



CHAPTER XIX.



That it is the residence of Wilbur & Gareau that is burned. He is soon among the crowd. "Where is Dr. Gareau?" he asks of a fireman. "Guess he can't be in the house. The flames are too hot for us to get in and find out."

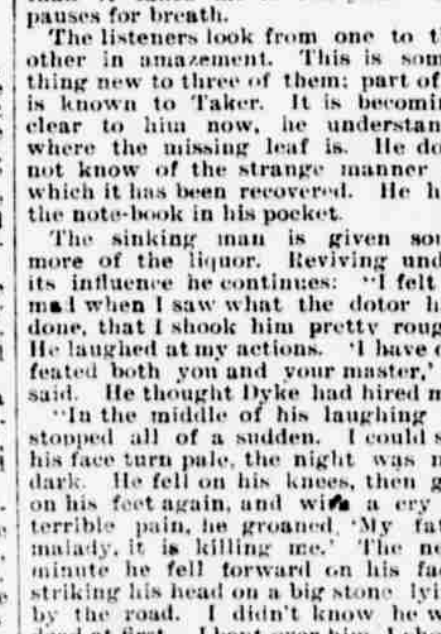


erson—Rogerson, excited, panting. "A brave action, Taker," he pants. "By God, you're a man. But come with me, quickly. I've just shot a man up the street. He can't live long. He has a confession to make, and wants the young doctor to hear it."

It appeared that his wife had just had a child—a girl. He wanted a boy, said he would be a ruined man if the other did not help him. The man agreed to do it—I heard it all. He was to bring child to the house that night, and the other was to be carried to his cottage by a woman—the nurse. Then the master went out of the room, and I heard him go upstairs. In a little while he came down again, and with him was Dr. Wilbur. I knew the old man; I had not seen him for twenty years, but I knew him the minute I saw him. He stopped in the hall, and said, "Wait a minute, and write something in a book to look from his pocket."



"The ruined my sister where I was wat-hinz. I had just time enough to jump out the window with my graft (a lot of silver plate tied up in a table-cloth), when he came in. I couldn't see what he did, but in a little while he left the house. I sneaked around back of the house and got out into the road ahead of him. I left the silverware behind; I had a better graft in view than that. I knew that the note-book was what I wanted. I made up my mind to get it before him. I had along the road waiting for the doctor. I didn't want to kill him. I never thought of that. I only wanted to get the note-book. I had made up my mind that the sex of the two kids was written in it, and if I could get it, I could make Ad Dyke give up some of his money to me."



"I heard some one coming. It was the doctor, but there was another man with him. I knew him, too; it was Frank Dyke. They passed me. I can tell you I felt pretty hot about it. I thought I was going to lose my graft. Pretty soon I heard some one coming the other way. I laid low again. It was the doctor coming back. As he got opposite me, I stepped out and grabbed him. He struggled. 'I don't want to hurt you, Doc,' I said. 'I only want that little book in your pocket.' My note-book," he asked. "Yes," I answered. "What do you want with it?" he asked. I lied; I said, "Ad Dyke wants it. He flew into a passion. He wants it, does he? He wants to make some body use of it, but neither you nor he shall have it. I told him I was bound to have it. I had him foud. He took it from his pocket, and I thought he was going to give it up, but as quick as lightning he opened it, tore out a leaf, rolled it up in a little wad, put it in his mouth and swallowed it, all in less time than it takes me to tell you." He pauses for breath.

After it is over he is conducted by Taker to the room where Dr. Gareau is confined to his bed, overcome from the effects of the fire, and before Throckmorton, Coroner, Vandewater, and Rogerson, who has recovered his equanimity, all is explained to them. He listens with open mouthed wonder. As Taker finishes his exclaimations, I told you Adrian was innocent of that crime. I knew he was guilty of the other. Does he know of the events of last night?" "He will never know. He is dead," "Dead," they all cry. The news had not reached them as yet. It comes later in the day. "Yes, he committed suicide." The brother turns to wipe away a tear. "Poor Adrian! what an end!" They respect his sorrow. Finally Taker says to the doctor, "I came near suspecting you of this murder."

"Me?" in surprise. "What ever put that into your mind?" "Oh, several things. It is not necessary to explain now. There is one thing I would like to have you explain. How came this watch and chain in your office?" He produces the articles while speaking. The handsome face of the doctor grows sad. "The man you heard confess last night had them upon his person. I took them from him."

"Oh, he visited you, eh?" "Yes." "I was watching the house and saw him leave by the window of the woodshed," puts in Rogerson. "That is how I got 'em to him." "Why were you watching the house?" asks Gareau. "I was 'spotting' you. I thought you were the man."

"In the fertile mind of a detective no man is safe," remarks the doctor. "No, not when the death of another man brings him fortune," answers Rogerson. "I suppose the missing leaf will never be found," says Taker, regretfully. "I'd like to have that for a curiosity."

