

THE QUICKENING

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CHAPTER XXII.—(Continued.)

Later in the day, Tom crossed the pike to the oak-shaded office of the Chiawasse Consolidated. His father was deep in the new wage scale submitted by the miners' union, but he sat up and pushed the papers away when his son entered.

"Have you seen this morning Tribune?" asked Tom, taking the paper from his pocket.

"No, I don't make out to find much time for it before I get home at night," said Caleb. "Anything doing?"

"Yes; they are having a hot time in Chicago and Pullman. The strike is spreading all over the country on sympathy lines."

"Reckon it'll get down to us in any way?" queried the iron-master.

"You can't tell. I'd be a little easy with Ludlow and his outfit on that wage scale, if I were you. We don't want a row on our hands just now. Farley might make capital out of it."

Tom took an electric car for the foot of Lebanon on the line connecting with the inclined plane running up the mountain to Crestliffe Inn. He had not seen Ardea since the midwinter night of soul-awakenings; and Alecko's finger was still pressing on the wound inflicted by the closed door at the Grand View avenue and his father's dis-directed sympathy.

He found Major Dabney on the hotel veranda, and his welcome was not scant, but at least. The moment that he saw Tom, he started, and the master of the Deer Trace coal lands on the reorganization scheme, and found nothing but complaisance. Whatever rearrangement commended itself to Tom and his father, and to Colonel Duxbury Farley, would be acceptable to the Major.

"I reckon I can trust you, Tom, and my've your friend, your father, to watch out for Ardea's little fortune," was the way he put it. "I had planned to give her a little surprise on her wedding-day; suppose you have the lawyer make out that block of new stock to Mistress Vincent Farley instead of to me?"

"Of course, Major Dabney, if you say so. But wouldn't it be more prudent to make it over in trust for her and her children before she becomes Mrs. Farley?"

"Tell me, Tom, have you had your suspicions in that qu'ite, too? I'm speaking in confidence to a family friend, you know."

"It is just as well to be on the safe side," said Tom, gravely. "There was enough of the uplift left to make him reluctant to strike his enemy in the dark."

"No, suh, that isn't what I mean. You've had your suspicions aroused. Tell me, suh, what they are."

"Suppose you tell me yours, Major," smiled the younger man.

Major Dabney became reflectively reminiscent. "I don't know, Tom, and that's the plain fact. Looking back over our acquaintance, that's nothing in that young man for me to put a finger on; but, Tom, I tell you in confidence, in his, I'd give five years of my old life, if the good Lord has that many 'mo' in his book for me, if the blood of the Dabneys didn't have to be—mingled with that of these heath Yankees. I would, for a fact, suh."

"Then you'll let me place your third of the stock in trust for her and her children?" he said. "That will be best, on all accounts. By the way, where shall I find Miss Ardea?"

"She's about the place, somewhats," was the reply; and Tom passed on to the electric-light lobby to send his card in search of her.

Chance saved him the trouble. Some one was playing in the music-room, and he recognized her touch and turned aside to stand under the looped portiere. She was alone, and again, as many times before, it came on him with the sense of discovery that she was radiantly beautiful—that for him she had no peer among women. There was no greeting, no welcoming light in the slate-blue eyes; and she did not seem to see when he came nearer and offered to shake hands.

"I've been talking to your grandfather for an hour or more," he began, "and I was just going to send my card and you. Haven't you a word of welcome for me, Ardea?"

"Do you think you deserve a welcome from any self-respecting woman?" she asked, in low tones.

"Why shouldn't I?" he demanded.

"What have I done to make every woman I meet look at me as if I were a leper?"

"You know very well what you have done," she said evenly. "If you have a spark of manhood left in you, you would know what a dastardly thing you are doing now in coming here to see me."

"Well, I don't," he returned, doggedly. "And another thing: I'm not to be put off with hard words. I ask you again what has happened? Who has been lying about me this time?"

"You were the first to walk down the valley," she asked.

He nodded.

"I will walk with you to the cliff edge."

It was a short hundred yards, and there were many abroad in the gravelled walks; lovers in pairs, and groups of young people pensive or chattering. So it was not until they stood on the very battlements of the western cliff that they were measurably alone.

