

# The Conflict

FROM NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS  
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*(Synopsis of preceding chapter as James Adams, West Point Graduate, and European representative of American manufacturers, is in Paris at the breaking up of the green war between France and Germany. His undertakes for the French a war balloon reconnaissance in Lorraine. The balloon is discovered by the German troops, who pierce the gas bag with a shell from a field gun. The basket is shot away and Adams' companions fall; but Adams climbs into the rigging and is borne across the river into the eastern France. The balloon comes down in the trees of the Chateau Lagrange. Adams is rescued and is nursed by the American doctor, Count Langner, who with Adams and the German advance and take possession of the Chateau for use as headquarters. A Colonel of cavalry attacks Adams and kills him through with a sword, and is immediately asked from behind by the Kaiser, who has come in unnoticed, and through the Kaiser's resignation is well represented with the Kaiser's resignation is mutual. The Kaiser calls for explanations.*

Chapter III.  
*(Continued from last week)*

It was evident that I had not seriously wounded the Colonel, but he understood my intention without difficulty, supported by his aide, who explained briefly that they had entered the Chateau to demand acknowledgment for the Emperor and his staff. I had opposed their entry, and that their intention had been to attack the Chateau. To this version the Colonel weakly agreed. The Kaiser's aide then stepped forward and said: "I saw him falling for miles," he said. "At first a tiny speck, then coming nearer, and legs beating the air. Ah, heaven, like a cartload of fresh beef, right into the arms of my aide and me." "What a magnificent bearing!" he said. "Such dignity! such magnificent bearing! What she shares in his eyes! And oh, my heaven, what a splendid sight! I shall never be afraid of you again!" "So we went on for a delicious half hour, when a detachment of the Emperor's bodyguard, under command of a sergeant of magnificent proportions, entered the doorway and took up their positions around the house. The Emperor's aide stepped to the second floor, and I called forth to learn something of the military situation.

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## WOMAN DIPLOMAT IN JAPAN.

Wife of First Russian Ambassador to Japan is Daughter of American General.

Russia has resumed diplomatic relations with Japan and the first woman diplomat there, from the court of the Czar, is the daughter of a prominent



MME. BAKHMETEFF. American General. She is Mme. Bakhmeteff, wife of the first Russian Ambassador to Japan, and has accompanied her husband to his distant post. She is a daughter of the late General Denle, with a wide acquaintance in Washington, both in the resident and diplomatic circles. During her stay in several of the capitals of Europe she has done much for charity in whatever way it was presented. Her manner is bright and animated, and she is thoroughly representative of her native America wherever she happens to be.

## Mrs. Senator Knox Makes Butter.

Far out of the common run of presents is the kind of gift Mrs. P. C. Knox makes now and then to certain of her closest friends. Books? No. Pictures? Pawaw, Jewels? Never! Just dainty little cases, holding each five pounds of butter.

No grocery stuff this, but from the Knox dairy, and immensely proud of it is the wife of the Senator from Pennsylvania. About three years ago her eldest son, Reed Knox, elected to be a farmer, and his parents established him on a rich stretch of land near the famous Valley Forge. The Senator and Mrs. Knox are delighted with rustic life and spend much time on the farm.

Last winter Mrs. Knox suffered from nervous trouble, so she canceled her social engagements and retired to Valley Forge. She spent the summer and autumn in the dairy, superintending the milking and churning, and at odd times she read advanced works on the subject.

She is as proud of her butter as any model farmers' wives in old-fashioned English novels, and during the fall and winter she has been distributing the proofs of her proficiency in the butter-making line.

## Unique Music Box.

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## Singers Who Diet.

Nearly all singers have some curious fads about their voices, and what aids or injuries them. Melba alone being free. She eats whatever she pleases, talks the day of the evening she is to sing, and says her voice is not affected. But she has an uncommonly strong physique. Mme. Albani never touches tea, which is supposed to harden the vocal cords, and avoids nuts and rich foods. Between the acts she sips a glass of claret.

## Bank Stocks Valuable.

A recent list of New York City's eighty-one commercial banks, with the latest prices bid for the 100 shares of each, shows that only one stock is offered at par. All the other eighty stocks are bid for at a premium, the prices offered ranging from \$119 for three or four, to \$4,300 for one stock. Other very high prices are \$3,600, \$1,650, \$1,600 and \$1,500, one of each. Only twenty-one of the eighty-one stocks are bid for at prices below \$200. Forty-one range from \$200 to \$500 and twelve from \$500 to \$1,000.

The P. B. Belt Broadening.

New England is losing her lead in one of her most time honored industries. A fiber factory down in Maine shipped 4,000,000 pie plates last week. Two million of these went to Providence, R. I., which is within the old-time pie belt, but of the rest, 1,000,000 went to Baltimore and the fourth million to Seattle.

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