

The Magnificent Adventure

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Synopsis.
An accidental meeting, between Meriwether Lewis, secretary to Thomas Jefferson, the hero of having come to ask for the hand of Theodosia Burr, only to learn that she had just become Mrs. Alston. The despair of his young wife and news of the Louisiana Purchase make Mr. Jefferson decide to let Lewis on his expedition to the unexplored west.

(Continued from Friday.)

CHAPTER II.
The Great Conspiracy.

That evening Mr. Jefferson gave a dinner in the presidential mansion, abolishing all formalities for the occasion. Merry, the British minister; Signor Yrujo, the Spanish minister; and the vice president, Aaron Burr, sat together. Burr was saying: "Mr. Jefferson believes in a great human democracy. I myself regret to state that I cannot quite go with him to the lengths he fancies."

"Give me the word," interjected Merry. "This republic, what is it? What has it done?"

"I ask as much," affirmed Yrujo. "A small war with your own country, Great Britain, in which only your generosity held you back—that is all this country can claim. In the south, my people own the mouth of the great river—we own Florida—we own the province of Texas—all the southern and western lands. True, Louis XV—to save it from Great Britain, perhaps, sir—has bowed to the British minister—originally ceded Louisiana to our crown. True, also, my sovereign has ceded it again to France. But Spain still rules the south, just as Britain rules the middle country out beyond; and what is left I snap my fingers at this republic! Possession, exploration, discovery—those are the rights under which territories are annexed. France has the title to that west, but we hold the land itself—we administer it. And never shall it go from under our flag, unless it be through the act of strong foreign powers. Spain will fight."

"Will Spain fight?" asked Aaron Burr who spoke now, half in query, half in challenge. "Would Spain fight—and would Great Britain if need were and the time came?"

"Our past is proof enough," said Merry proudly.

"Divide that unknown country, the west, and how long would this republic endure?" said Aaron Burr.

Merry turned upon him suddenly a deep and estimating eye. "I begin to see," said he, "that you are open to conviction, Mr. Burr."

"Not open to conviction," said Aaron Burr, "but already convinced."

"What do you mean, Colonel Burr?"

"I mean that perhaps I have something to say to you, gentlemen, which will be of interest and importance to you."

"Where, then could we meet after this is over?"

"At my residence, after this dinner," rejoined Aaron Burr instantly. His eye did not waver as it looked into the others, but blazed with all the fire of his own soul. Across the Alleghenies, along the great river, there is a land waiting, ready for strong men. Are we such men, gentlemen? And can we talk freely as such among ourselves?"

Their conversation, carried on in ordinary tones, had not been marked by anything further at the moment. A sound came to their ears, and they turned toward the head of the long table, where the tall figure of the president of the United States was rising in his place. The dinner had drawn toward its close. Mr. Jefferson stood, gravely regarding those before him. Then at last he spoke.

"I have news for you all, my friends, today, news which applies not to our man nor to one woman of this or any country more than to another, but news which belongs to all the world. Our country to the west always has inspired me with the strongest curiosity, and animated me with the loftiest hopes. More than a half a year ago I chose a messenger into that country. I chose a leader of exploration, of discovery. I chose him because I knew I could trust in his loyalty, in his judgment, in his courage. Well and thoroughly he has fitted himself for that leadership. My leader on this expedition is now in the west is here with you now, Captain Meriwether Lewis."

"My friends, I give you news. On the 2d of May last, Napoleon Bonaparte, first consul of France, sold to America, all of Louisiana, whatever it may be, from the Mississippi to the Pacific."

A deep sigh rose as if in unison all along the table. The event was too large for instant grasping. There was no applause at first. Some many—did not understand. Not so certain others. The face of Aaron Burr grew pale. The faces of the foreign ministers showed sudden consternation.

It was a late conference, the one held that night at the home of the vice president of the United States. Burr, cool, calculating, always in hand, sat and weighed many matters well before he committed himself beyond repair.

"I am so much rabid adherent to democracy," he told Merry and Yrujo, "as some may think. This is a large continent. Take all the western country—Louisiana—it ought not to be called attached to the United States. More than once it has been ready to take arms and to set up a new country of its own. It is a geography which is right for monarchy on this continent—in spite of what all these people say."

"Sir," said the British minister, "you have been a student of affairs."

"And why not? My reason tells me that conquest is in the blood of those men who settled in the Mississippi valley. They are restless, unattached, dissatisfied—ready for any great move. Now, let me confess somewhat to you—I have bought large acreages of land in the lower Louisiana country, ostensibly for colonization there—but not under the flag of this republic!"

Silence greeted his remark. The others sat half stunned, remembering only that he was Jefferson's colleague, vice president of the United States.

"I march only with destiny, yonder—do you not see, gentlemen?" Burr resumed. "This republic must follow its own fate. If the flag of Spain were west of it on the south, and the flag of Britain west of it on the north, why, then, we would have the natural and the republic's expansion. With those great powers in alliance at its back with the fleets of England on the seas, at the mouth of the great river—the lands in Canada on the north—it would be a simple thing, I say, to crush this republic against the wall of the Appalachians, or to drive it once more into the sea."

