# THE MYSTERY CLEARED UP;

## OR, THE HERITAGE OF MADAME YALTA.

CHAPTER IV.—(Cont'd)

"Where is he?" Alice asked quickly.

"This morning I could have answered you, but I have just promised the countess that the secret should rest between us two."

"Of me also she exacts secrecy That house is full of mysteries"

"I begin to think so. We will abstain from mutual questionings. But I may at least ask what course you mean to take. What will you say to your father, to Vignory? My uncle is persuaded that all is satisfactorily arranged; Vignory rests in absolute security. Do you intend to leave them to their illusions?"

"No," replied Alice, "I shall tell my father to-day that I have changed my mind and do not mean to marry."

"Diable! your father might take you at your word. You will not marry Vignory, but neither will you marry Robert."

"It is my dearest wish not to marry at all."

"My dear Alice, I believe you do not say what you think; but this is not a moment to discuss it with you. One word, however. Do not come to any decision for a few days, and above all do not declare yourself. It is more than will be needed to decide what course to take with respect to M. de Carnoel."

"You are then on his side?" asked Mlle. Dorgeres, with emotion.

"Yes; I am even astonished that I should have given in for an instant to the foolish suspicions that were so easily admitted."

"Your friend Vignory does not think with you."

"I feel less sure of Vignory since the countess has touched on certain inexplicable points in his conduct."

"Ah! at last!" cried the girl. "Then I may speak. You will understand me when I say that in a moment of anger and despair I engaged myself to this man, but I would die sooner than marry him. If he had any heart he would never have accepted what I had to offer—indifference and a large dowry. His resignation is but calculation; his gentleness, baseness."

"You go rather far," said Maxime; "but I have not the heart to blame you, and, I repeat, you may count on me. Here we are at the Boulevard Haussman. I do not know that I shall see you to-morrow. Write to me if anything occurs to make you wish for me; and then, perhaps, I may be able to tell you what the countess desires me to conceal for the present concerning Robert de Carnoel."

"And I," murmured Alice, lowering her voice, "can perhaps tell you what I have just seen at her house."

CHAPTER V.

After the explosion that followed the inconsiderate visit of Maxime Dorgeres, Col. Borisoff quickly returned to calmer sentiments. His fits of anger did not last long where grave interests were at stake, and such was the case now, for he had to determine a delicate question on which he felt himself very much in the dark. The proceedings of this hare-brained Maxime proved nothing, unless it were that an almost idiot boy affirmed that M. de Carnoel was retained by force in a house in the Rue de Vigny. The supposition was so unlikely, it could scarcely gain credence anywhere and need not give him very serious concern, and the seconds of young Dorgeres not having shown themselves at twelve o'clock next day, there was no longer reason to expect them.

But concerning his prisoner, M. Borisoff's anxieties were great. He could not keep him indefinitely, neither could he release him without exposing himself to the danger of a publicity which he greatly dreaded. To send him to Siberia, the order for which had been given as a last resource, did not remedy anything. It was to cut the difficulty, not to resolve it.

Besides, in his last interview with him, Robert de Carnoel had spoken with so much energy and earnestness that he succeeded in casting doubts in the mind of his jailer.

In the capacity of secret agent, this Russian was accustomed to look at affairs from all points, and to change his batteries as often as necessary. He possessed a marvellous suppleness in turning when once he discovered himself to be on the wrong track. And he now began to ask himself if he would not do well to search elsewhere for the accomplice of the thieves. That some one in the banker's house was in league with them was certain, but what proved this to be M. de Carnoel? Why not some other? Suspicion might rest upon the cashier himself as well as upon the secretary.

"What might not have been gained," said the colonel to himself, "if, instead of directing all our efforts toward this young man, we had carefully watched the clerks and valets of the banker! Perhaps there is yet time. I am half tempted to think Vacili is right and that he must be released on giving his word of honor to be silent concerning the past month."

These perplexities occupied Col. Borisoff all the evening and night after his conversation with M. de Carnoel. Their effect was to induce him to countermand the journey to Siberia. In truth, he feared being reproached for having taken a measure of this sort of such questionable utility. He decided to temporize and to connect himself more closely with M. Dorgeres, in order to study the habits and relations of those around him. And as he felt the need of distraction, he had his horse saddled and went to the Boris attended by a groom after announcing his intention to dine out and to return probably quite late.

His ride was marked by no incident and had no effect of enabling him to collect his ideas. He said to himself that he might at any time be released from an embarrassing position by liberating M. de Carnoel, promising him his support as the price of his silence. And confiding in his savoir-faire which had extricated him from more difficult positions, he returned to the city with a tranquil mind, proposing to pass the evening according to his fancy.

He dismounted at the door of his club, and intending to dine there, sent away his horse and groom.

He found what he sought, a place at a whist table, and that nothing should mar his satisfaction he had unusual good-luck, and when he rose to make his toilette for the evening had won a considerable sum.

It was his habit to make up a party here from four to six, and in that case his valet de chambre had orders to bring him his dress for the evening.

He was putting the finishing touch to this toilette, when a card was placed in his hand from a gentleman who wished to speak with him on urgent business. The name was unknown to him, and the card had a peculiar mark in the corner.

