

The Contrabandist; OR One Life's Secret!

A TRUE STORY OF THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

CHAPTER VIII.—(Continued.)

The next day Robin came again. "Rose," he said, "I saw, yesterday, going away from here, when I was coming before, a man whom I think I have seen before. Do you know who it was?" "You mean, I think, Gaspard, my cousin. But hush—here he comes."

And at that moment the individual designated entered the cottage door. He made a civil obeisance to Rose and the young man, and accosting Hugh, requested, in a low tone, to speak with him alone.

The two retired, as before, to the garden. There a somewhat lengthy conference was held, during which time Rose and Robin were conversing together indoors, and Gaspard's name was not frequently mentioned in the course of their dialogue. The young man seemed to be somewhat interested in him, and asked several questions concerning him, by which he gathered the knowledge that Gaspard had some time very deeply defiled both Rose and her father; but he also heard of his having come the previous day to make apologies for so doing.

And, meanwhile, Hugh ended the colloquy between himself and Gaspard in the garden, when they prepared to re-enter the house. The countenance of the former was gloomier and darker than ever.

"Captain," said the man, "I don't remember having seen that person in the kitchen before. I suppose I don't think it important if I ask you who he is?"

"He is to become the husband of Rose," returned Hugh. "His name is Robin Marron." And he glanced closely at the countenance of his companion to detect some signal of his feelings at this announcement. But all was undisturbed as there.

"So Rose is to be married?" said Gaspard. "Well, he will make her an excellent husband, I hope; and I wish her much happiness, with all my heart. I suppose, monsieur, you have not forgotten the time when I wished so earnestly to marry Rose myself—have you? But," he continued, "I am going to be married to another young girl, at some distance from here, shortly."

And the lie was believed. They went in, and Gaspard remained a short time longer, affecting an air of the most perfect friendliness towards Robin. And when he took his departure, to return to the village, Robin accompanied him. They went along the road talking together of one thing and another in a careless way, speaking on a great many subjects, and dwelling on none long, till they came to a little grove, past which the road ran, about half way between the cottage and the village.

"A pleasant place yonder," observed Robin, nodding his head towards it.

"Yes—yes; pleasant enough," responded Gaspard; "but I dare say there are pleasanter places."

"Just so, my friend," rejoined the young man; "you are right. And those that have more agreeable associations, as well. For instance, if a man had been shot there by an unseen enemy, the place wouldn't be quite so attractive as many another."

He glanced casually at the face of his companion as he said it; but beneath the careless tone and manner was a meaning, and in that glance he read, like lightning, and the expression of Gaspard's face. It was one of sudden, startled uneasiness. The man looked quickly up at him, without answer. The effect was satisfactory. Robin went on:

"I had a master formerly, who was, one day, wounded in the manner which I have described, and in that very wood which we have passed."

"And he told you about it?" said Gaspard, watching Robin closely.

"You are right. He told me about it."

"Did he guess who fired at him?"

"I suppose so. Though he kept it to himself. He said he meant to punish the rogue who had shot him."

"Who was your master, I may ask?"

"The Comte d'Artois. You may have heard of him possibly. But I must bid you adieu, my friend; for here I am at the farm."

"Adieu," returned Gaspard; and he continued his route, muttering, "I have you now, my master! You think I am cowed—do you? Ah! wait—only wait! You are taking a great deal of trouble to win my pretty cousin; but I shall have her yet! Only time—time. I will let you just grasp the prize, and then tear it from you. The later my vengeance, the sweeter it will be!"

It was sunset again, and our pretty heroine, Rose Lamonte, was returning from the Chateau Montauban, whither she had gone early in the afternoon to see Mademoiselle Montauban, who, she was told by her father, wished to speak with her on a matter of importance. With a light and happy heart, Rose had gone to meet the lady, and, three or four hours afterwards, was returning home, with tears in her eyes, and a step very different from that usual with her. Walking slowly along, wrapped in sorrowful meditation, she was suddenly aroused by the voice of Robin pronouncing her name. He was just going down to the cottage.

"Why, what all you, my Rose?" he asked, tenderly. "You are weeping! Why is this?"

