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CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.

CHAPTER XIV.

AN UNWELCOME PRISONER. It was 8 o'clock in the morning. Colonel Maynard pushed back the tent fisp, intending to step outside and go to the mess tent for breakfast. The brightness of the morning seemed reflected in his countenance. His step was firm, his bearing full of youthful, manly vigor. He had been rapidly gaining the confidence of his officers and was coming to be admired and beloved by his men. All misgivings as to his fitness for his responsible position had melted away.

Colonel Mark Maynard was the man most to be envied of those no older than himself in the Army of the Cumber-

He had scarcely passed from his tent when, glancing down the road beside which his camp was located, his attention was arrested by an ambulance coming slowly along driven by a man in a soldier's blonse and smoking a short clay pipe. On either side rode a cavalryman. The colonel paused to watch the coming vehicle and its attendants. Had it not been guarded he would have supposed it to contain a sick soldier going to hospital. As it was, it must ei-ther hold an officer of high rank or a sick or wounded prisoner. Whatever it contained, there came to the man watching it an uncomfortable feeling that it was in some way a link between himself and misfortune. The bright, happy look of a moment before disappeared, to be re-placed by a troubled expression, though he could not have given a reason for foreboding. When the ambulance stop-ped opposite his tent, he muttered with a knitted brow:

"What does this mean?" One of the attendants dismounted, went to the door of the ambulance, opened it and handed out a woman, who anded to the ground with some difficulty, as though in a weakened condition. The two then came directly to where Colonel Maynard was standing.

The woman was attired in a striped calico dress. Her head and face were bare. The colonel knew at a glance that he had seen her before, but could not tell where. She walked slowly, for she seemed scarcely able to drag herself along, and he had time to study her features as she came on. The two stopped before him. The soldier saluted, and drawing an envelope from his belt hand-ed it to Colonel Maynard. The colonel took it without looking at it. He was still studying the features of the wom-

"A communication from General colonel," said the man who handed him the paper. As the soldier spoke trembled as he grasped the envelope rode up to Colonel Maynard's headquarand tore it open.

ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND,
ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND,
IN THE FIELD, Sept. —, 1862.

Colonel Mark Maynard, Commanding the —th
Cavalry Brigade:
COLONEL—I send you a woman who this
morning was caught tampering with the telegraph line, and who has evidently been taking off our dispatches. Being in transit and
about to move on this morning, I take the liberry to send her to you under guard, with the
suggestion that you do with her as seems best
to you. I have use for the limited number of
men present for duty on my escort, and this
is my apology for troubling you. Yours is the
nearest command to which I can send her. I
am very respectfully your obedient servant,

Brigadier General.

Colonel Maynard read the missive over twice, slowly, without looking up. He had not read a dozen words before he knew that he held in his possession one whose life was forfeited as his own life had been forfeited to the Confederates a year before. His keeping his eyes on the paper was to gain time, to avoid speaking when his utterance was choked with a strange emotion. His thoughts were far away. He stood on the bank of the Tennessee river below Chattanooga. It was in the gray of the morning. He saw a skiff tied to the shore. He jumped down to seize it and found himself among a group of Confederate soldiers.

Personating a member of General Bragg's staff, he commanded them to row him across the river. They started to obey. As they left the shore suddenly a boat swung around Moccasin point. It was full of armed men. He was taken back to Chattanooga, tried and condemned to be hanged for a spy.

All this passed before his mind's eye as he stood pretending to study the communication before him, not this bare statement of it, but each detail, each feeling of hope, fear, despair, as they rapidly succeeded each other from the moment of his capture till his escape and safe return to the Union lines.

Looking up at last with an expression of commiseration which surprised the

prisoner, he said: "Madam, will you please accept my

heartfelt sympathies?" Miss Baggs, who had already recognized Colonel Maynard, simply bowed her head in acknowledgment without speaking, but fixing her large dark eyes upon his. When placed in a similar position, Maynard had met his enemy's lance with affected coolness in a vain hope of deception. Not so the woman before him. The time for deception had passed with her. She was a Charlotte Corday, knowing that the guillotine awaited her, a martyr in whose eyes gleamed the divine light of a willing sacrifice to a cause she believed to be

The colonel spoke again:
"Madam," he said, "it is my duty

to report your case to my commanding officer for transmission to the headquarters of this army. There is a little house across the road. If you are able to go there, you will be more comfortable while we are awaiting the reply."

"As you like, colonel. "Perhaps it would be better to use

the ambulance." "I can walk. I would prefer it."

"Will you accept my assistance?" She took his offered arm, and the two walked slowly toward a farmhouse a few hundred yards distant. As the colonel passed a sentry he directed him to have the officer of the guard summoned and sent to him. On reaching the house and mounting the few steps that led up to the door, they were received by a farmer's wife and ushered into a small sitting room. Bowing to the prisoner, Colonel Maynard stepped outside to in-struct the guard. It was not essential that he should hasten, but he did not feel equal to an interview.

