# The Red Road

## A Romance of Braddock's Defeat

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#### CHAPTER X

#### The Long Trail Ends

It was thirteen days after the battle that Dunbar the Tardy arrived at Fort Cumberland on Will's creek with three hundred wounded soldiers. It is impossible to picture the amaze ment and consternation that smothered the colonies when it was definitely known that the army had been defeated and broken. There had been no concern in the public mind as to the outcome of the campaign.

The first uncertain news was received by Colonel James Innes, commander at Fort Cumberland. This was on July eleventh, two days after the battle. He immediately started expresses to the neighboring provinces to announce his grave fear that the army had met with reverses. While these messengers were carrying the astounding news the wagoners, who had first fled the bloody field, were beginning to reach the outlying settle ments. Governor Morris was at Carlisle when a half-starved, half-mad wagoner flogged his exhausted mount into the settlement and began crying out that Braddock had been defeated. that the entire army had been ann! hilated, and that he, the wagoner, was the only survivor.

The provinces were stunned. On the sixteenth another messenger brought further details. General Braddock was dead and had been buried at Great Meadows on the fourteenth. and the army and Dunbar's wagons had passed over his grave to hide it from the savages. On the day this man brought his dismal budget, Governor Morris sent out a call for the assembly to meet him in Philadelphia on the twenty-third, so as to permit Duabar to take the offensive and prevent the triumphant enemy from overrunning our frontiers and from bring-

ing the ax to the eastern settlements. Dunbar promptly announced bis determination to be done with forest fighting; and he marched his twelve hundred soldiers to Philadelphia and left three hundred wounded men at Will's creek. His army went into camp on Society hill, and in vain did Governor Morris urge him to send a few men to patrol the Susquebanna. Enough refugees came in to swell the army to fifteen hundred, and without raising his hand to protect the border Dunbar the Tardy sailed with this force for New York in October.

Stupefaction was replaced by dismay as this, the only fighting force in the south, war withdrawn. In very truth were the colonies aroused to the realization that they must protect themselves by doing their own fighting, and no longer depend upon overseas armies. Once Dunbar's intentions to withdraw from the province became known, Governor Dinwiddle urged Pennsylvania and Maryland to unite with Virginia in building a strong fort at the Great crossing or on Great Meadows. This wise plan for protecting the border came to nothing because of the colonies' tnability to overcome factional jealousles and to agree as to the division of the expense, labor and the like. So we drifted into three years of rapine and slaughter.

I reached Carlisle the day after Governor Morris started for Philadelphia. My wounds, aggravated by exposure, forced me to travel slowly; and my efforts to find some trace of the Dinwold girl permitted many survivors to pass me. Mine was old news when I did arrive. In Carlisle I feli in with three rangers who were cut off from the ford when the final rout filled the narrow road. They were forced to advance north, or close to Duquesne, to escape the savages They had concealed themselves in the woods near the Allegheny, and from what they had observed I learned how five hundred of Pontlac's Ottawas had quarreled with the French over the division of the booty, and had thrown back the ax and had killed and scalped two Frenchmen very close to the spot where my informants were hiding.

I recovered from my wounds and became active in preparing a defense against the red swarms we knew would soon be upon us. As rapidly as possible a string of forts was built from the Delaware and Susquehanna o the Potomac. There were Fort dedford at Hea's Town. Fort Ligonia on the site of the old Indian town of Coyal Hanna in Westmoreland couny. Fort Loudon at the foot of Blue nountain. Fort Lowther at Carlisle and Chambers' fort a few miles west

of that town. And there were other forts, as well is primerous small blockhouses, erected during the pext three years. For two months after the battle of the donongahela we worked feverisnly. taking advantage of the brief period the Indians required to convince themselves that the war path to the past was unobstructed. Then the storm began to break.

The first blow struck by the raiders cas in Cumberland county, and soon the ax was taking toll on the Susque hanna. A large body of indians camped thirty miles above Harris ferry and killed on both sides of the

scalping within forty miles of the ferry. Settlers were frantically fleeing to the east, or doggedly forting themselves on learning that escape was cut off. I went out with fortyfive men from the ferry and helped bury fourteen mangled bodies. Great cove was destroyed.