"O, Robin, my father is going away!" was her sad answer.

"Going away? Ah, how sorry I am for you, dear child! But how soon is he going, and where will he go to?"

"I do not know. He did not tell me; Mademoiselle Helen told me, and she knew nothing further than that I have just said to you. But I am afraid it will be very soon." And the tears chased each other over her fair cheeks.

"Why did he not acquaint you with this fact, Rose?"

"Indeed, I do not know. Perhaps he had not the courage. Poor papa! And besides, the Marquis and Mademoiselle Montauban are to keep me at the chateau until he returns; that was why she wished me to stay."

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.

Advertising, like irrigation, must be kept up. One application may do some good, but it takes several to mature the crop.

The Russian squadron has returned to Port Arthur.

The entire Philippine exhibit is now at St. Louis. There were 50 carloads in all.

More alarmist reports are being sent out concerning the Russo-Japanese situation.

Bar pilots, after spending a day in taking soundings, find there is 19 feet of water on the Columbia bar at low tide.

John Alexander Dowie and 3,000 of his followers have reached New York where they intend to convert the unbelievers.

Congressman Jones, of Washington, will follow the wish of his constituency and vote for Cuban reciprocity, although opposing it.

Convicts Wood and Murphy, who with others escaped from Folsom, Cal., penitentiary and were recaptured have been held to answer to the charge of murder.

Senator Hansborough, of North Dakota, will introduce a bill for the sale of timber lands at auction, and requiring final proof before desert entries can be transferred.

After being out 20 hours the jury in the Tillman case returned a verdict of not guilty.

Moroccan rebels have won another victory, and the position of the sultan is becoming desperate.

The interstate commerce commission has granted several railroads more time for compliance with the safety-appliance law.

The sultan of Turkey is considering the recommendation of the porte for Turkish participation in the St. Louis exposition.

Through sleeping car service between Chicago and Los Angeles and San Francisco and between Chicago and Galveston is to be established by the Wabash.

An extra freight east bound passed over the powder during the night without exploding it.

The dynamite was discovered early this morning by section men, flattened into thin sheets in its frozen condition. It had been placed under the rail, the fishplates of which had been removed.

The train that passed over the powder was pulled by Engineer Moffit, who said that the track appeared to be all right.

Chief of detectives McFetridge, of St. Paul, in charge of the Northern Pacific detectives and officers, left with a pack of bloodhounds soon after the finding of the powder was reported.

George Hammond, suspected of being implicated in the dynamite explosions on the Northern Pacific, was arrested this morning half a mile from where the explosive was found on the track and brought to Helena and put in jail. He was found in a deserted barn with his horse by Detective McFetridge.

He was armed with a Colt's revolver and had a belt full of cartridges. He says he worked in Colorado a year ago and was injured in an accident in the Sun & Moon mine, and came into the hills to get a rest. He confessed to stealing supplies in the vicinity where he was found.

Two other arrests have been made in the same vicinity, but the names of the men are not known, and they will not be brought to town until late tonight.

Will Vote on Strike.
Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 19.—Strained relations exist between the Canadian Pacific management and its engineers and firemen, and a strike may result. A committee has been at Montreal for some time endeavoring to secure concessions from the company, but so far the negotiations have resulted in naught. The committee returned to Winnipeg and a big meeting of representatives of the engineers and firemen was held today, at which it was decided to take a poll of the men on the question of striking.

Refugees Must be Aided.
Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 19.—The ministry of the interior has sent a circular to the local authorities intimating that, as there are 20,000 destitute refugees in the frontier districts dependent upon the government and private charity, measures must be taken to domicile them in various parts of the country during the winter, pending the completion of arrangements with Turkey for their repatriation. The work will be entrusted to local committees.

Japan Not Willing.
London, Oct. 17.—The Kobe correspondent to the Daily Mail telegraphs under date of October 15 that it is reported Russia has offered to relinquish her claims in Corea, but insists upon retaining Manchuria. It is stated that Japan has refused to accede to this proposition.

LOSS OVER A MILLION.

Entire Business Portion of Aberdeen is Destroyed by Fire.

