

THE SLAYER OF MARAT

Charlotte Corday and the Act That Made Her Famous.

HER PLANS FOR THE MURDER

The Way They Were Worked Out and How They Were Put Into Execution. Her Own Tragic End and the Final Act of the Brutal Headsman.

Among the instances of fanatic zeal for country and people the act of Charlotte Corday, who was born at St. Saturnin, France, July 27, 1768, and who was beheaded at Paris July 17, 1793, stands out in tragic force.

Her childhood and early youth were full of privation, although she was of a noble family. She was educated at a convent in Caen and then went to live with an aunt in the same old town of Normandy.

She had a serene and lofty beauty, was tall and graceful, and her manner was full of dignity.

She spent all her leisure in reading, and her books were always those that related to heroism and devotion to country. When the revolution broke upon France, Charlotte eagerly took up the reading of politics and public questions. When the Girondists were obliged to fly from Paris they went to Caen and began to hold meetings and form plans for future operations in Paris.

The Girondists were the true republicans and got their name from Gironde, as it was the deputies from this district that had formed the Republican party in the national assembly. The massacres had terrified them, and they had tried to stop the violent measures in the reign of terror.

Charlotte felt a very madness of enthusiasm as she listened to the fiery eloquence of these men who denounced Marat. Danton and Robespierre escaped much of the censure due for their share in the frightful work of cruelty and death. It was upon Marat that the Girondists poured their eloquence, for it was he who had pursued and ordered the death of their leaders in Paris. In the depths of her heart a purpose was formed to save her people from this monster and at any cost to herself.

Into Charlotte's life a tender and respectful love had come to add its influence in these days of strange tumult and calm purpose. She and a young man named Franquelin had been writing each other, and she had given him her portrait and told him that he might at least love that. When this lover marched away to Paris with the Girondists and the neighboring volunteers, she bade him a calm farewell, for she knew she was going to save him.

After her execution Franquelin went home to his native village in Normandy. In the tender care of his mother he gradually failed, for his heart was broken the day his love perished. When he came to die he requested that Charlotte's portrait and letters be buried with him, and his grave holds them sacredly.

Charlotte began to prepare for her journey to Paris and the tragedy she had planned. Every effort was made to hide the appearance of a concealed purpose. When she arrived at Paris she at once set about her plans to find Marat. As a preparation she went to one of the shops of the Palais Royal and bought a dagger-shaped knife, paying for it 60 cents. This she hid in the folds of her dress. Her plan had been to kill Marat in the very convention, where she thought the deed would be avenged by killing her on the spot.

But Marat no longer went to the convention. He was ill with a disease that was slowly killing him, and his body was in a state of disorder and irritation that gave him an agony of suffering. He was only comfortable when in the warm water of his bath. He lived on the first floor of a house in the Rue des Cordeliers, and connected with his home were all the affairs of his journalistic work and from here all his pamphlets and journals were sent out.

After writing two letters asking for an interview, in which she would give him some important news about suspected persons, she got no reply. Then she took her way to the house, insisted that she must see him, and when forbidden entrance by Marat's wife she still urged the importance of her errand. Marat heard the sound of their voices and shouted out for a reason of the noise that bothered him. When told that it was the woman who had twice written him he bade her come in. The wife, against her will, let her pass.

Marat was in his bath, wrapped in an ink stained sheet, and was writing on a board laid across the bath. Asking her errand, he took down all the details she gave him. When he had the name of each Girondist who was at work in Caen he told her that in a week they would be brought to the guillotine. Then as she stood beside the bath she plunged the knife into his heart, and he died with a cry to his wife to come to him.

Just before her execution she wrote to the Girondists at Caen that she anticipated happiness "with Brutus in the Elysian fields" after her death, and she also wrote tender and loving farewell letters to her relatives and friends.

When she had suffered death the executioner lifted up her head by the hair and struck it a brutal blow with his fist. Just at that moment a gleam of the sun so fell upon it that there was the effect of a blush upon the dead face.—Boston Globe.

Property has its duties as well as its rights.—Drummond.

AUSTRALIAN DINGOS.

Treacherous and Destructive Animals That Can Feign Death.

There are some who believe, though the evidence seems against them, that certain of the wild dogs, like the Australian dingo—"yellow dog dingo, always hungry, dusty in the sun"—are reversions to the wild state of a race once tame, just as the pariah dogs of various countries have traveled half the road toward becoming wild animals again.

As one sees the dingo here in the gardens it looks not merely like a domesticated dog, but like a dog of a distinctly engaging and amicable kind. The dingo's character belies its gentle looks. "Quarrelsome, sly and treacherous," an Australian naturalist has called it. So sly is it that, according to Mr. Beddard in "The Cambridge Natural History," it feigns death "with such persistence that an individual has been known to be partly flayed before moving" and so treacherous that in the days when dingos were more commonly kept as pets by the colonists than, as a result of bitter experience, is the case today it was no unusual thing for the dog which had been brought up with every tenderness from puppyhood to turn suddenly on its master or mistress, or what was more frequent, when left in temporary charge of an empty house to seize the opportunity to raid the sheepfold or the poultry runs.

On such occasions it "ravens" even as the wolf, killing not to satisfy its hunger, but in the unrestrainable fury of a brute instinct, so that, given time enough, it will not leave one fowl or one sheep alive. That it does not need much time, moreover, is shown by the statement of Thomas Ward that "one dingo in the course of a few hours has been known to destroy several score of sheep." For its fighting ability the same authority declares it to be a match for most domestic dogs of double its size.

