An Adventure of the Scarlet Pimpernel

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STORY FROM THE START

The Scarlet Pimpernel, known during the French revolution as the most intrepid adventurer in Europe, is an Englishman. At a house party given by Sir Percy Blakeney the latest adventure of the Scarlet Pimpernel, the rescue of the Tournon-d' Agenays, is being related by Sir Andrew Ffoulkes. The Scarlet Pimpernel is really Sir Percy Blakeney, popular London dandy. The failure of Lauzet, revolutionary chief of the section in which the Scarlet Pimpernel has been operating, to prevent the escape of the Tournon-d' Agenays brings the condemnation of the government upon him. He causes the arrest of the Deseze family on a charge of treason.

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The following day was market day in Moisson, and at first Lauzet had been doubtful whether it would not be best to wait another twenty-four hours before carrying through his friend Chauvelin's project. The dawn, however, broke with ideal conditions for it; a leaden sky, a tearing wind, and torrents of rain alternating with a thin drizzle. On the whole, nature had ranged herself on the side of all those who worked their nefarious deeds under cover of semi-darkness. Lauzet, gazing out on the mournful autumnful aspect of weather and sky, felt that if the Scarlet Pimpernel did indeed meditate mischief he would choose such a day as this.

Thus it was that in the early dawn of this market day the citizens of Moisson had a sad scene to witness. Soon after seven o'clock a small crowd collected round the big, old-fashioned diligence which had drawn up outside the Deseze house in the Rue des Pipots. To right and left of the vehicle were soldiers on horseback, two on each side, mounting guard, and the man who held the reins was also in the uniform of the rural gendarmerie. Every one in the city knew this man. Charles Marie was his name, and he had begun life as a baker's assistant—a weak, anemic looking youth, who had been sent out of the army because he was no use as a fighting man, so timorous and slow witted was he.

Lately he had obtained a position as hostler at the posting inn in Mantes, because, it seems, he did know something about horses; but why he should have been chosen to drive the diligence to Paris today nobody could conjecture. He must have had a friend in high places to be so exalted above his capabilities. Anyway, there he sat on the box, looking neither to right nor left but straight between the ears of his off-leader, and not a word would he say in response to the questions, the jeers, and the taunts which came to him from his many friends in the crowd.

Soon, however, excitement centered round the porte-cochere of the Deseze house. It had suddenly been thrown wide open, and in the doorway appeared poor Citizeness Deseze, escorted by two officers of gendarmerie, and closely followed by Madeleine, her little daughter, also under guard. It was pitiable to see the poor invalid, who could scarcely stand on her half-paralyzed limbs, thus being dragged away from the home where she had lived as a happy wife and mother for close on a quarter of a century. A murmur of sympathy for these two women, and of execration for the brutality of this arrest, rose from the crowd. But it was quickly enough suppressed. Who would dare murmur openly these days, when spies of the revolutionary government lurked at every corner?

Hostile glances, however, were shot at Citizen Lauzet, who had come over that morning from Mantes and now stood by, somewhat detached from the crowd, watching the proceedings in the company of his friend Chauvelin.

"Is this in accordance with your idea?" he asked in a whisper when, presently, Chauvelin completed a quick and comprehensive examination of the diligence.

Chauvelin's only reply was a curt and peremptory "Hush!" and a furtive glance about him to see that there were no likely eavesdroppers within hearing. He knew from experience that the famous League of the Scarlet Pimpernel also had spies lurking in every corner; spies not so numerous, perhaps, as those in the pay of the committe of public safety, but a great deal more astute, and he also knew—none better—that the case of the Deseze family was just one that would appeal to the sporting or chivalrous instincts of that band of English adventurers.

But he was satisfied with the mise-en-scene organized, under his supervision, by Chief of Section Lauzet. Prominence had been given all over the department to the arrest of the Deseze family, to the worth and integrity of its head, the sickness of the wife, the charm and modesty of the daughter. Half a dozen picked men of the gendarmerie of Mantes, armed to the teeth, would join the diligence at Mantes, but they would ride inside disguised as passengers, whilst it was left for anybody to see that the coach was traveling under a feeble guard of four men, an officer, and three troopers, and was driven by a lout who was known to have no fight in him.

CHAPTER IV

The Road to Death

Lauzet had been inspired when he chose this day; a typical day in late October, with that pitiless rain lashed by a southeasterly wind that would score the roads and fret the horses. Down in the forest the diligence would have to go almost at foot pace, for the outline of every tree on the roadside would be blurred, and objects would loom like ghosts out of the mist.

