

The
MASQUERADER

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pride." She said the word fearlessly. A flush crossed Loder's face. "A man requires pride," he said in a low voice.

"Yes, at the right time. But is this the right time? Is it ever right to throw away the substance for the shadow? You say that I don't understand—don't realize. I realize more tonight than I have realized in all my life. I



"My consent or refusal lies with—my wife."

know that you have an opportunity that can never come again and that it's terribly possible to let it slip."

She paused. Loder, his hands resting on the closed doors of the cab, sat very silent, with averted eyes and bent head.

"Only tonight," she went on, "you told me that everything was crying to you to take the easy, pleasant way. Then it was strong to turn aside, but now it is not strong. It is far nobler to fill an empty niche than to carve one for yourself. John"—she suddenly leaned forward, laying her hands over his—"Mr. Fraide told me tonight that in his new ministry my—my husband was to be undersecretary for foreign affairs."

The words fell softly, so softly that to ears less comprehending than Loder's their significance might have been lost, as his rigid attitude and unresponsive manner might have conveyed lack of understanding to any eyes less observant than Eve's.

For a long space there was no word spoken. At last, with a very gentle pressure, her fingers tightened over his hands.

"John," she began gently, but the word died away. She drew back into her seat as the cab stopped before Chilcote's house.

Simultaneously as they descended the hall door was opened and a flood of warm light poured out reassuringly into the darkness.

"I thought it was your cab, sir," Crapham exclaimed deferentially as they passed into the hall. "Mr. Fraide has been waiting to see you this half hour. I showed him into the study." He closed the door softly and retired.

Then in the warm light, amid the gravely dignified surroundings that had marked his first entry into this hazardous second existence, Eve turned to Loder for the verdict upon which the future hung.

As she turned his face was still hidden from her, and his attitude betrayed nothing.

"John," she said slowly, "you know why he is here. You know that he has come to personally offer you this place, to personally receive your refusal—or consent."

She ceased to speak, there was a moment of suspense, then Loder turned. His face was still pale and grave with the gravity of a man who has but recently been close to death, but beneath the gravity was another look, the old expression of strength and self-reliance, tempered, raised and dignified by a new humility.

Moving forward, he held out his hands.

"My consent or refusal," he said very quietly, "lies with—my wife."

THE END.

Caroline—They say she is a clever conversationalist. Pauline—She doesn't even need to converse. She can blast a reputation just by the way she shrugs her shoulders.—Broadway Magazine.

Painting is the invention of heaven, the most ancient and most akin to nature.—Ben Jonson.

ARMED CLASH AT 'FRIDAY'

PITCHED BATTLE BETWEEN STRIKE BREAKERS AND MOB.

SCORE OF PERSONS WOUNDED

Eight Men Receive Bullet Wounds, Some of Which Will Prove Fatal. Police Arrest Guards and Disperse Crowds on the Streets.

San Francisco, May 8.—The strike of the 1,700 union motormen and conductors of the United Railroads developed into a riot in which more than a score of persons were severely hurt, some were fatally wounded and others hurt to a lesser extent.

The company made its first attempt to resume the operation of its system by sending out seven passenger cars manned by forty strike breakers wearing the uniform of car inspectors and each carrying a revolver strapped around his waist outside of his coat. The start was made from the company's yards at Turk and Fillmore streets, where a crowd of from 3,000 to 5,000 men and boys had gathered.

Thirty-five policemen, under the command of Captain Mooney, were on patrol guard. The appearance of the cars in Fillmore street, from which they were switched into Turk street, was the signal for an immediate outburst of jeers and howls. Before the cars had gone one block they were made the targets of stones and bricks. In a few moments every pane of glass had been smashed and several of the armed operatives had been struck, cut and bruised. At Turk and Buchanan streets an especially fierce attack was made on the foremost car. A guard on the rear platform answered the flying stones with a pistol shot. The bullet struck one of the union sympathizers in the arm.

This transformed the crowd into a wild mob, and thenceforward for twelve blocks there was fierce fighting. The strikers and their friends, aided by hundreds of youthful hoodlums, kept up a running shower of missiles. The guards on board the cars responded with fusillade after fusillade of pistol shots.

Eight men received bullet wounds, some of which will prove fatal. Among these thus injured are a detective sergeant and a patrolman.

Strike Breakers Arrested.

Finally a dozen or more of the guards were arrested by reserves from the Central police station and a union crowd boarded the rearmost car and started it back to the yards. Arriving there the strikers charge that revolver fire was opened on them from the yards. In this encounter several more men were shot. A nonunion man threw the switch at the corner of Turk and Fillmore streets and the derailed car shot into the sidewalk, maiming two men. In the stampede that followed here, scores of women and children on the outskirts of the mob in Fillmore street were hurled to the pavement and trampled upon.

The appearance of relief squads to reinforce Police Captain Mooney's men resulted in the partial dispersing of the crowds.

Following is a list of the injured at Central Emergency hospital: Thomas White, lacerated scalp; James Walsh, shot in head, will die; Police Officer Harry Sauer, shot through shoulder; F. Joy, laceration of cheek; J. Kronner, shot in shoulder; William Slatery, contusion of foot and head; J. Arena, contusion of knee; A. C. Jahn, shot in throat; N. Leish, shot through chest; N. Granville, lacerated face; G. M. McNaughton, shot in forehead; Tom Buchanan, shot in abdomen, will die; C. W. Forrester, contusion of face; Detective Sergeant Bell, shot in shoulder; Al Palm, shot in back, may die.

