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Second Cousin Sarah

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

CHAPTER XXVIII.

It was the old position—the old line of argument cropping up afresh in Sarah Eastbell's mind, with no Reuben Culwick at hand to laugh down her logic—with Reuben Culwick's power to laugh it down, perhaps, wonderfully diminished. John Holland had gone to find Mary Holland at Worcester. Lucy had predicted evil would come of it, and Sarah was wretched.

"She must give him up—she must not remain that weight upon his life, that tie upon his industry, which she had always thought she was, when her love was not bewildering her too much. Reuben loved her, she hoped still—she did not put faith in those strange suspicions of Lucy Jennings—but Lucy was right in one thing; that she, Sarah Eastbell, could not add to the happiness of Reuben Culwick's life. She could only add to the expense—she could only keep him poor. If she stood apart now, perhaps he would marry Mary Holland, and be master of his father's house again, just as he had wished from the first. She had no right to bind him to his long engagement, to shake his energies, to keep him from 'bettering' himself—now that she felt herself as poor—morally, if not legally as poor—as when he came in search of her to Porter's Court. It was a very quiet morning at one of those strange Sunday services; those who came to pray were not disturbed by those who came to scoff; but the evening was boisterous and stormy, and made up for it.

Lucy Jennings read the signs of it in the noisy crowd about the door, and compressed her lips and held her breath at the strong language which echoed from the street as she and Sarah approached, under the escort of two policemen, who were waiting for them.

"You are trembling—you are afraid," said Lucy Jennings to her companion; "will you turn back now?" "Why?" "There will be but little religion there tonight," said Lucy, "and you are not a strong woman."

"I was not thinking of the crowd—or of the service," answered Sarah. "Oh, what then?" "The sharp inquiry, 'All I shall say to Reuben presently is, 'I'm going to marry you, and you must not blame me for thinking of him so much. I can't help it,' she said plaintively.

They passed under the arch, where the service commenced, and was interrupted by the old uproar went on, and the police were tolerably busy for an hour and a half. The service came to an end; the stormy elements subsided; men, women and children went their various ways, and Lucy Jennings and Sarah Eastbell came out together, and confronted Reuben Culwick, who was waiting for them.

"You have come back then!" cried Sarah in her first delight at seeing him, in her new forgetfulness of all that she had read and written and dreamed of. "Yes—it was no use stopping longer in Worcester, Sarah. Well, Lucy?" "Well," answered Lucy in her old short tones.

"I congratulate you on your sermon, but the surroundings had been among orthodox, and the congregation less quarrelsome; for some of these days—'Lucy was gone. She had suddenly 'doubled,' and disappeared down one of the dark turnings, and Sarah and Reuben were left looking at each other. Sarah Eastbell took his arm and sighed. This might be for the last time that they would ever walk together thus, who could tell? She had made up her mind now, and the sooner the truth was told him the better. He gave her the opportunity to speak at once, and her impulsiveness leaped toward it, indiscreetly, desperately.

"I saw Miss Holland this morning—I gave her the will—and you are as poor as old Job, girl!" he said. "Yes, Reuben; I have been waiting for this opportunity to tell you that you must not share it with me."

"Indeed!" was his quiet answer. "That you and I are not fit for each other. Oh, Reuben," she cried, "I am quite certain of it now!" "Because Lucy Jennings—charming Lucy!—has been at her old work, reckoning after her old style, fashioning out human lives after her own purposeless way, choosing for others a path ahead that no human being out of Bedlam could follow, doing everything for the best and for one's good, but scattering dust and ashes right and left like a violent Vesuvius. Come, is not Lucy Jennings at the bottom of the resolution?"

"I have been thinking of this for weeks. I have been seeing the necessity of it, through Lucy's spectacles."

"You would lose money by coming to me," said Sarah mournfully. "Nonsense! I have begun to say money again! Let us understand each other. 'Ab, Reuben, let us understand each other at last; don't ask me to say anything, do anything, but end this unnatural position between us. I am unhappy.'"

"Because of this engagement?" "Yes." "You are afraid of poverty with me?" "I am afraid of making you poorer than you are—of keeping you poor all your life," said Sarah.

