

# The Witch of Cragenstone

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## CHAPTER XIX.

HETTY TAUNSTON, pale faced and wearing an air of great despondency, leaned over the gate idly. She was lonely, and an undefined feeling of fear was upon her. Some happening of more than usual interest had drawn the men from the farm earlier tonight, and, having laid a cold supper on the table for her mother and Josiah, she hung about the doorway, eagerly awaiting the advent of the first comer to relieve the monotony of the lonely hour and bring her news of what was happening. Soon the sound of horses' hoofs was heard.

"Ah!" she breathed a sigh of relief—"Josiah home at last!"

The horse and rider approaching nearer, Hetty discovered the latter to be none other than her former friend and lover, Simon Kempster, who since their final understanding in the dairy had met her with cool indifference, doffing his cap and passing by in silence. At the unexpected sight of him Hetty's heart gave a bound, and the blood rushed to her face. Surely, she thought, this sad night when she was so lonely he would pause for the evening chat to which they had been accustomed for so many months. Oh, why had she not put the pink blossom in her hair that he admired so much! Hetty was frightened, apprehensive. She wished he would stop, if only for one short moment, and, although the young woman had other ideas for a husband, she had admitted to herself more than once of late that for a common everyday friend Simon did very well, that she missed him and that her heart was a little sore at his treatment of her since she refused to marry him. Kempster reached the gateway.

"A greeting, Simon."

The soft, fluttering voice fell on Kempster's ears strangely. He felt a tugging sensation in his breast, but, controlling himself by a strong effort, regarded the little smiling, enticing face coldly.

"A good even, mistress," he said, with quiet civility. Then he rode on, possibly a trifle faster, without even a backward glance.

For a moment she stood speechless with surprise; then as an understanding of his meaning came to her she drew a sharp breath and tossed her head angrily.

"Now I will marry my French cutter when he doth come!" she exclaimed hotly. "A common farming man need ne'er take such a high hand with me. He hung so much about me in the latter months and I was ever so friendly with him that I thought 'twas only decent to offer him a greeting. But," with a shrug of her shoulders, "I'll ha' done with him now, and—Margaret Mayland, standing before her door, quite passed the beauty of the evening by, so intent was she upon looking down the roadway in the direction of the village. With her light hair combed high upon her head and caught with a jeweled ornament, that flashed and sparkled under the moon's rays, and her dress of white gauze, with fine threads of gold woven through its dainty meshes, clinging to her gracefully in soft folds, she resembled some goddess or queen of the night that smiled upon her with a look of worship. After a time, her listening ear catching no sounds of approaching footsteps, she drew a sharp breath of impatience and, stepping down, paced restlessly back and forth before the door.

Elisbeth appeared at the window to draw in the lattice.

"Hath on no wrap, bonny?" she asked solicitously. "Thy frock is thin, and methinks there is much coolness in the air tonight."

With a little shriveled Margaret turned and entered the house.

"I truth I am cold," she said; "but, more than that, a nervous and uncanny feeling hath possession of me. Fetch my cloak, Elisbeth," she added impatiently as the older woman was about to speak, "and waste not thy time inventing foolish reasons why Godfrey doth not come."

At that moment Sir Godfrey La Fabelle, followed by his man Gaston, to whom he was giving some final instructions, came out of the door of the Sign of the Red Heart. Wearing a doublet made of purple velvet ornamented with heavy silver trimmings, long silken hose of lavender and on his head a velvet hat with an ostrich feather sweeping over the brim, his gay appearance was in direct contrast to his dull surroundings and the plain dress of the onlookers. The usual number of loiterers stood about the steps, and to his brief salutation they returned sullen looks and ominous scowls so significant that La Fabelle's anger was aroused.

"Diable!" he turned upon them furiously, laying his hand upon his sword hilt, intense indignation on his face—"ours, whelps, that durst not speak, but stand about silent, conveying threatenings in thy glances! I have tried to ignore ye, but endurance now hath ceased. If any man or all of ye have aught against me let him step forward and accuse me, and—drawing his sword—"that one will see that I am not loath to defend myself against his accusations."

Later that night, as Josiah Taunston was putting up his horse in the barn, a light footfall was heard, and a small, gray clad figure came toward him hastily.

