

Liner of the Cavalry

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CHAPTER III.

ANOTHER moment and a trig, well groomed soldier, florid faced, muscular, yet burly in build, stepped briskly in and "stood attention." His right eye and cheek were still heavily bruised and discolored. His nose was somewhat swollen.

"How did you happen to be in town, sergeant?" was the abrupt demand.

Fitzroy colored to the brows, but the answer was prompt:

"I understood the colonel to say 'find him,' referring to Trooper Rawdon, Friday night, and I went in Saturday morning thinking to help. Then we couldn't get back, sir."

"My order was to the sergeant of the guard, not to you," interposed Button curtly.

"Sergeant Stowell was looking for a man in uniform, sir, and had never seen Rawdon except in trooper dress and would never perhaps have known him."

"Then how should you?" was the sharp query.

Fitzroy started. "I had known him longer, sir, and much better. I had occasion to reprimand him once or twice and knew him and his pals, if the colonel will pardon me—as none of the others knew him. There was that young civilian Lowndes that went along with us and got into trouble, and—there were others. In fact, if the colonel will pardon me again, sir, I do not hold a high opinion of Trooper Rawdon, and—"

"No more of that, sir," broke in the colonel angrily, "unless you are ready to prove your words."

"Give me two days and half a chance, Colonel Button," was the confident answer, "and I'll show he had something to do with the paymaster's accident or—whatever it was."

As Captain Sumter said, the ladies had gone no farther than the surgeon's quarters that memorable Saturday, and with Sumter's full consent they had not gone even that far. Friday afternoon he had wired his protest to the father of Miriam Arnold, and with startling emphasis the reply had come early Saturday morning. "I repeat that I desire my daughter to return at once." The tone was abrupt if telegrams can be said to have either tone or manner, but that wire settled the matter. Miriam said she must obey, and nothing short of Dr. Larrabee, senior surgeon of the post, had prevailed against her decision. He himself had met the covered vehicle at his gate and had insisted on their alighting. "Your train is half a day late," said he. "You'll be wiser waiting here than at the ferry station. Besides, I wish to see this young woman again."

So saying he fairly lifted Miss Arnold from the far rook depths of the dark interior and deposited her on the wind swept path. "Run in," said he, then swiftly aided Mrs. and Miss Sumter.

Less than half an hour the trio spent under the doctor's hospitable roof. Before 2 o'clock the wind had increased to a gale. The snow was driving swift and hard. "I checked you just in time," said he. "There'll be no train either way this night." And so by 2 o'clock and just as the paymaster was driving away down the front of officers' row Mrs. and Miss Sumter, with Miss Arnold, escorted by the two medical officers, were struggling across the open space between the surgeon's houses and the rear fence of the long line and presently entering the back gate at Sumter's.

It was an odd arrangement, somewhat peculiar to frontier stations of the day. The inclosure of Fort Cushing was diamond shaped. The entrance gate was at the eastern apex. The hospital and surgeon's quarters stood on a line with this gate, their front perpendicular to the long axis of the diamond. Their rear elevations, therefore, were not far from officers' row. From the front of Sumter's house, around by way of the main gate to the doctor's door—the first to the left (north) of the post trader's—was quite a walk. From back door to back door, however, it was less than 200 paces. "We are near neighbors," Dr. Larrabee had been saying, "though my wife thinks it a long walk on a windy day. I could reach you day or night almost in a minute."

"Is Mr. Lanier sitting up?" Mrs. Sumter inquired. "I thought Dr. Schuchardt was trying to keep him in bed."

"He won't stay," was the answer.

"Dr. Larrabee," finally said Mrs. Sumter, "Miriam says she believes it was all a mere delusion—a dream. She blames herself bitterly and begs us to think no more of it—to forgive her, but—"

"But why should I attempt to conceal it? You know, and we have reason to know, she did see some one—there is her room who went out like a thief, through the window and away in spite of sentries. Captain Sumter had the snow swept off before we left. What was the use of advertising it further? Mr. Barker and Mr. Blake saw it, too. They hold it was some garrison sneak thief, looking for jewelry. Yet not so much as a ring, or a pin was touched—only her desk."

"Did she tell of that?"

"No; Kate was the first to see it. She flew upstairs when she heard the alarm, found Miriam a senseless heap on the floor, the desk open on the little table by the window, the contents scattered, the window up and some-

body bounding and slipping away in the moonlight. Then she heard the challenge and scuffle outside and thought the guard had him and gave her whole attention to Miriam until Mr. Barker shouted from the lower hall."

"And nothing is missing?"

"Nothing. But Captain Sumter wished to have it all kept quiet until he could confer with the detectives in town."

"Miss Kate has a level head," presently spoke Larrabee. "What does she say?"

"Doctor, that is what troubles me. Kate won't say—anything. It's the first time she ever kept a secret from me." And now tears of genuine distress were welling in Mrs. Sumter's eyes.

It was half after 2, and the wind was shrieking through the open space back of the line when Dr. Larrabee, bending almost double, managed to fight his way homeward. Schuchardt, occupant of the adjoining set to his own, had not yet returned. At Sumter's gate the senior surgeon encountered the corporal of the guard, nearly blind and well nigh exhausted. He was searching for sentry No. 5.

