SCARAMOUCHE

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(Continued From Our Last Issue)

Not for a second was Andre-Louis under any delusion as to the man's deliberate purpose, nor were those who stood near him, who made a belated and ineffectual attempt to close about him. He was grievously disappointed. It was not Chabrillane he had been expecting.

But if Chabrillane was the man appointed to deal with him, he would make the best of it.

"I think you are pushing against me, monsieur," he said, very civilly, and with elbow and shoulder he thrust M. de Chabrillane back into the rain.

Now, for all his slenderness, his assiduous daily sword-practice had given Andre-Louis an arm of iron. Also he threw his weight into the thrust. His assailant reeled backward a few steps, and then his heel struck a baulk of timber left on the ground by some workmen that morning, and he sat down suddenly in the mud.

A roar of laughter rose from all who witnessed the fine gentleman's downfall. He rose, mud-bespattered, in a fury, and in that fury sprang at Andre-Louis.

"You shall meet me for this!" he spluttered. "I shall kill you for it."

"Whenever you please, monsieur. It is for you to say when it will suit your convenience to kill me. I think that was the intention you announced, was it not?" Andre-Louis was suavity itself.

"Tomorrow morning in the Bois. Perhaps you will bring a friend."

"Certainly, monsieur. Tomorrow morning, then. I hope we shall have fair weather. I detest the rain."

Chabrillane looked at him almost with amazement. Andre-Louis smiled pleasantly.

"Don't let me detain you now, monsieur. We quite understand each other. I shall be in the Bois at nine o'clock tomorrow morning."

In the morning, when the Assembly met, his place was vacant, and so was M. de Chabrillane's. Gloom and resentment sat upon the members of the Third, and brought a more than usually acrid note into their debates. They disapproved of the rashness of the new recruit to their body. Some openly condemned his lack of circumspection. Very few—and those only the little group in Le Chapelier's confidence—ever expected to see him again.

It was, therefore, as much in amazement as in relief that at a few minutes after ten they saw him enter, calm, composed, and bland, and thread his way to his seat. The speaker occupying the rostrum at that moment—a member of the Privileged—stopped short to stare in incredulous dismay. Here was something that he could not understand at all. Then from somewhere a voice explained the phenomenon contemptuously

"They haven't met. He has shirked it at the last moment."

It must be so, thought all; the mystification ceased, and men were settling back into their seats. But now, having reached his place, having heard the voice that explained the matter to the universal satisfaction, Andre-Louis paused before taking his seat. He felt it incumbent upon him to reveal the true fact.

"M. le President, my excuses for my late arrival." There was no necessity for this. It was a mere piece of theatricality, such as it was not in Scaramouche's nature to forego. "I have been detained by an engagement of pressing nature. I bring you also the excuses of M. de Chabrillane. He, unfortunately, will be permanently absent from this Assembly in future."

The silence was complete. Andre-Louis sat down.

CHAPTER VII

NOBODY laughed now at Andre-Louis flippancy. He did not intend that anybody should. He intended to be terrible; and he knew that the more flippant and casual his tone, the more terrible would be its effect. He produced exactly the effect he desired.

When the session rose, there were a dozen spadassins awaiting him in the vestibule.

He paused, seeking the man he expected, the man he was most anxious to oblige. But M. de La Tour d'Azyr was absent from those eager ranks. This seemed to him odd. La Tour d'Azyr was Chabrillane's cousin and closest friend. Surely he should have been among the first today.

To Andre-Louis, since La Tour was not one of that waiting pack, it mattered little on that Tuesday morning who should be the next. The next, as it happened, was the young Vicomte de La Motte-Royau, one of the deadliest blades in the group.

"BECAUSE, MONSIEUR, YOU PREFER THE EASY VICTIM."

On the Wednesday morning, coming again an hour or so late to the Assembly, Andre-Louis announced—in much the same terms as he had announced the death of Chabrillane—that M. de La Motte-Royau would probably not disturb the harmony of the Assembly for some weeks to come, asuming that he were so fortunate as to recover ultimately from the effects of an unpleasant accident with which he had quite unexpectedly had the misfortune to meet that morning.

