

THE MASTER KEY

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CHAPTER XXV.

The Escape of Ruth. FEVERISH his experience in rescuing John Dorr from the hands of the outraged priests of Hibia, Sir Donald Faversham prepared to start the new day...

But you certainly stirred up the priests, Dorr. "Well, what do they intend to do?" inquired John, undisturbed, except that he did not understand a glance exchanged by Ruth and Sir Donald.



She impulsively turned to John.

When he first met Ruth he had had not the faintest notion of wooing her. His admiration had been frank and unreserved, but without any underlying depth of feeling.

His volunteering to join John Dorr and Ruth in this wild search for the missing idol had been what he called a lark. It was only long association with her, the constant view of her pretty innocence and an occasional glimpse of her profounder and womanly nature that had touched his heart and weakened in him feelings that he had refrained from confessing to himself.

Then came the moment when she had turned to him for help and he had been the single person in the world who could save John Dorr.

Sharp and brief as had been the struggle in his own mind, it had brought him to an acknowledgment of the fact that she was the only woman he wanted for his wife.

On the very tick of her hour of trouble he had ventured to ask his reward for service. She had promised, and now he, baronet and retired officer of the British army, shook like a boy at the thought of the happiness that awaited him.

They met at breakfast. Dorr still showing the effects of his night's adventures, Ruth bright-eyed from want of sleep and Sir Donald alone presenting the appearance of one who had begun the day aright after a sound night's rest.

"We shan't interfere with Ruth's getting away, shall we?" John responded. There was a glimmer of admiration in Faversham's eyes as he shook his head. "No, Achmet will take her his own way. We go on entirely different lines if we escape the mob."

"No. The hotelkeeper and the police will see to it that they don't. All they wanted was you and me. Falling to catch us, they will disperse."

"The truth of the matter is, we are known to be stopping here and the mob will undoubtedly visit us shortly." "But the police?" "Sir Donald looked very uncomfortable indeed. "My dear fellow, don't you realize that what you and I did last night was purely and simply indefensible? We tried to rob a temple, to be frank about it."

"I tried to recover some papers belonging to you," he protested. "We would have a stiff time trying to prove that to the officials here," was the reply. "As a matter of fact, I can't afford to bring this up. I'm still practically an officer and I should have a denance of a time clearing myself. You can't afford to call in the police because you're an American, and you broke British law, and I very much fear killed a British subject or two."

"I see," Dorr assented thoughtfully. "But what are we to do?" "Precisely, precisely the question," said Sir Donald. "You and I could slip away, but there is the young lady to consider."

"And the plans," said John doggedly. Sir Donald flushed angrily. "I am considering the young lady in this matter."

"Bring Miss Gallion here quickly," he commanded. "Don't alarm her needlessly." Ruth responded to the summons without a tremor, and when a few hurried words had informed her of what was afoot she turned to the Englishman and said simply, "What shall we do?"

LIMIT ON MINE AND SUBMARINE ACTIVITY IS PLAN

LIMITATION ON SEVERAL TYPES PROPOSED IN NOTE BY UNITED STATES. ATTACKS ON MERCHANTMEN IS DEPLORED IN NEW DOCUMENT. Mines Could be Laid Only for Purpose of Defense and Floating Style Would be Barred Under Scheme.

LONDON, March 2.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Amsterdam gives the contents of the American note of February 22 to Great Britain and Germany's reply thereto. The notes were received in Amsterdam in a dispatch from Berlin.

The American note expresses the hope that Great Britain and Germany may, by means of reciprocal concessions, discover a basis of understanding, the result of which would tend to free ships engaged in neutral and peaceful commerce from the serious dangers to which they are exposed in passing through the coastal waters of the belligerent countries.

This suggestion, the note proceeds to say, should not be considered as a proposal by the American government, whom it naturally does not behoove to propose conditions for such an agreement, though the question at issue has a direct and far-reaching interest for the government and people of the United States.

The note says the United States ventures solely to take a liberty which it is convinced can be conceded to neither of the two nations, and possibly serve the common interests of humanity.

The suggestion is made that Germany and Great Britain should agree first, that isolated drifting mines should be laid by neither party, that anchored mines should be laid exclusively for defensive purposes, within gun range of harbors, and that all mines should bear the mark of the government of origin and be so constructed as to become harmless after breaking loose from their anchorage.

It is suggested, second, that the submarines of neither of the two governments should be employed to attack merchant vessels of any nationality, except for the purpose of carrying out the right of holding them up and searching them; and, third, that merchant ships of neither of the parties should employ neutral flags as a war ruse or for the purpose of concealing their identity.

ANDERSON WILL AID LANING IN POSTING BRYAN ON LAW POINTS



CHANDLER P. ANDERSON

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2.—The formal statement was made at the state department that Chandler P. Anderson had been engaged to assist the department in a general advisory capacity. Mr. Anderson will deal mainly with the question coming before the solicitor of the department, directing the work of the solicitor's office during the present illness of Cons Johnson and will in that capacity work hand in hand with Counselor Robert Lansing.

