

Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

A Chicago minister is preaching against duels. Is this genus not yet extinct?

When there is no strike in existence or in contemplation the millennium will be here.

There is only one pleasing feature about an anarchist. He is generally a desperately bad shot.

The emperor of Corea has raised his favorite wife to the rank of empress. Who's jealous?

The records of the progress of the Doukhobors read like a description of the Children's Crusade.

The final link in the Pacific cable has been laid, and Mother Earth has got an electric belt at last.

Shanghai is to be evacuated by the powers, although this is a poor time of year to leave Shanghai unprotected.

The automobile output for 1902 was 19,000, but no one can tell what the consequent graveyard input has been.

Some men go to the bad because the journey is so much shorter and easier than a trip in the other direction.

The young man who can't lose his heart without also losing his head doesn't really know the finest thrill of love.

Thirteen hundred fires were caused in New York last year by parlor matches—not counting those in parlor grates.

Another woman has been poisoned by eating candy sent her through the mail. Evidently she did not read the newspapers.

Applications for divorce appear to be on the increase. It is well that a lawyer's fee is higher than a clergyman's, however.

Arguing about the "right to work" is all very well, but what a good many want to see clearly demonstrated is the right to loaf.

The man who tells malicious lies isn't half so disturbing as the one who ferrets out a few disagreeable facts and spreads them about.

The chemists in the Armour laboratory at Chicago claim to have found a cure for fools. The chemists ought to be able to hold their jobs.

It is said the Count Bond of Castellan has an \$11,000 overcoat. This recalls the cowboy expression: "A hundred dollar saddle on a ten dollar boss."

If Mr. Carnegie really fears that he may die disgracefully rich let him announce his willingness to back a few meritorious theatrical enterprises.

Mrs. Sage can't expect Uncle Russell to retire while the Manhattan elevated is still running and 29,000,000 passengers ahead of the game last year.

Doukhobors is a compound of two Russian words, *doukh*, meaning spirit, and *bor*, an abbreviation of *boratsia*, meaning to wrestle. Soul-twisters, as it were.

For some reason or other we often read that some man or other has "disappeared suddenly." It would be truly remarkable to read of one who disappeared gradually.

The man who asked the street police to lock him up because he wanted to steal everything he saw is evidently wasting his opportunities. The coal trust needs him.

A New York palmist says J. Pierpont Morgan has no business ability. There are a good many people who would be willing to pay that palmist handsomely if he could prove it.

A New Jersey man who has been married only a week or two wants a divorce because his wife wears open-work hosiery. He should not be hasty. She may quit as the season advances.

A Chicago man who was asked to name the things which had contributed most to his success mentioned good luck as one of them. This is a wonderful admission, coming from one who is up.

A New York gentleman having recovered from a serious illness by good nursing has given his nurse \$50,000. This is better than dying and having one's will contested by the more direct heirs.

The arsenic complexion tablet continues to justify the claims made for it. Young women who take it in sufficient quantities never have any further trouble with their complexions.

It doesn't sound exactly right, after borrowing a ten-dollar note from a friend, to tell him that his kindness is so great that you can never repay it.

There's fight in the old boys yet. The bride of a seventy-two-year-old G. A. R. man has just given birth to a lovely baby girl. Shake, comrade!

A MOVE IS MADE

Great Britain and Germany Getting Ready for Trouble

THEY WILL ACT TOGETHER

Against Venezuela—Will Probably Seize Customs Houses—British Ships Reported Enroute—German Ships Now Off Venezuela Coast

A Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 3, dispatch says: The British second-class cruiser *Retribution* sailed for Venezuela yesterday, and the second-class cruiser *Charybdis*, the sloop of war *Alert*, and the torpedo boat destroyer *Quall* followed today. The second-class cruiser *Tribune* and the first-class cruiser *Aridane* are under orders to proceed to the same destination.

A dispatch from London says: It is officially announced here that Great Britain and Germany are taking naval measures to secure satisfaction from Venezuela, and that "for this purpose German warships have already assembled off the coast of Venezuela, and those of Great Britain will shortly be there."

