

THE GAMBETTA DUEL.

How Mark Twain Distinguished Himself as the Statesman's Second.

(Concluded.)

When he came to, he said, mournfully: 'The unnatural calm to which I have subjected myself has told up upon my nerves. But away with weakness, I will confront my fate like a man and a Frenchman.'

He rose to his feet and assumed an attitude which for sublimity had never been approached by a man, and has seldom been surpassed by statues.

After a long silence, he asked: 'Was nothing said about that man's family standing up with him as an offset to my bulk? But no matter. I would not stoop to make such a suggestion. If he is not noble enough to suggest himself he is welcome to this advantage, which no honorable man would take.'

'A: what hour is the engagement to begin?'

'Half-past nine.'

'Very good indeed. Have you sent the fact to the newspapers?'

'Sir! If after our long and intimate friendship you can for a moment deem me capable of so base a treachery—'

'Tut, tut! What words are these, my dear friend? Have I wounded you? A, forgive me, I am overloading you with labor. Therefore go on with the other details and drop this one from your list. The bloody-minded Fourton will be sure to attend to it. Or I myself—yes, to make certain, I will drop a note to my journalistic friend, M. Noir.'

'Oh, come to think, you may save yourself the trouble; that other second has informed M. Noir.'

'H'm! I might have known it. It is just like that Fourton, who always wants to make a display.'

At half past nine in the morning the procession approached the field of Plessis-Piquet in the following order: First came our carriage—nobody in it but Gambetta and myself; then a carriage containing M. Fourton and his second; then a carriage containing two poet-orators who did not believe in God, and these had MS. funeral orations projecting from their breast-pockets; then a carriage containing the head surgeon and their cases of instruments; then eight private carriages containing consulting surgeon; then a carriage containing the head undertakers; then a train of assistants and mutes on foot; and after these came plodding through the fog a long procession of camp-followers, police and citizens generally. It was a noble turnout, and would have made a fine display if we had had thinner weather.

The police noticed that the public had massed themselves together on the right and left of the field; they therefore begged a delay while they should put these poor people in a place of safety. The request was granted. The police having ordered the two multitudes to take positions behind the duelists, we were once more ready. The weather growing still more opaque, it was agreed between myself and the other second that before giving the fatal signal we should each deliver a loud whoop to enable the combatants to ascertain each other's whereabouts.

I now returned to my principal, and was distressed to observe that he had lost a good deal of his spirit. I tried my best to hearten him. I said: 'Indeed, sir, things are not so bad as they seem. Considering the character of the weapons, the limited number of shots allowed, the generous distance, the impenetrable solidity of the fog, and the added fact that one of the combatants is one-eyed and the other cross-eyed and near sighted, it seems to me that this conflict need not necessarily be fatal. There are chances that both of you may survive. Therefore cheer up; do not be downhearted.'

This speech had so good an effect that my principal immediately stretched forth his hand and said, 'I am myself again; give me the weapon.'

I laid it, all lonely and forlorn, in the centre of the vast solitude of his palm. He gazed at it and shuddered. And still musingly contemplating it he murmured in a broken voice:

'Alas, it is not death I dread, but mutilation.'

I heartened him once more, with such success that presently he said: 'Let the tragedy begin. Stand at my back; do not desert me in this solemn hour, my friend.'

I gave him my promise. I now assisted him to point his pistol towards the spot where I judge his adversary to be standing, and I cautioned him to listen well and further guide himself by my fellow-second's whoop. Then I propped myself against M. Gambetta's back, and raised a rousing 'Whoop-ee!' This was answered from out the far distances of the fog, and I immediately shouted: 'On—wo—three—fire!'

Two little sounds like spit! spit! broke upon my ear, and in the same instant I was crushed to the earth under a mountain of flesh. Buried as I was, I

was still able to catch a faint scent from above to this effect:

'I die for... for... perdition take it, what is it I die for? Oh, yes—FRANCE! I die that France may live!'

The surgeons swarmed around with their probes in their hands and applied their microscopes to the whole area of M. Gambetta's person, with the happy result of finding nothing in the nature of a wound. Then a scene ensued which was in every way gratifying and inspiring.

The two gladiators fell upon each other's necks, with a flood of proud and happy tears; the other second embraced me; the surgeons, the orators, the undertakers, everybody embraced everybody cried, and the whole atmosphere was filled with praise and with joy un-penetrable. It seemed to me then that I would rather be the hero of a French tale than a crowned and sceptred monarch.

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ALL that tract of land and premises situate lying and being as follows, that is to say: Commencing on the north side of the Fort Augustus Road, at the south-east angle of a farm of land in the possession of Thomas Ceerley; from thence north fifty chains, or to the northern boundary of the said John Henesy's land; thence east five chains; thence south to the said road, and from thence west to place of commencing, containing by estimation Twenty-five acres, a little more or less, and being part of Lot or Township Number Thirty-six, in Queen's County, together with all rights, members and appurtenances there-to belonging.

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Dated this Twenty-seventh day of November, A. D. 1878.

FRANCIS KELLY, Mortgagee.

Dec. 2, 1878—law t sale

THE above Sale is hereby postponed till TUESDAY, the Twenty-fifth day of February 1879, then to take place at the hour and place above mentioned

FRANCIS KELLY, Mortgagee.

Prince Edward Island. IN CHANCERY.

SILAS BARNARD, Executor of the last Will and Testament of James Coles, deceased, Complainant.

THOMAS REILLY, CATHERINE REILLY and MARY G. REILLY, by her Guardian, Hannah Reilly, Defendants.

In pursuance of a decree made in this suit by His Honor the Vice Chancellor, bearing date the nineteenth day of November, instant, A. D. 1878, there will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of February next, A. D. 1879, at twelve o'clock, noon, at the Supreme Court House in Charlottetown, in Queen's County—

ALL that Tract, Piece or Parcel of Land being part of Town Lot Number Eighty-nine in the third hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown, commencing at the northeast angle of said Town Lot, on the southeast edge of Kent Street; thence, following the course of the same, westwardly for the distance of eighty-six feet and eight inches; thence, by a right-angle line with said Kent Street, south-eastwardly for the distance of forty-eight feet and six inches; thence, by a line parallel with said Kent Street, eastwardly for the distance of thirty feet; thence, by a right angle therewith, northwardly for the distance of six feet; thence by a line running north-eastwardly to the southwest angle of the dwelling house; thence, by a line at right angles with the course of Prince Street, eastwardly thirty-one feet to the westward edge of said Prince Street; thence, following the course of the same, northwardly thirty-one feet to the place of commencement; together with the buildings and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging.

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T. HEATH HAVILAND, Master in Chancery.

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