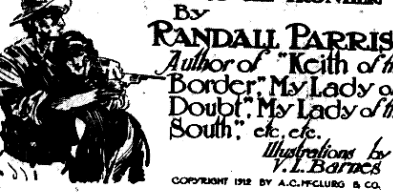


MOLLY McDONALD

A TALE OF THE FRONTIER



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CHAPTER XII.—Continued.
"I prefer to rely on my own judgment," he said tartly. "From what this man reports it is in stronger force than we have. Besides my instructions were not to provoke hostilities."
Wasson grinned, revealing his yellow teeth.
"Sure not; they are so damned peaceable themselves."
"I prefer leaving Captain Maxwell to deal with the situation," Gaskins went on pompously, ignoring the snarl. "as he outranks me, and I am under strict instructions to return at once to the fort. Two of our horses are disabled already, and Smiley is too sick to be left alone. I'll not risk it. Well," he broke off suddenly, and addressing a corporal who had just ridden up and saluted, "have you buried the bodies?"
"Yes, sir," found these papers on them."
The lieutenant thrust these into his jacket pocket.
"Very well, Hough. Form the men into column. Miss McDonald, you will retain the horse you have, and I should be very glad to have you ride with me. Oh, corporal, was everything in the camp destroyed? Nothing saved belonging to this lady?"
"Only the ironwork is left, sir."
"Do I thought, accordingly sorry," Miss McDonald. The lieutenant will fit you out when we get in. I am a bachelor, you know; he added, glancing aside at her face, "but can promise every attention."
Her eyes sought Hamilton where he stood straight and motionless, respectfully waiting an opportunity to speak.
"Is—this what I ought to do?" she questioned, leaning toward him. "I am so confused I hardly know what to do."
"Why, of course," broke in the lieutenant hastily. "You may trust me to advise."
"But my question was addressed to Sergeant Hamilton," she interrupted, never glancing aside. "He stands the situation better than you."
The sergeant held his hat in his hand, his eyes searching her over frankly, but with a new light in them. He had not forgotten how the danger was over; she meant him to realize her friendship.
"It seems to me the only safe course for you to take, Miss McDonald," he said slowly, endeavoring to keep the notes of triumph out of his voice. "Your father is perfectly safe, and will join you within a few days; he would not dare attempt your protection farther west."
"You are not going with us then?" she questioned in surprise.
"Not if Lieutenant Gaskins will furnish me with horse and rifle, I must report at Union, and on the way, tell your father where you are."
"But the danger! oh, you must attempt such a ride alone!"
"That is nothing," the valley is swept clear, and the most of my riding at night. Any planemaker could do the trick—hey, Sam?"
The woman nodded, chewing solemnly all that he said. "I'll make the trip all right, miss," he smiled. "I wish I was going. I'm sure that of this sort of course, I am. Down below the Cheyennes in the valley, I'll have you watch out close, 'Brick.' That Comanches are the worst lot."

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Mechanically the sergeant loaded his rifle, and strapped the old Comanche, starting again, half unbelieving, at the faded inscription underneath. He saw the sight of those little-browed faces, bringing to him the brooded face of a new look of determination. He swung into the saddle, and rode across his knees, his eyes studying the desolate distance, rode westward along the deserted trail.

CHAPTER XIII.

Back at Fort Dodge.
The swiftly speeding wheels of that war-wagon on the plains had brought many changes to the hard-worked troops engaged in the campaign or garrisoning the scattered posts south of the Platte. Scouting details, although constantly in the saddle, failed to prevent continued Indian depredations on exposed settlements. Stage routes were deserted, and the tolling wagons of the freighted outriggers were continuous, and became more and more evident that the various tribes were at length in a desperate effort to halt the white advance. Wolf packs broke through the well-strung lines of guard, and got safely away again, leaving behind death and destruction. Occasionally did the Indian raiders and the pursuing troops come into actual contact. The former came in swift forays, now appearing on the Pawnee, Saline, followed by a few four-horned antelope, and then on the valley of the Arkansas. Scattered in small bands, well mounted and armed, they would strike where the next attack might occur. Every day brought its fresh report of horror. From north and south, east and west, the reports of the frontier came into the headquarters at Fort Wallace. Denver, at the base of the mountains, was practically in state of siege, provisions were scarce, and the army was reduced to the bare necessities. The next attack might occur. Every day brought its fresh report of horror. From north and south, east and west, the reports of the frontier came into the headquarters at Fort Wallace.