No attempt is made to reconcile Great Britain's attitude with the news from Berlin that President Castro is willing to meet the demands made upon Venezuela. The reason for the aggressive measures is declared to be due to the fact that no overtures have yet been received from Venezuela towards meeting that country's obligations by ordinary methods.

The Associated press is able to say that the European governments are still in ignorance of the suggestive scheme for a settlement which has been submitted to the authorities at Washington.

The present intention of Great Britain and Germany is to make a naval demonstration against Venezuela with the probable seizure of custom houses, though this is dependent on developments. The British foreign office is still absolutely in the dark regarding any statement made to the German minister at Caracas, and is somewhat mystified on the subject of Germany's intentions.

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The Rice Famine Broken

The price of rice in Manila has been broken and the native operators have insured the supply of this foodstuff at reasonable rates. The Philippine commission, when a rice famine was threatened at the beginning of November appropriated two millions and quietly purchased upwards of twenty thousand tons of rice in India and on the Asiatic coast, to be sold to the sufferers at a cash price which it was thought would cover the cost.

The plans of the commission were concealed in order to prevent combinations with the view of raising prices. The government may lose money on its purchases, but it is satisfied in having provided for the sale of rice to the people at a low figure.

Attempted to Kill Japanese Emperor

The steamer *Kaga Maru*, which arrived at Victoria, B. C., Wednesday from the orient, brought news of an attempt on the life of the emperor of Japan when the imperial train was at Otake, en route to the scene of the maneuvers of Kinshin.

A number of conspirators had gone there and arranged to blow up the emperor's train, but the police authorities learned of the plot and the would-be dynamiters fled. The imperial train did not proceed until an engine had been sent over the line to test the safety of the track. The plotters were not captured.

Maneuvers in Asiatic Waters

The navy department has been notified that the Asiatic squadron is assembling for a series of maneuvers in which it will be engaged this winter in eastern waters. The scale of these exercises will not be so elaborate or comprehensive as that of Admiral Dewey's fleet of forty vessels in the Caribbean, but the problems planned will furnish valuable experience to the squadron along the lines of actual warfare.

The Moccasin Will Be Accepted

The navy department has received the report of the board of inspection and survey appointed to conduct the trials of the sub-marine torpedo boat *Moccasin*. The recommendation is that the vessel be accepted after certain defects and items of unfinished work shall have been completed satisfactorily.

To Open British Ports

The senate of the Buenos Ayres congress has reported the laws in the sanitary laws relative to the admission of foreign cattle which were presented by the Argentine government in order to facilitate the opening of British ports to Argentine cattle.

A \$75,000 Fire in Boston

Fire in the building occupied by L. S. Johnson & Co., Boston, and Grovers & Phelps, lumber dealers, caused a loss of \$75,000, and resulted in the injury of three firemen.

WANT NEW OBSERVATORY

State University Will Ask for Appropriation

In contemplation of the appropriation which will be asked of the state legislature, plans have been drawn for a new observatory at the Nebraska state university. The equipment for astronomical observations is so inferior that satisfactory work is accomplished only under great difficulties.

For the benefit of the public, many of whom are greatly interested in the wonders of the heavens, a building will be constructed with a dome large enough to accommodate several persons at a time. The plans were drawn by Professor Swezey and have been submitted to the superintendent of grounds and buildings. The building as it appears on paper, will be 26x36 feet, containing a laboratory, photographic dark room, instrument room, two meridian rooms, a library and clock closet. Above will be two telescopic domes and decks for outside observation work.

The diagram is prepared as a guide for the building needed in case the legislature sees fit to include it in their appropriation.

Official Notice Received

Official notice of the action of the British government prohibiting the landing of stock from the New England states was received from the department of agriculture December 3 through the state department.

