



A STRANGE ADVENTURE.

It was morning and the boy and girl adventurers were already wide awake. They were all alone on the top of the hill which looked down into the valley below.

"It is strange," said the boy, "but I always have to collect my wits when I first wake up. I forget where I am and almost who I am."

"I forget, too," said the girl. "That is, I cannot remember right away, which I suppose is the same as having forgotten for the time being."

"Well, I know now," said the boy. "We're looking for the House of Secrets, you and I, and while we're looking for it we're having so many, many adventures. When we get to the House of Secrets you and I will find out how we can become leaders of boys and girls and later of men and women. We will find out how we must act if we're to be important and have others follow us and admire us."

"It's lucky we're meeting so many friends along the way," said the girl. "They are all helping to show us how to get there. Now if we hadn't met the witch we would never have known that we should take the bumpy road instead of the Road Commonplace. We simply would have stayed around on the Road Commonplace, going backwards and forwards and never getting anywhere."

"And it was the little gnome who told us we must go to the House of Secrets if we wanted our questions answered," said the boy. "Well, we should be on our way, I suppose."

"What? Without any breakfast?" asked some voices, and looking around they saw the four little wood elves who had served the supper the night before.

"Is there breakfast?" asked the boy, as he put on his coat and fastened his collar.

"Of course there is breakfast," said the elves together.

So they had a delicious breakfast, and it, too, had been sent up, all piping hot from the Hospitality hotel



"A Great Mound."

which was in the next valley and in which they were going to stay the coming evening.

After they had finished and had thanked the wood elves for serving them such a breakfast, and had said they would later thank the people at the Hospitality hotel themselves, they started down the hill.

"This is fine, going down hill," said the boy. "There is no effort or trouble to this."

"Everything shouldn't be hard all the time," said the girl. "Mrs. Get-the-Most-Out-of-Life said so, you know. In fact all our friends seemed to have had the idea that there should be any amount of fun and jollity, as well as the hard adventures."

"If folks don't enjoy themselves and don't care for jollity," said the boy, "poor little Brownie Joy will shrink and shrink. And he just hates to be small and forgotten about. He likes to be full-sized."

They were not long in getting to the bottom of the hill and there to their surprise they saw many, many people, of all ages and sizes. They had never seen so many on all their journey. They had not seen them before, so evidently they, too, had only just awakened and gotten up.

"Is this a meeting?" asked the girl. "Maybe it's one," said the boy, "but it is the biggest meeting I ever saw."

"Look," said the girl, "there is a great mound and it looks as though it were covered with brambles and burs and sharp, sticking things. I guess we couldn't have seen this from the top of the hill on account of those maple trees."

"Oh," said the boy, "that is why all the people are here. They don't know what to do about this."

"That's why we're all here," said a little man who had heard the boy speak. "And you see how horrible a place it is right in the middle of the road. There is no way of getting around that mound that I can see. There is a marsh all around it and they say that if we go around the mound and go beyond we'll sink down into the marsh, down and down."

But the boy and the girl, like true adventurers, got around the mound.

Fortune Tellers Wrong. Freddie—Father, I had my fortune told today, and it was prophesied that I should have a new bicycle. Father—There you are; that only proves that I told you—those fortune tellers never tell the truth.—Boys' Life.

"GRANDEST ON EARTH" STATES MRS. HOOPER

"About five years ago I gave a testimonial about the good Taulne did me, and as I have enjoyed the best health ever since I want everybody to know what a wonderful blessing the medicine has been to me all this time," said Mrs. Emma Hooper, of 1619 18th Ave., North Nashville, Tenn.

"When Taulne first came to Nashville I had been in a nervous, run-down condition for a long time. My health was so poor that I could not get out of the house and had to spend most of my time in bed."

"Well, Taulne soon relieved my troubles and built me up to where life was worth living again and it has been my steady ever since. I keep Taulne in the house all the time, and when I feel my self getting a little run-down it soon has me feeling fine. I will always bless the day this grand medicine came my way. It rapidly restored my strength and energy after I had the 'flu' two years ago. I honestly believe it is the grandest medicine in the world."

CLEVELAND CULLINGS.

A number of experienced hotel men have been to Shelby recently wanting to lease the new Cleveland Springs hotel to operate it when it is completed late in the spring. Several officials of the Cleveland Springs company were in Charlotte Wednesday to meet a hotel man who has been anxious to lease the property.

