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The Doctor's Dilemma

By Hesba Stretton

CHAPTER XXVIII.—(Continued.)

"My daughter," he said, "I bade you leave even your duty in my keeping. Now I summon you to fulfill it. Your duty lies yonder, by your husband's side in his agony of death."



"I CAME UPON A GRAVE."

A strange, spasmodic smile flitted across his ghastly face, a look of triumph and success. His fingers tightened over my hand, and I left it passively in their clasp.

CHAPTER XXIX.

The unbroken monotony of Ville-en-bois closed over me again. A week has glided by a full week. I am seated at the window of the Prince's apartment, breathing fresh air—such a cool, bracing breeze as blows over the summer sea to the cliffs of Sark.

great ceremony. They entered the house and came directly to the salon. I was making my escape by another door, when Monsieur Laurentie called to me.

"What will you do, Olivia?" asked Dr. John one day. "What can I do?" I said. "Go to him," he urged; "he is alone. I saw him a moment ago, looking out at us from the drawing room window. God bless him! Olivia, my dear girl, go to him."

"It is like a day from heaven," he said, taking off his fisherman's cap, and looking round at the blue sky with its sun-drenched clouds, and the sea with its scattered islets.

"I am here," I answered, laying my other hand upon his, which was at last relaxing its hold and falling away helplessly. But where was he? Where was the voice which half a minute ago called Olivia? Where was the life gone that had grasped my hand? He had not heard my answer, or felt my touch upon his cold fingers.

Pierre, who has been basking idly under the window, jumps to his feet, shouting, "It is Monsieur the Bishop! Minima claps her hands and cries, 'The Prince, Aunt Nelly, the Prince!'"

Into my new sphere. It would have been difficult to resist the cordiality with which I was adopted into the household. Dr. Senior treated me as his daughter; Dr. John was as much at home with me as if I had been his sister. Minima, too, became perfectly reconciled to her new position.

I saw little of Martin. He had been afraid I should feel myself bound to him; and the very fact that he had once told me he loved me had made it more difficult to him to say so a second time. He would not have any love from me as a duty. If I did not love him fully, with my whole heart, choosing him after knowing others with whom I could compare him, he would not receive any lesser gift from me.

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EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

Russia is determined to hold onto Manchuria. Governor Shaw will succeed Secretary Gage January 23. New York has appropriated \$50,000 to represent that state at the St. Louis fair.

Relations between Americans, British and Russians at Niu Chwang are strained. Rear Admiral Wildes has been ordered to take command of the Asiatic squadron.

Several senators propose to fight the indiscriminate passage of pension bills by congress. A charter has been granted to a new corporation whose object it is to build a railroad in Missouri.

It is announced that the East St. Louis bank robbers obtained \$10,400, instead of \$5,000, as first given out. Should Germany be successful in obtaining money due her from Venezuela, France will try to obtain payment of French claims.

Another Boer laager, guarded wholly by women, has fallen into the hands of the British. A large number of cattle were taken.

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The population of the entire United States is 84,233,069. The Boer losses up to date have been twice as heavy as the British. A Southern Pacific train at Houston Texas, ran down and killed two men.

Ex-President Cleveland has almost entirely recovered from his recent illness. There will be a strong fight in congress against the new Chinese exclusion bill.

Schley has requested the president to review the findings of the court of inquiry; Roosevelt has given his consent. A special train, carrying 300 recruits, bound for the Philippines, was partially wrecked in the suburbs of Chicago and three soldiers injured.

Vladivostok is anticipating the arrival there of the representative of an American railway, which intends to buy land along the Siberian railroad and erect factories.

A bill granting to Mrs. McKinley the postal franking privilege for all her correspondence has been favorably reported by the house committee on postoffices and postroads. The Chinese court has returned to Peking.

Canada has sent another battalion to South Africa. United States troops are being withdrawn from Cuba. Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador is seriously sick.

Mormons are moving from Utah to Montana in great numbers. The old liberty bell has been taken from Philadelphia to the Charleston exposition. While driving an artesian well at Everett a heavy flow of natural gas was encountered.

Senator Mitchell introduced three amendments to the Philippine tariff bill passed by the house. A bill providing a temporary form of government for the Philippines has been introduced in congress. A project is on foot to run a submarine tunnel under San Francisco bay from Oakland to San Francisco.

