

ONLY A FARMER'S DAUGHTER.

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CHAPTER XVII.

A week before the theatricals the Princess Zelikoff, Lady Dora's old-time friend, arrived at the Court. Lady Dora was charmed to have her friend with her again.

Coming every day to rehearsal with Lady Dora, Winifred saw, with the terrible instinct of jealousy, that the pale, beautiful, languid French woman looked the master of Hazel Court. She watched them narrowly, not seeming to see them, and yet painfully conscious of every word that passed between them. She fancied, and perhaps it was not only fancy, that the old tenderness Mr. Hastings had shown for her was creeping into his manner to the Princess Zelikoff. He was always at her side now—when she rode, when she sang or when she sat apart from the rest of the company. Sometimes Winifred, stung with jealousy, would try the power of her old fascinations upon him. She spoke to him in the low, soft voice he would have given half her career to hear in the time that was past; she looked with pleading eyes into his face and sang the songs he loved, and yet she could not keep him by her side.

The agitation and excitement of the last few days before the Court had been almost too much for Winifred. She had almost to touch food, and Mrs. Champion really felt a little anxious at seeing her so hollow-eyed.

Every one was charmed with the entertainment. It had not been too long. The tableaux were lovely and as for the play, "Cross Purposes," it was charming. Not very much plot in it, perhaps, but so wonderfully acted. It was so rare to see good women and ladies play thoroughly well, and they had all been so handsome, so graceful.

Miss Champion and Lady Laura may have suffered some pang of jealousy at the admiration Miss Eyre excited, but the Princess Zelikoff was in a torment of jealous pain. She, the unassuming, the pale, impassible Diana, as she had been called, was at least in love, and with Mr. Hastings. She did not know if he cared for her, nay, when she saw his passionate look at Winifred at the end of the play, a terrible fear seized her that his affections were centered on the graceful English girl. She must love him, too; the most finished actress could not have thrown such expression into her eyes, had not some deep emotion been working in her heart.

Two weeks later the marriage of Flora Champion to Mr. Maxwell took place. It was a grand and stately affair, yet it was a relief to every one when the breakfast was over and the bridal pair had started on their journey. As she drove off in the barouche, drawn by four magnificent bay horses, Flora Maxwell looked like a queen. Perhaps she felt like one as she looked right and left to the crowd of country people who stood on either side of the Manor gates to see her pass.

Mr. Hastings and Winifred danced together at the ball in the evening; but there was an unpleasant kind of stiffness and reserve between them. She fancied he wished to avoid her; he thought the same of her, and danced more than usual with the Princess Zelikoff.

"How glad I am to get away from this!" poor Winifred said to herself, with exceeding bitterness. "I think I should die if I were forced to stop and see him love another woman. Perhaps when I am back at Endon Vale I shall forget him."

She was delighted when the day came for her to leave Hazel Manor. Her only regret was in parting with her grandfather, who had been very kind to her, and to whom she had really become attached.

Lady Grace was expecting a party of guests at Endon Vale, and invited Lady Ada Fordyce to accompany Winifred home, as Lady Valanton and her eldest daughter were going to visit in the north. All the household were glad to have her among them again; and as for Sir Coppington and references for her to make up that Lady Grace was obliged to interfere and rescue her from her husband's labor.

Lord Harold, who was at the house again, complained bitterly of her frequent and prolonged absence; but after a time he grew more tolerant, and seemed to find some consolation in the company of Lady Fordyce. He was still very much in love with Winifred, but he began now to reflect sagely that it was folly for him to be pining and sighing after her if he had really made up her mind that she would not marry him.

Some one gave out the intelligence at dinner at Endon Vale that Mr. Hastings had gone on a yachting expedition, and that Lady Dora and the Russian princess accompanied him. Mr. Hastings looked from underneath his lashes at Winifred, and noted the sudden sickly whiteness which came into her face. "Why, how I wish I could help her!" she thought, pitifully. "A real friend might often be able to save a girl years of unhappiness and regret. If she would only tell me!"

Lady Grace had devoted a pretty, bay-windowed sitting room to Mrs. Clayton's use, and there she and Winifred often were for hours together undisturbed. They were very fond of each other, very sympathetic and caring, yet never mentioned the subject that was nearest her heart.

At last Mrs. Clayton resolved to discontinue the reserve. She knew that to gain it, and strengthen herself to the task. They were sitting together as usual, one each side of the window, sometimes speaking, often silent. The day had thrown wide open to let in the little air that was stirring. Mrs. Clayton was watching her for some time. At last she spoke.

"I thought you will go on

the words from unwilling lips, "but I am trying to forget her."

