



# Princess of Grätzen

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## CHAPTER I

Madame Fabre - Lusignan temporarily finished admiring her wrinkled visage in the silver-backed hand glass, straightened her fine lace cap, hitched her bed jacket up around her bony shoulders and yelped, "Entrez!" in a voice that had often evoked applause in la Comedie Francaise, in the best theaters of London and New York. She tried it again in a higher key as the door was slowly opening and, finding her voice with a lovely timbre this morning, went on to curse the war, the times, all things in general; especially life here at the Chateau Philibert, now that all the servants had gone to fight or to do war work and there was left only this ancient jacked-up, Rudolph, and the aged Florian, the gardener, who was deaf and sullen and, she often thought, had really been dead for ten years—old zany.



"Son of a misbegotten goat! Drunkard, imbecile, homicidal! You have decided to scald me to death. You—"

Rudolph entered with a tray on which were coffee in a grand silver pot, Tokay grapes, crescent rolls and a fresh copy of La Presse. More war news to spoil her day. Accused by the war that had, along with so many more precious things, taken her pretty maid Felice who used to come in, all big black eyes and olive skin and cherry-red lips, who used to say, "Ah, heaven! But Madame Mimmi is fresh and lovely this morning. How little the years affect true beauty."

He bowed stiffly. "It was a poor little country, Grätzen. We of the ruling family had nothing. And I—well, I was—"

"You were the—what is it we say?—dark mutton?" Rudolph bowed his white head. "I was exiled. I was very young then. I vowed to them all that I would become a great man, that I would be wealthy, that I would own a chateau that would make the castle of Grätzen look like a cow-shed. So, madame—" he faltered. He bit his lip. He looked miserably out at the great green park, the wonderful gardens and vast lawns of the Chateau Philibert, which the biscuit-maker, Jean Pierre Gossec had created high up here in the loneliest part of the Laurentian Mountains. All this had come to Jean Pierre's widow, whom in youth he had adored on the stage as Mimmi Fabre. Ah, he had adored his Mimmi, had little rolypoly Jean Pierre. The memory of the way he had loved her, cherished her, watched over her, seen never a change in her in the years, made her gentle now.

"Continue, my friend," she said. "I like to hear this—this phantasy."

"Madame!" Rudolph stared at her piteously; he looked as if he were about to faint. "I have lived behind a wall of silent servitude and respect. The mask of the menial was gone now. She saw only an old man, tired, broken, afraid. As soon would she have expected the sphinx to break out in a rash."

Rudolph drew himself up. He was no longer the butler—no need for that self-effacing mask any more—he was the Baron de Morpin. Baron Rudi. "So, when I came to this grand place, this Chateau Philibert, I—I made them think, those in Grätzen, that it was mine. I had pictures of myself taken as I stood in the great doorway, in the park, by the mirror in the grand salon. The under chateau was a good man with his camera. Always I was dressed in my morning coat and striped trousers, like a gentleman. I have letter paper and envelopes with my name and crest and Chateau Philibert, St. Didier des Montagnes, Quebec, on them. I never dreamed that I would be found out. No one in Grätzen ever had money enough to come to America. Now little Meridol and these children, Pol Martin and Rosine, come to me for succor, for food, for shelter. To me!" He turned away. "I shall procure you some fresh coffee, madame. I am sorry—so sorry."

"Bring some Meridol," said madame, "along with the coffee."

When Rudolph had gone she hopped, muttering, out of bed, a queer, skinny old creature in bright crimson pyjamas. Old of face, old of body, with an unruly crown of curly white hair that gave her, with the strangely young and vivid black eyes, an elfin, gamin look as if she were a little girl made up for a play to portray an old, old lady. When Rudolph returned she was reclining on her chaise longue at the door opening onto the balcony, wearing a morning gown of peach-colored silk and blue mules with great white pompons.

"I, madame"—Rudolph drew a deep breath and there was—oh, miracle!—sweet upon his lips—"I am the rich uncle in Canada."

"I have bathed in some strange liquids, Rudolph," she giggled, "but it is the first time I showered with coffee. I am not sure I like it."

"Please, madame—please!" Rudolph Morpin seemed to know what she was thinking. "Will you hear me before you cast me into the sea? I am a colossal liar."

"Yes," said madame absently. "Yes, we'll see that we don't get any more kings in disguise or grand lamas masquerading as house boys."

"But you will permit me to stay until the children come? It will not be easy to—" "Don't be a fool, baron! Don't be a gross imbecile! Of course you will stay. When I spoke of your successor I meant—very simply—"

She smiled up at him over the white telephone like an elfin. "I begin to live again, baron. I must also call my nephew, Roger Fabre, and tell him the same story. He would be one to come blundering in and spoil things. I take it, Rudolph—baron—it would ruin everything if the pretty Meridol knew—"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Paul Bornemeier. Lieut. Roscoe Bornemeier of Lincoln Air Base spent the week end with the family.

Mrs. Orville Jullian of Chicago is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Horton.

Miss Betty Clements W. A. S. P. spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gry Clements and returned to her base in Arkansas Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fox of Scotia have been visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Totman.

Sgt. Harry Krall is here on a furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Krall.

