

## The Contrabandist; OR One Life's Secret!

A TRUE STORY OF THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

### CHAPTER II.

It was, perhaps, at the distance of half a league from the cottage of High Lamonte that the Chateau Montauban stood. It was situated on a rocky and abrupt eminence, overlooking the valley below, where a small village looked more like the miniature group of dolls' houses which children play with than the ordinary habitations of ordinary men, while the stream that wound its way along at the foot of the hills was nothing more than a mere thread of silver.

On the night of the attack on Count Louis there were two persons seated in the library of this chateau; the one a lady, with beautiful and somewhat striking features, a tall and graceful figure, and a bearing of once haughty and captivating. Mademoiselle Montauban was a person of strong feelings, of deep energy, of quick yet firm resolves, and decided action. She was pleasing to all; yet with the very grace and noble beauty which captivated one, there was an expression of veiled haughtiness, of lofty pride, of insinuating command. All the world admired mademoiselle, but few loved her.

Her father, monsieur le marquis, on the other hand, was an extremely affable, polite and agreeable gentleman. He was universally kind and good to the peasant around the country, and there was no poor people who did not have cause to thank him for many an act of generosity. He had been married twice; to a beautiful Frenchwoman, after the death of La Marquise Gludette, and this wife died early. He mourned her loss long and sincerely; for they say he loved her even better than he lived Gludette, who was very violent and passionate. There was one child—a lovely, sunny-haired child, with features like her fair mother's, and eyes like fresh violets, as was his custom in the evenings; she had drawn her seat forward near one of the deep windows overlooking the valley, and the road by which Louis was expected to come. Both were awaiting his arrival, but it was with far different degrees of feeling. The marquis, indeed, looked forward with pleasure to meeting with his nephew, whom he had not received at the chateau for some years; but yet his anticipation was moderated by eagerness, for he no longer possessed the hurry and impatience of youth. With Helen Montauban it was not thus. Deeper feelings than were warranted by that calm and haughty exterior were busy in her heart. "Father," and her voice was calm and silvery as usual, despite the beating of her heart, that throbs more violently every moment—"father, it is already quite late. My cousin, Monsieur Louis, must surely remember that he may possibly expose himself to some danger by traversing the lonely roads in this neighborhood by night."

most adore in him those qualities of heart and mind which, she observed with disdaint, few others possessed.

He had never visited the chateau more than twice, and those visits had been white stones in her life. She had remembered and recalled them constantly in the secluded and dreamy life she led there, and now was it a matter of wonder that, after the passage of months without having seen him, she should look forward with such eager emotions to his coming? Yet, even when alone, in the solitude of her own apartment, she did not entirely lay aside, even in the intense interest of watching for him, that air of stately pride, that guarded calmness of demeanor which characterized her in society. She knelt there by the casement, it is true, waiting still, even till midnight; but a thousand fearful emotions struggled in her breast, of which she gave no outward sign, or, at the most, but a faint one.

A dark form seemed to catch her eye, moving along rapidly through the path in the valley, coming nearer and nearer, while the clouds, passing still across the moon, veiled it ever and anon in shadow.

Drawing nearer, till the soft silver radiance of the night shone full upon both horse and rider, and then there was only a slight start—a quick, convulsive clasp of the fair hand that rested on the cold stone sill—a faint yet eager smile hovering about her beautiful lips, and flashing into those splendid eyes, as, softly murmuring, "It is he!" she rose from the cushions on which she had knelt so long, and closed the casement.

"My dear uncle," cried Louis, warmly embracing the good marquis, as they met in the saloon, on the morning following the storm, "I cannot express half the pleasure it gives me to meet you."

The marquis smiled at his nephew's warmth.

"My dear boy, I also am delighted to see you. Let me welcome you to my old eyrie a thousand times. But sit down—sit down, Louis; I must take a leisurely look at you. Why, you have grown a full inch since we met last, and all the handsomer, too, for your wanderings!"

