

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER LXI. THE TRAIL RECOVERED.

The rangers, after a moment of speculation as to the designs of the trappers, resumed their attitude of repose.

After a pause, the voice of Quackenboss could be heard, in proof that that heavy sleeper was at length aroused; the rain falling upon his half bald head, had been more effective than the shouts and shaking of Gary.

"Hillo! Where's my hat?" inquired he, in a mystified tone, at the same time stirring himself, and groping about among the rocks. "Where is my hat? Boys, did any o' ye see anything o' a hat, did ye?" His shouts again awoke the sleepers.

"What sort of a hat, Lige?" inquired one.

"A black hat—that Mexican son-of-a-bitch. Oh! a black hat; no—I saw no black hat."

"You darned Dutchman! who do you expect could see a black hat such a night as this, or a white one eyther? Go to sleep!"

"Come boys, I don't want none o' your nonsense: I want my hat. Who's got my hat?"

"Are you sure it was a black hat?" "Bah! the wind has carried it away."

"Pe gar! Monsieur Quack'bosh—votre chapeau grand—you great beeg at—est il perdo?—is loss?—c'est vrai? Par dieu! les lous—ze wulf have it carr'd away—have it mange—est? c'est vrai!"

"None o' your gibberish, Frenchy. Have you got my hat?"

"Moi? votre chapeau grand! No, Monsieur Quack'bosh—vraiment je ne l'ai pas; pe gar, no!"

"Have you got it, Stanfield?" asked the botanist, addressing himself to a Kentucky backwoodsman of that name.

"Dang yer hat! What shed I do yer hat? I've got my own hat, and that's hat enough for me."

"Have you my hat, Bill Black?" "No," was the prompt reply; "I've got neery hat but my own, and that ain't black, I reckon, 'cept sich a night as this."

"I tell you what, Lige, old fellow! you lost your hat while you were ridin' the mustang just now; the hoss kicked it off o' your head."

A chorus of laughter followed this sally, in the midst of which Quackenboss could be heard post-phizing both his hat and his comrades in no very respectful terms.

He continued to scramble over the ground in vain search after the lost sombrero, amidst the jokes and laughter, uttered at his expense.

To this merriment of my followers I gave but little heed; my thoughts were intent on other things. My eyes were fixed upon that bright spot in the sky, that had been pointed out by Rube; and my heart gladdened, as I perceived that it was every moment growing brighter and bigger.

The rain still fell thick and fast; but the edge of the cloud-curtain was slowly rising above the eastern horizon, as though drawn up by some invisible hand. Should the movement continue, I felt confident that in a few minutes—as Rube had predicted—the sky would be clear again, and the moon shining brightly as ever.

These were joyous anticipations. At intervals I glanced toward the prairie, and I listened to catch some sound—either the voices of the trappers, or the tread of their returning footsteps. No such sounds could be heard.

I was becoming impatient, when I perceived a sudden waif of light far out upon the plain. It seemed to be again extinguished, but in the same place, and the moment after, appeared a small, steady flame, twinkling like a solitary star through the bluish mist of the rain.

For a few seconds it remained fixed, and then commenced moving—as if carried low down along the surface of the ground.

There was nothing mysterious about this lone light. To Quackenboss only it remained an unexplained apparition; and he might have mistaken it for the fata morgana. The others had been awake when Rube and Gary took their departure, and easily recognized the lighted candle in the hands of the trappers.

For some time the light appeared to move backwards and forwards, turning at short distances, or as if borne in irregular circles, or in zigzag lines. We could perceive the sheen of water between us and the flame, as though there was a pond, or perhaps a portion of the prairie, flooded by the rain.

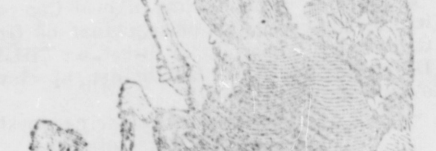
After a while the light became fixed, and a sharp exclamation was heard across the plain, which all of us recognized as being in the voice of our recognized Rube. Again the light was in motion—now flitting along more rapidly, as if carried in a straight line across the prairie.

We followed it with eager eyes. We saw it was moving further and further away; and my companions hazarded the conjecture that the trappers had recovered the trail.

This was soon verified by one of themselves—Gary—whose huge form, looming through the mist, was seen approaching the spot; and though the expression of his face could not be noted in the darkness, his bearing betokened that he brought cheerful tidings.

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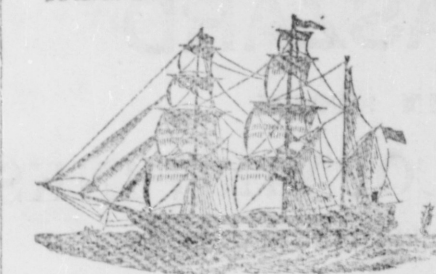
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TRAINS OUTWARD.

STATIONS. MIXED. MIXED. MIXED.

Charlottetown... 8:15 am... 3:00 pm... 2:30 pm

Royalty Jc... 8:38 " " 3:23 " " 2:53 "

N. Wilsh's... 9:29 " " 4:15 " " 3:45 "

Hunter R'r... 9:45 " " 4:39 " " 4:09 "

Bradabale... 10:23 " " 5:05 " " 4:35 "

Co'ty Line... 10:33 " " 5:18 " " 4:48 "

Freestown... 10:48 " " 5:33 " " 5:03 "

Kensingt'n... 11:19 " " 5:55 " " 5:25 "

Summ'side... 11:45 " " 6:39 " " 6:09 "

Wellington... 12:45 pm... 7:37 " " 7:07 "

Port Hill... 1:22 " " 8:14 " " 7:44 "

O'Leary... 1:32 " " 8:24 " " 7:54 "

Bloomfield... 1:58 " " 8:50 " " 8:20 "

Alberton... 2:48 " " 9:40 " " 9:10 "

Tignish... 4:45 " " 11:37 " " 11:07 "

Royalty Jc... 5:38 " " 12:30 pm... 12:00 pm

York... 5:59 " " 12:51 " " 12:21 "

Bedford... 6:29 " " 1:21 " " 1:51 "

Mt. Stew't... 6:45 " " 1:37 " " 2:07 "

Cardigan... 6:53 " " 1:45 " " 2:15 "

Georgetown... 6:59 " " 1:51 " " 2:21 "

Mt. Stew't... 7:15 pm... 2:07 " " 2:37 "

Morell... 7:25 " " 2:17 " " 2:47 "

St. Peter's... 7:55 " " 2:47 " " 3:17 "

Bear River... 8:15 " " 3:07 " " 3:37 "

Souris... 8:40 " " 3:32 " " 4:02 "

TRAINS INWARD.

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