Negotiations are pending for the establishment of a wireless telegraph line from Seattle to Nome City, Alaska. A train carrying 270 troops and nine officers left Columbus, O., a few days ago for San Francisco. They are en route to the Philippines. Oil has been struck at Whatcom, Wash.

Boers will try to tire out British taxpayers. General Bell is conducting a vigorous campaign in Bataugas. Conditions on the island of Samar still very unsatisfactory. The Carnegie Institution has been incorporated at Washington.

Lord Kitchener has asked that Canadian scouts be furnished him. The Denver fire and police board will not permit prize fights in that city. Number of missing and dead in steamer Walla Walla disaster now numbers 47.

The first proclamation against football in England was issued by Edward II in 1314. During the last decade the Roman Catholics have increased more rapidly in Prussia than the Protestants, while the increase in the number of Hebrews was insignificant.

No country does so much for the education of its people as Germany. The common schools are not only in reach of the poorest, but the tuition is free and attendance is compulsory in childhood.

HOMESICKNESS IN MANILA.

As a Cure, an American News Service Will Be Established.

Manila, Jan. 14.—Medical authorities here assert that a considerable portion of the breaking down among American residents of the Philippine Islands is due to homesickness. Newspapers of Manila are urging the United States Philippine Commission to make an appropriation for a daily cabled news service from the United States, thus bringing Americans here in closer touch with their home life.

A majority of the local papers, several Army officers, civil officials and others, have promised subscriptions to help meet the cable tolls for a three months' news service of 100 words a day. An amount sufficient to cover the tolls for 70 words a day has already been subscribed. It is hoped that this news service can be begun January 15. It will be devoted to American news exclusively. The Government has offered to send news bulletins free to all points on the military wires.

Commissioner Bernard Moses, head of the Department of Public Instruction for the Islands, has delivered an address to the teachers of Manila, in which he particularly urged the continued instruction of Filipino children in English. He said the members of the wealthy farmer classes were making a great mistake in sending their children to Spanish schools, as the consequent neglect in English instruction would injure their position and standing in the islands, which would inevitably and indissolubly become a portion of the American nation.

The news received from Batangas Province is cheerful. The expedition to Lobos, in Batangas, has been a complete success. The columns under Colonels Wint and Wells have destroyed a large number of barracks and hampets, and enough rations to keep 20,000 Filipinos for six months. There was not a single American casualty during the entire expedition. The enemy fled before the Americans, many of them were killed and several surrendered.

HAS MADE A RECORD. Thomas E. Parker, of Astoria, Oregon, has Saved 16 People in Last Three Years.



Astoria, Jan. 13.—Thomas E. Parker, night clerk at the Parker House, in this city, is gaining quite a reputation as a life-saver. During the past three years he has been successful in rescuing sixteen people who had fallen into the river. The hotel is located directly on the water front, and many times during the dark nights of winter, persons have fallen overboard, either from the wharf or the railroad trestle. Mr. Parker has had several narrow escapes from drowning while rescuing others, and has never received any reward for his work. In the majority of cases the ones rescued even neglected to tell him their names or thank him.

A HITCH AT PEKIN.

Demands Presented by the French Minister to China. Peking, Jan. 13.—The French Minister, M. Beau, refuses to present his credentials until China fulfills certain demands of the French Government. The joint audience of the foreign and new Chinese Ministers, which had been arranged, had been postponed because of M. Beau's action. His colleagues are discussing whether to support him or not. A repetition of the Turkish incident is considered possible.

The Dowager Empress today followed up her friendly advances by sending verbal messages to several of the Ministers, thanking them for the care they had taken of the palace and expressing pleasure at the reception accorded by the foreigners on the occasion of their Majesties' entry into Peking.

The report of the arrest of General Tung Fuh Slang, whose decapitation has been ordered by the Dowager Empress, is incorrect. The Tartar General, who is Governor of Kwan Su, was afraid to execute the orders he received, owing to Tung Fuh Slang's influence among the Mohammedans, who dominate the Province. The Governor feared that the arrest of Tung Fuh Slang would incite the Mohammedans to rebellion.

Boer Laager Surprised. Pretoria, Jan. 14.—The British forces have surprised and captured a Boer laager 20 miles northwest of Ermelo. Forty-two Boers were taken, including Major Wolmerans.

