

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER XXXVI.
A PLAN OF ESCAPE.

If our enemies were awed by our sudden disappearance, it was soon robbed of its mysterious character. Our faces, and the dark barrels of our rifles, visible around the edges of the white rock, must have dispelled all ideas of the supernatural. Having hastily disposed of our horses, we had placed ourselves thus—in case of a charge being made—though of this we had no longer any great apprehension; and still less as we watched the movements of our adversaries.

El Zorro continued for some time to fire his big gun—the bullets of which we could dodge as easily as if they had been turkeys hurled at us—and the leaden missiles fell harmlessly at our feet. Seeing this, the salteador at length ceased firing, and with another, rode off in the direction of the settlements, no doubt on some errand.

One pair of eyes was sufficient to watch the movements of the besiegers. Garey undertook this duty, leaving Rube and myself free to think over some plan of escape.

That we were not to be attacked was now certain. We had the choice, then, of two alternatives—either to keep the position we were in till thirst should force us to surrender, or attack them, and by a bold coup cut our way through their line. As to the former, we well knew that thirst would soon compel us to yield. Hunger we dreaded not. We had our knives, and before us a plentiful stock of that food on which the prairie wanderer often sustains life. "Horse-beef" we had all eaten, and could do so again; but for the sister appetite—thirst—we had made no provision.

Our guard-canteens were empty—had been empty for hours—we were actually gushing for the mesa spring when the enemy first came in sight. We were then thirst; but the excitement of the skirmish, with the play of passion incident thereto, had augmented the appetite, and already were we a prey to its keenest pangs. We mumbled as we talked, for each of us was chewing the leaden bullet. Thirst, then, we dreaded even more than our armed enemy.

The other alternative was a desperate one—now more desperate than ever, from the increased number of our foes. To cut our way through them had no other significance than to fight the whole party hand to hand; and we regretted we had not done so when only eleven were opposed to us.

A little reflection, however, convinced us that we were in a yet better position. We could make the attempt in the darkness. Night would favour us to some extent. Could we succeed by a bold dash in breaking through their line, we might escape under the friendly cover of darkness, and the confusion consequent upon the melee.

There was probability in this. The boldest was clearly the wisest course we could pursue. Desperate it appeared. One or other of us might fall, but it offered the only hope that any of us might get free, for we knew that to surrender was to be shot—perhaps worse—tortured.

We had but faint hopes of a rescue, so faint, we scarcely entertained them. I knew that my friends, the rangers, would be in search of me. Wheatley and Hollingsworth would not give me up without making an effort for my recovery; but then the search would be made in a different direction—that in which I had gone, and which lay many miles from the mesa. Even had they thought of sending to the mound, the search must have been already made, and the party returned from it. Too long time had elapsed to make any calculation on a chance like this. The hope was not worth holding and we held it not.

For some time Rube and I thought in combination, canvassing the details of the plan that had offered. After a while we stood apart, and each pursued the train of his own reflections.

I declare that in that hour I had more painful thoughts than those that sprung from the peril of my situation; this I solemnly declare.

I have already said that when I first recognized the leader of the guerilla, I experienced an unpleasant suspicion. Since then I had not time to dwell upon it—self-preservation engrossing all my thoughts. Now that I found more leisure for reflection, the dire thought returned in full strength, and I bitterly pondered upon it. Need I name the subject of my wretched reflections? Isolina de Vargas!

Knew she of this? Knew she that Jurra was the chief of a guerilla? Her cousin—share of the same roof—she could scarcely be ignorant of it. Who set him on our trail? Oh, bitter thought! was this hunt of the wild horse a ruse—a scheme—to separate me from my command, and thus render it an easier prey to the Mexican guerrilleros? Perhaps my straggling followers were by this cut off? Perhaps the post had been attacked by a large body of the enemy—captured? I was not only to lose life, but had already lost my honor. I, the proud captain of a boasted troop, to be thus entrapped by artifice—the artifice of a woman!

My heart, overwhelmed with such bitter fancies, stayed not to reason.

