## How the Brigadier Played for a Kingdom

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[After the disastrous retreat of the Army of Napoleon from Moscow, Brigadier Gerard was sent through German territory, nominally friendly, but really ripe for revolt, to raise troops in France. On his way he has observed with some dismay the black locks of the hostile peasants, who in one place drank a mysterious toast to the letter T. A little later he is warned of his peril by a terrorstricken man hidden by the road side. "It means death to me if I am seen helping you," the man had said.

own lips, Never have I had so delightful a conversation. Most women make the mistake of talking too much about their own affairs, but this one listened to my tales just as you are listening now, even asking for more and more and more. The hours slipped rapidly by, and it was with horror that I heard their village clock strike 11, and so learned that for four hours I had forgotten the emperor's business.

"Pardon me, my dear lady." I cried, SYNOPSIS.

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"From the Tugendbund. From Lutzow's night-riders," replied the fellow. Soon after the brigadier meets a French officer, almost expiring from a ghastly wound—indeed, he dies before he has finished what he sought to say, yet succeeds in transmitting a message from Napoleon's own hand, to be delivered, at any hazard, to the prince of Saxe-Felstein, at Hof On this mission Gerard proceeds, and and hastens to her aid.]

### CHAPTER III.

two men from the stables, a chambermaid and two or three villagers. All of them, women and men, were flushed ever a soldier would wish to look upon. With her queenly head thrown back. and a touch of deflance mingled with sake, water." her fear, she looked as she gazed round her like a creature of uifferent race



I meant what I was saying. "I am Polish," she cried, "Countess credit What

because I love the French. I do not now what they might have done to me had Heaven not sent you to help me." I kissed her hand again lest she

an instant the hall was empty. "Countess," said I, "You are now

the refreshments which I offered her. cavalry it would have been hard to find side, and the wife hold a great lantern a finer pair of whiskers. Murat's may beging him so as to guide his aim. have been a shade longer, but the best idges are agreed that Murat's were a shade too long. And then I had a manner. Some women are to be approached in some way and some in another, just as a siege in an affair of fascines and gabions in hard weather and of trenches in soft. But the man who can mix daring with timidity, who can be outragetuous with a tone of deference, that is the man whom mothers have to fear. For myself I felt that I was the iardian of this lonely lady, and knowing what a dangerous man I had to deal Still even a guardian has his privileges,

But her talk was as charming as her face. In a few words she explained that she was traveling to Poland and that her brother, who had been her escort, had fallen ill upon the way. She had more than once met with ill treatment from the country folk because she uld not conceal her good will towards Then, turning from her wn affairs, she questioned me about he army, and so came round to myself nd my own exploits. They were fato her, she said, for she knew ral of Poniatowski's officers and hey had spoken of my doings. Yet she rould be glad to hear them from my

and I could not neglect them.



lown lins. Never have I had so delight-

"Pardon me, my dear lady." I cried, you," the man had said.
"Death! From whom?" asked the brig-springing to my feet. "But I must on instantly to Hof."

On this mission Gerard proceeds, and manages to avoid the riders. Detained, however, at a small inn by an accident to did I ever meet you? Why did you ever Her eyes glazed over, and in an instant

she was sobbing upon my bosom. Here was a trying moment for a The heavy-cheeked landlord was guardian! Here was a time when he I had thrilled with anger. Not twice there and his daxen-haired wife, the had to keep a watch upon a forward in a lifetime does one meet that noble young officer. But I was equal to it. I figure, that queenly head, those eyes as smoothed her rich, brown hair and blue as the Garonne, and as chilling whispered such consolations as I could as her winter waters. and angry, while there in the center of think of in her ear, with one arm them, with pale cheeks and terror in her around her, it is true, but that was to an impatient tap of her foot. "What eyes, stood the lovellest woman that hold her lest she should faint. She have you to say to me?"

> I saw that in another moment she more. You have ruined and dishonored would be senseless. I laid the droop- me forever." ing head upon the sofa, and then rushed | She looked with arched brows at her furiously from the room, hunting from attendant. chamber to chamber for a caraffe. It was some minutes before I could get it come from some less innocent one and hurry back with it. You can cause?" said she, "Perhaps a little imagine my feelings to find the room | blood letting--"

empty and the lady gone. Not only was she gone, but her cap have shown me that already." which had lain upon the table, were fore?" the landlord. He knew nothing of the within the last two hours." fore, and did not care if he never saw with an admirable affectation of ange her ogain. Had the peasants at the door "You claim, as I understand, to be a men nobely. I searched here and privileges which such an office bring searched there till at last I chanced to with it."
find myself it front of a mirror, where "You brazen it admirably", said stood with my eyes staring and my "Your highness will not make a fool of

