

# Reading for Women and all the Family

## The Yukon Trail

By William MacLeod Raine

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Big Bill had put down his ax and was approaching. He was not exactly suspicious, but he did not believe in taking unnecessary chances. "I tell you I'm out of training. Played the last game, haven't we?" "Come through with a square meal, you four-flusher," demanded Elliot in a querulous voice. He turned to Macy. "Look here, Cap. Haven't I played the game all fall? Don't I get what I want now we're through?"

"The voice of the young man was excited. His eyes had lost their quiet steadiness and roved restlessly to and fro. If Big Bill had held any doubts one glance dissipated them. "Sure you do. Hustle over and help Dad with the breakfast. Holt'll look out for our friend."

Elliot and Holt found no more chance to talk together that morning. Sometimes the young man's official lay straight in front of him. Sometimes he appeared to doze. Again he would talk in the disjointed way of one not clear in the head.

An opportunity came in the afternoon for a moment. "Keep your eyes skinned for a chance to lay out the guard to-night and get his gun," Holt said quickly.

Gordon nodded. "I don't know that I've got to do everything just as you say," he complained aloud for the benefit of George, who was passing on his way to the place where the horses were hobbled.

"Now—now! There ain't nobody trying to boss you," Holt explained in a patient voice. "I snapped the handle."

"Some scrapper that kid," said the horse wrangler with a grin. "Macy took the first watch that night. He turned in at two after he had roused Dad to take his place."

"The cook had been on duty about an hour when Elliot kicked Holt, who was sleeping beside him, to make sure that he was ready. The old man answered the kick with another."

"Presently Gordon got up, yawned and strolled toward the edge of the camp. "Don't go and get lost, young fellow," cautioned Dad.

Gordon, on his way back, passed behind the guard, who was sitting in a muddy shotgun across his knees. "Looks like your folks would have better sense than to let their rath-rah boys."

He got no farther. Elliot dropped

## Bringing Up Father



to one knee and his strong fingers closed on the gullet of the man so tightly that not even a groan could escape him. The old miner, waiting with every muscle ready and every nerve under tension, flung aside his blanket and hurled himself at the guard. It took him less time than it takes to tell to wrest the gun from the cook.

He got to his feet just as Big Bill, his eyes and brain still fogged with sleep, sat up and began to take notice of the disturbance.

"Don't move," warned Holt sharply. "Petter throw your hands up. No monkey business, do you hear? I'd as lief blow a hole through you as not."

Big Bill turned bitterly to Elliot. "You were faking all the time, young fellow. We save your life and you round on us. You're a pretty slick proposition as a double-crosser."

"And that ain't all," chirped up Holt blithely. "Let me introduce our friend to you, Mr. Big Bill Macy. This is Gordon Elliot, the land agent appointed to look over the Kamatah claims. Selfridge gave you lads this penitentiary job so as I wouldn't meet Elliot when he reached the camp. If he hadn't been so darned anxious about it, our young friend would have died here on the divide. But Mr. Selfridge kindly outfitted a party and sent us a hundred miles into the hills to rescue the perishing, as the old saying goes. Consequence is, Elliot and me meet up and have that nice confidential talk after all. The

ways of Providence is strange, as you might say, Mr. Macy. "Your trick," conceded Big Bill sullenly. "Now what are you going to do with us?"

"Not a thing—going to leave you right here to prospect Wild Goose creek," answered Holt blandly. "Durden says there's gold up here— heaps of it."

Big Bill condemned Durden in language profane and energetic. He didn't stop at Durden. Holt came in for a share of it, also Elliot and Selfridge.

"Cut it out, Bill. That line o' talk don't buy you anything," said Holt curtly. "What's the use of beefing?"

"Now you're shouting, my friend," agreed old Gideon. "I guess, Elliot, you can loosen up on the chef's throat awhile. He's had persuading enough don't you reckon? I'll sit here and sorter keep the boys company while you cut the pack-rope and bring 'em here. But first I'd step in and unload all the hardware and packing. If you don't one of them is likely to get anxious. I'd hate to see any of them commit suicide with none of their friends here to say, 'Don't he look natural?'"

