

The Tragic Prophecy

Tangled Romance of a Shipwrecked Poet

By HOWARD FIELDING

Albert Tenney, the author, whose earnings are envied and his mealtimes derided by his fellows of craft, sat down to breakfast in his various bachelor apartments...



He has predicted his own death. ... During the past winter, boring his money, feasting at his expense and even wearing his clothes...

He had finally sailed away on the Cassandra, bound for southern seas or seven other young men had been the party.

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Lovell. "I'll bet the little end swung ashore on the wind bag of his own vanity. But if he is dead, by Jingo, he's better stay so. He's safer in the grave beyond than he would be here.

Upon this the man with a fierce temper strode out of the room fuming. "Bert is furious because Mr. McLane sent me a bit of verse the last day he was here," said Marie.

She put into Tenney's hands two half sheets of his own best note paper upon which appeared, in Stephen McLane's quaint labored hand, about forty lines of verse which fairly staggered Tenney, first, by the seemingly prophetic nature of the matter and, secondly, by the extraordinary merit of the piece as a work of art.

In form it was a pictorial fragment, the description of the loss of a vessel—quite clearly indicated as the Cassandra—in a snowstorm on the open sea.

"Do you not recognize something more than natural in this? He has predicted his own death."

"This is very remarkable," said he. "It should certainly be published. Undoubtedly it is the very best thing that McLane ever did, the only thing really worthy of him. Do you suppose he has ever offered it anywhere?"

"Oh, no!" she exclaimed. "It was written for me. He says so in a little note accompanying the poem. It was for me alone."

"A little note?" quoth he, and the janitor had paid 4 cents postage on it; Tenney perceived very clearly that the ocean had engulfed a formidable rival, but he must not show his knowledge.

The barkentine had been partially disabled in the storm and blown far out of her course. Through incredible hardships—the chief of which, in McLane's mind, had been scant rations—she had fought her way into New York, where she had arrived that morning.

Tenney knew that as soon as Bert Lovell learned of the rescue he would come flying on the wings of the wind, and the storm off Hatteras would not be worth mentioning in comparison with the scene that would ensue.

"It seemed to be a good thing," he said, "and I sent it around; that's all. But, see here, old man, something's got to be done, and in a hurry. Can you lend me any money?"

Tenney always carried a large sum in cash. He appreciated cash, for he was once poor. Upon this emergency he contributed \$500 to further McLane's flight from the vengeance of Lovell and Holley.

"You'll hear from me later," said he. Tenney paced his room, a prey to the bitterest suspicions. Would McLane go to see Miss Holley? How would she receive him? Was it possible that she loved him? The poor fellow held his head in his hands and walked miles and miles around his study table.

About 2 in the afternoon Bert Lovell came, in excellent humor, grinning from ear to ear.

"Well," said he, "I told you the little cad wasn't drowned. He's safe, right enough."

"Does Marie know?" "Oh, yes; Marie and I have had a little talk, and I find that I was mistaken. She cared nothing for McLane. It was Archer."

SHERIFF'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE. By virtue of process issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Wayne county, and State of Pennsylvania, and to me directed and delivered, I have levied on and will expose to public sale, at the Court House in Honesdale, on

THE FIRST BEGINNING at a post west line of the Elk Forest tract and in the southwest corner of land conveyed to Lorenzo L. Sweet; thence along the said line of Elk Forest south ten (10) degrees east to a post and stones the northwest corner of land surveyed by Philander Beattys; thence by the land last mentioned north eighty-eight and one-half (88 1/2) degrees east sixty-eight and four-tenths (68.4) rods to the southwest corner of land bargained by Samuel Stone to Thomas Clark; thence by land last mentioned north ten (10) degrees west one hundred and eighteen and one-half (118 1/2) rods to a corner in the south line of the aforesaid land surveyed for Philander Beattys; thence along the line last mentioned south eighty-nine (89) degrees west sixty-eight and one-half (68 1/2) rods to a place of beginning. Containing fifty (50) acres.