"But, Errol, if you thought she cared for you, would you still try to forget her?"

"I cannot answer you," he said, speaking abruptly, after a pause. "Miss Eyre is not what I thought her. I believed her to be sweet, and gracious, and womanly, and I have found her hard, and proud, and cold."

"Oh, Errol, you mistake—she is neither."

"She is to me," he said, sternly.

Mrs. Clayton waited for some moments. "If I might only tell you," she said, in great perplexity. "She broke down once when we were speaking of you. She condemned her own false pride bitterly; she said you must hate her; that she—"

"And Mrs. Clayton stopped suddenly in her rapid utterance, feeling a terrible fear that she had committed an unwarrantable breach of trust.

A sudden thrill of pleasure came into Errol's heart, but the expression of his face remained unchanged.

"Mrs. Clayton," he said, with some passion. "I asked Miss Eyre twice, nay, three times, to be my wife. I made myself her slave because—well, the reason matters little—because that I humbled my pride into the dust for her sake. She treated me with scorn, and yet I love her, for I believed in her last time, her refusal was couched in such terms that I felt the utter impossibility of a thought of love coming between us again."

"She has forgiven you now from the depths of her heart. And she suffers, Errol—suffers; and at night, when she is alone, she cries bitter tears. I went one night to her room, and I heard her sobbing as though her heart would break, and went away again."

Mr. Hastings felt a sudden choking in his throat, and turned away. The room was just bringing his horse round. He rose.

"Thank you a thousand times for your kindness," he said, in a low voice; "I shall not forget it. Good by; and he took her little white hand in his and kissed it. Then he rode thoughtfully away.

For days and days after his conversation with Mrs. Clayton, Mr. Hastings missed upon her words. So many doubts divided his mind, and kept him from deciding on what course he should pursue. "Could he be in truth really love her words?—did Winifred really love him, and regret her harshness and pride to him, or was it a kindly though mistaken attempt on Mrs. Clayton's part to bring them once more together?" If he sought her again, and she gave him the same answer, his pride would never recover such a terrible humiliation.

A whole month of restless uneasiness passed away before he could make up his mind to visit Endon Vale again. Then one morning he plucked up courage suddenly and went.

At first Mrs. Clayton had anticipated the happiest results from her talk with Mr. Hastings; but as day after day wore on, and he did not return, she fell into despair, and wished with some bitterness of heart that she had forbore to interfere. One thing was fortunate—she had not breathed a word to Winifred of what had passed between them.

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EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week. Presented in Condensed Form. Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

New wheat is beginning to arrive in Portland.

The new pope at first refused to accept the tiara.

Admiral Cotton entertained the Portuguese cabinet on board his flagship.

Governor of Alaska says Oregon should have a share of the Alaskan trade.

Lord Curzon has accepted the offer of India to extend his term of office as viceroy.

Charles M. Schwab has resigned as president of the steel trust and is succeeded by W. E. Corry.

A big land withdrawal has been made in Idaho to protect the water supply of Pocatello.

The St. Paul city council will pass an ordinance to prohibit the use of fireworks on any occasion.

Bulgarians continue their depredations upon Turkish property. The last act has been to burn two villages.

William Hamilton, who murdered and assaulted a 13-year-old girl in Asotin county, Wash., was taken from the jail by a mob and hanged.

Spain faces serious labor troubles.

All danger of further flood in Kansas is past.

Trouble is feared with miners at Idaho Springs, Colo.

Cardinal Gibbons is reported to be suffering from malaria.

Negro enlistments in the United States navy are to be shut off.

Cardinal Sarto, patriarch of Venice, was elected pope on the seventh ballot.

Sixteen persons were injured in a head-on collision near Hartford City, Ind.

Dry spell in Australia causes mines to close and thousands face a desperate situation.

Spreading rails near Portsmouth, Ohio, wrecked a train. Twenty-five persons were injured.

It is claimed that General Miles will seek national G. A. R. honors as a presidential boon.

Secretary Root will order the department of justice to search for fraud in army contracts in which ex-Representative Littauer was interested.

Two negroes maimed a crippled youth at Hartford, Ind., because he did not produce the money they expected. A mob is in search of them.

Tanana valley, Alaska, is said to be similar in size and conditions to Minnesota.

Italy anxiously awaits the announcement of the policy of the next pope for peace or war.

A Chinese reformer has been put to a horrible death by order of the empress dowager.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra left Ireland amid strains of "Come Back to Erin."

The viceroys of Chili province, China, is importing large quantities of arms and ammunition.

The supreme court of Minnesota has decided the great railroad merger case against the state.

