

# NO MAN'S LAND A ROMANCE

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CHAPTER XIV.—(Continued.)  
"I'm afraid so. After he had consulted specialists in Berlin we spent some time at Monte Carlo and later at Ostend and Trouville. Douglas went frequently to the casino with friends. He spoke once or twice of winning, but—"  
"But never of losing."  
"She shook her head. "But what has all this to do—"  
"Don't you see, Katherine? The man pretended to be well to do; in fact he had nothing. He married you for your money, and what you were to inherit. Disappointed in the latter, he took the former and gambled it away. That's why you're here, why he's making this desperate attempt to recoup. Appleyard guessed it down to the last detail."  
Bewilderment clouded her eyes.  
"But, Garrett, I'm afraid I don't understand. What desperate attempt to recoup? Who is this Mr. Appleyard, and why should he concern himself with my affairs?"  
"I'll tell you." In few phrases Coast sketched succinctly Appleyard, his connection with the secret service bureau, his theory as to the smuggling conspiracy and the part Blackstock played therein, together with the reaction of No Man's Land as a strategic base and distributing depot.  
"The thing's plain as a nap," he wound up in a glow of triumphant reasoning, himself momentarily unmindful of their greater and more intimate trouble. "Appleyard was right in every guess he made. . . . The location of the island is ideal for the purpose, just far enough north of the main-traveled lane to be convenient; the steamer has only to swing a few points off her normal course to find herself in lonely waters, where she can make a transshipment without detection or noticeable loss of time. The wireless station is essential, enabling Blackstock to pick up the steamer on her approach and pass on the news to the schooner, which sets out, needs the steamer, takes off its consignments of dutiable goods, returns to No Man's Land under cover of darkness, the latter to dodge the Customs on Gay Head, and leaves before morning to continue her frequent fishing trips. Other boats, small boats, call by night and remove the goods peacefully, landing them at this small harbor or that—just as Appleyard figured it out. . . . And so we have them."  
"You have them?" The woman repeated, perplexed.  
"It's a practical certainty the schooner left New Bedford night before last; we saw her go, unless Appleyard is greatly mistaken. . . . And hasn't there been an unusual amount of wireless signaling going on the past day or so?"  
"That is so. The day of the fog either Douglas or Mr. Power was constantly in the operating room. I remember now that as the fog continued Douglas seemed to grow more and more irritable."  
"Because it was keeping the vessels from finding one another. Since then there has been the storm to blow the schooner off shore. Most probably she will try to make a landing tonight."  
The woman moved a little away, as if suddenly sobered and brought back to realization of her position; again her eyes sought counsel and consolation of the sea.  
"And since then—has he been busy?" Coast pursued, heedless.  
"Yes—and more irritable. That night he had been drinking more than usual; I attributed his bad temper to that. Almost all that evening he spent with Mr. Power in the wireless room, the door closed. . . . It was stupid of me, but I attached no especial importance to it. Now and then their voices sounded excited, but it wasn't anything unusual for them to quarrel, especially when Douglas was—drinking. I interrupted once, and Douglas caught my arm and put me out of the room. It was then he burst in—as you saw. After that they quarreled more fiercely than ever—I think partly on account of the way Douglas had treated me. Mr. Power seemed to resent Douglas' roughness toward me. . . ."  
"It wasn't an uncommon occurrence, then?" The rage smoldering in Coast's heart thickened his utterance.  
"She nodded and understood, and turned to him respectfully, offering her hand, her eyes beseeching. "Don't, Garrett," she said, brokenly, "don't



Coast Approached the Bungalow From the North.

