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While he has not declined the nomination, Judge W. P. Byrum, of Greensboro, who was nominated by the Taft convention for elector at large, says he is too busy to take any part in the campaign.

Robert W. Herter, Lawrenceville, Mo., who had been bothered with kidney trouble for two years, says: "I tried three different kinds of kidney pills but with no relief. My neighbor told me to use Foley Kidney Pills. I took three bottles of them, and got a permanent cure. I recommend them to everybody." For sale by All Drugists.

Chief of Police Daniels, of Randolph county, who was shot recently by a man he was attempting to arrest, and who was reported seriously, it is not fatally wounded, is out of the hospital and rapidly recovering.

THE THREE GUARDSMEN

BY ALEXANDRE DUMAS

CHAPTER XXXIII.

The Inn of the Red Dovecote.

THE king, although scarcely arrived, was in such haste to face the enemy, and who, with more reason than the cardinal, should have been Buckingham, commanded an attack to be made to drive the English from the Isle of Re. Afterward the siege of La Rochelle should be pressed.

The attack succeeded. The English, beaten in all the operations and defeated in the passage of the Loire, were obliged to re-embark, leaving on the field of battle 2,000 men.

An envoy of the Duke of Buckingham named Montague was taken, and proof was obtained of a league between the empire, Spain, England and Lorraine.

If the league which threatened France triumphed all the cardinal's influence would be lost. Spanish policy and Austrian policy would have their representatives in the cabinet of the Louvre, where they had as yet but partial success.

The king, who, while obeying him like a child, hated him as a child hates his master, would abandon him to the personal vengeance of monster and the queen. He would then be lost, and France, perhaps, with him.

All this must be guarded against. The king, therefore, and the queen, becoming very instant more numerous, succeeded in one other day and night in the little house of the bridge of La Fiere, in which the cardinal had established his residence. Sometimes the cardinal held conferences elsewhere.

The conferences, which had not much to do with the siege, were not under very strict orders and had a popular life.

Now, one evening when D'Arctagnan, who was in the trenches, was able to accompany them, Athos, Porteus and Aramis, mounted upon their battle steeds, were returning from an excursion called the Red Dovecote which Athos had discovered two days before upon the banks of the river. Athos, who was on road which led to the camp and upon which their guard for fear of an ambush, when at about a quarter of a league from the village of Boissier they noticed they heard the sound of horses approaching them. All three halted, closed in and waited, occupying the time of the wait. Athos, advancing a few paces in front of the others, cried in a stern voice:

"Who goes there?"

"Who goes there, yourself?" replied one of two horsemen whom they saw.

"King's musketeers," said Athos. "Advance and name me an account of what you are doing here at this time of night."

"Monsieur le Cardinal" cried the stammered musketeer, recognizing the voice.

"Our name?" cried the cardinal for the third time.

"Athos," said the musketeer. "These three musketeers shall follow us," said the cardinal in an under voice to his attendants. "I am not willing it should be known I have left the camp, and by following us we shall be certain they will tell nobody."

"We are gentlemen, monsieur," said Athos. "Require our parole and give yourself no uneasiness. We can keep a secret."

"You have a quick ear, M. Athos," said the cardinal. "But now listen to this. It is not from mistrust that I request you to give me, but for my security. Your companions are no doubt M. Porteus and Aramis. I know you, gentlemen. I know you are not quite my friends, and I am sorry you are not so."

"Well, upon my honor," said Athos, "your eminence is right in talking as with you. I have seen several looking faces on the road, and we have even had a quarrel at the Red Dovecote with four evil-looking men whom we were compelled to place hors de combat to protect a lady."

"And was this lady young and handsome?" asked the cardinal, with a certain degree of anxiety.

"We did not see her," said Athos. "You did not see her? Ah, very well!" replied the cardinal quickly. "You acted quite rightly in defending a woman. I am going to the Red Dovecote myself. Follow me."

They soon arrived at the silent solitary inn. No doubt the best known which illustrious visitor he expected and had consequently sent intruders out of the way.

The cardinal alighted. The three musketeers did so likewise. The cardinal threw the reins of his horse to his attendant. The three musketeers hastened their horses to the stables.

The host stood at the door. For him the cardinal was only an officer coming to visit a lady.

"Have you any chamber on the ground floor where these gentlemen can wait near a good fire?" said the cardinal.

The host opened the door of a large room, in which an old bad stove had just been replaced by a large and excellent chimney.

"I have this, monsieur," said he. "That will do," replied the cardinal. "Come in, gentlemen, and be kind enough to wait for me. I shall not be more than half an hour." And he went upstairs.

It was evident that, without suspecting it and actuated solely by their chivalric and adventurous character, our three friends had just made a great discovery. One of the cardinal's attendants, who had been watching him, had followed him to the inn. Athos walked alone in a contemplative mood.

