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

A TRUE STORY OF THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

### CHAPTER VI.

A month passed. Louis had intended to leave the chateau at the expiration of a month. It went by, but still he lingered; and, as he had no pressing business elsewhere, he said to himself that the summer might wear away as well here as in places where he might not like so well to stay. So he was in no hurry to depart.

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silent on the subject until then. For whoever had fired this shot at him was an enemy, since he could not bring himself to believe the deed unintentional. And what enemy had he besides Gasparde?

Louis passed several days in deep reflection. A doublet occupied his attention, which was, in part, the discovery of the present whereabouts of Gasparde, whom he believed to be in the neighborhood without the knowledge of Hugh Lamonte; the other point the reader will presently understand.

A half-perfect scheme was in progress of completion. For a time, as we have said, he meditated on this, and finally laid it out to his own satisfaction. By this time his arm was almost entirely healed. He had remained in his usual out-of-door amusements, taking good care, however, to avoid every place where a foe might lie concealed.

Some careless inquiries which he made of Rose and her father, assured him that, even if Gasparde were in the neighborhood, they were unconscious of it. He resolved to set a watch, however, to ascertain the amount of correctness in his suspicions.

One day, very shortly after the occurrences above recorded, Louis received letters from Lyons which seemed to interest him very deeply. Business of some importance, he announced, obliged him to leave the chateau sooner than he had intended. The good marquis expressed the utmost concern and regret at hearing this.

"Why, my dear Louis," said he, "I know nothing concerning the person you speak of. Why will you go? Surely you can submit to your agent, or avocet, all affairs of business for the present."

"My dear uncle, the case is imperative," answered the count.

"Then, as soon as this affair is transacted, will you return to us? I will hear of no refusal."

"I promise you, monsieur, I will return," said the count.

Helen Montauban had waited silently for the decision. She made no attempt to urge Louis to prolong his stay. She did not express a regret at the announcement of his intended departure on the following day; but a closer observer might have seen the emotion which she felt.

And she received the parting kiss of her handsome cousin with a smile which indicated that she was not sorry to see him go. "Adieu, sweet cousin!"

"Louis," said the marquis, as he accompanied his nephew to the gate of the court, "you must mind and come back as soon as possible. If the plan which I mention to the other day succeeds, Rose will be the inmate of the chateau before winter. Poor little Rose! one cannot but wish to see her in such circumstances as seem more befitting her. Helen needs a friend and companion, too, and both will be benefited. If Hugh Lamonte will consent to let her, she shall come, and I will see that she is well cared for."

Slowly rode master and man down the valley to the little inn by the roadside, which he had just left. He was dismounted. He did so, he did so, there came from an inner room a young man, who, appearing at the door, made a respectful obeisance to Louis, saying:

"Ah! monsieur; you see I am punctual."

"Good!" answered the count. "How long have you been here, I think?"

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into something like conversation: "You think, then, monsieur le comte, that I shall get employment somewhere about here?"

"O, doubtless—doubtless, Robin!" was the reply. "You will have my certificate of character, if it is required; but your face will do as well, if I am not mistaken."

"Well—well! I need not tell you to be have yourself, Robin. I wish that you may meet with good fortune."

"Thank you, monsieur," returned the other, gratefully. "I shall endeavor to do credit to your recommendation."

"Ah—well!" muttered Francois, crossly, as he mounted his own little hack, and glanced surlily enough toward his master; "if young people will turn into wild geese, I do not know who will re- pent but themselves."

On the day of the count's departure from the Chateau Montauban, there stopped at the cottage of Hugh Lamonte a young peasant, dressed in coarse but neat garb, and carrying across his shoulder a heavy stick, on which swung a bundle neatly tied up in a large cotton handkerchief.

This person was of something above the medium height, light and athletic in form, and with straight, shapely limbs, whose grace and activity his rude dress could not conceal. His countenance was a fine, frank and pleasing one; the features indisputably handsome, and the complexion slightly darkened, evidently by exposure to sun and wind; while the simple openness and honesty of his manner could not fail to please one.

At the invitation of Hugh Lamonte he entered and sat down, stating that he had come from Avallon, and desired to obtain employment in this neighborhood.

"What kind of employment do you seek?" asked Hugh.

"I am a gardener, monsieur," answered the young man, respectfully, "and if I could have the care of a garden somewhere about here—"

"But," interrupted Hugh, in a thoughtful tone, "we do not need gardeners about here. Up in the village, where the people are, a few farmers, they have care of their own gardens. Besides, it is late in the season for that work."

The young man blushed as he returned: "O, I know that, monsieur—I know that; but I would be willing to work for so much the less."

"Good! But still, I think it is not very likely that you will find employment of that kind. If it were the spring instead of near the autumn now, perhaps the marquis might take you. But as it is, you must think of something else. You are really in need of work, I suppose?"

"Yes, monsieur. I bring a certificate from my former master."

