

SERIAL STORY  
No Man's Land  
A ROMANCE  
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SYNOPSIS.

Guyott Coast, a young man of New York City, meets Douglas Blackstock, who invites him to a card party. He accepts, although he knows Blackstock is a man who is both in love with Katherine Blackstock and in love with her. Blackstock is unworthy of her friendship. At the party, there is a quarrel, and Blackstock shoots. The next day, the coast is deserted. The ship is captured, but as he begins his sentence, Douglas Blackstock is the murderer and kills himself. Coast purchases a small boat and sails away, seeking the compensating Romance without which life were but death in life. He pauses and cocks an eye at Coast. "Not bad for a beginning, what?"

CHAPTER V.

Sunlight and shadow playing in evanescent alteration upon his face, the Echo courted to the morning breeze, Coast awakened. For a moment almost thoughtless he lay drowsily enjoying the rise and dip of the boat, as drowsily conscious of a faint thrill of excitement, mostly comparable, perhaps, to the first waking sensations of a fourteen-year-old boy on a Fourth of July morning.

Then, without warning the small chronometer on the transverse above his head snapped off smartly two double-chimes' time: four bells: ten o'clock in the forenoon. Astonished, he sat up quickly, and his still sleepy gaze, passing through the companionship, encountered the amused regard of the soldierly black-headed Appleyard. Promptly Coast turned himself in full possession of his faculties. That in obedience to first instincts he nodded with a cordial smile, was significant.

Appleyard returned the salutation with a quick bob of his small head. "Good-morning, hero!" he sang out cheerfully.

He sat in the cockpit, buddled into the folds of a gray flannel, voluminous for his slight figure, a thin but wiry forearm bared to this cigarette he was smoking with every indication of enjoyment.

"Good-morning," he returned. "How do you feel after your adventure?" "Drooled but in my right mind," said Appleyard, with a twinkle of anxiety amending: "to the best of my knowledge and belief." He indicated the various articles constituting his painfully simple wardrobe. "Waiting for 'em to dry."

Appleyard hopped up, fingered his everyday attire critically and pronounced it bonedry; then, bundling it up, he returned to the cabin, seating himself on the opposite transom to dress.

And the sensations of a hero, refreshed by sound slumbers, are— "Hunger," said Coast. He moved forward and began to untie a gingerly with a new and unfamiliar hot stove. "I can offer you a coffee, but, producing—nothing else," he added, scrutinizing raw materials from a locker. "You see, I hadn't expected to entertain."

"Rotten inconsiderate of you," Appleyard grumbled. "I'll wire you a warning next time it occurs to me to drop in unexpectedly." Divided between amusement and perplexity, in the course of the next Coast reviewed a personality singularly enriched by a variety of suggestions consistently negative. The man's age was indeterminate—some-where between thirty and forty-five. Loosely summarized, he might have been anybody or nobody on a lark or his apper.

"Then compose yourself. . . . Born at an early age—in fact, at an early age as you can comfortably imagine—I found myself immediately the sport of sardonic fortunes. That name, Melchisedec! One felt that there must be in one's future life some warmth of Romance to compensate for that infamous ignominy. So I called any reasonable human sound logic, however, as soon as I awakened to realization of my plight I mutilated and resolved to live down my shame. Thereafter I set myself to palming, making muckraking in modern life, seeking the compensating Romance without which life were but death in life." He paused and cocked an eye at Coast. "Not bad for a beginning, what?"

