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The Times' Daily Short Story.

A HERO'S COWARDICE?

[Original.]

When under flying colors and to the sound of beating drums he marched away in the ranks to the war a group of girls stood on a porch waving. On all the faces save one was a pleasurable excitement. That one waved sadly, languidly, as if bidding adieu to invisible spirits. She was blind.

During the four years of campaigning that followed he never forgot that face. When rain or snow beat upon him, when the bullet sang its melodious yet terrible song, when shells wailed above or solid shot showered him with the soil of the south, his eyes were fixed, not on the "colors," but on that remembered face—sweet, melancholy, enduring.

When he returned he was riding at the head of the column, a distinguished soldier. The line of march led past the porch where he had seen the blind girl, but she was not there. In his disappointment he forgot his honors, the clamoring throngs, the shouts that ran abreast of him like an incoming tide. Then farther on his pulses quickened at seeing her at a window. She was standing between two friends. As he approached he saw her say something which he could not but infer was a request to be told where was the hero of the hour, for one of them directed her hand, in which she held a small flag, so that when she waved it it was to him. He reined in his horse, faced toward the window and reverently raised his hat. Then when he had seen her friends tell her what he had done and saw that he had given her a pleasurable emotion he turned and moved forward.

The excitement of that emotion gave him his first fixed purpose in life. He had been eminently fitted for a soldier, whose career is like the wind which bloweth where it listeth. He had felt a pleasure in the rear of battle, in the accomplishment of achievements in proportion to the hazard of the undertaking, but this human delight was to die away before his newborn spiritual purpose as a storm that has passed gives place to the soft sunlight. The inspiration that had been kindled in his heart was to comfort a bereaved soul.

But his time was not his own. There was much to do in closing up the work of the war and in disbanding the armies, and he was retained even after this had been done in an important command. Weeks passed into months and months into years, and the object of his life seemed as remote as ever.

One summer while suffering from the effects of an old wound, desirous of change and rest, he assumed the plain garb of a citizen and went incognito to an unpretentious summer resort. As he mounted the steps of the porch he saw sitting in a wicker chair the blind girl. He had purposely chosen this remote place where he would not be recognized, and after he had seen those who were staying in the house he was pleased that there was none who knew him. He did not ask for an introduction to the girl—he did not need one. No one needed an introduction to her, for her blindness caused her to be always dependent. He waited one morning until he saw her rise from her chair and grope her way into the house, then asked if he might assist her. Never before had he experienced the sacred emotions as when he took the hand and directed the steps of this stricken girl.

From that moment he was her constant companion. Perhaps it was her weakness that led her to admire the stern duties of a soldier, and when he admitted that he had been in the struggle of the states she begged him to tell her of his experiences. But he, like her, valuing his counterpart, disparaged war and led her into more ennobling topics. She grew to love the tones of his voice, the unexpressed sympathy apparent in his every word and action.

Then came a time when, having prepared the way, there was nothing for him to do but tell her that from the moment he saw her he pitied her and of the desire that had been born in him to devote his life to that which would be some recompense for her misfortune. But when he faced this announcement a sense of his own unworthiness loomed up before him. Tell her that he wished to give her comfort when he felt that he would be honored by the right to do so! He shrank from such a position.

This was not all. He must drop his incognito and become known to her as a hero. The incident of her waving to him on his return from the war and his stopping to salute her must be made known to her. What reason would he give for all this secrecy? He thought of a dozen ways in which it might be misconstrued. He who had stormed fortifications shrank from telling a blighted girl that he was a hero. Again and again he started in to make a breach in these imaginary ramparts, always to make an inglorious retreat.

And what was the result? He threw up his command—and that in face of the enemy—and shifted the responsibility to another. He went to the girl's mother and begged her to speak for him words that he dared not speak.

There is a poem in which a peri is described as gaining admittance to heaven by carrying there the most valued gift, a tear of a repentant sinner. In a similar way the soldier won an entrance into the girl's heart. To describe her sensations at this modest surrender of a hero, coming as it did with the knowledge that he was the man whose deeds had caught her youthful enthusiasm, would require the genius of a poet.

And then it was that the soldier began what he considered a life worth living.

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NO WIDE FAMINE INQUIRY

Cabinet Handled Carefully by Constitutionalists

FEAR A CLASH IN RUSSIA

Cause Further Retrenchment—Scope of the Socialist Measure Curtailed—A Secondary Commission Will Conduct the Inquiry.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—Fears of early complications with the ministry have led the Constitutional Democrats to resolve upon further retrenchment in the matter of investigating the famine relief scandals, and it was decided yesterday to curtail the scope of the measure proposed to this end Tuesday by the Social Democrats and to relegate the investigation to a secondary commission that shall be subordinates to the regular budget commission. In this decision the Constitutional Democrats again will be supported by the Right party.