On Thursday he made an identical announcement with regard to the Vidame de Blavon. On Friday he told them that he had been delayed by M. de Troiscantins, and then turning to the members of the Cote Droit, and lengthening his face to a sympathetic gravity:

"I am glad to inform you, messieurs, that M. des Troiscantins is in the hands of a very competent surgeon who hopes with care to restore him to your councils in a few weeks' time."

The Friday of that very busy week found the vestibule of the Menage empty of swordsmen when he made his leisurely and expectant egress with Le Chapelier.

"Have they had enough?" he wondered, addressing the question to Le Chapelier.

Out there under the awning a group of gentlemen stood in earnest talk. Scanning the group in a rapid glance, Andre-Louis perceived M. de La Tour d'Azyr amongst them. He tightened his lips. He must afford no provocation. It must be for them to fasten their quarrels upon him.

Still, matters could not be left where they were, or he should have had all his pains for nothing. Carefully looking away from that group of gentlemen, he raised his voice so that his words must carry to their ears.

"It begins to look as if my fears of having to spend the remainder of my days in the Bois were idle."

Out of the corner of his eye he caught the stir his words created in that group. Facing slowly along between his friends he resumed:

"But is it not remarkable that the assassin of Lagron should make no move against Lagron's successor? Or perhaps it is not remarkable. Perhaps the gentleman is prudent."

He had not long to wait. Came a quick step behind him, and a hand falling upon his shoulder, spun him violently round. He was brought face to face with M. de La Tour d'Azyr, whose handsome countenance was calm and composed, but whose eyes reflected something of the sudden blaze of passion stirring in him.

"You spoke of me, I think," said the Marquis quietly.

"I spoke of an assassin—yes. But to these my friends." Andre-Louis' manner was no less quiet.

"You spoke loudly enough to be overheard," said the Marquis, answering the insinuation that he had been eavesdropping. "I perceive that it is your aim to be offensive."

"Oh, but you are mistaken, M. le Marquis. I have no wish to be offensive. But I resent having hands violently laid upon me, especially when they are hands that I cannot consider clean."

The older man's eyelids flickered. Almost he caught himself admiring Andre-Louis' bearing. Rather, he feared that his own must suffer by comparison. Because of this, he enraged altogether, and lost control of himself. "You spoke of me as the assassin of Lagron. But how much better are you, M. the fencing-master, when you oppose yourself to men whose skill is as naturally inferior to your own?"

"I oppose myself to them!" said Andre-Louis on a tone of amused protest. "Ah, pardon, M. le Marquis; it is they who chose to oppose themselves to me—and so stupidly. They push me, they slap my face, they tread on my toes, they call me by unpleasant names. What if I am a fencing master? Must I on that account submit to every manner of ill-treatment from your bad-mannered friends?

"Comedian!" the Marquis contemptuously apostrophized him. "Are these men who live by the sword like yourself?"

"On the contrary, M. le Marquis, I have found them men who died by the sword with astonishing ease. I cannot suppose that you desire to add yourself to their number."

"And why, if you please?" La Tour d'Azyr's face had flamed scarlet before that sneer.

"Oh," Andre-Louis raised his eyebrows and pursed his lips, a man considering. He delivered himself slowly. "Because, monsieur, you prefer the easy victim—the Lagrons and Vilmorins of this world, mere sheep for your butchering. That is why."

And then the Marquis struck him.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN BY STANLEY

WATTS SUBJECT OF TERRIFIC ASSAULT IN PAPER BY BAILEY

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to withdraw in the face of such charges.

"So much for the facts as to Mr. Evans and myself. I shall say nothing of the allegations as to Mr. Watts' support of Mr. Evans. I know that he deeply desired and sought his defeat. I am not surprised that he would now seek to have it appear otherwise. That is quite Watts-like.

Watts True to Form

"But what shall be said of Mr. Watts having his clerk to send out such falsehoods as he has to innocent weekly newspapers that in good faith are paying for and publishing "Our Raleigh Letter from the Gorman News Bureau?"