One more body has been found under the Morrison street bridge, Portland, but was lost again.

Admiral Cotton entertained the king of Portugal and other high dignitaries on board the Brooklyn.

The conclave to elect a new pope has taken four ballots without result. Owing to the secrecy which prevails no details as to how the vote stood can be had.

Four new cases of plague have appeared at Lique, Chile.

The bakers' strike at Santiago, Chile, is spreading and only a few shops are now open.

New York papermakers have gone on a strike to secure recognition of their union.

Boer immigrants who recently established a colony in Chile have discovered a large gold field.

The levying of countervailing duties on imported and bountied sugar has been extended to March 31, 1904.

Charles B. Hare, of Ann Arbor, Mich., has accepted the appointment of government bacteriologist in the Philippines, at a salary of \$1,500.

Robert Lee, who shot an Evansville, Del., policeman and started a riot that resulted in the death and injury of many citizens, has died in prison.

The diplomatic body at the Vatican predicts the election of Rampolla or Gotti as pope.

Seven hundred and eighty-five men are candidates for admission to Yale in the under-graduates' entering classes of next September. Last year the total was 681.

Secretary Root has directed the sale of the military reservation known as Coonubus barracks, Columbus, O., 60 days from date, at its appraised valuation of \$290,000.

ONE DEAD, SEVEN HURT.

Wind Storm at St. Louis Exposition Grounds Damages Buildings.

St. Louis, Aug. 7.—One of the heaviest storms of the year, but of brief duration, swept over St. Louis at 3 o'clock today, being preceded by a wind that in the western portion of the city developed into a miniature twister that tore through the World's Fair grounds, killing one man, probably fatally injuring another, and severely injuring seven others, besides causing damage to World's Fair buildings and other property generally throughout the city to the extent of \$10,000. The greatest fury of the storm was felt at the World's Fair grounds, where the casualties occurred.

The day had been extremely warm, the thermometer registering 94 degrees. Suddenly the sky began growing dark, and within a comparatively short time it became necessary to resort to artificial lights in the stores.

Soon after the storm broke with the force of a gale. Pedestrians hurried for shelter, and the wind swept through the streets, causing a little damage here and there by broken windows, falling signs and shade trees.

At the World's Fair grounds the wind swept from the southeast to the northwest in a miniature tornado. The agricultural building stood in its path, and six laborers working on scaffolding were hurled to the ground. Nine sets of trusses and timbers were razed.

CANAL FOES QUIT.

Expense of Defeating Panama Canal Found to Be Too Great.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The Pacific railroads have come to the conclusion that there is no further use in attempting to prevent the ratification of the Panama Canal treaty by Colombia, and all the lobbyists who have been at work in the South American Republic, with that in view, have been ordered home.

From an authoritative source it was learned this morning that the railroads have spent nearly \$500,000 in their efforts to defeat the treaty, but, learning finally that it seems to be a question of paying more than the \$100,000,000 which the United States is to turn over to them in control to defeat the project, the railroads came to the conclusion that it would be better and cheaper to allow the canal to be constructed and arrange some kind of a community-of-interest plan by which the roads would not suffer.

A railroad man familiar with the matter said today: "The railroads do not believe that the canal can be constructed in less than five years, which will give them all the opportunity they desire to prepare for competition. They believe this is cheaper than to pay Colombia's statesmen and lobbyists, which would be anyway only a temporary victory. I think we can arrange a schedule of rates with the powers which will control the canal."

CHINA'S IRE EXCITED.

The Execution of More of the Reformers Is Desired.

Peking, Aug. 6.—The Chinese government has addressed a note directly to the foreign ministers, requesting the extradition of the editor and staff of the Supao, the Chinese reform organ at Shanghai, who are charged with seditious writings, thus reinforcing the demand of the Shanghai officers on the consuls. The demands say the prisoners are wanted for execution. A trial is not mentioned, and it is, therefore, inferred that the authorities propose to dispense with such a formality.

Public opinion continues to be intense on this affair, and all the newspapers published at the treaty ports exhort the ministers to refuse the demands.

The supporters of the dowager empress have adopted an apologetic tone and assert that the severity of the whipping administered to Shen Chin, the reformer journalist, who was executed at Peking on July 31, has been exaggerated and he was strangled before he had suffered greatly. All are forced to admit, however, that the dowager empress ordered Chen to be beaten to death because she thought beheading to be too mild a punishment.

Treaty of Peace.

Pittsburg, Aug. 7.—A treaty of peace has been agreed to between the Builders' Exchange League and the Building Trades Council. At a conference tonight between representatives of the two interests the condition on which resumption of work was to begin were named, and the committee from the Building Trades Council said they would recommend their adoption by the general body. In return, the Builders' Exchange League agreed that the wage scale should be immediately taken up.