Grave Anxiety for the Condo. Victoria, B. C., Jan. 14.—There is grave anxiety for the sloop of war Condo, which left Esquimalt December 2 for Honolulu. Advice dated Honolulu, January 3, say the vessel had not then reached the port. On the evening of the day she left the big storm occurred, causing the wreck of the Mattoewan. If no news is received of her by the Moana, due from Honolulu January 22, H. M. S. Phaeton will be sent out to look for her.

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Navigation on the Yamhill river has been closed to Lafayette. A fine body of cinnamon has been discovered in Josephine county. The Clatsop county tax levy for 1901 has been fixed at \$1 milla.

Linn county court has fixed the 1901 tax levy for that county at 24 1/2 mills. The Oregon State Livestock association met at Salem and elected officers. Polk county's treasurer has issued a call for warrants issued prior to October 6, 1899.

Captain Walter Lyon has resigned his position as captain of Company K, Fourth regiment, O. N. G. The new flouring mill at Wasco has started. Power is furnished by electricity obtained from a plant on White river.

The early closing movement on the part of Eugene grocers has gone into effect and the stores now close at 7 p. m. The entire debt against Pacific college, at Newberg, has been paid off, and the institution is in a prosperous condition.

A proposition made by citizens of Astoria to the can factory of that place has been accepted and the plant will be enlarged and run for fifteen years. The 1901 tax levy for Portland will be one-third higher.

Work is progressing favorably on the oil well near Myrtle creek. The official total of Lewis and Clark subscriptions is about \$332,000. A successful and well attended farmers' institute was held at Summerville last week.

More marriage licenses were issued in Umatilla county this year than ever before. The number reached 164. Two men have been arrested at Jacksonville, charged with breaking into a store there a short time ago.

Etna Oil Company, with headquarters at Baker City, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. Capital \$50,000.

New hoisting machinery has arrived for the Le Roy Mining Company in the Bohemia district. The owners are pushing work vigorously on both the Le Roy and Laura properties.

A number of hogs died a few days ago on McKay creek, Eastern Oregon. It was supposed that an epidemic of cholera was taking them off, but the state stock inspector pronounced it rheumatism.

The output of coal from the Beaver Hill mine, near Marshfield, averages 60 tons a day. The slope is now down 1500 feet and will not be extended any further for the present. An electric plant is to be installed for power and light.

A strike recently made on Jones' creek near the Dry Diggings, Southern Oregon, promises to become one of large importance as well as great productiveness. The find is located at the head of a gulch that was worked years ago and paid richly.

Portland Markets. Wheat—Walla Walla, 59@60c; blue stem, 61c; valley, 59 1/2@60c. Barley—Feed, \$17@17.50; brewing, \$17.50@18 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$1@1.10; gray, 95c@1. Flour—Best grades, \$2.70@3.30 per barrel; graham, \$2.50.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$20; shorts, \$18; chops, \$17. Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$7@7.50; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton. Mutton—Lamb, 3 1/4@3 1/2c, gross; dressed, 6 1/4c per pound; sheep, 6 1/2c, gross; dressed, 6 1/2c per pound; ewes, 3 1/4@3 1/2c, gross; dressed, 6@6 1/2c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, 5 1/4c; dressed, 6@6 1/2c per pound. Veal—\$8@9c per pound. Beef—Gross, cows, 3 1/2c; steers, 3 1/4@4c; dressed, 3@7c per pound. Butter—Creamery, 25@27c per pound; dairy, 18@20c; store, 12 1/2@15c.

Eggs—20@22 1/2c for cold storage; 22@25c for Eastern; 28@30c for fresh Oregon. Poultry—Chicken, mixed, \$2.50@3; hens, \$2.50@4; 3 1/2@9c per pound; springs, 9@10c per pound. \$2.50@3 per dozen; ducks, \$5@6 for young; geese, \$5.50@7.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11@12 1/2c; dressed, 13@14c per pound. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@15c; Young America, 14@15c.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 85c@1.10 per cental; ordinary, 70@80c. Hops—\$8@10c per pound. Wool—Valley, 11@14c; Eastern Oregon, 8@12 1/2c; mohair, 21@21 1/2c per pound.

In addressing New York bankers, Secretary Gage again urges currency reform legislation and tells them that now is the time for action. Transvaal delegates in Holland say England could speedily end the carnage in South Africa, succeeding, by diplomacy, where she has failed by force of arms.

The German foreign office says the new meat inspection law is not yet in effect and that the United States will be notified at once when the date is decided upon.

