

RALPH HARDELOT'S MEDIATION

BY WILLIAM MINTO.

CHAPTER XXIV—Continued.

Inside the council chamber was a much more pitiable spectacle than the disgraced and heart broken gentleman—a body of rulers corporately demoralized and individually demoralized by panic, gabbling at one another like a flock of geese.

Fear had broken the bonds of custom, and the instinct of self-preservation ran riot above all the restraints of conventional ceremony. Every man was eager to give voice to his own panic-stricken comments and suggestions, and as they could not all gain the general ear at once, each man turned to his neighbor, trying desperately to be heard above the din.

The question was, what answer should be sent to the request of the commons, but there was no authority in the chamber equal to keeping this or any other single question before the minds of the council.

The members gesticulated and roared out expressions of impotent wrath. Sir John Newton was a coward; he should never have yielded Rochester castle; it was strong enough to have held out till doomsday against such a rabble.

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At peace with himself at last, and yet the peace that filled his soul was near akin to sadness. The world was fairer to him, and yet he was not insensible of his miseries. Only somehow in his inner being there seemed to have been opened a deep fountain of hope that the miseries would pass, and that through them a better time would be reached. The sense of pain was not poignant enough to disturb the great calm that had descended on him like the peace of the stars after a storm.

He was not so sanguine as he had been of his own immediate aims. He had not abandoned them; he was ready to adventure his life for them calmly and without fear; but his faith in his own individual strength was sobered by what he had felt of the mighty forces against which he had measured it. Masses of men bound together by custom, unable to see above custom, to tell evil from good within the bonds of it, savagely resentful of interference, what could the weak voice of persuasion prevail against this?

In his lonely days in prison he had meditated much. The weeks he had spent there had been like years in maturing his experience. Was it only by violent convulsions that evil customs could be uprooted? Could right and justice be reached only through strife and confusion? He saw the poor robbed by their natural protectors, beaten when they asked for justice. Would nothing but armed resistance and retaliation open the eyes of their lords to their iniquity? Why did righteous lords, whose conscience made just and merciful, remain blind to the brutalities of their fellows? He saw fowl greed fluttering like a harpy over the fair world of England, clutching at the livelihood of poor men and devouring it, sometimes merely wasting it in ugly intolerance. Would nothing but the clamor of insurrection scare this monster from its prey?

Tower, and that the rebels should be invited to meet him there and state their grievances. Against those who urged that their desire to speak with the king in person was a palpable trick to get him into their power, it was pointed out that he need not land, but only hear them and speak with them from his barge.

This was agreed to. But there was one dissentient—the lord high chancellor. Sudbury listened in contemptuous silence to their consultation, and when they had done, desired in dignified and sarcastic language to be relieved of the great seal. He had striven, he said, to do his duty as a humble servant of the king, but if it were desired to pacify the rebellious people, nothing could be more pleasing to them than the removal of the hated chancellor at whose door they laid all their wrongs.

In the end the chancellor was taken at his word, and the great seal was resumed by the king himself, and remained in his keeping during the next two days. It is possible that nobody about the king was hardly enough to take the responsibility of the clavis regni. The next to which it was to be put is one of the most singular in its history.

CHAPTER XXV.

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EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in a Condensed Form, Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

Congress held a session last Sunday, the first time in 91 years.

Chicago street car men will go out if they do not receive more pay.

One was killed outright and 30 injured in a railroad accident in Colorado.

The house decided the Missouri contested election by declaring the seat vacant.

With the exception of iron and steel our exports this year will beat any previous record.

No great anxiety is felt in Washington official circles regarding the situation in Venezuela.

It has been ascertained that the man killed at Whatcom, Wash., in mistake for Tracy, was insane.

King Edward's health continues to improve. His coronation has been set for the end of September.

Queen Alexandra received Whitelaw Reid, the special ambassador of the United States, and Mrs. Reid in a very courteous manner.

Fighting has been renewed in Hayti. The situation is complicated as there are several candidates for the presidency and each has an army fighting the rest.

A \$40,000,000 steel company has been formed at Trenton, N. J.

A heavy hail storm in the vicinity of Greeley, Colo., destroyed much small fruit, broke windows and did other damage.

Boer prisoners, who have been confined on various British islands for some time past, are being sent home as rapidly as possible.

The American and British mission buildings at Ten Ku Chao, China, have been destroyed and a missionary killed by a mob of Chinese.

At a continuation of his testimony before the senate, Admiral Dewey says Aguinaldo was after loot and his own personal gain, and not the independence of his people.

A bill has been passed by the senate extending the time for making final proof in desert land entries in Yakima county, Wash. The bill has not yet passed the house.

