



The Duesess. Worthy Winner

CHAPTER III.—(Continued.)

standing upon a mound near her, she placed her hands to her pretty mouth, and with a simple eloquence that cannot be too highly commended, cries: "It is he, at the top of her fresh young voice." Whether the breeze has played traitor, or whether the heading figure is of so good material as to be deaf to this brilliant appeal, who can say. At all events, he never stirs or lifts himself from his task, whatever it may be. Nothing stirred, Griselda returns to the attack. "It is he," she repeats, with a sharper, freer intonation. And still nothing comes of it. The heading figure refuses to stray from his back, and things remain as before. It is really too bad. Getting down from her mound she clambers up on a higher bank, and once more sends out her voice upon the world: "It is he, my good man!" This does it. As if compelled to acknowledge this tribute to his virtue, "my good man" utters an exclamation that rings out at every point but the right one first, and at last Griselda. The effect produced is not only instantaneous but marvelous. Down goes his rod, his cast, his chamber of admirability orange grout—and he springs toward her at about twenty knots an hour. His eyes, ever since they first lighted upon Griselda, have seemed to grow to her, and now, as he draws nearer, she too sees and recognizes him. The knowledge thus gained so surprises her that she very nearly falls off her high bank, and then grows very charmingly rosy, and is charmingly confused. It is none other than the young man who had helped to restore the carriage to its legitimate position.

CHAPTER IV.

"It is really you?" cries he, with unaffected delight, coloring warmly. "It is you, too," replies she, reflectively, and as though it is a little unfair to throw all the personalities at her. "So it is," says he, smiling gayly. "You wanted me? I hope you had not to call often?" "Very often," smiling, too, and jumping down off her pedestal. "I thought I should never make you hear. Do you know the road to Greycourt?" "I don't." "It is a tedious way, and complicated. But if you will permit me to go with you and show it to you, Miss Griselda?" "Oh, no, indeed. It is giving you quite too much trouble, and how do you know my name?" she asks, with a shy glance at him from under her long lashes. "I asked somebody in the village," confesses he, honestly, "and he told me you were Mr. Dycart's niece. You don't mind that, do you?" "No, I, too, heard of you," she says, "but then I didn't take for granted everything that was told me."

"What did you hear of me?" "That you were a young man 'down from London town,' and as full of tricks as a cat's tail of mine," replies she, demurely, evidently quoting somebody, and with a glance so 'full of tricks' on her own account that he laughs in spite of himself. "Well," says he, "I'm not from 'London town,' certainly, and I hope I'm not a greater wretch than my fellows. As to my 'tricks,' I don't believe I've one."

"If not from London, from where?" "Rather close to you. My sister lives just over the border of this county, a matter of twenty miles or so; and I spend most of my time with her."

"It was a very good thing for my sister and me that you came fishing," says Griselda; "or I suppose we should both be now either dead or dying." Here she looks round her. "Have we very much further to go?" "About a mile."

"I wish it was less," nervously. "I am afraid Vera will be frightened at my long absence, and—and that my uncle will be angry."

"Perhaps he won't hear of it," says Mr. Peyton, hopefully. Griselda shaker her head.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

An indecisive naval engagement was fought in Colombian waters. Chicago drainage canal contractors offer to build an isthmian canal. The first meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie institution has been held. A parliamentary commission is considering the question of depopulation of France.

The ways and means committee will frame a bill for reduction of the war revenue taxes. A new gold district has been discovered near Dawson which is claimed to be the richest yet found.

Admiral Schley's appeal to the president, asking for a review of the court of inquiry, has been made public. Eight lives were lost in a Boston fire.

The Boers have made peace proposals through Holland. There were 10,000 people present at a hanging in Pennsylvania.

The house committee voted in favor of a government owned Pacific cable. A substitute for the Nicaragua canal bill has been introduced in the senate.

The general outlook in Batangas province, Philippine islands, is favorable. A train wreck on a New York railroad resulted in the death of the engineer.