"Trust me a little, Katherine; and all shall yet be well. . . . It is not the end, my dear, but just a beginning."  
"Have faith, a little."  
Gradually her transports stilled. "I do trust you, Garrett." Tears glistened in her eyes like stars. "I do and shall— but, oh, be kind to me, for if I have been foolish and headstrong and—mad, I am paying for it, paying heavily for it. It's all so dark and hopeless. Garrett—I see no light."  
"Yet there is light," he said; and again confidently: "The light is there."  
"I know. . . . I know."  
She drew away and dried her eyes. "I must go," she said in a steady voice, "before he wakes. He was up late last night and I'm afraid drank a great deal. I left him sleeping heavily."  
"The servants can't see you return to the bungalow from this direction, can they?"  
"No."  
"I'll make a detour. We must be careful for a little while. Can you bear up, do you think?"  
"A little while—" She smiled forlornly.  
"Appleyard will be back with the Echo by night."  
"I will try, Garrett, and I don't think I'll fail. I've got something to cling up to him with her wifely smile. "I think," she said, slowly, "I think I see, far off but clear, Garrett, just a glimmer of the light."  
(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## His Reason Is Returning

Insane Man, Formerly Member of National Guard, Drills Other Inmates of Asylum.  
A Chicago man with a large acquaintance became insane within a year, and is now an inmate at a state asylum. One of his friends telephoned the hospital the other day to find out about him.  
"He's the happiest man here," said the doctor, "and I look for his cure. He is getting big and strong and ruddy and he is doing wonders for 12 other patients."  
"In conversation with him, I found out that he had been in the National Guard, and I asked him how he would like to drill a company. "Fine," he said. So I got him a uniform and a sword and gave him a canceled beer stamp for a commission.  
"In good weather he marches those 12 men all over the grounds as if he were the marshal of an army on parade. His soldiers are just as much interested as he and keep step proud-

### CHAPTER XVI.

Taking a roundabout course eastward, which practically completed the circuit of the island, Coast tramped back to a lonely breakfast in the farmhouse.  
During the remainder of the morning he saw nothing more of Katherine. Without giving the matter really definite thought he had assumed that Blackstock would send for him when he was wanted. Nothing of the sort happened, although he could not doubt that Blackstock was up and about; about mid-morning both coolies went to the bungalow to set it to rights, and intermittently throughout the slow dull hours he heard the drum of the wireless spark, its whip-lash crackling from a distance resembling a smart fusillade of pistol shots.  
The sound filled him with apprehensions. It was quite possible that Blackstock would think to settle any doubts he might entertain about the identity of his new aide by questioning Voorhis via wireless. In such event the tissue of falsehood upon which he had bolstered up his position on the island would almost certainly be exposed. And then . . .  
But however disturbing it might be to contemplate, the possibility of such a contretemps was not a stranger to Coast's calculations; he was prepared to face it. Should the wind veer in that quarter, he would simply have to fight. Only . . . He would have given much to know positively.  
Some time after noon one of the coolies found him strolling aimlessly along the beach and called him to soothe her—the white joy sang in his soul.  
Late in the afternoon he found himself dawdling in the neighborhood

## Winter Millinery Styles Continue to Be Popular



SMALL hats for spring are to be seen in all the French millinery stores of note, launched upon their adventures in the world of fashion; that world has evidenced a growing appreciation of certain shapes which proved too good to pass with the winter. These shapes, held over and slightly modified, made up in spring materials, are simply enticing.  
The day has come when women demand hats that are "good" from all view points, that is, becoming to the wearer from any angle. If a shape is especially good in a full front view and not just right from the side or back, either a new shape must be made, with little alterations in outline, or the trimmer must effect changes by placing the trimming clever-

## NEEDED IN EVERY WARDROBE NOVEL DINNER PARTY IDEA

One-Piece Linen Dress an Absolute Necessity During the Warm Days of Summer.  
The one-piece linen dress is found in nearly every girl's wardrobe. It is so necessary in the warm summer days, and being washable may be made up in daintiest colors. Kid finished linen having a suede effect is the season's novelty in linens, and there is also a basket weave, a striped crash, etamine crash, cotton Bedford cord, granite crash and the basket weave with a wide border of drawn work. The model sketched is of pink linen. The upper part is covered with a simple design in eyelet embroidery. White lawn collar and cuffs finish the neck and sleeves.  
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## Sandals for Small Children.

