

Varenka Arkadyevna

(Original.)

One morning several years ago two young men—Turovskii and Dronski—were sitting in Dronski's room in Warsaw, Russian Poland, hatching revolution. Suddenly there were footsteps on the stairs and in another moment the door was thrown open and the police rushed in. Turovskii nodded toward Dronski and the police arrested him. As they were taking him away he reproached Turovskii with having betrayed him, whereupon the latter remarked coolly that there was no betrayal, since he was simply doing his duty as an officer in the secret service. Dronski was sent to Siberia, where, after intolerable sufferings, he died of prison consumption.

Several years after Dronski's arrest, while Turovskii, who was now chief of police in Russian Poland, was riding in his carriage in Warsaw, a man fired a shot at him. At the moment a girl who stood by the window was assassinated. The man who fired the shot was spirited away by accomplices so quickly that the police did not even get on his track. The chief saw the whole affair and directed that the girl be sent to his office. When she arrived there he said to her:

"You are a brave girl to have interfered with an assassin, and I owe you my life. What can I do to repay you?"

"Please, excellency, I would like to serve the government."

"In what capacity?"

"In the secret service. I have many friends among the revolutionists, who consider me one of them. I could learn much of their plans and report them to you."

"You shall have every opportunity, and for every ruble you earn I will see that you are paid ten."

The girl, who gave her name as Varenka Arkadyevna, from that moment enrolled in the secret police, where she served for a long while, often bringing in information of the revolutionists. There was a singular personality about her that fascinated Turovskii. At times he thought she loved him, and at times she acted as if she hated him. There are few men who will not be caught by such uncertainty. Turovskii fell desperately in love with her.

Varenka's bravery, too, was fascinating to her lover. She told him that her real status was known to some of her revolutionist friends, but she did not fear to go where they were, though always armed to the teeth. One thing at last began to mystify Turovskii. Though Varenka often led the police to capture some revolutionist, when the force arrived the bird had always flown.

Varenka lived in first class apartments which were paid for by the government. One day the chief appeared at her apartments with trouble written on his face.

"Sweetheart," he said, "I have noticed that we never gain anything from the information you bring us. Every meeting of revolutionists you have told us of has for some reason failed to take place. Besides, certain persons whom we have intended to arrest have in some unaccountable way been warned and have escaped us. And now comes one of our women in the secret service bureau who accuses you of being a revolutionist, of giving them all our secrets."

"Who is my accuser?"

"Katia Postsoff."

Varenka grew a shade whiter. Going to another room she took a pistol from a drawer, put it in her bosom and returning to her lover said:

"I may as well make a confession, for Katia can prove her accusation."

"Great heavens!" exclaimed Turovskii, catching at the back of a chair for support.

"Do you remember," Varenka went on, "your bosom friend Dronski?"

"I do," gasped Turovskii.

"I am his sister. I was far from him at the time you betrayed and arrested him, but I determined that some day I would avenge him. While he suffered the tortures you heaped upon him my resolution grew stronger. When he died I determined to execute a plan I had formed. The man who fired at you was my accomplice, and there were twenty revolutionists standing by to take him to safety. I knocked up his pistol on purpose to win your confidence. Having won from you all I can for my people, the moment of my supreme vengeance has come."

People living on the floor below heard a shot and came running up the stairs to see what was the matter. Varenka stood at her door and asked them if they had not heard a shot. They replied that they had and that the sound seemed to have come from that floor, whereupon she said that it sounded to her to have come from the rear apartments. She spoke as calmly as if she had been used to having shots fired near her all her life. The excited people went to the rear apartments to learn that nothing unusual had occurred there. The occupants were sure that the shot had come from the front rooms. Puzzled, the crowd went to Varenka's apartments and knocked. There was no answer to their summons. They conferred, and, all agreeing that something must be wrong, they decided to burst open the door. They did so, and stretched on the floor Turovskii, the chief of police, lay dead.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Treasurer Bartles Asks Your Attention Between October 15th and December 31st. Read and Govern Yourselves Accordingly.

The tax books will be opened on the 15th of October and closed on the 31st of December without penalty. After the 31st of December there will be added 1 per cent. penalty for the month of January, 1 per cent. more for February, and 5 per cent. more from the 1st to 15th of March. After the 15th of March executions will be issued.

Will commence to collect commutation road tax on the 15th of October, and close on the 15th day of March.

Age for paying commutation road tax 18 to 50. Age for paying poll tax 21 to 60.

When paying your taxes please observe the following rules in order to save unnecessary executions, which is annoying to the taxpayers, the treasurer and the sheriff.

1st. Be sure that you get the treasurer to look on his book for your name before you go to the auditor for an additional as some one might have made your return.

2nd. Be sure that you call for your taxes by the same name as that in which you returned it.

3rd. Be sure that you call for the same township in which you made your return and not call for the one into which you have moved since making your return.

4th. When you come to see about or pay your taxes, be sure that you mention the townships in which you own property, as the treasurer is not supposed to know where all your property is located. Please remember these special school districts when you come or send to pay your taxes and call for each special school district and township in which you have property.

When you pay your taxes please look at receipt and see if it covers all of your personal property, number of acres of land and lots in town, etc., and if not, then and there get it corrected, and do not wait till an execution is served against you and then claim that it was the treasurer's fault and not yours as you asked him for your taxes. The treasurer does not know when you paid taxes on all of your property.

First is up to you.

Will collect taxes at the following places: Union, from October 10th to November 6th, except at Buffalo Cotton Mills, Monday, October 23rd.

West Springs, Nov. 8th, forenoon.