By December, the Indians were on the Lehigh behind the Blue mountains, where they killed a hundred people and burned many cabins. Bethehem prepared to resist an attack. At about the same time another band penetrated to the Schuylkill in Berks county and did devil's work. For fifty miles around Easton the country was devastated. So widespread were the activities of the savages that hundreds of people fled into the Jerseys. some carrying their household goods and driving their cattle; others vainly offering half of all they possessed in an effort to save something.

It was a characteristic of this unequal fighting that the Indians took but few prisoners. Thirty-six houses and the church at Gnadenhutten were burned, although Lleutenant Brown and a company of rangers forted themselves in the church and held it until it was fired. The Juniata was visited early in January and many people were murdered within two or three miles of Fort Patterson.

Even the back districts of Chester and Philadelphia counties were en dangered, and four hundred German farmers from the latter county marched into Philadelphia city and demanded that the assembly grant them some protection. These settlers should have remembered how men of their race defeated Joseph Seety. Berks county candidate for sheriff, in the October election, because he favored military training.

Throughout the winter, the savages continued very active, which was unusual, as during the snow months the frontier always had experienced a relief from attacks and had slept soundly. The woods from the Juniata to Shamokin were filled with feroclous red men, who killed and burned. In the latter part of the month a hundred Indians at Kittanning, including not a few who had been toyal to England until the defeat on the Monongahela, left to raid the Coococheague settlements and forts Shirley and Littleton. I was one of those who rode ahead to spread the alarm, and I experienced enough thrills to last me several lifetimes.

And so the bloody story might go on through volumes. Settlements in flames and the rough roads crowded with terrified families. Scarcely a night could one scan the horizons and not see the red flares that told of some cabin or hamlet being wiped out. Not until Gen. John Forbes' expedition in the summer of 1758, when he marched to Duquesne with fifty eight hundred men and a thousand wagons, did we begin to have a rest from the butcheries. But General Forbes would have nothing to do with the ill-fated Braddock road and wisely followed the central path through Carlisle, Shippensburg, and over Laurel mountain. The long rifles were proving their worth and were soon to take Canada from the French.

During all this strife and these miserable scenes, I endeavored to do my share in exacting a penalty from the red men. For two weeks I worked with Captain Jack, the Black Hunter of the Juniata. But when that river was harried he became such a madman and would take such foolhardy risks that I left his band. Yet we made some rare killings in the short time we were together.

The danger was never so great, however, as to cause me to forget, the Dinwold girl. In my dreams and in my waking hours I could see her tugging at young Morgan's hand and striving to come back and face the trouble out in my company. At night I would awake with her voice

river. In October a mixed force of | in my ears, calling me "mister." Once French and Indians was burning and I dreamed we were with the baggage train and she was saying "Kiss me." I required many a bloody foray against Shawnee and traitorous Delaware to wash that last dream thin. So there was never a day, when I was meeting with some one new, that I did not make diligent inquiry for

But so many families had been exterminated, so many pedigrees ended. that only by chance could I hope for boyish creature in reality, but my separation from her translated her into some symbol of the border, something fearfully desirable. It became a mania with me to find her, and yet my place was on the frontier.

On relief sallies, on retreats and on scouting trips, I asked of all I met if they knew of one called Daniel Morgan. Some professed to have met him, but none knew about a young woman dressed as a man. At the end of my service with General Forbes 1 was as ignorant as to whether she be alive or dead as I had been when I recovered my wits at the edge of the clearing along the Allegheny. where the dead hung from the twelve torture-stakes.

And I missed the Onondaga. God only knows how I missed him and his brave heart when on some lonely faring. I missed Cromit in a lesser degree, and often wished his terrible hands could help me decide some uneven argument. Aye, I missed them. But it was Round Paw of the Wolf clan whose absence ate into my soul. Red or white, never was there a stronger comrade than he. The lonely Monongahela sings his requiem, but in my heart he shall ever have a high place. Many a good comrade have I had in my day, but none so dear to my memory as the Wolf man. Gone to meet his particular god as of the great sights of America. has many another, and all because one man did not understand.

