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Outpost In China

By Val Gielgud

Continued

"What?" asked Gerald sulkily. "Ever heard me speak of General Wu-Tso-Ling?" "I think so. Why?" "Because he's back in the hills, my dear Havelock. Because he's left Tan Fu alone hitherto because he chooses to consider himself a friend of mine. Because I took the trouble to encourage him in that belief. It wasn't awfully difficult. He's a general blackguard in his way, with a fine taste in drinks; talks English fluently if inaccurately; and is almost certainly an EurAsian."

"Well?" "I'm only advising you to keep a weather eye lifting towards the hills—like the psalmist in the proverb. He may take departure as a heaven-sent opportunity, and try to get fresh. And you can't fight him you know. He has about a couple hundred men—and most of 'em can shoot more than a bit."

Gerald walked up and down the room uneasily, biting his lips. "It never struck you that it was a bit late in the day to tell me this?" he said at last.

"I only knew that he was back from his expedition to the east three days ago," said Leslie. "And till to-day—"

"Till to-day," Gerald repeated, "it was your private business! I suppose you wanted your last ounce of authority!"

But Leslie by now had his temper well in hand. "I'm used to it," he said coolly. "How amusing," said Gerald Havelock.

THE TRUMP CARD IS PLAYED

Leslie's eyebrows went up. "Amusing? I don't see how particularly."

"Don't you? You're going to. I find it extremely entertaining—that you should have thought yourself the almighty boss of this station all these weeks."

"I think," said Leslie, "that you'd better explain what you mean."

"I will, with pleasure," Gerald Havelock pulled out his pocket book, and took from it a rather dirtied envelope, which Dale recognized as official Harwood and Greer stationery. This letter tells you that I am and have been officially in charge of the station at Tan Fu from the moment of my arrival."

"What?" "I didn't mean to tell you. It struck me that it might give you rather a shock, and I was grateful to you. But you've been overdoing the heavy father act, so you may as well know the truth. I'm afraid head office must have thought that you were overdoing your precious authority."

"So that was it," muttered Leslie. "It was," agreed Gerald cheerfully. "Here's your letter." He held it out. Leslie Dale took it, turned it over two or three times between his fingers. Then with a single violent movement ripped it across, and let the pieces fall to the floor.

"I imagine," he said quietly.

Army Re-union



General Dwight D. Eisenhower (right) who will take command of Western Europe's defence army, is seen as he was greeted by British Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery following their meeting at

Eisenhower's quarters at the Hotel Raphael, in Paris. Although Montgomery was besieged by newsmen when he left, he refused to answer questions as to whether he had offered his services to the Allied European commander.

"That I owe you an official apology. You won't get it. I'll keep what I have to say till I get down to Shanghai."

CHAPTER VII CHILDISH TRIUMPH

For a moment or two Gerald Havelock stared uncertainly at the torn scraps of paper littering the floor about Dale's riding boots.

In his mind was a queer mixture of feelings: an almost schoolboyish exultation in having exploded his bomb; a quiet childish pleasure in the realization of just how deeply hurt were the feelings of the man whom he had come so to dislike; and a most irritating yet irresistible sense of shame for his own behaviour.

For Gerald Havelock, however much of a villain, was not in the very least a coward. Nor did he share the essentially modern vice of ingratitude. And he admitted to himself that but for Leslie Dale those last weeks in Tan Fu would have been quite intolerable both for himself and for Sheila.

Sheila! What was she going to say when she found out what had happened? He didn't believe that she liked Leslie Dale any better than he did himself—but she was very practical. She would point out that to quarrel openly with Leslie Dale was not very sensible for a newcomer to the firm and the country; that once back at head office a man of Dale's experience and record wouldn't have much difficulty in turning the tables on a greenhorn.

"I'm sorry," he said impulsively. "I'm afraid I lost my temper. I ought to have held my tongue."

Leslie Dale's glance—composed as it was of scorn, and an anger as rare as it was genuine—shrivelled him.

"You ought to have given me the letter the moment you arrived, as you very well know. Then I should have known what to do."

"I was told to act on my own discretion," answered Gerald in a low voice.

"And how can you act on what you haven't got?" snapped Dale. Gerald winced. This was getting down to the bone with a vengeance.

"I can only say I'm sorry," he muttered weakly.

"O dry up," Havelock, and run away! You're hours late at the office as it is—and I've my packing to finish."

And Leslie Dale swept up an armful of books and papers, strode across into his bedroom, and slammed the door behind him.

Gerald Havelock stared gloomily at the blankly unresponsive surface of that door, and gnawed nervously at a scrap of dried skin on his right thumb.

His wife's voice interrupted his gloomy reverie. "I thought I heard you go out, Gerry."