After seeing a sentinel posted on each side of the house Maynard turned to go to his tent. He was drawn by some unaccountable instinct to look once more at the abode of his prisoner. She was gazing out at him with a pair of eyes melancholy, unresisting, full of resigna-

What fiend had suddenly thrown this beautiful woman, this queen of mar-tyrs, into his keeping, with death staring her in the face, and he perhaps to inflict the penalty? Why, if he must suffer this turning of the tables by fate, could not the victim have been a man, some coarse creature who would die like a brute? And why had it not come upon him before love had introduced him to that instinctive delicacy, that gentleness, those finer heart impulses of

"O God!" he murmured, "supposesuppose she were-Laura?"

He could not bear to look and could not turn away. For a few moments the two gazed upon each other, while the woman's natural feminine discernment told her that she was pitied; told her something of what Maynard suffered; that her enemy was really her friend. She gave him a faint smile in recogni-

There was something in the smile that was even harder for him to endure than had she shed a tear. Hers was a winning smile, and her position was so desperate. She was so brave, so ready to sacrifice for her struggling people. She bore her trial with such gentleness, yet with such firmness.

She was a woman, and she must die. He turned almost flercely and strode back to his tent. Reaching it, he found the man who had brought the prisoner waiting for him. The soldier saluted and handed him another envelope.

"Why did you not give me this with the other?" asked Maynard, surprised.
"I handed it to you, colonel, but you did not see it."

Maynard stared at the man without making any reply. He had been preoc-cupied, deprived of his ordinary faculties. Opening the envelope, he took out a small bundle of papers, on the back of which was indorsed, "Intercepted dispatches found on the person of Elizabeth Baggs, captured Sept.

Without looking at their contents he dismissed the man who had brought them, and turning went into his tent.

Colonel Maynard recognized the woman he had met at Mrs. Fain's. His hand announce the capture of Miss Baggs



Looking at his prisoner.

ters and handed him a dispatch. It was as Maynard feared. He was informed that in the precent exigency the matter could not be given attention at general headquarters, but it was deemed important to deal summarily with spies, be they male or female. He was therefore ordered to convene a "drumhead" court martial, try the prisoner, and if found guilty execute the sentence, whatever it might be, without delay.

When Colonel Maynard read this order, every vestige of color left his face. He could not believe the evidence of his senses. Was it possible that he, Mark Maynard, once condemned to be executed for a spy, was called upon to superintend the trial and the execution which would doubtless follow of another for the same offense, and that other a woman? Yet there were the instructions duly signed "By order," and only one meaning could be attached. He held it listlessly in his hand for awhile and

then handed it to his chief of staff. "At what hour shall the court come together, colonel?"

"I presume at once. The order so directs, doesn't it?"

"How about the witnesses?"

"You will have to send to the source from which the prisoner came to us." "In that event I will fix the hour for 3 o'clock this afternoon. The judge advocate will require a little time to pre-

pare the charges and specifications." "As you think best." Colonel Maynard turned and went into his tent. Hours passed, and he did not come out. "The colonel is in trouble," said one. "They say he was once in the secret service himself," said another. "Then he knows how it is to be in such a fix as the woman up in that house." "He's been there." "It was at

Chattanooga a year ago. They say he brought the news of Bragg's advance into Kentucky." "Well, if he has to execute a sentence of death on a spy, and that spy a woman, I wouldn't be in his boots for the shoulder straps of a major general." And so the comments went on while

the colonel kept his tent and Miss Baggs

peered dreamily out of the window, watched by guards.

TO BE CONTINUED.

France Polite to Great Britaln. Paris, April 8.—In the senate yesterday M. Hanotaux, minister of foreign affairs, replied to the statements made in the house of commons March 28 by Sir Edward Grey, parliamentary secretary of the British foreign office, in regard to the Anglo-French situation in Africa, which statements were called forth by the complaint of the British Royal Niger company that two French expeditions were trespassing on territory in the Upper Nile valley that is under British protection. M. Hanotaux said the question would doubt-

Woman Suffragists Win in Utah. Salt Lake City, Utah, April 8.-The woman suffrage article, which was passed to third reading by the constitutional convention several days ago, came up again yesterday on a motion to recommit, with instructions to present the question to the people in a different article. The motion was lost, 42 to 52, and a vote to adopt the article was then carried, 75 to 14, and it now goes to the committee on revision. Unless the opposition can muster votes enough to have this action reconsidered woman suffrage in Utah may be considered an accomplished fact

Extra Session Possible. Lincoln, Neb., April 8 .- Technically the legislature adjourned at noon yesterday. When the hour of noon arrived Senator Stewart moved that as the fixed time for adjournment had arrived the senate do adjourn. The motion was defeated. This action is believed to mean that the governor may refuse to recognize anything done after the hour mentioned, and that the motion was made for that purpose Should the governor take this course an extra sesion would become a neces-sity, as appropriation bills had not passed at that hour.