Elliot brought back the pack-ropes and cut them into suitable lengths. Holt's monologue rambled on. He was garrulous and affable. Not for a long time had he enjoyed himself so much.

Gordon tied the hands of Big Bill behind him, then roped his feet together, after which he did the same for Holway. The old miner supervised till he had added a few extra knots on his own behalf.

"That'll hold them for awhile. I shouldn't wonder. Now if you'll just cover friend chert with this saved-off gat, Elliot, I'll throw diamond hitch over what supplies we'll need to get back to Kamatah. I'll take one broncho and leave the other to the convicts," said Holt cheerfully.

"Forget that convict 'stuff,' growled Macy. "With Macdonald back of us and the Guttenchids back of him, you'll have a hectic time getting anything on us."

"That might be true if these folks were back of you. But are they? Course I ain't any Sherlock Holmes, but it don't look to me like they'd play any such fool system as this."

After Holt had packed one of the animals he turned to Elliot. "I reckon we're ready."

Under orders from Elliot Dad fixed up the smudges and arranged a mosquito netting over the bunk men so as to give them all the protection possible.

"We're going to take Dad with us for a part of the trip. We'll send him back to you later in the day. You'll have to fast till he gets back, but outside of that you'll do very well if you don't roll around trying to get loose. Do that and you'll jar loose the mosquito netting. You know what that means," explained Gordon.

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## Educators to Have Notable Meeting

Practically every officer of the State Educational department will leave here immediately after Christmas for Johnston to attend the sixty-eighth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association whose president this year is Dr. Charles S. Davis, of Steelton.

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh is listed to make an address on taxation and the schools on Friday, when the report of the legislative committee on the teachers' retirement fund will be made by Dr. C. P. Cornman, of Philadelphia, and Corporation Schools discussed by C. R. Dooley, of the Westinghouse educational activities.

One of the events of the meeting will be a memorial service Friday night for the late Henry Houck, a former president of the Association. State Superintendent Nathan C. Schaeffer, Secretary J. George Becht and L. H. Dennis, Agricultural Education director, are on the program to discuss problems arising out of the war, physical training and agricultural education respectively. Some of the noted educators of state and county will attend.

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## PERSONAL---SOCIAL

### Civic Club Comes to Aid of Tuberculosis Patients

Harrisburg Civic Club has forwarded four barrels and six large boxes of warm clothing to tuberculosis patients at Mt. Alto sanatorium. Mrs. William Bailey was chairman of the committee which had charge of the work. This committee said yesterday that it is greatly indebted to the Withers-Schwartz Company for barrels, divets, Pomeroy and Stewart for reduction on shoes and stockings, and Bowman & Co. for reduction on nightgowns. The list of articles sent includes:

For Men—Overcoats, 12; caps, 9; sweaters, 2; leggings, 2 pair; vests, 2; suits, 1; coats and vests, 2; trousers and vest, 1; suits underwear, 10; underdrawers, 8; white shirts, 4; collars, 6; bed socks, 3 pairs; wrappers, 2; bath robes, 1; slippers, 3 pairs; pairs shoes, 1; woolen stockings, 8; paper cuspidors, 1 box; rubbers, 1 pair; gloves, pairs, 4; pairs socks.

For Women—Usters, including one fur and one astrakhan coat, 27; short coats, 9; dresses, 3; suits, 4; skirts, 4; petticoats, 3; wrapper shawls, 8; scarfs, 17; union suits, 3; outing flannel nightgowns, 10; tights, 2; undervests, 2; sets fur, 1; muffs, 1; pairs shoes, 2; sweaters, 2; pillows, 1.

### Ellsworth Kruger Home; Gets Furlough Over Xmas

Ellsworth Kruger, connected with the 31st Signal Field Battalion located at Camp Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, is spending a seven days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Kruger, of 1826 Logan street.