THE SECOND BEGINNING at a stones corner of Benjamin Simpson's land; thence by the Elk Forest Tract south nineteen (19) degrees east one hundred and sixty-nine (169) perches to an ash stump south twenty (20) degrees east ninety-six (96) perches to a stone corner; thence south seventy (70) degrees west nine and six-tenths (9.6) perches to a stone; thence by land of James Chapman north forty-four and one-half (44 1/2) degrees west one hundred and eighty-four and one-half (184 1/2) perches to a stone; thence by vacant land north ten (10) degrees west two hundred and forty-six (246) perches to stones; thence south forty-six and one-half (46 1/2) degrees east one hundred and thirty (130) perches to place of beginning. Containing one hundred and forty-eight (148) acres and sixty-nine (69) perches.

Excepting therefrom the land conveyed to Asa Stanton, to wit, about forty-four (44) acres more or less, and excepting therefrom the land conveyed to Thomas Howell, to wit, about thirteen (13) acres more or less, as appears of record in the Recorder's office of said Wayne county.

All improved farm land, excepting about thirty (30) acres of good standing timber (the acreage not guaranteed) together with a two-story frame dwelling house with an addition or Ell attached and two good sized barns and outbuildings thereon, and there being a good orchard on said farm.

And being the same property conveyed to the said Henry Cole by K. Milton Salmon by deed dated March 9, 1908, and recorded in the Recorder's office of said Wayne county, in Deed Book No. 90, at page 521, et seq.

Sold and taken in execution at the suit of James McPherson, assigned to George I. Cole, assigned to John R. Jones, versus Annie Cole.

By FRANK C. KIMBLE, Sheriff, Honesdale, Pa., Jan. 17, 1912.

NOTICE OF APPEALS. The Commissioners of Wayne county, Pa., have fixed the following days and dates respectively for hearing general appeals from the assessment of 1912 at the Commissioners' office, Honesdale, Pa.:

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1912, Honesdale and Texas. Wednesday, Jan. 31—Berlin, Damascus, Manchester, Buckingham, Lebanon, Oregon. Thursday, Feb. 1—Scott, Starrucca, Preston, Mt. Pleasant, Cherry Ridge, Dyberry, Bethany.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS NEVILLE, late of the township of Sterling, county of Wayne and State of Pennsylvania, deceased.

By the Court. In accordance with the above order, an application will be made to the Court at the time therein stated for a decree authorizing a private sale of the real estate of Thomas Neville, late of Sterling, deceased.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION, ESTATE OF JOHN G. RIEFLER, Late of Honesdale.

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RECEIPTS. Cash in bank Jan. 1, 1911, 7,181.03. Cash received on applications, 489.84.

EXPENDITURES. Paid for the following losses: BURNED. C. H. O'Neill, barn and contents, 300.00.

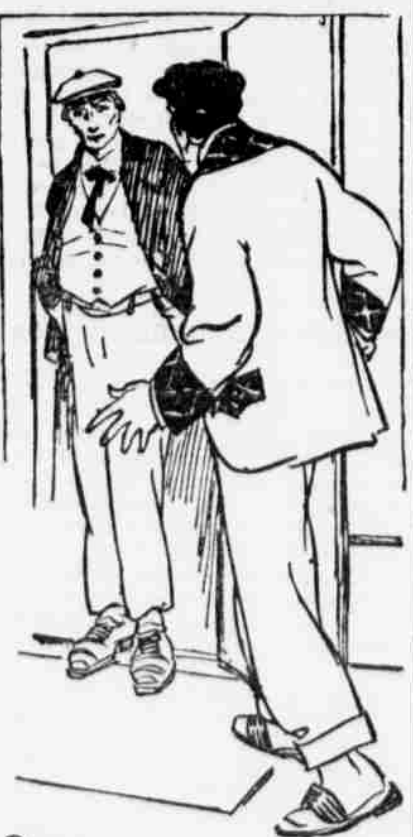
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ASSETS. Cash in Treasury, 5,134.94. Cash in hands of agents, 130.10.

LIABILITIES. Liabilities, 1,291.40. Assets in excess of liabilities, \$178,233.60.

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"M'LANE!" SHOUTED TENNEY

want to get it over and be well out of town before this poem business gets blown any wider. We're to be married this afternoon and leave for California immediately.

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