Six firms in Paterson, N. J., have complied with the strikers' demands and the men have returned to work. This will most likely break all opposition to the union.

King Edward continues to improve and will be out of all danger in a few days.

Canadian troops in South Africa are being sent home as fast as transports can be had.

Senator Mitchell made an impressive speech before the senate in favor of the 1905 exposition.

The seventh week of the coal miners' strike in the East sees no material change in the situation.

The Union Pacific has discharged its entire force of machinists at the Omaha shops with the exception of 10 men.

An amnesty proclamation to Filipinos will be issued July 4. This will release all political, but not criminal prisoners, including Aguinaldo.

The Carnegie Steel Company has voluntarily raised the wages of all of its unskilled employees 10 per cent. This will affect nearly 15,000 men.

The bill providing for the sale of a portion of the Unamilla, Oregon, reservation has been passed by both houses and is now ready for the president's signature.

The house has passed the Philippine civil government bill.

All efforts to crush the insurgents in North China have failed.

BIGGEST IN THE WORLD.

Cotton Mill to Be Built Near Kansas City—\$10,000,000 to Be Invested.

Kansas City, Mo., July 3.—The Star says: The largest cotton mill in the world is to be built within 20 miles of Kansas city. Ten million dollars is to be invested, \$3,100,000 of which has already been subscribed by Eastern and Western men. The mill will have 500,000 spindles and 12,000 looms. It will employ 4,800 operatives, and have a payroll of \$2,450,000 a year. The capacity of the mill will be 170,000 bales of cotton a year, with an output of 75,000,000 pounds of finished cloth. The value of the annual output will, it is estimated, amount to \$12,750,000. Electricity will be used as the motive power, and several new devices will be installed. There will be four mill buildings, covering an aggregate of 2,000 acres of ground.

The mill was promoted by Witten McDonald, formerly a banker of Kansas City and later editor of the Kansas City Times, who recently has been interested in mills at Mammoth Springs, Ark.

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NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

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BELIEVED HE HAD SHOT TRACY.

Whatcom Officer Kills a Bad Man, but it was Not the Oregon Convict.

Whatcom, Wash., July 1.—Police-man Frank Alvord shot a man through the pit of the stomach, inflicting a wound which will prove fatal. The man gives the name of Godfrey R. Campbell, and his home as Black River Falls, Wash. Policeman Alvord, who shot Campbell, believed at the time that he was dealing with either Tracy or Merrill, but the authorities have received circulars containing an announcement of the reward offered for the men, and are positive that the man shot is not one of the escaped Oregon convicts.

Policeman Alvord observed a gun in the man's pocket while he was walking on the street, and as he was desperate looking, after consulting with Officer Jessup, he determined upon his arrest. The man turned into a side street, followed by Alvord, who requested him to halt. The stranger replied, "Not by a d—d sight!" whereupon the officer ordered him to throw up his hands, at the same time drawing his revolver. The man attempted to draw his revolver, at the same time grabbing hold of one hand the officer's gun. The officer fired, the ball striking the man in the pit of the stomach, passing clear through. He maintained a terrible fight with the officer. Officer Jessup, who had come to his brother officer's assistance, and a large number of bystanders who were trying to render the officers aid, were fully five minutes in subduing the man. A dozen blows from a policeman's club, succeeded in cracking the man's skull, but not in loosening his grip on Officer Alvord's gun. His hand was finally broken in order to loosen his grip. The authorities are confident that the man is a desperado of some character and wanted by officers.

TEXAS DROUTH BROKEN.

Heavy Rains Are Reported from Dallas South to the Gulf of Mexico.

Dallas, Tex., July 1.—The long drouth prevailing in Texas was quite generally relieved today. Heavy rains are reported from Dallas south to the Gulf, and many sections north, east and west have received portions of the "downpour." The corn crop is said to be beyond redemption, but cotton will be saved.

There was considerable alarm for the safety of Galveston throughout the day, as a severe gale was reported raging there this morning, and telegraphic communication was entirely interrupted during the day. It was later learned, however, that no damage had been sustained and that the water was but slightly above normal. At Houston, a high wind prevailed, but no serious damage is reported.

FEDERAL ARBITRATION BOARDS

House Labor Committee Orders Favorable Report on the Bill.

Washington, July 1.—The labor committee of the house has perfected and ordered a favorable report on the bill empowering the president to appoint federal arbitration boards to investigate and adjust strikes, lockouts, etc., which are of such magnitude as to affect interstate commerce. The membership of the board was reduced to five members, three to be appointed by the president and one by each of the parties to the labor controversy. The duties of the board are to investigate and report the facts, the idea being that publicity of the actual facts will do much to compel an adjustment. Furthermore, provision is made that the contending parties may submit their cause to the board of arbitration for final decision, but this is not compulsory. The bill will be reported at once, but it is too late in the session to expect final action.

