

Tallyrand and Firefly

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CHAPTER XIX

Mr. Studebolt came home from Washington, and after consulting with his good wife he wrote a letter to his constituents through the medium of the Memphis paper, thanking them for honoring him with their confidence in the past, but firmly stating that he could not in view of the actions of his party, consent to be a candidate for re-election. Already, he said, the finger of scorn had been pointed at him by gentlemen from South Carolina, because, forsooth, he had the temerity to question the constitutional right of a state to secede from the Union; and many papers, even in Tennessee are assuming the same tone. He closed his article thus:

"Children do not assume the responsibility of manhood, for the palpable reason that they do not apprehend these responsibilities; but that failure in a boy to grasp a man's responsibilities does not relieve him from a man's duties when he becomes a man. If our young nation failed to inject that cohesion into our Constitution that is necessary to prevent disintegration, then it is all the more our duty now that our nation has attained man's estate, to correct the error immediately. I say, and I shall never retract it, NO STATE OF THIS UNION SHALL EVER SECEDE."

From that day Hon. Henry Studebolt was a marked man; but the bushels of letters received from north of the Tennessee line were gratifying to his sensitive mind. Many favorable letters were from Tennessee, and especially one notable one from United States Senator Andrew Johnson of Greenville. Even President Buchanan wrote him in a mildly commendatory strain, only he added that Mr. Studebolt was taking the signs of the time too seriously, for he was sure no southern gentlemen was insane enough to seriously consider disrupting the Union. We all know how rudely he was later deceived.

But of all the letters Mr. Studebolt received, the one that contained the heartiest hand-shake was from Colonel Simon Magruder; in which Gramper, after congratulating Mr. Studebolt for his splendid courage quaintly added: "Believe me, Sir, you will never run amuck riding that Hoss. The South-East may repudiate you, ay, will repudiate you, but you hold Tennessee in the hollow of your hand, and I have a prophetic inkling that you will be her next Governor."

And he was.

The boys, Tallyrand and Firefly and Juda Magruder, were busy getting ready for their visit to Red Cloud, and Mrs. Studebolt assisted them in her quiet, wholehearted way, as if there was not such a thing as politics in the world. Their blankets and kits of cooking utensils were to be made ready, and their tent and clothing to be put in order, and her deft hands were busy until the day they started. She had gotten up suitable presents for Red Cloud and his wife and for Little War Cry. The great day arrived: The Jacksnapper had been varnished outside and inside, and new paddles, made from ash wood, were put into the boat. A shot gun and a rifle for each boy made up the armament, and on Monday morning, June 25th, they started on their long voyage. They started bravely singing:

"Up the river row,
Up the river row,
I pull my paddle, and I row my boat,
And its up the river row."

The boys had been warned not to try to row too fast as they had long days and nights before them, so they took the river leisurely, and stopped a few hours at Shawandossa, but did not tarry. Old Horseshoe, Wenona and Minnehaha charged them with many messages for certain members of the Mohawk tribe, and they pushed on. As night would come the boys would pitch their tent on high ground

to avoid the mosquitoes, cook and eat supper, and be up as the first wild duck whistled by in the morning, when they merrily cooked and ate breakfast, and betook themselves to the boat again.

One night when they were encamped on the bank of the Missouri River Tallyrand suddenly said: "Firefly, tell us about the FAIRY LADY." Firefly was laughing and singing at the time, but as soon as Tallyrand spoke the name he became silent and serious. After long insisting Firefly said: "Well, I'll tell you just a little. The Mohawk that has the 'Gift' can say some words to an Umble Bee, and the Umble Bee will turn into the Fairy Lady, and she will get him any wish he wants, only he must have himself clean when he axes, and must not axe for anything that is wrong. Now don't axe me any more. I am afeard." And they could not get him to utter another word about the FAIRY LADY.

So fared the voyage up the greatest and longest river in the world. Once or twice they moored the Jacksnapper, and went into the prairie for game and fresh meat, but did not venture far from their boat. Once Firefly shot a deer; while Tallyrand and Juda were going to assist him to bring the deer in Firefly gave them a demonstration of a real Indian dance of Victory. It reminded the white boys forcibly of the actions of Hiawatha as depicted in Mr. Longfellow's matchless story when Hiawatha had killed his first deer.

