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The Queendom of Xanthos

An Experiment In Woman's Independence

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A clever young woman of Athens, when that city was the intellectual center of Greece, lectured in the market place on the subject of the inferior rights possessed by women and urged her fellow citizenesses to demand the privileges of men.

Then this young feminine leader—Thenia was her name—proposed to the malcontents that they should go to one of the islands of the Grecian archipelago which was uninhabited, take possession of it and assume the same privileges that were possessed by the men of Athens.

The scheme was put into effect, and the island, then called Xanthos, became a woman's community, Thenia having been chosen queen. At the time the women took possession of it their radical wing was in the ascendancy, and no men were invited to join them.

The leader of this wing, Hermodia, a very homely woman, argued that they had no use for men and could take care of themselves. As to perpetuating their community, they could draw continually from the women of other parts.

But one day a pirate ship came to the island and spread consternation among the inhabitants. Queen Thenia sent for Hermodia to lead a corps of amazons against the intruders. The man hater was found hiding under the bed.

The pirates were bought off, and the queen proposed to enlist a corps of men to be held ready for the protection of the queendom—as she insisted it should be called—to be paid for their services, but in order that they should not interfere in public affairs they were to have no privileges, being considered foreign mercenaries.

Now, the Xanthos movement had taken many of the most attractive young women of Greece, and when it was given out that an army was to be recruited for the protection of the queendom many of the finest young men flocked to the standard.

Indeed, they were just the men who would be most likely to cause trouble among the inhabitants of the island. When the queen heard of the kind of men who were being recruited she was distressed.

"Alas," she exclaimed, "our main difficulty has been encountered at the outset. While we are mentally as strong as men we are physically weaker. I fear that this will prove a stumbling block in our way."

"Cheer up, your majesty," said Ceria, a citizeness of great beauty. "What we lack in strength of body we can supply by artful management. We must have these men to protect us against the lowest and most brutal of their kind, pirates. But we will hoodwink our protectors. It is easier to hold power which we already possess

than to wrest it from others. What we could not do at Athens will be easy at Xanthos."

Queen Thenia was encouraged by this reasoning, but the barracks were built on a point standing out into the Aegean sea, and a wall was constructed dividing the point from the rest of the island. Then she gave orders that no soldier should cross the wall.

But the queen forgot that all commands in order to be effective must have force behind them. It was a simple matter for her to issue an order, but she had no power to see that it was obeyed. The troops had hardly been settled in their quarters before they began to make incursions upon the forbidden ground. The queen ordered the captain of the legion to appear before her and asked him why he did not compel his men to obey her order.

Now, the captain, Themocles, was a handsome young Greek who had distinguished himself in the wars of his country. He had seen Thenia when she had spoken in the market place of Athens and had fallen in love with her. When she had called for troops to defend herself and her subjects he had organized the legion and, being the finest specimen of manly beauty and bravery in it, was chosen its leader. He and his men had come to Xanthos to protect the women from pirates that

they might appropriate them to themselves. It is thus that the superior physical strength of men is ever a source of weakness in the cause of equal rights for women.

"I fear, oh, queen," he said, "that I cannot control my men in this respect, since I cannot control myself."

"What is the cause of your weakness?" asked the queen, astonished.

The look of admiration that accompanied the word was a revelation. Two emotions fluttered in her breast—delight at her conquest and fear of subjugation. Nevertheless she maintained a haughty reserve, not knowing what course to pursue. Then without reply she dismissed the captain and at once sent for Ceria.

"You said, Ceria," the queen began when Ceria appeared, "that since we cannot control the legion by force we must do it by our feminine arts. The time has come when an application of those arts is necessary. The soldiers are constantly leaving their barracks and I fear will tamper with some of our weaker sisters and, having effected a foothold in our community, will reduce us to the slavery we have previously endured. I have ordered the captain to keep his men in their barracks, and he has admitted that he cannot control them. Have you anything to propose?"

