

### Maisonneuve's Fight With The Indians



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Life in Ville-Marie, as they called Montreal then, was full of daily peril. Iroquois lurked in the surrounding forest, falling upon wood-choppers and

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workers in the fields. On the river, their canoes hid among the reeds or under the tree clad banks to dash in swift pursuit of the solitary voyageur or fisherman.

But their Governor, Paul de Chomedey, Sieur de Maisonneuve, was an ideal leader for the crusading colonists. He was a soldier, in the prime of life, pious, brave, and self-sacrificing. But he was also prudent: He knew that the settlers were no match for the Indians in bush fighting, and he refused to allow them to venture in pursuit of their elusive foes. Constant watch was kept, but the fort's most efficient sentinel was a dog, named Plotté, who with her puppies, scouted the edge of the woods, and barked a loud warning whenever she scented the presence of hidden Indians.

**Shadows of the Great**

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Greasing the Kaiser.

One of the Kaiser's weaknesses was a very curious and egotistical sense of humor. He gloried in the comic discomfort of others, but when it came to himself it was a very different affair.

I had a very excellent instance of that at Hamburg once. The Kaiser was entertaining King Edward and some friends incognito at one of the hotels. The hotel was used instead of the Schloss within easy access, in order to preserve the informality.

During dinner, a waiter, unused to waiting upon such eminent guests, became nervous and spilled some asparagus soup over the shoulders of the Kaiser and Count Zeppelin who sat on his left. The Kaiser saw the soup on the shoulder of the Count and laughed uproariously. King Edward saw the soup on both the shoulders, saw that the Kaiser was in happy ignorance of his own condition and in that ignorance was enjoying the Count's mis-

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Irritated by the continual ambuscade and siege, Maisonneuve's men clamored to be led out against their enemies and taunted him with cowardice when he refused.

At last, one day in March, 1644, Plotté gave warning, and Maisonneuve granted their desire. He called for thirty men, and led them out to the attack. In the woods a swarm of Iroquois met them and shot at them from every side. The French fought stubbornly, but at length, under the heavy fire, they began to fall back. Maisonneuve, a pistol in each hand, fronted the Indians, who charged forward in pursuit. They might easily have shot him down; but they wished to take him alive and torture him as a trophy of their victory. Slowly he retreated, till, in sight of the gate of

fortune, and enjoyed the general situation tremendously.

Unfortunately a fussy maitre d'hotel mumbled guttural apologies before cleaning the Kaiser's coat with a clean napkin. The Kaiser lifted his brows, screwed his head around and saw the damage!

The Kaiser stormed and raved. He sent for the proprietor and accused him of deliberate insult, said that it was a Socialist plot, and had been pre-arranged. The proprietor trembled at the Imperial displeasure. He grovelled his apologies and joined with the maitre d'hotel in kicking the unfortunate and trembling waiter out of the room.

Another waiter thoughtfully held the doors open so that the Kaiser could see a number of good sound kicks administered to puncture the waiter's dolorous progress.

That night when the King was going to bed he sent for me: "Woodhall," he said, "go and find that waiter's address and give him this 200 marks but tell him not to say where it comes from! I did so.

When we returned to London the King sent for Juda, his friend, the well-known manager of the Cafe Royal.

"Juda," he said, "would you like a good German waiter? No ordinary waiter this, either; indeed he knows how to grease the Kaiser. What do you think of that?"

"I shall be only too honoured, Your Majesty," replied the greatest restaurant manager of Europe—in King Edward's opinion amongst others—"It is most gracious of Your Majesty to consider me."

So the waiter got a job in London under somewhat false pretense, I am afraid, for his method of "greasing"

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the fort, through which the French were crowding, the Iroquois chief dashed at Maisonneuve. He fired but his pistol missed. The Indian dodged, and rushed again. Maisonneuve fired his other pistol. The chief fell dead, and while his warriors rescued his body, Maisonneuve reached the gate, with Plotté at his heels, still barking defiance at the Indians. The dog and her master had won the honors of the day.

On the Place d'Armes, in the heart of the city of Montreal, near the spot where the fight took place, Herbert's magnificent monument to-day commemorates Maisonneuve's exploit, in one of the groups which flank the base, crouches the alert, and faithful Plotté. (Copyright by C. W. Jefferys, R. C. A.)

the Kaiser was far different from Juda's idea of that delicate operation.

(Next week—King George's human qualities survive the acid test—The King and Woodhall prou about Manchester incognito—Hospitality of Lancashire native who mistakes the King for one Bill Ashworth.)

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table. The cost of the alteration including the painting of the exterior in the spring will be about \$1500.00 of which considerably over \$1200.00 has already been promised. The board of managers and the people of the congregation are to be congratulated.

The reopening services were in charge of the minister, Rev. H. S. Bishop, but the preacher for the occasion was a former pastor, Rev. E. M. Aitken, now of Cornwall. Both morning and evening Mr. Aitken delivered stirring addresses that were appropriate for the time. His morning theme was taken from the words of Christ wherein He instructed Peter to "Launch out into the deep". The present day disciples of the Master were not to be content with playing along the shore of services, but were to launch out into deeper places where their efforts will be of greater success. This demands "consecration on the part of the individual and the church. In the evening, Mr. Aitken's subject

was "Christianity in Action," basing his address upon the story of the runaway slave Onesimus, and his reception by his former master Philemon, who was now a Christian. The necessities of courage and forgiveness as Christian virtues were forcefully set forth. The music by the local choir both morning and evening was worthy of praise.

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