Acting Secretary Willis L. Moore immediately issued a notice notifying the public of the action of the British government. Mr. Moore today ordered about twenty veterinary surgeons in the bureau of animal industry service in various western cities to proceed to New England to augment the force of experts already at work there fighting the epidemic. This force will also be increased by the inspectors relieved from duty owing to the cessation of exports to Great Britain. It is not yet known where the epidemic originated.

Comity and Co-operation

"Comity and co-operation," was the subject of the Episcopal mission conference at Grace church Wednesday night, the speakers being the Rev. H. D. Geer, D. D., and the Right Rev. Dr. McVicker, bishop of Rhode Island. Dr. Geer said there should be co-operation between the missionary board of the different Christian churches, one result of which would be the bringing about of church unity. Dr. McVicker urged unity of action among the missionary workers of the different churches.

Knox Still Wants More Money

Attorney General Knox in his annual report submitted to congress renews his recommendation for an increase of the salaries of judicial officers throughout the country. The statement of criminal prosecutions in the United States court shows that 16,350 prosecutions terminated during the last year. On July 1, 1902, there were 1,350 United States convicts in the various prisons and reformatories of the country.

Ceramic Industry Meeting

About seventy representatives of the ceramic industry of the United States are attending the convention of the United States Potters' association, which began in Washington December 3. The features of the session were the addresses of President Charles H. Cook of Trenton and W. J. Blakeley, a special commissioner from the Louisiana purchase exposition to the convention.

Disease is Spreading

Reports indicating that the contagious foot and mouth disease is existing in Boston, Mass., were received at the state board of agriculture. Some reports were from places not heretofore reporting. Dr. Salmon, of the United States bureau of animal industry, reached Boston from Washington Tuesday. He will take office so as to be in the closest touch with the cattle bureau.

Creed Needs Revision

The battle for and against the revision of the creed of the Pittsburg, Pa., Presbytery was won by those favoring revision. When it came to a final vote on the question, although the Rev. Dr. Reed of the First church, W. L. McEwan of the Third church, and others made a hard fight against it, they were outnumbered, the vote standing 78 against 46. The Presbytery thereby decided that the confession of faith needed remodeling.

Reed Has a Mild Attack

Ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed had a sudden and quite severe attack of gastritis Tuesday evening while in Washington. He was prostrated for a time, but Dr. Gardner, who was called, succeeded in relieving his patient. The sudden illness of the ex-speaker caused considerable alarm to his friends, but Mr. Reed is getting on much better. He is resting comfortably.

A Mine Workers' Convention

The official call for the national convention of the United Mine Workers of America has been issued from national headquarters. The convention will be held in Tomlinson hall, Indianapolis, commencing at 10 a. m., Monday, January 19, 1903.

Can't Revoke the Agreement

Judgment was given in the supreme court at Halifax, N. S., in the Carnegie library matter to the effect that the council's vote to accept \$75,000 from Mr. Carnegie and the fixing upon a site in accordance with Mr. Carnegie's desire amounted to a contract which can not be annulled.

To Punish Election Frauds

It is the purpose of Representative Richard Bartholdt of Missouri to present a measure providing for the prosecution in the federal courts of offenders against election laws. Dr. Bartholdt had an interview with President Roosevelt on the subject Wednesday.

Nurses Meet in Washington

The Spanish-American war nurses association met in annual convention in Washington. Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee of Washington presided.

The Bow of Orange Ribbon

A ROMANCE OF NEW YORK

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CHAPTER IV.—(Continued.)

There was something so frank and persuasive about the elegant stranger that Joris could not refuse the courtesy she asked for herself and her nephew. And, having yielded, he yielded with entire truth and confidence.

Elder Semple was greatly pleased at his friend's complaisance. He gave Joris full credit for his victory over his national prejudice, and he did his very best to make the concession a pleasant event. In this effort he was greatly assisted by Mrs. Gordon. She set herself to charm Van Heemskirk, as she had set herself to charm Madam Van Heemskirk on her previous visit, and she succeeded so well, that when "Sir Roger de Coverley" was called, Joris rose, offered her his hand and to the delight of every present, led the dance with her.