"The whole thing is characteristic of Mr. Watts. He works under cover. His victims rarely have the fortune to see his hand in advance of the blow. He has set about to discredit me. But manifestly, his desperation has betrayed him in this particular instance. In others he has moved more subtilely. I have seen editorials in what may well be termed the Watts press that were far more cunningly conceived than this Gorman blunder. And I am sure there will be others. The methods of the gun-shoe and the foot-pad have been invoked throughout the State. Mr. Watts is traveling at the State's expense—and he will continue now to travel and to whisper for two years with ceaseless energy. Mr. Watts knows only too well what is at stake.

Let Watts Shoot

"For my part, I am willing. If by such methods, or any other, Mr. Watts can name the next Governor of North Carolina, let him do so. I challenge him to the test. I shall certainly not set up a campaign now. The primary is two years off. I intend to attend to my business as a lawyer for the next twelve months or more. I have no personal ambition to be Governor. I have not the slightest inclination to set out to compel the people of North Carolina to elevate me to that office.

"I have often said that I would not walk from my home to the Governor's Mansion—three blocks—to be Governor. Let me speak intimately. I would prefer my home—humble though it be—to the Governor's Mansion. For the house in which I live is a house of happiness, and has been these forty-three years. I have lived there as a boy; then as the son of a widowed mother; and now as a husband and father.

"It has always been a happy home. I hope to die there. On the other hand, I have passed by the Governor's Mansion every day of my life, since it was built. I have known all the Governors from Jarvis to Morrison. I have found nothing in their lots to envy.

"I do not think the Governor's Mansion is a happy place. I have come to think of it as a house of broken dreams and blasted hopes and untimely ends. Let no one, therefore, think to do me an injury by attempting to keep me out of the Governorship. I can be quite as happy in private life and in my own home.

"I am speaking intimately and frankly. I am willing to undertake to serve the people of North Carolina as Governor only if they want me to. If I desired the office for my own sake that would be the best evidence that I was unworthy of it. If the people desire me to enter the contest, I shall do so and in due season. I shall give them a statement of what they may expect of me.

"For the present I desire to say only that some time after mid-summer 1923 I shall take such steps as may be necessary to ascertain whether or not they desire me to offer for the nomination in the Democratic Primary of 1924. And if I shall be satisfied that they do, I shall make a campaign that will justify their support. Meantime the opposition of Mr. Watts has no terrors for me, and I shall give him and his peculiar methods a full year's start. He has named his candidate. He has started his campaign. His methods are familiar. Let him proceed. We shall know in 1924 whether or not Watts is Ruler of North Carolina.

Why Watts Fights

"Just why Mr. Watts is so ardently spreading his propaganda against me many know in part already, but all shall fully know in time. It is not because I have attacked him, for I have not attacked him. I have said that the next General Assembly ought to pull every political tooth out of his head. He is Tax Commissioner. The head of our Taxation system has no business in politics. Mr. Watts may give up his office and keep his teeth, but he can not keep both without bringing his office, himself and his party into scandal. Let him take his choice. If for me to say this causes him to seek to discredit me, I cannot help it. It is the truth. I stand for it.

"Some think that Mr. Watts has issued his decree for my political death because I have said that it ought to be made a penitentiary offense for a public officer, or any other man, to solicit contributions from corporations or individuals and use them to advance the interests of his candidates.

"If this gives Mr. Watts offense, doubtless he knows the reason why. At any rate I stand for it. And I defy him to come into the open and stand against it.

Will Fight Corruption

"I have declared for a strong corrupt practices act. This, too, seems to have added fuel to the flames that are consuming Mr. Watts. But I stand to it we have reached the point where a powerful corrupt practices act powerfully enforced is indispensible to the welfare of the Democratic Party and the due expression of the will of the people of North Carolina in our primaries and elections.

"The columns of our daily papers have recently carried enough information as to the break-down of our primary-ejection laws, wherever the contests were sharp, to convince all concerned that we must strengthen these laws or abandon them. I read in the News and Observer of July seventh 1st column 1st page) that there is or foot a set plan to destroy our primary-election laws throughout the country.

"I know that Mr. Watts desires to return to the old convention system—and more especially since the women have the ballot. The plan seems to be to make our primaries odious with rottenness and corruption. I say to Mr Watts, his project will fail; his efforts can have but one effect, and that to greatly strengthen our Primary Laws. We shall put an end to money in poitis. We shall put an end to fraud and corruption. We shall make our Primaries so clean that no women will hesitate to take part in them.