Yes! The scene was set for the comedy invented by Chauvelin for the capture of his arch enemy. It only remained for the principal actors to play their roles to his satisfaction. Already the female prisoners had been hustled into the diligence amidst the sighs and tears of their sympathizers in the crowd. Poor Madam Deseze had sunk half fainting with exhaustion into the arms of her young daughter, and the two women sat huddled in the extreme corner of the vehicle, more dead than alive. And now amidst much jolting and creaking, some shouting and cursing, too, with cracking of whip and jingling of spurs, the awkward, lumbering diligence was started on its way. Some two hundred meters farther on it came to a halt once more, outside the commissariat, and here the male prisoner, Citizen Deseze himself, was made to join his family in the airless, creaking vehicle. Resigned to his own fate, he set himself the task of making the painful journey as endurable as may be to his invalid wife. Hardly realizing yet the extent of their misfortune and the imminence of their doom, the

Hostile Glances Were Shot at Citizen Lauzet.

three victims of Lauzet's cupidity and Chauvelin's vengefulness suffered their martyrdom in silence and with resignation.

The final start from Moisson had been made at eight o'clock. By this time the small city was filling with the neighboring farmers and drovers, with their cattle and their carts and vehicles of every kind, all tending either to the Place du Marche or to the various taverns for refreshment. Lauzet, accompanied by Chauvelin, had ridden back to Mantes. Just before nine o'clock the diligence rattled over the cobblestones of that city, and a halt was called at the posting inn. It was part of the program to spend some hours in Mantes, where the extra men of the gendarmerie would be picked up, and only to make a fresh start when the shades of evening were beginning to draw in. It was not to be supposed that the English brigands would launch their attack in broad daylight, and the weather did not look as if it were going to mend.

Chauvelin, of course, was there, seeing to every arrangement, with his friend Lauzet close at his elbow. He had himself picked out the six men of the gendarmerie who were to ride in disguise inside the diligence; he had inspected their disguises, added an artistic or realistic touch here and there, before he pronounced them to be good.

Finally he turned to the young officer who was in command of the party.

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Senate Pages

The page boys in the senate are paid $3.30 per day while the senate is in session. Their hours are concurrent with those of the senate, but it is necessary for them to report somewhat earlier than the hour at which the senate convenes. Their duties are those of messengers, generally. Under the laws of the District of Columbia they are required to attend school for 15 hours each week. Some attend night school and other attend classes conducted by an instructor at the capitol in the mornings.

Magnificent Opal

The finest opal in the world unearthed at Lightning Ridge, New South Wales, is 6½ inches by 2 inches, weighs 790 carats and combines every color of the rainbow in shimmering perfection.

STRICKEN IN PARIS

C. Bascom Slemp.

Paris.—President Coolidge's former secretary has been in the American hospital here "under observation" for intestinal trouble. He is "getting on well," according to his physicians, who said he probably would be able to return to his hotel in a few days.

GERMAN VESSEL NOW QUEEN OF THE SEAS

Bremen Makes New Records on Maiden Trip.

New York.—The Bremen, Germany's new ocean greyhound, came into port with half a dozen transatlantic records written into its log book.

The new queen of the seas clipped 8 hours and 52 minutes off the previous westward passage of its fastest rivals, making the trip from Cherbourg to Ambrose light in 4 days 17 hours and 42 minutes.

Until this record the Cunarder Mauretania was the speediest liner afloat, holding the record of 5 days 2 hours and 34 minutes.

The huge new North German Lloyd liner also broke all records for a single day's run, having made 713 miles on the last day. It maintained an average speed of 27.83 knots, or almost 33 miles, for the entire trip.

Hibernians End Session; New Officers Elected

Minneapolis, Minn.—At the annual convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Mrs. Mary Martin Silk of Spencer, Mass., was elected president of the women's auxiliary to succeed Mrs. Mary T. Horan of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Anna K. Bryant of Minneapolis was named national secretary.

Other officers included Janette McDevitt, San Francisco, national vice president; Nora Kavanagh, Montreal, national Canadian vice president; Rose M. Kelly, Philadelphia, secretary of the funeral benefit fund, and Mary A. Sullivan, Chicago, national treasurer.

Schools in Manitoba Fired by Malcontents

Bemito, Manitoba.—Schools in this district have been placed under armed guard following the burning of 12 schoolhouses. The buildings destroyed were situated on both sides of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border. Another element of unrest in the vicinity has been demonstrations by the so-called "Sons of Freedom," who have paraded and nailed up posters denouncing war and advocating disarmament. This sect at times has objected to sending its children to school.

Urges Strengthening of Panama Canal Defenses

Panama.—Panama canal military construction projects costing $25,000,000, of which $7,000,000 is to be devoted to aviation development, were outlined by Congressman W. Frank James of Michigan, chairman of the house military affairs committee, on an inspection here. At present plans for air expansion call for $5,000,000 for development of Albrook field on the Pacific side and $2,000,000 for improvement of France field on the Atlantic side.