Messrs. Durham Moore, Earl Hamrick, Horace Grigg, John and Hal Schenk were in Gastonia this week to take the Knights Templar degree in Masonry. They were accompanied by Mr. Tom Richardson of this place.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Craven and still dean of Lenoir arrived in the city this morning and are the distinguished guests of Mrs. E. Y. Webb. Dr. Craven is the popular president of Davidson college and can only be away for today, but Mrs. Craven and children will remain for a week's visit.

There were three cases in the recorder's court this week, one from Lawndale against M. B. Whisnaut for selling diseased meat drawing such a crowd of spectators and witnesses that the case had to be held in the Superior court room to accommodate the crowd. Mr. Whisnaut operates a meat market and he was charged with selling beef from a cow which some witnesses swore had been lying fits several days before she was killed and some thought she was suffering with hydrophobia. There were about two dozen witnesses on both sides there for the defendant contending that the cow was normal in every respect.

Mr. G. A. Price who was a Shelby voter yesterday from Talfax township, Blotford county, said a forest fire was raging in that section yesterday and over 200 acres were burned over on Wednesday with considerable damage to standing timber.

A barn on the Cleveland Springs road was destroyed by fire shortly after nine o'clock Wednesday night. Origin of the fire is unknown. The property belongs to Messrs. Frank Wilson and Ralph Boston and the dwelling is occupied by Mr. Rainsour, now agent for the Durham Life Insurance company.

Messrs. J. L. Webb, O. M. Gardner and C. M. Lattimore motored to Gastonia Monday and spent the day with friends and relatives and were accompanied home by Miss Eun Barnett who spent the night and a day here with Mrs. C. M. Lattimore. Miss Barnett was on her way to Washington where she has accepted a lucrative position.

Messrs. H. M. Loy, S. O. Andrews, Bush Hamrick, Brooks Price and Miss Beckwith, Messrs. Robert Andrews, Francis L. M. Hall, motored to Charlotte to attend the auto show Wednesday. Mrs. Price stopped over in Gastonia to attend the 27th annual convention of the Episcopal church.

ALEXANDER HAWKINS, OLDEST ALUMNUS, DIES

Dr. Hawkins Was 96 and Graduated From University of North Carolina in 1845.

CHAPEL HILL, April 15.—News of the death of Dr. Alexander B. Hawkins, of Raleigh, oldest living alumnus of the University of North Carolina, was received in Chapel Hill with profound grief. Telegrams of condolence were sent to Dr. Hawkins' family by President Charles Chase, by E. R. Rankin, secretary of the alumni association, and by the student body.

Dr. Hawkins, who was 96 years old, graduated from the university in 1845. Since the death of Maj. Francis T. Bryan, of the class of 1842, he has been the oldest living alumnus. On numerous occasions he has been the honored guest at alumni meetings, and almost to the day of his death, he maintained his active interest in his alma mater.

YORK AND YORKVILLE

The Enquirer. Repair work on the King's Mountain township end of the Clover Yorkville road via Piliert, has practically been completed and the road now offers a surface especially on the Kings Mountain township end that speeds up automobile and general traffic.

Rev. T. Tracy Walsh of Yorkville, has been notified of his election as grand prelate of the Grand Council, Knights Templar of South Carolina at the meeting of the council in Newberry this week.

Messrs. Geo. W. Williams and J. R. Ramey of Yorkville, attended the meeting of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Council, Knights Templar in Newberry this week.

Walter J. Carroll, formerly a resident of Yorkville but for the last seven years living in Charlotte, was a visitor in Yorkville yesterday. Mr. Carroll is now living in Gastonia where he is manager of the Carolina Bakery Company's plant in that city.

The number of county prisoners in the York county jail awaiting trial at the court of general sessions which convenes Monday had been reduced to nineteen yesterday, due to the fact that two prisoners had been released on bond. It is expected that others will be added however, between now and Monday. The sheriff was busy yesterday collecting handbills among police officers of the county for use in entering the prisoners from the court house to the jail and returning next week.

Five soldiers of Camp Jackson, who were brought before Magistrate J. E. Wingate at Rock Hill, Saturday morning to answer charges of leaving train rides were convicted and sentenced to serve thirty days each on the York county chain gang. The authorities at Camp Jackson have been notified and the county authorities have been notified to hold the men for return to camp after they complete their respective sentences. The men claim that they deserted Camp Jackson because the mess in the artillery outfit to which they belonged was insubstantial.