"Has no one told you what happened last March—on the day of the ice storm?" she asked, coldly.

"No."

"Do you think I know you," she said, frowning, "but I don't. Why don't you despise hypocrisy and double-dealing as you use to?"

"I do; more heartily than ever."

"Tom, it is a terrible thing to say—and your punishment will be terrible. But you must marry Nancy!"

He was standing on the brink of the cliff, looking down on Paradise Valley, spread like a silver-sheathed may far below in the moonlight. The flare and sough of the furnace at the iron-works came and went with regular intermittency; and just beyond the group of Chiawasse stacks a tiny orange spot appeared and disappeared like a will-o'-the-wisp. He was staring down at the curious spot when he said:

"If I say that I have no duty toward Nan, you will believe it is a lie—as you did once before. Have you ever reflected that it is possible to trample on love until it dies—even such love as I bear you?"

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COST OF OCEAN GREYHOUNDS.

Will Bring About New Tendency in Trans-Atlantic Service.

One of the most striking features in connection with the North Atlantic shipping trade during the last ten or twelve years has been the great increase in the cost of fast steamships, says the London Times. In 1898 the Augusta Victoria cost about \$20,000,000. The Deutschland of the Hamburg-American Company cost \$550,000, and the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria nearly \$700,000. The Mauretania and Lusitania cannot have cost much less than £1,400,000 each, and the two new giant vessels which are being built for the White Star Line service between Southampton and New York will probably cost nearly as much. It is somewhat curious in connection with this point that the Hamburg-American company should be regarded as consistently better results than the Norddeutscher Lloyd, and perhaps one explanation of this is to be found in the fact that the fleet of the Hamburg-American company consists mainly of the intermediate type, whereas the fleet of the Nord German Lloyd, like that of the Cunard company, contains a high percentage of vessels of the express type. The theory used to be held that the larger the steamer the greater the profit, but there appears to be a limitation to the application of this theory in the case of the large fast vessels which have been recently introduced. It is not inconceivable that the general tendency of the trade will in future lie in the direction of improving the accommodation offered the steerage passengers, who, after all, are the backbone of the business.

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CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Floods in Northern Italy are becoming serious and many villages are isolated.

Aldrich and Lodge intimate that they are willing to revise the tariff piecemeal.

Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, may succeed Ballinger as secretary of the interior.

Roosevelt announces he is in favor of a radical program of reform, to be enacted by conservatives.

Mexican rebels were routed in a stubborn fight in which they lost 70 men, while the government loss was 14, including two officers.

Dr. George Edgar Vincent, of the University of Chicago, has been elected president of the University of Minnesota, at a salary of \$10,000 a year.

The Aero club of New York has challenged the Royal Aero club of England to an all-round contest for the aeroplane championship of the world.

Six men were drowned by the capsizing of a launch on the Snohomish river, Washington. The boat was being rocked by three drunken loggers on top of the cabin.

By an imperial order the ban against Jews in Moscow, Russia, has been removed.

The deficit in the Postal department has dwindled \$11,000,000 during the past year.

A Missouri man has established his claim to a \$10,000 estate by a peculiarity in his voice.

It is announced that the Klamath cut-off of the Southern Pacific will be finished by June, 1911.

Four members of one family near Silverton, Or., died of black smallpox, and three others are seriously ill.

Moorhead, Minn., reports a temperature of 16 below zero, and a cold wave grips the Mississippi valley and the East.

Many settlers in Western states have been granted leave of absence from their homesteads, owing to failure of crops.

The Federal court at Greensboro, N. C., has decided that the "white slave" law is unconstitutional, as it interferes with state rights.

It is rumored that Carnegie is about to give \$10,000,000 to some international organization, possibly the Universal Peace society.

The sub-committee of the senate investigating committee has reported Senator Lorimer entirely innocent of the bribery charges against him.

Mexican government forces have arrested a prominent woman revolutionist, who is said to be the only woman in Mexico who knows the whereabouts of Madero.

A new \$30,000 Presbyterian church has just been completed at Corvallis, Or.