"If this is to be our last meeting, or our last parting, Sarah," he said quickly, "let it be marked by no harsh reminders. We are going to say good-by. We have discovered that housekeeping expenses will shipwreck us, that I shall grow in time a big brute, to whom no second-cousin's devotion will bring comfort. But we need not quarrel over the 'shipwreck.' We can part friendly!"

"Yes," answered Sarah, "the best of friends."

"There was something in his manner that she hardly fathomed. She had been more prepared for an angry outburst than for this easy-going style of acquiescence. "It is hardly justice," she continued, "for you, who would have married a poor man, will not let me marry a poor woman in my turn. You want all the self-pity on one side, Sarah; and even you

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.

General Kuropatkin reports several small skirmishes. Japan is rushing men to Kuroki and he will probably delay the advance on Liao Yang until they arrive.

Irrigation experts are coming to Oregon to determine the feasibility of building reservoirs in Umatilla county. Hyde and Dimond have been indicted by the federal grand jury for land frauds and placed under heavy bonds.

President Roosevelt has issued a proclamation for the entry of the Rosebud, South Dakota, Indian reservation lands. It will be thrown open August 8.

A Japanese torpedo boat was sunk while trying to blow up a mine at Kerr Bay. Seven men were killed and seven wounded. This is the first war vessel Japan has lost in the war.

A Minnesota couple has found a novel way of complying with the law. The groom was only 20 years of age and being an orphan without a guardian, was unable to obtain a marriage license. The young lady, though nearly two years younger, was still over 18 and of lawful age to get married. She formally and legally adopted her affianced and then, as his guardian, gave her consent for the necessary document. The license was obtained the day they were married.

General Kuroki is rapidly moving on Liao Yang. Russia denies that she will float a second loan in Germany. General Wood has sent a force to punish the Moros who slayed the American soldiers.

Great Britain has sent a warship to a port near Niu Chwang in case it is needed at that place. Russia is clearing the Port Arthur channel by blowing up the stone lander ships sunk by the Japanese.

Japan declares the train her troops fired on did not show the Red Cross flag until after the Russians on board had opened fire and the Japanese answered it.

A former New York policeman, now serving a sentence in the penitentiary for taking money from police candidates, says all positions in the fire and police departments were bought by the applicants.

Fire in Portland destroyed the plants of the Multnomah Trunk & Box company, the Ira F. Powers Furniture company and the Day Lumber company, valued at \$335,000. Insurance carried on the three plants was \$106,000.

In a battle at Karola the British killed 200 Tibetans. The government funds for the Lewis and Clark ark are now available. The Russians have re-established railway and telegraph communication with Port Arthur.

Senator Mitchell has been asked to name a successor to Postmaster Hancock, at Portland. Ernest Hooley, famous as a promoter, has been arrested in London on a charge of conspiracy to defraud.

Cotton has been declared a contraband of war on account of its being used in the manufacture of high explosives. A Russian general took over a half million dollars of Red Cross money and looted it gambling. The dowager empress made good the sum to the society.

The government will not take up the Malheur, Oregon, irrigation project if there is any dispute over water rights, in which event it may turn to the Umatilla scheme. Russian authorities at Niu Chwang for a time refused to allow United States Consul Miller to cable the conditions there to Minister Conger at Peking. A strongly worded protest secured the transmission of the message.

Russia is rapidly evacuating Niu Chwang. Turkey is negotiating with Chile for the purchase of two cruisers. Brazil and Peru will settle their troubles without resorting to arms.

Another 100,000 men are on the way to Manchuria to reinforce General Kuropatkin. The secretary of the interior has set aside \$2,000,000 for the Malheur, Oregon, irrigation project.

Russian authorities deny that there is an unusual amount of sickness among the troops in Manchuria. Viceroy Alexieff has transferred his headquarters to Harbin.

Information is given by a merchant who left Port Arthur recently that the warships there have only enough coal for six weeks. Japanese commanders declare that instead of 32,000 men at Port Arthur there are only 9,000, and instead of being provisioned for a year the fortress contains supplies for but a three months' siege.

