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Second Cousin Sarah

BY THE AUTHOR OF "ANNE JUDGE SPINSTER," "LITTLE KATE BIRDY," ETC., ETC.

CHAPTER XX.—(Continued.) What did it all mean? If Mary Holland was not to be trusted, if this strange girl had for years deceived him, if his mother's warning were after all correct, what was to be done at the slouching hour, when he was in great trouble? The door opened, and Mary Holland came into the room.

"You sent for me," she said. "Yes," he said, "in misery and fear I sent for you. Sit down, please," he said; "I am anxious to ask you many questions."

The old parlor which Sarah Eastbell had perceived stole to Mary's face as Reuben spoke, but she took the chair which he had indicated, and which was at a little distance from the couch, and sat down facing him.

"I lost the three without losing confidence in you. As I learned to respect you, so I began to think of the possibility of many past mistakes, on my side and my mother's. Of late days I have considered you the friend of all in this house."

"I've done my best to be the friend," she answered. "Last night, and for the first time in my life, a suspicion seized me. I hardly know what it was. It would have passed away, but that it came again to-day, strengthened by new doubts. You see this letter? Are you aware of its purpose?"

"No, save that it was written in my presence by Captain Peterson. Dare he—does he refer to me in that?" she cried, with the color mounting to her cheeks for a moment, and then dying away into the old gray tint.

"Not by word. He is as silent respecting the past relations between you and you have always been."

"You know, then," she said, in dismay. "I know that you and he were conferring together in the garden last night; that there is a secret between you which I do not share, and which you have made no effort to reveal; and I believe that man knows where Sarah Eastbell is, and is in all respects a villain. Tell me what you know of him, and when you know him first."

"I cannot," she said in a low voice. "He is at the bottom of a terrible mystery; he has brought grief to me; he is linked with Thomas Eastbell against the peace of this house; and you will not give me one clue to his life."

"I know but little of him, Reuben," she answered, "and that I cannot divulge now. It is more than my life's worth to attempt it. I could not explain to Sarah Eastbell; I cannot explain to you at this time. I can only say that I am a woman grievously misunderstood."

"Miss Holland," said Reuben, "I am sorry, but I cannot trust you any more in this house."

She did not speak again. She looked at him steadily for a few moments, and then went away, and up the stairs to her own room, at the end of the corridor, and it was some hours before she was seen again in that house. It was nearly midnight when, dressed as for a journey, she reappeared in the corridor and faced Hartley, still at her old post, a woman forever on guard.

"You are a trusty servant, Hartley," she said, as she advanced; "but you must be extra vigilant, extra strong, and clever, and cunning, while I am away."

EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES. Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

The Anglo-French colonial treaty has been signed in London. Ex-Queen Isabella, of Spain, grandmother of Alfonso, is dead. Three persons were killed and nine injured in a tornado in Texas.

Makarov has engaged the Japanese fleet off Port Arthur. No details are obtainable. The University of Washington defeated the University of Oregon in debate at Seattle.

Japan has almost completed arrangements for landing troops in the vicinity of Port Arthur. Deported Colorado miners returned to Telluride, but were met by the militia and made to go again.

Patterson, of Colorado, holds that all Chinese exclusion laws will expire December 7, and urges the senate to act. Nearly \$2,000,000 is now available for the Lewis and Clark fair.

A military expert, in reviewing the war situation, says Japan is greatly strengthening her hand by delaying a general attack. Russia will endeavor to join its fleets and attack Togo.

The Japanese have crossed the Yalu and occupy several important positions. Kouropatkin has now massed the force he desired before beginning active operations.

According to the census bureau but 22 states now have less than a million inhabitants and 14 exceed two millions. John W. Kalua, United States judge of the Second circuit, at Honolulu, has been removed from office by the president.

Ground has been broken at the Lewis and Clark exposition site for the first building of importance, the states building. A special car bearing 63 Indians en route to see Roosevelt collided with a mail train in Illinois and three braves were killed and 20 injured.

