

The Only Way

A Fascinating Romance by Alan Adams

CHAPTER I

"The only thing to do," said Alan, turning his hands into his pockets and looking straight before him.

"No. No woman has ever been anything to me except my mother," said the lad.

"Well, well, time enough; there's sure to be," said Maspherson. "A fine lad like you!"

When he had finally said good-by to his native place his spirits began to rise within him.

"He loved the voyage, heredity counts for something and his father had loved the sea.

Dempster had two daughters, fine, fresh, handsome girls, but no more. The obvious thing would have been for Alan Mackenzie to have fallen in love with one of the girls.

The girl looked with favor on the handsome young Scotman, who worked as a hand of whom their father had such a high opinion.

man, every one joined in making fun of him. Most of the employes in the firm were married, and they constituted a little circle to themselves.

This surmise on Alan's part was well founded, for, as a matter of fact, when Dempster found him so intelligent, he had thought it might be well to raise him to Hutchinson's place.

But one day there came some rather important tidings to the firm. Richard Dempster consulted Alan, and he offered to talk over the matter with Hutchinson.

South American affairs have not the stability of ours. A day's delay, even a few hours, might mean the loss of many thousands.

When he found it he was amazed at the beauty of his surroundings. It seemed to him that Hutchinson lived even in greater style than did Dempster, and that probably he did not wish this to be known.

Alan rode on through avenues of trees, fresh bowers of fruit and flowers, gorgeous in their tropical wealth of color.

He fastened his horse to a tree, forgetting all about the financial crisis and his errand.

The girl, startled by the voice, sprang up, and showed to Alan's gaze a face, disfigured by weeping.

She looked up for a moment at the handsome lad, who was watching her with such evident concern.

"Struck you? The brute!" cried Alan. "The detestable brute! How dare he strike a woman?"

"You see," said the girl, "it seems that this is important. My father had promised my hand to a man—he is a Mexican Spaniard, and they think nothing of arranging marriages for you; but I could not marry him."

"Your father is not Hutchinson, is he?" said Alan. Somehow it did not seem to him likely that Hutchinson could be the father of such a beautiful girl.

"Possibly not," said Alan, "but these considerations do not affect me, you see."

Her lips quivered, but she did not weep again. "They might affect me, though," she said, timidly.

"If he knew that I had told you. He does not like me to speak to any one. I have to bear it all alone," said the girl.

"I will say nothing," said Alan; "but I mean to see you again."

At Shamrock for Waterbury. On the eve of St. Patrick's day a Birmingham woman, thinking the supply of shamrock might give out, took the precaution to buy a large quantity.

A knight of the Garter dressed in the regalia is an imposing sight. He wears a blue velvet mantle, with a star embroidered on the left breast.

Money Value of Shakespeare's Fame. The London Financial News estimates that the fame which attaches to Stratford-on-Avon because of the fact that Shakespeare was born there is worth \$5,000,000 to that town.

Where Municipal Ownership Pays. Hamilton is giving Ohio cities an object lesson in municipal ownership. The annual report of Supt. John Lorenz, just issued, shows that the gas works earned a net profit, above all expenses and interest, last year, \$9,975.95.