Four vessels are now on the Pacific coast-hiring for the missing English warship Condon. A discharged soldier in San Francisco planned to go to New York in a box, but was discovered and turned over to the police.

Two prospectors in Montana have found a mine of almost pure silver. The average assay is 18,000 ounces, which gives it a value of nearly \$8,000,000 to the ton.

Emperor William has celebrated his 43d birthday. River navigation has been suspended above the Cascade Locks.

Two Negroes in Louisiana, who had murdered a white man, were lynched. A train in South Carolina was held up and the express car rifled of its contents.

Governor Shaw, of Iowa, will assume the duties of secretary of the treasury February 1. Liberals defeated the Conservative forces of Colombia in three successive engagements.

United Mineworkers will levy an assessment to help strikers fight battle with operators to the end. The delay of the committee in reporting the canal bill to the senate means a saving of much time later.

The treaty for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States calls for the payment of \$5,000,000. Intense cold continues to prevail throughout the middle west. Many trains are delayed on account of snow.

An extra session has been called of the Colorado legislature to make corporations pay taxes on full valuation, the same as private citizens. There is a movement to hold an exposition at Manila in December next.

The Manila chamber of commerce asks that Chinese be admitted to the islands. An unknown hypnotist put a Spokane man to sleep and doctors can do nothing to rouse him.

Prince Henry will be given a military farewell when he leaves Germany for the United States. The Prince of Wales received a very chilling reception on the occasion of his visit in Germany.

Investigation of the Iowa mine disaster disclosed the fact that the explosion was caused by too heavy a charge of dynamite being placed by one of the men who were killed. Fire at Goldfield, Colo., caused damage estimated at \$30,000.

Manila banks refuse to accept deposits of Mexican silver. Colorado union miners have demanded the discharge of nonunion men. A man and his wife have been arrested in San Francisco for counterfeiting.

Eight of the colliers in the Hazelton district, Pa., were closed because of high water. It is estimated that the loss by the recent fire in Columbus, Ohio, will reach \$500,000.

The cotton crop of the United States now almost equals in value its wheat crop. The gold mines of Mysore, India, are worked by American electrical devices, the power being from the melting Himalayan snow. Swiss papers record a decline in the export of wood carvings, and attribute it to the lack of variety in the carvings, the subjects being monotonously repeated.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY'S APPEAL.

Asks for Review of Findings of Court Based on Verdict of Admiral Dewey.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The navy department has made public Admiral Schley's appeal, delivered to the president about a week ago. The department's "comment" will be published in a day or two. Admiral Schley appeals to the president as the chief executive and commander-in-chief of the army and navy, "vested with power to regulate and direct the acts of the several executive officers thereof," and he asks that the president review the findings of Admiral Dewey, as opposed to the majority report. These three grounds are set out comprehensively in the "petition," which fills about eight printed pages of a pamphlet, and is signed by Admiral Schley, and by Messrs. Raynor, Parker and Teague, of his counsel.

Attached to the petition are three exhibits, "A," "B," and "C," each made up from copious extracts from the testimony taken by the court of inquiry and intended to confirm the statements of fact made in the petition itself. This latter document, the first ground of appeal, is the holding of Secretary Long in his endorsement of the court's findings, "that the conduct of the court in making no finding and rendering no opinion on those questions (that of command and of credit for the victory) is approved—indeed it could, with propriety take no other course, evidence on these questions during the inquiry having been excluded by the court."

On this point the petition says that the secretary of the navy was in error in stating that the court excluded testimony to show that, as Dewey said, Schley was the senior officer in the battle of Santiago; was in absolute command and entitled to the credit due for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.

TWO RUNAWAY CARS.

