# The Red Road

# A Romance of Braddock's Defeat

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#### SYNOPSIS

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Webster Brond is serving as a scout and spy for the army un-der General Braddock preparing for the advance on Fort Du-quesne. He has just returned to Alexandria from a visit to the fort, where, posing as a French-man, he has secured valuable information. Braddock, bred to European warfare, fails to realize the importance of the news. Brond is sent back to Fort Duquesne, also bearing a message to George Croghan, English emissary among the Brond joins his friend and fel-Brond joins his friend and fellow scout, Round Paw, Indian chief, and they set out. On the way they fall in with a typical backwoodsman, Balsar Cromit, who joins them. The party encounters a group of settlers threatening a young girl, Elsie Dinwold, whom they accuse of witchcraft. Brond saves her from them. The girl disappears. Webthem. The girl disappears. Webster delivers his message to Croghan. Young Col. George Washington rescues Brond from bullying English soldiers. He worsts a bully in a fight, and finds Elsie Dinwold. Brond is sent on a scouting expedition to

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He had been the officer; now he was the friend. Lowering his voice and smiling gentally he said:

"I know how you dislike discipline, Webster. Forest-running makes a man that way. I have presented the matter to General Braddock and it's his wish you go at once. But, as soon as he gets a grasp on all conditions here, he will insist all scouts be under milltary discipline. So it's well you go

"Immediately. There is a young woman in camp, who has been masquerading as a man. Her sex has been discovered by the wagoners. They may say she is a French spy. She is Elsie Dinwold, of Great cove. She was driven from the valley the day I left there on the charge she is a witch. I vouch for her, as a poor unfortunate young woman and thoroughly loyal to the colonies."

"She shall not be molested. But there are too many women in camp already. I wish you good tuck. would like to go with you. only I'd never pass as a Frenchman."

I hastened to the Iroquois camp and found Round Paw smoking and talking with George Croghan. The Onondaga was quick to respond when i promised action. We secured a small bag of meal and some extra arrowheads for flints, for I ever considered them better than the imported article.

As we traveled the ancient path. the Onondaga informed me Major Chapman had taken his road-builde over Will's mountain, a most foolish choice and one that would cause great waste of time and much hardship. Colonel Washington could have designated much better road, as could any of Braddock's scouts had their advice been sought.

It was near sunset by the time we had covered five miles, and as my haste to depart had been to avoid being called back and hampered by any military instructions, we were free to camp and take it leisurely. I built a fire while Round Paw was perching n turkey. While we were broiling our supper a tall tanky figure blundered Into the light. It was Balsar Cromit.

"Been chasing you fellers," he informed us. "How is this, Balsar?" I sternly de-

manded. "You're a wagoner, and your place is back in camp. We are out on a scout." "If I ain't wanted, I can scout

nione," he replied, displaying his mean-Ingless grin. "Wild timber enough for all of us to scout in. But I'll be mortally dinged if I'll stick on the creek and eat salt ment while the thief who stole my rifle is loose to hunt for fresh meat."

"Some one stole your rifle?" "If we lick the French as sartain as

that there rifle has been stole, then the French are everlastingly walloped this very minute. The thief lit out shead of you fellers. Come round the mountain by this path." The Onondaga caught only frag-

ments of Cromit's talk and asked me

to repeat it. After I did so, he adwised: "Let the bone-breaking man come

with us. If we meet a bear he shall show how strong his hands are against claws." "All right, Balsar; you're one of us,

but I'll not be responsible for the consequences once you get back to the army. But 'tis a pity you baven't a

"I'll have a mighty pert one when I overhaul that dinged thief. I knew bad luck was coming when I dreamed of that witch-girl. Consarp her!"

### CHAPTER IV

### The Cabin

The Onendaga aroused us shortly after sunrise and whispered to me: "Men come. Hide."

minutes one of them came into view | partiality. The dog is condemned to | is a variety distinct from seed flax.

our campfire. He leaned on his rifle and after a bit of glancing about sounded a low whistle. This was a signal that brought others to his side. At first glance I thought them to be Indians, but as we observed their un-

kempt hair, the manner of their waik, their long rifles and fur bats, we knew them to be white men. There were ten of them and their leader was as dark as a negro. All were dressed like Indians. Besides a rifle each carried an ax as well as a knife at his belt. My second thought was that they must be Frenchmen, who always imitated their red companions in dress, and thus endeared themselves to the Indian. I was lining the leader with my rifle and was about to order him to



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drop his gun when the first man to break through the timber kneeled by the fire-stones, thrust his hands into the ashes, quickly withdrew them, and announced:

"Still hot. Burnin' not more'n two hours ago.'

