

BRIDE of BATTLE

A Romance of the American Army Fighting on the Battlefields of France

By VICTOR ROUSSEAU

And he could say nothing. Of Kellerman's blow outside the inn, of his also offer of friendship, of the treachery that had risked three lives that Mark might die on a false errand—nothing! And, if he had been able to speak, he could not have told. Yet he was ignorant of the inhibitory process that now, as always, held him in silence.

But Eleanor clung to him. "Yes, Captain Mark. Because he—" "He sent three of us out to rescue a wounded man unnecessarily," said Mark lamely.

He saw a spasm pass over Howard's face. This was worse than Howard could have believed. The Colonel was shaken; his faith was strong, but he was one of those who accept the obvious.

"Listen, Captain Mark!" said Eleanor, speaking as if to a baby. "That's what you wanted to say. You had thought of criticizing your superior officer, even if you thought him wrong, but isn't what you meant. Perhaps I'll tell me, father! Stand back a little. Now, whisper it, Captain Mark!"

But in the shelter of Eleanor's arms Mark felt altogether at peace. What if it mattered, all this of long ago? "Are you going to marry Kellerman, now?" he asked.

Very softly, in the obscurity, he felt shake her head. And the action of precisely the opposite effect of that Eleanor had intended.

For nothing mattered any more, not at all. He could find excuses—Mark Wallace had never excused him in his life.

Eleanor drew herself out of his arms and looked at him. He looked from her face to the Colonel's. Why were they worrying him? How could he be so to save his life by going into the secure details and explanations that were required of him?

And what a long rigmarole, beginning back in the war department! It could not string a case together; it was not constructed in that plan.

Eleanor laid her hand on his arm. "Captain Mark—don't you see that your moment is torture to us?" she said.

There was a terrible intensity in her face, as if she were holding herself in restraint, for fear that she would fall should she yield to her emotion.

"I struck him," stammered Mark. "I don't know why. I thought he was wrong about those lives—I—" He looked upon each face seemed to be frozen there; it was as if their lives were Mark's, hung upon his words.

Suddenly a shriek pierced the sky, coming off Mark's speech, and a shell falling somewhere with a shattering explosion, followed by the dull boom of a distant gun. The Colonel started, then resumed his gaze.

He seemed to Mark as if that was an agony of torture. He struggled in vain and desperately to find words to utter when the noise subsided.

It there came a stunning sound, seemed to split his ear-drums. He moved forward, and felt as if some one had lifted him; looked out into darkness, sought Eleanor and knew nothing.

CHAPTER XV.

When he slowly grew conscious it was with the glad realization that he found her. He felt her hands, warm and warm, binding a bandage to his arm. He opened his eyes to see her face bent over his. And it was

the cries rang in his ears, distant blending, surging, swelling and down, but never ceasing. The sound of small-arms was continuous, unobscured by the loud timbre of

was lying amid a heap of debris behind the village jail. Not far from there he saw the Colonel sitting with his head propped up against the wall, a blood-stained bandage on his head.

"Thank God!" cried Eleanor. "I have been unconscious so long, but Mark! And the Colonel is hurt. I saw the Red Cross wagon and cried, but they could not find him."

When they found the guns were booming around them they saw khaki-clad Americans swarming over the hill and yet the village seemed deserted. They were alone in a little of calm amid the tumult.

"What are we to do?" cried the girl. "You walk? Try to stand on your feet and help you. We must get out of here somewhere."

Question on Mark's lips died when there came the howl of a shell, followed by a stunning in-collision of broken bricks spouting the air at the end of the street, and into a cloud of dust. An instant later there came a whistle

from the monster gun. A house in the next street went down like cardboard. It was the threatened attack on the American lines. The enemy was in force somewhere across the fields, the reserves were rushing up to repel them.

Mark staggered to his feet and found that he could stand. His arm ached under the bandage, but it was not broken. Probably a splinter had struck him. He made his way toward the Colonel, who eyed him vacantly as he approached.

"Take Eleanor to safety and leave me, Mark," he said, in a choking voice. "I'll take you both, sir. This can't last long. Our men will be in the village in a few minutes. Or an ambulance will pass."

Mark put his hands beneath the Colonel's arms and tried to lift him. As the Colonel tried to stand he collapsed forward in Mark's arms. He looked at Mark pitifully.