"Josiah, dear brother," Hetty exclaimed breathlessly, "dost bring good news? Surely the tales my mother hath been telling me of our Margaret's sore affliction of being possessed of the devil are not true. My heart is breaking, for I do love her, Josiah. Surely she is blameworthy without fault."

She clasped her little hands about his arm and clung to him entreatingly.

"One so pure, so beautiful and kind could never willingly consort with such evil sin and wickedness. Remember, Josiah, she is our kinswoman. Use thy great influence for her good and let no harm befall our cousin."

Josiah threw her from him roughly.

"Call not that devil's witch thy cousin!" he cried angrily. "Know now that I have renounced her before the village and that she is an outcast from us forever. All the long afternoon the elders and councilmen have been in consultation and but an hour since arrived at a decision. Messengers on swift horses have ridden toward Sterndorf with orders signed with the chief councillor's seal, who hath all control in this village. Fool, thy pure, kind Margaret Mayland—he laughed a loud, scornful laugh of derision—"will be taken at the break o' day by the king's soldiers, now on their way from Sterndorf, where they ha' been stationed o' late awaiting orders, and brought to trial for a witch."

"Josiah! Brother!" Hetty gave out one piercing scream. "Thou'lt not hang our Margaret?"

"Nay, soothe thy fears, I'll not hang her," he replied sneeringly, "but happen the people, our good friends and neighbors, who have had enough of her damnable pranks, may decide to burn her!"

The blood left Hetty's heart. She groped about her blindly, then, with another wild shriek of horror, fell in a heap on the floor. Angrily and with rough jerks Josiah tried to lift her to her feet; then, seeing that she was really unconscious, he strode to the doorway, calling loudly:

"Ho, mother!"

She appeared at the window.

"Doth want me, Josiah?"

"Aye, come at once an' bring water, for Hetty, weak, soft headed wench that she is, hath fallen in a swoon!"

That night the full moon hung low and yellow over the mountain and sent its clear rays through the trees, whose branches, rustling with the soft summer breeze, cast weird, quivering shadows on the ground. Hardly a ripple stirred on the brook, and but for the occasional hoot of an owl or the call of the whippoorwill no sound disturbed the peaceful quiet of the hour.

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## LIGHTNING KILLS SIX

### Struck Crowd Who Sought Shelter From Storm Under a Bath House.

New York, July 31.—During a thunder storm of terrific intensity which passed over New York, five persons were struck by lightning and instantly killed and nine were seriously injured at the Parkway baths, Coney Island. At the same time one man was killed and three were prostrated at Gravesend Beach.

The intense heat attracted great multitudes to the shore resorts, and when the storm blew up from the westward the Parkway beach was thronged with bathers and spectators. The rain descended in torrents, and hundreds of men, women and children sought shelter under the big bath house, which is elevated above the sand on piles. The lightning was incessant and terrific thunder claps shook the bath house, to the terror of the crowd huddled together beneath it. A bolt struck the flagstaff and grounded in the very thickest of the crowd. Nearly 50 persons were prostrated, and the rest, screaming with terror, rushed out into the storm.

Ambulances were summoned from all the nearest hospitals, and on their arrival five persons were found dead and nine unconscious under the bath house. The bodies of all were scorched by the electric fluid. The nine injured were removed to a hospital, where it was said that some probably would die. Many persons less seriously hurt were taken home by friends. A slight fire in the bath house was quickly extinguished by the rain.

## CALL FOR SUPREME COUNCIL

### Royal Arcanum Jurisdictions Make Necessary Demand.

Rome, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Supreme Regent Howard C. Wiggins, of Rome, announced that he had received a request from the constitutional number of supreme representatives requiring him to call a special session of the supreme council of the Royal Arcanum.

The constitution requires that to call a special session a majority of all the representatives of seven or more grand jurisdictions must unite and request the supreme regent in writing to that effect. It is then the mandatory duty of the supreme regent to act accordingly. There are 77 representatives, and requests have been received from 39, coming from 10 grand jurisdictions, including Pennsylvania, 7; Ohio, 3; Indiana, 2; Georgia, 2; North Carolina, 1; New Jersey, 1; Iowa, 1.