It was a little triumph for the elder. Indeed, he was so interested in listening to the clever way in which "the bonnie woman flattered Van Heemskirk" that he was quite oblivious of the gathering wrath in his son's face, and the watchful gloom in Bram's eyes, as the two men stood together, jealously observant of Capt. Hyde's attentions to Katherine. Without any words spoken on the subject, there was an understood compact between them to guard the girl from any private conversation with him; and yet two men with hearts full of suspicion and jealousy were not a match for one man with a heart full of love. In a moment, in the interchange of their hands in a dance, Katherine clasped tightly a little note, and unobserved hid it behind the rose at her breast. The loving girl thought it no wrong to put it there; she even hoped that some kind of blessing or sanction might come through such sacred keeping, and she went to sleep whispering to herself:

"Happy I am. Me he loves; me he loves; me only he loves; me forever he loves!"

CHAPTER V.

The Beginning of Strife.

"My dear Dick, I am exceedingly concerned to find you in such a taking-moping about a Dutch school-girl! Pshaw! I had a much better opinion of you."

"I know I love her beyond everything, and that I am likely so to love her all my life."

"Let me make you understand that I wish to marry it."

"Oh, indeed, sir! Then the church door stands open. Go in. I suppose the lady will oblige you so far."

"Pray, dear aunt, give me your advice. What is the first step to be taken?"

"Go and talk with her father. The girl you think worth asking for; but it is very necessary for you to know what fortune goes with her beauty."

"If her father refuses to give her to me—"

"That is not to be thought of. You come of a noble race. You are not far from the heritage of a great title and estate. If you ask for her fortune, you offer far above its equivalent, sir."

"Well, this suspense is intolerable, and not to be borne. I will go and end it. Give me your good wishes."

"I shall be impatient to hear the result."

At Van Heemskirk's store Capt. Hyde asked for the councillor and was taken to his office.

"Your servant, captain. Is there any thing I can oblige you in, sir?"

Joris asked the question because the manner of the young man struck him as uneasy and constrained; and he thought, "Perhaps he has come to borrow money." He was not, therefore astonished when Capt. Hyde answered:

"Sir, you can, indeed, oblige me, and that in a matter of the greatest moment."

"If money it be, captain, at once I may tell you, that I borrow not, and I lend not."

"Sir, it is not money—in particular."

"So?"

"It is your daughter, Katherine."

Then Joris stood up, and looked steadily at the suitor. His large, amiable face had become in a moment hard and stern; and the light in his eyes was like the cold, sharp light that falls from drawn steel.

"My daughter is not for you to name. Sir, it is a wrong to her, if you speak her name. Like to like, that is what I say. Your wife seek, captain, among your own women. My daughter is to another man promised."

"Look you, councillor, that would be monstrous. Your daughter loves me."

Joris turned white to the lips. "It is not the truth," he answered in a slow, husky voice.

"By the sun in heaven, it is truth! Aik her."

"Then a great scoundrel are you, unfit with honest men to talk. Ho! Yes, your sword pull from its scabbard. Strike. To the heart, strike me. Less wicked would be the deed than the thing you have done."

There was something very impressive in the angry sorrow of Joris. Yet Hyde persevered in his soliloquy.

"Do but hear me, sir. I have done nothing contrary to the custom of people in my condition, and I assure you that with all my soul I love your daughter. No man can love her better."

"What say you? How, then, do I love her? I who carried her—mijn wittie lammetje—in these arms before yet she could say to me, 'Fader!'"

His wrath had been steadily growing, and suddenly striking the desk a ponderous blow with his closed hand, he said with an unmistakable passion, "My daughter you shall not have. God in heaven to himself take her ere such sorrow come to her and me!"

"Sir, you are very unkind; but to be plain with you, I am determined to marry your daughter if I can compass the matter in any way. It is now, then, open war between us; and so, sir, your servant."