Clean Up Primary

"If to stand for this brings down upon my head the wrath of Watts, I shall stand for it. I would like nothing better than to get him into the open on this subject; but let the people of Noth Carolina remember he will not come into the open. He will proceed, as he is now proceeding, by gum-shoe methods, by Gorman press bureaus conducted from his office, by whispers and other dark-lantern methods.

"Our aim as Democrats must be to so safeguard the primary and election laws that the humblest and poorest man or woman may vote or run for office on terms of equality with the richest and most powerful. The ballot is a sered thing, and its sacredness must be kept inviolate. By some means we must put an end to the use of money in politics or the Democratic party and fere institutions will perish. If Mr. Watts does not realize this, and he does not, we must make him realize it. His decrees have no terrors for me.

"To sum: up Watts is fighting me because he knows that I stand for measures that would make Watts and Wattsism impossible. This and his vainglorious conceit that only his creatures shall be governor accounts for Mr. Watts' course.

Measures Watts' Power

"I do not underestimate the power of Mr. Watts. He is State Tax Commissioner. Inomee taxpayers may fear him. Some of them may calculate upon his favor. The controls large bank deposits. He is not without a following. He has henchmen in every county who think that all they need to win in our election is a little money from him. There are politicans who hope to profit by his favor. There are others who fear him. Nevertheless Mr. Watts knows that after all he is not so powerful. Otherwise he would not seek, in times like these, to hide behind the name of Senator Simmons and to seek sanctuary in the Democratic party. I notify him here and now that he will not be suffered to do either of these things.

Don't Own Party

"The Demoratic party does not belong to Mr. Watts. It is the vehicle of all the Democratic voters. He can not invoke the party name in his defense. When we expose him we expose a politician, not a party. I have been a faithful Democrat. I have canvassed this State in every campaign for fourteen years, and have never declined a call to service.

"Senator Simmons and his well-deserved prestige—does not belong to Mr. Watts. I have been his loyal supporter for more than twenty years. Such assistance as I have rendered him has been rendered in the open. I am not ashamed of it. His career has justified it. The so-called "Simmons Organization" does not belong to Mr. Watts. There are tens of thousands who support Mr. Simmons who will not follow Mr. Watts, nor will they suffer Mr. Watts to conjure for himself in the name of Senator Simmons. They will justly draw the line between the Statesman at Washington and the would-be boss at Raleigh, who has for years sought to capitalize the name of Simmons in the interests of his selfish purposes—and often at the expense of that Statesman.

"In conclusion, let me return to the victory of Mr. Evans. I make no claim whatever in the matter. I did my duty as I saw it. I see in that victory, however, a popular triumph over the very methods and means that A. D. Watts stands for. And in this I rejoice, as every good Democrat and patriotic citizen should rejoice. A triumph like that is a victory for every well-meaning man and woman in the commanwealth. It strikes terror to the Wattsites and it heralds the doom of Wattsism.

"They do well to seek with all haste to rob me of any credit whatever for my part in it and in these same breath seek to make it appear that it was a Watts triumph."

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Goldsboro Savings and Trust Company,

at Goldsboro, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, June 30th, 1922.

RESOURCES

1. Loans and Discounts	$197,428.65	
2. Demand Loans,	none	
3. Overdrafts, secured, none; unsecured, $1.50,		1.50
4. United States Bonds and Liberty Bonds,	none	
5. North Carolina State Bonds,	none	
3. All other Stocks, Bonds, and Mortgages,	none	
7. Premium on Bonds,	none	
8. Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures	none	
9. All other Real Estate owned,	none	
10. Cash in vault, and net amounts due from Banks, Bankers, and Trust Companies		4,909.28
11. Cash Items held over 24 hours	none	
12. Checks for clearing	none	
13. Customers' Liability on Acceptances,	none	
Total		$202,339.43