Private Kruger, just before he came home took the examination for a non-commissioned officer at Camp Jackson, where he has been training for the past three months.

Prior to his enlistment Private Kruger was connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the passenger station yards.

The Signal Battalion is under the command of Captain Elkins, to whom as Mr. Kruger says, "the soldiers in the camp are very much devoted. The fellows are lavish in their praise of the officers there for they take the keenest interest in our welfare and comfort."

### Sunshine Xmas Party Makes Children Happy

Instead of taking Christmas toys and cakes to cripples and shut-ins of the city the Roberta Disbrow Lloyd Sunshine Society made an innovation this year and gave a real holiday party to the less fortunate ones in Cathedral Hall Saturday afternoon.

There was a beautiful, large tree, elaborately trimmed and glistening with lights and gay balls. Music and games were delightfully entered into and there were Christmas stories told by Mrs. Harry G. Keffer and Mrs. Mary Snyder Royland. Each child was fitted out with warm underclothes and hosiery and after the treat of ice cream and cake, received a trolley bag filled with popcorn, candy, nuts and fruit.

Among those helping make the day happy for the youngsters were: Mrs. Fredrick E. Downes, president; Mrs. James Thompson, Miss Mary Reynolds, Mrs. A. E. Shirey, Mrs. Charles Dubbs, Mrs. George Reed and Miss Mary Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Fairley have gone home to Youngstown, Ohio, after a short stay with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeGray and sons, Julian and Richard DeGray, of Cottage Ridge, are visiting in Philadelphia.

Lieutenant Harold Berkeley, of Fort Oglethorpe, is spending a holiday furlough with relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stackpole are holiday guests of their daughter, Mrs. Walter Bruce Caldwell, at Sharon, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Compton, of New Haven, Conn., are spending Christmas with Mr. J. N. Compton, 338 Hummel street.

Miss Anna Margaret Miller, of Cottage Ridge, who has been visiting her brother, Herman P. Miller, Jr., in California for six months, is home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Jenkins have gone to Pittsburgh for a holiday visit.

## STORK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ball Houser, of Ithaca, N. Y., former Harrisburgers, announced the birth of a daughter, Helena Houser, Saturday, December 22, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Naugle, of 2176 Brookwood street, announced the birth of a daughter, Katharine Sara Naugle, Tuesday, December 18, 1917. Mrs. Naugle was Miss Sara Bowers prior to her marriage.

### Miss Carrie Miller Is Russell Patterson's Bride

A pretty wedding took place Saturday at 9.30 a. m. at the Augsburg Lutheran Church when Miss Carrie Miller was married to Russell K. Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Patterson, 2122 North Fourth street. The Rev. A. W. Stamets officiating, using the ring ceremony. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Miller, 1816 1/2 North Fifth street, wore a smart tailored suit of midnight blue chiffon broadcloth with French picture hat to match. Her corsage was of bride's roses.

After an extended honeymoon trip including Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Pittsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson will be "at home" to their friends at 1816 1/2 North Fifth street. Mr. Patterson is connected with the Philadelphia and Reading railroad.

### RECOVERATES IN TEXAS

Miss Edna Herman, a trained nurse, of Camp Hill, who was ill at the Harrisburg Hospital for several months is spending the winter in San Antonio, Texas, with her aunt, Mrs. George W. Rupp.

William H. Eby, Jr., of 612 North Front street, is a holiday guest of relatives in Philadelphia.

### Governor Locked Out; Breaks Two Precedents on Day Before Christmas

Governor Brumbaugh was locked out of his own offices at the State Capitol to-day through strict adherence of his own orders. The Governor should be closed from Saturday until Wednesday so that the hundreds of attaches could enjoy Christmas and attend to shopping.

To-day the Governor decided to go to his office at the Capitol to do some work and without saying anything about it walked to the Hill. He found the office closed and not being able to get in, while at the door a messenger boy came up and not recognizing the Governor insisted that he take and receipt for a telegram, which the Governor meekly did.

