

THE FAIR GOD.

BOOK SEVEN.

CHAPTER XVI.

(Continued.)

Everything incident to the preparations which required light had been done before the day expired; outside the house, therefore, there was not a spark to betray the movement of the enemy; in fact, nothing to betray it except the heat of horses' hoofs and the rumble of the carriages, and they were not drowned by the tempest. If the saints would but help him clear of the streets of the city, would help him to the causeway even, without bringing the infidels upon him, sword and lance would win the rest: so the leader prayed and trusted the while he waited.

"My son, is it thou?" asked a man, close at his side.

"He turned quickly, and replied, 'Father Bartolome! Welcome! What dost thou bring?'"

"Report of the sick and wounded."

"I remember, I remember! Of all this had business, by my conscience, no part so troubled me as to say what should be done with them. At the last moment thou wert good enough to take the task upon thyself. Speak; what did thy judgment dictate? What did thy thy conscience permit?"

"The good man arranged his hood, the better to shield his face from the rain, and answered: 'Of the Christians, all who are able will take their places in the line; the very sick will be borne by Tascalans; the litters are ready for them.'"

"Very well," said Cortes. "The Tascalans—"

"Certo, there the trouble began!" and Cortes laid his hand heavily on the priest's shoulder. "Three hundred and more of them are too weak to rise from the straw, which yet hath not kept the bones from leaning the stony floor! Good heart, what didst thou with them?"

"They are dead."

"Mother of God! Didst thou kill them?" Cortes gripped the shoulder until Olmedo groaned. "Didst thou kill them?"

The father shook himself loose, saying, "There is no blood on my hands. The Holy Mother came to my help; and this was the way. Remembrance of the love of Christ forbade the leaving one Christian behind; but the heathen born had no such appeal; they must be left—necessity said so. I could not kill them. By priestly office, I could prepare them for death; and so I went from man to man with holy formula and sacramental water. The caciques were with me the while, and when I had concluded, they spoke some words to the sufferers; then I saw what never Christian saw before. Hardly will thou believe me, but Senor, I beheld the poor wretches, with smiles, bare their breasts, and the chiefs begin and thrust their javelins in the hearts of all there lying."

An exclamation of horror burst from Cortes. "Twas murder! 'murder! What didst thou?"

Olmedo replied quickly, "Trust me my son, I rushed in, and stayed the work until the victims themselves prayed the chiefs to go on. Not even then did give over my efforts—not until they made me understand the purpose of the butchery."

"And that? Hasten thee father, What thou tellest will stagger Christendom."

Again Cortes caught the priest's shoulder. "Nay," said the latter, shrinking back, "thy hand is hard enough without its glove of steel."

"Pardon, father, but—"

"In good time, my son, in good time. What, but thy impatience, I would have said ere this is, that the object was to save the honor of the tribe, and, by killing the unfortunates, rescue them from the gods of their enemy. Accordingly, the bands who are first to enter the palace to-night or to-morrow will find treasure—much treasure as thou knowest—but not one victim."

The father spoke solemnly, for in the circumstance there was a strain of pious exultation that found an echo in his own devoted nature; greatly was he shocked to hear Cortes laugh.

"Valgame Dios!" he cried, crossing himself, the man blasphemes!"

"Blasphemes, saidst thou?" and Cortes checked him. "May the saints forget me for ever, if I laughed at the tragedy thou wert telling! I laughed at the simplicity, father."

"Is this time for jesting!" asked Olmedo. "Good father," said Cortes gravely, "the hands that take the place to-night or to-morrow will find no treasure—not enough to buy a Christmas ribbon for a country girl."

"I went to the treasure room a little while before coming here, and there I found the variety of Narvaez loading themselves with bags of silver and gold; they had sacks and pouches belted to their waists and shoulders, and were filling them to bursting. Possibly some gold dust spilled on the floor may remain for those who succeed us; but nothing more. Pray thou, good priest, good friend, pray thou that the treasure be not found in the road we travel to-night."

A body of men crossing the courtyard attracted Cortes; then four horsemen approached, and stopped before him.

"Is it thou, Sandoval?" he asked.

"Yes, Senor."

"And Orvas, Lugo and Tapia?"

"Here," they replied.

"And thy following, Sandoval?"

"The cavaliers of Narvaez whom thou gavest me, one hundred chosen soldiers, and the Tascalans to the number thou didst order."

"Bien! Lead out of the gate, and halt after making what thou deemest room for the other divisions. Christ and St. James go with thee!"

"Amen!" responded Olmedo.

halting the royal treasurers, "let me assure myself of what beyond peradventure ye are assured." (To be continued.)

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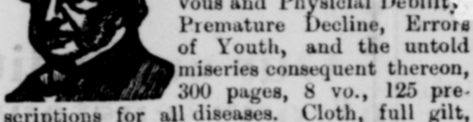
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