

The.... Laird's Secret

CHAPTER XXIII.—(Continued). "This is a surprise," he cried, taking off his hat. "What brings you so far from home?"

with the heart of an angel and the eyes of a dove; and if that woman would not have me, I'll die a bachelor and give all my money to the poor."

FLASHES FROM THE WIRE

The Quebec Legislature will meet on January 15th. Dominion finances show a surplus of \$6,000,000 for the last five months.

A PATETIC APPEAL

A Young Girl Writes the Superintendent of Neglected Children. A Toronto despatch says:—An orphan girl of sixteen, living in the northern part of Ontario, with a hard-pressed father, was having a hard time of it, when someone told her that there was a man named J. J. Kelso, living in Toronto, who looked after neglected children.

LEADING MARKETS

Toronto, December 12.—Wheat—Ontario—Millers outside report purchases from farmers at 77c and dealers quote No. 2 white at 77c to 79c, at outside points, No. 2 red 78c to 79c, goose and spring 74c to 75c.

GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE

Revolutionary Agents Report Success in South Russia.

TROOPS READY TO RISE. A despatch from St. Petersburg says:—A meeting was held here on Friday by the Social Revolutionary party. Agents of the party who arrived from the south, reported that the troops were ready to rise, and were only awaiting the signal from St. Petersburg.

HEAVY FINE WAS LEVIED.

Justice Clute's Opinion of the Toronto Plumbers' Bonuses. A Toronto despatch says: In announcing his decision to impose a fine of \$3,000 on the Toronto Plumbers and Steamfitters and the General Supply Association, at the conclusion of the famous conspiracy trial on Friday, Mr. Justice Clute said in part: "One hardly knows how to express one's self in reference to persons such as we have had in regard to the bonus system."

COUNTRY PRODUCE

Butter—Holds firm in tone, especially for stock, which is free from the turnip taste affecting so much of the receipts. Creamery—Steady, 22c to 23c for good solid butter, 21c to 22c for medium, 20c to 21c for do. inferior.

OFFICERS FRIGHTENED

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Daily Mail, in a despatch from East Prussia, says: "Prominent military commanders everywhere are requesting permission to resign. The Minister of War has refused to allow them to do so."

THE DAIRY EXPORTS.

This Year Shows an Increase of Ten Million Dollars. A Montreal despatch says: Ten million dollars is the amount of increase in the exports of Canadian cheese and butter this year over last year, according to an estimate published in the Montreal Gazette.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, December 12.—Grain—Firm business was worked to day in wheat, about eight or ten loads being sold for export by local dealers.

WOMEN AS POSTAL CLERKS.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says:—The attempt of the Provisional Government to introduce women as postal clerks in the carrying of the mail, has met with a very warm reception from the women of the capital.

WESTERN WHEAT CROP.

Yield Estimated at Eighty-eight Million Bushels. A Winnipeg despatch says: Mr. C. Castle, warehouse commissioner, has issued the following estimate of the wheat situation in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta on Nov. 30th last.

BUFFALO MARKETS.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Flour—Firm. Wheat—Nominal. Corn—Stronger, but not offering. Oats—Stronger, but not offering. Hogs—Quiet. Cattle—Quiet.

NEW YORK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 12.—Spot market. Red, 86 1/2c in elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 95 1/2c; No. 1 hard, 97c; No. 2, 94c.

WONDERFUL GOLD FIND.

Strike Took Place in the Laurentian Mine at Manitou. A Washington, Ont., despatch says: Information has arrived from Manitou of the most extraordinary strike of gold that has ever been found in the district.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—A fairly heavy run of stock was offering at the Western Market this morning, but owing to a good demand in nearly all lines represented trade was fairly brisk and prices were well maintained.

REVOLT IN MANCHURIA.

A despatch from Harbin, Manchuria, via Warsaw, Russian Poland, says:—Many officers are being held by the revolutionaries. The revolutionaries are not permitted to return home. All messages from Manchuria are censored.

TO CHECK EMIGRATION.

Catholic Bishop of Ireland Issues Circular to People. A despatch from Dublin says:—The Catholic bishops of Ireland are making another attempt to stem the tide of Irish emigration. A circular signed by Cardinal Logue and Bishop Sheehan, of the Diocese of Waterford,

ADRIFT IN LAKE HURON.

Sarnia Tug Picks up Five Men in Exhausted Condition. A Sarnia despatch says: When about 70 miles from Sarnia the tug James Reid, belonging to the Reid Working Company, picked up a row-boat at midnight Thursday night adrift on Lake Huron, containing five men.

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