"Who was he?"

"The Comte d'Artois, monsieur."

"The Comte d'Artois?" Hugh regarded the young man fixedly for a moment, till the red color flushed into his cheeks again. "Let me see your certificate, if you please," he said.

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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.

King Victor Emmanuel's visit to Paris will have no political significance.

South Africa faces hard times because of severe drought and overstocking.

The University of Chicago has begun its fall term with about 2,500 students, a record attendance.

The Philippine Bureau reports success in its experiments for the raising of cotton and jute, especially the latter.

A cloudburst at Pratt, Kan., worked great damage to crops. An ordinary stream was a mile wide for a time.

The number of aliens arriving at Ellis Island last month was 47,582, an excess of 5,543 over the corresponding month last year.

Two jurgymen at Bloomington, Ill., have been arrested for soliciting a bribe in a \$6,000 damage suit against Chicago grain brokers.

The Danish ministry will urge the rebuilding of the great palace of Christiansborg, which was burned 20 years ago, as a gift to the aged king.

The Pennsylvania railroad company is advertising for bids on the tunnels under the North and East rivers and Manhattan island, by which it proposes to enter New York.

An amicable settlement of the strike at the Chicago stockyards is now expected.

The Merchants & Farmers national bank of Byron, Neb., was robbed of \$2,000.

Fire destroyed the Norfolk & Western hotel, 12 residences and a brewing company's plant, at Williamson, W. Va. Loss, \$50,000.

R. Ray, a Chicago watchman, killed one of four men who attempted to hold him up on his way home, and escaped unharmed.

A band of Russianized Chinese brigands raided Takusan and kidnaped 15 wealthy Chinese, whom they are holding for ransom.

W. A. Richards, ex-deputy United States marshal at Des Moines, Ia., has been sentenced to 18 years in the penitentiary for robbery.

### TROUBLE THE INDIANS.

Eastern Oregon White Men Let Stock Stray Onto Reservation.

Washington, Oct. 3.—Considerable difficulty has been experienced at the Umatilla Indian agency, in Eastern Oregon, during the past year, because of the persistence with which white men, living east and south of the reservation, have allowed their cattle to stray upon the reservation.

Many complaints of this trespass were made to Bonded Superintendent Charles Wilkins, in charge, who has advised the Indian office that this trespass has been to the detriment of the interests of the Indians. Orders from him have in many instances put a stop to the trespass, but not always.

"Should the same trouble be experienced in the future," says Wilkins, "I will endeavor to have the trespassing animals driven in and impounded, and charge the owners feed in order to redeem their stock. This plan will perhaps once for all result in stopping the nuisance."

Superintendent Wilkins also advises the Indian office that the attendance at the government school at Umatilla showed a marked falling off in attendance during the past year, while the attendance at the Kate Drexel school showed a corresponding increase. This showing in favor of the Catholic mission he attributes to the abrogation of the "Browning rule," whereby Indian parents can now exercise the privilege of sending their children to the school they desire.

NO WAR FOR TIME AT LEAST.

Turkey Gives Assurance That It Will Negotiate With Bulgaria.

Paris, Oct. 3.—Official advices from the Balkans show two distinct signs that war will be averted at least until spring. First, the Bulgarian revolutionary committee has made overtures to the Bulgarian government, and unless hostilities are actually undertaken within the next fortnight, all the preparations will be suspended until spring.

Second, M. Natchevie, Bulgarian envoy at Constantinople, has agreed to take up the negotiations. He at first refused to act on the ground that Turkey gave no assurances of a desire for an adjustment.

GIVE PREFERENCE TO PESOS.

Army Officers Instructed to Encourage Use of Philippine Currency.

Washington Oct. 3.—General Young, chief of staff, has sent a cablegram to General Wade, commanding in the Philippines, advising that he encourage in every legitimate way the use of the Philippine currency. Following is the text of the cablegram to General Wade:

"Referring to the telegram from your office of the 3d inst., you are advised that while the Philippine coinage law does not modify the legal requirements of the revised statutes of the United States, the secretary of war directs you to encourage in all proper ways the use and circulation of all new currency. To that end you will cause contracts to be made in Philippine pesos, in all practical cases, to the exclusion of Mexican and other forms of local exchange."

BARRACKS FOR RUSSIANS.

Chinese Building Accommodations for Russian Force at Port Arthur.

London, Oct. 3.—The Hong Kong correspondent of the Daily Mail learns that 10,000 Chinese laborers are building barracks for Port Arthur for 50,000 additional Russian troops and that feverish haste is being displayed in every direction.

The Daily Mail considers the dispatch of Japanese troops to Corea a grave move on the part of Japan. The troops are intended to guard her telegraph lines, but it means the occupation of Corea, which Japan will probably refuse to evacuate until Russia evacuates Manchuria. This, adds the newspaper, means a permanent occupation, as it is not expected that Russia will leave Manchuria.

### HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

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