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JOHN WINTHROP'S DEFEAT. A Novel.

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CHAPTER XIV.

"I have thought that he saved him, too," Leland said slowly. "Miss Beatrice, but no one will say! It was like Harold! But if he did, Palmer Earle doesn't know it, for I asked him point-blank one day, and he said it was one of the guests at the Surf Hotel. Harry Dillingham's out of course, because Gregory Bensonhurst is there. You can pretty nearly swear to the one if you see the other. Inseparable! Like-chums at college, but unlike the fashionable world! Bensonhurst was coming across with us to-day, but changed his mind. He's a good fellow. I tell you—solid as a brick and true as steel." Remarkable that his eyes should so accidentally meet Beatrice's eyes, and that the sweet color was warm in her face. "Charlie Brown's town, too. He and Miss Clara are engaged, I believe rumor goes; and Maurice Henderson is pretty well settled with Ninette! Oh, there is any amount of news and gossip down our way! Europe is not the only place for sensations."

"Nevertheless we had our sensation as well as you," said Kathryn Franklyn, laughing easily. "Let me see! There was the big captain of the guards, who fell desperately in love with Marion—think of it!—crossing the channel! And there was the woman on the Ettricia going over who kept her steeple almost the entire passage because her beloved pug dog! That was quite heartrending, I assure you. Mr. Leland! And then there were ever so many little events that I cannot remember. But the greatest of all I have saved to the last. May I tell Mr. Leland of that occurrence, Bee?"

"That occurrence, Kathryn?" asked Beatrice, indifferently. Her thoughts were wandering and she had not heeded the conversation around her. She blushed, turning to answer Kathryn, as though her thoughts were deeper than were surface thoughts. "At Belle Jardiniere," said Kathryn, hesitating. "You remember, Beatrice, dear?"

"Oh," said Beatrice, coldly. The blush died. She was proud and still. "If you wish, Kathryn. It is nothing to me."

"Well, then," Kathryn leaned forward that no one outside their circle should overhear. "Bee saved the life of John Winthrop's mother in Paris, Mr. Leland. What have you to say to that for coals of fire heaped upon his head?"

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—even you—re-attracted by this beauty. Artists and poets—and women—are most easily moved by such scenes as this; one would not ascribe such a soft side to Mr. Winthrop," said Mrs. Graham. He felt the hot, unruly blood surge to his face and recede, leaving him death-like in pallor; his eyes now black with the intensity of emotion, burned into hers; his head was lifted as proudly as was hers in the soft blue twilight. Miss Catherwood's light hand was trembling upon her lover's arm, terrified lest there be some bitter scene between these two; and Lane Leland drew himself up with equal dignity with John Winthrop, ready to defend his father's friend, should there be need. Jessica Gray's hands were clasped in her lap, and her eyes were upon these two, scarcely noting the others, although she showed no special interest save that strange flicker in her eyes, like newly awakened fire. Mrs. Winthrop had turned her sweet, calm face trustfully to her son, the tender sea lights upon her snowy hair, a wonderful peace in her soft blue eyes, waiting for him to speak and prove this woman's injustice. "Mrs. Graham is kind," he said, his voice as steady and cold as Alectia's, for his will mastered any heart pain, "to credit me with the softness of a poet—or a woman. But she over-praises me! I am here solely on account of my mother and Miss Gray."

"And the least of possessors of this softness belonging to poets—and women—the surest is one given high seat in the counsel chambers. Is it not so, Mr. Winthrop?"

CANAL DEAL ENDS.

Propositions May Be Made Looking to Other Arrangements.

COLOMBIA REJECTS ALL OFFERS.

Washington, Special.—The cabinet meeting was devoted almost exclusively to the consideration of the status of the reciprocity with Cuba and the canal treaty with Colombia. The bitches that have occurred in the negotiations were discussed, as also were the prospects of settlement. Secretary Hay, while presenting the subject of the canal negotiations to the cabinet, was not able to report that any progress had been made during the past week. In fact, it appears that the negotiations have come to a dead stop and while no such thing as an ultimatum has passed, the precise situations may be described in the statement that the Colombian minister here, Concha, has distinctly informed the State Department that he cannot, in behalf of his government accept the last proposition of the United States as the basis of a canal treaty. The State Department has already let it be known that it has come to the end of its concessions, so the chances of a renewal of the negotiations in the near future are not very bright. This state of affairs will stimulate the negotiations with Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the alternate route, but it now appears that the diplomatic representatives of these countries are not disposed to allow themselves to be used to coerce Colombia and they are therefore desirous of remaining in the background until it shall be clearly established that no treaty can be made between Colombia and the United States.