While thinking and walking, Athos passed and recognized his companions and the cardinal in half the other extremity of which passed into the upper chamber, and every time he passed he heard a murmur of words, which at length fixed his attention. He made a sign to his attendants to be silent and listen.

let us take it over. A small vessel with an English crew, whose captain is mine, awaits you at the mouth of the Charente at Fort de la Pointe. He will set sail tomorrow morning. You will allow me to leave first tonight and half an hour after you can go away in your turn.

"You will go to London. When arriving in London you will seek Buckingham."

"I must beg your eminence to observe," said Athos, "that since the affair of the Count de la Fere has been very mistrustful of me."

"Well, this time," said the cardinal, "it is not the question to steal his confidence, but to present yourself frankly and loyally as a negotiator. You will go to Buckingham on my part, and you will tell him I am acquainted with all the preparations he has made, but that they give me no uneasiness since, at the first step he takes, I will ruin the queen. I have the proofs."

"I must be able to present these proofs to his appreciation."

"Without doubt," and you will tell him I will publish the account of Bois-Robert and of the Marquis de Beaurieu upon the interview which the duke had at the residence of Mme. la Comtesse with the queen, on the evening Mme. la Comtesse gave a masked ball."

"Very well, monsieur."

"His coming into and going out of the palace on the night when he introduced himself in the character of an Italian fortune teller."

"Is that all, monsieur?"

"All this also that I am acquainted with all the details of the Count de Bois-Robert and of the Marquis de Beaurieu at Amiens; that I will have a little romance made of it; wittily turned, with a plan of the garden and portraits of the principal actors in that nocturnal romance."

"I will tell him that."

"I will tell him, further, Montague is in my power; that Montague is in the Bastille. No letters were found upon him, it is true, but that nature may make him say much of what he knows and even what he does not know. You recollect perfectly all I have told you, do you not?"

"If he persists—His eminence made a pause and resumed, 'If he persists—well, then I shall hope for one of those events which change the destinies of states.'"

"The only thing to be sought for at this moment is a clever woman, handsome, young and clever, who has some degree of quarrel with the duke."

"No doubt," said Athos coolly, "such a woman may be found."

"Well, such a woman, who would place the knife in the hands of a fanatic, would save France."

"Yes, but she would be the accomplice of an assassination. I must ask your eminence for an order which would ratify beforehand all that I should think proper to do for the greatest good of France. And now that I have received the instructions of your eminence as concerning you, entreat, monsieur, will permit me to say a few words to him of mine? In the first place, there is a little intriguing woman named Bonacieux."

"She is in the prison of Nantes."

"That is to say, she was there," replied Athos, "but the queen has obtained her freedom from the king by means of which she has been conveyed to a convent. I desire to know which."

"I see nothing inconvenient in that," said the cardinal.

"Well, now I have an enemy much more to be dreaded by me than this little Mme. Bonacieux. It is her lover, that wretch D'Arctagnan."

"He is a bold fellow," said the cardinal. "I must have a proof of his connection with Buckingham. Get me that proof, and I will send him to the Bastille."

"So far, good, monsieur. But attend. When once in the Bastille there is no way afterward," said the cardinal in a low voice. "Give me paper, a pen and some ink."

"Here they are, monsieur."

"We have heard all it was necessary to be said," said Athos, in a low voice. "Besides, I don't prevent you from listening, but I must be gone."

"You must be gone," said Porteus. "And if the cardinal asks for you, what answer can we make?"

"You will not wait till he asks; you will speak first and tell him that I am gone on the lookout, because certain circumstances of our host's have given me reason to think the road is not safe. I will say two words about it to the cardinal's attendant likewise; the rest concerns myself, don't be uneasy about that."

Athos went straight into the chamber and closed the door after him.

"Do you know me, madame?" said he.

Milady made one step forward and then drew back as if she had seen a serpent.

"So far well," said Athos. "I perceive you know me."

"The Count de la Fere" murmured Athos, becoming exceedingly pale.

"Yes, milady," replied Athos. "The Count de la Fere in person, who comes expressly from the other world to have the pleasure of paying you a visit. Sit down, madame, and let us talk."

Milady, under the influence of unexpected terror, sat down without uttering a word.

"You certainly are a demon sent upon the earth," said Athos. "I thought I had crushed you, madame, but either I was deceived or hell has resurrected you!"

Milady, at these words which recalled frightful remembrances, hung down her head with a suppressed groan. She arose. Athos remained sitting.

"I wish to tell you that, while remaining invisible to your eyes, I have not lost sight of you."

"You know what I have done and been?"

"I can relate to you day by day your actions from your entrance into the service of the cardinal to this evening."

A smile of incredulity passed over the pale lips of Milady.

"He recounted to her all he knew of her history, learned from D'Arctagnan."

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and overheard during her interview with the cardinal.

