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STORY OF POLITICS IN PHILADELPHIA

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APTER XXXIII (Continued) still she did not invite him to apch, and Victor, with his heart



"But." exclaimed Sylvy with a little ap of dismay, "everything is changed ye."
"You mean," divined Victor, "that by schnowledging that you love me, everything as changed?"
Sylvy nodded. "It seems to leave me ather—rather disarmed."
"Tou mean.that it lets love inside the songueror.
"I suppose so," confessed Sylvy, feeling very helpless. "Im frightened. When when once love exists—the seems as if an old heaven and an old earth had passed away since you entered that door, and a new one had come—a new carhowledge it exists—it seems as if seems as if an old heaven in sight just out over the hills of Fairmount Fark."

"It does seem as if an awful lot had happened, doesn't it?" she admitted, but was determined to keep the conversation on safe ground. "Thank you so much for the luncheon, and for—for everything to tell you for the last ten minutes," said Victor, suavely.

"How very, very wonderful you've seen!" conceded the girl, "But now—if don't want you to be," declared Victor. "I'm willing to leave our love ower koult its own problems. I'm condent it will."

"But it—it must not be permitted to work them out," declared Sylvy, alarmed gain, and aware that after her vital ministion, such a speech sounded very inreasonable.
"Suppose we try to forget it," sugnessed Victor, soothingly but absurdly.

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when it came, bade her good-by with as much ceremony as if she had been Ruth Buckingham.

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In the Vestibule of Tragedy
VICTOR ROLIANSON after bidding the girl good-by at the elevator communicated with the local chief of gringless of the state of the gring of the thriftless failures, who are ready to join any mob, because they have nothing to lose, however things turn out. Instead of showing people that they are to blame for their own condition, you defend them and delude them. That's demagogism, pure and simple. I tell you young man, all this grigation is bad for the country. You

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THE DAILY NOVELETTE .

revolver full in Bucking sam's face. That's just it; you stand for them. If you did not fise; could not stand at all. With your great power, the wealth which you control, you could make corruption pretty you greatly impossible in this city. That is what makes the people held you responsible. That is why your name a commission and was stationed and control, you could make corruption pretty mearing. The place (when the president's back was furned), leaving us to join her young husband, who had just been given a commission and was stationed as ment. I have ever met, and he never was Virginia, quite the life and one. That is why there is so much feeling against you.

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torl-the portion of the widow, the instricted and the state of the season of companies of companies of companies of the season of the widow. Each man must consider this most sacred duty first."

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COUNTESS MARISHKA STRAHNL

ce many, while the third, with his long white beard dropping from either side of his face, establishes his identity beyond duestion.

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 divulge what he knows until she has given permission.

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

Although Marishka refuses to give Renwick her consent, the Englishman is true to his greater trust and informs the Ambassagot. 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 Saralevo and is admitted after much protest when his message states that Sophie Chotek, her dearest friend, is in great danker.

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. Renwick manages to reach konopisht with the Countess in mafety after commandering a passing automobile, but the two full into the hands of Herr Windt, of the Austrian Securit Service. As he questions them they resilize that the "man in the green limousine." who has been pursuing Marishka, is anxious to prevent the success of her mission.

A short time later Marishka is abducted by the "man in the green limousine." who heips her to escape from Windt under the hoax that it is Renwick who is alding her. While Renwick and Windt pursue, employing the Governm

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CHAPTER VII (Continued)

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own thoreugh English way. His head
still ached, but the pipe of tobacco aided
his faculties.

And while he tried to solve the problem
in his own way the telegraph instrument
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Also cover the Brunn road. It can do no harm." he said turning urbanely to Renwick.

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"Together they listened to the clicking of the telegraph instrument. Ealf an hour passed. Hadwiger returned with the machine. Spivak and Linder came in from their fruitless search of the woods. The suspense was unendurable. Renwick, forgetting his danger, paced the road outside until a cry from Windt brought him into the office. The others were leaning over the instrument while Windt spelled out the words, "I-g-l-a-u t-w-o s-e-v-e-n-t-e-r of-e-r m-a-n o-f-f-l-c-e-r a-n-d w-i-f-e. G-r-e-e-n l-l-m-o-u-s-l-n-e p-a-s-s-e-d h-e-r-s t-e-n m-l-n-u-t-e-s a-g-o f-o-r V-l-e-n-a-a."

"Kollasaler Halunke!" thundered Windt, his urbanity shattered to shreds. "They have taken the other road. Here. Lengelbach, take this quick. "Hold green motorcar man and woman." Send that to every telegraph station between a Brunn and Danube. Relay all messages to Budweis. I'm going there."

"You will need all your wits," said Renwick dryly.

"The truth of the remark was soon apparent for when Herr Windt's party reached the telegraph station at Budweis, there were no reassuring messages. The green limousine had vanished into the earth.

