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She held out her hand. He bent and For the rest we man. wait." kissed it. "In fact, I hadn't the least She saw that they must wait. It was right to say it," he confessed. "Not the impossible to approach the king on the

least from any point of view. It's your matter of Sophy. It cut dead at the "Rime I'm party to the crime I'll shock as great as the discovery of keep the secret," she promised, with a Countess Ellenburg's ambitions, decidedly kindly glance. To Sophy ad- could not be risked.

She gave a little sigh, followed quickly The prince's face grew very grave. "We've said all we possibly can to

The prince was coming down the voice of Stenovics. I shouldn't obey. In the streets. A steril ture to war, the troops of the carried a sealed letter. Almost at the same moment a groom led Markart's right!" she said. "And for today?"

> ber my message to General Stenovics?" "Accurately, sir." "Good!" He gave Markart his band. "Goodby! A pleasant ride to you, captain-pleasanter than last night's." His can have a holiday, Sophy."

"I'm not to have M. Zerkovitch's monseigneur, a holiday!" company this time, sir?" "Why, no. captain! You see, Zerko- he said, "so we must enjoy it." vitch left the castle soon after 6 o'clock. This day-this holiday which might! wn; 4 K J McNabb, Acton; 5. Wm. Frazer, Campbellville;

l'eace and county Court Sittings, with or without Jury, 8th Sophy burst into a laugh at the dis- cloudless sky and the glittering waters may on Markart's face. "We neither of Lake Talti were parties to their without Jury, 6th April and 5th October, and so often at other of us knew that, Captain Markart, did pleasure, whether as they rode far tiple times iv Terms--lith January, 5th April, 5th July and 4th October, we?" she cried. "We thought he was sleeping off the fright you'd given

"Your royal highness gives me leave"- stammered Markart, his eyes on his horse.

"Certainly, captain. But don't be vexed. There will be no invidious comparisons. Zerkovitch doesn't propose to report himself to General Ste- "It's good," novics immediately on his arrival." I hours, to 9 a.m., 12 to 2 p.m., and 6 to 8p.m. laugh at his own expense. "I'm hardly youth flowed briskly. The heart of." Good natured Markart joined in the

Honor Graduate and Silver Medalist of voir!"



He gave Markart his work in which "It's only a lamp," he said, " longer was, for his heart had felt Sophy's spell.

"You can have had next to no sleep what's the use of it?" all night, monseigneur," said Sophy in reproach, mingled with commiseration. there?" "I don't need it. The sight of your Holy Communion 1st Sunday of each month id day and 3rd and 5th Sundays, 8 a.m. face refreshes me. We must talk of late." Zerkovitch brought news."

In low, grave tones he told her the monseigneur?" tidings and the steps which he and Mass Second Sunday of every month at 11 Zerkovitch had taken.

"I understand my father's reasons then!" for keeping me in the dark. He meant it well, but he was blinded by this idea about my marriage. But I see, too, she should have set it down as though CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY how it fitted in with Stenovics' ideas. every word of it were precious—set I think it's war between us now, and down as minutely as she chronicled I'm ready." 7.11 a. m 7-37 a. m. 10.21 a. m.

Bank of Hamilton, 2.55 p. m. (flag.) 5.23 p. m. 8.12 p. m. life was not to be relied on for a week -for a day-no, not for an hour! But was setting-a sun of ruddy gold, be-9.03 a.m. 9.40 a.m. 3.58 p.m. 6.42 p.m. she listened attentively. Zerkovitch hind it one bright purple cloud, the sky had gone back to Slavna on a fresh beyond blue, deepening almost into horse and at top speed. He would have black. When Praslok came in sight West 9.03 a.m., 8.30 p.m. East 7.11 a.m., 8.12p.m more than two hours' lead of Markart. she laid her hand on his, with a long His first duty was to open communica-, drawn sigh. tions with Lepage and arrange that the "We have been together today," she valet should send him all the informa- said. "That will be there always. Yes, tion which came to his ears and any the sun and the world were made for impressions which he was able to gath- us today, and we have been worthy." 45 a.m. 4.45 p.m. 10.25 a.m. 8.35 p.m er in the palace. Zerkovitch would for- He pressed her hand. "You were ward the reports to Praslok immediate- sent to teach me what joy is-the worth is so long as the prince remained at the of the world to men who live in it. castle. But the prince was persuaded You're the angel of joy, Sophy. Before that his father would not refuse to see you came I had missed that lesson." him now that he knew the true state "I'm very glad"-thus she ends her