She stood in the doorway of her own room, as smart and appealing as a fashion plate, wearing a white drill coat and skirt, most elegantly cut, white silk stockings, white buckskin shoes with ridiculously high heels, and a smart, imperious, scarlet hat, which gave the impression of being clamped to the side of her head. It would have been difficult to imagine a greater contrast than she presented to the rather bedraggled girl in the kimono of ten minutes before. And something tugged at Gerald Havelock's heart-strings as he looked at her. She looked so pretty! So young! So utterly adorable! And she seemed so many interminable miles away from him. She had been ever since they had first come to this infernal station: since she had kept away from him in a room of her own; since she had realized him to be incompetent, as a man of affairs, against the yardstick provided by Leslie Dale's unimaginative efficiency. And a sick loathing of Dale flooded back across his mind.

"That," he said, speaking a little breathlessly, "was just our Mr. Dale."

A queer look flashed for a second, quite unregarded by her husband, into Sheila Havelock's eyes.

"Where's Leslie gone?" she asked. "Not to the boat already?"

"On the contrary. Just to pack—in a huff."

"What upset him?" "You're truly, as usual."

"Why?" Gerald gnawed his thumb nervously.

"Oh I just gave him old Greer's letter, Sheila. That was all. He didn't like it. In fact, he hated it."

And he indicated the torn fragments of paper on the floor.

To be continued

W.C.T.U. NOTES

THE CHURCH AND THE TEMPERANCE QUESTION

As there have been changes in governmental policy, so also, the attitude of the churches to this question has varied. During the half century the Roman Catholic opposition to the beverage alcohol trade, in general, and to the over-consumption of beer, wine and spirits, in particular, has been strengthened. The late Cardinal Villeneuve and the bishops of Quebec who served under him issued one of the strongest and most carefully reasoned statements against the evil of intemperance ever produced by any North American church. Today Roman Catholic societies that promote voluntary total abstinence are effective in Quebec. This good work is being extended by the Roman Catholic Communion into New Brunswick and Ontario. Cardinal McGuigan's assistant bishop, Webster, rarely misses an opportunity to present arguments in favour of total abstinence. Archbishop Vachon of Ottawa is a strong temperance leader. The influence of such men as Webster and Vachon is considerable.

There has been a clarification of views concerning temperance in the Church of England in Canada and more recently this Communion has stressed the values of voluntary total abstinence as commended in an early Lambeth Conference report. In some local option areas the Church of England clergy and members joined their brethren in opposing any extension of the beverage alcohol business. The late Primate Owen more than once expressed deep concern about Canada's mounting liquor bill, and the present Primate has expressed similar concern. Efforts to have the Synod of Toronto approve of Ontario's freer sale policy have been made on at least three occasions, but every time these efforts have been defeated.

The votes against them have revealed a strong majority of Synod members in favour of reasonable restrictions. Excellent material on the temperance question has been furnished to Church of England clergy by that Communion's Council of Social Service.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada's temperance policy is closely related to that of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. This Communion's statement includes an expression of concern for the four million problem drinkers in the United States. Over-indulgence is regarded as an illness; moderation is looked upon as "sometimes a prelude to excessive drinking and inebriety." Voluntary abstinence is commended as a Christian standard.

Some Moderators of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, including the immediate past Moderator, Very Rev. C. L. Cowan of Hamilton, are among Canada's most vigorous temperance leaders. Dr. Cowan, during his year of office, on more than one occasion, strongly attacked the liquor traffic, condemned social drinking and called upon his people to be more concerned about the promotion of a sane and reasonable temperance program.

The Baptists and United Churches have been and are in the vanguard of temperance leadership in Canada. Both of these Communions give a prominent place to this question in their church courts. Baptist and United Church ministers address many temperance meetings, preach a number of temperance sermons and are prominent on church delegations to provincial and federal governments.

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Mr. Elwood Weeks was a visitor to the city on Monday.

Mr. Hensley Higgins was a visitor to Charlottetown on Tuesday.

Weekend motorists to the city included Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Cutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Cutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Weeks, Arthur Weeks and Ben Cutcliffe.

The many friends of Mrs. N. S. J. Murray regret to hear of her continued illness. Mrs. Murray is one of our oldest and highly respected residents, and all wish her a return to good health.

The following students have returned to P. W. C. after spending their holidays at their homes in Fredericton: Lloyd Cutcliffe, Eleanor Weeks, Dulcie Morrison, Norma Pound, and Catherine Buchanan.

Mr. George Pound and Mr. Woodrow Jackson who are employed on the mainland for the winter months spent the holidays at their homes in Fredericton. Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Pound and little son Lowell Albert accompanied them on return. Those young ladies will be missed in our community, but all look forward to having them with us again in the spring.

What might have been a serious accident occurred just east of Brookfield on Monday. Mr. Hyatt Haslam, Fredericton, accompanied by his father, Mr. Everett Haslam, Hunter River, was returning from Charlottetown when they met a truck driven by a Mr. Newport of Springvale. The roads were very slippery, and apparently the driver had lost control of his truck due to the icy condition of the highway. Mr. Haslam stopped his car thus avoiding a more serious accident, but his father had to receive medical treatment.

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