If children wear sandals until they are three or four years old, they will have a natural-shaped foot, strong, ankle muscles and will stand and walk properly. We are all taught to point the toes out when walking. This, however, is an unnatural position, and only adds a greater strain on the inside muscles of ankle and foot, causing, in many cases, weak ankles and other foot troubles. Let the toes point straight in front when standing or walking, allow the feet to have plenty of room to grow, select broad, flat-soled shoes for your children, and start them toward manhood on womanhood with normal feet, strong ankles, thus lessening the danger of corns, bunions and all other foot troubles.  
Dainty Garters.  
The curious fancy for mingling black with the adornment of lingerie and other more personal articles is finally manifested in a pair of garters.  
On the shirred black band that forms the solid part of the garter are

erily. These points are so well taken care of by artists in millinery that even the simplest-seeming hats are really amazingly well thought out and adapted to their wearers.  
The lines of the Dutch bonnet, the dear Wilhelmína, have been managed in all sorts of ways. A pretty adaptation is shown here, having a crown of purple velvets and brim covered with purple velvet. A similar hat, in soft hemp, shows a decided point at the front and a small, rather pointed crown, which would be insignificant except for two ears of silk perked at the front. The shape in navy blue had a wide flange of velvet in the same color and the loops, or ears, were of taffeta silk, also in plain navy blue of a rather bright shade.  
A hood of turcan laid over a cap-shaped, covered with black silk, is also an unusually clever development of simple lines and handsome materials. The rolled-up brim is covered with two folds of black satin and a bow of ribbon in black satin finishes a band which apparently holds the point of the hood in place at the back.  
The liking for quaint shirtings, quiltings and ruchings came in with the return of fabrics with which they were used almost a half century ago. A shirred band of changeable taffeta finishes the soft straw bonnet shape shown here. Two rosettes of the taffeta look like big, full-blown roses; they are placed at each side of the brim. A short broad plume, in the colorings of the silk, finishes the hat.  
The hats shown in the illustrations are very practical models. Although each hat, it must be conceded, is chic (to the French degree) yet each is simplicity itself.  
JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

## Some Paris Whispers.

Hats of taffeta.  
A plentiful use of ribbon velvet.  
Many tailored costumes of white cloth.  
Afternoon dresses of white velvet.  
Round, flounced skirts.  
Shot velvets as well as shot silks.  
Trimmings of fringe.  
Dashes of vivid color on gowns.  
Petticoats of crepe de chine.  
Tailored costumes of gray broadcloth.  
Long sleeves, as well as short, fashionable.  
Muffs of chiffon to match the toilette.  
Many hats trimmed with roses.  
White mousseline fichus on taffeta gowns.  
sprinkled silk roses in pastel shades; the same flowers ornament the lace rosettes, from which dangle smaller roses on ribbon ends. The lace frilling is lightly embroidered with black silk.  
Suit Skirts for Spring.  
Seldom has there been a season when so many fancy trimmed suit skirts were shown as this spring, says the Dry Goods Economist. This is due to the vogue for the demi-tailor made, which calls for a skirt to correspond. The newest idea in the market at present is the draped skirt, which is shown in some of the high-class suits of soft materials, such as chiffon, taffeta and charmeuse. There are a few models of this kind now in the market and many more are in course of construction.  
Deceptive Color.  
Yellow is a most deceptive color for evening wear, electric light usually turning it into pink and causing some disappointment in the case of those to whom true yellow is a most becoming color.

## THE BLUNT VERDICT

RESPONSIBILITY FOR FARMER'S DEATH FIXED BY JURY. ADVISES HOLDING TO COURT

Chief of Police Briggs, of South Omaha, His Deputy and John C. Trouten Are Mentioned.