"Take her and leave me," he whispered. "And listen to me, Mark. She cares for you. All will come right, if I can keep your worthless carcass alive until I've seen the General. But I never counted on being done up like this."

There were tears in the old man's eyes. "Forgive me, my boy," he muttered, and fell into unconsciousness.

Mark set him down against the wall again. It was impossible to move him, even with Eleanor's help.

Mark looked at Eleanor. "It's safest here," he said. "The village will be occupied soon. Help will come—"

He broke off abruptly as another of the heavy shells dropped nearer, sending the brick fragments flying in all directions. Of a sudden it had occurred to him that the reason why the Americans did not enter the village was that it was a death-trap; its ranges were all mapped and plotted, and the Germans were bent on its systematic destruction.

Mark stood by Eleanor in irresolution, cursing his fate. He did not know what to do. He could not leave her; and yet he felt a burning impulse to play some part in affairs. His eyes, trained by long years of practice, took in the tactical situation at a glance.

The Germans must have made a prodigious thrust in the night, bursting through the center; the reserves, still rushing over the fields, were trying to fill and hold the gap. And the little Headquarters village was the key to the whole battlefield.

Wounded men came streaming down the street, followed by the merciless shells. The aeroplane above was still circling like a hawk; it seemed incredible that no aeroplane attacked it.

And it was quite clear to Mark that only treachery, calculated and long planned, could have brought about the situation.

For the Germans must have advanced four miles since nightfall.

(To be continued)

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PETITION FOR AN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

To Be Presented to the County Court of Harney County, State of Oregon, on the 5th Day of March, 1919.

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY COURT OF HARNEY COUNTY:

We, the undersigned citizens of the United States, constituting a majority of the owners of land within the boundaries as hereinafter described, or who are bona fide claimants to unoccupied land under the laws of the United States, or who are the holders of an uncompleted title or contract to purchase state lands under the laws of the State of Oregon, all being duly qualified owners of land, claimants to unoccupied land of the United States or holders of uncompleted titles to State lands and all being qualified electors under the laws of the State of Oregon for organizing irrigation districts, being desirous of forming an irrigation district embracing the lands hereinafter designated within the boundaries hereinafter described and set forth, and utilizing the waters of Silvie's River and its tributaries, of Foley Slough, Poison Creek and Sage Hen Creek, for the purpose of irrigation and the reclamation of said lands, and for domestic purposes, do hereby petition your Honorable Court as follows:

That it is the purpose of the undersigned petitioners to organize an irrigation district under the provisions and by virtue of the irrigation district laws of the State of Oregon as recited in Chapter 357, General Laws of Oregon, 1917, providing for the organization and management of irrigation districts; and

That your Honorable Court do proclaim a district as set forth herein, designating the name of said district and defining the boundaries thereof; and

That your Honorable Court proceed with such dispatch as may be under said law to call an election for the purpose above set forth and to do all things necessary under said law for the formation of said district, designating the time and place for voting at said election; and

That the boundaries and description of the land under said district shall be as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the East Fork of Silvie's River and the east and west quarter line through Section 21, Township 24, South, Range 32, East of Willamette Meridian, in Harney County, Oregon; thence west to the west quarter corner of said Sec. 21; thence south to the SW corner of Sec. 33, all in same town and range; thence west along the line be-

