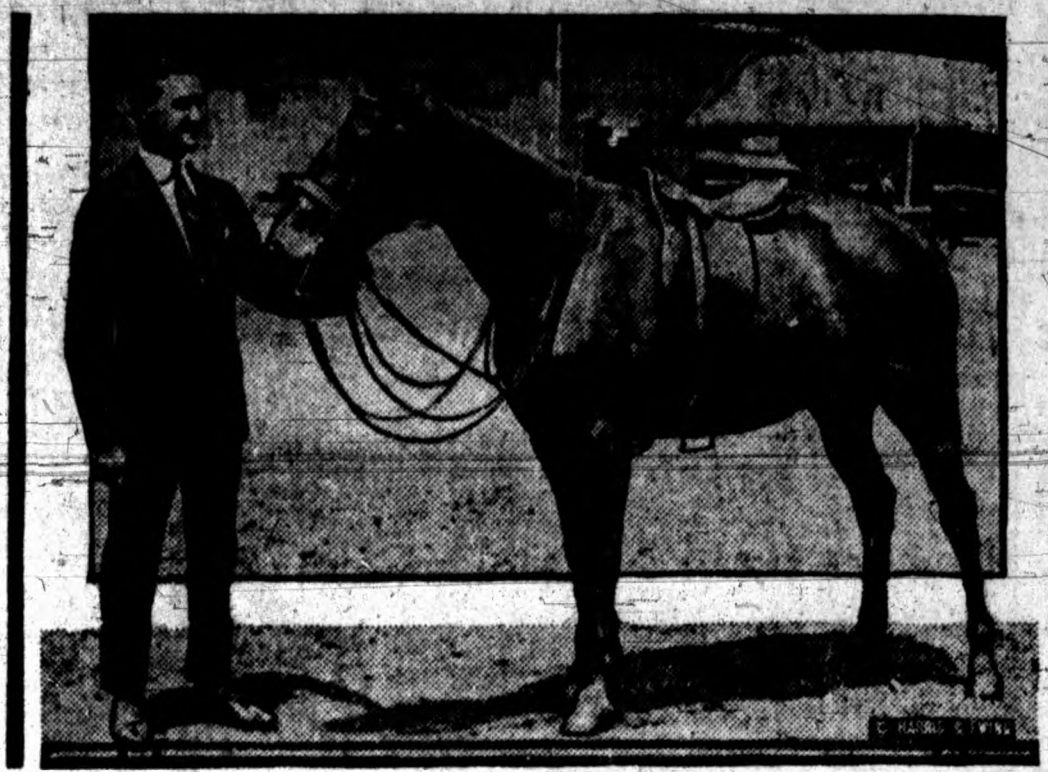


Gets Fine Present From Argentina



Maj. John G. Quekemeyer, formerly aide to General Pershing, with "Argentina," a six-year-old polo pony presented to him by the minister of war of the Argentine Republic, General Justo.

The Free Traders

By Victor Rousseau

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CHAPTER XXII

Retribution

The cold rage in Lee's heart was like an inexorable demon driving him. Mile after mile they covered, urging their foam-flecked horses along the trail as remorselessly as the resolve in their own hearts drove them.

It was when they topped a bare elevation among the pines that Leboeuf touched his companion's arm and pointed.

In the distance Lee saw the motor boat drawn up on the shore.

And with that, some instinct told him that Rathway could not escape them, that he would never reach Lake Misquash. Lee burned now with the same faith that animated Leboeuf.

They drove their horses on, and saw the motor boat depart, heard the chug of its engine die away in the distance. They neither quickened their pace nor slackened it for that.

It was about the middle of the afternoon that Leboeuf touched Lee's arm and pointed a second time. Again Lee saw the motor boat. Again they heard the rattle of the engine swell up and die away.

But now, by the same faith, Lee knew that Joyce's deliverance was very near, although their horses were wearied almost to death.

