

THE REFUGEES

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CHAPTER I.

It was the sort of window which was common in Paris about the end of the seventeenth century. Inside the window was furnished with a broad banal of brown stamped Spanish leather, where the family might recline and have an eye from behind the curtains on all that was going forward in the busy world beneath them. Two of them sat there now, a man and a woman, but their backs were turned to the spectacle and their faces to the large and richly furnished room. From time to time they stole a glance at each other, and their eyes told that they needed no other sight to make them happy.

Nor was it to be wondered at, for they were a well favored pair. She was very young, twenty at the most, with a face which was pale, indeed, and yet of a brilliant pallor, which was so clear and fresh and carried with it such a suggestion of purity and innocence that one would not wish its maiden grace to be marred by an intrusion of color. In her whole expression there was something quiet and subdued, which was accentuated by her simple dress of black taffeta. Such was Adele Catnat, the only daughter of the famous Huguenot cloth merchant.

But if her dress was somber it was atoned for by the magnificence of her companion. He was a man who might have been ten years her senior, with a keen soldier face, small well marked features, a carefully trimmed black mustache and a dark hazel eye which might have been to command a man or to soften to supplicate a woman and be successful at either. Any Frenchman would have recognized his uniform as being that of an officer in the famous Blue Guard of Louis XIV. A trim, dashing soldier he looked, with his curling black hair and well poised head. Such he had proved himself before now in the field, too, until the name of Amory de Catnat had become conspicuous among the thousands of the valiant lesser noblesse who had flocked into the service of the king.

They were first cousins, these two, and there was just sufficient resemblance in the clear cut features to recall the relationship. De Catnat was sprung from a noble Huguenot family, but, having lost his parents early, he had joined the army and had worked his way without influence and against all odds to his present position. His father's younger brother, however, finding every path to fortune barred to him through the persecution to which men of his faith were already subjected, had dropped the "de" which implied his noble descent and had taken to trade in the city of Paris, with such success that he was now one of the richest and most prominent citizens of the town.

"Tell me, Adele," said he, "why do you look troubled?"

"You leave me this evening?"

"But only to return tomorrow."

"And must you really, really go to-night?"

"It would be as much as my commission is worth to be absent. Why, I am on duty tomorrow morning outside the king's bedroom! After chapel time Major de Brissac will take my place, and then I am free once more. But still that line upon your brow, dearest."

"I was wishing that father would return."

"And why? Are you so lonely, then?"

Her pale face lit up with a quick smile. "I shall not be lonely until to-night. But I am always uneasy when he is away. One hears so much now of the persecution of our poor brethren."

"Tut, my uncle can defy them."

"He has gone to the provost of the Mercier guild about this notice of the quartering of the dragons."

"Ah, you have not told me of that."

"Here it is." She rose and took up a slip of blue paper with a red seal dangling from it which lay upon the table. His strong black brows knitted together as he glanced at it.

"Take notice," it ran, "that you, Theophile Catnat, cloth merchant of the Rue St. Martin, are hereby required to give shelter and rations to twenty men of the Langueoc Blue dragons, under Captain Dalbert, until such time as you receive a further notice. (Signed) Dr. Beaupre, commissioner of the king."

De Catnat knew well how this method of annoying Huguenots had been practiced all over France, but he had fattened himself that his own position at court would have insured his kinsman from such an outrage. He threw the paper down with an exclamation of anger.

"When do they come?"

"Father said tonight."

"Then they shall not be here long. Tomorrow I shall have an order to remove them. But the sun has sunk behind St. Martin's church, and I should already be upon my way."

"No, no; you must not go yet."

"I would that I could give you into your father's charge first, for I fear to leave you alone when these troopers may come. And yet no excuse will avail me if I am not at Versailles. But see; a horseman has stopped before the door. He is not in uniform. Perhaps he is a messenger."

The girl ran eagerly to the window and peered out.

"Ah!" she cried. "I had forgotten. It is the man from America. Father said that he would come today."

"The man from America!" repeated

the soldier in a tone of surprise, and they both craned their necks from the window.

The horseman, a sturdy, broad shouldered young man, clean shaven and crop haired, turned his long, swarthy face and his bold features in the direction of the house. He had a soft brimmed gray hat of a shape which was strange to Parisian eyes, but his somber clothes and high boots were such as any citizen might have worn. Yet his general appearance was so unusual that a group of townfolk had already assembled round him, starting with open mouths at his horse and himself. A battered gun with an extremely long barrel was fastened by the stock to his stirrup, while the muzzle stuck up into the air behind him. The rider, having satisfied himself as to the house, sprang lightly out of his saddle and, disengaging his gun, pushed his way unconcernedly through the gaping crowd and knocked loudly at the door.

"Who is he, then?" asked De Catnat. "A Canadian? I am almost one myself. I had as many friends on one side of the sea as on the other."

"No, he is from the English provinces, Amory. But he speaks our tongue. His mother was of our blood."

"And his name?"

"Is Amos—Amos—ah, those names! Yes, Green, that was it, Amos Green. His father and mine have done much trade together, and now his son, who, as I understand, has lived ever in the woods, is sent here to see something of men and cities."