Three days after this Firefly began to recognize and point out well-known places he had seen and lived in before the Mohawk War, in which before Old Horseshoe had stolen him, his father, Blackfoot, was killed, and ran away with him. It seemed to him like it had been a hundred years ago, though in reality it had only been about 4 years. Another day of rowing and they were so close to Red Cloud's landing that a number of the tribe came to their camp fire at night, and when these visitors learned that it was Firefly, the son of Red Cloud's brother, that had come to visit the Chief, and had brought two young pale faces with him, there was great excitement, and they sent runners to inform Red Cloud that his lost nephew was coming.

So when the boys reached Red Cloud's landing about noon the next day, they found that their arrival was expected, and that great preparations had been made for their comfort. They found horses ready for them to mount, and a great dinner of Buffalo steak already broiled on the coals. They were received with all the honor of welcome guests, and while they were eating dinner Red Cloud and little War Cry appeared. Tallyrand and Juda Magruder were prepared to witness an exhibition of Indian stolidness when the brothers met, but they were disappointed in this for the little Indian brothers, Firefly and War Cry, who had been so cruelly torn apart four years ago, sank into each other's arms, and appeared to be unconscious of the great crowd of Indians about them. Red Cloud appeared to be ashamed of their weakness, and apologized to Tallyrand and Juda Magruder, saying: "Squaw Boys."

Tallyrand instantly replied: "Red Cloud, I am your guest, but I would be untrue to my mother if I allowed that slur to pass! You are a great Chief and I am a little boy, but I must tell you that the boy that is most like his mother always makes the best man." Red Cloud was too much astonished to speak for some minutes, and the young Indian braves that stood around fell back in amazement; but Red Cloud looked at Tallyrand intently for a moment, then patted him on the head and said: "Brave son of Great White Chief."

(To be continued)

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There is considerable discontent throughout this country, and whenever discontent is widespread it's generally justified. It is evident the burden of taxation is getting on the nerves of the public. This is apparent to at least one member of congress, who is quoted in the newspapers as saying that "if the folks back home want to better conditions they have it in their own hands. Individually they cannot get congress to quit heaping on taxes, or to take off some already imposed, but if they were organized into Taxpayers' Leagues and made their demands in mass they could accomplish much. When the folks back home organize to stop exorbitant and unnecessary government expenditures, such expenditures will be stopped." Here is a thought for the taxpayers. They have all to win and nothing to lose by giving this serious consideration. For it may be that the congressman knows far better than we do just what is needed to stop the ever-increasing burden of taxation in this country.

Lenine is said to be sick again. And it is also reported that the Russians are afraid he will recover.

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LESSON FOR AUGUST

ESTHER SAVES HER

LESSON TEXT—Esther 3:1-13
GOLDEN TEXT—The righteous shall be hid from the Lord's wrath, and shall be hid from the Lord's anger. (Psalm 135:2)

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Esther 1:1-22; 2:1-17; 3:1-13; 4:1-17; 5:1-14; 6:1-14; 7:1-10; 8:1-14; 9:1-18; 10:1-3

PRIMARY TOPIC—A BRAVE QUEEN

JUNIOR TOPIC—Esther, Queen

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Heroine Worthy of Imitation

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS TOPIC—Rendering Sacrificial Service

I. Haman's Wicked Plot (3:1-4:3)

1. The occasion of (ch. 3:1-3). Mordecai refused to bow down to Haman, whom the king had elevated to the place of prime minister. Haman, who was hated by all the king's servants, in order to get revenge, formulated a plan to destroy all the Jews.

2. Fasting and mourning (4:1-3). In their distress the Jews sought the Lord. They did all those things which are right to do (Jas. 5:13).

II. Haman Checkmated (4:4-8)

1. Plot made known to the king (4:4-8). Mordecai appeared before the king's gate clothed in sackcloth. His refusal to put away his mourning, Esther sent Hatach, her attendant, to find out the cause of his distress. The king was in the form of a charade, and he went to the king and made known her people's condition.

2. Message to Esther (4:9-17). Esther's hesitancy to go to the king was on the ground of the law which made it a capital offense for anyone to come into the king's presence unbidden unless he should extend clemency. The king's golden scepter, which Esther had not been called upon to use for thirty days, would signify that the queen was in disfavor.

3. Mordecai presses her (4:14, 15). (1) Her own life was involved (v. 13). She was told that if she went to the king without being called, she would certainly die. (2) Her death if she made no effort to save her, for the king would not save her, for the king had been made against the race.

4. Esther meets the king (4:15-5:3). (1) Preparation (v. 16). She instructed her attendants to gather together all the Jews in the city and fast for her for three days and nights. She with her attendants was the same. (2) Went into the presence of the king (5:1-3). Her decision to do her duty, and the consequences, after due prayer and fasting, she appeared before the king in royal apparel.

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