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Carroll O'Donoghue

A Tale of Irish Struggles of 1886 and Recent Times by CHRISTINE FABER

Chapter VI

A New Home.

Continued from last week.

"A moment—give me a moment to convince this poor girl that I must go," said Carroll, as he strove to detach himself from his sister's embrace.

"You are making matters worse for me," he whispered to Clara. "let me go."

She obeyed him, and threw herself sobbing into Nora McCarthy's arms.

"Carroll knelt at the feet of the clergyman. "Bless me, father."

The priest's voice shook with emotion. "God bless you, my brave boy! may He ever bless you, and give you strength to do the right."

The soldiers closed about him from the threshold he raised his manacled hands in a sad farewell, his eyes resting last and longest on his weeping betrothed.

Captain Dennier also turned to say farewell. "Accuse me of being stern and cruel, if you will," he said, looking at Clara; "but I could not be false to my principles to my honor; I regret exceedingly the painful part I have been obliged to perform, and I beg you in calmer moments to think more kindly of me."

They departed, Tighe a Vohr following in their wake.

Chapter VII.

Machinations.

The storm continued, growing each moment in fierceness; torrents of rain accompanied the shrieking wind, and at intervals, when a temporary lull ensued, and the elements seemed to have ended their strife, it was only to break forth again with more appalling fury.

During one of these lulls a man started up from a hedge by the roadside and listening he heard approaching the hurried tramp of men. Veering to the side, he waited until they had passed, recognizing by their voices, and fragments of their conversation, consisting mostly of anathemas on the storm, that they were English soldiers. He dropped into the train, the darkness screening him from observation.

Drenched and heartily tired from their conflict with the wind and rain and the toil of a journey over a difficult road, the party halted after a half hour's march at a sort of country hotel. It was of rather pretentious size for the unassuming little country place in which it was situated, and bore evidence in its well-lighted windows and broad, illuminated doorway, of unusual accommodation for wayfarers. Into this building passed Captain Dennier and his men with their prisoner, and closely followed by Tighe a Vohr. He who had surreptitiously joined them kept in the shadowed. When the door was shut upon the last of the soldiers, he turned suddenly and walked back as rapidly as the storm would allow him, by the road he had just journeyed.

Thus journeying, he arrived at length on the outskirts of a village. Threading the deserted streets with quickened gait, he stopped before one of a row of plain little cottages. Raising the latch, he gave a peculiar signal; brought at once to the door a man in a gaudy dressing-gown, and with coarse, sandy hair bristling from under a night-cap. The light shining from an adjoining apartment revealed him distinctly.

"It's time for you to arrive!" was his salutation, as he admitted the new-comer. The latter scowled.

"Have a care, Morty Carter, for I'm a desperate man to-night. I did your dirty work, and I've come for the reward you promised."

"Easy, now, easy, and we'll see. Come in here, and we'll talk the matter over."

He led the way to the open room, seating himself at a little table covered with papers in dis-

ordered arrangement, and motioned his visitor to a chair near. Then, appearing to notice for the first time the dripping condition of the latter, he rose, and going to a cupboard, brought forth a bottle and glass. Pouring out an unusually large quantity of the liquor, he tendered it to his guest. It was angrily pushed away.

"You'd play on my weakness again, as you did many a time before. No, I'll have none of it until you come to terms. I've done your work, your devil's work, an' now am I to see Cathleen, or not?"

He rose in his fierce eagerness, bending across the table till his hot breath and the steam from his dripping garments unpleasantly assailed Mr. Carter's sensitive nostrils.

"Sit down, man, and don't be so unreasonable. Give me time to think, and tell me how well you succeeded—but no; I'll not hear a word from you, and I'll not speak one word to you, until you take that to keep out the cold you'll get after this wetting. Take it, Rick!" He held the glass almost to the miserable creature's lips, and spoke in a coaxing tone. It was a tone foreign to him, and it was assumed with such awkward grace, that he to whom it was addressed laughed in mockery.

