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A Letter on Land Values

From a News Subscriber
Lamar, Colorado, Sept. 24, 1917.
The Ochiltree News,
Ochiltree Texas.

Dear Sirs:

I have just been reading your editorial, dated September 21, 1917, "The Best Editorial of the Day," regarding land values in Ochiltree County, and I am inclined to believe you are giving the land owners a few of the bricks you were intending to throw at the real estate men.

While I do not pretend to know the cause of the editorial, I have been a constant reader of the "News" for several years. I am aware that the paper has recently changed hands and feel that there are several things you have failed to take into consideration in coming to your conclusion.

Present land prices are affected by several conditions which you have apparently overlooked when setting your price on real estate. In 1905 I bought some land in a neighboring county for \$2 per acre. I held it a few years and then sold some of it for \$10 per acre, and kept the poor part of the tract. Last spring when leaving for the training camp at Ft. Riley, I received an offer of \$14 per acre for the remainder, and refused. On the face of it, it looked like a remarkable price, and I was advised to sell. The facts are that it was but the steady growth of the Panhandle, and more especially the surrounding country that makes the land worth the price.

When I first bought my land there were about 2,000,000 acres of vacant homestead lands in old Beaver County, Oklahoma. When Oklahoma was admitted to Statehood by the Act of June 16, 1906, the state was presented with over 1,000,000 acres of land, the rest of the land was soon homesteaded, and then the price went up. I have been on the inside of the Government land business for the last 17 years and know that vacant Government land are now nearly a thing of the past, and when it goes, with it goes the chance for cheap lands. We have an annual crop of over a million people added to the United States, and all have to be fed. We have but one crop of public land and when it is harvested, those who get land must pay the price.

When the war broke out in Europe in August, 1914, if I remember right the price of wheat at Woodward, Oklahoma, was 65 cents per bushel. If the price of wheat land keeps up with the price of wheat, then my \$10 land would, oh well, you would not accept that argument. Again, the price of silver has more than doubled in the last three years, also some of the other metals. Look at the price of cattle, and I would refer to hogs but they have gone so high that I have not been able to keep up with them. If the price of all produce and metals is increased, then the price of land should go up, or relatively speaking, there would be a slump in land.

Ochiltree County is not the only place where land is increasing in price. Land out here is also high. This State for the last three years has sold school lands in Kiowa county at an average price of \$14.50 per acre and the land will not produce the crops and does not get the rainfall you get there. In Baca county, the southeastern county,

where it is 90 miles to railroad, the price is \$7.50, which is cheaper than private owned lands. The irrigated land has doubled in price, and why shouldn't it? Irrigated land that was priced from \$100 to \$125 two years ago cannot be bought now. When land produces \$143 per acre in wheat, per year, as was demonstrated by Mr. Bishop nine miles north of Lamar, it is time to begin to think what the land is really worth.

The Congress of the United States seems to think well of railroads, for it gave the Union Pacific every other section of land for twenty miles on each side of the right of way, for building in Colorado. Texas also seems to have been well aware of the value of railroads, as is shown by the amount of railroad land in Ochiltree county—every other section—and the railroad did not even build in that part of the state. Now what do you figure the value of a railroad built in your own county as the Santa Fe is now doing?

Land is supposed to be worth what it will produce in rental at from 4 per cent to 5 per cent. Of course lands there are not doing that now, but they will when placed under cultivation, with a railroad handy for marketing the crops. It is true that a large part of the non-resident land owners are not doing their part in getting the land under cultivation, and the same may be said of your Old Timers. Now you assail the real estate men who are largely responsible for bringing in men who will farm the land. Ten years from now, that newcomer may be able to show you that he knew more about the value of the land than you and the real estate men did,—this is an old story in Oklahoma, on the east of you, and was repeated hundreds of times. Farms in Ellis county are worth from \$3000 to \$6000 and the same farms in Kingfisher county are worth from \$8000 to \$12,000. If you figure the depreciation in farm values at so much per mile as you go westward, then land in Ochiltree at from \$20 to \$30 is not unreasonable.

Should a non-resident land owner, who has failed to read the "News" and keep up with land values, sell his land for \$3 per acre less than it is worth, and the real estate dealer who handles the land gets the full value for the place, the County will lose nothing, and the purchaser will get value received.

