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A TALE OF EARLY DAYS

CHAPTER XXVII.

In the library of his handsome residence sat the ex-governor, in a bowed and dejected attitude, looking as if ten years, with all their changes and cares, had passed over him in half that number of weeks.

In a word, the shadow of his great bereavement rested heavily upon him. The night had long since fallen, but he took no notice of the fact, so completely was he lost in his painful and bitter reflections.

"How lonely it is becoming here!" he ejaculated, sighing profoundly. "The house seems like a sepulcher now that my wife and daughter have left it forever. And what a fate was theirs!—both drowned in Lake Huron and not far from the same spot! And in what a solitude their death has left me! I must change the scene for a few weeks or months, or I shall go mad. Fortunately Beevil will be here this evening, so that I can discuss with him where I had better go. Perhaps he will go with me."

His nervous interest deepening, he arose and began pacing to and fro, while the shadows of night deepened around him. He was aroused at length from his musings by the entrance of his personal attendant, who inquired if he would not have the lamps lighted. Receiving a nod of assent, the man proceeded with his task, closing the windows and bringing a pitcher of fresh water, and then withdrawing, after being told that nothing more would be required of him until morning.

A quarter of an hour later the same man reappeared in the library, interrupting again the gloomy thoughts of his employer. "There's a queer individual in the garden, Governor," he announced—"a very queer one, who wishes to see you."

"In the garden? What is he doing there—at this hour?" "He came by water, sir, in an ordinary pleasure sloop, and appears to have reached the premises from the beach. He says his business with you is at once pressing and important."

"It was a long time ago—not far from twenty years," declared Woodsey, settling himself into his chair. "Our acquaintance, too, was slight and casual, so that it is not at all strange that you fail to remember me."

"But why rake up the past, Mr. Mower? Is it necessary to do so?" "It is, Mr. Ward—absolutely necessary. Permit me to rake up so much of my past life as may be necessary for the understanding of our present relations."

"Your past life?" "Our present relations?" repeated the governor, with two separate glances of inquiry, smiling cynically. "Then the lines of our lives have crossed each other, as the fortune-tellers say?"

"They have, sir. You shall now hear how and when. Your wife—'My late wife,' corrected Mr. Ward. 'You have doubtless heard of my great misfortune, Mr. Mower?'"

"Your late wife, then, was a Miss Upson—Miss Minnie Upson?" "The governor assented. 'And her father was a wealthy merchant of Cleveland, named Ashrod Upson?'"

"Another nod from his hearer. 'And your father-in-law, Governor, the said Ashrod Upson, had in his employ, in a responsible position, just twenty years ago, a clerk named Mower?'"

you from the day of your imprisonment until the day of her death?" "Don't be too sure of that, Governor!" returned Woodsey. "She has heard of me since that trouble, as you are about to know, if you will hear me out."

"Go on, sir." "I have not said, nor will I pretend to say, whether I was right or wrong in holding your late wife responsible for my disgrace," continued the visitor, "but such was the view I took of the case, and you will at least agree that my view was natural enough, taking the things of this world as we find them. I cherished a deep-seated wrath against your wife, accordingly, and it was my fixed intention, when I came out of prison, to do her some terrible evil as promptly as possible."

"Well, Mr. Mower, this is a fair avowal," commented Mr. Ward. "Let me hear how you got on with your intended vengeance." "I first became a sailor upon the great lakes, with a view to cultivating a close acquaintance with them, and next I became a fisherman, and eventually a hunter and trapper—the object of all these pursuits, in which I passed many years being to give me the fullest sort of knowledge in regard to the vast regions between the head of Lake Superior and the mouth of the St. Lawrence."

"It must have been an immense and fascinating study," commented Mr. Ward, with the air of following him closely. "But was there any money in it?" "Oh, yes—a reasonable amount," avowed the visitor, his cheeks flushing redly. "You didn't hesitate, I suppose, to take anything you encountered, if you could get away with it?"

"Not at all, sir." "Would it be too much to say that you have been a sort of rival to the famous Ben Stobie?" "Perhaps not, Governor." "Well, go on," enjoined Mr. Ward again. "You have spent all these years on the great lakes, as a sailor, hunter, trapper, and fisherman, not to say anything of other matters, but you have never given up your proposed revenge upon Mrs. Ward, I suppose?"

"No, sir; but somehow year after year has slipped away without bringing me any good chance of getting square with her. Again and again I have watched a day or two at a time, near these premises, to get hold of her, and on two occasions I have passed the best portion of a night within these walls, in an attempt to capture your wife, but it seemed at both of those visits as if the very elements were against me."

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS. Toronto, Sept. 1.—Ontario Wheat—Old or new, No. 2 white and red, 85 3/4c to 86 1/2c; No. 2 mixed, 85c to 85 3/4c. Manitoba Wheat—Nominal at \$1.16 to \$1.17 for No. 1 northern, lake ports.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. Local wholesale butter quotations are: Creamery, prints . . . . . 25c to 26c do solids . . . . . 23c to 24c Dairy prints, choice . . . . . 23c to 24c do ordinary . . . . . 21c to 22c Dairy, tubs . . . . . 21c to 22c Inferior . . . . . 17c to 18c Cheese—Large, 13 3/4c to 13 1/2c; twigs, 13 1/2c to 13c. Eggs—20c to 21c per dozen in case lots.