Bennett's Store, November 8th, afternoon till 3 o'clock.

Cross Keys, November 9th.

Sedalia, November 10, till 11 o'clock.

Adamsburg, November 13, forenoon.

Lockhart, November 14 till 3 o'clock.

Kelton, November 15.

Carlisle, November 16, forenoon.

Santue, November 17, forenoon.

Jonesville, November 20th.

Tax levy as follows:

For State	5 1-2 Mills
Ordinary County	3 1-2 "
Road	1 "
Interest on R R Bonds	1 1-4 "
Old Soldiers	1-2 "
Constitutional School	3 "
Union Special School	3 "
Carlisle	3 "
Santue	3 "
Jonesville	2 1-2 "
Rocky Creek	3 "
West Springs	2 1-2 "
Jonesville School Bonds	2 "
Past Indebtedness	1 "

J. H. BARTLES, Treasurer Union County.

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Last Hope Vanished.

When leading physicians said that W. M. Smithart, of Pekin, Ill., had incurable consumption, his last hope vanished; but Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds kept him out of his grave. He says: "This great specific completely cured me and saved my life. Since then, I have used it for over 10 years, and consider it a marvelous throat and lung cure." Strictly scientific cure for Coughs, Sore Throats or Colds; sure preventive of Pneumonia. Guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00 bottles at F. C. Duke's drug store. Trial bottle free.

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Probate Judge Union County, S. C.

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AN ORDINANCE

Repealing an Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance Against Selling any Kind of Liquor Within the Corporate Limits of the Town of Union," Ratified in Council Assembled on the Third Day of January, 1895.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Union, South Carolina, in Council assembled and by authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Against Selling any Kind of Liquor Within the Corporate Limits of the Town of Union," ratified in Council assembled under the Seal of the Council and the hand of the Mayor on the Third day of January, 1895, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Done and ratified in Council assembled under the hand of the Mayor and the corporate Seal of the Town of Union, this Second day of October, A. D. 1905.

Attest: W. D. ARTHUR, Mayor.

[L. S.] Clerk and Treas. 40-3t

AN ORDINANCE

Against Selling Alcoholic Liquors Within the Corporate Limits of the Town of Union.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Union, South Carolina, in Council assembled and by authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, either as principal or agent or otherwise, to manufacture, keep or store within the corporate limits of the Town of Union any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented, brewed (whether larger or rice beer), or other liquor, or any compound or mixture thereof by whatever name called or known, which contains alcohol and is used as a beverage. Provided, nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to the storage or manufacture of liquor as permitted by the Dispensary Law of the State of South Carolina.

SECTION 2. Whenever it shall be brought to the attention of the Mayor or Mayor pro tempore of the Town of Union by affidavit, either upon information or belief or otherwise, that any person or persons has in his, her or their possession, or is keeping or storing, within the corporate limits of the Town of Union either as principal or agent or otherwise, any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented, brewed (whether larger or rice beer) or other liquor, or any compound or mixture thereof by whatever name called or known, which contains alcohol and is used as a beverage, said Mayor or Mayor pro tempore shall issue a search warrant, directed to the Chief of Police or other police, to search the premises set forth in said affidavit and seize all such liquor and dispose of same according to law.

SECTION 3. Any person or persons violating this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or suffer imprisonment for not more than thirty days.

Done and ratified in Council assembled under the hand of the Mayor and corporate seal of the Town of Union, this second day of October, A. D. 1905.

Attest: R. L. McNALLY, Mayor.

W. D. ARTHUR, Clerk and Treasurer. 40-3t

AN ORDINANCE

Against Giving Intoxicating Liquor to an Habitual Drunkard or to a Minor Within the Corporate Limits of the Town of Union.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Union, South Carolina, in Council assembled and by authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to give, furnish, procure or provide, within the corporate limits of the Town of Union, any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented, brewed (whether larger or rice beer) or other liquors, any compound or mixture thereof by whatever name called or known, which contains alcohol and is used as a beverage, to any minor, habitual drunkard or to any person who is in the habit of becoming intoxicated.

SECTION 2. Any person or persons violating this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or suffer imprisonment for not more than thirty days.

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SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or persons who are acting as agent for the purchaser or vendor to carry, transport, or bring into the Town of Union, from any point within the State of South Carolina, any alcoholic liquors. Provided, nothing herein contained shall be construed to abrogate the provisions of the Dispensary Law of the State of South Carolina.

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LOW RATES VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

To Washington, D. C., and Return. Account American Bankers Association, October 10-13th, 1905.

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CHARLESTON, S. C.

AN ORDINANCE

Against Transporting or Handling Alcoholic Liquors Within the Corporate Limits of the Town of Union.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Union, South Carolina, in Council assembled and by authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, as principal or agent or otherwise, to transport or handle, within the corporate limits of the Town of Union, any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented, brewed (whether larger or rice beer), or other liquors, any compound or mixture thereof by whatever name called or known, which contains alcohol and is used as a beverage. Provided nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the handling and transporting of liquors as is permitted by the Dispensary Law of the State of South Carolina.

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AN ORDINANCE

Declaring any Place Where Alcoholic Liquors are Sold Within the Corporate Limits of the Town of Union to be a Nuisance, and Forbidding the Leasing of the same for such Purpose.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Union, South Carolina, in Council assembled and by authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to lease or rent within the corporate limits of the Town of Union any building, place or lot, when such person knows or has reasons to believe that the same is to be used for the purpose of storing or selling alcoholic liquors.

SECTION 2. Any person or persons violating this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100) or suffer imprisonment for not more than thirty days, and said nuisance shall be forthwith abated.

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