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HERR STEINHARDT'S NEMESIS

BY J. MACLAREN COBBAN.

CHAPTER XIII.—Continued.

"What is it?" he demanded; his tone was not loud, but his eyes seemed standing out as with suppressed rage.

"What is it you are together for? What can you do? You have nothing—money, influence, nothing!"

"No, 'Manuel,' said Birley; 'you've grabbed them all.' 'Is it,' said he, glaring at me, 'that you—a beggarly curate—want, expect to marry an heiress, the heiress of an old family? I have said before that she is not an heiress—she has no money, and that she is not for you, sir!'"

"I have reason," I said, "to believe that Herr Steinhardt does not always speak the truth."

"Point! You are insolent as well! An insolent beggar is not to be borne! And so you have got, too, this reckless old man to abet you in your tricks and schemes! What for is it, 'Manuel,' that you have set yourself to go against me in this?"

"Partly," answered Birley, "because I have gradually got convinced you are the biggest villain in the county, and partly because I like this lad Unwin. As for tricks and schemes—"

"Point! You are foolish as well as reckless." "I say, as for tricks and schemes I may have an account to settle with you of that sort, before I have done, but not tonight."

"Not tonight! After tonight you will be more completely nothing than you have been yet! I will destroy you both! You shall be beggars both, without hope, without reputation!"

"These are brave words, 'Manuel,' and I know you will carry them out, if you can; I know you can make me a beggar, but I think Unwin is pretty fit to give an account of himself yet, and of you, too, 'Manuel,' if it comes to that. But, see, you'd better go home, for it's Sunday morning, and you're frightening the poor girl there."

This careless dismissal must have been especially exasperating to a man like Steinhardt. He was almost beside himself, yet he still held his fury down.

"You are a beggar, sneaks and cowards both!" he exclaimed. "Yes, but," said Birley, now roused, and approaching to urge the necessity of a speedy departure, "if we begin calling names we may have the better of it, but not tonight. Come, 'Manuel,' you must go!"

He was reluctantly withdrawing when he and we also were startled by Louise exclaiming with outstretched hands—

"Where is my father, you wicked man? What have you done with him? Where have you put him?"

"He passed a moment to set his face, and then turned again to look at her. 'The girl is gone mad!' he said. 'Does she think I am her father's keeper? Where have I put her! Have I got her in my pocket or what?' The knowledge of this, it may be guessed, did not make me feel any the less bitterly toward Steinhardt."

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ing through the fire to Moloch" was no longer a pastime of the people; it had become the dull daily occupation of their lives. The only orgies now known were drinking and fighting, and spending small sums at the booths of the fair. The church had for some years exerted itself to provide other recreation for some at least of the people. In accordance with this usage there was advertised for Friday evening a mild tea entertainment, to be followed by "Grand Dissolving Views," which last Freeman had learned would be shown by a fine new magic lantern Steinhardt had just presented to the Sunday-school. Steinhardt was going to honor the affair with his presence. Our plan then was this: I would contrive through the new curate (whose acquaintance had already made) to get a sight of the magic lantern and judge of the size of its slides; I would straightway go into the town and buy a certain number of blank slides of that size. On these Mrs. Freeman, who had a knack of such things, would paint the chief scenes of our tragedy. I must then prevail upon the curate, or upon whatever person I could learn was to have the management of the lantern, to introduce them in order at the end of the exhibition.

To carry out our plan with success demanded dispatch. I discovered that very evening, by going casually into my landlady's kitchen, that her herculean son was going to have charge of the magic lantern, he was at that moment busily making acquaintance with it. The rest of my task was therefore easy.

(To be continued)

THERE WAS A MISTAKE.

Why the Colonel Stopped His Score of Chinamen at Five.

"I had read," said the colonel, as he was relating some of his experiences in China, "that if a person fell into the water no one could pull him out, holding that his falling in was a decree of Providence that must not be interfered with."

"One day, on one of the canals, I stumbled and went overboard, and although there were twelve boatmen, not one of them would extend me a hand. After a close shave, as I can not swim, I got aboard again, and as soon as I recovered my breath I yelled at the boss boatman:

"You infernal scoundrel, why didn't you help me out?" "It was your fate to fall in," he calmly replied.

