

The Doom Trail

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The Frenchman De Veulle has taken away the daughter of Do-ne-ho-ga-weh...

Senecas and Cayugas met and mingled with Oneidas, Tuscaroras and Mohawks...

There was no more to be said, and we resumed our journey that day. We sent messengers on ahead of us...

Then Ta-wan-ne-ars translated my message from the governor and the advice of To-do-da-ho...

"Yo-hay!" "I have heard—I have understood!" answered Do-ne-ho-ga-weh...

"We will summon a council of the Senecas to meet tomorrow. I will present what you have told me to them...

CHAPTER XIII

The Council of the Roy-An-Ehs

The statesmen and warriors of the Senecas had come by hundreds to attend the tribal council at De-o-nun-da-ga-a...

The ceremonies were brief and were divided into two sessions upon different days. The first session was occupied mainly by the speech of Do-ne-ho-ga-weh...

"You have heard my cause, O my people," he framed his peroration. "You know that the French have ravished one of the fairest daughters of the tribe..."

"I ask you for vengeance. I ask you for the right to go before the Ho-yar-na-go-war. I speak with a straight tongue..."

"If you will follow them, O my people, you will gain rich spoils and take many scalps. The cries of your captives will delight your ears..."

"The backbone counts for more than the wishbone."

"Na-ho!" The council broke up into separate councils of the five clans of the tribe...

On the heels of the messengers flowed a steadily swelling stream of men, women and children.

The delegates of the Senecas found the Great Trail already choked with humanity when they set out from Nun-ba-wa-o a week behind the messengers...

There would be no point in repeating Do-ne-ho-ga-weh's oration. It was masterly, superior even to the address by which he carried his own people with him...

He explained succinctly the situation which existed in New York. A Cayuga responded, expressing amazement that the English, who were usually so sensible, should act in such a childish manner...

This was the most difficult point we had to overcome, and Do-ne-ho-ga-weh replied with circumspection.

"It is true, as my brother has said," he answered, "that we might expect the English to move with us in this matter. But my friends among the English send me word that their people are blinded for the moment by the falsities of Murray and the French...

"G-a-e-g-w-a-r-a-go would welcome our action, and would support it and protect us from the vengeance of France. But he would find it difficult to act himself."

"If G-a-e-g-w-a-r-a-go will not act, why should the League act?" demanded the Cayuga.

"Because it is to the interest of our people to act even more than it is to the interest of the English," retorted Do-ne-ho-ga-weh with impassioned energy...

"The decision is in your hands. If you fight for the English you will survive and grow stronger. If you fight for the French or if you do not fight for the English, you will slowly be crippled and in a little time you will be no more feared than the Mohicans or the Eries."

That was the last speech of the day, and the council adjourned, only, as in the case of the Senecas' tribal council, to dissolve into minor councils of the roy-an-ehs of the different clan groups.

"Murray and the Keepers of the Doom Trail are the enemies of the Long House. We must break them now before they grow too powerful. Therefore we have decided to take up the hatchet against them..."

"For me? Who can it be from?" "I do not know, brother. Let us hasten and find out."

We pushed our way through the masses of warriors already beginning the war-dance, and ran between the vegetable gardens toward Ka-na-ta-go-wa.

(Continued Next Week)

"THE HEATHEN" PLEASES AUDIENCE

"The Heathen," an original drama, written by Leon Robinette, was presented to a well-pleased audience by local talent at the city auditorium last Friday night for the benefit of St. John's A. M. E. church...

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