

The Doom Trail

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THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—Harry Ormerod, proscribed traitor to King George as a Stuart partisan, returning from France to London, rescues Alderman Robert Juggins from a band of assassins. Juggins proves to be the grandson of a former steward of Ormerod's father, to whom Juggins feels himself indebted. Ormerod tells Juggins he has abandoned the Stuart cause.

CHAPTER II.—Juggins tells Ormerod of a Jacobite plot in the American colonies to weaken England by forwarding French interests. Their aim is the return of King James to the English throne. At its head is one Andrew Murray, a Scotsman, and a Frenchman, De Veulle, deadly enemy of Ormerod. The two are in London furthering their schemes. Ormerod sees them. Anticipating the plotters' early return to America, Juggins arranges for Ormerod to go there with letters to Governor Burnet, friend of Juggins, and work to foil Murray.

CHAPTER III.—Disguised as Juggins' servant, Ormerod takes passage to America. He meets a Scottish girl, daughter of Murray, and ardent Jacobite, De Veulle recognizes him, and their enmity flames. The Frenchman denounces Ormerod to the girl as a traitor to the Stuart cause. Believing him, she repulses Ormerod's proffer of friendship. He is thrown into the sea by an unseen assailant.

CHAPTER IV.—Ormerod, regaining the deck, has recognized his assailant as Murray's servant, Tom, giant negro. He accuses Murray of employing the negro to assassinate him, but a truce is arranged. At New York Ormerod saves an Indian from insult. The Indian, who speaks English, is Ta-wan-ne-ars, Seneca chief.

"Your pardon, Peter," he said good naturedly enough, "but that letter happens to deal with a most confidential subject."

"Oh, ja," said Corlaier indifferently. "But I do not read."

"Take the letter, Ga-en-gwa-ra-go," said the Indian. "Ta-wan-ne-ars does not seek your secrets. But you need have no fears. This young Englishman is Ta-wan-ne-ars' friend."

And in his sonorous English, with a slightly guttural intonation, he recounted how he had rescued him from his childish persecutors.

The incident recalled my promise and I broke in impetuously upon his closing words.

"Aye, your excellency, but he hath forgotten to add that I pledged myself to beseech you to make it illegal to mock at Indians in the city streets."

"An excellent thought," approved Colden. "We have trouble enough winning the friendship of the tribes with out subjecting the visiting chiefs to humiliation in our midst."

"It shall be done at once," declared the governor.

He drew forward a fresh sheet of paper and hurriedly scrawled upon it the necessary instructions, then returned his attention to the Indian.

"Ta-wan-ne-ars," he continued, "I need your friendship. I need the



friendship of every one of your people for our king."

"The Seneca drew himself erect. Ta-wan-ne-ars is your friend, Ga-en-gwa-ra-go. He is not the friend of Onontitio (the French governor general of Canada, regardless of identity), who rules at Quebec. Most of the white people are not well-wishers to the Indian. I am come here with Corlaier to prove my friendship. On the frontier 'tis said Joncaire, the Frenchman who governs the trading post by the falls of Jagara (Niagara) is about to begin the building of a stone fort."

"A fort!" protested the governor. "Sure, 'tis impossible! 'Twould be a direct violation of the Peace of Utrecht."

"'Tis true," spoke up Corlaier. His voice was high and squeaky, and sounded ridiculous coming from such a giant.

"Hath the building begun?" demanded the governor.

"I think not. Ta-wan-ne-ars brought me der word at Onondaga. We consent to you as fast as we could."

"Ta-wan-ne-ars came because it was partly the fault of his people that the French are settled by Jagara," said the Indian.

"Yes," replied the governor. "Onon do and Joncalre first made the Onon das drunk, and then bargained with them to sell the Senecas' land."

"They had no right to do so," as sented Ta-wan-ne-ars somberly. "But now will you believe that Ta-wan-ne-ars is your friend?"

"I believe," said the governor. "But I pray you tell me why you feel for us this friendship? When I came to New York to govern the province my predecessor told me that the experiment of having you educated by the missionaries had failed, that you had returned to the forest, closer wedded than ever to Indian ways."

"The Indian's face lighted up again with that grave smile which showed itself with scarcely a contraction of the muscles.

"Yes, Ga-en-gwa-ra-go, it failed to win Ta-wan-ne-ars from the ways of his people. Those ways are best for the Indian. But Ta-wan-ne-ars learned that of the two white races the English were the kindest to the Ho-de-sau-nee. The People of the Long House—Indian name for Iroquois.) The French always have fought with us. The English have aided us. The French pay little for our furs; the English pay much.