Corp. Ronald Thimigan of Camp Leonard Wood, Mo., is home for a furlough and is spending it with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Thimigan. Corp. Thimigan spent many months in Alaska and the Aleutians.

Maynard Schlieft came home Sunday morning to spend a three-day leave with relatives.

Mr and Mrs. Frederick Stohman and family and Mrs. Martina Neuman were Sunday dinner guests at the Wm. Neuman home.

The Altar Society card party will be held at the parish hall Thursday afternoon July 13th instead of Wednesday the 12th.

Mrs. Anna Sneli and Loretta Fleming of Omaha spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Fleming.

Father James Hennesey returned Thursday from Brainard, Minn., where he spent his vacation fishing. He reports a good time and plenty of good fish.

Herman Stohman of Omaha visited with relatives over the Fourth. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kupke of York are announcing the arrival of a son, July 5th. Mrs. Kupke was formerly Miss Eula Schlieft.

Miss Lizzie Fawers entertained the prochole club Thursday afternoon. High scores were won by Clara Pearson, first, Leona Darvaux, second, and Loretta Sheehan received the traveling prize.

Mrs. R. K. Bergmann and Jack spent the Fourth in Louisville at the H. A. Koop home.

Mrs. Louise Stohman of Omaha is visiting her son, Frederick, and family.

Wm. Neuman and family of Louisville spent Thursday evening with his mother, Mrs. Martha Neuman.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Vogel of South Bend were Sunday evening callers at the Philip Fleming home.

Mr Andrew Schlieft who has not been well for some time, became seriously ill Wednesday night. Medical aid was summoned and at present he is improving.

Ted Harms left Friday evening for Chicago, where he expects to find employment.

Miss Lorene Dall of Omaha spent the week end with home folks.

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Though the prospect of a good corn crop in this vicinity is rather discouraging, some fields have shown wonderful improvement during the past week. The wheat yield will also be below the average.

A. H. Ward and son, Russell, have completed the building of a granary for Wm. Stock on his farm in South Bend precinct.

Paul Stock has purchased a 12-foot International combine which he will use for custom work. Expects to send it to Dakota as the harvest warrants.

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and also the W. C. T. U., and the Royal Neighbor Lodge for remembrances. These acts of kindness were all greatly appreciated. Mrs. Wesley Houston.

That Summer Cold When a cold is not "just a cold" it is something which needs the advice of a physician. If a cold lasts more than a few days, call your doctor because it probably is not just a cold.

Such symptoms as chilliness, followed by fever, an aching back, sore throat or persistent cough, pain in the chest need professional attention at once.

In the summer time, when many of us are away from home, eating in new places, getting into crowds, becoming overheated and cooling off quickly, these are the times we pick up infections.

Try to maintain a high level of resistance by sleeping at least eight hours a night; wear the proper clothing for the weather; eat a goodly amount of the protective foods which are rich in vitamins, such as milk, eggs, butter, fresh vegetables and fresh fruits. Be sure that the milk and water are safe. Wash your hands before preparing, serving or eating food. Try to choose clean public eating places and avoid crowds. Have a medical check-up regularly. Be sure to see a physician if you have trouble breathing; if colds hang on; if you have a persistent cough; or if you need correction of any abnormal nose or throat condition.

Give prompt attention to the first symptoms of a cold—rest in bed; keep warm and dry; drink plenty of water, fruit juices and milk. If the summer cold does not clear up soon, call a physician, it may not be "just a cold."—C. A. Selby, M. D.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bronn attended the funeral of Mr. Bronn's mother, Mrs. Lucy Bronn age 91, at Rocca Thursday afternoon.

Capt. and Mrs. Donald Gonzales have been guests of Mrs. Emily Gonzales. Capt. Gonzales returned to Naper Field, Dorthau, Alabama on Wednesday and Mrs. Gonzales and little daughter will stay for a longer visit. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tolhurst and

daughter Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. James Tolhurst and daughter Patty of Raymond and Mrs. Harry Volpe and daughter Jan were guests of the Henry Monning family Sunday and calling on other friends.

Mr. John Kuntz who is in the Bryan hospital in Lincoln is reported recovering nicely from a recent operation.

Roy Sterner is again busy with his usual duties after an honorable discharge from the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Greene arrived home Friday from a visit to Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Janssen at Buckhannon, West Virginia, and at La-

Porte, Indiana with another daughter, Mrs. Curran Shields and son, Burk. Mr. Shields is stationed at Camp Custer, Mich. Mrs. Shields and little son accompanied the Greens home for a visit.

Mrs. Grace Blessing returned home Tuesday after spending the winter in California. Pvt. Richard Blessing of Bruning Air Base is home on a furlough to visit with his mother.

Herbert Lorenz returned to California after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lorenz.

Mrs. Joe Schoenberg of Chicago is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Miss Rosengale of Garland was an over-Sunday guest of Miss Geraldine Schmitt.

W. O. Waddell learned a few days ago that another one of his grand-nephews had been killed overseas. One was killed about a year ago and one reported a prisoner in Japan.

Dick Brummer and family and Roy Gamlin and family were Capitol Beach visitors Tuesday evening.

The Journal representative was out of town several days the first of the week and may have failed to pick up some important news items.