Official Trial of Torpedo Boat Destroyer.

Baltimore, July 1.—The official trial of the torpedo boat destroyer Truxton has been held over the Barren Island measured course in Chesapeake bay. The vessel exceeded her contract speed and the mean endurance average for an hour by 1.9 knots and 1.066 knots respectively. Her maximum speed corrected for tidal allowances was 29.9 knots, while under forced draught she averaged 27.66 knots for one hour. The Truxton was built at Sparrows Point by the Maryland Steel Co.

Bills is Renominated.

Detroit, June 30.—The Republican state convention renominated Governor Bliss on the first ballot. A motion to make his nomination unanimous was defeated, however, by the objection of editor M. L. Cook, of Hastings, who had placed John Patton, Jr., ex-United States senator, of Grand Rapids, in nomination, and who waged a bitter fight against Governor Bliss throughout the campaign.

Ninth Infantry Goes East.

San Francisco, July 1.—The 10 companies of the famous Ninth infantry, which arrived on the transport Kilpatrick, left for the East today, Colonel C. F. Robe in command. The headquarters of the regiment and six companies will be stationed at Madison Barracks, N. Y., and the other companies at Fort Niagara.

Absorbing Missouri Mines.

Kansas City, July 1.—The Star says: All the big coal mines in Missouri are to be absorbed by a syndicate controlled by J. P. Morgan. The Missouri operators have had so much trouble with labor unions and with railroads that many good mines can be bought for reasonable prices. It is also asserted that the plan to consolidate Missouri mines by Eastern capitalists was only part of a plan to form a trust to control the coal output of the United States.

Philadelpha Leaves Panama.

New York, July 3.—The United States cruiser Philadelphia has left here, north bound, says a Panama dispatch to the Herald. Governor Salazar and Generals Guiterrez and Allaya made a farewell call on the cruiser.

Engagement in Morong.

Manila, July 3.—A detachment of United States marines and a force of the native constabulary have had an engagement with a large body of ladrones in Morong province, Luzon.

Many Idle Men at Dawson.

Victoria, B. C., July 3.—Arrivals from Dawson today report that there are a large number of idle men in the Klondike capital, many of whom have been attracted there in the hope of securing work on the Klondike Creek Railway. The majority have not the means to outfit to prospect or to work on the creeks, and are lingering about Dawson.

The Big Bend Water Ditch Company.

with headquarters at Joseph; has filed articles of incorporation. Capital, \$4,000.

The president has nominated Edward Hirsch to be postmaster at Salem, E. W. Johnson at Corvallis and Lot Livermore at Pendleton.

The Southern Oregon District Agricultural Association will hold its second annual fair in Roseburg October 7-11, inclusive. Many attractive features are promised.

New York is to have the most magnificent hotel in the world. It will be 20 stories high and cost \$10,000,000.

German experts, after two years' test on four men, declared borax in the human system retards assimilation of fats and albumen.

It is reported that Andrew Carnegie gave his second cousin, Miss Harriet Lander, of Pittsburg, \$1,000,000 when she became Mrs. J. C. Greenway recently.

WANTED TO CLIMB THE GATE.

Story of Secretary Moody and Haughty Boston Woman.

They are telling a story in Washington about the new secretary of the navy. Mr. Moody was riding on one of the Boston surface cars, and was standing on the platform on the side next the gate that protected passengers from cars coming on the other track. A lady—a Boston lady—came to the door of the car, and, as it stopped, started to move toward the gate, which was hidden from her by the man standing before it.

"Other side, please, lady," said the conductor. He was ignored as only a born and bred Bostonian can ignore a man. The lady took another step toward the gate.

"You must get off the other side," said the conductor.

"I wish to get off on this side," came the answer, in tones that concealed the official into momentary silence. Before he could either explain or expostulate, Mr. Moody came to his assistance.

"Stand to one side, gentlemen," he remarked quietly. "The lady wants to climb over the gate."—New York Times.

Spread of Civilization.

The first Tagalog-English and English-Tagalog dictionary has just been completed. It is the work of Dr. Stomple of New York, who worked on the Tagalog grammar before our war with Spain.

COMPLETE OFFICIAL ABSTRACT OF VOTES CAST AT THE OREGON STATE ELECTION JUNE 2.

Table with columns for COUNTY, CONGRESSMAN SECOND DISTRICT, CONGRESSMAN FIRST DISTRICT, STATE PRINTER, ATTORNEY GEN'L, SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, STATE TREASURER, SECRETARY OF STATE, SUPREME JUDGE, and COUNTY. Rows list candidates and their vote counts for each office across various counties.