"Oh, uncle, I appreciate your flattery,"



COUNT MONTAUBAN AND HELEN AWAITING LOUIS.

believe me," laughed his nephew; "I confess I had rather have it from you than any other, almost. But, now, how have things been going on here since I saw you? and how is my fair cousin?"

"For the first," answered the marquis, "I can give a very satisfactory reply. My affairs are in a state of prosperity, and except, possibly, that Helen and I are a little lonely at times for want of company, we do very well. I need scarcely say that I am sure we shall be all the happier for your presence. For your other question, Helen herself must be applied to when you see her this morning. She was in excellent health yesterday, at all events, and we watched together a long time last night by the library window, for your appearance. And now tell me, my dear Louis, something more concerning that adventure of yours in the forest; for your sketch of it last night was somewhat hasty. You were never taken much given to talking of yourself. I hate an egotist as heartily as you can; but I desire to hear something relative to your journey and your general welfare; so let me hear it before our coffee is ready."

The young man gave his uncle a sketch of his hardships and mishaps, to which the good marquis listened very attentively, and which occupied some few minutes, when, just as he was finishing by mentioning his application at the cottage for shelter, Helen Montauban entered.

She was beautiful and self-possessed as ever. A calm smile parted her lips and lighted her fine eyes, as she approached, and, saluting her father, gave to Louis, who advanced to meet her, her hand.

"My charming cousin!" exclaimed the young man, warmly, taking the offered hand and kissing with deferential affection, the fair cheek of the lady—"my dear Helen, this is truly delightful. I am very happy to behold you again. How do you do?"

"Well, Monsieur Louis, I thank you. And you?"

"Admirably, my dear friend." And he seated himself by her side.

"You have, then, arrived at the chateau at length, Louis? It is some time since we saw you," she said, regarding him with polite interest.

"Yes; it is a long time, I think, since we met, and I could not deny myself the pleasure of giving you a visit to the chateau."

"Your journey, I trust, was a favorable one?"

"A few drawbacks, such as travelers must meet with at times, but nothing very serious."

"My dear boy," said the marquis, "what, then, do you call serious? An attack from robbers, for instance?"

"An attack!" interrupted Mademoiselle Montauban, turning a shade paler, as her glance rested quietly on the face of Louis—"an attack! how, Monsieur Louis? You have been in actual danger?"

"No, my dear Helen—no," the count hastened to say. "I was merely requested to deliver my purse, a simple affair,

## 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.

Roosevelt will change the policy of appointing consuls so it will be on a merit basis.

The governor of Colorado has ordered troops to the scene of the mining strike at Cripple creek.

A Kansas City negro drowned himself to escape lynching from an assault on a white woman.

Legation guards at Constantinople have been increased, and, if necessary, marines will be landed.

Turkey is making strenuous efforts to locate the assassin of Vice Consul Magesse. Many arrests have been made.

A South Carolina train went through a bridge, killing six and injuring 47.

Senator Hanna has almost recovered from his illness and is able to be out.

At the Fort Riley, Kan., maneuvers of the army, 14,000 men will participate.

The Alaskan boundary commissioners have held their first meeting and organized.

An effort to launch the Lanley airship with failure owing to a broken valve.

Macedonian rebels have issued a proclamation, in which they assert confidence of gaining their liberty.

Chicago babies are said to acquire a taste for liquor through milk from cows fed on corn mash from distilleries.

President Roosevelt has received hundreds of telegrams congratulating him on his narrow escape from assassination.

Seven prisoners in the Seattle city jail escaped. One, being unable to obtain money for his breakfast, returned.

Rebels in Caviet, Philippine islands, are again showing signs of activity and troops have been sent to the scene from Manila.

Portland hold up men robbed a man under an electric light in the very heart of the city a few evenings ago while there were many people within a short distance.

The arbitrators in the Venezuelan claims case is in session.