my shake would allow, from the vile, coarse-featured crew who and it did not need me to put my hand done well to change it after you ha surrounded her. I had not taken two up to know that my precious paper ridden so far and so fast,' said I. steps from my door before she sprang were gone. 12, the depth of cunning It was the dawn upon a snow per to meet me, her hands resting upon my that lurks in a woman's heart! She to see her ivory cheeks flush suddenly arm and her blue eyes sparkling with had robbed me, this creature, robbed to crimson. mer as she clung to my breast. Even "Insolent!" she cried. "Call the for "A French soldier and gentieman!" while I smoothed her hair and whispered hind words in her ear her hands palace!"
"Yes, madame, you are safe," said I: had been at work beneath my domain and I could not resist taking her hand have them thrust from the pered hind words in her ear her hands palace!"
"I will see the prince first,"
"You will never see the prince. Ah she cried, "now at last I am safe."

pered hind words in her ear her hands

"Yes, madame, you are safe," said I; had been at work beneath my domain and I could not resist taking her hand And here I was at the very last step of in mine in order that I might reassure my journey deprived of the power of Hold him, Von Rosen, hold him!" her. "You have only to command me," carrying cut this mission which had al-I added, kissing the hand as a sign that ready deprived one good man of his life, she had to deal. Was it likely that I and was I'kely to rob another of his would wait until they brought their ras-Palotta is my name. They abuse me when he heard that I had lost his dis- soon. Her game was to stand between Scranton Pass. Railway first patches? Would the army believe of me and her husband. Mine was to Etienne Gerard? And when they heard speak face to face with him at any cost.

could have rolled upon the ground in room from which the murmur of the ression as I knew how to assume. In despair. under my protection. You are faint, affair of the fracas in the hall and the dais. Beneath him was a line of high and a glass of wine is necessary to re- persecution of the so-called countess dignitaries, and then on every side I store you." I offered her my arm and was a meet of acting from the begin- saw vaguely the heads of a vast assemescorted her into a side room, where she sat by my side at the table and took be in the riot. From him I might learn strode, my saber clanking, my shako who she was and where my papers had under my arm. "I am the messenger How she blossomed out in my pres-ence, this woman, like a flower before table and tushed out in search of him. message to his highness, the prince of the sun! She lit up the room with her | But the scoundrel had guessed what I | Saxe-Felstein," beauty. She must have read my admi- | would do, and had made his prepararation in my eyes, and it seemed to me tions for me. It was in the corner of that I could also see something of the the yard that I found him a blundersort in her own. Ah! my friends, I was buss in his bands and a mastiff held no ordinary looking man when I was upon a leash by his son. The two stable in my 26th year. In the whole light hands with pitch siks stood upon each for anthracite coal, the Reading collectes

> "Ride away, sir, ride away!" he cried, "Ride away, sir, ride away!" he cried.
> with a crackling voice. "Your horse is at the door and no one will meddle with you go your way, but if you come
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> Chicago and points in the west. Two carat the door and no one will meddle with brave men."

I had only the dog to fear, for the two forks and the blunderbuss were shak-I considered that though I might force that set their foolish weapons shaking worse than ever, and then throwing myself upon my mare I galloped away with the shrill laughter of the landlady larring upon my ears. farring upon my ears.

Although I had lost my papers I could make a very good guess as to what their contents would be, and this I would say from my own lips to the prince of Saxe-Felatein as though the emperor had commissioned me to con vey it in that way. It was a bold stroke, and a dangerous one. But if I went too far I could afterwards be lisavowed. It was that or nothing and vey it in that way. It was a bold disayowed. It was that or nothing, and when all Germany hung in the balance the game should not be lost if the nerve

Toledo Grain Market.

Toledo, O., Dec. 14.—Wheat—Receipts, 5,000 hushels; shipments, 7,000 bushels; easy; No. 2 red cash and December, 65c.; May, 674c. Corn—Receipts, 47,000 bushels; shipments, 22,000 bushels; quiet; No. 2 mixed cash, 774c.; No. 3 do. 254c.; No. 3 yellow, 28c.; No. 3 white, 254c. Oats—Nothing doing, Cloverseed—Receipts, 578 bags; shipments, 121 bags; dull; March 34,45. of one man could save it. It was midnight when I rode into Hof, but every window was blazing. which was enough in itself in that sleepy country to tell the ferment of excitement in which the people were There was hooting and peering as I rode through the crowded streets, and once a stone sang past my head; but I Oil Market.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 14.—Oil opened \$1.50 bid; highest, \$1.51\(\frac{1}{2}\)c.; closed, \$1.51 offered. Standard's price, \$1.50.