The census bureau has issued a bulletin which gives the estimated population of the United States for 1903, exclusive of Alaska and the insular possessions, at 79,900,389. Of the cities of the Northwest, Portland is given 98,655; Seattle, 92,020; Tacoma, 45,102; Spokane, 41,927; Butte, 38,127.

Russians will not allow Servians to enter her army. Republicans elected mayor of Kansas City, Mo., and will control the council. At Milwaukee the Democrats elected their mayor and 24 out of 46 councilmen.

The Labor Union tickets carried in the towns of Colorado where elections were held. In Nebraska the Republican ticket has 600 to 1,100 majorities. High license carried in most cities.

Neither fleet is to be seen at Port Arthur and the only indication of war is the ever active searchlight. Republicans carried Topeka, Lawrence and Wichita, Kansas, and elected a majority of candidates at Kansas City and Leavenworth.

France and Britain have reached an agreement regarding Newfoundland, Egypt and Morocco. Newfoundland is to be given up by France. Republicans elected 18 aldermen and Democrats 16 in the Chicago city elections. Municipal ownership of street railways was favored by a large majority.

OFFICE SECRETS OUT.

Stenographer Gives Alleged Methods of Land Buyers. San Francisco, April 9.—Sensational testimony was given today in the hearing before United States Commissioner Hescock in the Hyde and Dimond land conspiracy case.

Mrs. Belle A. Curtis, who was a stenographer for Hyde from October, 1897, to November, 1899, was the chief witness, and her evidence went to show that affidavits were manufactured by wholesale in the office; also that Hyde and John A. Benson were partners in the alleged conspiracy to defraud the government.

She declared Hyde and Benson employed "dummies" to make out applications for school lands, and that the colored janitor was frequently instructed to bring in his friends to apply for school lands for their own use, and were then piloted to a neighboring notary to make affidavits.

She said that assignments of these claims to Hyde and Benson were often made at the same time. She said the plan of Hyde and Benson was to have these school lands in Oregon and California transferred to forest reserves, with the assistance of corrupt government officials.

When the lands were so transferred, the assignees of the school land scrip had the privilege of exchanging their holdings for more valuable lands outside of the reservation. Thomas McCusker, freight agent of the Southern Pacific, at Portland, Or., testified that he had secured many applications of school lands in Oregon for John H. Schneider, who was Hyde's agent.

Mr. McCusker said he received pay for his services, but he did not know that he was engaged in an illegal business. Miss Marian Doyle, who succeeded Miss Curtis as Hyde's stenographer, will testify at the next hearing.

TO PRISON FOR LIFE.

Mrs. Botkin Found Guilty of Murder in the First Degree. San Francisco, April 9.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, accused of killing Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Doves, Del., by sending her poisoned candy through the mails, was tonight convicted of murder in the first degree, with the penalty fixed at life imprisonment.

The jury was charged late this afternoon, and at 4:30 o'clock retired to deliberate. Later they were taken out for dinner and upon returning asked to have some testimony read to them.

At 11:15 o'clock the jury reported that an agreement had been reached. The omniscience of the announcement of the defendant, who buried her face in her hands and remained in that position until the foreman of the jury had finished speaking.

The court inquired if a verdict had been arrived at, and the foreman handed him a slip of paper upon which was written: "We, the jury, find the defendant, Cordelia Botkin, guilty of murder in the first degree, and fix the punishment at imprisonment for life."

Mrs. Botkin looked up as the court was thanking the jurors for their close attention to the case, and presented a woe-stricken countenance to her counsel, who spoke some comforting words to her.

The court named April 16 for formal pronouncing sentence. BELIEVES TOGO WILL BLOCK IT. Military Expert Predicts Success of Move on Port Arthur.

London, April 8.—The naval expert of the London Times, in an extended review of the aspect of the present situation, expresses the belief that Admiral Togo will succeed eventually in attaining his object in blocking the entrance to Port Arthur harbor.