"When did you oil your tongue so, Carter? but you're wasting its sweetness on me."

Carter quelled his rising passion by an effort, and again tendering the liquor, he said, less persuasively, however: "Refuse it or not as you will, but you'll get no answer from me until you take it, and until I hear what you've done; nor shall I listen to you until you drink it." He set the glass down where the tempting fume could ascend into the face of the poor, half-famished wretch, and folding his arms, stood back in a resolute attitude. The temptation was strong to one who had not tasted food for hours, and the sparkle of the liquor as it lit up the glass, and its stimulating odor, conquered Rick of the Hills. He raised the tumbler and quaffed its contents at a draught. Morty Carter smiled, then he stepped forward with alacrity, and resumed the chair he had left.

"Now tell me, Rick, how you succeeded." "I went, as you told me, an' prowled unobserved about the priest's house till I saw Carroll O'Donoghue an' Tighe a Vohr go on the storm, that they were in; then I posted away to Casey's English soldiers. He dropped into the train, the darkness screening him from observation. Drenched and heartily tired from their conflict with the wind and rain and the toil of a journey over a difficult road, the party halted after a half hour's march at a sort of country hotel. It was of rather pretentious size for the unassuming little country place in which it was situated, and bore evidence in its well-lighted windows and broad, illuminated doorway, of unusual accommodation for wayfarers. Into this building passed Captain Dennier and his men with their prisoner, and closely followed by Tighe a Vohr. He who had surreptitiously joined them kept in the shadowed. When the door was shut upon the last of the soldiers, he turned suddenly and walked back as rapidly as the storm would allow him, by the road he had just journeyed.

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News From Ireland

Dublin

The Un-National Irish Exhibition in Dublin, is having lots of trouble and the climax came recently, when the Dublin Corporation cut off the water supply to the grounds.

Died—At her parents' residence, 5 Great Charles street, Rosanna Mary, child of William and Rose Connolly, July 31, at her husband's residence, Mary Josephine, wife of Michael McArdle, North street, Crossmaglen, Aug. 2, at the Whitworth Hospital, Dublin, Michael McMahon-Carrickins, cross, brother of the Rev. Eugene Mac Mahon, P.P., Arney, aged 47 years.

Kildare

Died—July 27, Joseph J. Murphy, Athy, aged 80 years. July 2, John Cribbin, Towlerton House, Robertstown.

The improvements being carried out in the Dominican Church, Athy, are nearing completion, and the Fathers hope that a liberal patronage of the Art Union Drawing, which takes place in November, will enable them to pay off the heavy debt incurred. The handsome little building has been completely transformed by the improvements recently effected.

Kilkenny

Mr. Jas. McCreery Sub-Sheriff in the Courthouse, Thomastown, declared Mr. N. J. Murphy, merchant, Ballyhale, elected unopposed for the Parliamentary representation of South Kilkenny, in the room of Mr. James O'Mara, resigned. Nine papers were handed in on Mr. Murphy's behalf. In the paper on which he relied, Mr. Murphy was proposed by Rev. John Doyle, P. P., Ballyhale, seconded by Rev. Thomas Brennan, C. C., do.

Kings

The King's County Council, at a special meeting on July 27, decided to instruct the secretary to take proceedings against the sheriff in an action for damages for trespassing on the Council's property, by seizing it under a decree, and the council had under consideration an opinion on the matter from Mr. Ronan, K.C. King's County gives the highest attendances in Leinster (and this notwithstanding population) for technical classes in rural districts and rural and permanent centres combined. This is the second year in succession King's County heads the list in Leinster. It was not always so. As a reward the Department has increased the annual grant to the county by £100.

Longford

The Douglas Ranches are now under complete police protection. A relay of patrols of policemen guard the ranches night and day—particularly at night. From evening falls till next morning there is scarcely a policeman to be found in Longford—they are all out enjoying the fresh air which comes from Rosecommon into Longford across the lordly Shannon. Whether they enjoy it or not is another matter.