State Executives Name Officers and Adjourn

New London, Conn.—The governors' conference re-elected Gov. George H. Dern o. Utah as chairman; Gov. Theodore Christianson of Minnesota, as treasurer, and Clay Hardee, former governor of Florida, as secretary. The conference decided to hold its next conference in Salt Lake City at a date yet to be decided.

To Study Prohibition Results

London.—The results and operation of prohibition in America are to be closely studied by the Labor government's royal commission, which will be set up to make an inquiry into liquor-licensing laws.

Woodman Official Dead

Lincoln, Neb.—Ralph Emery Johnson, fifty-seven, supreme organizer of the Modern Woodmen of America, died at his home here after an illness of several weeks. He leaves a widow.

POPE MAKES ENTRY INTO CITY OF ROME

First Pontiff to Leave Vatican in 59 Years.

Rome.—Breaking the traditional precedent of 59 years, Pope Pius XI, the cloistered prisoner of the Vatican and the spiritual ruler of 400,000,000 Roman Catholic souls, made a historical exit into St. Peter's square. By so doing he gave tangible realization to the Lateran treaty and concordat signed between Italy and the Holy See last February.

Pope Pius XI is the first pontiff to emerge from the Vatican since the loss of temporal power in 1870.

The event was coincident with the convention in Rome of representatives of Catholic seminaries and universities the world over.

The pontiff appeared following a religious procession along the Bernini colonnades and St. Peter's square, where, before the sacred altar, erected at the front of the cathedral, the head of the church raised his right hand above the throng and intoned his solemn blessing upon the world and the universal Catholic church.

Leading the procession from the Vatican was a small detachment of the Swiss guard in the brilliant costumes designed for them by Michelangelo nearly four hundred years ago. Following came a ceremonial officer of the papal court and a procession of various representatives of the religious orders, chaplains of various churches, various officials of the Holy See, archbishops and bishops and a number of American prelates. Then came the cardinals and just ahead of the pope were the incense bearers and members of the ceremonial department.

The bells of St. Peter's tolled while the procession and ceremony, which lasted three hours, were under way.

Rust-Resisting Wheat Reported in Winnipeg

Winnipeg.—Hundreds of millions of dollars will be saved by Canadian grain growers from the discovery by research experts of the agriculture department of Canada at Manitoba Agricultural college laboratories, Winnipeg, of a wheat which will successfully resist rust.

The experiments have been under way for a considerable time and progress has been reported, but the stage has now been reached where the results justify the assurance, the department feels.

Danger of Russo-China Clash Believed Ended

London.—Official quarters admitted definite word of opening of direct negotiations between Soviet Russia and Nationalist China for solution of the Chinese Eastern controversy. They felt all but certain hostilities between the two nations have been averted.

It was believed possible the direct negotiations, following preliminary meetings, had already begun, either at Harbin or Mukden, seat of the Manchurian capital.

Senator Edge Will Be Ambassador to France

Washington.—Senator W. E. Edge (Rep., N. J.) has been selected definitely as ambassador to France and will take up his duties at Paris after the extra session of congress. The senator is engaged as a member of the senate finance committee in helping to frame the new tariff measure. He once was engaged in business in France, and speaks the language fluently.

Denmark Joins Fight on American "Talkies"

Copenhagen.—Following the decision of the German courts, which prohibited the Western Electric company from using sound film projectors of its own make in Germany owing to German patent laws, the Danish court will question the Western Electric plant patent rights in this country.

Mexico Ends Conflict of Church and State

Mexico City.—According to a statement from the governors of the states and territories, all Catholics in all Mexican states have been liberated and religious services are regularly conducted in all churches returned to the Catholic authorities.

Wool Crop Is Largest in Thirty-Five Years

Washington.—The United States wool crop for 1929 was the largest in 35 years. The total production was estimated by the bureau of agricultural economics at 301,866,000 pounds, an increase of 2,758,000 pounds over the 1928 record.

Two Killed in Explosion

Hazleton, Pa.—An explosion of dynamite at the Peerless Powder company plant near White Haven killed George Bench, twenty-three, and Ernest Kintuck, twenty-three. Four men were reported hurt.

Canadian Aerial Progress

Toronto.—Within two years the number of air passengers in Canada increased from 6,000 to 47,000. Canadian airmen have mapped about 250,000 miles of territory.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

By Mary Graham Bonner

IN THE KITCHEN

"I'm not angry," said the kettle, "but I'm hurt. My poor porcelain feelings are most dreadfully hurt."

"Tell us all about it," said the frying pan. "We're interested to know, and it will make you feel better, even," said the cinnamon toast, "to tell your kitchen friends about it."

"They're used to being dropped and burnt and they don't mind much of anything."