"And it's your fate to take a good licking," I said as I went for him. "When I finished him off I took another, and I was just polishing off my fifth victim when the sixth man halted me to say:

"There seems to be a mistake here. We are taught that if a person falls into the water he must save himself, or drown, but we are not taught that if he does save himself he is at liberty to lick half of China in revenge."

"I thought his point well taken," laughed the colonel, and I stopped my score at five and went down to change into dry clothes."

Cigar Brands. There are between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 brands of cigars sold in this country, and your average smoker thinks that every brand means a different kind of tobacco. As a matter of fact, 150 is an outside estimate of the different kinds of tobacco that can be procured from all sources, and even experts can't tell some of these apart.

Expert Pulse Reader. "I suppose," said the physician, smiling, and trying to appear witty while feeling the pulse of a lady patient—"I suppose you consider me an old humbug?"

"Why, doctor," replied the lady, "I had no idea you could ascertain a woman's thoughts by merely feeling her pulse."—Tid Bits.

A Familiar Response. Cholly—I called on that pretty Miss Pompadour, who clerks at the ribbon counter at Sall & Whopper's department store, last night.

George—Have a nice call? Cholly—No; she sent down word that she was sorry, but she was "just out"—Puck.

When He Decided. Edith—You know that new horse papa named after you? Well, he's proved to be quite worthless and papa is going to shoot him.

Ferdie—Indeed! But I didn't know he named him after me. Edith—Well, he didn't till he decided to shoot him.—Puck.

Pleasant for the Crier. "Mamma is dressing." "Why, she needn't have dressed just for me, dearie." "She knows that; but she said the more time she killed in dressing the less time you'd have to bore her."—Indianapolis News.

Looking Ahead. "But," she said, "we are little more than strangers as yet, you know." "Yes," he answered, "but don't let that interfere. We can break off our engagement after we get better acquainted, if necessary."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Of Course It Was. Yeast—I was in a book store this morning, and saw a copy of a book called "A Girl's Birthday," just published.

Crimsonbeak—I suppose it was marked down?—Yonkers Statesman.

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.

The house has passed the irrigation bill. New York is experiencing extremely hot weather. A number of deaths have already been reported.

Congress has been asked for an appropriation of \$600,000 to cover the deficiency of the Buffalo exposition.

Alexander City, Alabama, was almost entirely destroyed by fire, the loss reaching at least \$750,000. There was no fire protection. Appeals for aid have been made.

A Chinese exclusion law, similar to the one in force in the United States, has been enacted in Cuba. Forty-three Chinese coolies have been deported and no more of that class will be allowed to land.

James J. Lynch and J. W. Bramwood have been elected president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the International Typographical Union. A vote of 29,000 was cast, about 70 per cent of the membership.

The house has killed the Pacific cable bill by striking out the enacting clause. In the collapse of a St. Louis building six people were injured, one probably fatally.

King Edward has received White-law Reid, United States representative at the coronation.

The Cuban military government paid out between \$8,000 and \$9,000 to aid the reciprocity cause.

A dozen lives were lost in a storm that swept through Central Illinois, doing immense damage to property.

The strike situation in the anthracite coal district remains unchanged, with no prospects of either side giving in.

Over 180 Yaqui men, women and children were shot down by Mexican soldiers in the most cold blooded manner.

Seven of the strike leaders of the coal miners of West Virginia have been arrested, charged with violating injunctions.

The senate has passed the naval appropriation bill. Republicans of Iowa have renominated W. P. Hepburn for congress.

Two negroes were taken from the Charlotte, N. C., jail and lynched.

The third trial of Jessie Morrison for murder has been commenced at Eldorado, Kan.

Tracy and Merrill, the escaped convicts from the Oregon penitentiary, are still at large.

A tornado in the northeastern part of Iowa did great damage to property. No lives were lost.

The labor trouble in Manila is growing much worse. It is estimated that 7,000 men are now out on strike.