"A little prolix," commented Coast dispassionately, falling in with his humor. "But continue. You found your Romance?" "What is so-called—alas, yes! I found it, as a rule, a nom de guerre for crime. . . . Lured by legend, I have traversed much of the known world, only to come to that conclusion. I have penetrated the fastnesses of the Tennessee mountains, noting the illicit stills which proved merely promise, largely—and discovered itself the most ill-paid calling in the world. Diplomatic intrigue gamed proved to be merely a popular fallacy shining in the reflected luster of the Six Best Sellers. . . . But I refrain from wearying you with a catalogue of the exploded miasms of Romance; a list, inordinately lengthy, belovely me. High finance, I admit, escaped my probe; but the recent plague of Wall Street plays discouraged me, demonstrating there could be no Romance there. So at length you find me turning in despair to the

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PREMIER YUAN FOR MONARCHY

BELIEVES CHINA CANNOT ESTABLISH A REPUBLIC QUICKLY ENOUGH TO AVOID INTERVENTION BY THE POWERS.

HE IS ENDEAVORING TO RE-ESTABLISH THE MONARCHY.

The American Minister Has Ordered All Americans to Take Up Their Residence in the Nearest Port at Once.

Japan has landed troops at Chifu. Dispatches from Tientsin announce that the American minister has issued emergency orders to all Americans in the interior to take up their residence at once in the nearest port.

Premier Yuan Shi Kai believes China cannot establish a republic with sufficient dispatch to prevent foreign interference.

Therefore he is endeavoring to re-establish the monarchy.

This is his present attitude, as expressed and implied to members of the national assembly, foreign ministers and other whom he has seen.

Brigandage Increasing.

Affairs in China apparently have reached such a stage that neither the rebels nor imperialists are able to check acts of lawlessness. A letter to the state department today reports that brigandage is on the increase in various parts of the empire. Bush is reported in a critical condition and finances in very bad shape.

From Rear Admiral Murdoch, commandant of the American naval forces in China, come reports that Nankin is cut off from communication with the outside world by rail-road and telegraph, and that the rebels are leaving in disorder. All the missionaries, except three, are reported to have left Nankin for Wuhu. There are no disorders in Chifu, but many robberies are being committed in the vicinity.

Great Famine; Stocks in Russia.

Eight million persons are in need of immediate relief owing to the failure of the crops in 20 Russian provinces.

This startling announcement was made in the duma by Premier Kozlov in reply to interpellations concerning reports that famine threatened wide area. The premier explained that the crops had failed completely in 12 provinces and partially in eight others.

Of the 12,000,000 inhabitants of the affected territory 5,000,000 were in immediate need of relief.

Sarah Bernhardt to Marry.

The engagement of Sarah Bernhardt, the actress, to a French actor, who has played many parts in her company, is announced from Paris, according to cable advices received in New York.

Mme. Bernhardt is 36 years old, while Tellegen is 36. She is the widow of Jacques Dauphin, a great actor, who died in 1893. The famous actress is already a great-grandmother.

Sultan Ready to Call Holy War.

Arabs declare that the Turkish troops have received orders from Constantinople to make a decisive attack on the Italians, in the city of Tripoli very shortly.

In case this should fail the Turkish troops are to withdraw into the interior of the country, after which the sultan, it is said, will proclaim a holy war.

Mexico to Rush 25,000 Men North.

Orders to mobilize 25,000 men in a zone paralleling the northern boundary line were issued by the war department of Mexico.

In a statement President Francisco I. Madero declared he would crush the rebellious attempts to disturb his government.

President Gaceros Assassinated.

Ramon Gaceros, president of Santo Domingo, was assassinated by political malcontents in San Domingo City late Sunday afternoon, according to reports to the state department. No uprising has followed as yet.

Young Emperor's Mother Elopes.

Chinese papers received in Peking tell of the elopement of Princess Lai, mother of the baby emperor and wife of the prince regent, with Yung Shi Lu, an actor.

Storm Abate; Navigation Starts.

Navigation has been resumed on the great lakes after being practically at a standstill three days. Weather conditions have moderated and fleets which were tied up at all points of shelter are again scattered.

Believing that cotton is a "sure thing" in the Texas Panhandle, although the first bale was marketed only a little over a week ago, farmers in the ten counties north of the Canadian river are uniting in an effort to plant from five to ten acres each next season.

