## EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY CAN FIND SOMETHING INTERESTING HERE TO READ

## THE CRACK IN THE BELL" STORY OF POLITICS IN PHILADELPHIA

· BY PETER CLARK MACFARLANE · · ·

HAPTER XXXI (Continued) LL day the lines sifted past the cash-

ier's windows; all day money came and notes went out, and all day the dations were proposed and half financial district seemed wheedling the ears of Henry T. Archer. But that varied in courtesy as the ment of these same financial powers varied in courtesy to him during week of stress through which he

The people have saved us. The peo shall carry our loans hereafter." the one unvarying element in his tancy of his mood.

"But there's a big difference between per cent and 5."

"A big difference, yes, but I per cent is not too much to pay for inde-cidence and protection when there are mates like Willard Buckingham cruis-

willard Buckingham a pirate? And of denominated by one of Philadelphia's aristocracy of manufacture to one of Philadelphia's aristocracy of finance? Why, for years both these aristocracies had whispered the name of Buckingham with awe or fear if not with reverence, Astonishing? But, of course, it was true that the man who had thus taken the name of Buckingham in vain was one who had recently fought with him and won the fight; for there was now no doubt that the Archer popular loan had proved an amazing success.

Money came and came. The next day the number of subscriptions was larger than ever, for men with more money were responding now and their subscriptions came in considerable sums.

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\*\*WILL you please ask Mr. Rollinson well if I can see him in his office at twelve-thirty tomocrow when I am off for luncheon?

The tail, solemn floor-waller in the gents' furnishing department of Levy's store wondered if he had heard aright, yethen started and turned suddenly on his stride, to be met by a smile, half-mischievous half-coaxing, on the face of the number of subscribers had fallen of the number of subscribers had fallen of the number of subscriptions was larger than ever, for men with more mischievous half-coaxing, on the face of the number of the remaining department of Levy's strict to be met by a smile, half-mischievous half-coaxing, on the face of the number of the subscriber of this man which was to shidow Sylvy that his shadowship had been recognized.

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Nor was this feeling confined to the werkingmen and the small shopkeeper sless of bank deportors. It had its counterpart in higher financial levels in which were rifts and swirts of opinion that criticized Buckingham harshly.

The result of all this talk was a series of bad Cays for Buckingham. There were many announced defections from his support; there was withdrawing of accounts, the shifting of genosits, and the spicuacle of men readjusting their own banking and credit to make themselves. The fact was that Buckingham's own aw the injustice and injustivy of its of financial unrest than Philadelphia had ever known except in time for the supports of t

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culated, came to him at times. Could a be possible? Had he, most careful, st calculating of men, had he somewind had been sufficiently and so the possible and got power with the happiness? And was he to realize is just at the time, too, when he had an humbled by discovering that his were was ever so much less absolute an it seemed? Reflections like these, and the seemed? Reflections like these with his usual business response therefore, with his usual business response therefore with his usual business response the with his usual business response the reflection of the region of the response to the

"CAP" STUBBS-"Well, Who Cares?"



er with dignity and impartantly, and always the foes of vested wealth lending always the sacred cause of typestor? To be sure, he had. Why, all this pother and captious critically, why the cruel and Especially, why the cruel and things they were saying about him? Fis wife was finding things unpleasth in social spheres and complained of
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## THE DAILY NOVELETTE

By FLORENCE G. MEANEY

Sylvy was unexpectedly composed. Twice, three times before she had been in this office, and each time was bewildered by some strange incomprehensible element in the atmosphere of its association. Now she knew what that element was. It took away that sense of timidity and embarrassment which she felt before. In spite of all the bigness as her school chums called her, owing to a wealth of auburn fluffy hair.

"When my dear," excisimed her

OH, DEAR, I wish I looked like other per stammered. "Really, I must be going—" But she didn't go alone, me, this old hair; every time I look to exert her home and after some to escort her home, and after some hesitation she decided to allow him.

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# THE SECRET WITNESS

THE STORY THUS FAR

will, by keeping silence on a matter so painful—" HUGH RENWICK, under-secretary of he British embassy in Vienna on June 12, 914, when the story opens, has gursued Forgive me—"
"Never. You have betrayed me."
"Il never give you up."

1814, when the story opens, has gursued the COUNTESS MARISHKA STRAHNI, a beautiful Ebbemian, with whom he is in love, into the rose gardens of the Archduke's estate at Konopisht.

While he is asking her again to marry him three men enter the garden and talk. Marishka then remembers that the Archduke had asked her to keep out of the garden, but it is now too lale to depart, and the lovers sit and hear. One of the men is the Austrian Archduke, the other looks suspiciously like Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, while the third, with his long white beard dropping from either side of his face, establishes his identity beyond question.