luctant to risk giving him such a shock. | cap wanted!" I think I can persuade him without." Oh, Sophy, Sophy! What of that for

self at Slavna in the palace and alone?" seigneur's fight? "I must risk the palace alone, and I'm not much afraid. Stenovics might go to war with me, but I don't think he'd favor assassination. And to Slavna I shan't go alone. Our gunners will go with us, Sophy. We have news of the guns being on the way. There will be nothing strange in my marching the gunners down to meet them. They're only half trained even in drill, but they're brave fellows. We'll take up our quarters with them in Suleiman's tower. I don't fear all Slavna if

fully. "I can't come with you to Suleican meet often, as often as possible, talked, while their wives said they

but his voice was firm. "Not even the king—not even my fathe prospect. At the best it would be one another, you and I. More than we ther—can make me throw away the inshould perhaps! And now to duty!" She heritance which is mine. The hand

joined them and, after a bow to Sophy, by chance the thing which we now "For his majesty. And you remem- we shouldn't hear till evening. know may happen any day, and of that there's no drill even. I sent the men their homes on forty-eight hours' fur-" lough yesterday morning." His face relaxed in a smile. "I think today we

She clapped her hands in glee. "Oh, "It must be the last for a long time." Rather a short night, yes, but he was be the last-passed in a fine carelessness and a rich joy in living. The

> along the shore or sat and ate a simple meal on the rock strewn margin. Hopes and fears, dangers and stern resues which the future promised or dangled bewas little thought

awake yet. He must be made of iron, youth rose high. The prince joked. jested and paid his court. Sophy's: "Quicksilver!" smiled the prince. As eyes gleamed with the fun as not even Markart mounted he added, "Au re- the most exalted and perilous adventure could make them sparkle. Markart left the two standing side, "Oh, it's good," she cried-"good to:

by side—the prince's serious face lit up ive and see the sun! Monseigneur, J with a rare pelieve I'm a pagan- a sun worshiper! . Sophy's When he's good enough to warm me through and to make the water glitter merriment. for me and shadows dance in such a His own face cuming pattern on the bills, then ' fell as he rode think I've done something that he likes away. "I half and that he's pleased with me!" She' wish I was in sprang to her feet and stretched out the other camp," her hands toward the sun. he grumbled. grave, I believe, I shall remember the But Stenovics' glorious light. My memory of that power held him | could surely never die!" -and the fear His was the holiday mood too:

of Stafnitz. He fell in with her extravagance, meet! went back to a it with banter. purpose of showing Sophy's eyes. When she's not there they put it out, for was occupied by odds and ends, includ-

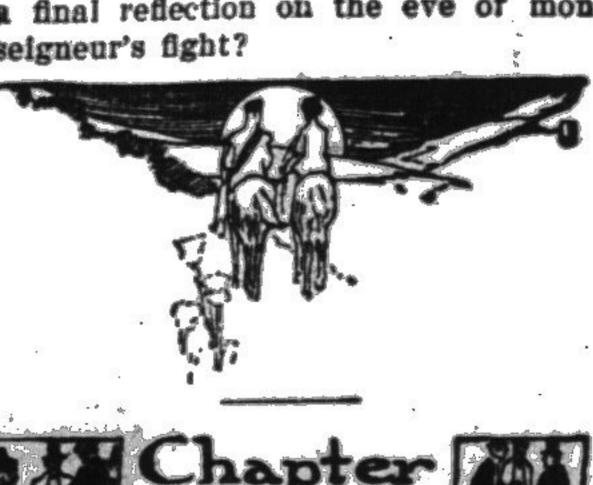
"It lights up again when I come,

"Ah, then I forget to look!" "You get very little sun anyhow, "I've something so much better." It is pathetic to read-pathetic that

the details of the critical hours Sophy was almost dazed. The king's which fate was soon to call her. They rode home together as the sun

of the case. "My father is really at own record of this day of glory-"that tached to me," he said, "and if I see I've brought joy to monseigneur. He him I'm confident that I can persuade faces his fight joyful of heart." And him of the inexpediency of my leaving then, with one of her absurd, deplorathe kingdom just now. A hint of my ble irresistible lapses into the merest suspicions with regard to the countess ordinary feminine, she adds, "That red and Stenovics would do it, but I'm re- badge is just the touch my sheepskin

