

My Lady of the North

The LOVE STORY of A GRAY JACKET

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"Yes, sir." "Take what men you have left a hundred yards south on the cross-road."

We could hear them crunching their way through the bushes, until the sound finally died out in the distance.



"A Single Word or Sound, and I Fire."

shed. I reached out into the darkness, but without turning my face away from him, and silently severed the picket-rope, retaining the loosened end in my grasp.

CHAPTER XX.

A Demon on Horseback.

I felt positively happy then. The thrill of successful achievement was mine, and with the exultation of a soldier in having surmounted obstacles and peril, I nearly forgot for the moment the heart tragedy left behind.

A dozen spits of fire cleaved the intense blackness behind, and I knew the widely scattered patrol were sending chance shots across the stream.

A clang of hoofs rang out upon the rocks, but I could distinguish nothing indicating a large pursuing party—probably the two who were mounted at the ford, with possibly others following when they caught their strayed horses.

The stars appeared to be paling somewhat down in the east, for the coming day-dawn was already whitening the horizon.

"Handley," I said, speaking low, but in a tone which left no doubt as to my exact meaning.

"Order him to take ten men on foot one hundred yards west on the pike, and wait further orders."

"Handley," he called out, his voice so choked with rage as to make me fearful it might arouse suspicion.

"Seven."

"Any non-com. among them?"

"A corporal."

"Jones," he called out huskily.

between us, dwelling upon each look or accent that could evince her possible interest in me. Then reason returned to my aid, and resolutely, determinedly, inspired by every instinct of soldierly honor, I resolved that I would put her from my thoughts forever.

I was musing thus, lulled by the steady lope of my horse, and totally insensible to any possibility of peril, when clear upon my ears, instantly awakening me from such reverie, there rang through the night silence the sharp clang of iron on the road behind me.

This thought awoke me in an instant from my dreaming, and I spurred my horse furiously, glancing anxiously backward as I rode, but unable through that dense gloom to distinguish the form of my pursuer.

I was able to trace dimly his outlines now as he rose on an eminence in my rear, his horse looming dark against the sky, like those giant steeds that snorted fire in my child's picture-books at home, and then, with increasingly louder thunder of hoofbeats, he came charging straight down toward me.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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ROSTER OF CASES. For the Court of Common Pleas, Sumter County, Summer Term, 1913.

The Sumter Bar Association met at the office of the Clerk of Court under the call of Chairman R. D. Lee, Esq., on June 16th, 1913, and prepared the following roster of cases to be tried at the Summer term of Court:

MONDAY, JUNE 30TH. 1. Sumter Banking and Mercantile Co., vs. Wells and Edens—Hugh C. Haynsworth; John H. Clifton.

2. Ipp Claoudis vs. John Haritos, Geo. D. Levy; L. E. Wood.

12. Hercules Maples vs. Katie Spencer. M. W. Seabrook, H. Harby; John H. Clifton.

16. Stokes vs. A. A. Sprunt & Son. Lee & Moise; L. D. Jennings.

18. A. G. Myrant vs. North Western Railroad Co. of South Carolina. L. D. Jennings; Lee & Moise.

19. Birnie Fay vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.—L. D. Jennings; Mark Reynolds and L. W. McLemore.

TUESDAY, JULY 1ST. 20. A. D. Harby vs. W. B. Boyle. L. D. Jennings; John H. Clifton.

22. Louisa Ard vs. North State Life Insurance Co. John H. Clifton; McLeod & Dennis.

24. Alme Holliday vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. L. D. Jennings; Mark Reynolds and L. W. McLemore.

25. Louisa S. Manning vs. Francis M. Mosley, et al. L. D. Jennings; M. L. Smith.

27. John Haritos vs. A. Macheras. A. S. Merrimon; Lee & Moise.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND. 28. S. M. Broom vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. L. D. Jennings and John H. Clifton; Mark Reynolds and L. W. McLemore.

29. J. W. McCoy, Jr., vs. J. W. McCoy. Lee & Moise; L. D. Jennings.

THURSDAY, JULY 3RD. 30. L. H. Lee vs. Kalamazoo Cultivator Co. L. D. Jennings; Ragsdale & Whiting.

31. A. L. Lesesne vs. Northwestern Railroad Company of South Carolina. L. D. Jennings; Lee & Moise.

32. Sumter Grocery Company vs. Alfred Owen. Lee & Moise; John H. Clifton.

MONDAY, JULY 7TH. 33. J. R. Bracey vs. Southern Railway Co. L. D. Jennings; E. M. Thompson.

34. Standard Supply Company vs. L. T. & T. L. Northcutt. Lee & Moise; McLaughlin & Smith.

35. T. O. Osteen vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. L. D. Jennings; Mark Reynolds and L. W. McLemore.

TUESDAY, JULY 8TH. 38. Terry & Terry vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. Lee & Moise; Mark Reynolds and L. W. McLemore.

39. E. W. Dabbs vs. C. Walter Betts & Co. McLaughlin & Smith; Hugh C. Haynsworth, John H. Clifton, L. D. Jennings, C. L. Cuttino.

40. C. D. Waldrop vs. C. M. Emanuel, Administrator. W. M. Gordon; L. D. Jennings.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9TH. 41. Mary Murry, et al vs. Southern Railway Company. L. D. Jennings; E. M. Thompson.