The members of the Cuban house and senate will receive \$3,000 a year, President Palma having signed the bill.

A tornado in Clay and Becker counties, Minnesota, killed at least five persons and destroyed \$100,000 worth of property.

The house has passed the anti-anarchy bill. Ten persons were killed and many injured in a Chicago hospital fire.

Mexican troops and Yaqui Indians met in a battle which resulted disastrously to the Indians.

The floods in Kansas have not entirely subsided. The Mosho and Cottonwood rivers have again left their banks.

TONGUE UPHOLDS IT.

Delivers Able Speech in Support of Irrigation Bill.

Washington, June 14.—In an able speech, Representative Tongue, in answer to Representative Ray, of New York, clearly pointed out the constitutionality of the pending irrigation bill, and forcibly showed the necessity for the legislation. He said in part:

"The constitution confers upon congress the full and absolute right to dispose of and make all needful regulations in regard to territory of the United States. In dealing with public lands there is no provision of the constitution limiting the power of congress—it is absolute. This view has been upheld by numerous decisions of state and federal courts. The absolute power of disposal implies the absolute power of disposing of the proceeds of the lands. The pending bill is designed to dispose of public lands. Millions of acres now worthless cannot be disposed of under any existing laws. This law proposes irrigation solely for the purpose of disposing of the lands. The United States having power to dispose of the lands, may take such means as in the judgment of the legislative authority is best adapted for that purpose. This view has been repeatedly upheld by the decisions of the supreme court of the United States."

Mr. Tongue cited a number of cases in state and federal courts, including the supreme court, to show that the United States, with or without the consent of the states or territories, may exercise the right of eminent domain and condemn private property wherever it is necessary to carry out any of the powers conferred upon the general government. If it has a right to dispose of the lands, it has a right to condemn private property and acquire necessary water. The bill, however, provides that this right shall be exercised in conformity with the laws of the several states and territories, all of whose constitutions contain provisions authorizing the condemnation of water rights. These provisions, he says, have been repeatedly upheld in the courts, which also hold irrigation to be a public use. He denied Ray's statement that the government has no constitutional right to apply proceeds of public lands to irrigation. He added that this very principle had been carried out in numerous instances. Congress has authorized the use of such proceeds in the improvement of streams wholly within a state, for the construction of universities, agricultural colleges, normal schools, state penitentiaries, state asylums, mining schools, etc., and in the bill recently passed admitting three new states, re-adopted these identical provisions. His argument was received with loud applause.

POSSE GIVES UP. All Traces of Tracy and Merrill Lost and Pursuers Go Home.

Barlow, June 14.—Tracy and Merrill were not captured yesterday, nor are they likely to be, unless, elated by their success in eluding their multitudinous pursuers, they become too bold to present a target for some reward-hunting pot-shooter. Where they are no man can say. Since noon Thursday they have gone their way unseen and unheard, save in the imagination of rumor-mongers. Their pursuers have given up the search. The militia retired earliest, and late yesterday evening, at the end of a wild goose chase that led from their rendezvous at Graves' ranch to Barlow, 10 miles away, Sheriff Durbin and Cooke decided that nothing more could be accomplished by pursuing rumors around the country, and drove back to their homes, Durbin taking the bloodhounds, the rolling battery of eight Winchester and two vehicle loads of deputies back to Salem, while Cooke drove into Oregon City with a load of deep disgust graven on his sun-browned features.

Reward Increased. Salem, June 14.—The reward for the capture, dead or alive, of Tracy and Merrill, has been increased to \$3,000, or \$1,500 for either man. The reward of \$500 for information that will lead to arrest and conviction of the party or parties who furnished the convicts with rifles and ammunition remains unchanged. Charles Ferrell, of Reno, Nev., brother of Frank B. Ferrell, one of the murdered guards, has offered an additional reward of \$100 for the capture, dead or alive, of Tracy, who is known to have killed Ferrell.