"But is it safe for you to trust your- a final reflection on the eve of mon-



"Yes, I see," she answered thought- "HERE was a stir in Slavna

force that was being raised in Volseni. then they were not sure that they did! journey. Baroness Dobrava's name, too, was much on men's lips. Stories about So-

began to remember that they had from await the king's answer at Praslok. countess. the beginning thought her very remark. Neither to him had the prince said a superstitious ideas about her made miration of herself always argued "But if under Stenovics' influence the whole mountain country would rive at something good in a man. She had king does refuse to see you?" she ask-her bidding and sweep down on Slav none of that ungracious scorn which ed-"Refuses to see you and repeats ner bluding and sweep do not be units of beauty and bravery the small of beauty and bravery following the state of beauty and bravery following the same following the sam The sheepskins would come, following

the red star! very bad for trade. At the worst cules subdued his demennor, which ' deed, had never quite recovered the chastisement of the prince's swor to a self effacing discretion. in his beart and in his heavy. tive brain bad an uneasy feeling abou

But for her Sterkoff's long knife woulaverers must be shown where power av. whose was the winning side Captain Markart arrived at Slav o'clock Zerkovitch had

on horseback. Lleutenseen him set out and of a soldier, but he was write the letter myself."

ing the tackle, rods and other implements of his majesty's favorite pas- unwillingness to set out on his ting room. Natcheff and Lepage were what he saw at Praslok?" not present, but each was in his own

room, ready for any possible call on his her, then to Markart, "Well?" services. Markart was there, first to ed the latter tell his story and deliver his letter, second in his capacity as secretary to General Stenovies. The countess and Stafnitz completed the party.

viously unwell. His voice trembled as After a slight reproach that he should

king's health the prince requested an faces were deadly serious. "Oh, come, by local applications, as they cannot reach the next two days. He well—well, that's not serious. Natural reach the diseased portion of the ear. were plentiful. Dr. Natcheff might be had considerations which it was his perhaps, but—the prince has a sense of any reassuring as he pleased, but he had duty to lay before his majesty, and he duty. He'll see that that won't do. and that is by constitutional remedies spent the night at the palace! All was firmly but respectfully claimed the And we'll send the baroness a hint- Deafness is caused by an inflamed con quiet in the city, but news came of the right of confidential communication we'll tell her how much we miss her at dition of the mucous lining of the with his father. That was essential to Slavna." He tried to make them an- Eustachian Tube. When this tube his majesty's obtaining a true appre- swer his smile and accept his smooth- inflamed you have a rumbling sound ciation of his views. The hit at Ste- ing away of the difficulty. It was all imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely Little as Slavna loved the novics was plain enough, and the a failure. prince. It was not eager to fight him, prince did not labor it. The letter end-A certain reaction in his favor set in, ed there, with an expression of earnest Baroness Dobrava a serious obstacle dition, hearing will be destroyed for-

If they did not love him, they held him concern for the king's health. There to his royal highness obeying your ever; nine cases out of ten are caused in sincere respect. If he meant to fight, was no word in it about starting on his wishes—a serious obstacle," said Ste- by Catarrh, which is nothing but an in Then Marka .. told his story-not that phy were bundled to and fro. People added only that the prince proposed to "Will he let her go?" snapped the catarrh) that cannot be cuted by Hall

able-a force to be reckoned with. The word about starting on his journey. said the king. "These little-er-affairs On this point Stenovics seized, pur-these-what-holiday flirtations"their first definite appearance now. She suant, no doubt, to the plan devised in The countess lost or appeared to lose that preliminary discussion with the control of herself suddenly. "Little afother two members of the little coterie. fairs! Holiday flirtations! If it were "It is remarkable, sir, even more only that it would be beneath your nothan remarkable, that his royal high- tice, sir, and beneath mine. It's more ness makes no reference at all to the than that!" direct command which your majesty The king started and leaned for-