Surveyor General Eagleson, of Idaho, is to be removed from office.

The commandant of the Puget sound navy yard asks for appropriations of nearly \$3,000,000.

The Columbia river bar shows much improvement. There is nearly a foot more water now than this time last year.

A new disease similar to bubonic plague has broken out in Cuba and is puzzling doctors who are unable to do anything with it.

The third attempt to sail the third race of the present series was a failure on account of lack of wind. The boats did not even start.

A Japanese steamer would not allow the American gunboat Stanley Dollar to land at a Korean port. She was under charter by a Russian firm to load lumber.

A war is on between rival steamers from Portland to the Dalles. The passenger rate has been lowered to 25 cents and freight is carried for one dollar a ton.

The negro suffrage association, of Boston, declares Booker T. Washington is not a fit leader for the race and has asked Roosevelt not to take his counsel if he would hold the colored vote.

Ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, has been refused a new trial.

The present summer is the coldest ever experienced in New York.

All teamsters in Seattle are on a strike and other unions threaten to join.

Philadelphia and Baltimore have combined in an effort to hold the export trade.

Peru will prohibit the immigration of members of the religious orders expelled from France.

Colombia is facing a serious uprising of her subjects. The rejection of the Panama canal treaty is given as the cause.

Russo-Japanese negotiations are making headway and there is no doubt that they will soon be brought to a satisfactory issue.

The wind was again too light for a race Monday, but the Reliance was farther ahead of Shamrock than in any previous race.

German socialists are in a lively wrangle as to the policy they will pursue in the reichstag.

The appointment of M. Witte by the czar to be president of the council of ministers is regarded by many as a victory for the war party.

The copyright of "Peaceful Henry," a new musical hit, has been purchased by the publishers of "Hiawatha" for \$5,000.

Minister Leishman's demands on Turkey for attempted assassination of the vice consul bring quieting answers.

## OLD CUP IS SAFE.

### Reliance Wins Last Race of Series From Shamrock III.

New York, Sept. 4.—The Reliance, the American cup defender, yesterday won the third and final race and the series for that famous sea trophy, the America's cup. In a dense fog, which prevented vision beyond 200 yards, she finished the race at 5:30:02, amid the acclamations of the assembled fleet. The Shamrock III, after running for more than an hour in the fog, missed the finishing line, passed by it, and returned to it from the opposite direction. As the Reliance was then being towed through the fleet, the yacht's ensign fluttering from her truck and spreaders in celebration of her victory, the Shamrock III did not cross the finish line.

As often said of the historic race, when America won the cup there was no second. This result was achieved only after four futile attempts to sail off the final race, and after the outcome had been admitted by even Sir Thomas Lipton to be a foregone conclusion.

Yesterday's was the eighth attempt to sail a race. After one fluke, the Reliance won the two following races, one by seven minutes and three seconds, and the other by one minute and 19 seconds. A week ago the first attempt to sail the third race failed, and attempts have been made every day this week. On these occasions the Reliance led the Shamrock to the finish line by two miles, but failed to reach it before the expiration of the time limit of five and a half hours.

Yesterday's victory means that the cup is destined to remain in America until England is able to produce a genius equal to Herreshoff in yacht designing.

Rarely, if ever, has there been a more spectacular finish than the Reliance's yesterday. After racing for more than an hour at terrific speed through a blinding fog, the Reliance burst through the wall of mist upon the vision of the spectators on the fleet assembled at the finish line and reeling under a belling balloon jib top-sail, with her lee rail awash, flew across the finish line fully three miles ahead of the Shamrock, almost before the spectators could determine for a certainty that it was her. Once more the Yankee boat had added to the long string of victories in contests for the honored old silver trophy that carried with it the blue ribbon of the sea.

