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Carroll O'Donoghue

A Tale of Irish Struggles of 1886 and Recent Times

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Continued from last week.

Chapter LI.
Father O'Connor's Tale.

He would rather that his identity be concealed from her, let her think that her parents had both died, and he would be happy in knowing that she was well provided for—in being occasionally near her when she would not know of the fact. For that purpose he wished her name changed. His wishes were gratified, though the kind people wondered much at an affection which, seeming to be so deep, could thus make an entire surrender of its beloved object. That arrangement had been little more than completed when Carter arrived in the neighborhood, bringing with him little William Berkeley, whom he had taken from the convent in which he had temporarily placed him. To Sullivan's dismay, he did not bring the latter's child; and then for the first time the poor fellow discovered how sadly he had been the dupe of Carter's nefarious schemes. The whole of Carter's jealousy and hate of young Berkeley, his unrequited passion for Marie, the successive steps by which his plot of villainy had been executed—all were barred and Sullivan discovered for the first time that the fury which had refused to spare its two favorite objects would henceforth relentlessly pursue him, unless he yielded implicit assent to every future scheme. It threatened him with disclosure of murder—it told with infernal triumph of the abduction of the little one which was to Sullivan as the apple of his eye; and when the poor duped man appalled, despairing and desperate, sought for some outlet from his dreadful situation, Carter mockingly bade him remember that he was a wretched culprit—on every side were proofs of his horrible guilt, and that did he set foot within the place from which he had taken Marie, it would only lead to the merciless hands of those whom young Berkeley employed to avenge his wrongs; and Carter threatened further to remove Sullivan's little daughter Catherine whom he had already abducted to some place utterly beyond her unhappy father's reach; but he pledged himself, if Sullivan remained true to him, to take the most tender care of her, and in the future, when all fear of discovery of Carter's villainy should be removed, to restore her, rich, educated and accomplished as he promised, however that in the event of her dangerous illness, her father should be contacted to her.

The meshes of the web of villainy were too intricately and skillfully woven about the wretched man to permit him to make an effort to escape, and when reflection convinced him that any attempt he might make to expose Carter's guilt would be futile because of his inability to produce proofs of the same, and that perhaps such endeavor on his part would only result in more suffering to himself, even perpetual separation from his child, he became the unresisting tool of Carter. Entirely abandoning his once steady habits of employment he tried to drown his wild longing for his child, and his dreadful remorse, by indulging a growing appetite for liquor. Under that influence he was still weaker to oppose schemes of evil, and Carter, speedily becoming aware of that fact, plied the poor wretch with drink in order to induce a ready assent to his evil plots. Thus Sullivan sunk until he became at last so wandering a beggar, rarely remaining two days in the same place, and taking mostly to the mountains, that people gave him the sobriquet of 'Rick of the Hills.' Everybody knew

him because of his wandering habits, and while most persons were repelled, because of the repulsive exterior which his hard-wretched life had given him, none feared him. It was not known that he was intimate with Carter for it was a part of the latter's policy to conceal the fact. With the little boy he had in charge, Carter had taken up his residence in the immediate vicinity of the O'Donoghue homestead; he had sufficient means to live in a style which must proclaim to the simple country folk a person of no mean birth nor breeding, and as he was a regular attendant, and in time a generous benefactor of the little parish chapel, he won the favor of the kind-hearted clergyman. Giving out that his youthful charge, whom he continued to call by the name of the baptismal certificate which he had so frudulently obtained, was the orphan child of dear deceased friends, he hired a nurse for it, a woman of the neighborhood whose gossipy character was in itself a recommendation to the wily Carter. He managed so that she should repeat incidents of his daily life and instances of his charity which must win for him the esteem and trust of the entire neighborhood. He succeeded, not even Cairn O'Donoghue, head of the O'Donoghue household, and a man whose virtues were written on every heart, that ever knew him, was regarded with more favor than Mortimer Carter eventually received.