White mice are being used by Miss Maud Slye, of the medical department of the University of Chicago, in a series of experiments which are expected to prove the value to science in the treatment of cancer.

The object of the experiments is to find if cancerous growths are hereditary.

Dr. Eugene Wadlin, a widely known surgeon in the United States, marine hospital service, who operated at President McKinley when he was shot in Buffalo, died in a sanatorium at Gradyville, a suburb of Philadelphia.

MICHIGAN DOWNS PENNSY

Thrilling Football Game Ends With Score of 11 to 9.

"Old Eighty-three" they call it, the play that was for Michigan at Ann Arbor altering in the twinkling of an eye and the last moment, the completion of the most bitterly fought battle that Perry field's sacred soil ever has seen. It really isn't much of a play and certainly it isn't a new one. Maybe the name, "eighty-three" refers to the years of its age, maybe to the mysterious combination of numbers that are harked when it is impending.

For the benefit of the hurried reader who wishes to learn only of Michigan's definite accomplishment, the score was 11 to 9 and Pennsylvania didn't have the 11. Two touchdowns were Michigan's one touchdown and a field goal—beauty, too—of Pennsylvania, brought about the gladsome total. The Wolverines missed one goal from a touchdown, which didn't matter after all, although it caused some alarm at a time when the Quakers were atop by a single point.

Michigan's second score came with but a couple of minutes to play in the fourth quarter, a score achieved by means of a delayed pass, which gave Jimmy Craig a chance to sprout 25 yards for a touchdown. That was "Old Eighty-three" again, the delayed pass of ancient vintage.

John "Jack" Frost, civil war veteran, who led the famous attempt to escape from the Andersonville prison during the civil war, is dead in Quincy, Ill.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

Detroit.—Cattle.—Market strong. Choice heifers and steers, \$13.00; good to choice butchers' steers, \$10.00 to \$12.00; calves, \$14.00 to \$16.00; sheep and lambs, \$10.00 to \$12.00; hogs, \$10.00 to \$12.00; pigs, \$10.00 to \$12.00.

Veal calves: Market steady; best grade, \$18.00; others, \$15.00 to \$17.00; Mitch cows and springers, \$12.00 to \$14.00; calves, \$10.00 to \$12.00; sheep and lambs, \$10.00 to \$12.00; hogs, \$10.00 to \$12.00; pigs, \$10.00 to \$12.00.

Grain.—Wheat.—Market strong. No. 1 hard, \$1.20; No. 2 hard, \$1.15; No. 3 hard, \$1.10; No. 1 soft, \$1.15; No. 2 soft, \$1.10; No. 3 soft, \$1.05; No. 1 white, \$1.15; No. 2 white, \$1.10; No. 3 white, \$1.05; No. 1 yellow, \$1.15; No. 2 yellow, \$1.10; No. 3 yellow, \$1.05; No. 1 red, \$1.15; No. 2 red, \$1.10; No. 3 red, \$1.05; No. 1 black, \$1.15; No. 2 black, \$1.10; No. 3 black, \$1.05.

Grain.—Corn.—Market strong. No. 1 white, \$1.15; No. 2 white, \$1.10; No. 3 white, \$1.05; No. 1 yellow, \$1.15; No. 2 yellow, \$1.10; No. 3 yellow, \$1.05; No. 1 red, \$1.15; No. 2 red, \$1.10; No. 3 red, \$1.05; No. 1 black, \$1.15; No. 2 black, \$1.10; No. 3 black, \$1.05.

Grain.—Oats.—Market strong. No. 1 white, \$1.15; No. 2 white, \$1.10; No. 3 white, \$1.05; No. 1 yellow, \$1.15; No. 2 yellow, \$1.10; No. 3 yellow, \$1.05; No. 1 red, \$1.15; No. 2 red, \$1.10; No. 3 red, \$1.05; No. 1 black, \$1.15; No. 2 black, \$1.10; No. 3 black, \$1.05.

Grain.—Rye.—Market strong. No.