tween Townships 24 and 25, South, to the NW corner of Lot 1 of Sec. 6, Township 25, South, Range 32, East, thence south to the SW corner of said Lot 1, Sec. 6; thence west to the SW corner of Lot 1 of said Sec. 6; thence south to the NW corner of Lot 7, of said Sec. 6; thence west to the NW corner of the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sec. 1, Township 25, South, Range 31, East; thence south to SW corner of SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of said Sec. 1; thence west to the NW corner of Sec. 12; thence south to the west quarter corner of said sec. 12; thence west to the NW corner of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 11; thence south to the SW corner of SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of said sec. 11; thence west to south quarter corner of said Sec. 11; thence south through the center of sections 14 and 23 to the south quarter corner of said Sec. 23; thence east to the SE corner of sec. 24, all in Township 25, South, Range 31, East; thence east to the SE corner of Sec. 22, in Township 25, South, Range 32, East; thence south to the SE corner of Sec. 27; thence west to the south quarter corner of said Sec. 27; thence south thru the center of sec. 34, and all in Township 25, south, range 32, East, and the center of Sec. 3, in Township 26, South, Range 32, East, north of Malheur Lake to the intersection of said line and the meander line bounding Malheur Lake, and being near the center of said Sec. 3 thence in an easter and northeasterly direction, following the meander line of said lake to the intersection of said meander line and the east line of Sec. 22, in Township 25, South, Range 32 1/2 East; thence north to the NE corner of said Sec. 22; thence west to the north quarter corner of said Sec. 22; thence north to the center of Sec. 15 to the center of Sec. 10; thence west to the west quarter corner of said Sec. 10; thence north to the east quarter corner of Sec. 4; thence west through the center of sec. 4 to the west quarter corner thereof; thence north to the NE corner of Sec. 5; thence west to the north quarter corner of said Sec. 5; thence south to the center of said sec. 5; thence west to the SE corner of the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of said Sec.; thence north to the NW corner of Lot 3, of said Sec. 5; thence west to the NW corner of sec. 6; all in said Township 25, South, Range 32 1/2 East; thence north to the NE corner of SE 1/4 of Sec. 36, in Township 24, South, Range 32, East; thence west to the center of said section 36; thence north to the north quarter corner of said Sec. 36; thence west to the north quarter corner of section 35; thence north to the center of Sec. 26; thence west to the west quarter corner of said section 26; thence north to the NW corner of Sec. 27; thence west to the NW corner of said section 27; thence north to the east quarter corner of Sec. 21; thence west to the intersection of said line and the East Fork of Silvie's River, all in Township 24, South, Range 32, East, same being the place of beginning.

That the irrigable lands embraced within the boundaries as above described comprises the following, to-wit:

Township 24, South, Range 32, East: Section 21, S 1/2 320 acres Section 26, SW 1/4 160 acres Section 27, all, 625.33 acres Section 28, all, 635.69 acres Section 33, all, 640 acres Section 34, all, 634.75 acres Section 35, all, 640 acres Section 36, S 1/2; NW 1/4 480 acres Township 25, South, Range 31, East: Section 1, SE 1/4 SE 1/4 40 acres Section 11, E 1/2 SE 1/4 80 acres Section 12, all, 640 acres Section 13, all, 640 acres Section 14, E 1/2, 320 acres Section 23, E 1/2, 320 acres Section 24, all, 640 acres Township 25, South, Range 32, East: Section 1, all, 639.20 acres Section 2, all, 640.80 acres Section 3, all, 640.48 acres Section 4, all, 642.08 acres Section 5, all, 644.04 acres Section 6, Lot 1, S 1/2 NW 1/4 S 1/2, 518.02 acres

Section 7, all, 634.48 acres Section 8, all, 640 acres Section 9, all, 640 acres Section 10, all, 640 acres Section 11, all, 640 acres Section 12, all, 640 acres Section 13, all, 640 acres Section 14, all, 640 acres Section 15, all, 640 acres Section 16, all, 640 acres Section 17, all, 640 acres Section 18, all, 638.44 acres Section 19, all, 641.32 acres Section 20, all, 640 acres Section 21, all, 640 acres Section 22, all, 640 acres Section 23, all, 640 acres Section 24, all, 636.37 acres Section 25, all, 640 acres Section 26, all, 639.60 acres Section 34, E 1/2, 321.81 acres Section 35, all, 630.08 acres Section 36, all, 481.08 acres Township 25, South, Range 32 1/2 East: Section 4, S 1/2 320 acres Section 5, E 1/2; SW 1/4; W 1/2 NW 1/4 559.06 acres

Section 6, all, 495.98 acres Section 7, all, 485.58 acres Section 8, all, 640 acres Section 9, all, 640 acres Section 10, SW 1/4, 160 acres Section 15, W 1/2, 320 acres Section 16, all, 640 acres Section 17, all, 640 acres Section 18, all, 488.38 acres Section 19, all, 487.95 acres Section 20, all, 602.46 acres Section 21, all, 553.73 acres Section 22, all, 564.44 acres Section 27, all, 122.29 acres Section 28, all, 11.97 acres Section 29, all, 56.24 acres

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on the 5th day of March, 1919, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, or as soon thereafter as the same can be heard, present to said Court a petition praying said Court to proclaim an irrigation district and define the boundaries thereof; and to call an election for the purposes above set forth and to do all things necessary and proper under the law for the formation of said district, and designate the time and place for voting at said election.

That the boundaries of the proposed district as set forth and described in said petition are as follows, to-wit:

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