Pittsburg, Jan. 31.—Three persons were killed, two fatally hurt, and a score of others more or less hurt by two runaway cars on the Monongahela branch of the Pittsburg Railway Company tonight. The accident happened at the foot of Long Hill, running into Wilmerding, from McKeesport. A car without passengers got beyond control of the motor man, and dashed down the hill, one and a quarter miles long, at a terrific speed. At the bottom it jumped into the Pennsylvania Railway station, carrying away the side of the station and tearing up the platform. A large crowd gathered about the wreck and 12 minutes later a second runaway car came tearing down the hill and plowed into the crowd with death dealing force. On the way down the hill the car struck a carriage containing a young couple on their way to McKeesport to be married. The carriage was completely wrecked, and the driver fatally hurt. The young people escaped with comparatively slight injuries, and were later married.

A blinding sleet storm prevailed at the time, and it is said the two cars "skated" down the hill with brakes tightly set.

"Slip" at a Furnace.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—In an accident known as a "slip" at the plant of the Illinois Steel Company, at South Chicago, early today, one man was killed and four others were so severely injured that they will probably die. Cold weather is thought to have been the immediate cause of the accident. It is supposed that the molten iron at the top of a blast furnace became chilled and clogged at the top. When the men opened the vent at the bottom to draw off this metal, the whole mass slid down, covering the workmen from head to foot, with the white-hot metal.

Chinese Naval College.

London, Jan. 31.—The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard says that the emperor has ordered Admiral Yeh to organize a naval college at Chefoo, and to engage Rear Admiral Lord Charles Boscawen to act as naval instructor at the college.

London's Smallpox Epidemic.

London, Jan. 31.—The smallpox epidemic in London, after falling to 20 cases daily last week, increased suddenly this week and reached the record of 71 cases yesterday.

Two Crackmen Killed.

Gallipolis, O., Jan. 31.—Two crackmen are dead, a deputy sheriff is severely wounded, and a marshal mortally wounded as a result of an attempt to rob an aged and wealthy widow of this city tonight. The plans of the robbers had been revealed to the Athens officers, who came here today and, with the local officers, secreted themselves in the house. Upon the appearance of the robbers a battle ensued, in which both were killed.

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Business men of Grants Pass have organized a board of trade. Some trouble is being experienced with the Indians on Umatilla reservation.

The postoffice at Spikenard, Jackson county, has been moved one mile northeast.

A number of sales of hops have been reported from Dayton at 12½ cents per pound.

The site of the postoffice at Anlauf, Douglas county has been moved a short distance to the southwest.

Mrs. Martha Proctor Spencer, who came to Oregon in 1852, died at her home in Hillsboro, a few days ago.

Two lumber schooners left Tillamook a few days ago for California ports, carrying 1,750,000 feet of Oregon fir.

Oregon insane asylum trustees have renewed the contract with Alaska, whereby this state will for another year care for the demented of the far north.

A number of prominent mining men are taking active steps toward putting in a smelter in Southern Oregon. At a meeting held by them, Merlin was decided to be the best location.

Eugene school district voted a 6 mill tax at the annual meeting last week. Many hops are dying around Pendleton, which may prove to be cholera.

The company owning the hot artesian wells at Vale, has decided to erect a fine hotel for the accommodation of guests.

Work is progressing smoothly at the oil well being sunk at Vale, Malheur county. Fire damaged the Ashland Iron Works to the extent of \$1,000 a few days ago.

The merchants of Baker City have agreed to close their stores at 6:30 every evening except Saturday. A preliminary survey of the route of the proposed electric road from La Grande to Cove has been completed.

It has been struck in one of the wells being bored near Nampa, in Eastern Oregon. Samples analyze 78 per cent paraffine.

The Gopher Mining Company, whose property is in Southern Oregon, is installing a five stamp mill, and will have ore to keep it going steady.

The Woodburn school tax will be 10 mills this year. This, with the county and state tax, will make a total of 43, the highest ever known.

Wheat—Quiet. Walla Walla, 63¢; bluestem, 64¢; Valley, 63¢.

Barley—Feed, \$19@20; brewing, \$20@21 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.10@1.25; gray, \$1.05@1.15.

Flour—Best grades, \$2.80@3.40 per barrel; graham, \$2.50@2.80.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$18 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$20.50; chop, \$17.

Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$7.50; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton. Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 90¢@1.25 per cental; ordinary, 70¢@85¢ per cental; growers' prices; sweets, \$1.75@2 per cental.

Butter—Creamery, 25@27½¢; dairy, 18@20¢; store, 11@13¢.

SKYSCRAPERS BOYCOTTED.

Peculiar Fight Being Made by Chicago Coal Teamsters.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Coal teamsters renewed their war on big down town buildings today. The Coal Teamster's Union decided that its members should cart no coal to buildings where gas is used during the summer months. At 8 o'clock 100 drivers were ordered to stop by officials of the union, and promptly obeyed the order. President Albert Young, of the Coal Teamsters' Union, said: "We have already stopped hauling coal to the Old Colony building, the Monadnock, the Palmer house and the Auditorium, and before night not a union teamster will be hauling coal to a building that uses gas for fuel during the summer. During the last cold snap our men were worked to death. Buildings that had formerly used fuel gas found out that coal was necessary and our men had to work day and night, and at that time were unable to meet the demand. Many of the regular coal burners were compelled to wait for coal, and suffered greatly on account of our inability to supply the demand."

Milton Booth, secretary of the Coal Teamsters' Union, said: "We are not in the fight alone, but have the support of the coal men. We would have conducted the campaign alone had it been necessary, but with the aid of our employers we are in a much better condition to conduct the fight and it will be a lively one."

After the teamsters' boycott against the skyscrapers had been in effect for four hours, firemen, engineers and elevator conductors threatened to cooperate with the teamsters. This afternoon a meeting of the prominent coal dealers and property owners was held, and a truce was declared until Friday. In the meantime union men hope to influence the consumer to burn coal the year round.

CHOICE OF ROUTES.

Substitute for Nicaragua Canal Bill is Introduced in the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Just before the adjournment of the senate Senator Spooner today introduced a substitute for the Nicaragua canal bill. The new bill is a practical authorization to the president of the United States to choose between the Panama and Nicaragua routes. The first provision looks to the acquisition of the franchise, right of way and other property of the new Panama canal company of France, including that company's control of the Panama railroad. The president is authorized to pay \$40,000,000 for these "provided a satisfactory title can be obtained."

He is then authorized to secure the necessary concessions from the republic of Colombia, these to include the perpetual control of a 10 mile strip of territory from the Caribbean sea to the Pacific ocean. A good vessel is then to be constructed, under the supervision of the secretary of war.

The bill also carries an alternative provision authorizing the president to proceed with the construction of the Nicaragua canal in case he fails to secure the necessary concessions from Colombia or a satisfactory title from the Panama canal company.

An immediate appropriation of \$10,000,000 is made in either event. The limit of cost is fixed at \$135,000,000 in case the Panama route is chosen, while \$160,000,000 is allowed in case the choice falls on the Nicaragua route.

GREAT HOTEL EMPTIED.

Fire in Adjoining Building Drove Guests From the Lindell.

St. Louis, Jan. 30.—Two hundred and thirty guests of the Lindell hotel were driven from their apartments into the sleeky street tonight by flames which wrecked the adjoining building at the corner of Seventh street and Washington avenue, and for 30 minutes threatened to sweep away the hotel. Women were carried from the upper floors by elevator, and down the stairs in a fainting condition. Mothers with infants in their arms groped their way through suffocating smoke. Men dragged their trunks after them down the broad stairways of the hotel, and clerks in the office hastily procured the valuables of the guests from safes and vaults and carried them to places of greater safety. The structure in which the fire originated was the old O'Neill building. A dozen or more firms occupied it, and the losses suffered by these firms will approximate \$300,000. The Lindell hotel was damaged by smoke to the extent of \$25,000.

Japanese Soldiers Frozen to Death.

London, Jan. 30.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Express cables that over 200 soldiers have been frozen to death in Northern Japan.

Drouth in India.

London, Jan. 30.—The vicerey of India telegraphs that the drouth is drying the crops in Bengal, the North-western provinces and in Punjab. The autumn crops are fair in the province of Seind and in the Bombay deccan.