His unrequited love for Marie had transferred itself with as wild an ardor to Marie's daughter. In the youthful lineaments of the child was a growing reproduction of her mother's face, and each time that Carter saw her which he frequently did, through opportunities of his own making, he yearned to hasten the time in which, with Marie of marriageable age, he intended, by fair means or foul, to make her his wife. He was not well pleased that Sullivan had surrendered possession of her, but with his usual confidence in his own ability, he doubted not, at the arrival of the time, to be able to devise a scheme which would place her within his power. "One day he was afforded an opportunity of saving the life of the youthful heir of the O'Donoghues, a baby, who sprang from his nurse's arms, had fallen into the stream, on the bank of which little Marie, now known as Nora McCarthy, and Carter's little charge had been playing. Carter, who was present and witnessed the accident, saved the child. The boy's parents sought every means of testifying their gratitude; Carter and his charge became constant visitors, and the former, in his business conference with Cairn O'Donoghue, evinced so much financial ability, as well as shrewd judgment in other matters, that intimacy culminated in Carter making his abode with the family and his youthful charge receiving the same care and attention as the children of the house.

"During this time the unhappy wandering Sullivan, wandering always with the hope of some where meeting with his little one, and of whom he never could conceive that she was other than the infant who had been snatched from him, frequently sought Carter by stealth to beg the whereabouts of his child; but the answer was always the same: the child was well, and well done for, but the time had not come to give her to her father; and then the wonted threats were repeated and the liquor used, and 'Rick of the Hills' sunk again into the miserable cowardly state.

"Mrs. O'Donoghue, as beloved as her husband, died in giving birth to a girl two years the junior of the heir of the house, and the little family now comprising the brother and sister, and the adopted girl and boy, were so fond and united as though really bound by the ties of kindred. When the boys became old enough, they were sent to college. It was the first separation among the young people, and it was sorely felt. But a greater trouble was to visit them; before the vacation of either was completed they were recalled to the death-bed of him who had been so true a father to them all. Cairn

O'Donoghue died, appointing Mortimer Carter the legal guardian of his children. The boys returned to college, the girls lived daily lives of education and blessing, while Carter apparently was so exemplary in his conduct that he had the entire trust and affection of his wards.

(To be continued)

Cassadaga.

Prayers were offered Sunday for William Adler who died recently in Rochester. The months mind mass of John A. Taylor was celebrated on Monday. The December subscription for the new rectory comes due next Sunday. The pastor, last Sunday advised the people to shop early and not to forget the poor. John Terrence McIntyre was baptized last Sunday. The old church is being fixed up for the Holiday Fair. The stage has been raised and a long runway kitchen built underneath with a stair coming up at the South West corner of the stage. The entertainment committee is busy looking up talent for the various nights, so far the children of the Steward family, the Burke family and the Erinas each have a night. The fair lasts from Dec. 25th to Jan. 1 inclusive. Mrs. Louise Bates Brumfitt will give her lecture Thursday evening on the church of St. Francis at Assisi.

Cook Opera House.

J.H. Moore will re-introduce to the patrons of the Cook Opera House next week that excellent vaudeville actress, Valerie Bergere who will appear with her always capable Co. in her greatest play, "His Japanese Wife," in which she shows to better advantage than in any play in her long repertoire. The special feature of the week is the attraction of the week is the Mirza Golem troupe of Persian acrobats, the first troupe of this kind that has ever appeared in vaudeville in this country. Matthews and Ashley will present a new act called "Held Up," which they said to be equal to anything they have ever presented in vaudeville. Among the other fine attractions for the week are: "The Scotch Lassies" in songs and dances; Keane and Briscoe, Ida Nevins and Arnold Piquo, the Moorecope pictures. The week following, or Christmas week the management will present for the first time in Rochester the comic opera "The Naked Truth," which has Harry Davenport and Phyllis Rankin in the principal parts, supported by a company of 16 people.

Get A Raincoat.

The Christmas shopper who fails to take advantage of the excellent bargains offered by the Goodyear Raincoat Co., a local enterprise which has made much headway, is denying himself many things. This well stocked establishment, located at 55 Main St. East is selling most excellent lines of waterproof garments at the rate of 55 cents on the dollar, having completely ignored retail prices in arranging to meet the demands of the holiday season. One can get a waterproof garment from the roughest sort of material required for hard usage to the very handsome and natty silk design for Men, Women and Children. The goods are such as to lead the field for durability and worth, and not only are the garments unrivalled in the sea-son of storms but also are equally high in standard as fair.