"I will think the matter over, oh, queen, and see if I can concoct a plan."

Ceria withdrew, and while she was thinking of the matter there was a commotion among the women of Xanthos. One party held that since women were dependent on men for protection they must continue to be their slaves. Another declared that a mistake had been made in admitting the men; they should at once be sent away.

Those who believed that the men should be sent away prevailed, and the queen was petitioned to issue an order for the legion to depart at once. To this she was obliged to assent, and the order was issued.

Several days passed, during which the women watched for preparations on the part of their army for departure, but could perceive none. Then the queen sent for the captain and asked him why her order had not been obeyed.

He replied that he had issued it in her name, but his men seemed averse to obeying it. Some of them had formed attachments to women of the island while the latter were still Athenians, and some had been captivated since. They were all well satisfied with their enlistment and claimed that they could not be discharged till his term had expired.

The queen in her extremity sent for Ceria and asked her if she had thought of a plan to get the men away by stratagem. To this Ceria replied: "Oh, queen, the fault is in our women. Expel from your queendom all those for whose sake the men are remaining and you will be rid of this incubus."

Now, the queen was greatly vexed at this proposition, for it would cause her own expulsion. She therefore declined to avail herself of Ceria's plan. But Ceria, who, being a beauty, was tired of remaining in seclusion, went among the queen's subjects and stirred up a sedition, so that at last Thenia was forced by a clamor to yield. An order was issued to the captain that every man who was remaining on the island for love of one of the queen's subjects should march to the palace on a certain day and hour and declare publicly the name of the woman he loved.

On the appointed morning a great stir appeared in the barracks of the legion. The queen and her subjects took position before the palace and awaited the coming of those men who were to declare their love. What was their consternation to see every man in the legion form in column and, headed by their captain, with banners flying and the sun glittering on their armor, march out of barracks toward the palace.

The queen swooned. By the time the legion drew up in line before her she had recovered and by an effort controlled herself. The captain advanced several paces, saluted with his sword and declared himself a suitor for the queen's hand. Thenia blushed and covered her face with her hands. Then a lieutenant advanced and announced his love for Ceria. He had no sooner done so than others advanced holding up their hands, crying "And I!" "And I!" "And I!" till fully a third of the legion were clamoring for recognition as the girls' lovers. Discipline was at an end, the men breaking from the ranks and each choosing the girl he desired.

Now, the legion numbered barely a tenth of the citizenesses of Xanthos, and, as was to be expected, the soldiers chose the most comely and otherwise attractive of the women, who made no objection whatever to being chosen. Indeed, many of them had for some time been secretly receiving the attention of certain of the men. There necessarily remained a large number of women unchosen. These re-marked the defection of their queen and their chosen fellow citizenesses with bitter condemnation. One of these, who saw in the action of the soldiers the fall of the community, delivered a speech to her sisters which was as full of severe invective as her features were repulsive. Then the body of unchosen women departed in anger very much like the chorus in a Greek play going off the stage.

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Dr. T. B. Ford, pastor of the Methodist church, at the services Sunday morning, called attention to the Sunday school Department in the Morning Enterprise. Dr. Ford said: "The department is a fine one, and should receive the encouragement of the patrons of the readers of the paper. I know the Rev. T. L. Linscott well, and no better man could be obtained for such work. He is one of the greatest Bible teachers in the country."

February Legends. Why February has twenty-eight days is explained in the legends of the past. One is of an old woman who, tending her flock, ridiculed the month of February because he had dealt so leniently with her and her sheep. Then February felt insulted and made leap year and borrowed a cold day from March and froze her and her flock. There is a Norman legend which makes it out that February had originally as many days as the other months, but February was a confirmed gambler and lost at dominoes a day both to January and to March. Strange to say, there is an old story of Egypt wherein the god of February physis forfeited with the moon and loses certain days.