LIABILITIES

1. Capital Stock paid in,	$41,000.00	
2. Surplus Fund,	none	
3. Undivided Profits, less current expenses and taxes paid,		10,039.50
4. Unearned Discount,	none	
3. Dividends Unpaid	none	
6. Notes and bills rediscounted,	none	
7. Bills Payable,	none	
8. Certificates of Deposit representing money borrowed,	none	
9. Deposits Due Banks, Bankers, and Trust Companies,	none	
10. Deposits subject to check		144,154.08
11. Demand Certificates of Deposit,		7,145.85
12. Time Certificates of Deposit, Due in Less Than 30 days,	none	
13. Cashier's Checks outstanding,	none	
14. Certified Checks,	none	
15. Time Certificates of Deposit, Due on or After 30 Days,	None	
16. Savings Deposits,	none	
17. Trust Deposits(net),	none	
18. Accrued Interest due depositors,	none	
19. Domestic and Foreign Acceptances,	none	
Total		$202,339.43

State of North Carolina—County of Wayne, Goldsboro, N. C., July 10, 1922.

I, Thos. H. Norwood, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOS. H. NORWOOD, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

GEO C. ROYALL
W. T. YELVERTON
M. J. BEST, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this tenth day of July, 1922,

C. F. DEES, JR.

My Com. expires Dec. 12, 1923.

Charter No. 5048 Reserve District No. 5.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

THE NATIONAL BANK OF GOLDSBORO

AT GOLDSBORO, IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 30, 1922.

RESOURCES

1. a Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c)	$766,663.19	
c Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bank purchased or discounted by it	766,663.19	
Total loans		$766,663.19
2. Overdrafts, secured, none; unsecured, $827.95		827.95
Liability of foreign banks and bankers for drafts and bills accepted by this bank to create dollar exchange, and now outstanding	none	
4. U. S. Government securities owned:		
a Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)	$95,800.00	
b All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any)	$1,800.00	
Total		97,600.00
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc:		12,400.00
6. Banking House, $25,000.00; Furniture and Fixtures, none		25,000.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	none	
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		35,146.74
9. Items with Federal Reserve Bank in process of collection	none	
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks		24,269.57
11. Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10)		6,350.20
12. Exchanges for clearing house	none	
13. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12)		1,936.58
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	$31,646.35	
14. b Miscellaneous cash items	$472.20	472.20
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		4,700.00
16. Other assets, if any	none	
Total		$974,545.43

LIABILITIES

17. Capital stock paid in		$100,000.00
18. Surplus fund		100,000.00
19. Undivided profits	$43,978.71	
a Reserved for interest and taxes accrued	5,030.18	
b Reserved for unearned interest	9,670.17	$58,679.06
c. Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	22,372.83	36,306.23
20. Circulating notes outstanding		94,750.00
21. Amount due to Federal Reserve Bank (deferred credits)	none	
22. Amount due to national banks	none	
23. Amount due to State banks, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 21 or 22)		5,763.69
24. Certified checks outstanding	none	
25. Cashier's checks outstanding		3,479.94
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25	$9,243.43	
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):		
26. Individual deposits subject to check		390,696.01
27. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	none	
28. State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or otherwise	none	
29. Deposits requiring notice, but less than 30 days	none	164.00
31. Other demand deposits	none	
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31	$590,860.01	
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):		
32. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)		187,931.77
33. State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or otherwise	none	
34. Other time deposits	none	
35. Postal savings deposits		6.20
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 32, 33, 34, and 35	$187,937.97	
36. United States deposits (other than postal savings), including War Loan deposit account and deposits of United States disbursing officers	none	
37. U. S. Government securities borrowed	none	
38. Bonds and securities, other than United States, borrowed	none	
39. Bills payable (including all obligations representing money borrowed other than rediscounts)	none	
40. Notes and bills rediscounted, including acceptances of other banks and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank		55,447.79
41. Letters of Credit and Travelers' Checks sold for cash and outstanding	none	
42. b Less acceptances of this bank purchased or discounted (see Item 1 c)	none	
43. Acceptances executed by other banks for account of this bank	none	
44. Liabilities other than those above stated	none	
Total		$974,545.43

State of North Carolina, County of Wayne, ss:

I, Thos. H. Norwood, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOS. H. NORWOOD, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest:

SAM BRIDGES
W. T. YELVERTON
M. J. BEST, Director.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this tenth day of July, 1922.

C. F. DEES, JR., Notary Public.

My commission expires Dec. 12, 1923.