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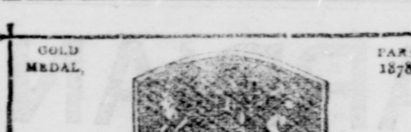
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Dated this 12th day of January, A. D. 1882. **EDWARD JARVIS HODGSON,** [A. 13 s]—2w to the Mortgagee.

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TIME TABLE NO. 17.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

To take effect on the 1st Dec., 1881.

TRAINS OUTWARD.

STATIONS.	MIXED.	EX'CL.	MIXED.
Ch'town	Dep 8.15am	Dep 3.00pm	Dep 2.30pm
Royalty Jc	" 8.38 "	" 3.23 "	" 2.53 "
N Wiltsh's	" 9.29 "	" 4.15 "	" "
Hunter R'r	" 9.45 "	" 4.30 "	" "
Bradalbe's	" 10.23 "	" 5.08 "	" "
Co'ty Line	" 10.33 "	" 5.18 "	" "
Freetown	" 10.48 "	" 5.33 "	" "
Kensington	" 11.10 "	" 5.55 "	" "
Summ'side	" 11.45 "	" 6.30 "	" "
Wellington	" 12.15 "	" 7.00 "	" "
Port Hill	" 12.32 "	" 7.17 "	" "
J Leary	" 12.44 "	" 7.29 "	" "
Bloomfield	" 1.08 "	" 7.53 "	" "
Alberton	" 1.24 "	" 8.09 "	" "
Tignish	" 1.45 "	" 8.30 "	" "
Royalty Jc	" 2.53pm	" 8.55 "	" "
York	" 3.09 "	" 9.11 "	" "
Bedford	" 3.29 "	" 9.31 "	" "
Mt Stew't	" 4.05 "	" 10.07 "	" "
Cardigan	" 4.33 "	" 10.35 "	" "
Georgetown	" 4.60 "	" 11.02 "	" "
Mt Stew't	" 4.15pm	" 11.29 "	" "
Morell	" 4.55 "	" 12.05 "	" "
St. Peter's	" 5.25 "	" 12.35 "	" "
Bear River	" 6.15 "	" 1.05 "	" "
Souris	" 7.00 "	" 1.40 "	" "

TRAINS INWARD.

STATIONS.	MIXED.	MIXED.	MIXED.
Ch'town	Ar 5.30pm	Ar 11.15am	Ar 11.45am
Royalty Jc	Dep 5.07 "	Dep 10.52 "	Dep 11.22 "
N Wiltsh's	" 4.15 "	" 10.00 "	" "
Hunter R'r	" 4.00 "	" 9.45 "	" "
Bradalbe's	" 3.24 "	" 8.59 "	" "
Co'ty Line	" 3.14 "	" 8.49 "	" "
Freetown	" 2.59 "	" 8.44 "	" "
Kensington	" 2.35 "	" 8.20 "	" "
Summ'side	" 2.00 "	" 7.45 "	" "
Wellington	Dep 10.38 "	" 7.15 "	" "
Port Hill	" 9.53 "	" 6.40 "	" "
J Leary	" 8.31 "	" 5.18 "	" "
Bloomfield	" 8.08 "	" 4.55 "	" "
Alberton	" 7.25 "	" 4.12 "	" "
Tignish	" 6.30 "	" 3.17 "	" "
Royalty Jc	" 11.22am	" 11.05 "	" "
York	" 11.05 "	" 10.45 "	" "
Bedford	" 10.45 "	" 10.10 "	" "
Mt Stew't	" 10.00 "	" 9.40 "	" "
Cardigan	" 9.30 "	" 9.15 "	" "
Georgetown	" 8.40 "	" 8.15 "	" "
Mt Stew't	Ar 10.00am	" 8.50 "	" "
Morell	" 9.20 "	" 8.00 "	" "
St. Peter's	" 8.50 "	" 7.15 "	" "
Bear River	" 8.00 "	" 6.30 "	" "
Souris	" 7.15 "	" 5.45 "	" "

L. B. ARCHIBALD, Superintendent of Railway Office, Charlottetown, Nov. 29, 188