Condemned to Slavery. Two hundred years ago, when men and women were condemned to death for trivial offenses, it was the custom in Scotland to commute the death sentence into perpetual servitude to specified masters. In other words, the condemned person became a slave. It was further ordained that he should wear a metal collar round his neck recording his sentence and punishment. The Society of Scottish Antiquaries owns one of these collars, fashioned of the Forth above Alloa. It is brass, with this inscription: "Alexander Stewart, found guilty of death for theft at Perth, 5th December, 1701, and gifted by the Justiciary as a perpetual servant to Sir John Aresken of Alva."

Weighing Common Air. The weight of air has often been tested by compressing it in receptacles by the air pump. That it really has weight when so compressed is shown by the fact that the weight of the vessels is increased slightly by filling them with compressed air and that such vessels become specifically "lighter" as soon as the air contained in them is exhausted. Many elaborate experiments on the weight of air have proved that one cubic foot weighs 53½ grains, or something less than one and a quarter ounces. The above experiment on the weight of air is supposed to be made at the surface of the earth with the temperature at 50 degrees F. Heated air or air at high elevations is lighter.

Solitude. Solitude is a matter of taste. It has been the subject of much discussion. Volumes have been written in praise or condemnation of it. But perhaps the real value of solitude has never been so subtly and so accurately expressed as by the girl who was asked if she liked being alone. "That depends," she answered sweetly, "on whom I am alone with."

SOCIETY BEAUTY TO FIGHT EX-HUSBAND

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 26.—Maryon Andrews-Burguiere-Denning-Bruguiere, California beauty and a member of the New York's and Newport's exclusive set, is enroute to this city to begin her active battle to be declared the legal wife of Dr. Pedar Sather Bruguiere and compel him to provide separate maintenance of \$400 a month.

Mrs. Bruguiere's suit not only seeks to set aside her divorce from the millionaire physician and society man, but it would have his marriage in 1906 with his present wife, who was Nannie King, step-daughter of A. C. Townsend, the candy magnate, automatically declared illegal.

Mrs. Bruguiere was the second wife of the much married physician. He first married Madeine McKisick, whom he divorced in 1902. His courtship with the beautiful Maryon Andrews was far advanced before he had secured his divorce from his first wife.

The decree from the first Mrs. Bruguiere, however, stipulated that he could not remarry for a year. This, however, applied to California only. Bruguiere and Miss Andrews went to Reno where they were married on December 20, 1902.

They returned to this city to live and on September 6 of the following year a son was born to them. Bruguiere went to Reno February 1, 1905 and established a residence. He filed suit for divorce charging cruelty and desertion. Mrs. Bruguiere says her husband told the court she had deserted her home in Nevada, whereas she never had one there. He obtained his decree on January 28, 1906. Being ignorant of judicial proceed-

APPROPRIATIONS FOR OREGON SATISFACTORY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Appropriations secured for Oregon during the session of congress just closed were:

River and harbor improvements, with recognition of a 20 foot channel, and \$2,307,000 and part of \$300,000 for preliminary surveys.

Crater Lake road system, \$50,000 and maintenance of park, \$3000. Indian agencies and settlements, \$247,000.

Part of forest service appropriations, \$400,000 for roads and trails, and \$350,000 for fighting fires and for emergencies, 10 per cent of receipts from forests last year equaling the \$17,000 additional for roads and trails and \$193,546 for maintenance of Oregon forest reserves.

In addition, the senate passed an appropriation for settlement with the state for raising volunteers during the Civil war of \$193,546 which was rejected by the house and now is in conference. The increases secured in the senate over the house appropriations total more than \$500,000.

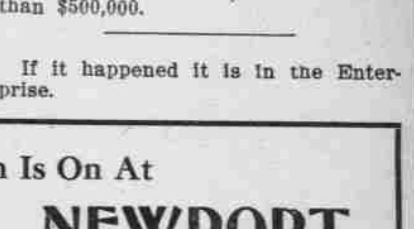
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