China on Verge of Joining Japan. New York, April 9.—Reports are said to have reached an ambassador, says a Herald dispatch from Berlin, to the effect that China is on the verge of throwing in her lot with Japan.

FAIR BILL PASSES

LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION MONEY NOW SAFE. Majority is Large. Rising Vote Even is Not Necessary—Conference is Next Step—Appropriation Can be Increased but Not Reduced—Carries an Appropriation of \$475,000.

Washington, April 9.—The house of representatives, without a rollcall, or even so much as a rising vote, yesterday afternoon passed the Lewis and Clark exposition bill carrying an aggregate appropriation of \$475,000.

The bill was passed 98 minutes after a special rule providing for its consideration was laid before the house, thereby breaking the record of the class of legislation that always leads to protracted discussion.

The bill passed in the same form as reported by Tawney's committee on March 28. In addition to appropriating \$475,000, it authorizes the coining of 250,000 souvenir gold dollars, which virtually amounts to a total appropriation of \$725,000.

In reality, congress is aiding Portland far more than appears from these figures. Chairman Tawney, speaking on this point, said: "The \$475,000 allotted for government buildings and exhibits is equivalent, under other circumstances, to an appropriation of between \$600,000 and \$700,000 for the Portland exposition, because the government exhibit has already been assembled at St. Louis, and will only require transportation to Portland, thereby saving that city the cost of assembling a new government exhibit."

The passage of the bill removes the last doubt as to the fate of the Lewis and Clark appropriation. The bill that is finally agreed upon and signed by the president will carry at least the amount contained in the bill passed by the house, and may possibly be increased. There can be no decrease.

Any change must be in the nature of a compromise between the senate and the house bills. INSURES EARLY ADJOURNMENT. House Makes Swayne Case a Special Order in December.

Washington, April 11.—The Swayne impeachment proceeding, which has been looked upon as the only possible check to an early adjournment, was disposed of in five minutes by the house today by the adoption of a resolution making the case a special order for December 13 next.

In the meantime the judiciary committee is to take additional testimony in the case. After disposing of a conference report on the army appropriation bill the house took up the bill extending the coastwise laws to the Philippines, and by a vote of 123 to 100 adopted a special rule to vote on this bill after a debate of two hours.

This debate was exhausted, save five minutes, when the house adjourned at 5:30 p. m. An amendment to the bill postponing the operation of the law until July 1, 1906, instead of 1905 will be proposed.

The partial conference on the army appropriation on bill was agreed to. Four senate amendments were still in disagreement. COREA TO PROTECT MINES. American and British Ministers Make Formal Request.

Seoul, April 11.—J. N. Jordan and H. N. Allen, respectively the ministers to Corea, of Great Britain and the United States, have requested the Korean government to give protection to the British and American mines in the country.

This request is a mere formality as the Japanese authorities have given assurances of the safety from local uprisings. Mr. Jordan says the Japanese have been extremely considerate toward the British mines. They have shown no desire to hamper mining operations, have promised not to make heavy levies of food upon the farmers of the surrounding country, and have agreed to facilitate the passage of specie for the payment of wages, and even to supply specie for the purpose.

Desert Land Law Wins. Washington, April 11.—By a vote of 8 to 3 the house committed an irrigation of arid lands today defeated the bill to repeal the desert land laws. Those voting against the bill were: Chairman Mondell, of Wyoming, and Representatives Terrill, Massachusetts; Dwight, New York; Marshall, North Dakota; Williamson Oregon; Cooper, Pennsylvania; Hitchcock, Nebraska, and Bell, California.

Those in favor of the repeal were Representatives Reeder, Kansas; Van Duser, Nevada, and Underwood, of Alabama. Russians Can Soon Assume Offensive. Berlin April 11.—The Tageblatt, a war correspondent, Major Dakke, writing on a train while nearing Harbin, says: "Only six trains daily pass east on the railroad to Manchuria, and only four thence to Harbin, but they consist of as many as 38 cars. The railroad is apparently able to meet the military demands." The correspondent adds that the Russians will be ready to take the offensive about the middle of this month.