They were silent before the enormity of this. Reading their thoughts, Burr raised his hand in deprecation. "I know what is in your minds, gentlemen. The one thing which troubles you is this—the man who speaks to you is vice president of the United States. I say what is in your country would be treason. In this country I maintain it is not yet treason, be-

United States—I am lawyer enough to know that—which will make it possible for congress to ratify the purchase of Louisiana. We cannot carve new states from that country—it is already settled by the subjects of another government. Hence the expedition of Mr. Lewis must fail—it must surely fall of its own weight. But, on the other hand, if that expedition of Mr. Jefferson's should succeed by virtue of accident, or good leadership, all my plans must fail—that is plain. It comes, therefore, to this, Theo, and I may tell you plainly—Captain Lewis must be seen—he must be stopped—we must hold a conference with him. It would be useless for me to undertake to arrange all that. There is only one person who can save your father's future—and that one, my daughter, is—you!"

Troubled, she turned her gaze aside. (To be continued Monday.)

Watch Stolen Five Years Ago Found in Pawnshop by Owner
Five years ago the home of Thomas O'Donnell, 1733 South Eleventh street, who then lived in Promontory, Utah, was entered by thieves. His watch was taken. Thursday he discovered the watch in a pawnshop, identifying it by the numbers on the case and works.

O'Donnell says he drove the golden spike which signaled the completion of the Union Pacific May 10, 1869.

Continental Club Hears Community Chest Debate
Members of the Continental club listened yesterday to a spirited debate on whether the community chest plan for financing charities is desirable.

Austin Dodds and O. C. Smith took the negative side of the question and El. W. Byrn and C. D. Robinson argued the affirmative.

The club did not decide the question. Robert Switzer presided at the luncheon, which was held in Hotel Fontenelle, and attended by about 40 club members.

Woman Freed From Mate Who Staged Drinking Orgies
Alberta Lammie Voboril, 23, never touched liquor until after she married James Voboril, 23, owner of the Omaha Used Car market, she testified in District Judge Day's court, where she was granted a divorce Friday. She accused her husband of staging drinking orgies at their home in her absence. The Voborils have a 14-month-old daughter.

Found Guilty of One Charge, Man Bound Over on Another
James Vacanti, 718 Pierce street, who is alleged to have sold liquor to a party of youthful joyriders Wednesday, and who paid a \$50 fine in municipal court Thursday on a charge of maintaining a disorderly house, was bound over to district court Friday on \$500 bond on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of minors.

Barber Shop
Our barber shop is located on the Fourth Floor, convenient to Men's Clothing and Hat departments. Prompt Attention. Manicure Service.

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The finest of fabrics in a tremendous variety of colors and patterns. Hundreds of suiting patterns to select from. Bring in your old coat and let us match it up.

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Conservative styles or extreme young men's styles. No matter what your needs we have it in these groups. Early selection is advisable as many are fine fabrics in small lots and will be quickly sold. All necessary alterations free.

Fourth Floor.

Pre-Inventory Sale of Men's and Young Men's Overcoats and Suits 25.00

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Fine all wool cassimeres, cheviots, woreds and tweeds have been faultlessly tailored into these good looking models. Styles for the man who likes a conservative cut and pattern as well as more extreme effects for the man of livelier taste have been provided. Good colorings are shown in pin stripes, checks, solid colors, herringbone and plaids.

The Fine Overcoats
The greatest variety of styles find representation in this group. Big, warm ulsterettes with large pockets are smartly belted. Conservative Chesterfields in dark colorings are finely tailored. There is an excellent showing in the lighter shades that have been so good this season. If you need a new coat, you could not find a better time to select one.

Fourth Floor

Big Clearance of Our Entire Stock of Men's Sweaters and Sport Coats At Important Price Reductions

Every known weave is represented in this extraordinary sale—jumbo weave, shaker weave, full cardigan, half cardigan, jersey or brushed wool coats. All the best makes are represented. College and high school colors in either Jersey sweaters, slip-on sweaters or coat sweaters as well as all the popular plain shades. Girls and young women are wearing men's sweaters a good deal these days and we advise an early call from them.

Remember, You Can Buy—

- 2.50 Sweaters at 1.25
- 3.50 Sweaters at 1.75

And Similar Reductions Up to 16.50 Sweaters at 8.25

Men's Winter Munsing Union Suits

Seconds in cotton only but seconds in Munsingwear is really much better than firsts of the average makes. All sizes, 34 to 50.

- 2.00 Suits at 1.33
- 2.50 Suits at 1.67
- 3.00 Suits at 2.00
- 3.50 Suits at 2.34

This is our first Munsing sale this season and Munsing wearers will welcome this great opportunity.

Main Floor—South

Men's Ties—3 for 1.00 Each 35c
We have taken our entire stock of Men's Knit or Silk Ties that sold at 50c to 98c and we are making one big lot of them at this low price. The styles of these ties are the best and you tie experts should buy your spring supply. Remember beautiful knit as well as the popular cut silk ties are included.

Main Floor—South

Men's High Shoes

Brown Vici Kid
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Black Kangaroo
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Black Calfskin

4.95

These good looking shoes are made over combination lasts, straight lasts, panama lasts and Haig lasts—all 100% leather throughout. A few low shoes in calfskin are included. All have Goodyear stitched welt soles with rubber heels. Every pair of these shoes will be carefully fitted, thus insuring lasting comfort from your purchase.

Fourth Floor

BACK ACHED TERRIBLY
Mrs. Robinson Tells How She Found Relief by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

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—Mrs. C. B. ROBINSON, 808 N. Lincoln St., Amarillo, Texas.

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Housewives make a great mistake in allowing themselves to become so ill that it is well-nigh impossible for them to attend to their necessary household duties.