"You will probably find Dr. Schuchardt at Lieutenant Lanier's quarters," shouted Larrabee at the corporal, with kindly intent. "Take No. 5 in there and get thawed out. Tell him I think a nip of whisky advisable under the circumstances."

And thus it happened that two storm beaten soldiers presently shoved their way through Lanier's back gate and banged at the kitchen door. Nobody answering they presently entered, passed through that deserted apartment, and hearing voices farther on, the corporal ventured into the dark hallway leading through the little frame house, now fairly quivering in the blast. Here he caught sight of two officers—big, powerful men in fur caps and canvas overcoats just pushing forth through the front door into



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the fierce blast without. One was Dr. Schuchardt, the other Lieutenant Ennis, joint occupant with Lanier of the tiny premises. As Corporal Cassidy later expressed it, he felt "like I'd lost a bulging pot on an ace full." He couldn't run after and beg them to come back, yet he and his comrades were stiff from cold and almost breathless from exhaustion. Suddenly No. 5's carbine slipped from his frozen glove and fell with a crash on the kitchen floor. The next instant the voice of Lieutenant Lanier was heard.

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Last night's shooting was the first time in eleven years that the Chinese have waged their warfare in an open street. So far the present warfare has claimed five victims and the score stands even, the odd victim having been an innocent member of a tong not involved in the fight.

See the big eye on East Main street. 154*

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CITY NOTICES.

ORDINANCE NO. 376.

An ordinance authorizing the issue of the bonds of the city of Medford, Oregon, to the amount of thirty thousand dollars.

Whereas, there are now outstanding and unpaid bonds of the city of Medford, Oregon, to the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), which were issued for water works purposes and became due August 1, 1910;

And whereas, the city council has found and declared and does hereby find and declare the said bonds are the valid, binding and subsisting obligations of the city of Medford;

And whereas, the city council of the city of Medford deems it to be for the best interest of the city of Medford to refund said bonds; therefore,

The city of Medford doth ordain as follows:

Section 1. That for the purpose of refunding the said bonds of the city of Medford, which became due August 1, 1910, there are hereby authorized to be issued bonds of the city of Medford to the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000); which said bonds shall be dated the first day of August, 1910, and be in the denomination of one thousand dollars and shall be known as "Refunding Bonds," and shall be numbered from one to thirty, both inclusive. Said bonds shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the recorder. Said bonds shall become due twenty years after date and shall bear interest, evidenced by coupons, at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and both principal and interest of said bonds shall be made payable at the office of the city treasurer, Medford, Oregon, or at the banking house of Kountze Bros. in the city of New York, state of New York, at the option of the holder.

Section 2. The bonds hereby authorized shall be in substantially the following form:

No. \$1000
 United States of America.
 State of Oregon.
 City of Medford.
 Refunding Bond

Know all men by these presents, that the city of Medford, in the county of Jackson and state of Oregon, acknowledges to owe and for value received hereby promises to pay to bearer the sum of One Thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States of America on the first day of August, A. D. 1930, together with interest on said sum from the date hereof until paid at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of February and August in each year upon presentation and surrender of the interest coupons hereto attached as they severally become due. Both principal and interest of this bond are hereby made payable at the office of the city treasurer, Medford, Oregon, or at the banking house of Kountze Bros. in the city of New York, state of New York, at the option of the holder; and for the prompt payment of this bond both principal and interest, the full faith and credit of said city of Medford are hereby irrevocably pledged.

This bond is one of a series of like tenor and is issued for refunding the bonded indebtedness of the city of Medford, pursuant to and in full compliance with the charter of said city and under and in accordance with an ordinance of said city duly passed.

And it is hereby certified and recited that all the conditions and things required to be done precedent to and in the issuing of this bond necessary to make the same legal and valid have been properly done, happened and performed and in regular and due form and time as required by law; that the indebtedness refunded into this bond was and is a valid, binding and subsisting obligation of the city of Medford, and that the total indebtedness of said city of Medford, including this bond, does not exceed the constitutional and statutory limitations.

In testimony whereof, the said city of Medford has caused this bond to be sealed with the corporate seal, signed by its mayor and countersigned by its recorder and caused the annexed interest coupons to be executed by the fac-simile signatures of said officers this first day of August, 1910.

Mayor,
 City Recorder,

COUPON.

The city of Medford, in the state of Oregon, promises to pay to bearer the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars lawful money of the United States of America, on the first day of February, 19 . . . at the office of the city treasurer, Medford, Oregon, or at the banking house of Kountze Bros. in the city of New York, state of New York, at the option of the holder, for semi-annual interest due that date on its refunding bond, dated August 1, 1910, No.

Mayor,
 City Recorder,

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in force fifteen days from and after its passage, approval and publication in the Medford Mail Tribune, a newspaper published in the city of Medford, Oregon.

The foregoing ordinance was passed by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, on the 9th day of September, 1910, by the following vote:

Welch absent, Merrick absent, Emerick aye, Wortman aye, Elfert aye, and Demmer aye.

Approved this 10th day of September, 1910.

(Signed) W. H. CANON,
 Mayor.

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