Again they rode on through the afternoon. The Indian, who had not spoken a word since their departure, touched Lee's arm a third time.

And now Lee saw the motor boat again, but it was drifting, apparently aimlessly, in the river, and moving slowly toward the rapids. Joyce sat in the middle of it, and Rathway was at the engine. Lee and Leboeuf rode cruelly, drawing out their horses' last reserve of strength.

What was the man doing? They saw him rise and hurl something into the water. He stood up in the boat, he shook his fist at them, and his yells of defiance reached their ears above the roar of the stream.

Then, seizing an oar, Rathway began paddling frantically, in the endeavor to get the boat bow on preparatory to guiding her down the narrow course among the rocks.

Lee and Leboeuf were nearly abreast of the boat now—and of a sudden Lee knew that Joyce was his.

His, in life and death, for evermore! She saw, she knew him, and their spirits seemed to rush together across the waters.

Without hesitation Lee and the Indian put their horses into the river. They drove the frightened beasts through the ice-cold water, making a course immediately toward the boat, which was now being swirled by the torrent toward that black chain of projecting rocks.

The horses yielded to the force of the stream. They were being carried away. Lee felt the swift rush of the water past him as he rode, submerged to the waist. He saw Leboeuf a little in front of him. And a wild exhilaration filled his heart, and his whole personality seemed to rush out before him, anticipating his vengeance and his love.

The frightened, snorting beasts were now helpless in the rush of the river, which gathered force momentarily as it drove them toward the rocks. They were hardly a boat's length from where Rathway was striving desperately to right the motor craft.

He was too late. He had not calculated on the force of the current,

which slewed the heavy boat around, in spite of Rathway's strongest efforts. One moment of suspense and terror—and the motor boat wedged itself fairly between two upstanding rocks beside the channel's mouth.

Such was the velocity of the stream that it drove into its place with a force that fixed it as firmly as if it were a part of the rocks themselves, and hung there, with a swirl of white water around it, reaching almost to the gunwales.

In those last moments Lee saw Rathway, standing in the boat, drag Joyce to her feet and clutch her to him, as if resolved to be united with her at the last. His free hand he extended menacingly toward Lee as he approached, himself spinning upon his whirling mount like a straw in the torrent.

Then Leboeuf had struggled from his horse's back, poised himself upon the gunwale of the motor boat, and with a bellow of rage, seized Rathway by the throat.

To and fro they rocked, the boat, despite their struggles, remaining firm as a wedge. And now the great shoulders of the old Indian were dragging his enemy from his place.

What Leboeuf said to Rathway in those last moments no one ever knew, for the roar of the rapids drowned all other sound. But of a sudden Rathway's resistance seemed to cease. Perhaps in Leboeuf he recognized the advent of that Nemesis he had defied; he collapsed, and Leboeuf, holding him in his arms, poised himself one instant on the gunwale.

The next both men had disappeared forever in the surge of the rapids that swept them through the falls, grinding them into unrecognizable pulp among the rocks.

Lee grasped at the boat as his horse swept by to its destruction. He clung there, clambered in. His arms were about Joyce. She lay there, and they forgot everything in the peace that had descended under the veil of the smoking spray.

It was long before they awakened to realities. They looked about them, smiling at their position. Death seemed so small a thing to them, now. And yet, the boon of life... how much it meant!

Lee crept to the bow. The boat, wedged firmly between the rocks, was nevertheless being constantly swept aside by the swirl of the current. He came back to Joyce.

"If I could dislodge her, I believe she'd go through that channel in the rapids, Joyce. I'll have to try." Joyce sighed. They would have liked to prolong that happiness of theirs for all eternity. They were unconscious of all but each other.

But they must put their love to the last test of life. Lee's clothes

were freezing on him; in the boat were packs, supplies—life, life for both of them if she could take the rapids.

"I'll try, Joyce." They held each other for a moment longer. Then, taking the oar, Lee drove the handle into the gap between the rocks and levered with all his strength. The boat began to give.