Judge Wright Appointed.

Washington, Special.—The President has decided to appoint Judge Francis M. Wright, now Judge of the Circuit and Appellate Court of Illinois to the vacancy on the Court of Claims caused by the death of John Davis. Judge Wright was primarily endorsed by the Illinois delegation in Congress and after his capabilities had been investigated by the Attorney General it was decided to appoint him. Judge Wright is from the district represented by Representative Warner. He is a veteran of the civil war and a well known jurist. Last summer while at Oyster Bay, the President rendered the appointment of judge of the Court of Claims to Senator McLaughlin, of South Carolina, but after some consideration Senator McLaughlin declined the proffer. The President also announced his decision to appoint Ashley M. Gould, of this city, as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

Virginia Preacher Located

Richmond, Va., Special.—After a lengthy debate the Virginia Conference remanded to the local ranks Rev. Robt. C. Garland, a minister of six years' standing and without his request granted him a location. It was the opinion of a majority of eight delegates that he is not adapted to the ministry. A resolution signed by Bishop Granberry and others inviting the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, to hold its next meeting in Richmond was adopted. The Conference also decided to meet next year in Charlottesville.

Cleveland Will Preside.

Philadelphia, Special.—Former President Grover Cleveland has accepted an invitation to preside at a public meeting to be held here on December 11 in the interests of the Bureau Manual Training and Industrial School for Colored People. Among the other speakers will be former Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, Col. A. M. McClure and Booker T. Washington.

Serious Shooting.

Charleston, S. C., Special.—A special to The News and Courier from Nicholas, S. C., says: "A serious shooting occurred here about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, resulting in the almost instant death of Mr. Dixon H. Sarvis, and the severe, though not serious wounding of Miss Jody M. Burns. Two shots were fired, but as to who fired them it is not yet known. Miss Burns states that Sarvis fired both shots, shooting her first, then turning the revolver on himself. Sarvis was about 22 years of age, and was engaged in the study of telegraphy here. His home is near Loris, Horry county."

All Depends on Guatemala.

Washington, Special.—Nothing has yet been heard here from the Guatemalan government respecting the killing of Wm. Fitzgerald by Godfrey Hunter, Jr. last Friday, in Guatemala City. It is said at the State Department that nothing can be done by this government toward prosecuting Hunter and, therefore, it appears that unless the Guatemalan government chooses to act, the guilty parties will escape trial altogether.

METRODIST MINISTERS ASSIGNED.

Conferees at Monroe Closed With Reading of the Appointments—The Next Meeting at High Point.