42. A. W. Davis, Administrator vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. J. H. Clifton; Mark Reynolds, L. W. McLemore.

43. George M. Sanders vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. L. D. Jennings; Mark Reynolds, L. W. McLemore.

FRIDAY, JULY 11TH. 47. Melton Lowry vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. F. A. McLeod; Mark Reynolds, L. W. McLemore.

48. Stern Trading Co., vs. J. K. McElveen. McLeod & Dennis; John H. Clifton.

49. Frank Covert vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. L. D. Jennings; Mark Reynolds, L. W. McLemore.

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH. 50. Polly Nesbitt vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co., et al. L. D. Jennings; Mark Reynolds and L. W. McLemore.

51. Martha Ballard, et al vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. L. D. Jennings; Mark Reynolds, L. W. McLemore.

TUESDAY, JULY 15TH. 56. S. M. Broom vs. Continental Casualty Co. L. D. Jennings; Lee & Moise.

57. Sallie Jackson, Administrator vs. Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. John J. Earle and E. J. Best; Lyles & Lyles; Mark Reynolds and L. W. McLemore.

Resolved, That no cause shall lose its position on the calendar by reason of the same not being reached and called for trial on the day assigned, but such cause shall stand in regular order to be called for trial when the same is reached in due course.

WHAT SCHOOLS WANT MONEY?

Prize of Fifty Dollars Offered by First National Bank to Enterprising Schools.

The President and directors of the First National Bank of Sumter have offered a prize of \$50.00 to the first group of five schools in Sumter County which raise \$100 each in order to secure the services of a traveling teacher of cooking, sewing, gardening and bench work.

Miss Mary E. Frayser of Newberry College, in charge of extension work in Home Economics has advocated this measure in Sumter County and elsewhere in South Carolina.

The offer of the First National Bank is a generous one. It proves that the officers of that institution are abreast of the modern conception of education and put a premium on efficiency.

California and the Japanese.

Japanese statesmen understand very well the situation on the Pacific coast of the United States. They know that it is the aim of the people of California and adjacent States to build up a homogeneous American civilization, as free as possible from the difficulties that arise out of labor conflicts between races having wholly different standards.

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Reception to Two Brides.

One of the very large and interesting social events of the past week was the reception to Mrs. Junius Parrott and to Mrs. Van Cleve A. Parrott, two young ladies brought to Sumter by Sumter's popular young business men, given by Mrs. Lauren I. Parrott at her home on Haskell street.

At the door the guests were met by Miss Lola Brown, who ushered them into the parlor, where Miss Mabel Parrott introduced them to those in the receiving line.

The house was prettily decorated for the occasion, which was most heartily enjoyed.

10 CENT STORE MAGNATE HERE. Wm. H. Cobb Talks Entertainingly of Development of Sumter and South Generally.

"I like the business outlook of Sumter so well," said Wm. H. Cobb, 10 cent store magnate, who operates a chain of stores in the South, in answer to a question put by a reporter of The Daily Item, "that I have just signed a new lease on this property with Mr. Geo. D. Shore for five years, and will conduct, if anything, a greater business in Sumter than heretofore."

"Sumter has made wonderful strides in the past few years," said Mr. Cobb, further, "and the volume of business done by us here has increased just as much in proportion as in any of the seven Southern cities in which we operate 5 and 10 cent stores."

Mr. Cobb talked very entertainingly of the rapid growth of the South generally, and said that the prospects now were as bright as could be, in his opinion. He said that improvements in the entire South had been made so rapidly in the past decade, he could hardly realize that only ten years ago horse cars and darkened streets greeted the visitor to a city the size of Columbia at that time.

Mr. Cobb has been in Sumter for the past day or two arranging for the renewal of the lease on his store and looking to the installation of a new manager to succeed Mr. E. C. Lord, who severs his connection shortly with this firm to take another position in Sumter.

BOUND FOR EUROPE.

Carl A. Witherspoon Leaves for National Sunday School Convention at Zurich, Switzerland.

Mr. Carl A. Witherspoon, who for the past year has been assistant secretary of the Sumter Y. M. C. A., but who resigned June first to accept a position as circulation manager of the Inter-Church, a non-denominational religious magazine published weekly at Clinton, S. C., by the Inter-Church Publishing Company, left here Saturday for Boston, Mass., from which place he will sail for Liverpool, on his way to the National Sunday School convention at Zurich, Switzerland.

The trip is made possible for Mr. Witherspoon by the Inter-Church and he expects it to be a most enjoyable one. While he will be at the Sunday School Convention only ten days, his trip will last about two months.

DARLINGTON WANTS HOTEL.

Darlington, June 13.—The untiring efforts put forth looking to the building for Darlington of a modern hotel have at last met with assured success. The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, J. E. Norment, has been busily engaged in pushing forward this movement for the past few months, and when seen today said that he had already in hand in subscriptions to the capital stock \$60,000, with at least \$5,000 more in sight.

The new hotel will fill a long felt need of the town. It has been often remarked that in this particular alone is Darlington not far ahead of other towns its size in the matter of public buildings. The new hotel will be a great asset, and will supply the lack heretofore so keenly felt by men who are always interested in the welfare of the town.

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