AMERICAN SHIP, DACIA, TAKEN BY FRENCH CRUISER

VESEL LOADED WITH COTTON FOR GERMANY IS TAKEN TO BREST. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE BY PARIS GOVERNMENT. Seizure Not Unexpected in Washington—Allies to Stop All Shipping Both to and From Germany.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—A French cruiser has arrested the American steamer Dacia in the channel and taken her to Brest. This announcement is officially made.

The steamship Dacia left Galveston for Rotterdam January 21 with 11,000 bales of cotton to be transhipped to Bremen. It was fully expected at that time that the ship would be seized on her way to Rotterdam.

Great Britain questioned the validity of the recent transfer of the Dacia from German to American registry. The Dacia touched at Norfolk February 11 and proceeded.

The Dacia was formerly a Hamburg-American freight steamship which had been used before the war in trade with Bremen and New Orleans and other Gulf ports. At the outbreak of hostilities she was interned at Port Arthur, Tex.

ALLIES' FLEET TO STOP ALL SHIPS ON WAY TO FOE

BRITAIN TAKES DECIDED STAND IN ANSWER TO GER. MANY'S RULING. ASQUITH CHEERED AS HE MAKES PUBLIC NEW POLICY OF ENGLAND. Premier, Careful in Preparing Statement, purposely Avoids Term Blockade—Position is Retaliatory.

LONDON, Mar. 1.—If the combined fleets of Great Britain and France can prevent it no commodities of any kind except those now on the seas shall henceforth, until the conclusion of the war, reach or leave the shores of Germany.

This is England's answer to Germany's submarine blockade and it is to be effective forthwith. Premier Asquith, reading from a prepared statement, made this announcement in the house of commons this afternoon at the session which will be historic. Studiously avoiding the terms "blockade" and "contraband" for these words occur nowhere in the prepared statement—the premier explained that after this day the allies considered themselves justified in attempting, and would attempt, to detain and take into port ships carrying goods of presumed enemy destination, ownership or origin.

The premier emphasized, however, that vessels and cargoes so seized were not necessarily liable to confiscation and begged the patience of neutral countries in the face of a step through which they were likely to suffer. He added that in making such a step the allies had done so in self-defense.

"We are quite prepared," he went on, "to submit to the arbitrament of neutral opinion and still more to the verdict of impartial history, that in the circumstances in which we have been placed we have been moderate; we have been restrained; we have abstained from things that we were provoked and tempted to do, and we have adopted a policy which commends itself to reason, to common sense and to justice."

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HEAD OF UNION SAYS ROADS MISMANAGED

CHICAGO, Mar. 2.—Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in a statement today before the board named to arbitrate the differences between the western railroads and their operating employees, declared the engineers and firemen had not participated equitably in the fruits of their labor because of financial mismanagement of the railroad properties.

The constant tendency has been, he said, for the men in control of each road's finances to absorb gains in revenue arising from increased efficiency by the issuance of fictitious securities. He declared the proceeds derived from grants of land by the federal and state governments to assist in building up the western railroads had not been properly used.

Direct financial control of the western railroads, he said, rests with a small group of bankers and financial institutions which made and unmake railroad presidents.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—"More revenue and less legislation is what the American railroads need." This was the declaration here today of Daniel G. Reid, New York financier, testifying at the interstate commerce commission's investigation of the affairs of the Rock Island railroad. Reid is one of the present owners of the corporation.

"Probably that is what the railroads want," suggested Commissioner Clements, "but more legislation is needed." In questioning Reid, Judge Folk, solicitor for the commission, asked about the details of the transactions whereby Reid, the Moore Brothers, and W. Bleeds formed the Rock Island consolidation with \$375,000,000 worth of securities against it. Asked what they paid for the road, Reid replied: "That deal was closed 14 years ago. I have been in several things since that time, and I don't keep books on such things."

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BERLIN ADMITS THE SUCCESS OF RUSSIANS. CZAR'S TROOPS SAID TO HAVE RECEIVED HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS. BERLIN by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Mar. 2.—For the first time, the war office admitted this afternoon in an official statement that the Russians have recaptured Przasnysz, and are on the offensive at both ends of the line extending from the Nieman river, in Prussia, to the Bukovina frontier.

STILL GRAY FIGURES DOT GROUND EVERYWHERE, HE SAYS. Eleven Thousand Killed or Wounded in Terrific Hand-to-Hand Encounter in the Carpathian Mountains. LONDON, Feb. 26.—"All the ground near the front line is plowed up with shells and furrowed with the remains of old trenches and graves. The whole place is a vast cemetery in which our trenches and those of the enemy wind in every direction." This statement is made by the British official "eye witness" at the front in a description given out here tonight of the recent battles southeast of Ypres and of the country in which the armies are fighting.

WINTER DOUBLES WORK. In summer the work of eliminating poisons and acids from the blood is helped by perspiration. In cold weather, with little out door work or exercise to cause sweating, the kidneys have to do double work. Foley Kidney Pills help overworked, weak and diseased kidneys to filter and cast out of the blood the waste matter that causes pains in the back, rheumatism, lumbago, stiffness of joints, sore muscles and other ills resulting from improper elimination. Jones Drug Co. (Adv.)