Louth

Died—July 28, Chas. O'Hagan, The Ramparts, Dundalk, aged 82 years. July 31, Lawrence Rourke, Ballybaile, late of the United States.

The Louth team gained a fine win over the Meath hurlers at Dublin on July 28. The Louth men gave a good display and were returned deserved winners by ten points. The Drogheda and Dundalk men who comprised the team deserve great praise for getting the first honors that Louth has ever gained in the hurling inter-county contests.

Meath

The Home Rule demonstration for North Meath will be held in Navan on October 6.

Trim Urban Council have decided to build a new road at Baskinagh and Fryane, to cost £700.

A splendid Agricultural Show was held in Navan on July 30. The entries were more numerous and of a better standard than in previous years.

Died—August 1, Mrs. Catherine Greene, North Strand, Drogheda, July 28, Mrs. William Boylan, Jordanstown, Lusk, July 25, Mrs. Mary Ann Keeley, Hoykinstown, Lobbinstown.

Queens

John J. Dalton, principle teacher of Stradally National School, has been awarded an increment of \$10 per annum by the National Education Board, for efficient services.

The crops in Ballinakill district suffered severely in the recent thunderstorms. The hail which fell cut off the heads of the corn and stripped potato stalks to the roots. The floods which followed swept down the hills and in many places washed out the drills of root and green crops and lodged the cereals.

Westmeath.

Died—July 22, Mrs. Crobie Loughanstown, aged 46 years. July 27, Mrs. Patrick Rielly, Glamerstown.

There passed away recently at Drumree, Mrs. Coleman, who had attained the patriarchal age of 103 years. Her sight was very defective for a good while, but otherwise the fine old woman retained all physical strength up to her final illness. Last year a son of hers passed away at the age of 75 years.

Wexford

Died—At her residence, Tomin, early, on Monday, July 29, Ellen, widow of the late Mr. James Cullen, aged 75 years. At his residence, Kiltanel, on July 31, after a short illness, James Henry, second son of the late James Paskins, in his 45th year.

Mr. G. W. Warren, auctioneer and valuer, Gorey, on July 29 put up for sale the valuable farm of Mr. Finn's, Monaghan, Cranford, in extent 79 acres, with an annuity of £16 8s 3d. After spirited bidding the lot fell to Mr. Martin Doyle, Coolatin, Clonhamon, at £495.

Wicklow

A meeting was held at Bray on July 27, for the purpose of raising a fund to clear off a debt of £7,000 on the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer. The Archbishop of Dublin presided, and gave a subscription of £1,000. The meeting raised a further sum of £1,000.

Galway

The dedication of the new Church at Shiddal, took place on the 18th of August.

Galway County Council have refused to pay a tax of £448 for extra police in the County.

A most successful concert in aid of the Poor Clares Bazaar was brought off in the Town Hall, Galway, on July 31.

Leitrim

James Soden, Brown St., Mohill, died on July 30.

In connection with the free grant of £24,000 for the Cavan and Leitrim Railway extension, a letter has been received by the Leitrim County Council from the Great Northern Railway Company proposing to work the extension for the same mileage as the parent line. A resolution was passed by the Council declining to sanction the extension unless they had a guarantee that the ratepayers would not have to pay for anything.

Mayo

Rev. Father Ronayne, late O.C. at Glenamaddy and previously at Westport, has left the mission and joined the Carthusians at Roscrea Tipperary.

Twenty thousand people made pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick, Co. Mayo, on July 23, when the annual solemnity on the summit took place. It is estimated that ten thousand people took the abstinence, pledged from Father Angelus, O.S.F.C., who preached Archbishop Healy presided at the ceremonies. At the conclusion of the last Mass, James Kirby and Miss Gavanagh were married by Father Macdonald.