WASHINGTON BILLS TO WIN

Policy of Leaders for Economy Demands to Many.

Washington, May 14.—The record of the Washington delegation for the session just closed does not compare very favorably with that of the delegation from Oregon, nevertheless, the failure of the men from Washington is largely attributable to the fact that the leaders in congress used every means within their power to hold down appropriations, and to prevent the passage of all but necessary legislation.

Washington has no Lewis and Clark bill, but loyally supported the men from Oregon in their efforts to secure the passage of their bill. There was no way in which Oregon could reciprocate, so Washington had to take the responsibility for local legislation along on its own shoulders, with the result set forth below.

During the session just closed Senator Foster introduced 26 public bills, most of them of local importance to the state of Washington. Out of this number, five were passed by both houses, either as independent measures, or as amendments to appropriation bills; four passed the senate, but failed in the house; six were favorably reported to the senate, but did not pass, and the others were never even reported by committees.

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SOON SHALL IT. Japanese are preparing to attack Port Arthur by land.

Shan Hai Kwan, May 14.—According to reports brought here by Chinese runners, the investment of Port Arthur, from the land side, is well under way. The entire second army under General Oku is taking a position across the peninsula, and is bringing heavy siege guns into position to shell the defenses of the town.

While it is thought that the Russians will make a stubborn resistance, the Japanese are declared to be confident of their ability to reduce the town. General Kuroki's forces, who are operating from Feng Wang Chen, are about ready to move against Liao Yang. A detachment which is said to be numerically strong, and to be equipped with plenty of artillery, is now marching on Saimitshi with the object of outflanking General Kuropatkin's forces, who are holding Liao Yang.

Blow Up Dalsey. St. Petersburg, May 14.—Viceroy Alexieff has telegraphed to the czar announcing that the Russians have blown up the docks and piers at Port Dalsey, Liao Tung peninsula, presumably to render more difficult a Japanese landing at that point.

Later telegrams received indicate that the whole of Port Dalsey has been destroyed by the Russians.

COUGHT TO HAVE BEEN HELD. Russian Position at Feng Wang Cheng Deemed Impregnable.

London, May 13.—The correspondent of the Times, cabling from Wiju, says: The Russian position at Feng Wang Cheng, if properly held, ought to have been impregnable, even with the sacrifice of 10,000 men.

Judging from their disheveled appearance, the Russians must have been in the trenches for several days. The Japanese are showing the greatest kindness to the wounded prisoners, and the captured Russian officers are being treated by the highest among the Japanese as respected guests.

The censorship is becoming very severe. I am forbidden to transmit the names of divisions and units, or to reveal where our headquarters are established. A painful incident of the Yalu battle was the robbery of the Russian dead and wounded. After the action many Chinese looted the battlefield, stripping the Russians. The Japanese general is greatly grieved, and is establishing a system of patrols to check a repetition of the occurrence and threaten severe punishment.

Emperor Reviews 50,000 Troops. St. Petersburg, May 14.—Emperor Nicholas, who was accompanied by the empress and several of the grand dukes and a brilliant staff, reviewed 50,000 troops on the champs de Mars this morning. A great concourse viewed the brilliant spectacle. As each regiment marched past the emperor the soldiers shouted: "Good health, Your Majesty." The imperial party was accorded a hearty reception by the people. Seats on balconies overlooking the review grounds sold for \$25. The money will go to the Red Cross.

Bored Through Train. Los Angeles, Cal., May 14.—A train on the Pacific Electric railroad, bound from Los Angeles to Whittier, crashed into a Santa Fe passenger train from San Diego at Los Nietos crossing, ten miles from this city, tonight. Fourteen persons were injured, four on the Santa Fe train and ten on the electric car. The injured were all residents of Whittier and Los Angeles. The impact of the electric train broke the Santa Fe train in two.

Take Part of Russian Loan. New York, May 14.—Part of the Russian loan issued in Paris has been taken by New York banks, the National City being among those participating. No public invitations to subscribe will be issued.