The thirteenth annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which was held at Monroe, adjourned Monday night with the reading of the appointments for the conference year as follows: ASHEVILLE DISTRICT—R. H. PARSONS, District Clerk, P. E. Asheville—Central, F. Miller, Haywood Street, J. E. Gay, North Asheville, E. K. McLarty, Bethel, J. W. Moore. Weaverville station, A. W. Pijler, Weaverville circuit, L. B. Abernethy. Swainville circuit, G. W. Crutchfield. Cane Creek circuit, J. D. Gibson. Hendersonville circuit, to be supplied. Hendersonville station, W. M. Curtis. Ivey circuit, supplied by D. R. Profit. Bald Creek circuit, J. W. Campbell. Burnsville circuit, to be supplied. Marshall circuit, J. E. Ragan. Hot Springs circuit, T. R. Wolf. Oyster Creek circuit, to be supplied. CHARLOTTE DISTRICT—J. C. ROWE, P. E. Charlotte—Trayon Street and E. P. Worth, T. F. May and G. E. Evans. Trinity, H. H. Hunter. Brevard, L. L. Fallis. Calvary, A. R. Surratt. Chadwick, J. A. Baldwin. Hoskins, J. S. Hoskins. Dilworth, R. G. Tuttle. Asheville, J. T. Rogers. Clay Creek circuit, G. P. Pusey. Derita, W. L. Nicholson. Lileville, S. S. Gaskue. Matthews, J. J. Havenor. Monroe, M. A. Smith. Monroe circuit, W. Y. Honecutt. Morrow, M. T. Steele. Pineville, H. C. Sprinkle. Polkton, R. T. N. Stephenson. Waxhams, D. M. Litaker. Waxhaw, G. E. Stacey. Weddington, M. H. Hoyle. FRANKLIN DISTRICT—J. A. COOK, P. E. Andrews J. A. Spruce. Bryson City and Nantahala, V. L. Marsh. Hillsboro, Sylva and Scott's Creek, T. C. Jordan. Franklin station, E. L. Bain. Franklin circuit, J. H. Moore. Glennville, J. J. Edwards. Hiawasse, A. G. Lottin. Haysville, C. F. Good. Macon, J. C. Postell. Murphy, A. T. Bell. Robbinsville, O. P. Ader. Webster, E. Myers. Whittier and Cherokee, A. W. Jacobs.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT—J. R. SCROGGS, P. E.

Greensboro—West Market Street, S. B. Turrittine. Centenary, Ira Erwin. Spring Garden, L. W. Crawford. Proximity, J. A. E. Rooper. Greensboro circuit, J. E. Woolsey. Reidsville—Main Street and chapel, D. Y. Price. Wentworth, A. S. Roper. Ruffin, C. A. Wood. Pleasant Garden, T. B. Johnson, M. C. Field and P. L. Grooms, superintendent. Liberty, E. J. Pope. Ramseur and Franklinville, T. S. Elington. Asheboro station, J. P. Rogers. Asheboro circuit, to be supplied by J. F. Alfred. Uwharrie, W. S. Heales. Union Hill, J. W. Strider. Randleman and Naomi, G. T. Cordeell. Randolph, Albert Sherrill. Henrietta and Caroles, Z. Paria. Broad River, W. O. Goode. Green River, W. H. Perry. Cliffsdale, to be supplied. President Rutherford College, C. O. Weaver. Professor in Rutherford College, J. T. Erwin. Financial agent of Rutherford and Weaverville College and Brevard Industrial School, W. G. Mallonee. MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT—J. J. BENN, P. E. Mount Airy station, F. L. Townsend. Mount Airy circuit, W. L. Hutshins. Rockford, J. W. Long. Pilot Mountain, supplied by A. L. Colburn. Stokes, J. P. Lanning. Yadinville, J. F. Triplett. Elkton, T. A. Boone. Jonesville, S. E. Richardson. Wilkesboro, T. E. Weaver. North Wilkesboro, J. B. Taber. Boone, B. F. Hargett. Watuga, Seymour Taylor. Jefferson, L. P. Bogie. Creston, J. A. Clark. Helton, supplied by S. W. Brown. Laurel Springs, to be supplied. Sparta, supplied by T. J. Houck. SALISBURY DISTRICT—W. W. BAYS, P. E. Salisbury—First church, H. L. Atkins. Main Street, W. Y. Scales. East Salisbury and Thor station, R. G. Barrett and J. G. Keever. Spencer, T. A. Sikes. Concord—Central, J. A. D. Fry, T. W. Smith, superintendent. Forest Hill, J. N. Huggins. Epworth, J. P. Davis. Concord circuit, F. W. Bradley. Mt. Pleasant, C. M. Pickett. China Grove, E. N. Crowder. Norwood, J. O. Shelley.

COMMITTEES CONFER.

Both Parties to the Anthracite Strike Getting Together.

LATEST MOVE IN THEIR TROUBLES.

One Faction Leaves For New York While the Other Puts Off For Washington City.