"Look about," harshly commanded the leader. Before they could move I called out:

"Who are you men?" None of them appeared to move a

muscle until the leader slowly turned his head in our direction and tersely answered:

"White men." But this was scarcely sufficient, for the times were ticklish. So I said: "If you're the right kind of white men, we're glad to see you. If you are the wrong kind, you will go to Will's

creek with us." "Will's creek is where we're bound for, to belp Gineral Braddock whip the French and Injuns. So show yourselves."

There were along every border certain small bands of white men who had reverted to savagery, and who waged war on all decent people. Motioning for my companions to remain in hiding I stepped into the small opening, and said: "We're scouts for Braddock's army.

Now talk to me with belts," The tast speaker again spoke, say

ing, and civilly enough: "Our cap'n here is 'Black' Jack of the Juniata. We go to help Gineral

Braddock."

There was none on the frontier who had not heard of Black Jack, the indian killer. His family had been murdered by the red men while he was away on a hunting trip. On returning to the ruins of his little cabin he had vowed to devote the remainder of his life to exterminating the race From Florida to New York province nis name was known, and many the story was related about him and his never-ending quest for revenge. The Indians attributed much sorcery to him and no longer considered him a mere numan being. Too many dead finally announced: red men had been found on trail and mountainside, in tonely valley and on

and halted on beholding the ashes of | the banks of unnamed creeks, to permit of an ordinary human status.

As guides, scouts and riflemen, these ten men were worth a thousand blundering regulars when it came to deep forest fighting. They would find their own food and be incapacitated neither by cold nor heat. I congratulated General Braddock for baving such woodsmen serving him. I was worried over one problem their coming had created, however. For the Onondaga's benefit I called out:

"Keep back." "Who be you telling in Iroquois to 'keep back'?" rumbled Captain Jack, dark eyes seeking to search out the thicket behind me.

"An Indian friend of mine who hates the French," I told him. "You stand no chance of harming him if you should be so minded. General Braddock needs your help sorely, but he has many Iroquois in his camp."

"His Injuns are safe. So's yours," was the slow response.

"Cromit, come forward," I called. The red-head crawled through the bushes, all his teeth showing. Standing behind me he drawled:

"The Onondaga is a quarter-mile away by this time."

"Your Injun is safe so long as he scouts against the French," growled Captain Jack. Cromit eyed him with kindling in-

terest and said: "You took mighty husky, mister. Do

you ever rassle?" The swarty killer turned a gloomy glance upon my friend, then said to

"Your Injun's safe when with you, or in Braddock's camp. We knew Croghan had some Iroquois there. But when we meet a redskin alone in the woods we never ask to see his roadbelts. We shoot. How is this Braddock? He can't know anything about Injuns and their natur'."

"General Braddock is a drill-master. I came away from the camp so's not

to be under military rule." "He puts folks under orders, eh?" And Captain Jack shrugged his big shoulders in disgust. "We don't want any pay or rations. We're going to Will's creek because Croghan's there. All we ask of Braddock is to be let alone. We live and fight in our own way. We'll have our own way if we

help him. He jerked his head toward the valley path and his men fell in behind him and the ten of them passed from our sight. Invaluable as they would be to Braddock in guarding against surprise attacks, I doubted if that martinet would accept them on their own terms. As they vanished through the green wall I turned back to the fire. Round Paw was there.

Cromit chuckled: "The injun never budged a inch. iled like Tophet when I said he'd run

We made our breakfast of brolled squirrels and then pushed on. We crossed Savage run, scarcely more than a rivulet, and camped on Little meadows with the rugged slope of Meadow mountain behind us. So far we had found no fresh signs of Indians. but during the morning of the next day we came upon the scalped remains of a warrior. I pronounced him to be a Twightwee, but Round Paw insisted:

"Jonontady Hagas!" (meaning the dead man was a Huron).

The Onondaga said death had been caused by a small bullet, and be accepted my theory that the Black Hunter and his men bad bagged the fellow.

Scouting farther on we came to the remains of a fresh campfire. It was not more than a night old and it was too large for an Indian to have lighted Nor could I attribute it to the Black Hunter's band, for Captain Jack and his men would make a blaze after the Indian fashion.

