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by Sydney Parkman  
CHAPTER I

**BRITON IN THE CHAIN-GANG**

"Stand clear, everyone! She's going!" yelled the sergeant. An ominous, rattling noise lent force to his warning, and the men dropped their axes and cross-cuts and scattered wildly out of the danger zone.

The great tree swayed over—slowly at first, but with increasing speed as the enormous weight of its branches felt the force of gravity. The tough fibres at its heart parted with the sharp, cracking sound of pistol shots, and its huge mass swept downwards in an arc against the glaring blue of the sky, and crashed to earth with a hideous clamour of snapping boughs.

It lay like a green hillock among the tangled undergrowth and the splintered trunks of smaller trees which it had brought down with it in its ruin, and the scattered men stood about for a few moments, wiping the sweat from their faces and eying it with a curious kind of satisfaction. It was an achievement of sorts to have laid this giant low, and though it merely marked a minor phase in the work of clearing this particular section, the incident impressed itself upon them as something of a landmark.

They were not allowed to remain long in contemplation of their handiwork, however, for the sergeant's harsh voice brought them hurriedly back to earth.

"Well, what are you waiting for?" he shouted. "Get on with it you weary sons of camels! Do you imagine you are on holiday?"

The other guards took up the chorus of adjuration and inventive, and the convicts, recalled to the realities of the situation, suddenly returned to their temporarily-abandoned tools.

Christophe, the big negro, made his way back to where he had been using a cross-cut, and looked about him for his work-mate. The saw was still where they had left it—embedded in the trunk of a wild rubber tree—but they had fled in different directions, and he had no idea where his fellow had got to.

He was still staring about him when one of the guards lunged up from behind and struck him across the shoulders with the cane he was carrying.

"What is it, animal? Are you taking a rest-cure?" he demanded. "Go on! Get on with it!"

The negro winced at the stinging pain of the cut, for he was wearing nothing beneath his thin cotton jumper, but he did not turn round. To have done so would have been to risk a second slash—in the face—and he had seen a man's eye cut out that way not many weeks before.

"Pardon, sir," he muttered in

his outlandish Martinique patois. "It is my comrade. He hasn't come back, and I can't work this thing by myself."

"Where is he, then?" the guard snapped, suddenly alert. "Who is it? The Englishman, isn't it?"

"Yes, sir," the negro returned humbly. "He was running that way when the sergeant called out." And he pointed to where the top-most branches of the fallen tree lay sprawled in green ruin among the undergrowth.

The guard glanced swiftly about him. As far as he could see, all the rest of the convicts were back at work, and the other three guards were scattered round, watching them indolently, with their rifles slung over their shoulders. The sergeant was standing in the middle of the clearing, lighting a cigarette.

Without another word to the negro, he went straight over to the non-commissioned officer, and spoke to him in a low, urgent voice.

The latter took the cigarette from his mouth and stared at him. "What!" he exclaimed. "You mean to say—Who is it?"

"The Englishman," the other returned, eying his superior uneasily. "They all scattered when you shouted, and as he's always been one of the quiet sort—"

"You didn't take the trouble to watch where he went!" the sergeant finished savagely. "What kind of a fool are you? Don't you know that one escape is always followed by others? You ought to have been expecting this!" He paused for a moment, thinking. Then he pitched his cigarette away with a curse, and belted an order.

The men stopped short in their work, and even the other guards stared at him in surprise.

"Come on, you scum!" he roared, exasperately. "Don't you hear me? Fall in, curse you!"

Puzzled, but obedient, the men dropped their tools and formed up in two ranks in the open space, close to where he was standing. He could see at a glance that there were nineteen of them. One man was missing.

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**Granville and Vicinity**

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Coles were visitors to the City on Monday, March 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Howatt were visitors to Summerside on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Miss Helen Wall, student of Prince of Wales College, spent a recent weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wall.