Ochiltree is big enough and good enough for lots of people. If the Editor, the Real estate man, the Old Timer, the Non-Resident, the Railroad and the Newcomer will but work together, you will find that the country will improve and grow, and in fact, become what it should have been 20 years ago. The opportunity there looks good to me, and I wish I had a lot of that wheat land tucked under my bank account.

In closing, will say that it is very interesting to note the temperament of the "News," when from time to time the paper changes hands. Purcell was my favorite, but now I am backing you with all my 150 cents worth per annum, and when the land gets to \$50 per acre, why just double the cost of my paper and it will be all right.

Respectfully,
J. E. BROWNLEE.

Mrs. Arlow Ellis and two sons, Merle and Wayne, returned Monday from a delightful visit with relatives at Guthrie and other points in Oklahoma.

W. W. McLarty drove to Glazier Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs. Pauline Digman, who returned to her home in Dubuque, Iowa.

THE BEST EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

Custom and habit die hard. But the exigencies of human affairs sometimes demand that, however painful the demise, die they must.

The present world war has been the cause of the painful or painless end of many American customs, and many more are slated for the limbo of things that were.

One peculiarly American custom, that has heretofore been regarded as almost a sacred right, is that of being privileged to criticize those in authority. Public men have heretofore regarded themselves as fair targets for every man's verbal artillery, and hence have paid very little attention to it in the main.

Under present conditions, however, the American people are called upon to forego—at least for the time being—this great American privilege; not at all because of its effects upon the subjects of their censure, but because of its destructive effects upon the cause that at this time should be nearest the heart of every true son of America—the winning of the war for the freedom of the earth.

During the six months that have elapsed since this country entered the lists against the central powers of Europe, scarcely a public official has escaped this criticism. In many instances the effect has been little short of disastrous to the plans of the government. Not because of any direct effect upon the officials themselves, but from the simple fact that no man or set of men are proof against opposition. Even the most flagrant unjust criticism of the most worthy official will to a great extent destroy his influence, undermine his labors and render abortive his best efforts.

If this country wishes an object lesson of the deadly effects of divided councils, she has but to look at Russia. That the Russian people were justified in deposing the autocracy, none will deny. But when the Czar relinquished the reins of government, it was to a divided and disorganized people—a people with no unity of thought or unanimity of aims. All on earth that the Kerenky government lacks is the moral support of the people. But without this it is impotent, and chaos reigns.

Do the American people want chaos in this country? Unlicensed criticism and ill-considered attacks upon those in authority are powerful instruments to bring about just this condition.

President Wilson has been entrusted with the destinies of the American people. Most of those under him in authority are men of his choosing and answerable to him, and to the people, as he is also answerable to the people. Attacks upon his lieutenants are so many sticks of dynamite to the foundation of the American cause. They give encouragement to the enemy and create an atmosphere at home that can have but one effect—to tie his hands and render futile his efforts.

The old horsemen's motto is a good one in this instance: "Never grab the reins when the other fellow is driving."

Killing Frost Dates

Owing to the unusual interest this year in the dates of killing frost of previous years the News reprints the following records as taken from Observer Armstrong's reports and published a few weeks ago:

1907.....	October 8
1908.....	October 23
1909.....	October 23
1910.....	October 28
1911.....	October 20
1912.....	October 26
1913.....	October 11
1914.....	October 15
1915.....	November 9
1916.....	October 19

—Liberal (Kans) News.

Fair All Next Week

The Panhandle State Fair occurs next week.

Wednesday will be Old Settlers' Day.

Thursday, Education Day and Armstrong County Day.

Friday, Amarillo Day.

Saturday, Press Day and Traveling Men's Day.

Married man wants job on farm. Inquire at the News office.

Begins Work With Art Class

Miss Zelma King has begun work with her art class in the former music room near the school building. Miss King is a graduate of Martin College, one of the largest girls' schools in the south. She comes very highly recommended and already has quite a number of pupils. The president of Martin College says of her: "She did unusually good work in her Art and is prepared to make an acceptable teacher of this subject. I take pleasure in recommending her to those who may need a teacher of art."

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hall are enjoying the pleasure of riding in a brand new Hupmobile roadster, which H. J. Doty of Amarillo delivered to them the first of the week. Mr. Hall has secured the agency for the "Hup."

Mrs. Knutter and two daughters and a son-in-law returned to their home in north Missouri this week, having been here visiting their relatives, the Cummins and Castleberry families.