Aberdeen, Oct. 17.—Seven solid blocks, embracing every business house of prominence in Aberdeen, a large number of dwellings, the opera house, the central school building, the Edison and Olympus theatres, the Crescent hotel, the new fire department headquarters, the council chambers, the fire alarm system, every law office, and a hospital—all were included in a district covered by a fire which started yesterday in the Mack block on Hume street. The loss is estimated at not less than \$1,000,000, and the insurance is not more than one-third.

There were four fatalities from falling walls and suffocation and five other persons were slightly injured. All the buildings burned, except the Kauffman block, were of wood, and only vacant areas of land here and there prevented the entire town from being fuel for the flames.

The fire started in the Mack block, a three story structure, occupied by impoverished bachelors, who cooked their meals on small oil stoves. In one of these rooms a blaze was seen but before the department got to work the interior was a mass of flames. Two lives were lost in the building.

The lack of sufficient hose and the failure of the big new engine to work properly kept the fire department from saving property and dynamite was used at several points to stop the progress of the fire.

The arrival of the departments of Montesano and Hoquiam and a large corps of volunteers from each place helped materially in getting the fire under control. The fortunate circumstance of the fire is that no mill property was burned and no one is thrown out of employment, except store clerks and this will be but temporarily.

While the fire will be severely felt by all business men it is looked upon in one sense as being auspicious for the future of the city as the council will establish a fire district and permit only the erection of brick and stone buildings.

TRAILED BY HOUNDS.
Two Dynamite Suspects are Arrested Near Helena.
Helena, Mont., Oct. 19.—Six sticks of dynamite were found on the Blue mountains district. Not for years has wheat been planted so early as it is this year. Some of the grain is already above the ground and so rapidly are the farmers rushing the work all seeding will be completed by the end of this month. The rains of a few days ago put the ground in excellent condition. The acreage planted this year is about the same as last year. Some of the wheat this year, however, was spring sown, but there will be less of that for the 1904 crop.

Cascara Hunters Disappointed.
Corvallis—Corvallisites who went to Alose and Fachts region in search of cascara homesteads are returning home. They did not generally meet with the success they anticipated. Cascara tree locators whom they were to pay \$50 for each quarter located failed to place them on lands that promised to justify the required outlay. None of those who returned have as yet filed home-stead papers. Something over six sections of land have, however, been filed on under the homestead arrangement within the immediate past.

Governor Bestows Some Honors.
Salem—Governor Chamberlain has appointed the following residents of Oregon as delegates to the Mississippi River Improvement association convention: Dr. S. M. Hanby, J. Wesley Ladd, W. L. Brewster, John Van Zante, William Reid, Phil Herz, Portland; W. M. Kaiser, Salem; Mose Fouchs, I. B. Bowen, Baker City; E. O. Oliver, Portland; Eugene Schow, La Grande; Owen Caraher, Portland. The convention will be held at New Orleans October 27.

Few Hop Sales in Polk County.
Independence—There are large quantities of hops stored in the warehouses here and but few have been sold. A part of some of the crops were contracted last year and have been delivered. Some few growers have sold and have sold well. Those selling have received from 24 cents to 25½ cents per pound. The latter price seems to be the highest that has been paid in the county yet. Many are holding, expecting to get even better figures than 25½ cents.

Apportionment of School Funds.
Albany—The Linn county school fund has been apportioned among the various school districts by County School Superintendent W. L. Jackson. The total amount of the fund is \$6,399.30, and it has been apportioned among 22 districts. The amounts range from \$132.06, which is the sum set aside for the smallest district to \$2,183.70, the amount that will support the district embracing the three Albany schools.

Building Material Scarce.
La Grande—La Grande is in a bad way for lumber and other building material. The construction of a sewer through the main business portion of the city is at a standstill for the want of lumber. Dwelling and business block building is at a standstill for the want of material. There are a number of buildings under construction, but they cannot proceed because of the shortage.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

RICH BOHEMIA LEDGE.
Shows Thousands of Tons of Quartz Carrying 7%.

