

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.

The first uncertain news was received by Colonel James Innes, commander at Fort Cumberland. This was on July eleventh, two days after the battle.

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.

Dunbar promptly announced his 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.

Stupefaction was replaced by dismay as this, the only fighting force in the south, was withdrawn.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.

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.

I recovered from my wounds and became active in preparing a defense against the red swarms we knew would soon be upon us.

And there were other forts, as well as numerous small blockhouses, erected during the next three years. For two months after the battle of the Monongahela we worked feverishly taking advantage of the brief period the Indians required to convince themselves that the war path to the east was unobstructed.

The first blow struck by the raiders was in Cumberland county, and soon the ax was talking toll on the Susquehanna.

river. In October a mixed force of French and Indians was, burning and 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.

By December, the Indians were on the Lehigh behind the Blue mountains, where they killed a hundred people and burned many cabins. Bethlehem prepared to resist an attack.

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 Lieutenant Brown and a company of rangers forted themselves in the church and held it until it was fired.

Even the back districts of Chester and Philadelphia counties were endangered, and four hundred German farmers from the latter county marched into Philadelphia city and demanded that the assembly grant them some protection.

Throughout the winter, the savages continued very active, which was unusual, as during the snow months the frontier always had experienced a respite from attacks and had slept soundly. The woods from the Juniata to Shamokin were filled with ferocious red men, who killed and burned.

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.

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.

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.

Humble Seaweed Put to Commercial Uses

If "weed" is to continue as the name 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 seaweed is utilized in the production of algin and alginates. Algin is a substance similar to starch and gum arabic in its properties.

With a viscosity fourteen times that of starch and thirty-seven times that of gum arabic, it is of greater advantage than starch in sizing and finishing fabrics, for it fills the cloth better, is tougher and more elastic.

Formality

Little Jean was visiting her small cousin. They were playing and having a glorious time together when Jean's father came to take her home.

In my ears, calling me "mister." Once 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.

But so many families had been exterminated, so many pedigrees ended, that only by chance could I hope for news from the witch-girl. An elfish boyish creature in reality, but my separation from her translated her into some symbol of the border, something fearfully desirable.

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.

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.

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 next. The settlers were preparing to follow General Forbes' army and make a new beginning along some pleasant stream.

Perhaps it was a weakness of spirit that impelled me to surrender to the sudden longing to visit my old home and once more look through the gate of my father's garden.

The memories stirred up by the journey were painful. Unlike that other visit, the Onondaga was no longer my companion; and yet at times I fancied he walked at my stirrup, his chest showing the fresh white paint of the round paw of the wolf.

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.

"Lvoof"

There is one thing harder to understand in Lwo than the Hebrew, Polish, German, Italian and Russian heard on its streets—the pronunciation of the city's name.

Hearing of Fishes

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

NEARBY AND YONDER By T. T. Maxey

The Cabildo

PERHAPS no building in New Orleans holds more interest for the stranger than 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 of Louisiana from Spain to France, also from France to the United States, took place; that the Marquis de Lafayette resided here 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.

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 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 of the great sights of America.

The stupendous cataract of Niagara has its moods and until one has seen it 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 fairland 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 searchlights, trained from across the river on both the crest and fall, resurrects their forms from their nightly darkness and causes them to blaze forth in a veritable dream picture.

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 a palisade (or wall) immediately to the north of the city, near the present location of this now world-famous street.

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 hat" residential thoroughfare and remained so until 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 the United States of America. Here it was that George Washington was inaugurated President.

The presence of the government buildings acted as a magnet to the financial institutions of the day and the coaling 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 thickly-located streets in all the world.

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.

The Cost of Peace

Somebody has said that courage is the price we must pay for peace of mind. If we are afraid of anything—no 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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ASPIRIN

Ancients Got Copper From Arabian Mines

Detective work by chemists recently traced the copper used in ancient Mesopotamian weapons to the mines where it was obtained. Archeologists wanted to know where the men of Summer, oldest of Mesopotamian kingdoms, got their copper.

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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 fiddles.

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 Nature Magazine.

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.

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