## KILL AT WILL.

### Turks Stop at Nothing in Macedonia—Consuls Fear for Lives.

London, Sept. 5.—The Daily Mail's correspondent wires from Monastir, under date of August 31, telling of an ineffectual attempt he made to penetrate the Albanian corjon and reach Armenko. He was threatened with death and compelled to return under guard. He gives numerous instances of Turkish brutality and treachery. The villagers of Armenko were massacred before a single insurgent visited the place. The inhabitants of the village of Nevolkas, near Florina, were butchered while on their way to Florina under guard, after having surrendered on a guarantee of immunity.

At Florina, continues the correspondent, the Christians are in a state of abject fear, and are handicapped by a bigoted Greek metropolitan, who orders them to stay in the village and not to flee, with the result that the savage soldiers murder them by scores. The European residents of Monastir, including the consuls, are in a state of great anxiety. Many, including the Italian consul, have recently been insulted by soldiers.

Operations commenced last Thursday on an organized scale against the insurgents, and bodies of troops are operating in all directions, out no details have yet been received.

## More Offices Than Voters.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 5.—The approaching city election at Hobson City, the negro colony near Anniston, will disclose a peculiar state of affairs. The town is run solely by negroes. Under the new constitution nearly all of the male adult inhabitants are disfranchised there now being about 20 voters, and the affairs of the town will have to be conducted by these citizens alone. As there are nearly as many offices to be filled as there are voters, the candidates will virtually elect themselves.

## Postal Investigation Nearing End.

Washington, Sept. 5.—Postmaster General Payne said today that when the federal grand jury in this city disposes of the postoffice cases now before it the investigation in Washington will be practically concluded, leaving matters in New York still to be closed. He said he hoped to have the entire postoffice investigation ended and Mr. Bristol's report in by the first of October. The grand jury was in session a short while today.

## Will Carry Exhibits Free.

San Francisco, Sept. 5.—The Southern Pacific and Wells-Fare express announce that they will carry free to Ogdan all exhibits to be shown in connection with the national irrigation congress. The Southern Pacific today sent out notices to all county boards of trade in the state in regard to its offer of free transportation of exhibits.

## HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

### IRRIGATION CONGRESS PRIZES.

#### Silver Loving Cups for Agricultural Exhibits.

Governor Chamberlain is in receipt of a letter from Chairman Fred J. Keisel, of the executive committee of the National Irrigation congress, calling attention to the four \$500 prizes to be awarded at the session of the congress in September. The prizes are silver loving cups, one for the best exhibit of hops, one for the best showing of barley, one for the best display of varied fresh fruits, and one for the best showing of sugar beets, with the highest percentage of sugar. The cup to be given for the best display of fruit is described as being 23 inches in height and weighs 270 ounces. It is of silver and represents the Goddess Pomona distributing the kindly fruits of the earth.

The letter urges Governor Chamberlain to be present, if possible, and to see that Oregon is fully represented, as the subject discussed will be of great importance to this state. It will probably not be convenient for Governor Chamberlain to go to Ogdan to attend the Congress, which meets September 15.

### BIG PLANT AT COTTAGE GROVE.

#### To Work the Largest Cinnabar Deposit in America.

A 300-ton quicksilver plant is going up on the Black Butte mines near Cottage Grove, in which G. B. Dennis, of Spokane, is interested.

"Four years of uninterrupted development," said Mr. Dennis, "has exposed the most extensive imbedding of cinnabar ore in the American continent if not in the world. The work represents an expenditure of nearly \$500,000.

"The Black Butte quicksilver mines are located in Lane county, some 18 miles from Cottage Grove. During the four years 12,000 feet of work has been done, which includes a vertical shaft to the 1000-foot level. At each 100-foot station a drift running on the foot wall has been driven either side of the shaft the full length of the pay shoot, 227 feet, and at each level the ledge has been crosscut for its full width of 80 feet.

"The average of the ore is about 16 in quicksilver or \$10 a ton, and there is now blocked out more than \$2,000,000 in quicksilver. The present 40-ton smelting or distilling plant is being enlarged to a 300-ton capacity and the mine equipped with a complete electrical waterpower plant, furnishing power and light, which places the property in position for working upon a very large scale."