GOVERNMENT TO BLAME.

Papers in the United States Showing That China Was in League With Boxers.

New York, Jan. 13.—Documents now in possession of Columbia University, it is believed, prove that the Chinese Imperial Government was in league with the Boxer uprising. The documents consist of an original block cut on a copy of a proclamation. The papers are the gift of the Rev. Dr. M. E. Gamewell, who constructed the defenses of the allies at the siege of Peking.

Some few days after the relief of the beleaguered garrison by the foreign troops, Dr. Gamewell secured new quarters for the Methodist Episcopal schools, their own buildings having been destroyed. Two private houses were taken and it was in a table of one of these that a number of circulars were found, together with the plate from which they were printed. The circulars bear the seal of the government used upon Imperial documents. The wording of the circular is:

"By Imperial Command. Let the Boxers of these follows the names of eight towns near Peking) rise up to united victory."

This, it is supposed, meant the destruction of the foreigners, as shown in the Boxers' motto, "Protect the Manchus, destroy the foreigners." The circulars are printed on yellow paper, with black type, excepting the vermilion of the seal or "imperial pencil," as it is known. Red characters, signifying the seal of the Boxers are stamped on the left hand corner.

SIGNATURES WERE FORGED. Fraudulent Attempts to Secure the Release of a Montana Convict.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 13.—Governor Toole has unearthed one of the most daring fraudulent attempts at the release of a convict from the penitentiary that has ever come to light in this state. Some time ago, the governor received a letter from the then Vice-President, Theodore Roosevelt, saying that a letter had been returned to him from the dead-letter office, purporting to have been written by him, asking for the pardon of Laimcelot G. Livingston, a convict in the penitentiary. Vice-President Roosevelt said the letter was a forgery. A few days ago the full extent of the forgeries looking to the pardon of Livingston was revealed. A petition was received from the prisoner, asking for executive clemency, and stating that he was a member of a prominent New York family. One hundred and two names were signed to the petition, and among them were those of Hugh Grant, August Belmont, ex-Mayor Hugh Grant, Vice-President Roosevelt, Rev. C. H. Parkhurst, Thomas A. Edison, John D. Crippmuns, Joseph R. Dreher, E. W. Bookstaver, T. Atwater Jerome, W. Astor Chandler, James Witherspoon, Dudley S. Phinney, Casper Whitney, Lloyd Aspinwall, E. D. Morgan and Henry Stillman. Governor Toole wrote to a number of the signers, and they all replied that the signatures were forgeries. Livingston was convicted of obtaining money on a forged check in April, 1900, and given five years in the penitentiary.

A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE. Thrilling Experience of a British Bark on the Vancouver Shore.

Tacoma, Jan. 13.—Seldom, if ever, does maritime history record a more thrilling experience or a more miraculous escape from certain destruction than that which was encountered by the three-masted British bark Calithness-shire, Captain Furneaux, which arrived yesterday.

Driven on the rocky Vancouver shore last Tuesday night in a gale, with but 15 fathoms of water beneath her, in the teeth of a furious wind and heavy sea, both her anchors were lost, with 200 fathoms of chain. Helpless and with shoaling waters increasing, Captain Furneaux and his crew expected to see the vessel driven on the shore and so certain were they of their fate that the small boats were lowered and hurried preparations made to take to them. Almost within an instant, however, the wind shifted and began to blow from the north-west. Sail was clapped on to the Calithness-shire and she was driven clear out of shore, anchorless, but safe. Seldom do such escapes occur. "It was a miracle," said Captain Furneaux, "and but for the miracle she would have piled up on the Vancouver shore today instead of being safely in harbor."

Statehood Bills. Washington, Jan. 13.—The House committee on territories today fixed the 23d inst. for hearings on the Oklahoma statehood bill; the 31st for the Arizona statehood bill, and February 7 for the New Mexico statehood bill. The bill to create the territory of Jefferson out of Indian Territory was referred to a sub-committee headed by Knox of Massachusetts, and including Flynn, the delegate from Oklahoma.

Colorado Land Opened. Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 11.—In compliance with instructions received from the Commissioner-General of the land office at Washington, the Pueblo land office issued orders opening up for settlement more than 250,000 acres of land in the south-western part of Huerfano and the western portion of Las Animas counties. This land was withdrawn from settlement over a year ago, for the purpose of creating the Las Animas Reservation. The area is 24 by 18 miles in extent.