

MY LADY OF THE NORTH

The Love Story of a Gray Jacket

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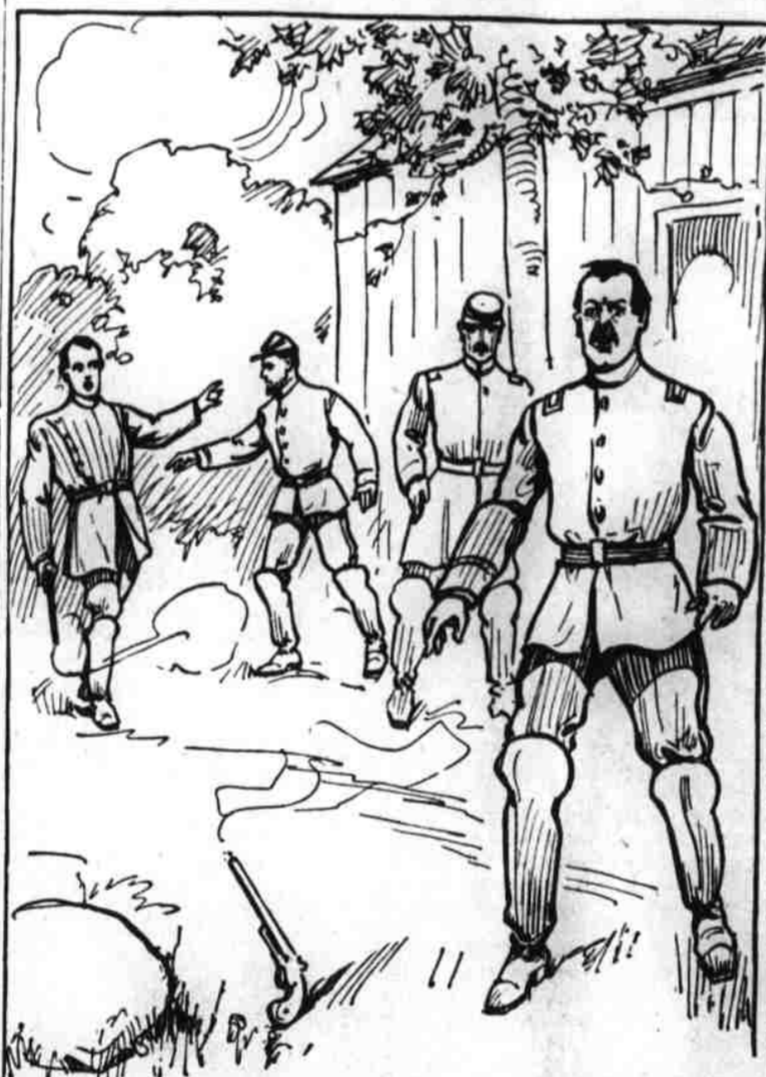
SYNOPSIS.

The story opens in a Confederate tent at a critical stage of the Civil War. Gen. Lee imparts to Capt. Wayne an important message to Longstreet. Accompanied by Serret, Craig, an old army scout, Wayne starts on his mission. They get within the line of the enemy and in the darkness Wayne is taken for a Federal officer and a young lady on horseback is given in his charge. She is a northern girl and attempts to escape. One of the horses succumbs and Craig goes through with the dispatches, while Wayne and My Lady of the North are left alone. They seek shelter in a hut and enter. It is the dark of a huge man. Securing a pass the girl shoots the brute just in time. The owner of the hut, Jed Bungay, and his wife appear and soon a party of horsemen approach. They are led by a man claiming to be Ned Lewis, but who proves to be Major Brennan, a Federal officer whom the Union girl recognizes. He orders the arrest of Wayne as a spy and he is brought before Sheridan, who threatens him with death unless he reveals the secret message. Wayne believes Edith Brennan to be the wife of Major Brennan. He is rescued by Jed Bungay, who starts to reach Gen. Lee while Wayne in disguise penetrates to the ballroom, beneath which he had been imprisoned. He is introduced to a Miss Minor and barely escapes being unmasked. Edith Brennan, recognizing Wayne, says she will save him. Securing a pass bidding Edith adieu, Wayne makes a dash for liberty. He encounters Bungay; they reach the Lee camp and are soon with reinforcements to join Early. In the battle of Shenandoah the regiment is overwhelmed, and Wayne, while in the hospital, is visited by Edith Brennan. Wayne and Bungay are sent on a scouting detail, and arriving at the Minor place, Wayne meets Miss Minor and Mrs. Bungay, and later Edith appears. Wayne's detachment is besieged by guerrillas. Brennan and his men arrive and aid in repelling the invaders until a receding party of bluecoats reach the scene. Brennan challenges Wayne to a duel.

within your own lines, and an early cessation of hostilities. I had shaken hands with them all, and turned toward the door, congratulating myself on escaping thus easily, when a new voice broke suddenly in upon my self-satisfaction: "I trust Captain Wayne is not intending to depart without at least a word with me?" It was Brennan. He had entered unobserved from the second parlor. "Frankly," I responded, "I hoped I might."