One instant it hung giddily on the abyss; the next it was back in position.

"Lie down, Joyce." And he flung all his strength into that attempt, conscious that life and death trembled in the balance.

The boat gave, clung to the rock, was swept sidewise, righted herself and plunged down the channel to safety in the calm waters below.

"Lee, dearest, it's from Father McGrath. He wants us to come up to the settlement this summer. He's got five new Indian babies and he's as proud as Punch over them. And Estelle—"

She hesitated and looked at Lee.

"Go on?" "Estelle's simply devoted to the children and she's taken up my work with so much pleasure. He says she seems quite happy and he believes in time that she'll forget—him."

"I might get leave of absence," Lee mused. "But with that promise of my commission and our transfer—I think perhaps our visit will have to wait."

"Some day," Joyce suggested. They wondered if that day would ever come. At times a longing for the range came over them for those scenes where they had met and loved. But mingled with it were those memories that they had put out of their lives because that shadow must never darken their happiness.

"Some day," said Lee, "perhaps—"

[THE END.]

Health and Home

FOOD FOR CHILDREN WHO TRAVEL

Many times, and especially during the summer months, mothers are forced to take their children on trips with them. During these trips, the parent is forced to contend with that ever-present and serious problem of food for the child.

As in almost every other case, the chief source of worry, during these periods, is the milk supply, its source, its purity and its food value. It is not always convenient to get market milk of dependable quality for, in many sections of the country, adequate facilities for its care are not provided. To meet the needs of mothers in these trying situations, science has provided a form of milk, conveniently carried and easily prepared. The cans are in two sizes, the one containing six ounces and the other sixteen.

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From Sixth Week to Third Month.
Milk, evaporated 6 ounces
Lime water 3 ounces
Milk sugar 2 ounces
Bovril water 26 ounces
Seven feedings in twenty-four hours; 4 to 5 ounces at three-hour intervals during the day and four-hour intervals at night.

From Third Month to Fifth Month.
Milk, evaporated 7 1/2 ounces
Lime water 3 ounces
Milk sugar 2 ounces
Bovril water 29 1/2 ounces
Six feedings in twenty-four hours; 5 to 6 ounces at three-hour intervals during the day and a feeding at 10 p. m.

From Fifth to Seventh Month.
Milk, evaporated 10 ounces
Lime water 3 ounces
Milk sugar 2 ounces
Bovril water 29 ounces
Five feedings in twenty-four hours; 6 to 7 ounces at four-hour intervals, the last feeding to be given at 10 p. m.

From Seventh to Ninth Month.
Milk, evaporated 11 ounces
Lime water 3 ounces
Milk sugar 2 ounces
Bovril water 35 ounces
7 to 9 ounces at four-hour intervals during the day. Last feeding at ten at night.

From Ninth to Twelfth Month.
Milk, evaporated 12 ounces
Lime water 3 ounces
Milk sugar 2 ounces
Barley water 34 ounces
8 to 9 ounces at four-hour intervals during day. Last feeding at ten at night.

Let Us Not Lose Faith

Earl Balfour said not long ago: "Let us not fear that the future is going to be less glorious than the past. Problems of which we never dreamed multiply upon us until we are almost overwhelmed. But let us not lose faith or courage."

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Lesson for July 26

THE COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM

LESSON TEXT—Acts 15:1-25.
GOLDEN TEXT—"We believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they."

—Acts 15:11.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus the Friend of Little Children.

JUNIOR TOPIC—A Great Gathering at Jerusalem.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Council at Jerusalem.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—What Is Christian Liberty?

I. The Controversy in the Church at Antioch (vv. 1-5).

This difficulty was a most serious one for it threatened the disruption of the church into a Jewish and a Gentile division. It was not a question of the admission of the Gentiles into the church. That had been settled some years before when Peter received Cornelius and his household. The question now was, on what ground could they be received? Should Gentile converts be required to keep the Mosaic law as a condition of salvation? This issue was brought on by the coming of certain men from Jerusalem, who declared, "Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved (v. 1)." The question was so difficult that Paul and Barnabas were unable to put the men to silence.