Chinese Pirates are Very Bold.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 7.—Arrivals by Empress of Japan last night from the Orient state that pirates infest the river between Canton and Fuchan. They recently perpetrated an extraordinarily audacious crime right under the very noses of two British gunboats, a United States cutter and three German and French gunboats. Sixty pirates boarded the steam launch Yung-on and Hung Shang, fired on the crews and captured 11 fully loaded silk boats.

Young to Succeed Miles.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The president has designated Lieutenant General Young to command the army from August 8, the date of the retirement of General Miles, until August 15, when the general staff law goes into effect and the office of the commanding general is dispensed with. General Young thus becomes the last commanding general and the first chief of staff.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

SUMPTER MINES.

Improvement and Development Work Progressing Rapidly.

Another crosscut tunnel is being driven on the Modoc mine in the Cougar mine. This tunnel will open up the three veins on the property. Ore assaying \$190 to the ton is being taken from the old workings.

A complete hoisting plant has been ordered by the Prairie Diggings management, which will be installed immediately upon its arrival. The shaft is now down 80 feet.

The vein of the Dixie group has developed a width of 60 feet. This property is located on Granite Boulder Creek about four miles from the wonderful Morning mine in the Greenhorn district.

The May Queen management is now erecting a hoisting plant on the property. It will be capable of sinking to a depth of 600 feet. The May Queen is in the Red Boy district. The machinery recently received here for the hoisting plant of the Midway group is now being rapidly installed. A sawmill is also being erected.

An order for 500 more cords of wood has been given by the E. & E. management. This wood is being delivered at the hoist building, which no doubt means the extensive operating of the plant.

Ore for shipment is now being sacked by the Valley Queen management. A winze is being sunk, and has encountered a high grade of quartz.

The new sampling mill recently erected by Arthur & McEwen is completed and a test run has just been made on ore from the Flora M. property near town. The mill worked to the complete satisfaction of the owners.

The management of the Copperopolis property located in the Quartzburg district, announced that work will be resumed in a few days. The main crosscut tunnel is now in over 600 feet. A drift has also been run on a copper ledge. This drift will be extended over 100 feet.

SECURES RIGHT OF WAY.

People Who are Behind the Oregon & Pacific Hard at Work.

While they are saying but little the people who are behind the Oregon & Pacific Railroad are working diligently, and a railroad line from Grant Pass to Crescent City will undoubtedly be a reality within the next year. Colonel T. Wain-Morgan Draper, chief engineer of the proposed road, is a very busy man, looking after the surveying of the line, and the management of the Waldo Smelting & Mining Company's copper properties at Waldo, who are the principal backers of the new road. Colonel Draper states that they have secured right of way for more than three-fourths of the road from Grants Pass to Gasquet, Cal., and have selected all of the stations on the line. At each of the places where stations have been selected ample rights of way have been given not only for a depot but also for sidings.

Coming Events.

Ninth annual regatta, Astoria, August 19-21.

State fair, Salem, September 14-19.

Second Southern Oregon District fair, Eugene, September 25-October 3.

Summer association of the North West Indian agencies, Newport, August 17-27.

Klamath county fair, Klamath Falls, October 6-9.

Good roads convention, Jacksonville, August 15.

Fruitgrowers' convention, Jacksonville, August 15.

Teachers' institute, Tillamook, July 29-31.

Knights of Pythias convention, Astoria, August 20-21.

Teachers' institute, La Grande, August 17-21.

Trappings for National Guard.

The adjutant-general's office of the Oregon National Guard has been notified that a shipment of 953 United States rifles and 50 carbines, together with bayonets, belts, scabbards, slings, etc., is on the way to Portland and will arrive here in ample time for the annual encampment in September. There will be nothing lacking in the new equipment of the home soldiers. The selection of an encampment site hangs fire on account of the railroad rates. It is expected that a decision will be reached this week as to where the mobilization will take place.

Large Oat Crop.

The yield of oats in Clackamas county this year will be the largest of any year I have ever witnessed," said County Treasurer Cahill, who has lived in that county for 30 years, in discussing crop conditions. "What is also generally good throughout the county," continued the speaker, "and I forecast a good yield of that cereal." The hay crop in Clackamas county was exceptionally large and it has been years since a large crop of fruit of better quality has been harvested there. Harvest season is late.

Warships at Regatta.

