

DONALD DONALDSON, JR.

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CHAPTER XVI. THE FATE OF A TRAITOR.

THE next morning Donaldson and I went over to the Junction on the early train. There were three or four stockholders over there to whom we wished to say a final word, though, in our opinion, the election was as good as over. I experienced a great relief and, an sometimes happens, was the better able to realize how great would have been my bitterness of spirit if Kelvin had won the fight.

I had various errands here and there in the Junction and was separated from Donaldson for some hours. We met about noon in front of the business block in which the office of the branch is located. My first glimpse of Donaldson showed me that something was wrong.

"I've just had a telephone message from Archer," he said. "He tells me that he can't find Bunn." "Can't find him?" I echoed. "Hasn't he been at the office?"

"No. And that isn't the worst of it," he replied. "Archer has sent up to Mrs. Stewart's Bunn's boarding place, and it seems that he wasn't there last night."

"Good heavens!" I exclaimed. "Can he have gone out on one of those long evening walks of his and fallen dead in an out of the way place? I don't mean to be heartless, Donaldson, but you know what this means to us."

"It means destruction," said he. "That's the name of it." "Do you remember," said I, "that when Don was talking to Jim Bunn the other day he seemed to get an impression that this vote would be a hundred shares short? Can that have been a vague hint that something was going to happen to Bunn?"

"I tried to get the boy by telephone," answered Donaldson. "Lorothy doesn't know where he is. Nobody knows." "I wish we had him here," said I. Upon a chance I went to a public telephone and called up the office, but I got no word of any one, Archer, Bunn nor Donald. I had a curious experience with crossed wires, however, in the course of which I heard Kelvin's voice for a few minutes and made out that he was trying to get communication with Gillespie. It came to me then to wonder whether that racial had spirited Bunn away. It was a trick that I did not believe Kelvin would stick at.

Donaldson and I were entirely helpless. We had to rely upon Archer, for we could not get to Tunbridge and back before the time set for the meeting, and so, as there was nothing better to do, we had a morsel of dinner.

Shortly before 2 o'clock Archer arrived in a pitiable state of excitement. "What shall we do?" he cried as soon as he was within speaking distance. "Without Bunn we're lost, and I can get no trace of the man. I've got all Tunbridge hunting for him. We must hold up the meeting as long as we can."

There were about a dozen of the stockholders in the room when we three entered. Thorndyke was there, and I immediately perceived that he was very restless. I could not get him into conversation. He sat in a corner of a window seat in the attitude of a man with the stomach ache and drummed upon the floor with one foot, a habit that especially distresses me.

Presently the meeting was called to order by a little dummy who acts as president of the company because more important men do not want the office. Some reports were read, and then, under the rules, it became necessary to proceed to the election of a board of directors. I had a little scheme for holding back the vote, but it was not necessary to spring it immediately. Meanwhile the proxies were passed upon in the usual way, and tellers were appointed, one from each party. They were Donaldson and a man named Alvin Green, a small stockholder who had gone entirely over to the Kelvin party, although he eyed me black and every thing else which he had in the world to me.

There were two tickets—that is, two lists of men named for directors. The lists were printed and were entitled Ticket No. 1 and Ticket No. 2. Ours was No. 1.

I was about to begin my tactics for delay when there was a loud knocking at the door, which was locked. We all jumped up from our places around the long table except Thorndyke, who had maintained his seat in the window throughout the proceedings and did not stir at the noise.

turned on his heel and walked out of the room. "He has played the game too hard," said Donaldson. "The strain has smashed his wits."

"Upon my word," said I, "I don't quite see what his game was." "Power!" answered Bunn. "Kelvin's control of this road would have forced your business into the trust. You would have made the best terms you could and would have retired from active management. Kelvin promised Archer that he should have the whip hand of everything here, and you can see what that would have meant for Donaldson. As for me, they had me in a trap."

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SENATE ETIQUETTE.

It Came Near Making Roosevelt Vice McKinley's Inauguration.
A vice president seated in solitary grandeur in the senate chamber, while the ceremony of a presidential inauguration to which he has been invited as an honored guest is going on outside, surely presents a spectacle with an element of humor in it. Few persons know how near Theodore Roosevelt came to playing such a part on the 4th of March, 1901. The senate stumbles so for minor details of etiquette that the most strenuous reformer would hardly venture to transgress its rules, and they require that a formal motion to adjourn shall be put before a day's session can come to an end. After his inauguration as vice president in the senate chamber Mr. Roosevelt took the gavel and, when the routine business was finished, directed the sergeant at arms, as usual, to proceed with the ceremony of inaugurating Mr. McKinley as president.

It was then in order for some senator to move an adjournment, but in the confusion nobody seemed to have his wits about him, and the whole assemblage, including the senators, quitted the chamber for the east portico, where the oath was to be administered and the address delivered. In a few minutes the vice president found himself alone, with a fair prospect of remaining so until the day's performances were over, but it chanced that Senator Hettried missed his hat while passing through the corridor and came back to look for it. Face to face with the vice president, it occurred to the senator that something must be wrong, so with the utmost gravity he moved "that the senate do now adjourn." Mr. Roosevelt, with equal solemnity, put the motion, declared it carried and proceeded in Mr. Hettried's company to the place on the presidential stand which had been reserved for him—Francis E. Lepp in Century.

ILL NATURED BRUTES.

Endurance and Carrying Power the Only Good Traits in Camels.
As we have racers and cart horses, so the Arabs and the natives of north-eastern Africa have breeds of camels severally adapted for riding and for carrying burdens. It is to the fast riding and racing camels that the name dromedary alone applies, so that this term—the Greek equivalent of "racer"—indicates merely a breed and not a particular species.