A FATHER'S PRAYER

By Margaret Waldner

Lord God, Who let Your Baby Son
Pass earthward where the joys were few,
To a hard death when all was done,
And very far away from You.

My little lad must go one day
Roads where I can not guide his feet,
Through dangers that I can not stay,
To griefs I can not help him meet.

He must hear voices calling him—
When youth is wild and life is warm
And right seems far away and dim—
To evil things and battle-storm.

Lord God, Whose Son went steadily
Down the hard road He had to tread,
Guard my son, too, that he may be
Strong through his hours of doubt and dread!

\$107,413 Received For Hogs

50 Carloads From This Locality

Since December 12th, 1916, or in the last ten months, Talley, Cutter and Black have paid to the farmers in this vicinity, one hundred and seven thousand four hundred and thirteen dollars and twenty-four cents for fat hogs, which were shipped to market.

The exact number of hogs bought during this time were five thousand, five hundred and thirty-three; practically fifty carloads. All but three carloads (which went via Liberal, Kans.) were shipped from the stock pens at Glazier, Texas. The highest price per hundred paid during this time was seventeen dollars and seventy-five cents. The largest shipments were made during the month of July, when one thousand, four hundred and eighty-five head went to market.

Mr. Cutter, from whom these figures were obtained and who looks after the business at the Glazier end of the line, says

emphatically that the country is by no means depleted of hogs because of these shipments. It is true that in mid-summer before the drought was broken, a number of hog-raisers sold off their droves fearing a shortage of feed stuffs, but this number was small compared with those who retained their young stock trusting the elements a little farther. When the rains came and a bountiful crop of row stuff was assured, there was no thought of sacrificing the herds. A great deal of pork is imported into Texas from other states, but the north Panhandle is one section of the state that produces more pork annually than it consumes. That Messrs. Talley, Cutter and Black have been instrumental in circulating over a hundred thousand dollars among the farmers of this locality during the past several months, presents a condition of which every resident should be proud.

A Few Serious, Interesting, and Simply Told Facts About Our Country, the War, and the Liberty Loan.

The total yearly income of all the people in this country is estimated at forty billion dollars.

During the first year of the war we must find eighteen and one-half billion dollars, or about forty-seven dollars for every hundred dollars that we earn.

These figures are astounding, but we can "get by," and if you will read on you will see how we are going to do it.

There are two ways in which the Government will raise this money—by taxation and by borrowing money from you.

The more the Government will allow you to loan to it the less it will have to tax you right now. Therefore, ease your taxation by buying a Liberty Bond.

Arguments about facts which have been mentioned is useless. We are in the war; we must win, and to do it the money must be found.

This is how we are going to find the money—by economizing and saving.

Duty demands it; common sense advises it, and the Government calls upon you to do it.

Waste and extravagance must go, and the money so saved loaned to the Government or given up to them in taxes to carry on the war.

Give up the money you waste on the "unnecessaries" of life, and buy a Liberty Bond with it. You will be putting by for a rainy day and serving your country at the same time.

Many people in the Eleventh Federal District have money that they do not need until Spring. They should loan it to the government at good interest. It is good business and good Americanism.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lott of Sun City, Kansas are guests of their son, T. C. and family, living on the Barrett ranch, eight miles south of town. The News acknowledges a pleasant call Wednesday from Mrs. Lott, Mrs. T. C. Lott and little girl.

I have some buyers for 160 to 640 acre tracts of land in Ochiltree County. If you have something to sell, see or write me relative to price and terms. C. E. McLarty, Ochiltree, Texas.

Messrs. Cox and Price drove to Liberal, Wednesday, after a new truck which Mr. Cox will use in connection with the handling of produce and flour for the Ochiltree Mill & Ice Plant.

Amarillo Still Has Chance

The repeal of the law creating and locating the West Texas A. & M. takes that question out of its tangle for the present. Only a small minority of Texas citizens are satisfied with its location at Abilene under a clouded title, and by the time a new law can be enacted and another locating committee appointed Abilene and other towns have opportunity of strengthening their cause.