Eugene—Information has been received at the office of the North Fairview Mining company, in this city, of a very rich strike that has been made in the Belle of Fairview claim, in the Bohemia district, showing probably the largest deposit of free-milling ore ever struck in this section.

Tunnels and shafts already made, block out over 100,000 tons of oxidized decomposed quartz, carrying an average of 7% per ton in free gold. The ledge is a great true fissure, and is from 18 to 40 feet wide where it has been opened. In the different cross-tunnels the ore shows continuous cropping for 2,300 feet over on the west slope of Fairview mountain, and from the present indications there are over 1,000,000 tons of the same quality as that already blocked out, and the vein is 40 feet wide at the west end of the claims, where a tunnel on the vein will tap the ore body at a vertical depth of 1,200 feet.

This ore can be mined and milled for \$1.50 per ton, which leaves a handsome profit for the owners.

TO TEACH FARMING.
A New Study for Common School Course is Proposed.

Salem—The teaching of the elements of agriculture in the common schools of Oregon is advocated by Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman. The purpose of the introduction of this study would not be to teach the children the technical side of scientific farming, but rather to give them an understanding of such elementary facts and principles as every person who resides in an agricultural country should know. Superintendent Ackerman believes that at some future time such a study should be placed in the common school course, and that before the teaching of this branch is commenced, time should be given for the teachers to prepare for the work they will be required to do. He would have every applicant for a teacher's certificate take an examination in the subject of elements of agriculture.

Seeding Season at Pendleton.
Pendleton—This is the busy season for the farmers of this portion of the Blue mountains district. Not for years has wheat been planted so early as it is this year. Some of the grain is already above the ground and so rapidly are the farmers rushing the work all seeding will be completed by the end of this month. The rains of a few days ago put the ground in excellent condition. The acreage planted this year is about the same as last year. Some of the wheat this year, however, was spring sown, but there will be less of that for the 1904 crop.

Ground in Condition for Plowing.
Salem—The rains of the past week have moistened the ground so that it is in good condition for plowing and grain farmers will have an opportunity to get their fall work done in a seasonable time if subsequent weather should be favorable. The rain has also been beneficial to pastures. In the hills, where prune drying is late, the rains have caused some of the fruit to crack, but the loss from this cause will not be very heavy.

Johns Will Lecture on Mining.
Baker City—Hon. C. A. Johns, of this city, has received an invitation, which he has accepted, to deliver an address on the subject of mines and mining at Eugene December 16. Mr. Johns is already collecting data for his address, which will certainly be most novel and interesting. Mr. Johns is a forceful and interesting speaker.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
Wheat—Walla Walla, 74c; blue-stem, 78c; valley, 76c@77c.
Barley—Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$21; rolled, \$21.
Flour—Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$3.75@4.10; hard wheat patents, \$4.20@4.50; gram, \$3.35@3.75; whole wheat, \$3.55@4; rye wheat, \$4.50.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.10; gray, \$1@1.05 per cental.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$20 per ton; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$20; chop, \$18; linseed dairy food, \$19.
Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton; clover, \$13; grain, \$10; cheat, \$10.
Butter—Factory creamery, 25@27¢ per pound; dairy, 16¢@20¢; store, 15¢@16¢.
Cheese—Full cream, twins, 14¢; Young America, 15¢@16¢; factory prices, 10¢@15¢ less.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 10¢@10½¢ per pound; spring, 10¢; hens, 11¢@11½¢; broilers, \$1.75 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15¢@16¢ per pound; dressed, 16¢@18¢; ducks, \$6@7 per dozen; geese, \$7@10.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 27¢@28¢; Eastern, fresh, 26¢.
Potatoes—Oregon, 65¢@75¢ per sack; sweet potatoes, 2¢@2¼¢.
Hops—1903 crop, 19¢@22¢ per pound, according to quality.
Wool—Valley, 17¢@18¢; Eastern Oregon, 12¢@15¢; mohair, 35¢@37¼¢.
Beef—Dressed, 6¢@7¢ per pound.
Veal—Small, 7¢@8¢; large, 5¢@6¢ per pound.
Mutton—Dressed, 5¢@5½¢; lambs, dressed, 6¢.
Pork—Dressed, 7½¢@8¢.