. For three days past men from Booth's two lumber camps on the Montreal River have been fighting fire, and they make no bones about blaming the prospectors for it. The "Big Six" Mining Co. have been fighting the same enemy during the past week. On Monday night the fire worked its way down to the outskirts of the town of Smyth, just across the river from here. The sight was impressive as night came on, even the smallest branches being sharply silhouetted against the flames.

A despatch from Dauphin, Man., says: A destructive forest fire is raging for a hundred miles between Crooked River and Bowman, and

from Hudson's Bay Junction to near the Pas. The value of the timber burned will not be less than \$75,000, so far, and probably some of the farmers remote from the railway have suffered very severely. Ruby Lake lumber mills were destroyed on Wednesday night, and considerable damage has also been done to the C. N. R. tracks.

A despatch from St. John, N. B., says: A telephone message from Oak Bay, near St. Stephen, reports that Thursday afternoon, swept through two miles of heavily timbered land, leaving a track a mile wide, and is still burning. The property is owned chiefly by Jesse Bartlett and Wm. Kierstead. Bartlett's mills at Waweig were in danger.