

A SUMMER IDYL

(Concluded from first page.) day. A peace-giving calm is in the very air, and everything is enveloped in a mystic purple haze.

Joyce was constantly speculating as to the result of Raadolph's search for Ninon, but dared not ask, thinking whatever he desired her to know he would write of his own accord.

"I am no longer in doubt regarding Ninon. I have ascertained, with full proof, that she sleeps her last sleep in a humble churchyard in the outskirts of Paris.

Winds and waves were propitious and so safely and speedily bore him on his homeward way, that he reached port, adjusted necessary business and arrived at the little inn up among the hills while the tangle-lingering autumn was still full of beauty.

Never, he thought, had there been such a perfect day as that on which he drove toward the dear, old farm-house. He felt, somehow, a sense of buoyancy and hopefulness—a light-heartedness which he had not experienced since his long past youth.

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She was so intent upon her work that he almost reached the steps before she saw him. She had meant to meet him so calmly, to betray no emotion; but how could she keep the tell-tale blood from rushing to her face, and then receding, leaving her pale and faint.

"Are you glad to see me back?" he asked, with tender inflection. "Say that you are, for I love you and have crossed the ocean to ask you to be my wife."

He read his answer in her beautiful eyes, for she lifted them to his face with such love and trust and devotion that he drew the slight figure to his breast, whispering: "This is greater happiness than I deserve, or have dared to hope for. But tell me," he said, in a strained, anxious voice, holding her at arm's length for a moment, "that you do not think me too selfish in asking you to give yourself to me. I am so much older, and then there is that irretrievable past. Do not sacrifice yourself without weighing the matter seriously."

"I give myself to you willingly, and it can be no sacrifice, because I love you," she replied with sweet gravity. And again he held her close to his breast. Then they sat side by side talking of the happy future—the hours slipping by all too swiftly, until the golden afternoon lost itself in purple twilight, and the stars came out with peeping, curious eyes. Inside, though, in the sitting-room, time sped slowly and sorrowfully.

"I know," he said, sighing as he closed his book, took off his spectacles and put them carefully in the case; "but it is the way of the world. We would not have it otherwise if we could."

(Continued from first page.) SALISBURY (N. C.) PRISON. timony rendering it probable that the discharge of the prisoners would be prejudicial to the public interest.

Most respectfully, Your obedient servant, JAMES A. SEDDON, Secretary of War.

List of political prisoners at Salisbury, N. C. omitted.

Remembering the long and bloody struggle which the friends of liberty have waged in the defense of the privilege of habeas corpus, recognizing it as an inestimable security and protection of the individual against the arbitrary acts of ambitious power, I am, never-the-less, agreed to the confession, from my own observation, that occasion may arise when the most devoted defenders of liberty may with propriety, ay, must from necessity, suspend it for the protection of the country.

The fundamental principle and design of all proper government is the well-being and defence of society in its rights and privileges. Occasions may, and often do, arise to time of war or insurrection, when the right to suspend the writ is to be decided by the plain question between a single individual and the whole community. It often happens, further, that while the danger to society and the government is clearly apparent, existing circumstances render a fair and full trial utterly impossible as soon as the public interest may demand.

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A case of this character occurred in Gen. Wainwright's brigade in the latter part of 1861, while posted on the right wing of Johnston's army, one of his regiments encamped near a farm house, there, among others, lived a young man whose countenance betokened a base, designing spirit. I watched him loitering with an air of ill concealed thoughtfulness about the regiment suspected from his conduct that he

was giving information to the enemy. The suspicion was entertained by the officers, too, but no clue to his guilt could be obtained. On the morning that the long roll beat for the regiment to leave he was seen galloping on the road to the river in great haste—in all probability communicated the movement of the whole force to the enemy and was not arrested till his return.

But while it may sometimes be proper, from the peculiar circumstances, to arrest and confine suspected parties, it cannot be right to postpone the examination of such cases a day longer than is unavoidable. Prompt investigation should decide whether the arrest is "founded upon some necessity," or can be "justified as a proper precaution against an apparent danger." It is believed that the Confederate authorities are censurable for delay in such examination touching the arrest and custody of the civilian prisoners at Salisbury. One case is remembered, as reported by the commissioner when he came Salisbury, of a citizen from western Virginia, who had been in prison for fourteen months, and when his case was examined there was not the shadow of reason for his imprisonment. Mr. Seddon, speaking of the result of the examination in the Southwestern Department, states that a large number had been discharged. Not recollecting positively, my impression is that a considerable number of those confined at Salisbury, were promptly released when the facts of their arrest were brought to light.

After the departure of Colonel Goodwin for the field, who, like Colonel Gibbs, made the prison guard the nucleus for a fine regiment, Captain McCoy held the office of command for some time. He was almost quartermaster of the post for a considerable period, and finally held a position on the staff of his relative, General Winder.

THE PRISON'S BETTER DAYS. Up to the latter part of 1864, the prison presented few of those horrors which afterwards rendered it so shocking, and deplorable. The citizens of Salisbury will long remember how often they have heard the loud songs of the prisoners in those first years, when in the first still hours of the summer night they beguiled the heavy moments in singing those familiar hymns which bring to all hearts the sad, sweet memories of other days and absent friends. Those songs told of sad home thoughts, and there were many, doubtless, who heard them with a kinder sympathy than the singers dreamed. Coming from the prison they fell on the heart like "a thought of heaven in a field of graves." They call up sacred musings of that Better Land, where peace is never broken and freedom has no foe or fear.

About this period we have the testimony of an escaped prisoner—a newspaper correspondent—that the rations were tolerable both in quality and quantity. The prisoners had the privilege of purchasing a variety of articles from outsiders. The above correspondent says that at one time his mess had seventy-five dozen eggs. During the spring summer and autumn some of the citizens showed their kindness and humanity by carrying or sending down quantities of provisions. The buildings afforded ample shelter, there being, in addition to the large house, six other smaller brick buildings. The old well afforded pure refreshing water, and the oak shed a cool and grateful shade. An escaped prisoner published a complimentary acknowledgement of the general courtesy and generosity of Capt. Swift Galloway, who at that time commanded. They then had for the sick clean bay mattresses, and a frame hospital large enough for forty patients. There was one peculiarly sad feature, however, connected with the prisoners. It was the close confinement of two or three officers whom the Federal government was threatening to execute in retaliation for the death of certain criminals by order of the Confederate authorities. Their lot was of necessity very severe, but was alleviated by the magnanimous treatment of the commandant.

(Continued next week.) Field May Retire. WASHINGTON, May 31.—There is to be a change in the cabinet some time next fall, Justice Field of the Supreme Court has announced to his friends that he intends to resign. He has likewise notified Mr. Cleveland of his intention and the President has tendered the position when it becomes vacant to Secretary of State Gresham. It is a well-known fact that Mr. Gresham has aspired to this for many years and, of course, he will accept. Then the state portfolio will be vacant. There is some talk of Eda J. Phelps, of Vermont, ex-minister to England, for this, but it is all speculation. It

will be several months before the vacancy occurs, and it is more than probable that Mr. Cleveland himself has not yet determined upon a man. If Mr. Whitney would accept it would be his.

Justice Field will go on the retired list at full salary, he having reached the age of retirement. Indeed, the justice is sixty-seven years of age, seven years older than the age of retirement. The justice was one of the California '49. He was appointed to the Supreme bench by President Lincoln in 1863 as a war democrat, largely for the political reason that it saved California to the union.

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