The king listened, puzzled and rather we sit talking here he may be marrydistressed. "Yes, it isn't proper; it ing that woman." would be the king's, but the voice the voice of Stenovice I shouldn't observed in the streets. A stern ruler was bet knows the state of my health I think face turned red and then, as the blood state of my health I think face turned red and then, as the blood in the streets. wooden causeway. He, too, wore the Voice of Stenovies. I shouldn't obey. They'd have to come to Voiseni and take me."

In his hand he take me."

Voice of Stenovies. I shouldn't obey. They'd have to come to Voiseni and garrison were no longer such favorite.

I must see him. It seems unnatural to the last "That's what she means—yes, and garrison were no longer such favorite."

"But is the prince going on his jour- The king was aghast. The second asney, sir?" asked Stenovics. "Does the sault struck home-struck at his dearstudied silence of his letter augur well est hopes and wounded his most intifor his obedience? Doesn't be seek an mate ambitions, but he was still ininterview in order to persuade your credulous. He spread out trembling majesty against your better judgment? hands, turning from the vehement wowith outstretched hands.

They were silent-grave and silent. thing to suggest this-this terrible The fire was not on poor Markart

again. He stammered and stuttered. "The-the bareness seemed to have much influence, sir; to- to hold a very high position in the prince's regard; to--to be in his confidence"lay there. The prince's was the strong-"Yes!" struck in the countess. character. It might well prevail weers the uniform of his artillery' and they were no longer certain that Isn't that a compliment usually rethe prince knew or guessed nothing served for ladies of royal rank? I appeal to you, Colonel Stafuitz!"

news had Zerkovitch carried to Prasthe night before? Stenovics ad-"Captain Markart gathered that the without my consent"prince was reluctant to interrupt the lltary training on which he is en-

personal interview might be trying to your majesty."

The king looked annoyed, possibly a little suspicious. "You've no other obsaw the general arrive jection than that to urge, General Ste-Stenevics had none other which he

could produce. "No, sir," he said. "While I'm here I must do my duty, marked all his goings, and I shall induce my son to do his. but of this Lepage was I'll receive the Prince of Slavna in pri-I'll fix the precise time later, and I'll

The decision was final, and it was depage had been with Zer- feat so far. There was a moment's silence, Markart saw Colonel Stafnitz nod his head almost imperceptibly to-

Markart was sadly end arrassed.

"Who was at praslok?" asked the danger! The king was anxious, worried, ob- for one night, and Baroness Dobrava " the countess persisted. "Yes, Baroness Dobraya!"

"Then we must get her away, gen-

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was pleased to issue to him." he ob- ward, looking at her. She rose to her feet, crying: "More than that! While!"

"Captain Markart, you-you saw any-

"In most services it is so, I believe, countess," the colonel answered gravely. "But I should never allow it-and

"It might be invalid, sir, though there's some doubt about that, but !

"She means marriage, I sav. countess was: impatient of her ally, which was. vecy artistic. what might happen as a consequence "Au ambitious

and dangerous vantage of the favor the king showed "And if I died?" asked the king.

Stenovics shrugged his shoulders "Of course there would be no control The king looked around, "We must get her away from Praslok," "Will she come?" jeered the countess

The king passed his hand weakly bing book . . . . . . . . . the draft with all who serve you confidentially nerves. Wed might the unfortunate became aware of the state of your

formidable calm of Stenovics and Stafnitz! And al! Lis favorite dreams in "She won't leave him or he'll follow | "Mme. Zerkovitch, and her husband her. The woman has infatuated him!"

