

A VETERAN OF THE BLACK HAWK, MEXICAN AND THE CIVIL WARS.

THE CONQUEST OF THE WEST: OR, FIGHTING FOR A MILLION BY CHARLES MORRIS BUTLER

CHAPTER XVII.

The Journey to the Convict Country.

We left our friends Lang and Denver in company with Logan and Golden, traveling toward the West. Upon arriving at St. Paul, which was reached as Golden supposed, the party detected, the group was reinforced by another gang of female domestics of about the shade of intelligence of those already being taken to the country, and embarked on board one of the large Mississippi steamers on its journey down the river. At St. Louis the already large crowd was further added to by a curious quartet: one was a celebrated pickpocket, called "Limpy Jim," and his "wings," "Pocketbook Pete," who were in company with two women of questionable character, "Dizzy Lily," a tumbled-down variety actress, and "French Fannie," a reporter for a concert saloon.

It was not Golden's wish to travel in company with such a large gang of crooks and thus court capture, but in this he was not a free agent. However, the vessel had been chartered for the gang's exclusive use, and the more people carried the better for the colony. "Limpy Jim" in the character of a stewardess, managed to secure himself on board the boat, but at the junction of the Arkansas and the Mississippi, the boat was stopped and the emigrants to the Convict Country. The German girls had by this time learned their fate, which was to be married off, even against their will, to the several convicts who were being taken to the city with the emigrants. This was a great misfortune. They

Indians. Bowie Bill had dispatched his body up before him as a shield, while he sat in the rear, holding a long-barreled rifle. When the rescue had been successfully accomplished the border men turned in time to see the end of the struggle. The German emigrants, however, Lang had succeeded in freeing himself from the grasp of his antagonist, and by a herculean sweep of his arm had planted his dagger blade in the breast of the chief, ending the fray, becoming conqueror in a most desperate struggle. The German emigrants, without a leader, made a few feints, then abandoned the fight, furiously cursing the whites with but slight loss of composure. Circumstances made Louis the lion of the hour. His was the play before the great state. Other emigrants may have done more to merit approbation, but his was the act seen. After everything had been made snug and comfortable for the night, Louis was fettered to his heart's content. He had longed for just such a chance as this to prove his skill in an emergency and the test was to his credit. It made his reputation.

"You're a handy man with a killing tool," said Bowie Bill, as he looked on hero upon the shoulder. "I kinder thought you was a tenderfoot, but I see you know how to handle your self." "You can bet your bottom dollar on that, old sport!" said Louis, in a boastful tone. "I done him better than any other man in this country." "Yes, does he mean," said the border man. "He robbed his bank as easy," said Golden proudly. Golden was a little fearful of the responsibility he had taken upon himself in bringing Lang along, but now he was satisfied with the result. Louis had raised the hearty good will of these desperate men by his bravery, and it was brave, if anything, that all men admire in men. French Fannie came over and embraced Louis. "You are a ducky of a fellow," she said, "and I am glad you approached, she continued. "If you was not 'Pete's' father, I'd stick Jim 'em 'gine to you, too." "Thanka," replied Louis, "you do me proud."

Then Dizzy Lily said that she would sing and dance for him on the morrow. This was quite a success on her part, as Louis had been trying to get her to do this very thing for him, but had thus far failed. "I'm your husband," he said, to himself he allowed himself to admit that at last he had the bill by the throat, and was in the way of accomplishing his intentions. (To be continued.)

Swayed back and forward, were to find home. This was to them compensation enough and they made themselves quite happy. Two or three traves, more daring than the rest, in the first rush, had leaped to the front, had torn Bowie Bill, had managed to break through the front ranks, and were met by the third, a young chief, by Lang. Long, the chief, was out for revenge, and he had a knife in the easiest man to dispose of, and thus break into the enclosure. But Louis Lang was mistaken. Long, though unused to hater war, was a man of a different order. After firing one volley from his rifle, he stepped back, and was upon his feet just as he saw a form leap out from the darkness upon him. Louis was armed with that terrible instrument, a "tomahawk," an instrument made in the shape of a policeman's billy and used as a knife, and by pressing it against the head of the bill, he produced a stinging steel blade, which can be used as a knife. This is a very dangerous weapon, and it was a lowly knife and a club at the same time. Long expected to run his tomahawk through the barrel of a gun, and the owner's skull in twin. But this was a mistake. In the darkness, the Indian saw unexpectedly, by the arms of our friend.

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ENGLISH TONGUE IN LEAD. Spoken by 130,000,000 of People and is the most common language in the world. The United States are by far the largest of all the civilized nations except Russia, which has 130,000,000 inhabitants. The German Empire has 56,000,000; Austria-Hungary, 47,000,000; Japan, 47,000,000; the United Kingdom, 42,000,000; France, 35,000,000; Italy, 32,000,000 and Spain, 18,000,000. China has 350,000,000, but she does not count in a calculation of this kind.

Owing to the rapid growth of the United States the English language is now spoken by more persons than any other civilized tongue. Charles Y. said he spoke German to his horse, French to men, Italian to women friends and Spanish to God. In his Spain was a land on which the sun never set. England was only a small spot on the map and the English language held only a minor place in the civilized tongue. To-day 130,000,000 of people speak English, 100,000,000 speak German, 70,000,000 employ Spanish, including the inhabitants of the Latin American countries, and 50,000,000 speak French.

Moreover, the lead for English is rapidly lengthening. Nearly two-thirds of all the people who speak the English tongue are in the United States. Railroad Stockholders. According to the United States Commerce Commission, 1,220 railroads have 227,851 stockholders. Reads Like a Miracle. Moravia, N. Y., July 17th. (Special) - Suffering on the miraculous case of Mrs. Benj. Johnson, of this place. Bordered from Sugar Diabetes, she wasted away till from weighing 200 lbs. she barely tipped the scales at 120 lbs. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured her. Speaking of her cure her husband said: "My wife suffered everything from Sugar Diabetes. She was sick, two years and doctored with two doctors, but received no benefit. She had no rest day or night. The doctors said that she could not live. Then an advertisement led me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills and they helped her right from the first. Five bottles were cured her. Dodd's Kidney Pills are a godsend remedy to us and we recommend them to all suffering from Kidney Disease." Dodd's Kidney Pills cure all Kidney troubles, including Bright's Disease, and all Kidney aches, including Rheumatism.

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The next week, however, fate cruelly decreed that the professor himself should be indisposed, and thereby threatened from the very beginning. The student in question called on his instructor one afternoon, and after a little general conversation for the professor in a "prize of good money," very young man looked at him as he lay there and said with a twinkle in his eye: "I say, professor, just where do you draw the line on this sick business?" "I've looked kindly at you, and I know, then appreciating the humor of the situation, snatched back with his secret smile: "Oh, I draw—I draw the clothes line."—New York Times.

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