The "destiny of Europe" is sealed when the three enter a pact to make the Archduke and his morganatic wife. Sophie Chotek, important figures in European history, at the expense of the other Habsburgs. Renwick and Marishka, with their precious information, return to Vienna, but the Countess compels Renwick not to divuige what he knows until she has given permission.

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In the meantime she visits the Emperor Franz Josef, who exacts from her the promise not to give Renwick her consent. While she wnits, thinking, a raven flutters past the window. Buch a sight, has long been considered an ill omen, according to a legend connecting the appearance of the bird with every Habsburg mistortune.

Although Marishka refuses to give Renwick her consent, the Englishman is true to his greater trust and informs the Ambassador. On his way to the embassy he is assaulted but escapes. Despite the persistent refusal of the Countess to meet him again, Renwick calls upon Marishka after a short visit to Sarajevo and is admitted after much protest when his message states that Sophie Chotek, her dearest friend, is in great danger.

Marishka sets out immediately to warn Sophie and, despite her objections, Renwick forces her to accept him as escort. It is well, for on the train the Englishman attacks an Austrian who gives orders as to Marishka's future behavior.

CHAPTER V (Continued) THE whole affair had happened so quickly that after one gasp of terror

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Broad daylight found them on the Prague highroad, not three miles from Konopisht Schloss. Here Renwick decided to desert the car and go afoot through the forest to the castle. He hid the machine in a thicket and led the way. Marishka following silently, content to trust herself to a judgment which until the present moment had seemed unerring. He glanced at her from time to time, aware of the pallor of her face and the fatigue of her movements. Once when he turned he fancied that her lips were smilling, but when he spoke to her she answered him shortly. The wounds to her pride were deep, it seemed, but he armed himself with patience and smilled at her reassuringly as they paused at the edge of the wood,

"Your veil-quick!" he stammered breathlessly

"The Schloss is just beyond these woods, I think. Some smoke is rising fingers, Herr Renwick. Fortunately, I yonder. We must avoid the village. I think we may reach the garden by the lower gate. And there I will await you. Countess Strahni," he finished quietly.

She waited a long mement without carriage," he replied. "You have quick fingers, Herr Renwick. Fortunately, I was aware of your destination and knew that we should meet. All is well that ends well." "That depends upon the point of view Herr Windt. But I might have killed you in the railway carriage."

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By EDWINA

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"That Would have been an error in judgment, which would have been most unfortunate for both of us. I, too, might have shot you through my pocket, but I refrained, at some hazard to myself. I never try to exceed the necessities of a situation. Having performed my mission successfully, I can now afford to be generous."

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for this outrage."

Herr Windt bowed low.
"I beg that Countess Strahni will reconsider that word. I have intended to act with great discretion. Herr Renwick unfortunately underestimated the forces to which he was opposed. I am sorry he has suffered injury. As for you, Countess, I beg leave to recall that those who have restrained you have treated you with every consideration."

short time"—here he looked at his watch again—"she will be at liberty to come and go as she chooses. In the mean, while I beg that she will listen to me and heed my warning."

He looked at her until she raised her head and signified for him to continue. "The agencies which attempted to prevent the delivery of Herr Renwick's information to the British embassy are again at work. Herr Renwick having been"—he paused and bowed to Renwick—"if I may be permitted to say so—having been repudiated by his amb bassador and by the British Government, he is politically a person of ne importance—at least as far as my relations with him are concerned. Whatever he may do privately, unless it proves valuable to the interests of Austria's enomies, will pass as it has already passed—unnoticed in Austria. The case of the Countess Strahni is different—"

He paused a moment to rub his hands together thoughtfully.

"I cannot understand—"

"Within the past twenty-four hours the apartments of the Baroness Racowitz have been observed by persons not in my service. The Countess perhaps has had no unusual agommunications."

Marishka started up in her chair while Windt, watching her, smiles slowly.

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"Ah, I was not mistaken—"he se "Ah request to go to the Hofburg night—before Herr Renwick chm she whispered, now thoroughly arous "I did not go. The signature was familiar to me."

Herr Windt took a pace toward window and peered forth through slats of the blind.

"The Countess Strahni would not he reached the Hofburg," he said quie "She would have gone—er—elsewhes. "The man in the green limousis came suddenly in cryptic tones from silent Renwick.

"Exactly. He followed the Coun Strahni's fiacre in a motorcar to Nordwest Bahnhof."

"We forestalled him"—that's all, said, showing his gold tooth in a singratiating smile, but there was a in the deep eyes which explained m to Renwick.

"There was a commotion near ug-stall," said Renwick.

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"Ah, you witnessed?"

"From a distance. I had other fairs."

"Yes. That will perhaps mallaxity with regard to Herr Well.

ME AN' RED SAW HER! DID SHE!