Worn by incessant hardships and seriously troubled by the old arrow wound in my arm, I returned to Carlisle, uncertain as to what I should do The settlers were preparing to follow General Forbes' army and make a new beginning along some pleasant stream. But I, the last of the House of the Open Hand, bad no desire to build a cabin and take root in one spot. The strange unrest, which had been only satisfied by the turmoll of border warfare, reduced me to a sad state of nerves. How could I ever be content on one creek or in one valley, with the memories of the Monongahela haunting me? skeleton of a horse into Carlisle.

that impelled me to surrender to the in a veritable dream picture. Nor is swim at all then and I guess I could sudden longing to visit my old home that all. Through the manipulation of do that well know." and once more look through the gate numerous colored screens, these trem of my father's garden. I scarcely re bling waters can be transformed into longing was the divine calling of the elsewhere in this world-a scene which was scarcely more than a skeleton. I gotten. borrowed a sultable horse of a stranger and did not marvel at his trust in me. At times I assured myself it was but a whim, that I would soon be doubling on my tracks and seeking service in the north; and yet I rode on.

The memories stirred up by the journey were painful. Unlike that other visit, the Onondaga was no longer fancied he walked at my stirrup, his street. chest showing the fresh white paint of the round paw of the wolf. In my more rational moments I felt old and out of place. It was when I brooded over the witch-girl's disappearance that I felt a great empti-tial thoroughfare and remained so until ness of heart which made all the plans of youth but little account. I had no wish to took on Josephine again and tell her poor Busby's farewell message; and yet something drew me to the town. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

## Humble Seaweed Put to Commercial Uses

for a plant for which no use has been discovered, then seaweed will have to change Its name.

After prolonged research, a process has been found in which seawood is utilized in the production of algin and alginates. Algin is a substance simllar to starch and gum arable in its properties, but in many respects superior to either.

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## Formality

Little Jean was visiting her small ousin. They were playing and having a glorious time together when lean's father came to take her home After she had donned her coat and but, she turned around and said: "Say. come back to me, somebody !"

If "weed" is to continue as the name | transparent when dry, and is not acted upon by acids. Algin will undoubtedly be used in dyeing and color printing and in the sizing and coating of paper.

Seaweed, too, has for sometime been known as a source of iodine.

## "Lvoof"

There is one thing harder to understand in Lwow than the Hebrew, Polish, German, Italian and Russian heard on its streets-the pronunciation of the city's name. Most of us. would pronounce the "L" and follow it up by a well emphasized "wow." But the Poles will tell you to press your tongue to the roof of your mouth and say "L" as we do, then forcefully biting the lower lip with the upper teeth to say "voof" (Lvoof).

## Hearing of Fishes

Fish do not actually have ears; they have sensitive sound organs and can usually bear noises under water.

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#### The Cabildo

DERHAPS no building in New Or leans holds more interest for the stranger that the Cabildo-that solid, dignified structure of unquestioned ancient origin, built of adobe and shell lime, two stories high with a mansard roof.

The guide informs us that it was so named from the municipal council which sat here under Spanish rule when it was the government house or palace of justice and that it was "put up" in 1795.

A tablet explains that here in 1803 the formal transfer of the Province news from the witch-girl. An elfish of Louisiana from Spain to France, also from France to the United States, took place: that the Marquis de Lafayette resided her in 1825 as a guest of the city, also that later the main room on the second floor was used by the Supreme Court of Louisiana. In this same room, it is said, was held the first Protestant church service conducted in the state of Louisiana.

The courtyard was used as a prison yard for more than a century. The remains of the old pillory may be seen as well as the bullet holes in the walls - executions having occurred here as late as 1836.

This historic building also played a prominent role in more recent days. Here a reception was given to President McKinley in 1901, and the centennial celebration of the Louisiana purchase was held in 1903.

Still well preserved, this old building now houses the state museum-a collection of intensely interesting relics of early days, including the death mask of the great Napoleon.

#### "Sunshine at Night"

FOR generations of time that noted spot where a mighty river spreads its waters over the broad, sharp edge of the old weapons, comparing it with of a rocky cliff and jumps off into space with a thundering roar, only to be clothed in mist and caught up in a basin 160 feet below, has been one The stupendous cataract of Niagara

has its moods and until one has seenit glorified as the sun announces a new day, as the setting sun burnishes its waters with gold, when its dancing waters glisten in the moon's silvery rays, during high water when its flow is prodigious and when the icy hand of winter has stiffened its liquid form into a fairyland of ice, he has not really seen it-in the broader sense.