West Indian Medals. Washington, June 14.—The navy department has completed its compilation of the names of the officers and men who are to be decorated with the West Indian campaign medals. The list totals in round numbers 300 officers and about 6,000 enlisted men. Of this number the engagement at Santiago Bay, in which the greatest number of vessels took part, makes up the largest proportion. Admiral Schley and all the fleet officers and men will get medals, and the family of Admiral Sampson will be given the one intended for the deceased admiral.

Teamsters May Strike Again. Chicago, June 16.—Likelihood of another strike of teamsters employed in the stockyards increased today when it was announced that 21 union drivers for Swift & Co. had been discharged. No reason was given for their discharge, and the action of the firm has aggravated the ill-feeling among the teamsters. No attempt was made today by the teamsters to reach an agreement with the packers.

There are 2,740 murders yearly in Italy; 2,400 in Russia; 1,900 in Spain. Less than one per cent of the land of Norway is in use for grain fields.

Orders have been issued in India for the return to store of all ammunition containing dum-dum bullets.

As a result of experiments with a new secret explosive, the Italian government has decided to manufacture a new type of cannon for garrison artillery and coast defense.

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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.

Grants Pass, will hold two days' celebration, the 4th and 5th. Six students graduated this year from the McMinnville college.

Fourteen diplomas were issued this year by the Willamette University at Salem.

A class of seven graduated from the Southern Oregon state normal school, at Ashland this year.

Articles have been filed incorporating the bank at Bourne. The capital stock is placed at \$10,000.

The Yellow Dais group of mining properties, on Spokane Hill, Eastern Oregon, has been sold. The consideration was \$20,000.

A fruitgrowers union has been formed at The Dalles for the purpose of handling and marketing local crops during the present season.

The state teachers' institute meets at Eugene June 25. About 600 are expected to be in attendance and local teachers are busy completing arrangements.

The weather of the past week has added materially to the crop prospects of the year, and the outlook is good for a large yield of wheat and oats, both of the fall and spring sowings.

The Oregon City Lumber Company has just completed an addition to their sawmill on the west side of the Willamette, and after installing new machinery will be started up again.

Considerably more than ordinary interest is being taken in the timber lands of the coast range in Lane county. Several wealthy corporations have cruisers examining and reporting on timber.

The insurance companies carrying insurance on the industrial building at the reform school, which was burned last fall, have compromised with the state, and will pay \$9,032.50 into Oregon's treasury.

The Woodmen of the World will erect a hall at Dusty, Benton county.

A lodge of United Artisans with a membership of 18 has been organized at Fall Creek.

A two story brick building to cost \$15,000 will be erected at Roseburg for the Douglas County Bank.

The prospects are that the fruit crop of Josephine county will be heavy and of exceptionally good quality.

Lower Columbia river cannerymen have raised the price of fish weighing over 25 pounds one cent a pound.

Farmers of the Waldo hills have pooled their wool, feeling confident that they will be able to secure better prices thereby.

A company has been formed that will absorb the La Grande sugar factory and two in Utah and hereafter the three will be run as one concern.

The Snow Creek group, consisting of four claims, in the Greenhorn mining district, Eastern Oregon, has been sold to New York capitalists for \$65,000.

PORTLAND MARKETS. Wheat—Walla Walla, 65¢@65½¢; bluestem, 66¢@67¢; valley, 66¢.

Barley—Feed, \$22@22.50; brewing, \$23 per ton. Flour—Best grades, \$2.90@3.40 per barrel; graham, \$2.50@2.80.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$15@16 per ton; middlings, \$19@20; shorts, \$17@18; chop, \$16. Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.20@1.30; gray, \$1.15@1.25.

HEAD THE RIOT ACT.

Militia Patrols Streets of Pawtucket, R. I.—Due to Street Railway Strike.