### WARNER VALLEY CONTROVERSY.

#### Settlers Are Very Anxious Over the Outcome of It.

A number of residents of Warner Valley, Lake County, were in Salem recently to interview members of the state land board regarding the outcome of the controversy over the possession of their homes. The litigation before the federal land department resulted in favor of the Warner Valley Stock company. The settlers claimed a homestead right while the company claimed under a purchase from the state under the swamp land laws. The settlers, having been defeated, asked the board to aid them in retaining the homes they had taken. The board listened to arguments and has taken the matter up for advisement. In the meantime Governor Chamberlain telegraphed the federal land department not to issue a patent conveying the land to the state until he requested it. The land company cannot secure title to the land until a patent issues to the state.

### Coming Events.

- M. A. A. C. carnival, Portland, September 14-26.
- Multnomah Fair Association races, Irvington track, September 21-26.
- Teachers' institutes—Bevins, September 7-9; Seaton, September 9-11; Vale, September 10-12; Oregon City, September 15-17; Klamath Falls, September 23-30; Lakeview, October 1-3, and Hillsboro, October 28-30.
- Oregon National Guard encampment, September 3-12; Third Infantry, Gearhart Park, September 4-11; Roseburg, September 8-12.
- Carnival, Oregon City, September 5-8.
- Labor Day, Portland, September 7.
- State convention of mining men, Portland, September 7.
- Joint concatenation of Hoo Hoos, Portland, September 8-9.
- Lincoln County Fair, Toledo, September 10-12.
- State Fair, Salem, September 14-19.
- Woolgrowers' Association, Baker City, September 14-18.
- Harney County Fair, Burns, September 14-18.
- Races, Astoria, September 17-19.
- Stock exhibit and race meet, Portland, September 21-26.
- Fair, Toledo, September 22-24.
- Second Eastern Oregon District Fair, The Dalles, September 22-26.
- Carnival, Pendleton, September 26-October 1.
- Carnival, The Dalles, September 28-October 3.
- Second Southern Oregon District Fair, Eugene, September 29-October 3.
- Race meet, Sumpter, October 1-5.
- Klamath County Fair, Klamath Falls, October 6-9.
- Crook County Jockey Club meet, Prineville, October 27-29.
- Scotch reunion, Fossil, October 27.

### Five Contest Cases.

Five contest cases, involving 800 acres of valuable timber land, located 25 miles east of Albany, are engaging the attention of the Oregon City land office. The cases are of more than ordinary interest, since the lands upon which a commuted proof and cash receipts were issued in January, 1902, have since been sold to disinterested parties. Contestants now appear before the land office officials and allege that the persons making proof on the lands failed to maintain a residence on the premises and resorted to irregular practices in making final proof.

### Looking for Dam Sites.

Civil Engineer F. H. Newell, chief of the United States reclamation service, with a party of advisers consisting of Civil Engineers J. B. Lippincott, of Los Angeles, Cal., who is in charge of the reclamation surveys in California; H. N. Savage, consulting engineer, and John T. Whistler, in charge of the Oregon work, are in the neighborhood of Westfall and Willow Creek to investigate the proposed sites for government reservoirs in Malheur county.

### New Building for Ashland Normal.

The Southern Oregon state normal school will open for the coming year on September 14. President Mulkey, who has been traveling extensively over the state in the interest of the institution, says the prospects for attendance are the brightest in its history. The new academic and administration building, provided for by the last legislature, is being struck to completion. It will be a fine structure and will cost about \$80,000.

### School District Bonds Bought.

The state land board has completed its sixth purchase of school district bonds, the last purchase being \$350,000 of bonds of school district No. 1, Jackson county. The bonds bear 5 per cent interest.