General Manager Mullaly said that when attorneys for the United Railroads visited the Central police station to request the admittance to bail of the strike breakers under arrest for shooting strikers and their sympathizers, Chief of Police Dinan said: "I shall arm the police with rifles. If any strike breakers start any shooting from the cars they will be shot in turn by the police."

Thirteen strike breakers were arrested. Three of them were released on bail and the remainder were held awaiting developments.

James Walsh, one of the strike sympathizers who was shot from one of the attacked cars, died at the Central Emergency hospital. No hope is held out for the recovery of Thomas Buchanan, one of the strikers.

FOUR TRAINMEN ARE KILLED.

Baltimore and Ohio Express Crashes Into Freight in West Virginia.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 8.—In a dense fog the New York-Chicago express on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad crashed into an eastbound freight train as it was taking a siding twenty miles east of here, killing four of the railroad men, seriously injuring three others and slightly injuring five passengers.

Warrant for Riplinger.

Seattle, Wash., May 8.—A warrant

has been sworn out for the arrest of Riplinger, formerly city controller, and defeated Republican candidate for mayor of Seattle last year. The complaint alleges embezzlement of city funds. Riplinger is now in Honduras.

Chicago Hod Carriers Quit.

Chicago, May 8.—Two thousand hod carriers and building laborers joined the strike of the bricklayers. The total number of men now out is about 5,000.

MUTINY ON BRITISH STEAMER

Chinese and Russian Steerage Passengers on Maori King at War.

San Diego, Cal., May 8.—With 921 Chinese steerage passengers at war with 212 Russian steerage passengers, all on their way from Vladivostok and Shanghai to Mazatlan and Guaymas, the British steamer Maori King put in here in distress. A virtual state of mutiny exists on board the vessel, and the ship is now lying at quarantine, guarded by immigration custom officials, while awaiting settlement of the matter.

Trouble began soon after the steamer left Shanghai between the Chinese and Le Sun Lai, an immigration contractor, and the steerage passengers threatened to take the ship and run it back to China. The dispute was quieted, but trouble broke out again when a Boxer stabbed a coolie. On Friday last one of the Russians struck a Chinaman and laid his head open. The 900 Chinese then attacked the 200 Russians, and before they could be separated fourteen persons were wounded.

Captain Duncan, aided by British Consul Hitchcock, hopes to get a guard on board to help him on the rest of his trip.

Tumult in Belgian Parliament.

Brussels, May 8.—The reopening of parliament was characterized by a tumultuous scene. The socialists angrily shouted that Belgium had become a laughing stock in the eyes of the world. They created such a disturbance that they prevented the new premier, M. De Troos, from presenting the ministerial declaration of policy. Finally the president of the house was forced to suspend the sitting.

180 Russian Villages Inundated.

Kymentchug, Russia, May 8.—The high water on the Dnieper has inundated no less than 180 villages. Dwellings, stores of grain and cattle have been swept away. The people of this town are in flight. The prison has been inundated and it was with difficulty that the prisoners were removed to Poltava.

Duel Fatal to Both.

Puebla, Mex., May 8.—Lauro Jandere, millionaire owner of several haciendas, and Jose Maria Beltran, municipal director of Tlatlanqui, both aspirants for the hand of the daughter of a prominent planter of this district, fought a duel with pistols in the streets, in which both were mortally wounded.

Missionary Arrested for Forgery.

Honolulu, May 8.—W. D. Clark has been arrested here on a charge of forgery on a warrant issued from Hastings, Mich. Clark has been engaged in missionary work among the Koreans.

Local Option in Illinois.

Springfield, Ill., May 8.—The house passed the local option bill by a vote of 82 to 63. The bill now goes to the governor for his action.

THE GAELIC TONGUE.

Peculiarities of the Language of the Highland Scotch.

There are in Gaelic no neuter nouns. They are all either masculine or feminine. Sun, moon, star, tree, rock, stone, etc., are feminine nouns; sky, air, bird, fish, house, barn, etc., are masculine. A hill is masculine; a mountain, feminine. The ocean is masculine; the sea is feminine. Strange to say, the word for "a female" is a masculine noun and the word for "a manservant" a feminine. But these two curious exceptions stand practically alone.

In the construction of sentences Gaelic is very different from English. People who know enough about the language to make dangerous use of it will tell you, for instance, that in Gaelic you have to talk backward. By this is meant that you do not begin by using the same word that you would begin with in English. In Gaelic the verb comes before the noun and the noun before the adjective. Thus, if you were going to say "A wise man shuns evil companions" you would arrange your words in this order: "Shuns a man wise companions evil." This way of putting the verb at the very beginning of a sentence is really better than having it follow the noun. Being the word of the sentence, it stands in its proper place. To the highlander English is the language that is spoken backward.

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The Limerick Variety.

Some years ago M. Paul Villars, London correspondent of the Journal des Debats, went to Limerick on the occasion of a great Nationalist meeting. On arriving at the hotel he asked for a room in the front of the house. A servant took him to a small dark room looking on to an inner courtyard. M. Villars went to the window and satisfied himself that there was a mistake. "This is not the front of the house," said he.

"Oh, yes, sir," the servant said; "it's the back of the front."

A Bonanza.

A certain western congressman has had disastrous experience in gold mine speculations. One day a number of colleagues were discussing the subject of speculation when one of them said to the western member:

"Tom, as an expert, give us a definition of the term 'bonanza.'"

"A 'bonanza,'" replied the western man, with emphasis, "is a hole in the ground owned by a champion liar."—Success.

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