Pawtucket, R. I. June 14.—Bayonets in the hands of soldiers ordered out by the governor of the state to suppress riotous disturbances glistened in the streets of Pawtucket today. The astonishing increase in the number of lawless acts directed against the United Traction Company, whose union men have been on strike since June 2, and the inability of the limited police force and deputy sheriffs to suppress rioting, induced Governor Kimball to call out the militia. Numerous scenes of disorder occurred during the day, and more than a score of people were injured, one fatally. In the presence of about 14,000 persons and the militia, this evening, Adjutant General Sackett read the riot act. The city was taken possession of by the militia. A provisional regiment was formed. The regiment responded to an emergency call promulgated by Governor Kimball, and Brigadier General Herbert S. Tanner assumed command. In the afternoon orders were issued calling out the third division of the naval reserve and the machine gun battery.

The most serious disturbance today was on the city line. A car was started from the Pawtucket avenue car house, on which were a score of deputy sheriffs. At Pawtucket and East Avenue, a big crowd was in waiting, and it was prepared to give the deputies a warm reception. Major Maynard had the first battalion of cavalry as a guard to the car, the troops being divided by platoons in the front and rear. The deputy sheriffs were ordered to keep their revolvers in their pockets by Major Maynard, who said if there was to be any shooting the militia would do it.

Chief of Police Rice was present and advised the people to disperse, and a number of the striking conductors and motormen practically endangered their own lives by endeavoring to prevail on the people to leave. Before the people turned their attention to the car they cheered the troops. Immediately after, however, a heavy rain of stones, bricks and every conceivable form of missile fell upon the electric car. The troopers were hemmed in by the mob, and with great difficulty succeeded in working their way out, the motorman of the car facing the mob and getting his car through.

When the turmoil was at its height fully a dozen shots were fired from the car through drawn curtains. One bullet struck a boy in the neck, fatally injuring him. This sobered the crowd, which became more temperate. There were no further serious disturbances during the afternoon and everything is quiet tonight.

GIVE POSSE THE SLIP. Convicts Break Through Strong Cordon and Escape into Clackamas County.

Needy, Clackamas county, June 13.—Tracy and Merrill broke through the cordon that had them surrounded near Gervais Wednesday night and with something like 250 militiamen, deputy sheriffs, constables, city marshals and private detectives in their wake, the outlaws yesterday proceeded on their way over hill and dale in the direction of Portland. They were last seen near this village, where they took dinner and five pounds of bacon at the residence of a farmer, Sheriff Durbin, who alone of all the motley throng has been pursuing the fleeing convicts, has kept within reasonable shooting distance of them, threw out a line of deputies and soldiers last evening around what was supposed to be their position. Then he and his trusty bloodhounds went to Aurora to rest, for three days of marching vigil have proved wearing on both men and dogs. Sheriff Cooke, of Clackamas county, has now assumed command, having hurried to Molalla Corners at the behest of his brother officer from Marion. He is backed by the Oregon City militia company, which left at 8:30 last night, and as he has the advantage of being ahead of the fugitives, instead of behind them, he ought to be able to bring them to bay; that is, if he ever sees them.

Companies F, of Salem, and D, of Woodburn, have been recalled to their homes and disbanded.

Nicaragua Craters Active. Managua, Nicaragua, June 1.—Dark, high, ugly looking columns of vapor and gas have within the last few days been arising from the cratered cones known as Momotombo and Santa Maria, on the large mountain range of volcanic ejecta west of Lake Managua, causing an uneasy feeling among many of the people in the adjacent towns.

Bad Fire at Wheeling. Wheeling, W. Va., June 14.—The plants of the Exley-Watson Catsup & Preserve Company, the Wheeling Traction Company and the Acme Box Company were destroyed by fire today. Loss, \$150,000. About 600 persons are thrown out of employment.

Outbreak Expected. Honolulu, June 7, via Victoria, B. C., June 14.—The latest news from the volcano Kilauea, of Hawaii, indicates an outbreak. Sunday, June 1, two explosions were observed by those at the Sulphur Hotel. Red ashes, gas and sulphur were thrown up. The cloud of smoke above the volcano was larger than usual. An outbreak was predicted by those on the scene. Several earthquakes have been felt in Honokaa district, a considerable distance away.

The average duration of life in towns is 38 years; in the country, 55 years.

The sun's flames spring at times to a distance of 35,000 miles from its surface.

Seed potatoes can be prevented from sprouting by being smoked with rulphur.