Remarkable as the contributions of Nature's benefactors have made it, man's ingenuity has added another rare beauty to its charms-one entirely beyond the conception of those who have not yet beheld it, termed "Sunshine at Night."

A battery of superpowerful searchface staring back at me, I rode s on both the crest and fall, resurrects days." their forms from their nightly dark-Perhaps it was a weakness of spirit ness and causes them to blaze forth the white-haired veteran. "I couldn't member my mother, but perhaps this a kaleldoscope of color, unequaled maternal in me. Like my horse, I once beheld cannot be completely for-. . .

## Wall Street

WALL street came by its name from the fact that along about 1652, as a protection against possible attack from hostile Indians or colonists, the adjoining Dutch settlement (the original New York) constructed the north of the city, near the present my companion; and yet at times I location of this now world-famous

As time went on houses appeared and a new street, which naturally was named Well, was ushered into existence. This newcomer in streetdom gradually became a "high bat" residen along about the close of the Revolutionary war.

Buildings having to do with governmental affairs also stood here. Among them the Colonial city hall which remodeled, became Federal hall and served as the first capitol building of he United States of America. Here t was that George Washington was naugurated President.

The presence of the government uildings acted as a magnet to the financial institutions of the day and the centering in this area of the banks of the town gradually got under way, finally culminating in the concentration here of the present-day unrivaled and powerful group of concerns which have made it the great financial center of the nation and one of the most-t 'lked-about streets in all th's

Despite its outstanding prominence and strange as it may seem, Wall street has a graveyard (Trinity) at its head and a river (East) at its foot, is very narrow and only about one-fourth of a mile in length.

(@, 1928. Western Newspaper Union.)

#### The Cost of Peace Somebody has said that courage is

the price we must pay for peace of mind. If we are afraid of anythingno matter what-we can not be at peace with ourselves and with our world. But if we have sufficient courage to cast out fear, we can have peace.



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#### Ancients Got Copper From Arabian Mines

Detective work by chemists recentty trailed the copper used in ancient Mesopotamian weapons to the mines where it was obtained. Archeologists wanted to know where the men of Sumner, oldest of Mesopotamian kingdoms, got their copper. Inscriptions on bricks failed to tell them. So they sought help from metallurgical chemists. These men examined the copper specimens from Persia, the Black Sea region, Cyprus, Egypt and other neighboring countries to see if they could find the same impurities. At last in copper from mines on the Arabian peninsula, near the Persian gulf, a similar amount of nickel in the metal was discovered, indicating that these were the mines from which the metal for the ancient weapons had come .-

#### Confident

Popular Science Monthly.

During the vacation period, two elderly men were sitting near one of the bathing beaches in northern Indiana

"I haven't been in the water for twenty years, but I believe I could swim today just as well as I could then," said Mr. R.

"Oh, come now," replied his friend. "You're spry enough but its absurd to say that you could go in the lake and With the vision of that small wistfu! lights, trained from across the river swim as well as you could in the old

"I feel confident I could," persisted

## His Fiddles Unusual

Ethan Dix of McMinnville, Ore., who makes violins from cow horns, gourds or anything else, that will hold a string, believes that he has a unique collection of addles.

One fiddle is carved from a gourd, another is made from the horn of a Texas steer, and one in the form of a dollar sign. One fiddle in the collection was run over during the Civil war by an ammunition wagon. A violin maker glued the pieces togetha palisade (or wall) immediately to er, and Mr. Dix regards its music as unusual. - Spokane Spokesman-Re-

## Photographs of Mars

Much valuable work has been done with the great Lick refractor in planetary observations. At the last close approach of Mars 32 drawings of the planet and about 1,500 photographs were obtained, many of these with the aid of specially dyed plates, says Na ture Magazine. These are of great value in interpreting the nature of the changes that are continually taking place on the surface of the planet.

## Somewhere the Sun Shines

Cannibals in the island of Paqua eat the Dutch tax collectors. There seems to be some justice in the world after all .- Springfield Sun.

Anyone who does not enjoy seeing now far a dollar will go gets no satisfaction out of economy.

## **Garfield Tea**

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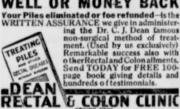


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