Quite surprised to see this sign, which was understood only by the attaches of the Third Section and by those only of a certain grade, the colonel decided that he could not dispense with giving audience to the man who made use of this sign, and could shorten the interview if the subject seemed not worthy of his attention.

On entering the parlor of the club, he found there a young man of fine presence and elegantly dressed, who welcomed him by a phrase in the Russian language,—a phrase more significant than the mark on the visiting card. There was no longer room to hesitate. The newcomer belonged to the political police, and occupied, too, a high place in it.

The question was, why had he come to Paris, and Borisoff experienced a vague disquietude.

"My dear Alexis Stepanowitch," said the unknown, addressing him, according to the national custom, by his first name followed by the Christian name of his father, "this is not a favorable place for talking; let us dine together at a public house."

"Willingly," replied the colonel, who felt the necessity of putting on a good countenance; "which would you prefer, my dear—Mouriatine?"

"Say Ivan Ivanovitch. Let us go to—Begnon's, Avenue de l' Opera. I arrived this morning after sixty hours of express train, and am in need of refreshment."

The colonel showed his compatriot the way from the antechamber, and hastened to don his overcoat.

As soon as they were on the boulevard, which in this locality was quite solitary, the newly-arrived began thus, still in Russian:

"You do not know me, and do not recognize the name of Mouriatine. That is not surprising. I was stationed in our Polish provinces while you were with the general at St. Petersburg, and I returned to the department when you went abroad. My wish is, my dear Alexis, to act with you as comrade. I shall not begin by showing you my written powers,—they are, however, at your disposal when you wish. Meanwhile, shall I give you the password?"


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| Surplus to Policyholders | $ 1,531,371 42 |

Losses paid since organization of the Company $52,441,172 44

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| Fire Premiums | | $ 2,111,879 94 | |
| Fire Losses | $1,006,875 89 | | |
| Fire Expenses | 358,121 58 | 1,364,997 47 | |
| | | | $746,882 47 |
| Marine Premiums | | $ 698,426 61 | |
| Marine Losses | $498,396 16 | | |
| Marine Expenses | 155,694 55 | 646,590 71 | |
| | | | 51,835 90 |
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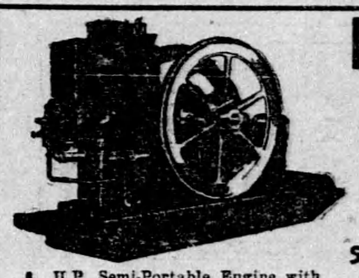
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| 1899 (5 months) | $ 666,500.00 | 1899 (5 months) | $ 646,000.00 |
| 1900 | 1,359,500.00 | 1900 | 1,350,000.00 |
| 1901 | 1,436,500.00 | 1901 | 1,378,755.00 |
| 1902 | 1,672,500.00 | 1902 | 1,528,331.00 |
| 1903 | 1,641,100.00 | 1903 | 1,569,000.00 |
| 1904 | 1,632,250.00 | 1904 | 1,474,594.00 |
| 1905 | 1,816,300.00 | 1905 | 1,517,646.00 |
| 1906 | 2,011,600.00 | 1906 | 1,724,090.00 |
| 1907 | 2,079,250.00 | 1907 | 2,001,300.00 |
| 1908 | 3,284,040.00 | 1908 | 2,877,500.00 |
| 1909 | 3,300,000.00 | 1909 | 2,950,000.00 |

| Assurance Record. | | Assurance Annual Prem. | Mortality Experience | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1899 (5 Mos) | $ 604,000 | $ 22,954.60 | 1899 | Nil. |
| 1900 | 1,792,500 | 62,605.96 | 1900 | $ 6,000.00 |
| 1901 | 2,554,904 | 92,029.30 | 1901 | 11,500.00 |
| 1902 | 3,425,897 | 126,695.21 | 1902 | 22,269.00 |
| 1903 | 4,086,112 | 150,644.68 | 1903 | 9,250.00 |
| 1904 | 4,509,754 | 166,384.20 | 1904 | 23,714.00 |
| 1905 | 5,125,437 | 176,764.39 | 1905 | 14,893.00 |
| 1906 | 5,802,358 | 190,222.41 | 1906 | 16,691.00 |
| 1907 | 6,678,057 | 218,745.92 | 1907 | 23,250.00 |
| 1908 | 8,625,509 | 308,093.78 | 1908 | 27,108.00 |
| 1909 | 10,310,500 | 370,671.14 | 1909 | 41,831.00 |

| Interest Earnings, Etc. | | ASSETS. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1899 (5 months) | $ 1,794.21 | 1899 | $ 105,004.00 |
| 1900 | 3,239.01 | 1900 | 118,672.00 |
| 1901 | 3,431.87 | 1901 | 154,534.00 |
| 1902 | 5,536.20 | 1902 | 199,070.00 |
| 1903 | 7,360.37 | 1903 | 273,604.00 |
| 1904 | 10,041.24 | 1904 | 362,853.00 |
| 1905 | 14,810.91 | 1905 | 575,396.00 |
| 1906 | 35,410.10 | 1906 | 720,405.00 |
| 1907 | 46,177.32 | 1907 | 884,262.00 |
| 1908 | 60,707.28 | 1908 | 1,104,874.00 |
| 1909 | 80,379.76 | 1909 | 1,394,832.00 |

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