The Onondaga was puzzled, for it placed a third party near the scene of the killing. My friend requested Cromit and me to stay by the charred sticks while he investigated more closely. Before setting forth he examined the spot most patiently and

"One man. Long gun." (TO BE CONTINUED.)

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### Dog Formally Tried for Stealing Chicken

wear themselves out on, but one thing that does not annoy them is the trial of dogs for committing the crime of stealing chickens. Racine, the great French poet and dramatist, whom we loosely think of today as a placid soul living in a placid age, satirized such a trial in his day.

He portrayed the case of a dog accused of stealing and eating a capon which had been scheduled to adorn somebody's dinner table. Racine paints a ludicrous picture in his play, "Les Plaideurs," which means the attorneys, literally "pleaders," of the dog before the court. The lawyers are as windy as ever they should be in such a case. We took to cover and after a few the judge as doggedly intent on im- are two distinct industries. Fiber flax

Today the satirists have plenty to | the galleys, although what he would do in the galleys is a subject of wonder. Perhaps he was sentenced to be a mascot. But the lawyer for the dog hits upon the idea of bringing before the court the dog's sons and dauguters, a litter of pupples, "poor children that would be rendered orphans.' The judge is touched by this scene for he also has children. The outcome of the case is not related. Probably the dog was "simply knocked op the head."-Kansas City Star.

### Two Varieties of Flax

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#### Lesson for August 12 THE COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM

LESSON TEXT—Acts 15:1-25.
GOLDEN TEXT—If the Son shall make you free ye shall be free indeed.
PRIMARY TOPIC—God's Children

Refuse to Quarrel.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Christians Consult-

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOP-Paul Opposes Religious Prejudices. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOP-Paul Stands for Christian Liberty.

i. The Controversy in the Church

at Antioch (vv. 1-5). This difficulty was a most serious one, for it threatened the disruption of the church into Jewish and Gentile divisions. It was not a question of the admission of the Gentiles into the church. That had been settled some years before when Peter eceived Cornelius and his household. The question now was, on what. ground can they be received? Should Gentile converts be required to keep the Mosaic law as a condition of salvation? This issue was brought on by the coming of certain men from Jerusalem, who declared, "Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved (v. 1)." The question was so difficult that Paul and Barnabas were unable to put them to silence. These Jewish legalists had the letter of the Scripture on their side. They could point to the command where this was enjoined upor believers (Gen. 17:14), Paul could not point to any Scripture where it and been abrogated. If Paul could plead that Abraham was justified before he was circumcised, his antagonists could answer, "Yes, but after justification the rite was divinely imposed." The brethren at Antioch decided to refer the matter to the church at Jerusalem. Accordingly, Paul and Barnabas and others were as a deputation to Jerusalem. II. The Deliberations of the Council

(vv. 6-21). 1. Peter's speech (vv. 6-11). He argued that God had borne witness to His acceptance of the Gentiles by giving the Holy Spirit to them as unto the Jews (Acts 10:34-47). Since therefore, God had not put

a difference it would be folly for them ) do so. 2. Paul and Barnabas rehearsed

their experience (v. 12). They told how that God had set His seal of approval on their preaching salvation by grace through faith apart from works, by the working of signs and wonders through them. 3. The argument of James (vv. 14-

He took the fact declared by Peter and showed how it harmonized with the prophecy of Amos (Amos 9:11-15). He showed that the reception of the Gentiles was not in conflict but in strict harmony with God's plan. As set forth in James' speech, God's plan is as follows:

(1) To take out from among the Gentiles a people for His name (v. 14). This is what is now going on, the preaching of the gospel to the ends of the earth, and the calling out of the church.

(2) After the church is completed and removed, the Israelitish nation will be converted and restored to their land and privileges by the Lord Himself at His return (vv. 16, 17).

(3) Following this will be the conversion of the world through the agency of converted Israel (v. 17, cf. Rom. 11:15). He showed that there is no conflict when the Scriptures are rightly divided. His judgment was that the Gentiles should not be troubled with things that are Jewish, but should be warned to "abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood."

III. The Decision (vv. 22-29). The Jerusalem church came to a unanimous agreement and accepted the resolution offered by James. They not only sent a letter stating the decision of the conference, but took the wise precaution of sending influential men along with Paul and Barnabas to bear the same testimony by word of mouth. This letter denied the authority of the Judaizing teachers (v. 24), and declared the method by which this decision had been reached (vv. 25-27). The Holy Spirit was to be given first place, and the Gentile believers were instructed to abstain from meats offered to idols, from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication.