"You must be Satan!" cried she.

"Perhaps," said Athos. "But at all events listen well to this. Assassinate the Duke of Buckingham or cause him to be assassinated, I care very little about that. But touch a single hair of D'Arctagnan, who is a faithful friend, whom I love and defend, and I swear to you by the head of my father the crime which you shall have endeavored to commit or shall have committed shall be the last."

"M. D'Arctagnan has cruelly insulted me," said Milady in a hollow tone.

"Athos reached his hand to his belt, drew forth a pistol and cocked it.

Milady, pale as a corpse, endeavored to cry out, but her swollen tongue could utter no more than a hoarse sound.

Athos slowly raised his pistol, stretched out his arm so that the weapon almost touched Milady's forehead and then in a voice the mere terror from having the supreme calmness of a fixed resolution:

"Madame," said he, "you will this instant deliver to me the paper the cardinal signed upon my soul I will follow your brains out. You have one second to decide."

Milady saw by the contraction of his countenance that the trigger was about to be pulled. She reached her hand quickly to her bosom, drew out a paper and held it toward Athos.

"Take it," said she, "and be assured."

Athos took the paper, returned the pistol to his belt, approached the lamp to be assured that it was the paper, unfolded it and read:

It is by my order and for the good of the state that the bearer of this has done what he has done. RICHELIEU.
Dec. 1, 1627.

"And now," said Athos, resuming his cold, putting on his hat, "now that I have drawn your teeth, viper, bite if you can."

And he left the chamber without once looking behind him.

Then he leaped lightly into the saddle and set out at full gallop, intercepting the cardinal and his companions and receiving Richelieu's praise for his watchfulness.

The three friends did not exchange a single word till they got to their quarters except to give the watchword of the sentinels.

They sent Mousqueton to tell Planchet that his master was requested the instant he left the trenches to come to the quarters of the musketeers.

Milady thought it best to preserve silence, to set off discreetly, to accomplish her difficult mission with her usual skill, and then, all things being prepared, she set out for the Bastille, to come back and claim her vengeance.

In consequence, after having traveled all night, at 7 o'clock she was at Fort la Pointe, at 8 o'clock she had embarked, and at 9 o'clock the vessel, which was supposed to be sailing for Bayonne, raised anchor and steered its course toward England.

On arriving at the lodging of his three friends D'Arctagnan found them assembled.

Items of News.

Thirty-five were injured, five fatally, when an electric car collided with a brewery truck at Cleveland, O., Sunday.

The wife of Jack Johnson, the negro prize-fighter, attempted suicide in Chicago Wednesday night of last week by shooting herself.

Eight miles from Brookville, Fla., Sunday afternoon, a band of armed negroes rescued 11 negro prisoners from officers by firing on them. The prisoners had been arrested for gambling.

Eddie Hasha, of Waco, Tex., holder of several world's records for motorcycle racing, plunged over the rail of the course at the new Newark, N. J., motorcane into a crowd late Sunday afternoon causing the death of six persons, including himself, while six are dying and thirteen are badly injured.

A white woman, who signed receipts "Ms. R. Reese," took orders from many colored women of Reidsville for coats suits sold at a low price. The plan was \$1 down, the rest in installments. She collected some \$40 to \$50 and it is probable that is the end of the transaction.

J. E. Cochrane, a former resident of Statesville, who was engaged in the manufacture of show cases and mantels in Charlotte for some years, has become manager of the Albemarle Mantel Company and superintendent of the factory, says the Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Chas. F. McKesson, of Morganton, has been named as the Taft congressional candidate in the ninth district and W. R. Henry, of Charlotte, is named for district elector. Henry says he will decline the nomination for elector, as he wants to participate in the national campaign in a broader field.

All candidates for the nomination for President before the recent Baltimore Democratic convention have been appointed the national advisory committee of the national committee with Wm. J. Bryan, chairman. Additional members appointed on the committee from each State includes a woman, Mrs. E. J. Walsh, of Tacoma, Wash., and Senator Lee S. Overman and Gen. J. S. Carr, of North Carolina.

Jas. M. Ritch has brought suit in Mecklenburg Superior Court against Robt. Higgins for \$5,000 damages for personal injuries. Ritch was in Higgins' well and was overcome by foul air. Being hauled to the top he fell back in the well and was seriously hurt. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant was negligent in failing to provide bellows for the removal of the foul air, proper safety appliances, etc.

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Farm and Garden

INTERNAL POTATO DISEASE.

Blotch Found Responsible in Ohio For Serious Loss to Vegetable Growers.

In a bulletin on potato troubles in Ohio the department of agriculture of the state has the following to say about "internal blotch," which causes serious loss to growers of the vegetable.