A rich Kansas woman, her son and two hired men were beaten to death by robbers.

A New York hotel keeper died of fright resulting from being held up by two negro highwaymen.

Women voters in Washington are now worried over the fact that they are also subject to jury service.

The Portland Gas company has ordered about 13,000 tons of pipe to be used in extending its service the coming year.

An Oregon man claims that inhaling the fumes from an empty whiskey can has cured several cases of consumption.

After an all-day artillery duel in which over 200 were killed, a mutinous battalion of the Brazilian navy was subdued and captured.

A Chicago woman charges that by three and four she cannot. But she suggested that all the advantages of both systems might be combined by making twelve the basis of calculation, inventing two new digits to take the places of ten and eleven and making twelve times twelve the hundred. Spencer scornfully remarked that the decimal system rests solely on the fact that man has ten fingers and ten toes. If he had had twelve "there never would have been any difficulty."

A Quaint Epitaph.

Here is an epitaph which may be read in an English churchyard attached to Leamington church: "Here lies the body of Lady O'Looney, grandniece of Burke, commonly called the sublime. She was Bland, passionate and deeply religious; also she painted in water colors and sent several pictures to the exhibition. She was the intimate friend of Lady Jones. And of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Good Filling.

"Strange how some fellows look at things."

"How now?"

"Well, there's young Gately, waiting for dead men's shoes; he never can fill them in the world."

"But he expects they will be stuffed out with gilt-edged bonds."—Boston Herald.

Unusual.

Bacon—What in the world is that rooster crowing so about?

Egbert—Why, he's just discovered an egg that's never been in cold storage.—Yonkers Statesman.

Nature's Own Process.

He—Do you use pasteurized milk?

She—I suppose so. It comes from a pasteurized cow, anyway.—Boston Evening Transcript.

ROOSEVELT SPEAKS.

Addresses Chamber of Commerce on Radical Reforms.

New Haven, Conn.—In the first public address he has delivered since the recent election, Colonel Roosevelt declared at the annual banquet of the chamber of commerce here that he was a radical who "most earnestly desired to see a radical program carried out by conservatives."

He wanted to see great reforms carried out not by the men who will profit by them, but by the men who will lose by them, he said. He wanted men to have a fair start in the race, he declared, another time; he did not want the slow man to win.

Colonel Roosevelt was greeted cordially by a gathering of 600 representatives of the business and commercial interests and the professions of the state.

The banquet had more than ordinary significance through the presence of the guest, who recently was in controversy with Judge Simeon E. Baldwin, governor-elect, who had been invited to attend. Judge Baldwin was not present and the place assigned to him at the guests' table bore mute evidence of his absence.

Colonel Roosevelt was escorted from New York by a committee of the chamber, and upon his arrival at the station a large and enthusiastic crowd was waiting. With a wave of his hand the colonel acknowledged their greeting, and with a hearty laugh and happy remark to those who reached forth to shake his hand he edged his way through the crowd to an automobile. Colonel Roosevelt was driven to the home of Colonel I. M. Ullman, president of the chamber of commerce, where friends were waiting to greet him. From there, later, he went to the banquet hall.

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She consented finally, and as she was leaving him, she said:

"I hope your mother is still asleep. She was here with you all night, and Mr. Norman and I made her go to bed at daybreak. If you must get out of the house as quietly as you can, and I'll have Pete and the buggy waiting for you at the gate."

(To be continued.)

64 SLAIN IN BATTLE.

Mexican Rebels Beaten With Loss of Seventy Men.

Laredo, Tex.—Seventy Mexican revolutionists were killed and a small number wounded in battle with Federal troops in Cerro Prieto, state of Chihuahua, according to a telegram received here by Michael de Ibold, Mexican consul stationed at Nueva Laredo, from Enrique Creel, Mexican minister of foreign affairs.

The Federals are said to have lost 14 men, including two officers.

For some time a small body of alleged revolutionists have been operating in the Chihuahua district. They have caused the government no alarm, however, and the present advances received from an official source in the capital in all probability means the government has suppressed the roving bands that have been causing minor disturbances.