W. A. Childers and family have moved from the North hotel to the Witt property in North town.

Parson Stump and wife of Miami are visiting their cousins, the John N. Stump family.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fiske are living in the Whippo place,

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"Our" Volunteers

The publisher of The News is about to begin the publication of a daily paper in Amarillo, which is the county seat of Potter county. The publisher of The News is residing, temporarily at least, in Amarillo. Nevertheless he is quite proud of the fact that it he claims any legal citizenship in the state of Texas, it would be in Ochiltree, the county seat of Ochiltree county. The publisher of The News is proud to claim friendship of a personal nature with the boys who eagerly offered everything on earth dear to them, when they volunteered as soldiers to go where the nation might send them to defeat the Kaiser.

Events prove that we regret the nearest existing station to be Amarillo—we having no such military organization in Ochiltree. A large number of our boys from this county are now soldiers of Uncle Sam. They had no thought in their minds when they volunteered their services that the neighboring county (Potter) would try to rob the town and county that gave them birth or citizenship, and to be credited up to Potter county, which up to the present time has done so little toward helping to establish a volunteer army, and now boasting (as Judge Correll states in his article last week) of their patriotism when the personnel of the volunteers have come from adjoining counties, and largely from Ochiltree.

In justice to the citizenship of Ochiltree county, and in respect to the honor of the great majority of the people of Potter county, we doubt not that this boasting or robbing Ochiltree of her quota of boys who volunteered and enlisted in Amarillo has been made public in the press from ignorance of the facts. Consequently the publisher of The News wishes to state to the people of Ochiltree in respect to the citizenship of Potter county, that the latter would not tolerate—even if the Provost Marshal would permit them—to take any of the glory or patriotism that belongs to the young men of Ochiltree.

Judge Correll's statement of facts is unanswerable, and no doubt but all the young men who volunteered from the county of Ochiltree will be added to and given credit among the number making up the quota from this county.

In fairness to the Amarillo Daily News, we believe that the editor was unmindful of, or not aware of the great number of young men from Ochiltree county who enlisted in Amarillo, and will no doubt explain to its readers the mistake and give the credit where it belongs. There is one thing The News will advise, that it is useless to attempt to put anything over on Judge Correll that would be a reflection on the citizenship of Ochiltree county.

"Yesterday is dead," says Dr. Frank Crane. "It's over now. It's done. Forget it! Don't forever be raking it up, thinking it over, wishing you had done differently. Forget it! What's done's done. It's down in the bottomless pit of the past. Let it be. Look ahead, not behind."

A. L. Allen, living fifteen miles northwest of Ochiltree will send some Indian corn, Kafir and Maize for exhibition at the Panhandle State Fair in Amarillo next week. Samples left at the State police Saturday show

maize heads to be filled out and sufficiently matured to assure good seed. Four stalks of Indian corn shows nine good, sound ears. Mr. Allen came here from Iowa (that great hog and corn state) and knows by experience that you have to keep the ground stirring and the weeds down if you want to raise corn. Another very important requirement is the planting of field-picked, tested seed corn. It is a pleasure for The News to record that Mr. Allen will have an exhibit at the Fair.

Gov. Ferguson is Impeached

The last act of the impeachment proceeding against Governor James E. Ferguson of Texas was recorded on Tuesday, Sept. 25, when the senate high court of impeachment pronounced judgment, removing Mr. Ferguson from office and disqualifying him from holding hereafter any office of "honor, trust or profit" in Texas, by a vote of 25 to 3.

An all-day fight was made in favor of a more moderate penalty. A minority report providing simply for removal from office with no disqualification from holding future office was tabled by a vote of 17 to 10.

A majority report offered by Senator Bailey, which would limit the disqualification to a term of five years, was defeated by a similar vote. An amendment which would have given to some future legislature the power to restore full citizenship was ruled out on a point of order. The court then adjourned sine die.

The verdict is effective immediately. Hobby is now governor instead of acting governor.

Mr. Ferguson's resignation as filed with the secretary of state follows:

To the Hon. Churchill J. Bartlett, Secretary of State of Texas: In order that I may have sufficient time and proper opportunity to present the merits of my candidacy for office of governor of Texas for a third term, and in order that there may be no interference with the right of the people to elect me to that office, which belong to the people, I hereby tender this, my resignation as governor of Texas, same to take effect immediately.

I take this action only because I have been reliably informed that the senate of the state of Texas is attempting to pass some pretended and illegal order or judgment for the purpose of preventing the people of Texas from electing me governor for a third term and to prevent my holding said office by virtue of their election.