Omaha.—Responsibility for the death of Roy Blunt was placed upon Chief of Police John Briggs of South Omaha, his deputy, John C. Trouten of South Omaha, and Sheriff Gus Hyers of Lancaster county by Coroner Armstrong's jury, which sat at the Blunt inquest at Springfield on Friday. The verdict was reached at midnight.  
Sheriff Grant Chase of Sarpy county is censured by the jury for failing to prevent the shooting which resulted in Blunt's death.  
Recommendations that Briggs, Hyers and Trouten be held to the district court is made.  
The verdict will be taken to Pappillon and delivered to Coroner Armstrong by one of the jurors some time Saturday.  
The text of the verdict follows:  
"At the inquest held at Springfield, Neb., Sarpy county, on the 29th day of March, A. D. 1912, before me, R. B. Armstrong, coroner of said county, on the body of Roy Blunt, lying dead, by the jurors whose names are here-to subscribed, the said jurors, on their oath, do say that said Roy Blunt came to his death on the 15th day of March, 1912, from the effects of a gun shot wound inflicted by a .38 or .45 caliber rifle ball fired from a rifle held in the hands of Chief of Police John Briggs of South Omaha."  
"We also find that Sheriff Hyers of Lancaster county and John C. Trouten of South Omaha were accessories, and recommend that they be held to the district court.  
"We further find, according to the evidence introduced at the inquest, that Sheriff Grant Chase failed to exercise due authority in restraining the members of the posse from firing into the wagon occupied by the convicts and Roy Blunt, and that he is deserving of great censure in not exercising such authority.

"J. A. PETERS,  
"G. P. MILLER,  
"ROY WHITNEY,  
"H. O. HAMILTON,  
"C. D. MARTIN,  
"E. D. QUINLEY."  
When news of the verdict was given to Bartus Wilson of Springfield, who has taken a leading part in arousing public sentiment, he declared that in all probability a mass meeting of Sarpy county citizens to call for Sheriff Chase's resignation and to take action regarding Governor Aldrich's letter will be called in the near future. He said the verdict supported the position taken by a vast majority of Sarpy county citizens.

## PENITENTIARY MURDER AGAIN

Tom Davis Cuts Throat of John Strong at Breakfast Table.  
Lincoln.—Convict Tom Davis stabbed and almost instantly killed another convict John Strong at the state penitentiary Friday while the inmates of the prison were leaving the breakfast table.  
Davis is a half-breed Indian and negro convict sent up from Omaha, February 12, for burglary. John Strong, colored, was sent up from Sioux county, October 25, 1906, for murder, Strong was serving a life term.  
When the gong sounded to clear the convicts from the table, the prisoners arose in their seats. Strong suddenly leaped from his place onto the table in front of him, ran down the aisle and out of the door into the cell house, his blood streaming from a gash in the throat. Guard Charles Berry jumped to the side of Davis, who was holding a blood-stained knife in his hand, and placed him under arrest. This is the fifth murder at the prison within six weeks.

## Paul Morton Estate.

New York.—The transfer tax appraisal of the estate of Paul Morton, who was president of the Equitable Life Assurance society at the time of his death last year, was filed, showing that the gross value of the estate was \$1,445,403. Mrs. Charlotte M. Morton, widow of Mr. Morton, receives \$1,196,480, or practically the entire estate, by his will, made in 1890.  
Chinese Soldiers Mutiny.  
Shanghai, China.—A body of 500 soldiers belonging to the garrison of Su Chow, about fifty miles to the northwest of this city, mutined and engaged in looting.  
Sought the Life of Knox.  
New Orleans, La.—Confirmation of the reported attempt to dynamite the train which carried Secretary of State Knox during the secretary's recent visit to Nicaragua is contained in the official gazette published at Managua on March 13.

## Goodman Defeats Forbes.

Indiana Harbor, Ind.—Danny Goodman defeated Clarence Forbes in a ten-round fight here. Forbes was knocked down twice during the set-to.  
Oil Shares Go A-Soaring.  
Norfolk, Va.—Another outgrowth of the dissolution of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey into thirty odd constituents was the rise of shares of the Standard Oil of Kentucky, to the unprecedented price of \$1,900 a share.  
Consternation in Mexico City.  
Washington.—Consternation reigns in Mexico City over the federal defeats in Chihuahua. Orozco's success there is looked on as quite ominous and of serious import.



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