"I broke two precedents to-day," said the Governor. "I went to the Capitol against my own order and I received for a telegram."

The Governor said that he had received word that General E. F. Glenn, commanding Camp Sherman, would take his place. Ex-President Taft, who is one of the speakers at that time, has accepted and will be the Governor's house guest.

### CAPTAIN TO SPEAK

Captain William C. Riddle, of the United States Sanitary Corps, in charge of sanitation as division sanitary engineer at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, will be in Harrisburg this week. It will be his second visit to the city this year. On Friday night he will talk to the members of the Engineers' Society of Pennsylvania at their clubhouse, 31 South Front street. His subject will be "Sanitary Work at Army Campments."

### TO REPEAT CANTATA

In compliance with requests the children of the Coxestown Methodist Episcopal Sunday School will repeat their Christmas exercises on Christmas night at 7.30. The first presentation, on Saturday night, was a fine success.

### RED CROSS WILL TAKE CHRISTMAS CHEER TO ITALY

Trucks Will Bear Huge Bundles of Gifts For Distribution

Venice, Sunday, Dec. 23.—American Christmas cheer will be carried to the Italian soldiers in the trenches and to the sick and wounded soldiers in and around Venice by E. Harvey Carroll, Jr., American consul at Venice, acting for the American Red Cross. Mr. Carroll will leave Venice with General Di Viterfrancesca, so as to make the tour of the trenches on Christmas eve. They will be accompanied by detachments of soldiers with trucks bearing huge bundles of gifts for distributions among the troops.

Each soldier will receive a package containing socks, handkerchiefs, tobacco, sweets, and other articles of food and a distinctive present.

Another distribution will be made in Venice on Christmas eve and Christmas morning to wounded soldiers and civilian poor. Large numbers of wounded are now coming in from the Plave to the hospitals of Venice. Each of these will be remembered with clothing, food and sweets.

### Civilians Cared For

The civilian poor are being cared for regularly to the number of 1,200. Eight hundred received meals at one American soup kitchen and 400 at another American kitchen. In addition to the extra Christmas dinner each woman and child will receive a present of clothing and stockings, most of which has been manufactured in the American Red Cross factory at Maestre, a suburb of Venice.

The city of Venice remains comparatively undisturbed by the recent renewal of enemy pressure on the lower Plave nearest to Venice, where his line is twelve miles east of the city. While shells from the heavy guns could reach Venice, it is known that the enemy has been unable to bring across the river anything except machine guns and a few pieces of small calibre. No shells have fallen anywhere near the city.

The rumble of the bombardment can be heard day and night but the population has become accustomed to it, as it had to the previous menace from the air and the sea.

One of the chief reasons for calm is the belief that Pope Benedict has intervened in some way by which the Austrians will not shell the city. This report cannot be verified but the population generally believes it and it is one of the main reasons for the calm with which the pressure on the lower Plave has been accepted.

### Art Treasures Removed

The custodians of the art treasures in the city have considered it desirable to move a large number of paintings and statues which up to this time had been stored within the city. The most valuable were sent south months ago but now the entire bulk of removable art treasures has been taken away. It is estimated that 12,000 square meters of paintings were taken from the Ducal Palace alone.

The famous equestrian statue before St. Marks is being dismantled for removal, although it was at first intended to protect it by a brick covering. Few of the remaining

civilians wish to leave Venice but the municipality and the American Red Cross assist all who wish to get away.

### MUST SUPPORT FAMILY

The court to-day ordered William J. McLaughlin to pay \$50 a month to his wife, Catharine A. McLaughlin, for the support of herself and children. The case was heard before President Judge George Kunke, who questioned McLaughlin at length when it developed that he is alleged to have paid attentions to another woman. The woman has been sued for alienation of McLaughlin's affections by Mrs. McLaughlin.

### TWO SMALL FIRES

Two slight fires were extinguished this morning by the city fire department. A pile of rubbish in the backyard of the residence of William Jauss, 228 South Second street, was ablaze and required the services of the firemen.

### Christmas Dance

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