These Jewish legalists had the letter of the Scripture on their side. They could point to the command in which this was enjoined upon believers (Gen. 17:14). Paul could not point to any Scripture where it had been abrogated. If Paul could plead that Abraham was justified before he was circumcised, his antagonists could answer, "Yes, but after justification the rite was divinely imposed." The brethren at Antioch decided to refer the matter to the mother church at Jerusalem. Accordingly, Paul and Barnabas and others were sent as a deputation to Jerusalem. At an informal reception by the church at Jerusalem they rehearsed the things which God had done for them.

II. The Deliberations of the Council (vv. 6-21).

1. Peter's Speech (vv. 6-11). He argued that God had borne witness to His acceptance of the Gentiles by giving the Holy Spirit to them as unto the Jews (Acts 10:34-47). Since, therefore, God had not made a difference it would be folly for them to do so.

2. Paul and Barnabas Rehearsed Their Experience (v. 12).

They told how God had set his seal of approval on their preaching of salvation by grace through faith, apart from works, by the working of signs and wonders through them.

3. The Argument of James (vv. 14-21).

He took the declaration of Peter and showed how it harmonized with the prophecy of Amos (Amos 9:11-15). He showed that the reception of the Gentiles was not in conflict with God's plan, but in strict harmony therewith. As set forth by James, God's plan is as follows:

(1) To take out from among the Gentiles a people for His name (v. 14). This is what is now going on—the preaching of the gospel to the ends of the earth, and the calling out of the church.

(2) After the church is completed and removed, the Hebrew nation will be converted and restored to its own land and privileges by the Lord Himself at His return (vv. 16-17).

(3) Following this will be the conversion of the world through the agency of converted Israel (v. 17, cf. Rom. 11:15). He showed that there is no conflict when the Scriptures are rightly divided.

His judgment was that the Gentiles should not be troubled with things that are Jewish, but should be warned against the perils of heathenism, such as meat offered to idols, fornication and blood.

III. The Decision (vv. 22-20).

The Mother church came to unanimous agreement and accepted the resolution offered by James. The apostles and elders not only sent a letter stating the decision of the conference, but took the wise precaution to send influential men along with Paul and Barnabas to bear the same testimony by word of mouth. The letter denied the authority of the Judaizing teachers (v. 24), and stated the method by which this decision had been reached (vv. 25-27). They put the Holy Spirit first.

IV. The Decision Delivered to the Church (vv. 30-35).

The church was called together to hear the report. Its reading brought rejoicing. They were now free to prosecute the great missionary work.

Spiritual Growth

We must not expect spiritual growth when we persist in acting the fool.—Charles E. Jefferson.

To Shore Unknown

Let me dream that love goes with us to the shore unknown.—Mrs. Hemans.

Strong Body; Pure Soul

"A strong body is good; a pure soul is better."—Burning Bush.

Great Naval Station

Malta has an area of 118 square miles and a population of 224,680. This includes the neighboring islands of Gozo and Comino. Malta was annexed to Great Britain, with the free will of the Maltese, in 1814 by the treaty of Paris. It has an elected legislature, but there are certain reserved matters, such as war, treaties, foreign trade, etc., which are dealt with by the governor and executive council. Exports include potatoes and other vegetables, oranges, cummin seed, goats and sheep, cotton goods and stone. The distance of Malta from New York is about 4,900 miles. This group of islands is situated in the Mediterranean—sea, 60 miles from Sicily, 140 miles from the European mainland and 180 miles from Africa. It has a magnificent natural harbor at Valetta and an ideal situation as a coaling station and center of Mediterranean commerce. It is England's premier naval station in that sea.

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