When wild it hunts in packs, which are said sometimes to include as many as a hundred individuals, though from six to a dozen is the common number, and the only Australian animal which it is uncertain if the pack can ever pull down is (in spite of Mr. Kipling) the "old man" kangaroo.—London Times.

WOMEN IN TROUSERS.

Some Whose Work Compels Them to Dispense With Draperies.

The idea of a woman in trousers seems to be the most horrible that the modern civilized mind can conjure up, but there are parts of the world where women wear these garments as a matter of course, and the heavens have not yet fallen. They even contrive to look charming in them, too, as in one of the cantons of Switzerland, where the bifurcated garment is worn on dress occasions as well as for work. Not even at the altar are the trousers discarded. The bride wears white ones, with a white bodice and white flowers in her hair, and many a bride in a court train is less shy and sweet. In spite of their trousers, which are necessitated by the work they do in the fields, these women do not ride astride, but use a sidesaddle just like the woman who is trammelled by skirts.

The trousers of Switzerland are loose, baggy affairs, sometimes almost as cumbersome as skirts, but the peasant maids of the Austrian Tyrol wear short, close fitting small clothes, which cannot impede their movements in any way and which are not particularly becoming. The socks do not meet the trousers and the knee is left bare, like a Highlander's. The upper part of the costume has some feminine touches, and over the trousers is a short drape, which may be the remains of a skirt. These women work in the fields and stables and are compelled by their life to dispense with superfluous draperies.

French and Belgian fisherwomen wear trousers. They wade through the water, pushing their nets before them, and the heavy waves would soon sweep them off their feet if they wore skirts. Even without them they are obliged to go out in little parties for mutual protection.

In China, where they do most things differently from the rest of the world, the women wear trousers and the men do not disdain skirts.

Baptist Church Notes.

The interest is getting keen on the trip to Palestine in the Baptist Sunday school. The passengers on the Lusitania are making strenuous efforts to catch up with the other boat. Come and help it Sunday at 10 a. m. and also be benefited by the Bible study. Preaching at 11 and 7:30 by the pastor. Young Peoples meeting at 6:30. The business meeting of the church adjourned from last Sunday will be taken up again after the morning preaching service. Prayer meeting on Wednesday 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation to all of these services.

Christian Church Announcements.

Next Sunday is the beginning of our Bible school revival. Have you heard of it. Most unique method yet devised. You will be interested, so come. Be sure to be on time, and have your bible and a good lesson, for this all counts. Preaching services at 11 and 7:30. At the morning service the subject will be, "A Stuffed Ox." At night, "Why I believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and Christ to be His Son."

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. A. O. Hammond, Pastor. Sunday services: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching service 11, Epworth League devotional service 6:30, preaching service 7:30. Ladies Aid Society every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Forced Into Exile.

Wm. Upchurch of Glen Oak, Okla, was an exile from home. Mountain air, he thought would cure a frightful lung-racking cough that had defied all remedies for two years. After six months he returned, death dogging his steps. "Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery," he writes, "and after taking six bottles I am as well as ever." It saves thousands yearly from desperate lung diseases. Infalible for Coughs and Colds, it dispels Hoarseness and sore Throat. Cures Grip, Whooping Cough. 50c and \$1, trial bottles free, guaranteed by all druggists.

Lost.

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Lost In Athena.

Ladies Gold watch with initials F. I. P. engraved on case. Finder leave at Press office and receive reward.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon in and for Umatilla County, and to me directed and delivered upon a judgment and decree rendered and entered in said Court on the 20th day of October, 1909; in favor of John F. Temple, plaintiff, and against Walter Cameron and John Bergevin, defendant, for the sum of \$550.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 8th day of February, 1908, and for the further sum of \$75.00 attorneys fees, and for the further sum of \$32.00 costs, and whereas by said judgment it was further adjudged and decreed that the hereinafter described real property, to-wit:

Lot 10 of Section 15, Township 3 North Range 35, E. W. M., be sold to satisfy said judgment and all costs, I will on the 20th day of November, 1909; at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, in front of the Court House door, in the City of Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, sell the right, title and interest the said Walter Cameron and John Bergevin had in and to the above described real property on the 8th day of February, 1908, or since then have acquired, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the proceeds to be applied in satisfaction of said execution and all costs. Dated this 20th day of October, 1909. T. D. Taylor, Sheriff, by B. C. Wilson, Deputy.

SUMMONS

In the Justice's Court for the District of Pendleton, County of Umatilla, State of Oregon.

Thomas W. Murrell, Plaintiff, vs. Simon Sharp, Defendant.

To Simon Sharp, the above named Defendant, in the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby notified and required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled court and cause, on or before the 26th day of November, A. D., 1909, which said date is the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons; and you will take notice that if you fail to so appear and answer the said complaint, or otherwise plead thereto, within said time, judgment will be taken against you for the sum of sixty-two (\$62.25) dollars and twenty-five cents, according to the prayer of plaintiff's complaint; for the costs and disbursements of this action and for an order of sale of any personal property attached in this action.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the above entitled court duly made on the 11th day of October A. D., 1909, and will be published in the Athena Press pursuant to said order, the first publication to be made on Friday the 15th day of October, A. D., 1909.

Joe H. Parkes, Justice of the Peace, Peterson & Wilson, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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