



A TALE OF THE OLD WEST

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CHAPTER XVI.—Continued.

On the women, too, the quick attack had been almost instantaneous. The first great volume of mud struck had quickly died away as if the victims were being smothered, and now could be heard only the single scream of some woman caught in flight,—others despairing screams, and others that seemed to be cut short—straggled at their height.

Joe had found himself on the line after the first volley, drawn by some head power he could not resist. Yet one look had been enough to turn his eyes to the writhing forms, the jets of flame spitting through the fog of smoke, and turned to look at them. Then in an instant—how it had come about he never knew—it was struggling with a man who shouted his name and turned to look at him with blood streaming from a wound in his throat. He defended himself easily, feeling his assailant's strength already waning. Then, after a time the man called him by name and cursed him, now in low tones, as they strayed. Then the man's eyes flared, and he let the woman in his arms, and he let her fall. Then he turned to look at her, and he ran back to the line.

He felt the man's grasp of his shoulders relax, and his body grew suddenly limp, as if he were dead. He let it drop to the ground, looking at the man upon the face. At first glance it told him nothing. Then a faint sense of familiarity pushed up through many old memories. Some of them where, he had known the face.

The dying man opened his eyes, but not seeing, but convulsed, and then he felt himself enlightened by something in their dark color, something in the line of the brow under the black hair—his face was back to back to him, the handsome face of the jaunty militia captain at Navajo, the man who had helped equip his people, he had patronized them, he had been a protector—the man who had— It did not come to him until that instant—this man was Gains. In a flash of awful comprehension he dropped, a glenched and nerveless heap, beside the dead man, turning his head on the ground and feeling for any sign of life at his feet.

Forward there, where the yells of the Indians had all but replaced the screams of the frantic women, he saw a man called him by name and cursed him, now in low tones, as they strayed. Then the man's eyes flared, and he let the woman in his arms, and he let her fall. Then he turned to look at her, and he ran back to the line.

He sprang up and found himself facing a white-haired boy, who held a little crying girl by a tight grip on her arm, and who eyed him aggressively.

"What did you hear Prudence's father for?" He was a good man. Did you shoot him?"

He seized the boy roughly by the shoulder.

"Prudence Prudence—where is she?"

"Here."

He looked down at the little girl, who still cried. Even in that glance he saw her mother's prettiness, her pink and white dimples, and the yellow shine of her hair.

"Come, fast now! Go as near as you can to where you left her!"

"They ran forward through the gray smoke, stepping on and over one another as they went. When they reached the first of the women he would have stopped to search, but the boy led him on, jolting. And then he half-way up the line, a little to the right of the road, at the edge of the cedar, his eye caught the glimpse of a great mass of yellow hair on the ground. She seemed to have been just wounded, for, as he looked, she was not breathing any more.

He ran faster, leaving the boy behind now, but while he was still far off, he saw an Indian, knife in hand, run to her and strike her over the head before he had divined the intent, the savage had gathered the long hair into his left hand, made a swift circle with the knife, and the woman lay on her back, almost in his face as he came running up, the long, straight, yellow hair, the black patch at the edge. Before his starting, eyes, the hair was twisting, writhing, and undulating—like a golden flame that crested the ground as they fled. And then, as he reached the spot, the Indian, with a long yell of delight and a final flourish of his trophy, ran off to other prey.

He stood a moment, breathless and faint, looking with fearful eyes down at the little, still, still figure. A faint smile. One slender, bare arm, flung out as if he had grasped at the whole big earth in her last agony.

The spell of fear was broken by the boy, who came trotting up. He had given way to his tears now, and was crying loudly from fright. Joe made him take the little girl and sit under a cedar out of sight of the spot.

...ins through which an army would have to pass. On the east side men were put to building stone ramparts as a protection for riflemen. On the west, where the side was sloping, they dug pits for the same purpose. They also built dams to throw large bodies of water along the west side of the canyon so that an army would be forced to ford the river. At the top of the cliff, great quantities of boulders were placed so that a slight leverage would suffice to hurl them down upon the army as it marched below.

When word came that the invaders had crossed the Utah line, Brigham sent forward a copy of his proclamation and a friendly note of warning to the officer in command. In this he directed that officer to retire from the Territory by the same route he had entered it; adding, however, "should you deem this impracticable and prefer to remain until spring at the vicinity of your present position at Black's fork or Green river, you can do so in peace and unmolested on condition that you deposit your arms and ammunition with Lewis Robinson, quartermaster general of the Territory, and leave as soon as the spring as the roads will permit you to march. And should you fall short of provisions will be furnished you upon making the proper application to the officer who received this note but should be commanded here in Utah by order of the President of the United States and that their future movements would depend wholly upon orders issued by competent military authority." This the issue was forced.

In addition to the defense of Echo Canyon, certain aggressive moves were made. To Joe Rae was allotted command of one of these. His orders promised all he could wish of action. He read them and felt something like his old trident enthusiasm.

"You will proceed with all possible dispatch to the mouth of the Oregon road near the bend of Bear creek, north by east of this point, where you approach the road, and should you have passed that way, should they get ahead of them. On determining the locality of the troops, you will proceed to their winter quarters. Still a hundred and fifteen miles from the mouth of the Salts, they were poorly equipped, and insufficiently clothed, for the burning of the trains by the Lord's army had been a disaster.

Reports of this distress were duly carried to Brigham and published to the Saints. Their soldiers had made the journey in the face of the Lord's army from passing the Wasatch mountains. Aggressive operations ceased for the winter, and the greater part of the winter was spent in homes. A small outpost of 50 men under the command of Major Joe Rae—who had earnestly requested this assignment—was left to guard the narrow of Echo canyon and to keep watch over the enemy during the winter. This officer, who was a new recruit, had the Lord's hand was with them. For the enemy had been wasted away even by the elements from the time he had been driven from the line.

In Salt Lake City that winter, the name opinion prevailed. They were henceforth to be the free and independent State of Deseret. "Do you want to know," asked Brigham, in the tabernacle, "what is to be done with the enemy now on our borders?" The answer was given by the Lord's army, and they were to be driven into our settlements, let sleep depart from their eyes until they slept in death! Men said he secreted the bodies of the slain, and they were away in the name of the God of Israel. The United States will have to make peace with us. Never again shall we make peace with the United States.

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CANADA'S GOOD TIMES.

Immigration During 1907 Was 216,000. While it is well to heed every word of caution from the leaders in commerce and finance and to avoid all speculative ventures that lack a solid business foundation, it is clearly shown that there are many opportunities for investment in Canada's present era of prosperity. The Toronto Globesays: "The Dominion has in a commercial sense, the most advanced and leading financial institutions are in a position to lend freely in the United States. The chief productive enterprise in Canada is the mining industry, and a large part of the country is being developed by an era of dangerous speculation, but are following substantial business opportunities in a wide and continuous manner. We are not bolstering up any industries by extensive export bonuses to the detriment of the people as a whole, and ultimately lead to a lapse through the failure of the artificial aid. There is no extreme protection in Canada such as would create great fortunes for a few at the expense of the general public and lead to disruption and catastrophe. The present era of development is a healthy and substantial expansion of trade and industry, with a proportionate amount of productive investment to new areas.

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WORKS IN THE GARDEN.

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