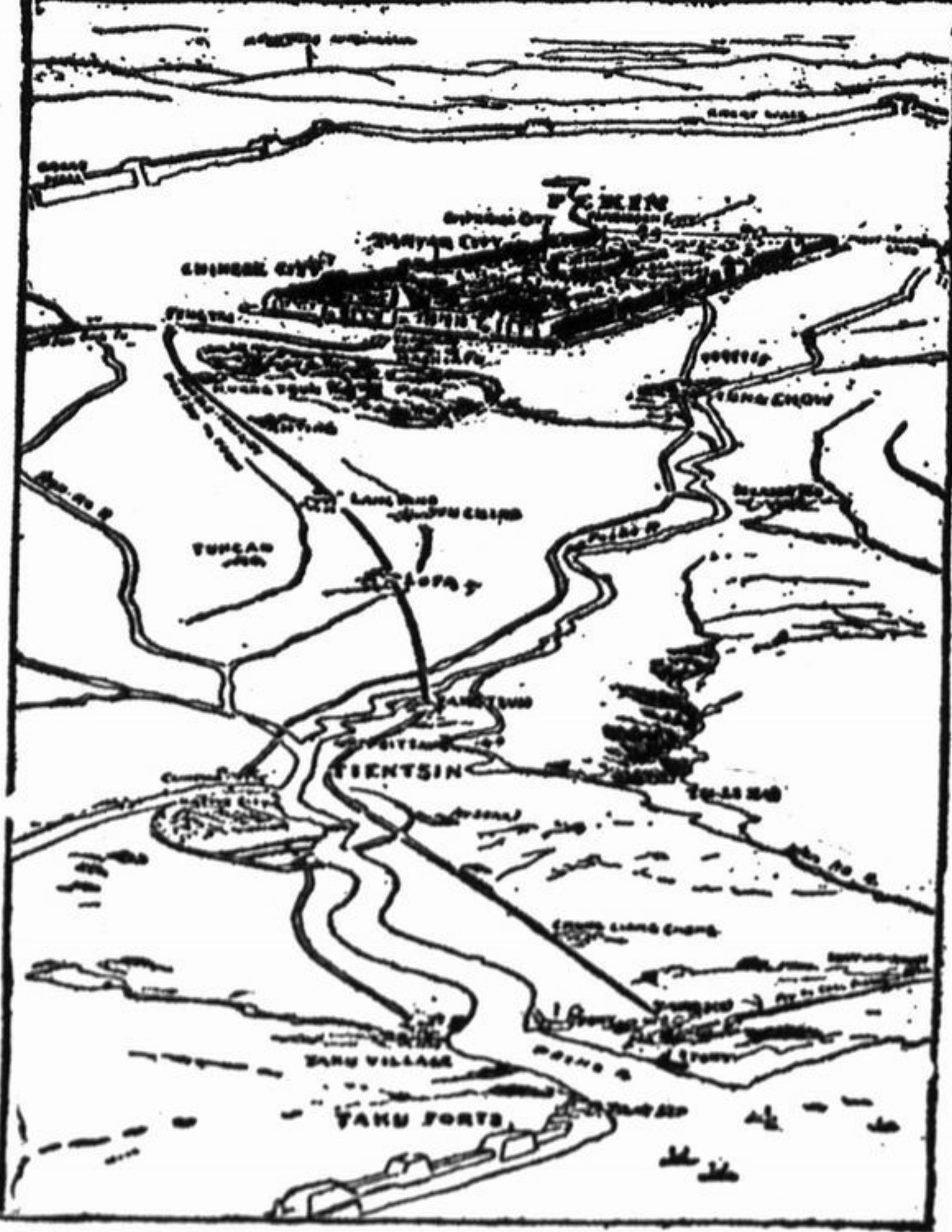
Uncle Sam and Russia. Among the rumors concerning the attitude of the European nations toward China is one that credits Russia with having made advances to the government of the United States to secure unity of action among the western powers whose people are besieged in Peking.

Tells of Conditions in China.

David Starr Jordan Writes from Shigua, Japan.

President David Starr Jordan of the Leland Stanford university, writing us from Shigua, Japan, says: "The outbreak is the expression of a dissatisfaction which has been growing a long time in the north of China, which has relations with the outside world very different from the trading and wandering people of the southern parts."

"More potent toward immediate trouble has been the invasion of railway and mining engineers who wander about the country often reckless of native customs or prejudices, asking nobody's leave and heeding nobody's objections.



MAP OF TROUBLED DISTRICT.

but doubtless very objectionable customs. The national feeling is weak in China, but the feeling for ancient customs, the feeling which we call conscience, bigotry or fanaticism, according to the way it affects us, is exceedingly strong.

is knocked off from the tombs of temples. "Everywhere are found agents of syndicates eager to secure concessions, often doing nothing with them save to hold them for future speculation.