Roscommon

Died—July 26, Michael McGuinness, Asst. Secretary U.I.E., Tarmoharry. July 25, Mrs. Lloyd Rockville, Drumana. July 28, Mathew Keaveny, Chapel street, Boyle, aged 64 years.

Mr. A. E. Sanderson, L.G. Board Inspector, on July 30, opened an inquiry into a petition received from Local Government electors to constitute the town an Urban Sanitary Authority. The inquiry lasted for nearly two days, during which time a series of witnesses were examined.

Sligo

Tubercular Guardians have passed a resolution of censure on the Irish Party and condemned

the attempts of Sinn Féin Fakers to cause factionism in the ranks.

Around the Globe

Catholic News From Many Places

The Catholic population in Prussia is increasing, the Protestant diminishing, according to official statistics. Catholics are now over 35 per cent. of the total while Protestants have fallen from 65 per cent. in 1887 to 62 per cent. in 1905. Berlin has now 228,984 Catholics.

Next month a general chapter of the Augustinians will be held in Rome, when a new general and other officers will be elected. The gathering will be presided over by His Eminence Cardinal Rampolla, protector of the Augustinians. The present general of the order is Father Thomas Rodriguez, of Spain.

In King William's Town, Cape Colony, South Africa, there is a community of nuns, Sisters of St. Dominic, who are engaged in farming. Unaided, they carry on all the necessary agricultural work, and in addition operate a blacksmith shop.

A document, says the Rome correspondent of The Catholic Times, has recently been issued from the Sacred Congregation which will enable the clergy again to accept the musical services of ladies in their choir.

Father Madrey, S.J., missionary at Kiang-Nan, has compiled statistics which show that, out of a population of over four hundred and seven million, there are six million Catholics in China.

The Persian embassy to the Vatican solemnly assured the Holy Father that under the new shah there will be no further persecution of the Catholics in that empire.

Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque, Ia., on arriving in Europe, went direct to Bad Naubelm, Germany, where he put himself under the care of an eminent specialist.

On August 26, Most Rev. Dr. Colgan, archbishop of Madras, who is eighty-three years old, observed the silver anniversary of his consecration.

The fourth general Eucharistic congress of the United States will be held on Oct. 15, 16 and 17 in Pittsburg.

It appears that Miss Johanna Redmond, daughter of Mr. J. E. Redmond, M. P., is coming to the front as a writer of clever Irish plays. Two of these were recently presented in London, by an amateur company of her friends, before a large audience, which afforded a flattering reception to the productions of the talented young Irishwoman.

Very Rev. Denis Schuler, superior general of the Franciscan order, arrived in New York last week to make a visitation of the various houses of his order in the United States.

The long expected Jesuit foundation in Brooklyn is to be begun by the opening of a high school, the fall of which it is expected Rev. Neil McKinnon will be the superior.

Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco, has taken steps looking to the establishment of a Catholic chapel and lecture hall at the University of California.

Muenster, Prussia August 26.—At the Catholic University here to-day the Prussian Minister of Public Instruction, Dr. Ludwig Nolle, read an imperial decree by which Emperor William conferred his name upon the university. It will hereafter be known as the Westphalian William University.

News From Washington

The Railroad Situation

It is the opinion of many conservative men that the railroad agitation is reaching the critical stage. Business men and farmers are beginning to take alarm. While the agitation is being enacted by the last Congress in view of the existing financial work of supererogation, really a monument of honor conservation when compared with some of the railroad legislation recently by some States.

The intention of President Roosevelt was evidently to enact some regulation and to this there was very little opposition in the country. The "back" began to have. Seeing the President's anti-railroad legislation on going, however, and as a result of the spectacle of States falling overboard, attempts of passing railroad laws.

I happened to be in N. C. during the most momentous time of the railroad situation.

Meeting a man whom I had known for years, I was surprised to find him so much changed.

Now, when I see him, I am reminded of the old saying, "The railroad is the life of the South."

There is a great deal of talk about the railroad situation, but it is all very much exaggerated.

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