"Pray, madame, let me think," said "She's still there?" asked the king the harassed and sick king. "We must man within these walls a man in choice He looked perplexed, even veved but open communications with Baroness touch with your majesty." "May I suggest that the matter might

"Every hour is full of danger," de-

ciared the counters signed the document and folded I His face twas now firm and calmer. The peril to his greatest hopes-per-curable with weakner haps a sense of the precarious tenure Often I scarcely ate. of his power- seemed to impart to him felt miserable all day a new promptness, a decision alien to excited, troubled with his normal character. "Colonel Star. was in bad shape. The colonel rose to his feet and sa- may be Ferrozone will cure Price From an adviser in council be per box at all dealers. became in a moment a soldier on duty. "I am about to intrust to you a duty

f great delicacy. I choose you because, short of General Stenovics him- foreigners in Montreal self, there is no man in whom I have "faking" railway accidents, a bir in such confidence. Tomorrow morning of information and identification you will go to Praslok and inform his soon to be established in Cana royal bighness that you have a com- whereby tab will be kept on all acmunication from me for Baroness Do- dents, to guard against any cap. brava. If the prince is absent you will clous "repeat," with the idea of see the baroness herself. If she is absent you will follow her and find her. country. The matter is urgent. You will tell her James Forrest, claims agent of the that it is my request that she at once Toronto Railway Co., on the occaaccompany you back here to the palace, of a picnic to Buffalo, on which it where I shall receive her and acquaint the chief officials of the company parher with my further wishes. If she ticipated, asks of these say that you are not em- Such a bureau has been in existing. powered to tell her anything. She in the United States for some time. must learn them from myself. If she but until the charges were laid ag in the three foreigners in Montreal you immediately or if demur is made having adopted the system of purp or delay suggested from any quarter ly falling off street cars or tramyou will say that my request is a com- a profitable means of making capital mand. If that is not sufficient you will through damage claims, no such sysproduce this paper. It is an order un- tem has been thought necessary der my hand addressed to you and di- Already, Mr. Forrest states, the recting you to arrest Baroness Do. ronto Street Railway has the firm brava and escort her here to my pres- in shape and cards printed relating t ence, notwithstanding any objection or resistance which any person whatever Montreal trio, and Acton Burrow will offer at his peril. You will be way Association; will, it is said, as back here by tomorrow evening, with sume the duties of filing and keeping. the baroness in your charge. Do it track of these and future cases and without employing the order for arrest holding these cards for distribution

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costs. Do you understand?" "Perfectly, sir. Am I to take an es-The answer to that question was anx

lously considered and awaited any "Yes," said the king, "you will. The precise force I leave to your discretion It should be large enough to make you

secure from hindrance by any act short of open and armed resistance to my Stafnitz saluted again and at a sign from the king resumed his seat. The king's manner relaxed as he turned to Stenovics "When we've got her her we'll reason with her-she'll hear reg son-and persuade her that her healt' will benefit by a foreign trip. If necesary I shall cause her to be deported She must be out of Kravonia in three days unless she can clear herself from

all suspicion. I'll arrange that the prince shan't come for his audience until she is well out of Slavna. It is, of course. absolutely essential that i. . word of this should mass the wals of this room. If once a hint of it ren had Praslok the task of laying our hands on the baroness might become infinite ly more difficult."

The three were well pleased. Then had come to fear Sophy, and on that the last of her. And when she ha gone there was a fairer chance that the prince stoo, would go on his traceis Whether he went after her or not they cared little so that he went and the recruiting and training at Volseni were

Again, she was to go before the and: That was another point. The peril of the audience remained, but they had improved their chances Per project. Even haps Stafnitz's brain was already busy short of actual his escort. The latter was to be large with the possibilities of his mission ar enough to make him secure from him drance by any act short of open and mar tage?" The armed resistance to the king's own mands. If it were impossible, as 1 quite rudely majesty obviously considered, to condently no less impossible to red,

> "I want my draft again. I'm very need detain us today? As he speke, before Stenovice could answer, Leprge came in with the draft The valet were an even unusually de-

mure and uninterested expression. "There is one other matter, sir," sic, i The king paused in the net of drie! ing and listened, with his glass in his

hand, Lepage standing beside him Your majesty just now impressed and the sir, you would insist on the same the st "The ask countess' open cruption and the not less. The king started a little. "No; I for got that. It was against my direct or Jers. How was it?" Stenovics kept his eyes on the king

Markart and Stafnitz allowed them selves to study Lepage's features Hestood the scrutiny well "The news, sir, was betrayed by ## be continued

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