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DEFEATS AGITATE

INTERNAL SITUATION IN RUSSIA IS BECOMING SERIOUS.

The masses are inclined to believe them. Due to Organization of Country and Hope New Constitution Will Be Granted—War Party Willing to Make Concessions to End Strife.

Rome, May 10.—A secret report received from St. Petersburg depicts the internal situation of Russia as becoming most serious as regards the preservation of the present institutions, the military failures in the Far East having strengthened the opinion that the evils are due to the present organization of the country in which a change is necessary.

The hope is expressed that the emperor himself, seeing the danger, will be induced to grant the country a constitution in which even the enthusiasm of the people will become so great as to render it possible to raise an army and collect the means necessary to defeat Japan. Otherwise, the report says, it is believed all the efforts made at St. Petersburg will remain futile, as besides the war in the Far East, Russia will be obliged to face a latent, if not an open revolutionary movement at home, depriving her of the assistance of the most progressive elements of the empire, such as the Poles and Finns.

Urges Czar to End It. Berlin, May 16.—It is rumored in diplomatic circles here that there is a strong possibility of an attempt being made to end the war in the Far East soon. The rumor, which is circumstantial in character, declares the war party in Russia has urged the czar to end the war.

The alleged basis of settlement is to be the independence of Corea under the protectorate of Japan, while Manchuria is to remain Chinese territory. In a secret treaty between China and Japan, the integrity of Manchuria was guaranteed by the latter, so it is argued that Japan should not object to the proposition. Russia, it is said, wishes to come to an understanding with Japan independently of England.

GREAT VEIN OF COPPER. Lockjaw Creek, Montana, May Astonishes the World.

Missoula, May 16.—Word from Lolo Hot Springs, which has just reached this city, tells of a big strike of copper ore made by Joseph Eberly and partner, prospectors in the employ of ex-Governor McConnell, of Idaho. The scene of the rich discovery is in the Lockjaw creek section, the men having been encamped on the Lockjaw stream for some time.

The account of the find as related by the men is a wondrous one, the mammoth copper led uncovered bidding fair to make a second Butte in that section. According to the story of the prospectors the ore found is of a high-grade sulphide character, in apparently unlimited quantities and easy of access. From trenches run along the surface it is believed the Lockjaw country is traversed by a number of cuprous leads, all of which it is thought carry enough of the red metal to make its extraction profitable.

BONDS ARE FREE FROM TAXES. Russian Issue for \$160,000,000 Will Be Redeemed in 1909.

Paris, May 16.—Following the return of M. Huettinger from St. Petersburg, a semi-official statement was made today of the final conditions of the Russian loan. The total issue will be \$160,000,000, in 5 per cent treasury bonds of \$100 each, redeemable in May, 1909, with interest payable in May and November, annually, and the first interest to be next November. The bonds have the exceptional advantage of being exempt from present or future taxes. Holders are also given advantages when the period of conversion or consolidation arrives during the six months preceding May 1, 1909.

Balloon Starts a Fire. Paris, May 16.—A balloon belonging to the well-known aeronaut, Captain Surcouf, came down in the Place d'Amnuit this afternoon, and the wind drove it into the narrow entrance of a street. A moment later it came in contact with the side of a house. Flames issued from the envelope, and a violent explosion followed, the sheets of flame from which penetrated the open windows of the building. Eight occupants of the house were burned or otherwise injured, two dangerously. The aeronaut was not hurt.

Russians Clearing Channel. New York, May 16.—An explanation of the explosion heard at Port Arthur, which led to reports that the Russians were destroying their warships in that harbor, is to the effect that the garrison at Port Arthur is endeavoring to clear the harbor entrance of the stone-laden ships sent in by the Japanese. In order to remove the obstructions, divers have placed charges of dynamite in position and succeeded enough to admit the passage of torpedo boats.

Telegraph Line Is Repaired. London, May 16.—A dispatch to the Central News from Seoul, Corea, in reporting the Anjo fight, adds that the broken telegraph line has now been repaired. General Haraguchi, heretofore commanding the Japanese troops in the Seoul district, assumed command of all the Japanese troops south of the Yalu river.