Hog Got First Drink

Views and Interviews' friend, Magistrate Robert Laban Abernethy Smith, of Broad River township, reads in a diary and there is therefore no doubt of its reliability.

"Tax prohibition officers recently found a stilling outfit near here. A cut of beer was partially buried in the ground and the officers found that the stuff was just right for drinking purposes. Each of them drank a good deal of the beer, about a half gallon each."

"Later they learned that a hog belonging to a white man living in the vicinity, had fallen into the vat of beer two days before and had drowned. The owner of the hog and his family are now working on the meat. The officers who drank the beer recall that it isn't so good as they thought at first."

The Panselle Concert

"Unless there is more interest on the part of the people in the surrounding towns and country, we are going to have to abandon our policy of bringing great singers and artists to Wadsworth college," said a representative of the college the other day. "We will simply be unable to pay them. Fresh Hamrell also recently appeared at Wadsworth, was paid \$1,200 for her one night's entertainment. She made a special rate of \$1,200 because of the fact that she was singing primarily for a college audience. Her regular price is \$1,500 a night. Receipts from the sale of tickets paid all the expenses, but we lost money when Sophie Braslow recently appeared here. We are paying Panselle \$1,200 for her concert next Tuesday night. Unless there is a big out of town attendance on the concert, we are going to lose."

SHANGHAI, March 15.—Added reports that found their way to the coast in February concerning the extent of the destruction done by earthquakes through the month of December in the province of Szechwan reveal that the loss of life probably was far greater than at first estimated. It is officially estimated that no less than 90,000 persons lost their lives in the sub-province of Kuanan and in the city of Pingliang 600 were killed in the reports state. The first shocks which continued intermittently through December were felt in the Pingliang district on December 16.

SHOW INCREASES.

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 16.—The net condition of the clearing house banks and trust companies for the week show that they hold \$16,438,180 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$20,769,500 from last week.

Reductions Announced.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Reductions ranging from \$4 to \$12 a ton on prices of steel pipe were announced here today by the United States Steel Corporation, through its subsidiary, the National Tube Company.

BANK CREDIT

Two men were endeavoring to do business by mail. Finally the party of the first part, deciding to purchase the goods offered by the party of the second part, wired as follows:

"Send on your goods. If they are all right I will send my check."

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GIVING OF ALMS NEVER REDUCES NUMBER PAUPERS

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, April 16. Experts in charity contend that the giving of alms never reduces the number of paupers, but on the contrary increases them, President Walter Hill Scott of North Western University, says in a circular, just published by the school.

"Individual members of our faculty have contributed largely to reducing the poverty and increasing the prosperity throughout an entire industry. Some ten years ago one member of our faculty became interested in larger conditions in an industry that had been infamous for its sweatshops and its abuse and oppression of labor. In that industry poverty reigned in the homes and bread lines were a regular occurrence. This professor, encouraged by producing more harmonious relations between employer and employee, in raising the standards of the industry, in lifting the burden of poverty from hundreds of thousands of men and women, and in making the industry efficient and profitable."

President Scott added that there were about 255 disabled ex-soldiers at the university today. "In the ordinary treatment of disabled men," he said, "we might expect many of them to develop into paupers and become objects of charity. These 255 men are today in training and probably every man will leave the university as a self-supporting man and will become a useful citizen in his community."

"The appeal now being made in the name of relief for the hungry is more insistent and more compelling than ever before, and I trust that all of us have responded most generously," he said. "But because of this unusual post war condition, we are likely to exaggerate the importance of the mere giving of alms."

President Scott then told of how a "walking delegate" became president of a company.

"He was a radical and a disturber and believed that society owed him a living," President Scott said. "He was a member of the 'Gang Makers' Union, and after his election as a 'walking delegate' entered one of the night classes in our school of commerce to make himself more effective as a labor leader."

"In that class he got a new conception of the relation of capital to labor. His interest increased, and he was graduated in a diploma course of the school."

"Today he is the president of a company and an employer of labor."

"He is a progressive but not a radical. Instead of increasing the suffering produced by the selling of strikes and the throwing of men out of employment, he is today a successful business man, adding to the prosperity of the community in which he lives. He is doing much to mediate good will between employer and labor, and thus to make possible a harmonious, effective and prosperous community."

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