PROVISIONS. Pork—Short cut, \$23.50 per barrel; mess, \$19 to \$19.50. Lard—Tierces, 12 1/2c; tubs, 12 1/2c; pails, 12 1/2c. Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 11 1/2c to 11 3/4c; tcons and cases; hams, medium and light, 14 1/2c to 15c; hams, large, 12 1/2c to 13c; backs, 17 1/2c to 18c; shoulders, 10c to 11c; rolls, 10 1/2c to 11c; breakfast bacon, 15c to 15 1/2c; green meats, out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

LIVE STOCK MARKET. Toronto, Sept. 1.—Choice butcher cattle were almost lacking. A very few to-day sold as high as \$5 per cwt., and a number of fairly good butchers' brought between \$4 and \$4.50. There was a little better proportion of good cows, one or two very fancy ones of which brought \$4.50, and a number of others over \$4.

MONTREAL MARKETS. Montreal, Sept. 1.—Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, \$6.10 to \$6.20; second patents, \$5.50 to \$5.70; winter wheat patents, \$5 to \$5.50; straight rollers, \$4.25 to \$4.50; in bags, \$1.95 to \$2.10; extra, \$1.50 to \$1.70. Rolled Oats—\$2.50 in bags of 90 pounds.

UNITED STATES MARKETS. Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 1.—Wheat—Spring casier; No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, \$1.18; Winter, firm. Corn—Firm. Oats—Firm. Barley—Feed to melting, 66 to 70c. Rye—No. 2 on track, 80c. Minneapolis, Sept. 1.—Wheat—Sept., \$1.00 to \$1.09 1/4; Dec., 98 1/2c; cash, No. 1 hard, \$1.04 1/2; No. 1 Northern, \$1.02 1/2; No. 2 Northern, 99 1/2c; No. 3 Northern, 98 1/2c. Flour—First patents, \$3.75 to \$3.85; second patents, \$3.60 to \$3.70; first clears, \$4.25 to \$4.45; second clears, \$3.50 to \$3.60; bran, in bulk, \$18.50 to \$18.75.

MAIL BAGS RIFLED. Evidence of an Extensive Robbery Near Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: What appears to have been an extensive robbery of mails in transit from this city came to light on Friday morning, as the result of the patrol of pickets of the federated trades, now on strike against the Canadian Pacific Railway. Two mail bags, ripped and cut across, were found by pickets lying on the ground near the C. P. R. tracks, a little west of Montreal west. With them were a number of opened letters, and torn papers, among which were found checks to the value of close upon \$7,000. The strikers immediately reported their find to headquarters, where it was decided to consult Mr. L. J. Gaboury, assistant postmaster, and the checks, torn bags and fragments of letters were taken to the post-office. The search for the money appears to have been done on the spot where the bags were found, and at night, as wreckage was left littered around in a way that would have been very liable to attract attention in daylight before the thieves got away with any large sum in cash or negotiable securities. The bags were not registered.

CANADA AHEAD OF BRITAIN. Member of Scottish Commission Praises Guelph College.

A despatch from Guelph says: The Scottish agriculturists who are now touring Canada arrived in Guelph on Wednesday morning and spent the day at the O. A. C., inspecting the province's agricultural institution and being shown around by President Creelman and his staff. They had lunch at the college, and expressed themselves much impressed with what was being done. One of them stated that Canada was ahead of Britain in the matter of agricultural education, and expressed the hope that the Imperial Government would awake to the importance of the great benefits of such institutions as Canada could boast of.

QUEBEC HAS A SURPLUS. Receipts Show Balance Over Expenditure of \$1,085,696.

A despatch from Quebec says: The official statement of revenue and expenditure of the Province of Quebec for the fiscal year ended on 30th of June last, has been issued by the Provincial Treasurer, attested by the Assistant Treasurer, G. H. T. Machin, and the Provincial Auditor, Mr. A. H. Verret, and shows that the total ordinary receipts amounted to \$6,016,615.77, and the total ordinary and extraordinary expenditure, including \$41,000 for public works, to \$4,980,919.06, which leaves a surplus of \$1,035,696.71.

GOOD CROP REPORT. Director Saunders of Experimental Farms in Alberta.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Director of Experimental Farms wires the Department of Agriculture from Lacombe, Alta., under date of the 25th ult., as follows:—Winter wheat in this district all cut. Crops good. Most of the spring wheat is still standing, but ripening fast. The heads are very plump and well filled. The weather is favorable. The frost of the 20th does not appear to have injured the wheat much. Barley is cut and a large acreage of oats is also cut. The grain crops on the experimental farms are very heavy. The winter wheat and early varieties of spring wheat are cut."