Scranton, Pa., Special.—The scenes of the strike settlement commission have been suddenly shifted from this city to Washington and New York Tuesday the committee of nine of the independent operators held a conference with the presidents of the coal carrying roads regarding the position of the individual companies and at the same time a meeting between Wayne MacVeagh and other attorneys representing the coal roads and President Mitchell and his attorneys will be held in the national capital. Scranton and the entire coal regions will, in the meantime, wait with considerable interest to hear what the Thanksgiving offering will be. The New York conference has been known for 24 hours, though the Washington meeting was decided upon Monday evening. The independents have gone to New York to find out what the large companies can do for them in the way of freight rates, in case an increase in wages is decided upon. The mine workers' representatives went to Washington to find out what the large companies had to offer. Both ardently wish for success, but it was not within their province to say what the outcome will be. Although the miners' representatives did not know why they were summoned to Washington, they believe the companies have something to offer. Wayne MacVeagh was in telegraphic communication at noon with Clarence S. Darrow, Mr. Mitchell's leading attorney, and later Mr. MacVeagh called him up on the long-distance telephone. Mr. MacVeagh said he wished a conference with Mr. Mitchell and himself, but as he was not feeling well, he desired that they all meet in Washington tomorrow instead of Scranton. Mr. Darrow said that Mr. MacVeagh did not tell him what he wanted the conference for, but he felt that Mr. MacVeagh would not summon them to the national capital if they were not clothed with authority to carry on negotiations. Mr. Mitchell's party left here at 4:35 p. m. and is due to arrive in Washington at 12:50 a. m. The mission of the independent operators to New York is best expressed in a statement made to the Associated Press by one of the representatives of the small companies, who said: "If the independent companies are paying the miners as much now as they can afford, and if an increase in wages is granted by the large companies the large companies must give the independents a lower freight rate to meet the increase in wages. This is the mission of the committee and if they refuse to make a concession in freight rates, or its equivalent, then it is probable the independent companies will insist on the whole matter being threshed out before the commission." The outlook for a settlement remains hopeful, in fact more hopeful than ever. Conversations with attorneys of the coal operators and mine workers show that all are wearying of the strife and are willing to waive a point here and there in order to end the uncertainty of the situation and restore peace and harmony to the community and the coal trade generally. The "conciliation" or sub-committee of Messrs. Parker, Watkins and Clark, was at the headquarters all day, but was not called upon to offer its conciliatory assistance to either side.

Wilcox Case Moved.

Elizabeth City, Special.—After four days of careful investigation of the Wilcox settlement as it exists in adjoining counties, Judge Fred Moore has ordered that the trial be carried to Hertford, Perquimans county. The judge said: "I find the people of Perquimans opposed to capital punishment. This will be in favor of the defendant." The opinion of the prisoner's family is adverse to the removal, they regret having asked it, knowing that bitter anti-Wilcox feeling now exists in Hertford. There are some who think the defense has made a grave error.

After Norman Senator.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Special.—The Ministerial Alliance of Salt Lake Sunday adopted resolutions strongly opposing the proposed election to the United States Senate of Reed Smoot, one of the twelve apostles of the Mormon Church. A copy of the resolutions will be sent to every minister in the country at once and also probably to President Roosevelt, every Congressman and United States Senator, and every one prominent in political life.

Abandoned Schooner Sighted.

New Orleans, Special.—The British steamship Montezuma, Captain Truitt, from Boston, November 10, reports: Nov. 11, 9 p. m. latitude 28.62, north, longitude 69.09, west, fell in with waterlogged and abandoned three-masted schooner Lucy A. Davis, of Portland, Me. Deck was awash with lumber on once and a boat in charge of chief officer aboard the schooner, but found no signs of life."

Jail Delivery in Tennessee.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—While one prisoner held the jailer, six others escaped from jail at Dandridge, Tenn. Sunday afternoon John Perry was the man who grabbed Jailer Fuller, and in the struggle was unable to escape himself, although the others escaped fully got away. Lant Wright, one of the men who escaped, was in jail on the charge of house-breaking with intent to commit criminal assault. Officers, with bloodhounds, are scouring the country for the men.

With schoolgirl 'journalists' and young historians of thirteen at work the boy idea seems to be shooting all along the line.

The older we grow the more we wonder at the enthusiasm of children over their birthdays.

Advertisement for Vaseline, ANS, OPSY, hemorrhoids, and BABEK, including descriptions of products and their benefits.