"This internal trouble of the potato may be confused by the layman with the internal markings of the tubers by the fusarium fungus. It is characterized by rusty blotches, irregularly distributed throughout the flesh. See the cut. No external symptoms are in evidence. The trouble is to be observed only by cutting into the tuber. The cause of the disease is not known. Microscopic examinations and artificial culture work failed to reveal any organism. For the present it must be classed among the physiological troubles and is presumably due to irregularities in the growing season. Two years ago, in late potatoes which had made a rapid growth following the extreme drought of the summer, one of the buyers reported that in one lot between 15 and 20 per cent were infected with this disease.

An expert reports having worked with the disease in England, which he designates "internal disease and sprout." His microscopic examinations did not reveal a specific organism. He carried out some experiments to learn whether infested seed would transmit the disease. His results could hardly be considered positive. It seems quite probable that the trouble is partly inherited by certain strains and closely associated with irregularities in the growing season.

There is much evidence to indicate that many growers are practicing potato rotations of too short a duration. Most of such growers have attempted to maintain a three year rotation of wheat, clover and potatoes.

The potato and dairy section of Ohio is well adapted to this practice. However, this disease factor has been giving trouble. It is quite common to find growers who, upon raising a profitable crop of potatoes on an especially well fitted area, will run the risk of taking a second crop the next season from the same land. This is certainly poor practice as far as the disease factors are concerned."

It is true that the possibilities of an acre are limited more by the intelligence of the farmer than by the capacities of the soil.

A Medival Swiss Village. The little village of Frossens, in the canton of Neuchatel, population 200, still wears an atmosphere of the middle ages, and its customs and local government have not changed for centuries. Most of the inhabitants, peasants, have never seen a railway train, placed as it is in a remote valley. No roads connect the village with other villages and towns, the place is not lighted up at night, and there is no café or any public building. There is no policeman, for the president of the commune acts as judge, lawyer, solicitor and enforcer, receiving for those offices 24 shillings a year.—Geneva Cor. London Standard.

Tides and Storms. When a tempest is approaching or passing out on the ocean the tides are noticeably higher than usual, as if the water had been driven in a vast wave before the storm. The influence extends to a great distance from the cyclonic storm center, so that the possibility of forestalling the approach of a dangerous hurricane by means of indications furnished by tide gauges situated far away from the place then occupied by the whirling winds. The fact that the tidal wave outrips the advancing storm shows how extremely sensitive the surface of the sea is to the changes of pressure brought to bear upon it by the never resting air masses.

Democracy Must Be a Worthy Instrument

People Trust It, Says Woodrow Wilson, and It Must Make Good.

Sea Girl, N. J.—Woodrow Wilson at the "Little White House" at Sea Girl is daily called upon to demonstrate his ability as a ready speaker.

There is not a day passes but what he meets various delegations who call to assure him of their support.

In speaking of political machines to the Brooklyn Democratic Club Governor Wilson said: "Machines are bad, but an organization may be very essential. For instance, I have been surrounded by an organization here in New Jersey while doing my best work to assure him of their support."

"Some gentlemen seem to find it easy to make personalities out of politics, but it seems to me that whenever that is done politics is debased."

"Men who are in search of reform are not searching for the Democratic party, because, for my own part, I do not know where else they will turn to expect the results. There is no discounting the strength and serviceability of a united party, and the splendid part is that the Democratic party is united."

"Speaking seriously, nothing affords me more genuine pleasure than to receive such greetings from men in Jersey who have at least tested my qualities. Because you have known me at close range and if you will be kind enough to vouch for me perhaps the rest of the country will be credulous of your report."

"I have spent a great deal of time since I became governor of New Jersey defending your character. It was supposed in the old days, when the board of guardians was in charge of the state, that you were all of you disposed to give the most monopolistic trusts of the country a great ringing welcome in New Jersey."

"New Jersey was known as the mother of trusts—a very troublesome and questionable family—and I had to spend my time outside New Jersey asuring the people of the Union that it had not been the fault or the disposition of the people of New Jersey that there were certain gentlemen who had undertaken to carry the Republican party in these pockets and to admit to independently of the rank and file of Republicans in the state."

"New Jersey is progressive, but the United States is progressive, and we have here merely a delightful sample of the people of the United States."

"Now, these people are not bent on destroying anything, but they are bent on setting everything in order; they are bent upon justice; they are bent upon seeing to it that the people in general are partners of the government, as I was trying to do when I was the chief executive of the state."

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THE GREAT DUTY OF ADJUSTMENT.

We are servants of the people, the whole people. The nation has been unnecessarily, unreasonably at war with itself. Interest has clashed with interest when there were common principles of right and of fair dealing which might and should have rivaled, but as partners.

As the servants of all we are bound to undertake the great duty of accommodation and adjustment.—From Woodrow Wilson's Speech Accepting the Democratic Nomination.

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Wilson is the best equipped man nominated for the presidency since Lincoln.

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