A telegram has been received by the Astoria regatta committee from the secretary of the navy, stating that the gunboat Alert had been ordered to Astoria for the regatta. Assurances have also been received from Secretary Moody that the New York, Marblehead and Bennington will be ordered here if they return from the Alaskan cruise in time.

To Train Kindergarten.

The professional department of the Weston State Normal School has been enlarged by the addition of the chair of applied kindergarten. Miss Violet Elizabeth Bowly, of Astoria, has been elected to this position.

NEW NATURALIZATION LAWS.

Governor Announces Provisions Against Illegal Immigrants.

For the information of all concerned in Oregon Governor Chamberlain has made public a letter received by him from the department of state at Washington, D. C., calling attention to the new provisions of the United States' naturalization laws. These new provisions took effect July 3, 1903, and provide that, in order to be valid, a court record of naturalization must show that the person naturalized is not opposed to all organized government nor affiliated with any organization so opposed; that he does not advocate the unlawful assaulting or killing of officers of the government; that he has not violated any of the provisions of the said act to regulate the immigration of aliens and that he has complied with the terms of previous acts on the subject of naturalization.

The new act also requires that every certificate of naturalization shall specifically recite that the provisions of this and previous acts have been complied with, and if it fails in any particular it is null and void. The act making the additional regulations was approved on March 3.

ENLARGE THE RESERVE.

More Land Withdrawn From Settlement in Oregon City District.

Nine townships of land in Clackamas, Marion and Linn counties have been withdrawn from settlement upon telegraphic orders from Acting Commissioner of the Land Office Fimple. The townships are from 5 to 12 inclusive in range 4 east, immediately adjoining the Cascade forest reserve on the east. Each township contains 23,040 acres, and the whole number of acres in the nine townships withdrawn is 207,360. All of township 11 and two-thirds of township 12 are surveyed land. Of the whole area withdrawn from settlement, 81,320 acres are vacant land, of which 38,400 acres are unsurveyed.

The action of the general land office is construed to mean that the interior department is desirous of extending the reserve.

Insane Population Growing.

The report of Superintendent J. F. Calbreath, of the state insane asylum, for July, shows that during the month the population of that institution increased from 1324 to 1332. During the month 38 new patients were received and one escape returned. Fourteen patients were discharged, 18 died and one lapsed. Of the patients enrolled July 1 there were 329 males and 393 females. The average expense of maintenance was \$9.21 per month, or 30 cents per day. The total value of articles consumed was \$6316.39.

In Behalf of Siuslaw Harbor.

The Commercial Club of Eugene has endorsed a petition prepared by O. W. Hurd, of Florence, which will be presented to the secretary of war and congress on behalf of the citizens of Oregon, asking the government to continue well commenced improvements on the jetty in the Siuslaw harbor. The petition bore the endorsement of the Oregon delegation in congress. Mr. Hurd is at present in Portland and will bring the same matter before the commercial bodies of that city. Later he will visit San Francisco and secure aid from the shippers there.

Gold Fever in Clackamas.

Great excitement, not without cause, prevails in the southern part of Clackamas county because of the recent discoveries by local mining prospectors. Gold in immensely paying quantities has been repeatedly claimed that have been repeatedly worked and prospected for the last ten years, but the hidden wealth was never disclosed before. Samples that will assay between \$2000 and \$3000 to the ton have been brought to Oregon City by the interested owners. Intense excitement exists.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 77@78c; valley, 78c.

Barley—Feed, \$19.00 per ton; brewing, \$20.

Flour—Best grades, \$4.10 @ 5.50; Graham \$3.35@3.75.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 per ton; middling, \$27; shorts, \$23; chop, \$18.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.07 @ 1.07 1/2; gray, \$1.05 per cental.

Hay—Timothy, \$19@20; clover, nominal; cheat, \$15@16 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Bu-banks, 70@75c per sack; ordinary, 35@45c per sack; growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$3@3.50 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 11@12c; young, 16@17 1/2c; hens, 12c; turkeys, live, 10@12c; dressed, 14@15c; ducks, 4.00@5.00 per dozen; geese, \$6.00@6.50.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 15 1/2@16c; Young America, 15 1/2@16c; factory prices, 16 1/2c less.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20@22 1/2c per pound; extra, 22c; dairy, 20@22 1/2c; store, 16c@17.

Eggs—20@21c per dozen.

Hops—Choice, 15@16c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 35@37 1/2c.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3 1/2@4c, per pound; steers, 5@5 1/2c; dressed, 7 1/2c.

Veal—7 1/2@8c.

Mutton—Gross, 3c per pound; dressed, 5 1/2@6c.

Lamb—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7c.

Hogs—Gross, 6@6 1/2c per pound dressed, 6 1/2@7c.