## FORESTERS IN SESSION

### Triennial Convention Opens at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 1.—The Independent Order of Foresters, International Congress, opened its triennial convention here. Mayor Stoy, who welcomed the delegates, was given an unusual honor by being elected to honorary membership. The meeting devoted its time to lengthy reports. There were 150 members who received the Supreme Court degree and were admitted as Royal Foresters. Committees were appointed and a resolution was offered to give a suitable tribute to the supreme regent, who has filled the office 25 consecutive years. He is a full-blooded Mohawk Indian named Oronhyatka. The order is announced has surplus funds of over \$9,000,000 and has paid out \$9,000,000 in benefits of all kinds. The national fraternity congress has assets of \$27,000,000.

## HOCH SAVED IN DEATH'S SHADOW

### Woman Gives \$500 to Appeal Case on July 27.

Chicago, July 27.—Johann Hoch, "Blue Beard" and confessed bigamist, sentenced to be hanged yesterday for poisoning one of his wives, was granted a reprieve until August 25 by Governor Deneen. The stay of execution followed hours of anxiety on the part of Hoch, who had never given up hope and was allowed by the governor only after the latter had been assured that the necessary sum to appeal the case had been raised. The amount, \$500, was given by Miss Cora Wilson. The attorney declares that she was actuated purely by humanitarian motives.

Hoch said: "If the supreme court decides against me I am willing to die. I ask no mercy and no favor. I believe in the law, but I feel that if the supreme court has a chance to review the case it will result favorably to me."

## Stood Dead Against Pillar.

Altoona, Pa., July 29.—Standing against one of the stone pillars of the bridge near Birmingham, Howard Billee, aged 18, a Pennsylvania railroad track hand, was found dead. He had been killed by a most unusual accident. The pony wheel on the left side of engine No. 1352, hauling a freight east, flew off and circling around to the right struck Billee in the breast, crushing it in. The young man was waiting for the train to pass.

## Taft Party at Nagasaki.

Nagasaki, Aug. 1.—The steamer Manchuria arrived at 7 o'clock this morning. The governor, mayor and other officers went aboard and extended an official welcome to Secretary of War Taft and to Miss Roosevelt. The party landed at 9 o'clock and lunched at the American consulate.

## Bishop Hargrove Dying.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 1.—Bishop R. K. Hargrove, of the Methodist Church South, is reported in a dying condition at his home here. Infirmitudes of old age caused the bishop to resign the presidency of the Vanderbilt University board of trustees this spring.

## Hard Fighting on Sakhalin.

### Japanese Force Killed and Over 200 Captured 500 Russians. Guessing at Peace Terms.

Tokio, July 31.—The following dispatch has been received from the Japanese army headquarters:

"Our independent cavalry which entered Rykoff (on Sakhalin Island, 45 miles northeast of Port Due) July 27 withdrew on finding order in the city unfavorable to its occupation. Our army, intending to crush the enemy's forces before they retreated from the eminences west of Rykoff, commenced to advance at 3 a. m. of July 28. The van, together with an independent body of cavalry, advanced by forced march, attacking and dislodging the enemy holding the northern extremity of Rykoff and rushed into the town. Confused street fighting ensued, but the town was completely taken at 8:30 o'clock in the morning.

"The enemy's main strength, which opposed our right column, fled in disorder southward, taking the short route leading to Pareono.

"On July 28 a detachment which was sent south in pursuit of the enemy met the enemy's infantry, some 800 strong, at a point six miles south of Rykoff and killed over 200 and captured 500.

"The enemy's strength opposed to our right column was of some 3000 infantry and four guns and four machine guns, and that opposed to our left column some 2000 infantry and four guns.

"The enemy's loss in trophies is under investigation."

## England Stands By Japan.

Washington, July 31.—Japan comes to the Washington conference assured that whatever her peace terms they will have the sympathetic approval of Great Britain. Several suggestions from Washington to London that the cause of peace would be served by an expression to Japan from her ally favoring moderation in her demands upon Russia have not availed to change the British government in its apparently unalterable determination to stand by Japan however severe she makes her conditions of peace. Nor has the British government seen its way clear to render assistance to Washington in the efforts which this government is making to obtain an armistice. Advice reaching here show that London is opposed to an armistice until Japan has been satisfied that Russia's plenipotentiaries are prepared to do more than discuss means of ending the war; if Russia is ready to conclude peace and has so empowered her plenipotentiaries, Great Britain, it is believed, might favor an armistice, but even in such event it is said she would not be willing to offer Japan advice upon the subject.