"Ga-en-gwa-ra-go, I think the white man can never be an honest friend to the Indian for he wants what the Indian has; but Ta-wan-ne-ars prefers the Englishman to the Frenchman whatever may be the issue.

"Nasho!" ("I have finished.") I can give no adequate conception of the impressiveness with which this speech was delivered by a savage speaking in a tongue strange to him. Every word rang in my ears.

"Who is this man?" I whispered to Colden as he finished.

"He is one of the two war-chiefs of the Iroquois league, both of whom are Senecas. His name, which signifies 'Needle-Breaker,' is actually a form of title which goes with the office. Moreover, he is a nephew of the Roy-an-eh Do-ne-ho-ga-weh, who is Guardian of the Western Door of the Long House. He was taken as a youth and given to the missionaries—with the result that you see."

He broke off, for the governor was addressing me.

"Have you any objection, Master Ormerod, to my acquainting the chief and Corlaier with what we have been discussing?"

I shook my head.

He turned to the Indian.

"The letter which you hold in your hand, Ta-wan-ne-ars, is from Master Robert Juggins of London, who was some time in the province when you were a lad."

"I remember Master Juggins," interrupted Ta-wan-ne-ars. "He sent me my first musket. Is this Englishman his friend?"

"Yes," said the governor. "He comes direct from Master Juggins, recommended to me for use in the plight I find myself in."

"I will help the Englishman," agreed Ta-wan-ne-ars eagerly.

"But you know nothing of the cause I am enlisting you in," protested the governor.

"That matters little," said Ta-wan-ne-ars composedly. "If you and this Englishman and Colden are in it, it is an honest cause. What say you, Corlaier?"

"It will be good enough for me," declared the Dutchman solemnly.

The governor laughed.

"My friends and I do thank you for the compliment you do us, Ta-wan-ne-ars. But I must lay our case before you, for we seek your counsel. Do you know that Andrew Murray hath secured the consent of the lords of trade in London to the suspension of the law against exporting trade-goods to Canada? Murray landed this morning, together with a French officer, the Chevalier de Veulle, who—"

He stopped at sight of the passion in the Seneca's face. But 'twas Corlaier who spoke first.

"That is fery strange news, gofernor, for on der frontier there is talk that an enfoy is coming to deliver a message to der tribes at Jagara from der king of France. Joncalre is calling a grandt council to meet in der summer. All der Indians from beyond der lakes and der west vill come."

"Strange news!" repeated the governor. "You may well say so! Murray overrides our law! Joncalre sets out to build a stone fort upon our soil at Jagara; the French king sends an officer, experienced on the frontier, with a special message for a grand council of the tribes.

"All these three events come simultaneously. 'Tis impossible that accident so disposed them. Here we have the first indication of the culmination of the plot. Aye, 'tis graver than I had supposed."

Ta-wan-ne-ars laid down the unopened letter from Juggins upon the table.

"Let some other read this," he said.

"But it serves no purpose. This Englishman and Ta-wan-ne-ars are brothers. Corlaier, too, will take the Englishman into his friendship—not because he carried this writing across the sea, but because he is a man to be trusted. So much is to be read in his face. And now Ga-en-gwa-ra-go, I would ask that Ta-wan-ne-ars may retire. What you have told me has clouded my heart with hatred, and I may not think straight."

His right arm swept up in the gesture of farewell, and the door closed upon his bronzed back.

"What hath happened to lrk him so?" inquired the governor in surprise.

"'Tid was this De Veulle who ran away with der dotter of his uncle, Do-ne-ho-ga-weh," replied Corlaier, stirred again from his habitual silence.

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Unlike our foreign brethren who have come to this country from Central Europe, there is no such thing as assimilating these people with our general population. We are dealt with as a separate and dis-

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BRYCE CRAWFORD, County Judge. 3T—12-3-26.

LINCOLN, NEBR.

Mrs. Anna Christmas is confined in bed with illness.

Mount Zion Baptist Church will hold twilight services on Christmas morning. The Christmas tree for the Sunday school will be held Friday night, December 24. A pre-Christmas dinner will be given by the deacon board Monday, December 20.

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Mr. Z. Johnson is yet at the hospital and is reported quite weak.

Sunday services were held at all churches as usual and the attendances were fair owing to severe cold weather.

The oratorical contest given by students at Quinn chapel last Friday night was well attended. The con-

testants did well. The prize winners were Miss Hill, first prize of \$5.00; Mr. Louis Swingler, second prize of \$3.00 and Mr. John Adams, third prize, \$1.00.

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