The anticipated increase of disease in the famine districts due to the progressive weakening of the ill-nourished population, is now being called attention to in official reports, which show that scurvy is spreading, especially in Ufa province. The conditions are expected to grow steadily worse. The authorities are still able to keep typhus under control, but the fever may get out of hand at any time.

Student Yanovitzky Acquitted.

The student Yanovitzky has been tried by court-martial and acquitted of the charges against him. All the universities of Russia interceded in behalf of Yanovitzky, and his acquittal is hailed with delight and as a triumph of public sentiment. Last January the police of St. Petersburg raided a revolutionary stronghold in this city, but met with such strenuous resistance from the revolutionaries that they were obliged to withdraw with the loss of three men. Yanovitzky was arrested in connection with the affair and charged with armed resistance to the authorities. It was proved that Yanovitzky was only accidentally present at the time of the raid, and that he did not participate in the shooting. Even the revolutionists issued a formal denial of the prisoner's guilt, but still the authorities insisted upon trying him by court-martial as the principal culprit.

TELEPHONING WITHOUT WIRES.

Count Arco Makes Some Experiments That Are Successful.

Berlin, March 23.—Count Arco, in his wireless telephone experiments, has succeeded in obtaining distinct exchanges of words in a tolerably natural voice, at a distance of two miles, by using poles thirty feet high. Rear Admiral Manney, who was a delegate of the United States to the international conference on wireless telegraphy at Berlin, and Lieutenant Commander Howard, U. S. N., the American naval attache here, have been present at a series of private exhibitions of the wireless telephone apparatus, and have been able to talk with each other at a distance somewhat less than three miles. But the best practical results are attained at two miles or under, with thirty-foot poles.

Count Arco does not regard his discoveries as commercially practicable at present, though he hopes eventually to construct an apparatus which will take the place of wires in cities and perhaps in suburban districts.

EREMON THE WINNER OF THE GRAND NATIONAL.

Tom West Comes in Second and Patlander Is Third.

Liverpool, March 23.—The Grand National Steeplechase, of 3,000 sovereigns, for five-year-olds and upward, about 4 miles and 856 yards, was run at the Liverpool spring meeting yesterday, and won by Stanley Howard's Eremon.

Tom West was second, and Patlander was third. Twenty-three horses started. Eremon made all the running and won by six lengths. The betting previous to the start was 8 to 1 against Eremon, 100 to 6 against Tom West, and 50 to 1 against Patlander.

Resigns to Accept New Position.

Rutland, March 23.—J. Walter Lyons of State street, who was appointed a license commissioner by the Rutland county judges Wednesday, and who was also appointed a city grand juror by Mayor R. L. Richmond last Monday evening has resigned as grand juror. Mr. Lyons has served the city in this capacity for several years.

The resignation will probably be acted upon by the board of aldermen at their next meeting which is held on the first Monday in April.

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The usual stake at Tiddleywinks,
Sustained bad luck at Helma leads
To reckless, suicidal deeds.

Oh, for those golden, distant days
When they small meant their wicked ways,
When millions shall no more be paid
Across the table at Old Maid!

—London Globe.

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APPLICATIONS AT PROMINENT BARBER SHOPS.

BRYAN FAVORS LA FOLLETTE RAILROAD VALUATION PLAN.

Nebraskan Approves The Resolution Voted Down in Congress.

Detroit, March 23.—William Jennings Bryan denies the report that Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland has been chosen to manage his next presidential campaign, and declares he has not decided whether to be a candidate.

Speaking of the railroad situation, Col. Bryan said the first step toward reform was to ascertain the value of railroads, since a reasonable return on a legitimate investment, and at present no one knew what the railroads were really worth. The La Follette resolution, which provides for an appraising of the railroads of the country, and which was voted down in congress, ought, Col. Bryan said, to be introduced in the form of a bill and made law.

"When the present value of the railroads is ascertained," the Nebraskan added, "steps should be taken to prevent any more watering of stocks. No stocks or bonds should be issued except for value."

ARCHIE ROOSEVELT STILL CONFINED TO THE HOUSE.

Tests of Bacteria Cultures Have Not Yet Proved Satisfactory.