## BRICK SUPPLY EQUALS DEMAND.

### The force of workmen has completed the burning of a kiln of 300,000 bricks, and now the supply of material is sufficient to keep construction work in progress at the penitentiary, reform school and asylum. At each of these places the new buildings and additions are under construction. Superintendent James says that although the contract for the construction of an execution chamber at the prison does not require its completion before January 1, the building will be ready for use before that time, and so far as he can see now, it will be ready before the date of any hanging now in prospect.

## Hood River Apples Contracted.

Joseph A. Wilson, manager of the Hood River Applegrowers' Union, has just consummated a \$20,000 apple sale. The Davidson Fruit and Canning Company is the purchaser, and has deposited \$1000 to bind the sale. The price for fancy four-tier Spitzsbergers is \$2 a box; yellow Newtons, \$1.80, the apples to be delivered at railway at picking time. Before the recent organization of the union, buyers were paying \$1.45 a box for Spitzsbergers. This is the largest fruit sale ever made in Hood River.

## Much Building at Ashland.

It is estimated that the value of building improvements just completed, or now under way, in Ashland, will reach \$50,000, and the high tide of building activity in that city for the past two or three years promises to be equalled before the close of the present season. A number of new business buildings have recently been completed and many new and substantial residences are now in course of construction throughout the city.

## Sales of School Land.

Though sales of school land have practically ceased, the receipts of the land department are undiminished. The monthly statement, made by Clerk George G. Brown, shows that for August the collections were \$30,036.11, or over \$1000 a day. This is equal to the normal receipts while school land was selling. The money now coming in is composed chiefly of deferred payments on sales heretofore made.

## Will Pack Meat on a Large Scale.

Rehor and Hulac of Omaha, Neb., have bought out Kerr & Housler's meat market and cold storage plant at McMinnville. They are making arrangements to carry on an extensive pork and meat packing business. McMinnville was their choice, due to extensive stock raising the farmers have gone into this last four or five years. Yamhill county has ten times the stock today it had six years ago.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

- Wheat—Walla Walla, 78c; blue-stem, 80c; 82c; valley, 80c.
- Flour—Valley, \$3.65@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$3.60@4.00; hard wheat, patents, \$4.10@4.50; graham, \$3.35@3.75; whole wheat, \$3.55@4.00; rye wheat, \$4.50.
- Barley—Feed, \$20.00@21.00 per ton; brewing, \$21; rolled, \$21@21.50.
- Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.07 1/2; gray, \$1.00@1.05 per cental.
- Millstuffs—Bran, \$22 per ton; middlings, \$25; shorts, \$22; chop, \$18; linseed dairy food, \$19.
- Hay—Timothy, \$14.00 per ton; clover, nominal; grain, \$10; chest, nominal.
- Butter—Fancy creamery, 22 1/2@25c per pound; dairy, 18@20c; store, 15c.
- Cheese—Full cream, twins, 14c; Young America, 15c; factory prices, 10 1/2@15c less.
- Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 11 1/2@12c per pound; spring, 14@14 1/2c; hens, 12@12 1/2c; broilers, 12@12c per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@10c per pound; dressed, 14@15c; ducks, \$4@4.50 per dozen; geese, \$5@6.50.
- Eggs—Oregon ranch, 19c.
- Potatoes—Oregon, 75@85c per sack; sweet potatoes, 6c per pound.
- Wheat Sacks—In lots of 100, 5 1/2c.
- Beef—Gross steers, \$3.75@4.25; dressed, 6@7c per pound.
- Veal—8 1/2c per pound.
- Mutton—Gross, \$3; dressed, 5@5 1/2c; lambs, gross, \$3.50; dressed, 6c.
- Hogs—Gross, \$5.50@5.75; dressed, 8c.
- Hops—1902 crop, 20c per pound.
- Tallow—Prime, per pound, 4@5c; No. 2 and gross, 2 1/2@3c.
- Wool—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c; mohair, 35@37 1/2c.