"No," answers the doctor, "I suppose the note-book was burned with the house." "No, I have the note-book," cries Taker. "I picked it up at the same time I did the watch and chain." "Have you it with you?" asks Gareau. "Yes. Here it is," handing it to him. The young man takes the book, opens it and produces the discolored and nearly destroyed leaf. "Here is the missing leaf," he says. They all crowd around the bed. Curiously they examine this strange witness, recovered in such a strange manner. "How did you get it?" asks Taker. Gareau explains. They listen breathlessly. "Well, that beats the Dutch!" remarks Throckmorton.

Franklin Dyke is not yet aware of the good fortune which is awaiting him, or rather his daughter. When he hears it he can hardly believe it. They hurry to the residence of Justus Belknap. That surly gentleman convinces the young man that it is correct. "It is worth while putting in a few days in jail to have such a surprise in store for you when you get out," cries Franklin. "You seem to enjoy it so much more."

UNUSUAL PHENOMENA

NEBRASKA FURNISHES A COUPLE RECENTLY.

A Real Rainbow at Lincoln and a Wonderful Mirage at Long Pine—The First Causes Much Discussion and the Latter Enjoyed for Fully an Hour.

LINCOLN, Feb. 24.—G. A. Loveland, government weather observer at the university, is preparing a special report on a rainbow that was seen from this city on Wednesday evening. So far as he is able to discover no bow has been seen before under exactly similar circumstances. The rainbow was seen by quite a number of people in Lincoln between 6 o'clock and five minutes after six. At that time the sun was practically down and the bow appeared in the heavens opposite the setting sun and against a cloud. It was a perfect semi-circle. It differed from the conventional summer bow only in having a little more than the usual quantity of red and a little less of the other colors.

When Mr. Loveland was asked about it the other evening he said he had not been fortunate enough to see it himself. Professor Allen had the privilege, however, and with Professor Bruce had been greatly interested in studying it from the standpoint of physics. These professors agree that the bow must have been produced by the sun shining into globules of water. Now the temperature at that time was somewhere between 30 and 35 degrees above zero. Had the water frozen into globules of ice the bow would have still appeared, but it is well known that ice is not globular, but crystalline, and the sun shining into the crystals produces a halo or a "sun dog." The problem is to account for the existence of the globules of water at a temperature of but a little above 30 degrees above zero.

Mr. Loveland will send the history of the event to Washington in a day or two where it will speedily be made famous unless some oldest inhabitant of the record office has something more remarkable to bring forward.

CITIES IN THE SKY.

Citizens of Long Pine Discern Far Distant Objects.

LONG PINE, Neb., Feb. 24.—A most beautiful and dazzling mirage phenomenon, which lasted for more than an hour Friday morning, was seen for many miles in every direction. Aims-worth, situated 145 feet above and ten miles west, just over and beyond a high range of table land, loomed up in the heavens, painting on the skies a scene most beautiful to view. With naked eye public business and residence buildings were plainly identified, the more observant asserting that by the aid of telescope and field glasses they could see people on the streets. Looking northward to the Niobrara, precipitous cliffs, bluffs, and canyons stood up prominently, while the panoramic view of South Dakota was the most wonderful and picturesque ever seen here. Half canopied canyons, water bodies and fantastic formations spread out magnificently in the distance. The Niobrara river, twenty miles away, looked to be but a mile or two from town, and Bassett, Newport, and Stewart, ten, twenty and thirty miles, respectively, were in plain view.

Purchased Stolen Turkeys.

EXETER, Neb., Feb. 24.—J. N. Cox, a leading merchant here, bought some stolen turkeys last week from Winne-gar, who, with Kingen, is now in jail at York for poultry stealing. The owner of the turkeys had Cox arrested and taken before a country justice on the charge of concealing stolen property. The matter was settled by Cox paying a part of the costs and giving up the turkeys. In justice to Cox it should be said that he had not in any way concealed the turkeys, but had offered to give them up if the man who claimed them would prove his ownership. However, a good deal of laughing is being indulged in at his expense.

Winnegar and Kingen Found Guilty.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 24.—The trial of Will Winnegar and George Kingen for chicken stealing occupied the attention of Judge Fowler's court the last part of the week. They were found guilty by the jury and each given a fine of \$25 and costs, and in default were committed to the county jail. The complaint against these two men for assault on J. W. Miller has been filed, but nothing can be done until they have satisfied their fines. The opinion is generally expressed that the prisoners should be speedily tried and save all the expense that is possible to the county.

Oppose the Present Receiver.

NORTH LOUIS, Neb., Feb. 24.—A number of dissatisfied creditors of the late Loop Valley bank are circulating a petition, citing a number of alleged shortcomings against Receiver Post and asking for his removal from that position and the appointment of a successor who will attend to the business with a greater degree of care for the interests of all concerned.

Think Him a Cattle Rustler.