"If he takes advantage of your position, and you fall (as God forbid!) I will face him myself; and when I do, there will be no firing in the air." I do not remember that we spoke, save once, when we passed out through the orchard field where the two tobacco sheds stood. Not until we turned the corner of the great ramshackle building, which in other and more prosperous days had been dedicated to the curing of the leaf, did we perceive any signs of the presence of our antagonists. They were standing upon the further side, directly opposite the door, and both bowed slightly as we approached. The Captain came toward us slowly.

"These was much unnecessary talk," he admitted, "but matters have been at last arranged to the satisfaction of all concerned. You are to meet at once, in the rear of the big tobacco shed, a spot entirely removed from observation. I have been compelled to accept pistols as the weapons, as we have nothing else here at all suitable for the purpose—cavalry sabers being far too cumbersome. Lieutenant Starr chooses to possess two derringers exactly alike, which we have mutually agreed upon. I hope this is satisfactory to you, Wayne?"



Brennan Hurled His Yet Smoking Derringer at His Feet With an Oath.

CHAPTER XXXIV.—Continued.

"Well, I suppose I shall be compelled to let you and Beelzebub go, but it will prove a serious loss to the cause of the South," I said, my thoughts instantly turned by mention of the mule to matters of more importance. "I expect there will be lively times up your way."

"I am seeking the commander of this detachment," I explained, as they glanced at me in surprise at my entrance unannounced. "I am Captain Wayne, in charge of the Confederate troop which was engaged in defense of this house."

"How many men have you lost?" "Der vos five kilt, Captain; dot vos it. I vos hit mit der ear off; Sands is goin' to die, and maybe Elliott vill not get some better; some odders vos hurted."

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"That does not greatly matter. Who acts for Brennan?" "Captain Moorehouse, rather against his will, I think."

"Gentlemen, will you please take your positions. Major Brennan, you will stand three paces to the right of that sapling, facing directly south. Captain Wayne, kindly walk straight west from the shed door until you come opposite the Major's position."

Very Rich Never Generous

They May Give Away Their Money, but Never Themselves, Says G. K. Chesterton.

There are two other odd and rather important things to be said about them. The first is this: That with this aristocracy we do not have the chance of a lucky variety in types which belongs to larger and looser aristocracies. The moderately rich include all kinds of people—even good people. Even priests are sometimes rich; and even soldiers are sometimes heroes. Some doctors have really grown wealthy by curing their patients and not by flatterings them; some brewers have been known to sell beer. But among the very rich you will never find a really generous man, even by accident. They may give their money away, but they will never give themselves away; they are egoistic, secretive, dry as old bones. To be smart enough to get all that money, you must be dull enough to want it.

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Latest General News That Has Been Collected From Many Towns and Counties of the State.

Raleigh.—In Barton's Creek township there was an election held in District No. 6 in the matter of a special tax for schools. The issue was defeated by a vote of 30 to 15.

Wilson.—Joe Whitley, a white man, was before Mayor Dickinson charged with violating the prohibition law and bound over in the sum of one hundred dollars for his appearance at the May term of Wilson superior court.

TITANIC LINER MAY HAVE SUNK

COLLIDED WITH ICEBURG ON MAIDEN TRIP OFF CAPE RACE, EAST OF HALIFAX. CARRIED MANY PASSENGERS.

Major Archibald Butt, Military Aide to President Taft; Col. John Jacob Astor and Wife, and Many Other Prominent Americans.

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Raleigh.—Gov. Kitchin is spending a few days in eastern Carolina on combination education and political mission. He delivered an educational address at Vanceboro and at Lumberton a political address.

High Point.—Some interesting facts about the general freight situation in the Carolinas were brought out in the hearing at High Point before a special examiner of the interstate commerce commission.

Statesville.—As a result of his operations in Statesville and Charlotte with bogus checks, the Bankers Association has put detectives on the trail of "Francisco Alvarez, Habana, Cuba," and his arrest is expected at any time. If taken by the officers he will be brought to Statesville for trial.

Statesville.—At the Democratic mass meeting held here in the interest of the movement to place the county officers on salaries, Hon. W. D. Turner of Statesville was named for the Senate, and Messrs. Tilden Williams, of North Iredell, and Dr. Frontis, of Mooresville for the House.

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"I realize your natural anxiety to be off, Captain Wayne, and while we should be very glad to keep you with us indefinitely, yet I trust you will not persist in this matter."

"I find the last resort of gentlemen, I found the library deserted, and peered the door for half an hour before Caton appeared. Strung as I had been by Brennan's harsh, unceasing words, I yet shrink from the thought that I must now meet him in deadly combat. It was no fear of personal injury that troubled me; indeed I do not recall giving this slightest consideration, for my mind was altogether concentrated upon what I should do if I met Brennan, and how I should

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