Mr. Emerson Matheson enter-



**MAN WITHOUT COUNTRY**—Michael Patrick O'Brien (left) has been riding the Macao-Hong Kong ferry nearly seven months, a man without a country. He talks over his enforced exile with A.B. Melville, Army of Kimberley, B.C., a crew member of HMCS Crusader which was visiting Hong Kong. O'Brien was stranded when he left his wife and child in Singapore and bought passage from Macao to Hong Kong. British authorities at Hong Kong refused him permission to land when his papers weren't in order. He also was refused permission to land at Macao for the same reason. The Crusader, 10 months in Korean waters, put in at Hong Kong for a 10-day layover.

tained the members of the W. M. S. at her home for the March meeting on Monday evening March 2nd.

Mr. Robert Folland has returned home after spending some time in the U. S. A.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nesbitt and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mallett recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mallett entertained the members of the Y. P. U. at their home on February 24th.

Miss Shirley Dunning, U. C. C. student, spent a weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dunning.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Taylor attended the carnival at North River on Monday night March 2nd.

Mrs. Sterling Molyneux, North River, spent a few days recently with her sister, Mrs. Orville Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Taylor have arrived in Florida, after spending a few weeks in Maynard, Mass., the guests of Mrs. Taylor's sister.

Mr. William Andrews, new Glasgow, was a recent visitor to Gran-

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**Special Service At North Granville**

The World Day of Prayer service was held in North Granville United Church on Friday afternoon February 20th. The women from South Granville were in attendance.

The theme of this service was "Walk as Children of Light", prepared through the co-operation of the African Christian women.

The leaders' parts were taken by Mrs. Percy Howatt, Mrs. Tupper Taylor and Mrs. Sterling Corbett. Prayers were offered by Mrs. Louis Corbett, Miss Mildred Corbett, Mrs. Horace Taper, Mrs. Orville Taylor and Mrs. George Dunning. A story entitled "Lighten the Darkness" was read by Mrs. Percy Howatt. Hymns sung were "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee", "Lord of All Being Throned Afar", "Let There Be Light", and "The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended". A Duet, "Sweet Hour of Prayer", was rendered by Mrs. George Dunning and Mrs. Tupper Taylor.

A solo "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer" was sung by Mrs. Sterling Corbett. Mrs. George Dunning presided at the organ.

The offering was received by Mrs. Stafford Coles, which amounted to \$3.50, and was dedicated by "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow".

Lunch was served by the members of North Granville W. M. S., and Mrs. Sterling Corbett thanked the ladies for same.

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The meeting closed with Benediction. Lunch was served by members of Kingston United Church.

Women. The leaders' parts were taken by Mrs. Zylpha Newson, Mrs. George Kison and Mrs. Richard McLean. Prayers were offered by Mrs. Lyman Newson, Mrs. Owen Younker, Mrs. Lloyd McKinnon, Mrs. Bert Willis, Mrs. Willard Frost and Mrs. Lorne Smith.

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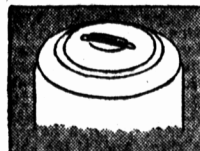
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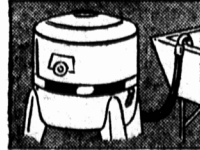
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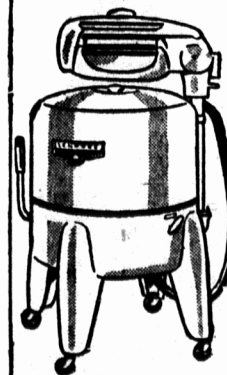
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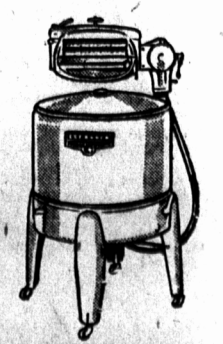
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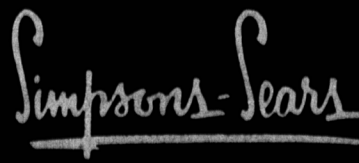
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