"Stay. To me listen. Not one guilder will I give to my daughter, if—"

"To the devil with your guilders! Dirty money made in dirty traffic!"

"You lie."

"Sir, you take an infamous advantage. You know, that, being Katherine's father, I will not challenge you."

"Christus!" roared Joris, "challenge me one hundred times. A fool I would be to answer you. Life my God gave to me. Well, then, only my God shall from me take it. See you these arms and hands? In them you will be as the child of one year. Ere beyond my reason you move me, go!"

and he strode to the door and fung it open with a passion that made every one in the store straighten towards the two men.

White with rage, and with his hand upon his sword-hilt, Capt. Hyde stamped his way through the crowded store to the dusty street. Then it struck him that he had not asked the name of the man to whom Katherine was promised. He swore at himself for the omission. Whether he knew him or not, he was determined to fight him. Now he must see Katherine before her father had any opportunity to give any orders regarding him.

In the meantime Joris was suffering as only such deep natures can suffer. Capt. Hyde's proposal and his positive assertion that Katherine loved him, had fallen upon the father's heart with the force of a blow, and the terror of a shock.

After Hyde's departure, he shut the door of his office, walked to the window, and stood there some minutes, clasping and unclasping his large hands, like a man full of grief and perplexity. Ere long he remembered his friend Semple. This trouble concerned him also, for Capt. Hyde was in a manner his guest; and if, he were informed of the marriage arranged between Katherine and Neil Semple, he would doubtless feel himself bound in honor to retire.

Joris found Semple and in a few short, strong sentences, put the case before him.

"My certie! When girls are auld enough for a lover, they are a match for any pray head. I'm thankfu' man that I wasn't put in charge o' any o' them. I shall hae to speak my mind to Niel, and likewise to Col. Gordon; and you canna put off your duty to your daughter an hour longer. Dear me! To think, Joris, o' a man being able to sit w' the councillors of the nation, and yet no match for a lassie o' seventeen!"

As they walked homeward, the elder talked, and Joris pondered, not what was said, but the thoughts and purposes that were slowly forming in his own mind.

When the evening meal was over Joris rose, and laying his hand on Katherine's shoulder said, "There is something to talk about. Sit down, Lysbet; the door shut close, and listen to me."

It was impossible to mistake the stern purpose on her husband's face, and Lysbet silently obeyed the order.

"Katherine, Katrijntje, mijn kind, this afternoon there comes to the store the young man Capt. Hyde. To thy father he said many ill words. To him thou shalt never speak again. Thy promise give to me."

She sat silent, with dropped eyes, and cheeks as red as the pomegranate flower at her breast.

"Mijn kind, speak to me."

Weeping bitterly, she rose and went to her mother, and laid her head upon Lysbet's shoulder.

"Look now, Joris. One must know the 'why' and the 'wherefore.' What mean you? Whish, mijn kindje!"

"This I mean, Lysbet. No more meetings with the Englishman will I have. No love secrets will I bear. Danger is with them; yes, and sin, too."

"Mijn kindje, listen to me thy father. It is for thy happy life here, it is for thy eternal life, I speak to thee. This man for whom thou art weeping is not good for thee. Mijn beste kinje, do I love thee?"

"My father!"

"Do I love thee?"

"Yes, yes."

"Doest thou, then, love me?"

She put her arms round his neck, and laid her cheek against his, and kissed him many times.

"Wilt thou go away and leave me, and leave thy mother, in our old age? Katrijntje, my dear, dear child, what for me, and for thy mother, wilt thou do?"

"Thy wish—if I can."

Then he told her of the provision made for her future. He reminded her of Neil's long affection, and added, "To-morrow, about thy own house, I will take the first step. Near my house it shall be; and at a feast of St. Nicholas thou shalt be married. And money, plenty of money, I will give thee; and all that is proper thy mother and thee shall buy. But no more, no more at all, shalt thou see or speak to that bad man who has so beguiled thee. Wilt thou these things promise me? Me and thy mother?"

"Richard I must see once more. That is what I ask."

