

Lainer of the Cavalry

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CHAPTER IV.

EVEN as Mrs. Sumter strove to assure Miss Arnold that a military arrest was far more potent in sound than in effect, something in Kate's determined silence and Miriam's insistence added to the effect of these rumors.

"Then another thing weighed heavily upon the brave heart of this loving friend and mother. Never had she known her child to be so silent, so strange, as now. Ever since Friday night she seemed to avoid all mention of the affair, to shrink from the subject—she who had ever been frankness itself, she who had never had a thought the mother did not share. She seemed oppressed with some secret.

But why should the situation so strongly affect her daughter? Could it be that she, too, cared for Bob Lanier?

She was writing her reply to his note when Maggie again appeared.

"Two gentlemen to see the captain, ma'am," and Mrs. Sumter hurriedly closed the note and went below stairs to meet them. She knew well who they were and why they had come. A branch office of the Rocky Mountain Detective Agency had been maintained long months at the great and growing railway station. They had been summoned by her husband, and that was enough.

They asked to be shown the room, with the storm battered dormer, by this time emptied of its load of snow. They asked to see Miriam's desk. They smiled at the idea of the paymaster being held up and robbed in broad daylight by any gang in their neighborhood.

While they were yet at their work there came sounds of stamping feet at the front door, and in came Sumter, stiff from cold, but brimful of energy.

"Found Scott and his clerk, at least," he cried. "Most dead and half frozen. The driver's gone, I fear. He was blown or pitched off. The mules ran away before the gale. Those inside the ambulance were helpless. Two dropped off behind and are lost. The thing finally capsized and went to pieces, and they managed to reach a little cattle shack two miles south of town. They've found Lanier's striker, too—what's left of him."

By this time Kate had come downstairs.

"Have they found Rawdon?" she asked fearfully.

"No, not a sign of him anywhere."

"Is that the young fellow that those sergeants have been hunting for?" asked one of the detectives. "We managed to find out about him. He was in town as early as 3 o'clock Friday, and he left on No. 6 that night."

"Do you mean to tell me," said Sumter, gazing blankly at the speaker, "that he wasn't out here when this happened?"

"Not unless he had wings! That train leaves at 11:40."

Another day went by. Major Scott and his clerk, under Larrabee's skillful touch, were gradually regaining strength and beginning to answer questions. The ambulance was curtailed in even at the rear, through which the two scared troopers had managed to slip to their doom. Not until the snows melted in the spring and the contents of the ravines should be revealed was it likely they would be heard of again. The railway was still blocked. The wires were still down. Fort Cushing stood isolated from the outer world, and no less than five of its garrison were absent and unaccounted for. The two men detailed to drive in with the paymaster, two hachasallians who, being in town when the storm broke, had dared each other to face the gale and tramp out, and

star down the valley had come back, reporting that the ambulance mules were found, huddled together, half starved and still half harnessed, in a log shack or shelter to which their instinct had guided them after their heels had made chopsticks of the running gear. The ambulance body was snowed under somewhere and nowhere in sight. The driver, a civilian employed in the quartermaster's department, had totally disappeared. Scott, the paymaster; Thomas, his clerk, and Rafferty, Lanier's soldier servant, or "striker," as then called, were still half dazed.

One more unfortunate, the driver of Foster's sleigh, was in trouble. Not until two hours after the dance had been turned up with the missing equipage, a cock and bull story, and a case of what the corporal called "jag." He swore that, having got chilled through, waiting, he just thought to get one hot whisky at the store. Sentry No. 6 said he'd mind the team while the driver went in, and the next thing he knew "they'd run'd away, hell for leather," and he, their driver, had to follow two miles to Flint's ranch, close to town, where he "might have taken a nip or two more." It was his first offense and Foster forgave. It should be remarked, however, that No. 6 declared that it was not he with whom the driver left the sleigh, but two "fellows"—i. e., troopers—who happened to be near the store.

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