



CHAPTER XXVII.—Continued.

He had missed the picture from its place on his heart at Barataria; but, knowing that he was looking upon what had been his own. Presently, with a sign indicating relief, Jackson handed the paper to Claiborne, and leaning forward, with his elbow upon the arm of his chair, said, his voice showing more of contempt than anger, "Most edifying assortment of reading, to be sure. Capt. Lafayette, are these all these four papers, the two addressed to you, Capt. Percy's instructions to his subordinates, and the proclamation to the people of this state?"

"These are all, general; and they contain all the information within my power to give you now," Lafayette replied. "It is a fine offer you have received—all you can possibly desire."

"I wish—will take, nothing that England can ever have to offer me," Lafayette added, with sudden fierceness. "I hate the nation, and its ways; nothing could induce me to accept of her, now or ever, any terms from the English."

"The first unpardonable evidence of anything like cordial liking was effected itself in Jackson's face. Yet there was nothing of this in his voice as he said, 'May I ask, then, Capt. Lafayette, if possibly some motive of personal revenge brought you here tonight with a renewal of your offer?'"

Lafayette's face flushed through its sweetness; then it paled, and grow stern.

"I understood that you needed soldiers—all of our artillerymen, and you also needed arms—cannon and muskets. I came to offer all I have left of men and resources, for your use, and that of Louisiana. I have done for myself only for my men, if you will; if not, then I will try to take care of that and the rest of my outfit. The one thing I demand is what I have stated already—a full pardon for my men and myself—a pardon for all offenses or crimes of personal or political character against the laws of this state or of the United States."

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extended both hands, which Lafayette grasped cordially, and assured you that they are brave fellows and tremendous fighters, and just the men needed now to help save this country."

Then, while holding his napkin, the general said animatedly, "How could I have forgotten to tell you a most surprising piece of news about Capt. Jean? That young man is a puzzle to me."

"What now?" asked Lafayette, with marked interest. As La Roche pushed back his chair and looked at his watch, he said, "That is answered. La Roche is smiling at her, and then glancing at the others in a way to show that he does not intend to startle them. It appears that he has some acquaintance with Napoleon."

"What?" chorused the three amazed hearers, and Madame Rieffler murmured, in an awestruck tone, "Capt. Jean knows the French emperor?"

La Roche nodded. "But it is easier no longer, my dear, nor was he such when Lafayette knew him."

"But how can such a thing be possible?" asked La Roche, who had just been acquainted with Napoleon. Rieffler, having recovered herself, interrupted with, "Tell us all about it. What Lafayette knew of Napoleon, and where did you hear such an improbable story?"

"From himself," was the laconic reply. "Lafayette has a letter, in which he says that he has a most intimate acquaintance with Napoleon. I can not credit such a thing," she declared.

"You could, and you would, had you been told the same news when Madame Rieffler said to Gen. Jackson. It came about in this way: A week or ten days ago, while on the retirement of a private nature, the governor urged him to name something as a reward for his services. What Lafayette asked for was Napoleon, which it seems was his own property, although he was not aware of it at the time. It had been looted

by one of our men during that September attack on Barataria, and Claiborne had succeeded in getting about a good deal over Napoleon as you, yourself, sister mine; and Lafayette had seen it hanging on the wall of the governor's study."

"The other day, at headquarters, I was present when Jackson and Lafayette had a conference, and during which the general spoke of the matter, and rallied Lafayette upon the sentimental price he had named for so valuable a service. He proposed that I should, like all Frenchmen, make a sort of male Madama out of Napoleon."

"I wish you could have seen Lafayette's face when he answered, 'I never him as the man I have known and loved. I would have been glad to do so, as truly my guardian angel as ever a good Catholic could pray the help of his mother to be. And I wish you could have seen Jackson's face as he heard it.'"

Madame Rieffler gasped, and the two ladies fell into an amused conversation. "It was in France, then, that Capt. Jean knew him?" Madame said contentedly.

"Naturally, Louise, as Napoleon has never been in this country." The general now consulted his watch, and added, "I must be off; and, by the way, let me know of any news, or surprising fact that I have just related, as it might not be pleasing to Capt. Jean. He said he would be glad to be treated, and was unmistakably averse to enlarging upon the subject."

"He always seems averse to talking of his military life," Madame Rieffler said, as if thinking aloud, while they rose from the table; and Madame Rieffler remarked rather severely that she was perhaps not the most agreeable of some disagreeing contact with his past, and that this might be which had made him so reticent.

The look of recent indignation which this uncharitable comment brought to Madame Rieffler's face, and the general, laying a hand on either of his sister's plump shoulders, said, as he kissed her cheek, "I am, in charge of a mounted negro, pained impatiently as he stood waiting for his master."

La Roche had returned home only the day before for a brief visit, and to assure himself that all was well with his household, consisting now of his sister, Lafayette, and the Countess. Even in this, the last hour of his stay, some of the items of news he had brought from the city were being discussed in the drawing-room.

"A curious change of affairs," remarked Madame Rieffler, "that Gen. Jackson should now be trusting so much to the Baratarians, who, last September, were denounced by him, as well as by every eye-witness."

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A mad dog, it is said, will maul those are awkward customers to deal with, but what would you say to a mad elephant? And it is every bit as terrible as it sounds.

"An insane elephant," says a famous hunter of his kind, "is the embodiment of blind fury and destructiveness. Sometimes the madness is only temporary, caused perhaps by a fit. It then becomes a matter of strong chains and a heavy iron collar. An elephant which, for some cause, becomes permanently mad, must be shot without delay, or it will break loose, roam the country at an outcast of fondish terrors, killing and destroying wherever it goes."

"A great disease will often drive an elephant into insanity," said the hunter. "I once killed a bull elephant which for weeks had been raving mad. When I came to skin the body, I found that a heavy ball had been fired by some bungling hunter into the base of the elephant's right tusk, shattering the ivory and driving jagged splinters into the sensitive flesh of the lip. It must have caused exquisite pain, but, like human toothache, it could not kill him. He was shot and had gone mad."—Montreal Herald.

Conductor Has Reward Coming. The examination report of a crowded surface cars has been heard from women and children who must travel up and down town, a mile at a time, in the rain at Thirty-third street and Broadway for more than an hour on Wednesday night, trying to get out of the cars, and who were transferred to a car to stop near her. The conductor was on the rear platform, so he could not see what was going on. He was told that he had not collected a fare for her, and she was transferred to a car to stop near her.

"My dear conductor," said the child trying to give him a dollar if you will let me out of the car. The conductor raised the roof of the car, pulled himself up, and standing on the dashboard lifted the weeping little one into the place he had made vacant. Then he transferred a nickel from his trousers pocket to the coat pocket where he kept the conductor's fare. "I want your number," said the girl. "I won't ever forget you, and I'll remember you something nice."—New York Sun.

A Natural Inquiry. The simplicity of some former singular habit of the late Mrs. Douglas is going the rounds at Washington. It was told that she had a dog which she had been reared by her father, and which she had taken to her grave. She was a very old woman, and she had been reared by her father, and which she had taken to her grave.

The Handicappers. Not long ago a man purchased by Dr. Cartright for his children's amusement. The afternoon of his arrival, according to Lippincott's Magazine, little Harry went into the yard where his brother was playing with the prize. After a brief conversation of the animal she exclaimed, "Oh, George, let me hold its handle!"

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