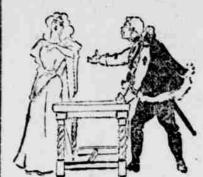
Oil City, Pa., Dec. 14.—Oil opened and lowest, \$1.50; highest, \$1.52; closed, \$1.52\(\frac{1}{2}\)cordered. kept upon my way, neither slowing nor quickening my way, until I had base to battlement, and the dark shadows coming and going against the yelow glare spoke of the turmoil within. For my part, I handed my mare to s groom at the gate, and striding in I demanded, in such a tone as an ambas-

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 600 head; market steady; common to extra steers, \$3a5.50; Texans, \$2.70a3.65. Hogs—Receipts, 16,000 head; market firm and slightly higher; heavy packing and shipping lots, \$3.45a3.60; common to choice mixed, \$3.55a3.60; choice assorted, \$3.50a3.60; c ador should have, to see the prince in-stantly upon business which would brook no delay. The hall was dark, but I was con-scious as I entered of a buz of in-numerable voices which hushed into silence as I loudly proclaimed my mis-sion. Some great meeting was being

stincts told me, was to decide this very question of war and peace. It was pos-sible that I might still be in time to

at the door, and a woman swept into the chamber.



best stay with us. Now, sir, what is it his horse, he is startled by a woman's cry, teach me to rely upon your strength?" that you have to say to either prince or princess of Saxe-Felstein?" At the first sound of the voice I had

sprung to my feet. At the first glance

"Time presses, sir!" she cried, with

turned her tear-stained face to mine. "What have I say to you!" I cried. "Water," she whispered. "For God's "What can I say save that you have taught me never to trust a woman

"Is this the raving of fever, or does

"Ah, you can act!" I cried. "You

and her sliver-mounted riding switch, "Do you mean that we have met be gone also. I rushed out and roared for "I mean that you have robbed me May ......

matter, had never seen the woman be- "This is past all bearin," she cried, een anyone ride away? No, they had ambassador, but there are limits to the

jaw as far dropped as the chin strap of me twice in one night." I sprang for ward and, stooping down, caught up th Four buttons of my pelisse were open, hem of her dress. "You would have

ould the emperor say cals? She had shown me her cards too that a woman's hand had coaxed them. One spring took me out of the chamber. should doubt my intentions. Then I at the mess table and at camp fire! I stant later I had burst into the great

meeting had come. At the far end I Lacka. Valley Trac. Co., first But one thing was certain-all this saw a figure upon a high chair under a

lent cannel coal. Six other seams have

corresponding period of last year.

Toledo Grain Market.

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of the Bridge.

was 7,427,342 tons.

against us you are alone against three

ing about like branches in a wind. Still an answer with my sword point at the throat of this fat rascal, still I should have no means of knowing whether that answer was the truth. It would be a struggle then with much to lose and nothing certain to gain. I looked them up and down, therefore, in a way

I had already formed my resolution.

Stocks and Bonds.

New York, Dec. 14.—Speculative interest at the Stock Exchange was confined almost exclusively to the Industrials to-day and there was a scramble to get back and the prince could not be disturbed at present, but that the princess would take my message.

The princess? What use was there in giving it to her? Had I not been warned that she was German in heart and soul, and that it was she who was turning her husband and her state against us?

"It is the prince that I must see," "It is the prince that I must see," said I.

"Nay, it is the princess," said a voice at the door, and a woman swept into

The range of today's prices for the ac-tive stocks of the New York stock mar-ket are given below. The quotations are furnished The Tribune by Will Linn, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street,