ALLAMCE, Neb., Feb. 24.—Thomas J. Wallace, formerly owner of a meat market, was warned to quit the country a few months ago, being accused of cattle rustling. His residence is being watched every night.

Athletic Young Ladies.

CHADRON, Neb., Feb. 24.—This city can now boast of its athletic young ladies. The new Y. M. C. A. gymnasium has just opened, and one of the classes consists of a number of young ladies who meet twice a week at the "gym" and don the bloomer costume and go through the exercises with the same spirit and zeal manifested by the men.

Will Investigate.

Wayne county has employed an expert to examine the books of county officers that have served in years gone by.

WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL

Senator Frye Read It in the Senate With Fine Effect.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Senate met today to listen to the reading of Washington's farewell address by Senator Frye, the president pro tem of the Senate. This was in accordance with a resolution previously introduced by Senator Hoar. The vice president occupied the seat of the presiding officer and Mr. Frye took his position behind the secretary's desk, thus facing the entire Senate. He read from an old print volume in large type and without special effort filled the large chamber with his resonant voice so that the patriotic and well rounded sentences were heard by all present.

The reading of the journal and of the address were preceded by a prayer by Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, who asked God to "bless Grover Cleveland, the President of the United States," and referring to Washington with special thanks, "for him whose name is in all hearts to-day; for the inheritance of his memory and for the inspiration of his life and example."

On motion of Mr. Perkins of California, the prayer was ordered printed in the Record.

There was a liberal attendance of senators and the only vacant seats in the galleries were in the diplomatic and senate sections. The former was entirely vacant, but almost all the seats in the gallery for the families of senators were taken. The vice president's was also occupied. Many presented themselves for admission to the popular galleries long before the opening of the doors. Close attention was given to the reading by senators and others, rendering the ceremony thoroughly impressive and none the less so on account of the simplicity and the absence of ostentation by which it was marked.

At the conclusion of the reading of the address Mr. Gray of Delaware moved that the thanks of the Senate be tendered to Mr. Frye for the admirable manner in which he had read the address. The motion carried unanimously and then, at 12:57 p. m., on motion of Mr. Hoar, the Senate adjourned till Monday.

Mr. Carter gave notice of the postponement of his address heretofore announced for Monday on his notice to recommit the tariff bill until Wednesday of next week.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE

Rise in the Price of Bonds Strengthens Confidence.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—E. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: The restoration of the treasury reserve has been effected with remarkably little monetary disturbance, though stringency in many markets, greater elsewhere than here, and greater in commercial than in other loans, has somewhat retarded business. The rapid rise in the price of bonds strengthens public confidence. While money markets are growing easier as rapidly as could be expected, after the withdrawal of over \$70,000,000 from unemployed funds, the expected activity in commercial loans does not appear, as offerings are small.

In an important branch of business there yet apparent much disposition to expand. Purchases to cover several months' actual consumption were made within a few weeks on rising markets last fall; distribution to consumers has been slow and reductions in prices have not brought a renewal of such buying. Prices of commodities, as a whole, are now at the lowest average ever known. Receipts of wheat continue heavy, 2,412,508 bushels for the week, against 1,542,517 last year, and depress the price of February delivery, to 72½¢, although what is nominally called a cash price is 74¢ higher.

In almost all manufactured products, decline continues, though in some classes quotations are so irregular that the change cannot be accurately measured. Failures for the week have been 230 in the United States, against 307 last year, and 66 in Canada, against 56 last year.

FIGHTS AMONG STUDENTS.

Washington's Anniversary Causes Trouble at Two Colleges.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Feb. 24.—The roughest and most obstinate hand-to-hand encounter ever known at Wesleyan university took place between the sophomores and freshmen last night. Six men were carried off the campus either in an unconscious or exhausted condition, and many others were injured. It is the custom of Wesleyan students to fire a cannon every year on the eve of Washington's birthday. The freshmen usually undertake this and the sophomores do all they can to prevent them. This year the bodies met and the encounter followed.

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ind., Feb. 23.—

The celebration of Washington's birthday at Wabash college began with a riot in the chapel. The sophomores released a flock of pigeons wearing their colors during the exercises and the freshmen immediately arose and began pelting the birds with hymn books, clubs and hats. Both classes were yelling and scrambling over seats, while President Burroughs called for order in vain. It is said that wholesale expulsion will follow the chapel scene.

Rear Admiral Frye Dying.

PERCE, Neb., Feb. 24.—Rear Admiral Frye, U. S. N., is dying in this city.

Last Trip Until the Wedding.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 24.—General Benjamin Harrison left over the Pennsylvania line yesterday for New York, accompanied by his secretary. It is understood that this will be his last trip to New York until next April, when he and Mrs. Dimmick will be married.

The German Tailors' Strike.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—The tailors and seamstresses are still out on a strike. Fifteen thousand attended stormy meetings in different parts of the city yesterday. They repudiated the agreement made Thursday in their behalf.