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The price paid by Klamber, as well as McNeff, was not made public, but it is understood to be better than 13 cents—perhaps 13½ cents.

PEARY DEPOSITS MEDALS.

Discoverer Puts Trophies in United States Natural Museum.

Washington—Captain Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, has turned over to the United States Natural Museum 16 gold and two silver medals that have been awarded him. Among these are the gold medal presented to him by the National Geographical society of Washington, for his discovery of the North Pole, and the gold medal of the Royal Geographical society of London, presented to him for "Arctic explorations 1886-1909."

This medal was designed by Mrs. Scott, wife of the leader of the British South Polar expedition.

Captain Peary also deposited in the natural museum the flag of his college fraternity, presented to him by his brothers of the Delta Kappa Epsilon and the peace flag given him by the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He carried both of these with him to the North Pole.

Olympia Seems Doomed.

Valdez, Alaska—The chance of recovering the cargo of the steamship Olympia, or saving the ship, is exceedingly small, according to officers of the steamship Dora, which visited the wreck and took off the perishable part of the cargo, including meats. The Dora subsequently called at Ellamar and took on board United States District Judge Edward E. Cushman, Mrs. Cushman and the other women and children who were passengers on the Olympia, and brought them to Valdez.

Garment Strike Still On.

Chicago—A plan for the settlement of the garment workers' strike, submitted by one of the big firms and approved by the Chicago Federation of Labor, was not accepted by the strikers. The arbitration plan was not submitted to all the strikers as had been planned, only a small portion voting.

Members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers announce that the threatened strike on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad has been declared off.

Mine Explosion is Fatal.

Seattle—Two miners were killed and three probably fatally injured by an explosion in the northwestern improvement company's mine at Ravensdale. The dead are Duncan Bale and Louis Fairlie. The injured are: Frank Radenski, burned, leg broken, injured by inhaling fumes; Mike Danshuk, burned and injured internally; Gus Manley, bruised and burned; Robert Burns, injured internally. It is supposed an old fire broke through a thin wall and caused an explosion of gas and mine dust.

Italy Floods Menacing.

Rome—So serious have the floods become, particularly in the Northern part of Italy, through the increased rains, that the king has expressed his intention to visit the inundated districts and thereby give encouragement to the inhabitants. Grave damage is reported from all quarters. Many villages are practically isolated and provisions are being carried to the people by boats. Hundreds of soldiers and private citizens are engaged in the work of aiding sufferers.

Fire Engines Go 30 Miles.

Louisville, Ky.—Overstuffed started in the Radcliffe-Overstreet general store, at La Grange, Ky., 30 miles from here, threatens to destroy an entire block. Fire apparatus is being rushed to La Grange from Louisville.

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THRESHERMEN TO PORTLAND.

Good Roads One of Important Topics of Convention.

La Grande—The selection of Portland as the next meeting place, hearing a message from Judge Webster pertaining to a good roads provision to be brought before the legislature, and framing a law which will be placed before the legislature regulating the transportation of traction engines, constituted the principal features of the State Threshermen's convention. A bill is being drafted for introduction to the next legislature by the central board State Good roads association, containing four salient features, was read and explained by Judge Webster. The threshermen gave unqualified support to it later. It embodies the appointment of three men to name a highway commissioner for the state, who shall direct expenditure of moneys appropriated by counties and state to the amount of \$20,000 from each county and \$5,000 from the state for each county. It includes a bill providing for bonding state and counties to that effect; it provides for maintenance, state prison labor on roads and for the working of prisoners in incorporated cities and county roads.

The plan was explained in detail, and adopted. The Iowa traction engine law, said to be a model of its kind, will be copied in the bill to be presented by the Oregon threshermen. It provides for the blowing of whistles at stated times, stopping the engine when passing teams, and above all, repeals all present laws and substitutes this one. The chief point in the new bill is that after December 1, 1911, bridges shall be built so securely that no bridges will have to be planked while engines are crossing. This gives the county courts over a year to perfect their bridges. Until that date, bridges must be planked as now.

The Portland meeting will be held on Friday and Saturday preceding the Rose Festival.

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