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Am. Tobacco Co 73. "	765	73	76%
Am. Sugar Re'g Co. 10314	104		104%
Atch., To, & S. Fe 16%	16%	1656	1614
Canada Southern 51%	5414	54	54
Ches. & Ohio 171%	1714	1756	17%
Chicago Gas 694	71%	6914	70%
Chic. & N. W 101%	104%	104%	
Chic., B. & Q 82%	83	8214	821/2
Chie., Mil. & St. P 75%	75%	75	75
Chic., R. I. & Pac 74	74	74	74
Del. & Hud1294	12914	129%	12914
Dist. & C. F 1914	191.	19%	1915
General Electric 31	21	31	31
Lake Shore 1514	15%	15%	15%
Louis, & Nash 52%	52%	5214	52%
M. K. & Texas 13%	13%	1354	13%
Manhattan Ele102	102%	102	102
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Nat. Cordage 6%	996	6%	656
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Nor. Pac., Pr 14%	1474		14%
Ontario & West 15%	15%		15%
Pac. Mail 321/2	2274	32%	22%
Phila. & Read Sta	894	8	8
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Tenn., C. & Iron 3214	33	2214	3274
Texas Pacific 8%	825	834	8%
Union Pacific 6%	6%		634
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January	5.30	5.30	5.30	5,30
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PORK.				
January	8.47	8.55	8.42	8.50
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New York, Dec. 14.—Flour—Dull, steady. Wheat—Weaker, quiet; No. 2 red store and elevator, ©e.; afloat, 70%20%c; f. o. b., 70x70%c; No. - northern. 67%c; orthons closed weak, January, 66c.; March, 67%c; May, 66c.; March, 67%c; May, 66c.; March, 67%c; May, 3%c. Corn—Weak, quiet; No. 2, 33%c. elevator; 3%c. afloat; options closed weak; December, 63%c. January, 3%c.; May, 3%c. Dull, lower; options dull, easier; December, 22%c.; January, 22%c; May, 3%c. afloat; options dull, easier; December, 22%c.; January, 22%c; May, 3%c. 21%c; No. 2, 21%a2%c; No. 2, 21%a2%c; No. 2, 21%a2%c; No. 3, 21%c.; No. 3 white, 3dc; mixed western, 2232c; white do, and white state, 25a29c. Provisions—Dull, steady, unchanged. Lard—Dull, un-New York, Dec. H.-Flour-Dull, steady goes were forwarded to Buffalo on Monday and after all the coal was placed on board, there were only 43 cars of coal creamery, 1823c; western dairy, 1323c; do. board, there were only 43 cars of coal creamery, 1823c; western dairy, 1123c; do. creamery, 1823c; do. factory, 823c; Elgins, 27c; imitation creamery, 1822c; rolls, 11218c. Cheese A large coal area, twelve miles long and -Firm, steady, unchanged. Eggs-Quiet, steady; state and Pennsylvania, 2ia25c.; southern, 2ia25c.; ice bouse, 17a29c.; do. six broad, has been discovered on the new line of railway to the west coast of Newcase, \$3.75a4.50; western fresh, 2la24c.; decase, \$3.75a4.25; limed, 17a1719c.

foundland. The geological surveyor esti-mates that one seam alone, which is four feet wide, contains 11,009,000 tons of excel-Buffalo Live Stock.
Buffalo, Dec. 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,300
head; on saic, 80 head; market closed
steady, firm. Veals—Firm at \$7a7.75; light
to fair, \$4.50a5.75; light steers sold late at The announcement that the Philadel. \$3,25a3.80; good mediums, \$3.80. Hogs-Re ceipts, 11,000 head; on sale, 9,000 head; mar-ket steady; Yorkers, good weights, \$3.60; light Yorkers and pigs mixed, \$2.552.70; mixed packers and mediums, \$2.50; good to prime heavy hogs, \$2.552.50; pigs in only fair demand at \$2.702.75; roughs, fair to siderable curiosity as to the ultimate fate fair demand at \$3.70a.3.75; roughs, fair to choice, \$2a.3.10; stags, \$2.50a.3. Sheep and tambs—Receipts, 10,000 head; on sale, 10,000 head; market steady; Chicago to fancy native lambs, \$4.40a.4.55; good to choice, \$4.5a4.30; fair, light to good, \$2.60a4.65; cuils and common lots, \$2.80a.3.50; good to choice mixed sheep, \$2.60a3; fair lots, \$2.5a 2.50; good to choice mixed sheep, \$2.60a3; fair lots, \$2.5a.2.50; cuils and common \$1.25a 2.5 good to bandy wethers, \$3.25a.2.50; ex-The car movement of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad for the first week in December shows an increase of 500 cars, or 15 per cent, more than for the good to handy wethers, \$3.25a2.55; export sheep good to choice, \$3.25a2.50; Canada lambs lower; good to prime, \$4.40a4.69; common to fair, \$4.25a4.35.

Philadelphia Tallow Market.
Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Tallow is weak
and dull. We quote: City prime, in hogs-



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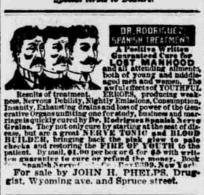
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