TO TAKE BANK'S LAND. Captain Bernier Has Orders to Push Through Ice.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Canadian Government cruiser, Arctic, which sailed from Quebec last month, is under instructions to push its way through Lancaster Sound and Melville Sound, and to take possession of that territory and other islands in the vicinity. If the ice blocks the passage westward, the vessel is to visit the Gulf of Boothia, and may either return in the fall of 1909 or stay over until 1910. Captain Bernier is under strict injunctions to take no course which might result in international complications.

SHOT BY MASKED ROBBERS

Midway, British Columbia, Hotel-Keeper Murdered in His Hotel.

A despatch from Phoenix, B. C., says: The town of Midway, 12 miles from here, was the scene of a sensational hold-up on Wednesday night, when Charles Thomet of the Midway Hotel was shot and instantly killed by highwaymen. Two masked men entered the hotel at 9 o'clock, and at the point of a gun four men, including Thomet, were told to throw up their hands. Thomet, being behind the bar, put his hand on a revolver and opened fire on the intruders, wounding one.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE. Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events. CANADA. Police Captain Cameron of Glasgow was robbed of \$200 by Montreal pickpockets. Sir Louis Jette, retiring Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, will return to the Bench. The output of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company this year bids fair to exceed all records. Mr. B. H. Kerr's three-year-old daughter was killed at Milltown, N. B., by a horse falling upon her. The town of Delorimier will be annexed to Montreal on October 1st. The population is nearly 7,000. Four American tourists were pelted with stones at North Bay, on Thursday, having ventured into the strike zone.

GREAT BRITAIN. Britain's fifth battleship of the Dreadnought type will be launched at Portsmouth on Sept. 16th. The wife of Major-General Laurd was found mysteriously murdered in a dense wood near Sevenoaks, not far from London. UNITED STATES. Ten or fifteen negro laborers lost their lives in the floods at Augusta, Ga. A lone highwayman held up and robbed seven coaches of tourists in Yellowstone Park. John Lynch, imprisoned in a New York sewer, was drowned by water from flooded cellars. Rev. Albert Erick, a Presbyterian minister, shot and killed himself in a New York hotel. The succession and transfer taxes on the estate of the late Russell Sage amounted to \$667,553. Two persons were drowned and seventeen are missing as the result of the washing away of a bridge at Camden, Ga. Frank Bryant murdered Thomas Brady in Chicago because the latter groaned in his sleep when Bryant was not feeling well. The trial of the Hains brothers, who are accused of the murder of William E. Annis, will probably commence about Oct. 1st. The Atlas Portland Cement Co. has been awarded the contract to supply 4,500,000 barrels of cement for use in the construction of the Panama Canal. Detectives in New York discovered

CAUGHT BY AN ENGINE. Two Galicians Killed on Track Near Kenora. A despatch from Kenora, Ont., says: On Thursday night the remains of two Galicians, whose names are unknown, were brought here from Deception, where they were run over by an engine while crossing the track just outside the station. A work train was standing at the point and as the two men crossed behind the caboose, an engine came up on the other track and caught them, throwing them ten feet away. One man was killed instantly, his skull being crushed, while the other died within twenty minutes. TWO CHILDREN BURNED. House of Peter Good, Near Ethelbert, Destroyed. A despatch from Dauphin, Man., says: Two children of Peter Good, a farmer living near Ethelbert, were burned to death on Sunday night. The fire caught in the upper story, where the children were cut out of their only chance of escape. The boy was six and the girl three years old. A STARVING CANNIBAL. Ate His Brother's Wife and Four Children. A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Details are given in Yakutsk newspapers of a revolting case of cannibalism of the nomadic tribes of Lamuts, living on the River Korkodin, in extreme north-western Siberia. One of the nomads, driven desperate by hunger, devoured the bodies of his brother's wife and four children. A party of hunters came upon the deserted encampment, found the remains of the bodies and reported the case. There was no vestige of food on the premises.

THIRTY MINERS SUFFOCATED

They Were Entombed by Fire in an Oklahoma Coal Mine.

A despatch from McAlester, Okla., says: More than thirty miners were suffocated on Wednesday morning in Bailey, Okla., coal mine No. 3, near Baileyville, fourteen miles east of McAlester, when fire destroyed the hoisting shaft and air shaft and cut off air from the mine below. Twenty-five miles were hauled and some of the men were rescued.

ed over \$15,000 worth of jewels, silks and furs in the house of Mrs. Minnie Curtis, whom they arrested for complicity in several robberies. Charles Knisley, a young Englishman captured at Port Huron, who has been sentenced to life imprisonment for being implicated in a murder.

There has been a great falling off in the amount of pulpwood carried by the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway. Joseph Bithel was acquitted on the charge of assaulting a constable at Montreal, it being shown that the constable struck him first to keep him back from the fire lines.

Hundreds of miners rushed to the scene and tried to get into the air shaft, but this was impossible as flames and smoke were coming up that way with such force as to drive them back. Then an effort was made to operate the cages running up and down the hoisting shaft, but it was found that the cages, the guides and the cables had been burned. There was absolutely no air in the mine, and the imprisoned miners.