Washington, March 23.—Archie Roosevelt has been steadily improving lately, but he is still kept in the White House, because the tests of bacteria cultures from his throat have not been entirely satisfactory to the Health Department. The rule of the local health authorities is that three cultures must stand the microscopic test and show no diphtheria microbes before the patient can be allowed to leave his room.

Reports that Theodore, Jr., was sick were denied at the White House today. He has had a slight operation on his eye at Boston, where he is at present.

SENTENCED FOR BURGLARY.

O. G. McGinn Punished For Breaking into a Benson Store.

Rutland, March 23.—O. A. McGinn, who burglarized the Jones store in Benson last August, was sentenced in Rutland county court this afternoon to not less than five or more than six years in the state prison at Windsor. McGinn was captured at Elizabethtown, N. Y., but escaped from the officers while being brought to this city to be recaptured in Troy. He was charged with stealing an overcoat. He has just completed a sentence in the Albany, N. Y., penitentiary.

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RAYNER TRIAL LASTS A DAY

William E. Whiteley's Slayer Arraigned, Convicted

SENTENCED BEFORE DARK

Contrast to the Thaw Case—Prisoner to Be Hanged Within a Month, Making Less Than Three Months Between Crime and Punishment.

London, March 23.—No greater contrast between the methods of British and American criminal law could be afforded than by the Thaw case in New York City and that of Horace George Rayner, who was sentenced to death here late yesterday afternoon for the murder of William Whiteley, the well known multimillionaire department store proprietor of Westbourne Grove.

The trial of Harry Kendall Thaw for the murder of Stanford White began in New York two months ago today. At the present moment it stands adjourned to allow the presiding judge to decide whether or not a lunacy commission should be appointed. No one can hazard a guess as to how much longer the case will be on the docket.

Turn to the Rayner trial, the first murder case in the New Old Bailey since the handsome new structure was opened by his majesty last week, on the site of that famous old Newgate, whose dismal memories still cling to the whole neighborhood.

The prisoner was arraigned yesterday morning, a jury was chosen before noon—in the Thaw case it took three weeks to fill the box—and before nightfall Lord Chief Justice Alverstone had put on the ominous black cap and sentenced the prisoner to be hanged. Swift and terrible, indeed, is English justice!

GRAND JURY INDICTS ITSELF FOR VIOLATING LIQUOR LAW

Judge Then Fines Each Member $10—All Due to a Revival.

Rolling Fork, Miss., March 23.—Every member of the grand jury in the circuit court here Thursday indicted himself for violating the Sunday liquor law. Each member then appeared before Judge Booth, who fined him $10 and gave him a lecture from the bench. The self-indicted grand jurors also returned bills against several petit jurors for the same offense.

A wave of religious enthusiasm, following a Methodist revival here recently, has swept over Sharkey county, and people of high and low degree are purging themselves.

CO-EDS STUDY MONKEY MIND.

Chicago University Students Feed Them With Chocolate Eclairs and Fudge.

Chicago, Ill., March 23.—Women students at the university of Chicago are studying the minds of monkeys. Four trained apes have been housed in the basement of the Zoological building and placed under the care of the fair students of the class in experimental psychology.

The Class is preparing to make an exhaustive research into the mental activities of the simians, and the four subjects today were being feasted on chocolate eclairs, sour pickles and fudge by their pretty jailers.

"You see, they are educated monks," one of the class members volunteered, as she broke a chocolate eclair in two and handed half of it into a paw thrust through the cage bars.

"What do you suppose is in his little mind?" the girl continued. "Isn't it a study? They can ride little bicycles and they can play musical instruments better than lots of the musically inclined men students."

When the janitor of the zoological building was appealed to for information concerning the monkeys, he exclaimed: "Them's trained monks, sir; and the young do be studying their minds to find out whether they are superior, or just equal, to the freshmen."

LEAVES JAIL.

Former U. S. Senator Burton Free Man Again.

Ironton, Mo., March 23.—Joseph Ralph Burton, who until his conviction in the federal court, was United States senator from Kansas, was yesterday released from the county jail here, having completed his sentence of six months, imposed when he was found guilty of violating a federal statute by appearing before a governmental department as the paid representative of an alleged "get rich quick" concern of St. Louis.

Accompanied by Mrs. Burton and his niece, Miss Dorothy Mitchel, Burton departed for St. Louis, enroute to Abilene, Kan.

Upon leaving jail, Mr. Burton gave out a signed statement in which he said in part:

"I return to my home at Abilene, brim full of life and hope. Only my body has been in jail. I shall talk and write. With pen and tongue, I shall stand for policies and principles that I believe will make for the general good and oppose such as I think bad.

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