Blizzard in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., April 8.-A general storm prevailed yesterday in Nebraska. In some localities it is a violent dust storm, in which the air was so filled with fine particles of sand and dust that the sun was obscured. In other localities the dust has given place to rain, and it is blown by a severe gale. In the northwestern part of the state the storm has become a howling blizzard, with great quantities of snow. Cattle on the ranges will suffer se-

Trouble with Strikers

Jersey City, N. J., April 8.-Trouble is anticipated among the terra cotta works strikers at Spa Springs when the efforts to resume business is made to-day. Gov. Werts has been called on for troops to protect property. The governor has summoned Major General Plume to a conferance to be held this morning at Taylor's hotel, and if there is no change in the situation for the better troops will be sent to the scene at once.

Krotz Gun Will Be Tested. Springfield, Ill., April 8 .- The Krotz gun, which is attracting wide attention, will be publicly tested here April 19. It is operated wholly by electricity and shoots 1,600 times a minute. Army and navy experts will examine it.

Suicide in a Hotel.

Kalamazoo, Mich., April 8.-A man who registered as Frank Robin, South Haven, Mich., and a woman with him, whose name is not known, committed suicide here yesterday.

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TREATY OF PEACE BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN LIKELY.

Mikado Disposed to Modify His Demands -Result of Russian Protest-The Great Bear of the North Growls When His Approach to the Pacific Is Barred.

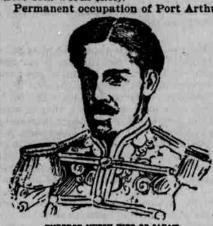
Washington, April 13.—The Japanese legation has received advices from Japan which give color to the belief that the present truce between the mikado and the Chinese emperor may be merged at an early date into a definite treaty of peace.

The grounds for this hope are only conjectural; but it is guessed here that the Japanese plenipotentiaries wiil grant or have granted some concessions from the text of the original demands of the mikado, which were five in num-

1. Independence of Corea.
2. Permanent session of the Island of Formosa to Japan.

3. Indemnity of 300,000,000 taels (Chinese coin worth \$1.33).

Permanent occupation of Port Arthur



and the immediately contiguous terri-

5. A new Japan-China treaty opening the interior of China to commerce.

It is given out at the Japanese legation that any concessions which have been made are due to the repeated requests of the Chinese plenipotentiaries. But there is probably a more forceful influence at work than any which can be exerted from Peking. It looks as if Japan were yielding before the hostile attitude of Russia.

It is felt here that Japan cannot af-

ford to antagonize Russia to such an extent as to press for a permanent occupation of Port Arthur and the contiguous territory, because if any power other than China is to control that district Russia must be that power. The czar needs a Pacific seaport and China has none to give that would be a thousandth part as useful to the czar as one on the east coast of Manchuria, which is the Port Arthur territory. Both Russia and China have, therefore, the strongest reasons for opposing this exaction of the mikado.

If the Japanese have modified their demands as to indemnity the pressure must have come from Great Britain acting on behalf of English financial back-



EMPEROR OF CHINA. ers of the half-insolvent Manchu dynasty. But it is not likely that European interference would be made along that line, as the amount of the indim-

nity is not exorbitant. France alone, or chiefly, is interested in the cession of Formosa, which forms naturally a part of the "Island Emof Corea cannot be one of prime importance to China.

It is of great moment to Russia, however, because the czar desires a rightof-way through Corea for the great trans-Siberian railway, and the impression has prevailed here that before the mikado stated the conditions of peace he had arrived at an understanding with Russia whereby the latter's right of railway route through the hermit kingdom was to be guaranteed. If this guaranty fail, then Russia will have an additional reason to oppose Japanese aggresions at Port Arthur.

If the money demand-300,000,000 taels -has been modified, little importance is to be attached to the concession, except that China's burden will be light-

It looks now as if, barring some unexpected hitch in the negotiations, the end of the China-Japan war had come and a treaty of peace were in sight. Should this prove the case, the attitude of Russia will have had more to do in bringing it to pass than any appeal of China to the mercy of the vic-

Yokohama, April 12.-It is stated here on reliable authority that unless peace is concluded within the period of the armistice, truce will not be extended and the Japanese armies will in May advance upon Peking.

City Treasurer Guilty.

Princeton, Ill., April 13.—City Treas-urer James Maranda of Spring Valley pleaded guilty to four indictments for malfeasance in office in the county court here. The penalty will be fixed by the court. His prosecution grew out of a shortage of \$3,000 in the city accounts.

Deep Water to the Sea. St. Paul, Minn., April 13.-The senate adopted a memorial favoring deep waterway improvements to the sea. Congress is asked to continue the present work and to extend the system in the interest of the business development of the entire northwest.

New Trial Is Denied.

Peoria, Ill., April 13.-A new trial has been denied to Julius Schwabacher, who was convicted of burglary after a long trial a few days ago, and whose term of imprisonment in the penitentiary was fixed at five years.

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