Witness my hand this 24th day of September, A. D. 1917.

JAMES E. FERGUSON.

The Panhandle acquitted itself well at the International Soils Product Exposition at Peoria, Illinois, by winning thirty-six blue, or first-class prizes, twenty-eight red or second class prizes, and fourteen white or third class prizes.

A Peoria dispatch says: "Panhandle received following premiums at International Soil Products Exposition after complete announcement of award, Thirty-six blue, on wheat, emmer, beans, peanuts, sorghum, peppers, watermelons, corn, Kafir, dourro, onions, feterita, sudan grass, pumpkin, squash, cucumbers and maize; twenty-eight reds on emmer, feterita, millet, onions, maize, collective fruit, wheat, beans, peanuts, sorghum, turnips, cauliflower, rutabaga, apples, plums, quinces, corn, rye, watermelons, and alfalfa; fourteen whites on beans, maize, cucumbers, feterita, onions, egg-plant, potatoes; and the Panhandle booth more premiums than awarded any other state. Congratulations to the people of the Panhandle."



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Jeff Davis late of Granite, Oklahoma, has arrived in Ochiltree, and opened a real estate office in the John North building on Main Street. He represents a number of farms and ranches situated in Ochiltree, Lipscomb and Hansford counties, Texas, and farms in Woodward and Greer counties, Oklahoma. Prices range from eleven dollars per acre to \$25.00 and \$30.00 owing to quality, improvements and nearness to the new Santa Fe Railroad. adv.

Dr. Higginbotham, the nose and throat specialist, will see patients at the Liberal Hospital, Liberal, Kans., every other Saturday. Next date Oct. 6th. tf

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PARADISE NEWS

Messrs. T. W. Meade, J. B. Cartwright and wives motored to Beaver City Friday. Mesdames Meade and Cartwright visited the Red Cross rooms while there and brought back several good ideas for the chapter that has recently been organized in Ochiltree.

The young folks of Paradise community charivariated Mr. and Mrs. Earle McCartney last Friday night at the home of Mrs. McCartney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cordell.

Anna, Frank and Kirby Harbour entered school last week. They moved to our community from La Kemp.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Christ a girl, last Wednesday.

G. B. Nash and wife of Ochiltree spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Nash.

Mrs. Christ who has been real sick is reported better.

Mrs. Will Lackey and son, Hugh, of Ochiltree motored to Paradise community Sunday.

Mrs. Ollie Hummer, Miss Emma Hummer, Mrs. Trout and daughter, Miss Ruby, were visitors of school, Friday afternoon.

N. G. Williams and wife came to Paradise, Wednesday, to make this their future home. They came from Thomas, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Helton and Miss Julia, of Longwood, came over Friday for little Miss Nina who has been visiting at the Cartwright home. While here they went into Ochiltree on business.

There were 15 pupils in primary room present every day last month. This is one-half of the primary room. Several of the pupils being sick, among them are, Virginia Chambers, Vernon Morris, Kourad Bremer, Mary Belle Williams, Fay Morris.

Our Victrola, which has been at Hurt Pray's residence during the summer, was brought to the schoolhouse Tuesday. Music is now furnished, marching and opening exercises. An art class was started last week in the primary room. Pupils are taking much interest in this new work to them, and they show more knowledge of nature than an older person would give them credit.

Art Studio Open

Miss Zelma King announces the opening of her Studio Oct. 1st. An interesting class is at work and she is ready to enroll new pupils or talk with any one interested in taking art. For particulars see Miss King at Studio south of Public School Building.

PLAINVIEW NEWS

School opened Sept. 3rd with 13 pupils enrolled in the primary and 9 in the high school. There are several more to start in a few days.

Everything is promising for one of the most successful school years in the history of the country. All the parents, pupils and trustees are joining heartily in co-operation and this is one of the most essential spirits for success. For "In union there is strength" and without it the teachers are powerless.

The teachers insist that you start your boy or girl as soon as possible for then he will have an even start with the others and not feel out of place because he was late in starting.

In a few days the play grounds will be modernly equipped with all kinds of playthings for the amusement of the children.

In order to secure the money a pie supper has been planned for Friday night, October 5th, with a short program proceeding the sale of the pies. Come out—we need your assistance.

Choir practice at Mr. W. T. Hull's Friday night was enjoyed by the "local musicians."