Rain coats may be bought at a price as low as \$3.95 and the cravenettes that are on display include the latest styles and designs, range in price from \$6.74 to \$11.74. The most attractive articles in the Men's, Women's and Children's line range from \$5.89 to \$18.74. In fact every article in the store is a bargain and the stock is so large that it is hard to de-

Special 8 day sale now on.

Mass Meeting

Catholics of this city, both men and women, are invited to attend a grand mass meeting to be held in St. Joseph's Hall, on Franklin Street, Sunday evening at eight o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is two fold. In the first place it will serve as a proper observance of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, patron of the Rochester Diocesan Federation, under whose auspices the meeting will be held, and it will also be a commemoration of the golden jubilee of the ordination to the priesthood of the present pope, Pius XI.

The speakers will be Judge Murphy of the Municipal Court, Rev. E. Ziegler, assistant pastor of Holy Family Church, Alphonse Joseph Sigl M. A., and Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey D. D., coadjutor bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Rochester, will attend the meeting if he is in the city. There will also be a short musical programme.



The present page was originally printed fifty years ago and the federations of Catholics scattered all over the country received on some sort of a celebration. In many cases thousands of men received communion in a body for the intention of the sovereign pontiff. In this city many of the societies followed suit and the diocesan federation decided on a large meeting of Catholics as a means of holding a public celebration. It was determined to hold it Sunday in St. Joseph's Hall.

Good Taste in Holiday Gifts.

If you are a conscientious buyer of Christmas presents, really desirous of giving something unusually novel or beautiful, the store of the Henry Oemisch Co., East Main St. and East Ave., is the place for you. Here is a gathering of gift goods unsurpassed for richness and exclusiveness—beautiful gold jewelry, magnificent diamonds and pearls, and sorts of semi-precious stones, fine watches, handsome clocks, massive silverware, dainty ornaments, choice art objects for the home—thousands and thousands of carefully chosen articles that is a treat to see. As to prices, the Oemisch store is a place where all can make appropriate selections, whatever the size of their pocketbooks.

Photographs.

Lehnkering's Studio was crowded all last week. Everybody is after the beautiful \$5 photos he is making for \$5 per dozen. They surely are the finest photographs ever made for the money. Come in the morning if you can, storm or sunshine makes no difference. If you choose you can make an appointment by Home phone 1468. Studio 24 state street, over the White Kitchen.

Christmas Presents.

We are ready with the largest and best collection of goods suitable for holiday presents to be seen in Rochester. Then our prices are uniformly low. No exorbitant profits are allowed in our store. The minimum of profit is the established rule here. Make your selections while the merchandise is so crisp and bright and shopping can be done comfortably.

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Joseph H. Conroy, Commissioner of Public Safety, has been appointed to the position of Commissioner of Public Safety, succeeding the late Commissioner, John J. Conroy. Mr. Conroy was born at Canaan, N.Y., Nov. 18, 1888. His parents were James and Mary Conroy. He attended the common schools of Canaan, N.Y., and the State Normal School at Albany, N.Y., where he obtained his bachelor's degree in 1910. He was employed in the Rochester office of the Commissioner of Public Safety from 1910 to 1926.

It is interesting to note that the late Commissioner, John J. Conroy, was born at Canaan, N.Y., Nov. 18, 1888. His parents were James and Mary Conroy. He attended the common schools of Canaan, N.Y., and the State Normal School at Albany, N.Y., where he obtained his bachelor's degree in 1910. He was employed in the Rochester office of the Commissioner of Public Safety from 1910 to 1926.

If you are interested in these gifts, look at them up or call up Home phone 182. Stop in and examine stock in person.

Special Sale of Toys and Games. This week we have a special sale of toys and games. The goods are of the highest quality and at very low prices. Come in and see for yourself.

Unredeemed Watches. We have a large stock of unredeemed watches. They are of the finest quality and at very low prices. Come in and see for yourself.

Missouri Law. The Missouri law regarding the sale of liquor is being discussed in the courts. The law is being challenged and the courts are expected to decide on it soon.

Slippers and Gaiters. Did you ever watch an individual at a party? As soon as the drink he sits down at a table and begins to slip it. It takes him half an hour to finish a drink which would be a mere swallow for a sober person. Some psychologists ought to study this and try to find out why some of our disreputable characters lead were not dead to the world. The difference between a slipper and a gaiter is a matter of a few inches and a matter of a few dollars.