"Richard! So far is it? Well, then, I will as easy make it as I can. Once more, and for one hour, thou may see him. But I lay it on thee to tell him the truth, for this and for all other time."

"Now may I go? He is anigh. His boat I hear at the landing;" and she stood up, intent, basting, with her fair head lifted, and her wet eyes fixed on the distance.

"Well, be it so, Go."

With the words she slipped from the room; and Joris called Baitu to bring him some hot coals, and began to fill his pipe. As the Virginia calmed and soothed him, the sweetness of his nature was at once in the ascendant; and he said, "Lysbet, come then, and talk with me about the child."

She turned the keys in her press slowly, and stood by it with them in her hand. "What has been told thee, Joris, to-day? And who has spoken? Tongues evil and envious, I am sure of that."

"Thou art wrong. The young man to me spoke himself. He said, 'I love your daughter. I want to marry her.'"

"Well, then, he did no wrong. And as for Katrijntje, it is in nature that a young girl should want a lover. It is in nature she should choose the one she likes best. That is what I say."

"Yes, it is in nature the child should want this handsome stranger; but with me thou wilt certainly say, 'He is not fit for thy happiness; he has not the true faith, he gambles, he fights duels, he is a waster, he lives badly, he will take thee far from thy own people and thy own home.'"

She drew close to him, and laid her arm across his broad shoulders; and he took his pipe from his lips, and turned his face to her. "Kind and wise art thou, my husband; and whatever is thy wish, that is my wish too."

"Right am I, and I know I am right. And I think that Neil Semple will be a very great person. On the judge's bench he will sit down yet."

"A good young man he may be, but he is a very bad lover; that is the truth. If a little less wise he could only be! A young girl likes some foolish talk. Little fond words, very strong they are. Thou thyself said them to me."

"That is right. To Neil, I will talk a little. A man must seek a good wife with more heart than he seeks gold. Yes, yes; her price above rubies is."

At the very moment Joris made this remark, the elder was speaking for him. Neil was walking about the terrace, and he joined him.

"You are stepping in a vera majestic way, Neil; what's in your thoughts, I wonder?"

"I have a speech to make to-morrow, sir. My thoughts were on the law, which has a certain majesty of its own."

"You'd better be thinking o' a speech you ought to make to-night, if you care about saving yourself" w' Katherine Van Heemskirk. You hae a rival, sir. Capt. Hyde asked Van Heemskirk for his daughter this afternoon, and an earldom in prospect isna a poor bait. Tak' a word o' advice now. You are fond enough to plead for others, go and plead an hour for yourself. Certie! When I was your age, I was eye noted for my persuading way. Your father, sir, never left a spare corner for a rival."

(To be continued.)

Lawyer and Witness.

A certain Mr. H. was a sharp lawyer and invariably retained in criminal cases, where his peculiar abilities were deemed likely to benefit his client, writes a contributor to the Weekly Bouquet. Old Mrs. L., the widow of a small farmer, was remarkable for her plainness in speech and manner, and she was one of the cute sort. The old woman was an important witness for the prosecution in which H. defended the evil-doer. Her testimony bore hard upon the prisoner, and in the cross examination H. endeavored in vain to confuse or irritate her.

At length, turning abruptly to the witness, he exclaimed, "Madam, you have brass enough in your face to make a twelve-quart pail!"

"Yes," replied the witness, "and you have got sass enough in your head to fill it!"

The lawyer had done with that witness.

It Stopped the Gambling.

A good story is told of a certain colonel in connection with an inspection of a crack rifle corps which he commanded.

The inspection passed off satisfactorily; there were no complaints, and the regiment was evidently in good order.

"But," said the inspecting general, "I am bound to tell you, colonel, that rumors have reached me of gambling being carried on extensively among your officers."

"That may have been the case, sir," said the colonel, "some months ago; but I can assure you that nothing of the kind is in vogue now, because I've won all the ready money in the regiment, and I would not allow any gambling on credit."