Judge and Mrs. R. I. Hanna motored to Beaver county, Okla. Thursday and brought back 10 bushels of apples.

C. D. Scott transacted business in Gray, Okla., Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Robinson visited their daughter, Miss Vivian, in Gray, Okla., Saturday.

Arch Brannon will leave for his home in Arkansas next Saturday.

Miss Ownby visited friends at Black last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Gray spent the week end with her brother in Oklahoma.

Judge Hanna purchased 64 head of fine Hereford cattle from Anthony and Ward at Dumas this week.

A number of the people of this community enjoyed the Lyceum number in Ochiltree, Monday night.

Dressmaking; prices right; satisfaction guaranteed. First residence north of Methodist church. Mrs. A. D. Daugherty.

Flavo Flour at The Mill for \$6.25.

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W. L. Stewart, employed for a short time this summer on The News, has located at Blackwell, Oklahoma.
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A Romance of Early Days in the Middle West

Author of "Keith of the Border," "My Lady of Doubt," "The Maid of the Forest," etc.

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Adèle la Chénouette, a belle of New France, is among conspirators at her uncle's house. Cassion, the commissaire, has spotted her Uncle Chevet's aid against La Salle. D'Artigny, La Salle's friend, offers his services as guide to Cassion's party on the journey to the wilderness.

CHAPTER II—The uncle informs Adèle that he has betrothed her to Cassion. He forbids her to speak to D'Artigny again. She decides to ignore D'Artigny's aid to the wilderness.

CHAPTER III—In Quebec Adèle visits her friend, Esther Chevet, who brings D'Artigny to her. She tells him her story, and he vows to release her from the bargain with Cassion. D'Artigny leaves promising to see her at the dance.

CHAPTER IV—Cassion escorts Adèle to the ball. She meets the governor, La Barre, and learns him warn the commissaire against D'Artigny. D'Artigny's ticket to the ball has been recalled but he gains entrance by the window. Adèle informs him of the governor's words to Cassion.

CHAPTER V—For her eavesdropping at the ball Adèle is ordered by the governor to marry Cassion at once and to accompany him to the Illinois country. He summons Chevet and directs that he attend them on the journey.

CHAPTER VI—A paper knife proves an effective weapon against the ally Cassion, but he expects to tame his wife in the wilderness. They leave in the boats. Adèle's future depending on the decision of D'Artigny, whom she now knows she loves.

CHAPTER VII—Cassion and D'Artigny have words. Uncle Chevet for the first time learns that his niece is an heiress, and begins to suspect Cassion's motives. D'Artigny is kept at a distance.

CHAPTER VIII—D'Artigny's haste to be the gallant to Adèle brings upon him the wrath of Cassion, who later accepts the defiance of his wife. She sets her uncle's ire against Cassion.

CHAPTER IX—Cassion makes known to Adèle his jealous hatred for D'Artigny. While waiting for an exploration of the rapids, Adèle accidentally has opportunity to tell D'Artigny all that has happened to her.

CHAPTER X—D'Artigny refuses to take part in Adèle's plan which he says is treacherous. As she leaves him she meets Cassion face to face.

CHAPTER XI—At St. Ignace Cassion strikes late for the meal. At night Adèle steals from her room to find to her surprise that she has stumbled on the dead body of her Uncle Chevet.

"Bash! a bungler of the woods. I doubt if he ever crossed blades with a swordsman. But mark you this, madame, the lad feels my steel if ever you so much as speak to him again."

There was contempt in my eyes, nor did I strive to disguise it.

"Am I your wife, monsieur, or your slave?"

"My wife, and I know how to hold you! Mon dieu! but you shall learn that lesson. I was a fool to ever give the brat place in the boats. La Barre warned me that he would make trouble. Now I tell you what will occur if you play false with me."

"You may spare your threats—they weigh nothing. The Sieur d'Artigny is my friend, and I shall address him when it pleases me. With whatever quarrel may arise between you I have no interest. Let that suffice, and now I bid you good night, monsieur."

He made no effort to halt me, nor to follow, and I made my way down the darkening path, without so much as turning my head to observe his movements. It was almost like a play to me, and I was reckless of the consequences, intent only on my purpose.