It is known that Japan will demand an indemnity that will approximately cover the cost of the war to date. This was communicated to Russia early in the preliminary negotiations. The amount is still a secret, but it is based upon the most careful estimates of the cost of the war, and will be accompanied by a more or less detailed statement showing the method by which the final figures were computed. It will not fall far short of \$1,000,000, according to advice reaching here from well informed sources. Besides the indemnity, it is believed, Japan's other essentials to the continuance of the negotiations are the cession to Japan of Sakhalin, of the Liao Tung peninsula and of the railway as far as Harbin; the recognition of Japan's predominating influence in Korea, and the return of Manchuria to China.

If the Russian plenipotentiaries are prepared to accept these essentials, the officials here are confident that the bases will be laid for negotiations sure to lead to the signing of the treaty of Washington, bringing peace in the Far East.

## AUTO RECORD LOWERED

### Walter Christie Makes a Kilometer in 25 Seconds Flat.

Cape May, N. J., July 31.—Being officially timed by Sam Butler, secretary of the Automobile Club of America, Walter Christie in his 120-horse power automobile reduced the American kilometer record by making the time in 25 seconds flat. He made several attempts but could not reduce his own time further, his best later time being 25 1/5 seconds. He will try again for the world's kilometer and mile records on August 19.

## Challenge to Swim Niagara Rapids.

Norfolk, Va., July 28.—John W. Glenister, of New York and Norfolk, issued a challenge to William J. Glover, Jr., of Baltimore, to swim the lower Niagara Falls rapids from Flat Rock to Lewiston dock, Lewiston, N. Y., the race to take place the first or second week in September. Glenister claims to be the only athlete ever to swim the upper whirlpool rapids at Niagara.

## San Jose Scale in Virginia.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 1.—The San Jose scale has invaded this section for the first time, and fruit trees are suffering. Peach and plum trees particularly are affected, and in some instances the fruit on these trees is not falling off, but the trees themselves are dying.

## Seized by a Shark and Drowned.

Beaufort, N. C., July 31.—While wading waist deep in the sea, Sutton Davis, 16 years of age, was seized by a shark and drowned in full view of a large crowd of bathers.

## Seized With Cramps and Drowned.

Lancaster, Pa., July 31.—Jacob Shenk, a young son of Harry Shenk, residing on the Lampaster farm, near this city, was seized with cramps while bathing in the Conestoga creek at Pugh's mill and drowned.

## Father and Daughter Drowned.

Manasquan, L. I., July 31.—While Frank Brown, of Jamaica, L. I., was swimming in Manasquan Inlet with his daughter and Miss Todd, of Plainfield, N. J., the two girls became exhausted, and he was only able to keep them afloat until two men put out from the shore in a boat and took them on board. While Mr. Brown was trying to get into the boat it was upset, and all were thrown into the water. The boatmen rescued Miss Todd, but Mr. Brown and his daughter were swept away by the current and were drowned.

## Secretary Root Goes to Labrador.

Utica, N. Y., July 31.—Secretary of State Root and Colonel William Cary Sanger, former assistant secretary of war, accompanied by Mr. Root's sons, Elihu, Jr., and Edward, left Utica for Montreal. Thence they expect to go to St. Johns, N. F., and from there will sail for Labrador. They there to be absent a month.

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7:21	11:01	High	9:37	11:01	9:57
7:32	11:22	High	9:54	11:22	10:14
7:43	11:43	HECLA PARK	10:11	11:43	10:31
7:54	12:04	Dunkirk	10:28	12:04	10:48
8:05	12:25	Rubensburg	10:45	12:25	11:05
8:16	12:46	Snyderstown	11:02	12:46	11:22
8:27	13:07	Nittany	11:19	13:07	11:39
8:38	13:28	Hudson	11:36	13:28	11:56
8:49	13:49	Lamar	11:53	13:49	12:13
9:00	14:10	Clintonville	12:10	14:10	12:30
9:11	14:31	Krider'siding	12:27	14:31	12:47
9:22	14:52	Mackeyville	12:44	14:52	13:04
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