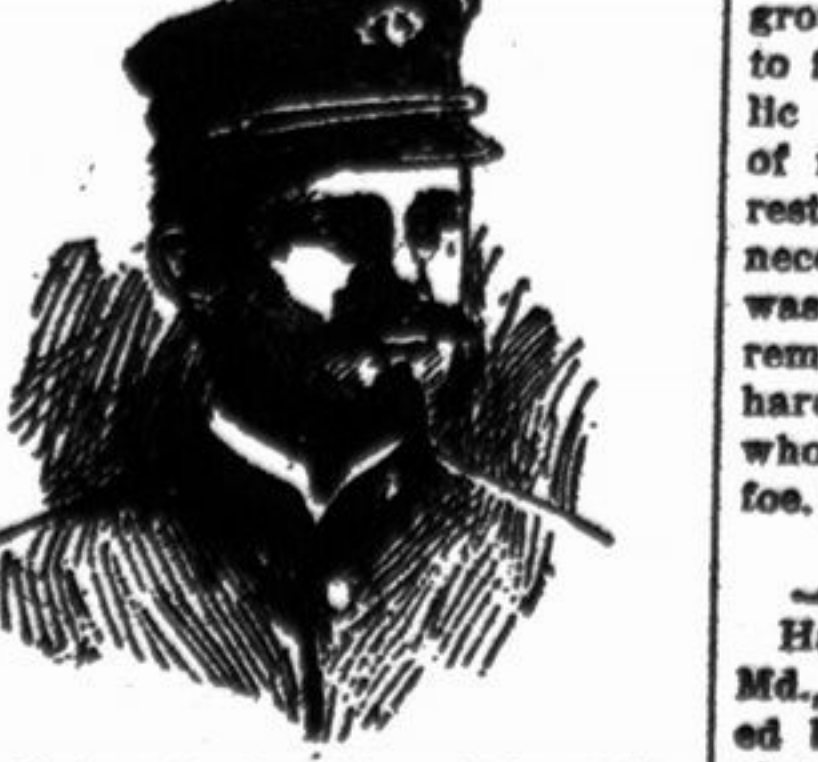


A VIEW OF CHINESE TERRITORY NEAR OUTER WALLS OF PEKIN.

Germany's Meat Problem. Consul Pittain reports that the German naval authorities at Kiel have been compelled to buy canned and preserved meats in foreign markets in order to provision their China fleet.

might present a satisfactory means of settling the difficulties that have arisen in China between the celestial government and the rest of the civilized world, and it is, therefore, greatly to be hoped that it has a foundation of fact.

Capt. John S. Myers. In command of the American marines at Peking. To his bravery and ability is largely due the safety of the ministers.



Sale of an Historic Farm. Hackwood farm, near Winchester, Md., the scene of one of the most noted battles of the late civil war, has changed hands, Judge Vinson of Rockville, Md., disposing of his interests to Mr. D. P. Pierce.

This month at Spa, Belgium's well-known mineral springs, the horse races are in full swing. The queen of the Belgians is the central figure round which fashionable Spa moves.

"This touches the third and most direct cause of the present outbreak. The 'breaking up' of China, the partition among European nations, has been freely discussed throughout the civilized world, not to the pleasure or edification of the Chinese.

"China is weak, but Chinamen are strong, and the future of the tropical Orient lies in their hands. Even in Siberia the Chinese gain foothold faster than Russian influence spreads in China.

"I may sum up public opinion as it reaches me in these propositions: "1. The foreign powers must protect their own legations and citizens against official weakness and local fanaticism.

"2. The foreign powers must not make this an excuse for the partition of China. This is a thing impossible, and China once aroused not all Europe could furnish the men to conquer the country or to hold it in check.

"3. The European powers, as Lord Salisbury has distinctly pointed out, cannot guarantee the interests of syndicates doing business under Chinese jurisdiction. They can protect their citizens under ordinary conditions, but they cannot foster enterprises by a show of force.

"4. It is for the general interest of the world to hold China together, to strengthen her government so that it can maintain order at home and dignity abroad or to treat Chinese people wherever they go just as people of other nations should be treated.

"There is no desire in Japan for war with Russia or any other nation. There is a feeling that Japan will not again be made a cat's-paw of any European combination.

The Peruvians have admirable public roads. One is 1,500 miles long.