IV. The Decision Delivered to the Church (vv. 30-35).

The church was called together to bear the report. Its reading brought rejoicing. They were now free to prosecute the great missionary work.

## Knowing How to Pray

The life of a man upon earth is a warfare; and it is much better, in the midst of enemies and dangers, to be acquainted with one fortress than with many inns. He that knows how to pray may be pressed, but cannot be overwhelmed .- Robert Leighton.

## Enemies Hard to Fight

It will require more than a few hours of fasting and prayer to cast out such demons as selfishness, worldliness, and unbelief .- T. L. Cuyler.

#### "Tears" in Old Glasses Not Shed by Weepers

One of the things greatly demanded by antique hunters in Europe are "tear glassess." These are, says Pathfinder Magazine, little glasses in the slender stem of which is impris-oned a so-called tear. It looks very touching, but it is deceiving. The "tear" never came from a sorrowing eye. It is merely a flaw in the glass -accidental at first and skillfully intended later. But the name itself, with the age of the article, is enough

to make it sought after. Like the tear glasses of modern Europe were famous "tear vases," or lacrymatories, of the ancient Greeks and Romans. They are small vessels of glass, or terra cotta, frequently found in tombs and in which the mourners were supposed to have dropped their tears. It has been decided, however, that they were used to contain unguents-something regularly and generously used at ancient funerals.

#### Faked

Gene Tunney, discussing faked prize fights, said in New York: "Of course, you can fake a fight if

for that matter? "At a fruit and vegetable show a chap won the first prize for cabbages

you want to. What can't you fake,

with a magnificent specimen. "'That's a beauty, that is,' another chap said to him afterwards. 'I'll give

you half a dollar for it.' "'No you won't,' said the prize 'I gave 60 cents for it mywinner. self."

#### Corn Sugar for Babies

Besides its cane and beets, the United States has an Important source of sugar in its cornfields, although this product has not yet been produced in any great quantities, due to the intricate processes involved in its manufacture. It has proved useful in medicine, especially for feeding infants and invalids, and serves an important purpose in the food industry. -Popular Mechanics Magazine.

#### Government Wars on Rats

Tacoma, Wash., placed its rats problem in the hands of the biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. Crude calcium cyanide applied to the main city dump on the tide flats killed 10,570 rats in three days, according to estimates. The appropriation to pay for the work for a year was \$1,200.

#### Farmers' Co-Operatives

There are now at least 10,800 farmers' co-operative associations in the United States, with a membership of over 2,000,000 farmers, doing a bustness amounting to \$2,400,000,000 annually. In 1915 there were only 5,424 associations engaged in buying farm supplies and selling farm products.

### Holds Heat and Cold

A combination traveling refrigerator and stove has been devised for caring for food for patients in Bolingbroke hospital, London. Insulated compartments, side by side, within the box keeps hot foods hot and cold things cold. The device is on three wheels and is propelled by the nurses.

### Something New

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### Haw! Haw!

Tinner-Yesterday I fell off an 18foot ladder. Lady-Mercy! You might have

Tinner-Naw, it was only from the

#### second step I dropped. Drastic Methods

killed yourself.

Doctor-The only way for you to regain your figure is to cut out the sweets?

Fair Patient-Gracious! Are you going to operate to get that chocolate I ate this morning?-Detroit News.

#### Echo of Defeat "What did you learn in school to-

"Well, dad, I learned that your definition of an isthmus is the ber-

#### All In Customs Official.-What have you to

declare? Returning Passenger-I declare that I'm glad to get back.

Best Plan "This is a one-way street."

"Still, we'd better look both ways." -Louisville Courier-Journal,

Evelyn, age five, was watching her mother dress a chicken and, seeing the windpipe for the first time, asked: "Is that the chicken's macaroni?"

# Are You Ready

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people will ask for it, Love is probably the only thing that has more lives than a cat.

While you look at what is given, ook also at the giver .- Seneca. This world has had several periods of growing worse instead of better.

A farmer can make grass grow where he wants it to, which we can't do in town, Most comfortable kind of goods to

wear in summer, somehow, can't be

made to look dressy. Big men conferring together never flatter each other. Indeed, the ut-

most candor prevails. Wild animals are not more healthful than men. If they fall sick, they die promptly and disappear,

# Diagnosis

"A transfusion of sawdust."-Louis-

"Is this a doll hospital?" "Yes."

"What does my doll need?"

ville Courier-Journal.

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