



# The Devil's Own

## A Romance of the Black Hawk War

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# LARGE HOLIDAY BUSINESS DONE

## VOLUME OF CHRISTMAS TRADE WELL IN EXCESS OF LAST YEAR IN SPITE OF EFFECTS OF BIG STORM.

While the amount of Christmas business transacted to date is not quite so large as had been expected, it is well in excess of the volume of trade at this time a year ago, according to Bend merchants who are being rushed to death by the demands of Christmas shoppers. The record snow storm is given as the chief cause for the slight falling off in the amount of trade expected at this season, for city streets and county roads alike, proved a hindrance to buyers for more than a week after the record snowfall. In fact the first country shoppers to come in to make up their Christmas lists, visited Bend Saturday.

In spite of the effect of the storm, however, the merchants are having just about all the work that they can take care of, these last few days, and especially busy afternoons have prompted the opening of stores during the evenings. Many holiday stocks, it is admitted, will be well cleaned out when Christmas Eve brings buying to an end.

In handling the large quantities of mail matter leaving the city and arriving in Bend, Acting Postmaster W. H. Hudson expresses himself as being more than pleased with the response which the people have made to the "mail early" appeal. Extra clerks are being worked at the office, and one more package window is being used than last year, but up to now there has been no congestion. Matter sent out was received much earlier than usual this year. Mr. Hudson says, and the only possibility of congestion was overcome Sunday when a two hours' delivery disposed of waiting mail matter.

the negro down the ladder. Eager as I certainly was to make the poor girl aware of my presence on board, the chance of being seen, and my purpose suspected by others, restrained me. Besides as yet I had no plan of rescue; nothing to suggest.

Even as I hesitated, industriously scrubbing away at the paint, Kirby and the captain appeared suddenly.



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pausing a moment at the head of the ladder in friendly conversation. Parting at last, with a hearty laugh over some joke exchanged between them, the latter ascended the steps to the pilot house, while the gambler turned aft, still smiling, a cigar between his lips. I managed to observe that he paused in front of the second cabin, as though listening for some sound within, but made no attempt to enter, passing on to the door beyond, which was unlocked. He must have come to the upper deck on some special mission, for he was out of my sight scarcely a moment, returning immediately to the deck below. This occurrence merely served to make clearer in my mind the probable situation—the after cabin was undoubtedly occupied by Kirby, perhaps in company with the deputy; while next to them, securely locked away and helpless to escape, were confined the two slave women. In order to reach them I must operate under the cover of darkness, and my only hope of being free to work, even then, lay in the faith that the gambler might become so involved in a card game below as to forget his caution. So far as Tim was concerned I felt perfectly capable of outwitting him; but Kirby was dangerous.

(To Be Continued.)

Not What He Was After. "Got anything warming in your cellar, old man?" "You bet your life. Ten tons of coal."

A Human Liability. If human nature would only work as hard for pay as for more pay!—Boston Herald.

# MILADY'S SHEKELS ARE GOING TO WAIST

When a girl is on her mettle And there's metal on the girl The combination's quite enough To set man's brain awlright.

By **MARGARET ROHE** (Written for the United Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—There are not only silver threads among the gold but both silver and gold not to mention copper threads intermingling midst the warp and woof of all the smartest fabrics for day wear or evening wear on any old wear at all.

Positively we get more metallic every day and if we aren't careful we'll be buying our costumes by the carat instead of by the yard. Judging from some of the evening toilettes it won't take many carats at that.

The perfectly gorgeous metallic brocades of China and Japan are having a great wave of favor for evening gowns draped to the figure and for evening wraps that are the acme of Orientalism. Personally, I fear the materials are a bit scratchy when in too intimate a juxtaposition to one's epidermis but one remembers always the old adage that one must suffer to be beautiful and the large feather fans of the moment prove excellent screens to conceal any necessary local treatment.

The rich metallic embroideries and brocades are really the most wonderfully expressive fabrics for the evening costumes of this most expensive and extravagant era but they simply won't stay in their proper sphere. They insist on weaving in on frocks and suits of sober daytime utility wear and embellishing neutral-toned duvetyns and practical serges with reckless abandon.

Gold motifs enhancing the charms of all shades of brown are effective, indeed, and silver on blues or grays are stunning. The glint of metal is as necessary to the success of the present day garment as it is to its purchase though it does take something more than its glint to accomplish that job.

Aside from the metallic threads in the fabrics and the applied metallic embroideries, metal in its natural state has us in its golden grip in the form of ornate belts of coins and medallions, girdles of woven gold and silver wires and links and interwoven scrolls. The more barbaric and bizarre the design and effect the more these girdles are to be desired and they are striking the newest gold and silver notes and are quite the centres of attraction.

The belts that have had our coats and wraps in their encircling clasp for to these divers seasons past have at last been cast adrift. The manteaux of the mode hang free and unrestrained from shoulder to hem save for the graceful intake of a drape or two. No belts are allowed to mar their graceful symmetry and the little string belt that has been dear to the heart of the Parisian and all her copying sisters as a necessary coat accessory is no more.

The belt in its more glorious and opulent form, however, is working

over-time circling the rich robes of velvet and brocade and the simpler serge and duvetyn with equal dazzling and metallic charms.

With the H. C. of L. ever on the climb, though, it certainly does strike one as a bit appalling the way all this gold and silver is going to waist.

Bulletin "WANT ADS" Bring Results—Try Them.

# CIVIC COUNCIL IDEA IS GAINING GROUND

Following the meeting held Saturday, good progress is being made toward the organization of a civic council, and another gathering is scheduled to be held on Saturday noon, December 27, when it is hoped that the last work in the forming of the council can be completed. At the coming meeting, not merely representatives of all the organizations in the city are invited, but all individuals as well, who are interested in the movement.

A Vamp.

"Where are you going?" "To get my shoes vamped." "Is there a lady obbler in town?"

# WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our many patrons for their generous patronage during the past year. Keep in mind that we are always at your service and that our earnest effort is to assemble for our patrons only merchandise of QUALITY, such as you will be willing to place your stamp of approval upon.

WITH BEST WISHES FOR THE COMING YEAR

# THE PARISIAN LADIES' OUTFITTERS

The farmer and the business man of this community are partners in the progress or the failure of their community.

# —If

they pull together, the progress and prosperity is certain to come.

IF they listen to preachers of class hatred there can only be failure as a result.

# THE SHEVLIN-HIXON COMPANY

# Progressiveness and Growth

in this community, means dollars and cents in your pocket.

# Build Now with Deschutes (White) Pine.

Build of home products and patronize home industry. The cheapest and best building material is Deschutes (White) Pine and is manufactured right here into all sizes and grades of lumber. Acquire a home of your own instead of a bunch of rent receipts.

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The Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co.

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The People's Store



# CANDY!

For The Christmas Stockings

Single Pound 45c

Two and a Half Pounds \$1.00

# SMITH'S GROCERY