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NEWS FROM FATHERLAND

A Brief Resume of the Most Important Happenings in the German Empire.

The wedding of ex-King Manuel of Portugal, to Princess Leopold of Hohenzollern will take place in August.
Celle.—A great forest fire has been raging in this district. It has devastated 10,000 acres and menaces the village of Eberbach and the royal forest.

Herr von Jagow, minister of foreign affairs of Germany, stated as frankly as he could in the reichstag that Germany is in danger of an attack from France.
Syndicate representing sixteen steamship companies has asked the United States for permission to establish a depot for storing \$15,000,000 of coal at the Panama canal.

A workman armed with a knife attacked Grand Duke Friedrich of Baden as he was leaving the railroad station and decided to stab him. The duke threw off his assailant and was not harmed. The duke was about to drive to the races when the man, who had been arrested, was released. The duke was about to drive to the races when the man, who had been arrested, was released.

Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, in writing the preface to a book, "Germany in Arms," of which he is reputed to be the author, exhibits himself as a future German emperor, as an unbending in the possibility of ever abolishing war. He declares that diplomacy may delay and occasionally conflict, but the sword will remain the final and decisive factor until the world's end. In another passage he says: "Only with the support of our good sword can we maintain that place in the world which is due to us, but which is not willingly accorded to us." The author points out Germany's unfortunate geographical position between the two great powers, the German army and the navy, kept continually at the highest point of efficiency.

The German is less afraid to die than the American, in the opinion of Dr. William Mayo of Rochester, Minn. That surgeon stated that Americans make the work of men in his profession more difficult by their demands and hesitating only to die. "When a German is critically ill," said Dr. Mayo, "he and his family are willing to risk a difficult operation, while the American is afraid to die and blames the surgeon who cannot save his life. This, perhaps, is salutary, but it is discouraging for the surgeon. If the foreign nation could teach us most in surgery." Mr. Mayo was asked, "We can learn more from Germany than from all the other European nations combined. It is the only country with national surgery. Ours is cosmopolitan. We take everything possible to improve it. In France, with few exceptions, the surgeons are standing still. The young English surgeon has been a position, while the German must for this work for Germany, success, therefore is founded on efficiency instead of longevity."

London.—The new serum, is announced here. It is seriously set forth that cases of tuberculosis have been cured by it and that it has proved a remedy for persistent phthisis and other diseases. The discoverer is a German, a young bacteriologist named Frederick McNamee. Dr. Koch in Africa and on the sleeping sickness. After he pursued his researches alone in Africa and other tropical countries, Dr. McNamee claimed that in Congo he discovered the serum, which has proven to be a cure for "the sleeping sickness," a disease which has rendered many parts of Africa impossible to traverse. On reaching London in October, Dr. McNamee quickly advanced the claim that he had discovered a serum which would, assuming the patient had any fair amount of vitality left, effectually cure any disease which was due to a microorganism in the blood. It was impossible to keep the secret for a number of sufferers from the sleeping sickness, so the doctors decided to test the serum on tuberculosis patients in addition to the sleeping sickness. The London doctors have been rigid and exacting on their results of course depends the value of the announcement of the discovery before it is published to the world.

Budapest.—The contents of a pika's stomach furnished the means for a healthy supper to more than 400 poor persons at Pest. The pika, a fourteen-pounder, was purchased in the fish market by Josef Kohn, the manager of the municipal charity kitchen. Kohn and his stomach was found a leather purse, containing gold, silver, and nickel coins. The mayor directed that part of the money should be given on a meal for the poor, and a generous supper was served, in which the voracious, but well-behaved, fish formed the leading course.

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Andre de Fouquieres, whom society honored during the New York session, praised on his departure for Paris the wonderful energy of the American business man. "I once asked an American business man, 'What is the secret of your energy?' He replied, 'I have no secret. I am a Frenchman. I have no secret. I am a Frenchman. I have no secret. I am a Frenchman.'"

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