The stranger entered and, having bowed to Adele, said to her companion, "Do I speak with my father's friend, M. Catnat?"

"No, monsieur," said the guardsman from the staircase, "my uncle is out, but I am Captain de Catnat, at your service, and here is Mlle. Catnat, who is your hostess."

"I am sorry my father is not here to welcome you, monsieur," she said; "but I do so very heartily in his place. Your room is above. Pierre will show it to you, if you wish."

"My room? For what?"

"Why, monsieur, to sleep in."

"And must I sleep in a room?"

De Catnat laughed at the gloomy face of the American. "You shall not sleep there if you do not wish," said he.

The other brightened at once, and stepped across to the farther window, which looked down upon the courtyard. "Ah!" he cried. There is a beech tree there, mademoiselle, and if I might take my blanket out yonder, I should like it better than any room."

"You are not from a town, then?" said De Catnat.

"My father lives in New York, two doors from the house of Peter Stuyvesant, of whom you must have heard. He is a very hardy man and he can do it, but I—even a few days of Albany or Schenectady are enough for me. My life has been in the woods."

"I am sure that my father would wish you to sleep where you like and to do what you like."

"I thank you, mademoiselle. Then I shall take my things out there, and I shall groom my horse."

"I will come with you," said De Catnat, "for I would have a word with you. Until tomorrow, then, Adele, farewell!"

The two young men passed downstairs together, and the guardsman followed the American out into the yard. "You have had a long journey," he said. "Are you tired?"

"No; I am seldom tired."

"Remain with the lady, then, until her father comes back. I have to go, and she might need a protector."

(To be Continued.)

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"Yes."

"He even advocates the public ownership of Legislatures."

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Early Spring Convention Said to Be Favored There to Select State Candidates.

BEN BRUNER'S ASPIRATIONS

Louisville, Nov. 28.—The prevailing sentiment among the Republican leaders throughout the state is for a convention in the early spring to nominate candidates for state offices. So far the only gossip indulged in is in connection with the race for the nomination for governor. The published reports within the last week that E. T. Franks, of Owensboro, would likely be a formidable candidate in the race for the nomination for governor has set the party leaders to thinking. Outside of George W. Long, the Republican heads of departments at the custom-house do not look upon Franks' candidacy with much favor.

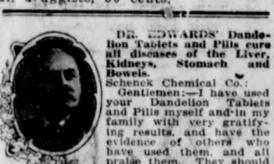
There is a rumor that the friends of George W. Long will soon launch a boom for him as a candidate for governor. It is a well-known fact that such a boom has been buzzing in the bonnet of Mr. Long for several years. Judge William G. Dearing, collector of customs, who is a factor in Republican politics in the Ninth congressional district, does not look with much favor on the candidacy of any federal officeholder for the nomination for governor.

A close friend of John W. Yerkes said yesterday that he recently had a talk with Mr. Yerkes, and that he declared that he would take no part in the nomination of a candidate for governor other than as a voter. He said Mr. Yerkes intimated that the federal officials had to keep hands off this year and that state bosses would be told to do the same thing.

It was learned yesterday that Dr. Ben L. Bruner, deputy United States marshal, would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for secretary of state before the state convention. When questioned in regard to the matter Dr. Bruner said he had not made any announcement as yet, but he did not say that he would not be a candidate. Dr. Bruner made the race two years ago for congress in the Fourth congressional district. He was also an applicant for the appointment of United States marshal when George W. Long was appointed. He must have been in favor with the head powers as he was given the position as chief deputy under Marshal Long.

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Answers Many Questions During Chicago Speech.

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When the South Carolina senator arrived in Chicago, early in the afternoon Tillman declared that it did not make any difference to him what the colored people of Chicago did.

From the time he arrived in Chicago until he leaves for Fon du Lac, Wis., Tillman will be guarded by the police and private detectives.

Tillman gave his address, protected by 40 detectives, under command of Assistant Chief of Police Schutler, who took personal charge of the men.

In the audience were many colored people, but they listened to Tillman's remarks good naturedly.

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While discussing the fifteenth amendment which he declared gave the "negro every right the white man had," he was interrupted several times by one of his listeners who kept asking about "Kentucky." Finally Tillman seemed to lose his temper and exclaimed:

"Oh, shut your mouth. You don't know the A. B. C. of this thing. I forgot 40 years ago more than you ever knew."

"You make up your minds that that equality before the law which the fifteenth amendment guarantees is right and should be enforced notwithstanding its result. If this law was enforced it would result in two states at least being dominated absolutely by negroes, while four others would be so near being governed by the negro that there would practically be an equal division of officers."

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"No matter what the people in the north may say or do, the white race in the south never will be dominated by the negro and I want to tell you now that if some states should ever make an attempt to 'save South Carolina' we will show them in their fanaticism that we will make it red before we will make it black.

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Denounces Troop's Discharge.

Tillman told his audience of attacks on white women by negroes in the south and declared the people of the north were in a great measure responsible. In conclusion, Tillman said:

"Now, as a general illustration of injustice sometimes done, President Roosevelt discharged three companies of colored soldiers without a court martial and in doing this he punished innocent men for the crime of a few. In doing this he transcended the authority of the law and he ought not to have done it."

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