CHAPTER VIII

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"That plea served to halt King Fisher, and rather reluctantly and parallel to the history and the reastern head to the rascal, He was soobing, shaking, shivern and at horn reluctantly and parallel to the history between the hard been sorry for him lif she he adon't felt that he deserved every bit of punishment he had been siven been sorry for him lif she had 't felt that he deserved every bit of punishment he had been siven been sorry for him lif she had 't felt that he deserved every bit of punishment he had been siven been sorry for him lif she had 't felt that he deserved every bit of punishment he had been siven been sorry for him lif she had 't felt that he deserved every bit of punishment he had been siven been sorry for him lif she had 't felt that he deserved every bit of punishment he had been siven been sorry for him lif she had 't felt that he deserved every bit of punishment he had been sorry for him lif she had 't felt that he deserved every bit of punishment he had been sorry for him lif she had 't felt that he deserved every bit of punishment he had been sorry for him lift is the place of the she was now out of the rascal. He was soobing, shaking, shivering the lift of the lower and the she was now out of the rascal. He was soobing shaking, shivering to have been sorry for him lift she had 't felt that he deserved every bit of punishment he had been silven and a lot more besides.

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The Countess Strain is 1ar too clever to suppose that I can believe her—"he put in quickly.
"What do you mean?"
"Merely that an intelligence that can throw central Europe into a turmoil," and he laughed pleasantly, "does Itaelf and me too little credit."
"Oh you know—" she rasped.

"Oh, you know——" she gasped.
"Yes, I know."
She examined Captain Goritz with a

new interest.

"But you did not know the object of my visit to Konopisht," she went on desperately,
"I confess," he said slowly, "that
your sudden departure from Vienna
was most mystifying—"
"I will tell you," she went on excitedly, "I came to Konopisht to warn
the Archduke Franz of a plot to assassinate him when he reaches Sarajevo—"



"You will have a chance to prove "Let me go! It's none of your busi-ness what I do," shricked Blue Jay, and with that he suddenly nipped the

flying far out into the river.

"Let me give him just one butt!" bleated Billy Goat, proving his strength by smashing into an old stump with such a bang that he knocked it all to smithereens.

"Let me take just one bite," growled Johnny Bull, advancing on Blue Jay with jaws open and looking so ferocious that King Fisher quickly snatched the guilty bird out of his reach. Even so Johnny Bull made a hungry leap that caused Blue Jay to shriek in alarm. But when Blue Jay saw that the animals could not reach him, his old sauciness began to come back.

"Ite me give him just one butt!" straight for the river. Blue Jay yelled, but the yell was drowned as he went kersplash into the water. King Fisher went clear under with him, but rose quickly, carrying him into the air again. King Fisher went up just high enough to get a swift dive, and once more he ducked Blue Jay.

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and murmured:
"My wedding day dawns. We must hurry to the bay."

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Billy Belgium, Balky Sam, Billy Goat and Johnny Bull nibbled a blade of fairy ring grass, and when they had become tiny they joined Peggy and the Birds on the flight through the beautiful morning to the wedding festival beside the bay.

(In tomorrow's chapter will be described the wedding of General Swallow, and the festivities that fol-



bleated Billy Goat

"Did you ever get left?" he screamed down at Johnny Bull. "What are you all picking on me for? If you hadn't lighted that fire she wouldn't have been hurt."

he came up as limp as a wet rag. "Please, please stop!" begged Judge Owl, "Leave enough of him for me to try in my court. I haven't had a lighted that fire she wouldn't have trial in a long time. Don't spoil my fun. Please, King Fisher."

There were gray streaks appearing in the sky. These became shaded with pink and touched with silver. Miss Purple Swallow pointed to the east

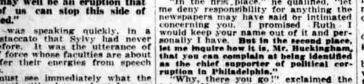
ness what I do," shrieked Blue Jay, and with that he suddenly nipped the foot with which King Fisher was holding him. King Fisher let go in a hurry, and with a triumphant screech Blue Jay dashed for freedom.

Peggy had prepared for just this move. She had told the Swallow who acted as her flying horse to be on guard in the air above. He was circling around as Blue Jay fled. He darted at the fugitive and knocked him over. Before Blue Jay could recover himself, he was fast in King Fisher's talons again.

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of his pockets. He tied other strings to the ends of the hammock and har-nessed up four strong Swallows. Miss Purple Swallow was placed in the

hammock, Billy Belgium gave the sig-nal, and away they sailed. General Swallow following close behind.



strely ruthless in their dealings with labor supply the fuel, while the cucies and inequities of a corrupt diy government pour on oil, and it incess only the torch of an agitator like Levene to kindle the flame. The result may well be an eruption that more of us can stop this side of bloodshed."

Nictor was speaking quickly, in act of siaccato that Sylvy had never a man of force whose faculties are about transfer their energies from speech to action.

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