All the camels of Arabia and Africa, as well as those employed in India, belong to the single humped species, which is a lightly built and long limbed animal in comparison with its double humped relative, the Bactrian camel of central Asia. Not improbably some of the herds of the latter species which are found in the neighborhood of the Gobi desert are the descendants of aboriginally wild animals, but the Arabian camel is quite unknown in a wild state, and we are even ignorant of its birthplace, although it is quite likely that this may have been north Africa or the neighborhood of the Arabian desert. For traversing desert tracts camels are absolutely indispensable. Their broad cushionlike hoofs proclaim them essentially animals of the desert, and a camel is absolutely helpless on a wet and slippery inclined road.

As if conscious that man cannot do without them, camels are some of the worst tempered and ill natured brutes in creation, and, save for their endurance and the heavy loads they can carry, no one has a good word to say in their favor. If a camel can bite a mounted traveler, whom he may be passing in a narrow road, he will never fail to avail himself of the opportunity, and the babbling noise made by a "moss" camel at night will destroy the rest of an entire camp.—London Illustrated News.

Linguistic Instinct.
The strength of the linguistic instinct in children is shown by the remarkable shifts they will make to find forms of expression for their perceptions or feelings. An examination of these shifts will show that the energy of the child manifests itself along precisely the same lines as have been taken by the languages of the races of mankind toward their ultimate forms. Thus, lacking the word "wife," a little one said, "Open the door loud," extending the meaning of the word "loud" precisely as we do when we apply it colloquially to letters.

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Under and by virtue of a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Kinston, N. C., passed April 1st, 1928, and in pursuance of and conformity with the provisions of law contained in an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina as its regular session of 1927, entitled "An Act to Amend the Act entitled 'An Act to Amend the Charter of the Town of Kinston, in the county of Lenoir, North Carolina,' better known as Chapter 180, notice is hereby given that a special election will be held at the court house in Kinston, N. C., on Monday the 5th day of May, 1928, being the first Monday in May, for the purpose of obtaining the consent and approval of a majority of the qualified voters of said town, to issue the bonds of said town of Kinston, to an amount not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) of such denominations not less than twenty-five dollars and more than one hundred dollars, and at the lowest rate of interest obtainable, not exceeding six per cent per annum, and the bonds shall not be sold below par. The bonds bearing interest from date of issue, with interest coupons attached, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and the first day of July of each year until the bonds are paid at such place or places as may be deemed advisable by said Board of Aldermen, said bonds to be of such form and tenor and transferable in such way and the principal thereof payable and redeemable at such time or times, not exceeding six years from date of issue, and at such place or places the Board of Aldermen shall determine.
Provided that said Board of Aldermen may divide such bonds into classes as they may determine and have them mature at different intervals, dates before the limit aforesaid. That the said bonds are to be and shall be issued, if approved and authorized by a majority of the qualified voters at said election for the objects and purposes set forth and prescribed in the said act of the General Assembly of 1927, to-wit: The moneys arising as proceeds from the sale of said bonds shall be expended for the purpose of providing and maintaining a system of waterworks, sewerage, Electric Fire Alarm System and Improvements of Electric Light and Street and Public Buildings of said town, as the said Board of Aldermen may and the same to be elected. The said election shall be held under the supervision and inspection of the Inspectors and pollsters or judges of election appointed for the purpose of holding and conducting the election of Mayor and Aldermen for said town, and the polls will be open on the day of election from seven o'clock in the morning until sunset. At said election those qualified voters who are in favor of issuing said bonds shall vote "For Bonds" and those opposed shall vote "Against Bonds." Votes cast shall be counted. This April 27th, 1928.
GEO. B. WEBB, Mayor.

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TIME TABLE NO. 28
In effect Sunday, Nov. 9, 1928, at 7:35 a. m.

WESTBOUND TRAINS.

No.	Name	Dep. Kinston	Arr. Newbern	Arr. Beaufort	Arr. W. P. M.
1	Goldensboro-arrive	7:35	8:15	8:45	9:15
2	LaGrange	8:00	8:40	9:10	9:40
3	Falling Creek	8:15	8:55	9:25	9:55
4	Kinston	8:30	9:10	9:40	10:10
5	Dover	8:45	9:25	9:55	10:25
6	Cora Creek	9:00	9:40	10:10	10:40
7	Camperdown	9:15	9:55	10:25	10:55
8	Newbern	9:30	10:10	10:40	11:10
9	Havelock	9:45	10:25	10:55	11:25
10	Newport	10:00	10:40	11:10	11:40
11	Worsham City	10:15	10:55	11:25	11:55
12	Worsham City Depot	10:30	11:10	11:40	12:10

EASTBOUND TRAINS.

No.	Name	Dep. Newbern	Arr. Kinston	Arr. Goldensboro	Arr. W. P. M.
1	Goldensboro-leave	7:35	8:15	8:45	9:15
2	LaGrange	8:00	8:40	9:10	9:40
3	Falling Creek	8:15	8:55	9:25	9:55
4	Kinston	8:30	9:10	9:40	10:10
5	Dover	8:45	9:25	9:55	10:25
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Dissolution Notice.
Z. Edwards, H. C. V. Peebles and C. H. Pool, proprietors of the Kinston Sash and Blind Co., have this day dissolved partnership. Z. Edwards assuming full control of the business, also assuming all liabilities and assets of the Kinston Sash and Blind Co.
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