"Tell them this story and they will feel sorry for you, and will also cheer you up."

"You're becoming unusually unhappy about this whole affair."

"Wouldn't you be unhappy if you had been accused of something that wasn't your fault?"

"I'm ready to be sympathized with more than you. I was the guilty one," said the water, "although I am not really to blame."

"Please, please," cautioned the frying pan.

"Yes," said the pancake turner, "don't talk among yourselves any longer. Let us hear what it is all about."

"Go on with your story," said the water in the kettle. "The kitchen friends are weary of these delays."

"All right," said the kettle. "I'll tell you all about what has hurt my feelings, and I'm sure you will all agree with me that your feelings would be hurt too if you were in my place."

"We've often been in your place," said the frying pan. "We go on the stove too when the meals are being cooked."

"You've no special place. We're all shoved around wherever the cook wants to put us. So there!"

"I mean," said the kettle sadly, "that if you had been in my place regarding

"Tried to Move Me."

my feelings and not my position on the stove."

"Oh, our feelings have been hurt, too," said the frying pan and the pancake turner agreed.

"We're used to having all sorts of things happen to us."

"Let the kettle tell the story," said the water.

"Are you cool and calm now?" asked the kettle of the water.

"Quite cool," said the water. "But you mustn't blame me because I couldn't help being so hot. It was the fault of the fire."

"It made me get so warm and excited that I bubbled over."

"There! Now you're blaming me," said the fire. "I couldn't help it if they put sticks and coal and paper in me. They built me up so I would go."

"It's not our fault," said the sticks and coal and paper. "Without the match we couldn't have gone."

"Mean of you to blame our family," said another match. "The match couldn't have been lighted if the cook had not struck it on the side of the box."

"We still don't know what the trouble is," said the frying pan.

"Stop abusing each other and tell us."

"A child," said the kettle, "tried to move me, and in so doing some of the boiling water went over her."

"I wasn't quite boiling," said the water. "Very nearly, however."

"Don't interrupt," said the kettle. "You have caused me enough trouble. "Well, the child was quite badly burned. It hurt awfully, for burns always do."

"Yes," said the butter from the ice box in the corner of the kitchen, "she came to me to be comforted. Butter is excellent for burns."

"But she blamed me for burning her," said the kettle. "She said that 'the horrid old kettle' had burned her, and I wasn't to blame at all."

And the water, fire, paper, sticks, coal and match each said in turn they were not to blame but only the cook for starting the fire in the first place!

Heads and Tails

"Heads and tails" comes as near being a romp as any Chinese game does. Several players take hold of each other's jacket in order to form what appears like the body of a fish. The first one in the line is the head, which is supposed to be too fierce to be captured. The last one is the tail, which is to be seized and chewed. One of the players stands alone and suddenly begins to chase the line trying to catch its tail. Every time he makes a rush the head of the fish faces round, and the player forming the tail swing to one side to avoid being caught.

Fear Loses Power When Confronted by Faith

"Fear is the common heritage of all thinking creatures," says Dr. William S. Sadler in Collier's Weekly. "It is one of the ten or twelve basic human emotions—emotions which we share more or less with the animal world.

"When you have once become a victim of fear in any domain of your life, faith in well-known remedies, Common Sense, reason and good judgment all fade into oblivion, but the sure, the definite and positive cure, the only cure, is the antidote of faith.

"Modern civilization has largely eliminated the dangers which beset our ancestors, but it has not reduced their inherent fear tendency. Today, for having the dangers of our ancestors to fear and avoid, we are prone to dig up sensations and feelings in our own bodies to accommodate our imaginary fears."

Could "Impare" Tennyson

The present Lord Tennyson, grandson of the famous poet, is becoming one of the most popular cricket players in England. Since he has ceased to be known as the Hon. Lionel Tennyson he has had many reminders of his distinguished grand-parent. He recently received the following letter from a woman: "In honor of your visit and your vigorous batting, I have purchased a volume of your poems, which I think are exceedingly good. I would like to meet you personally and point out one or two parts that I think you could really improve."

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What Would Be the Price?

Scottish Constable—What! Dae ye suggest that I would tak' a bribe? Dae ye insult me, sir?

The Erring One—Oh, excuse me, I—

Constable—But now, suppose I wis that kind o' man, how much wid ye be inclined to give?

Already Attended To

"A fellow just told me I look like you."

"Where is he? I'll punch his head!"

"I've punched his head!"—Stray Stories.

It happens that a man will regret confessing a mistake longer than he regrets the mistake.

It May Be Urgent

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Fletcher's CASTORIA

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Had Its Uses

"What's the idea of repainting that cheap car? It ain't got even a motor in it an' it won't run."

"Well, I'll look nice when I park it in front of the house."

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