In the early dawn we broke camp as usual, except that chosen boatmen guided the emptied canoes through the rapids, while the others of the party made portage along the rough shore. In the smooth water above we all embarked again, and won slow way against the current. The advance company had departed before our arrival, nor did I again obtain glimpse of D'Artigny for many days.

I would not say that Cassion purposely kept us apart, for the arrangement might have been the same had I not been of the party, yet the only communication between the two divisions occurred when some messenger brought back warning of dangerous water ahead. Usually this messenger was an Indian, but once D'Artigny himself came and guided one canoe through a torrent of white, raging water, amid a maze of murderous rocks. During these days and weeks Cassion treated me with consideration and outward respect. Not that he failed to talk freely, and to boast of his exploits and adventures, yet he refrained from laying hand on me, nor did he once refer to the incident of the bluff.

Nor was the journey lacking in interest or adventure. Never shall I forget the charm of those days and nights, amid which we made slow and tedious passage through the desolate wilderness, ever gaining new leagues to the westward. Only twice in weeks did we encounter human beings—once a group of Indians on the shore of a lake, and once a Capuchin monk, alone but for a single voyageur as companion, passed us upon the river. And when at last we made the long portage, tramping through the dark forest, hearing on our shoulders heavy packs, surely able to see the

sun even at midday through the leafy screen of leaves, and came forth at twilight on the shores of the mighty lake, no words can express the raptures with which I stood and gazed across that expanse of heaving, restless water. The men launched their canoes upon the surface and made camp in the edge of the forest, but I could not move, could not restrain my eyes, until darkness descended and left all before me a void.

It was scarcely more than daybreak when we broke camp and headed our canoes out into the lake. With the dawn, and the glint of sunlight over the waters, much of my dread departed, and I could appreciate the wild song of delight with which our Indian paddlers bent to their work. The sharp-pointed canoes swept through the waters swiftly, no longer battling against a current, and the shore line ever in view was fascinating in its green foliage. We kept close to the northern shore, and soon found passage amid numerous islands, forested, but with high, rocky outlines.

For four days we coasted thus, never out of sight of shore, and usually with islands between us and the main body of water. In all that time we had no sign of man—not even a wisp of smoke, nor heard the crack of distant rifle. About us extended loneliness and desolation, great waters never still, vast forests grim and somber, tall, menacing rocks, bright-colored in the sun.

As last we left the chain of islands behind, and one morning struck out from the shore into the waste of water, the prow of the canoe turned westward, the steersman guiding our course by the sun. For several hours we were beyond view of land, with naught to rest the eye upon save the gray sea, and then, when I was nearly night, we reached the shore and beached our canoes at St. Ignace.

So hasty had been said of St. Ignace, and so long had the journey been, that my first view of the place brought me bitter disappointment.

The miserable little village was upon a point of land, originally covered with heavy growth of forest. A bit of this had been rudely cut, the rotting stumps still standing, and from the timber a dozen rough log houses had been constructed facing the lake. A few rods back, on slightly higher land, was a log chapel and a house, some what more pretentious than the others in which the priests lodged. The whole aspect of the place was peculiarly desolate and depressing, facing the vast waste of water, the black forest shadows behind, and those rotting stumps in the foreground.

Nor was our welcome one to make the heart rejoice. Scarce a dozen persons gathered at the beach to aid in making landing, rough engaged mostly, and not among them all a face familiar. It was only later, when two priests from the mission came hurrying forward, that we were greeted by cordial speech. These invited a few of us to become guests at the mission house, and assigned the remainder to our party to vacant huts. Cassion, Chevet and Pere Allouez accompanied me as I walked beside a young priest up the beaten path, but D'Artigny was left behind with the men. I overheard Cassion order him to remain, but he added some word in lower voice, which brought a flush of anger into the younger man's face, although he merely turned on his heel without reply.

We remained at St. Ignace three days, busily engaged in repairing our canoes and rendering them fit for the long voyage yet before us. From this point we were to venture on treacherous waters, as yet unexplored, the shores inhabited by savage, unknown tribes, with but a white man in all the long distance from Three Bay to the Chicago mouth. Once out of the map and traced the distance, feeling sick at heart as I thus realized more clearly the weary journey.

Those were dull, lonely days I passed in the desolate mission house, while the others were busy at their various tasks. Only at night time, or as they straggled to their meals, did I see anyone but Pere Allouez, who was always close at hand, a silent shadow from whose presence I could not escape. I visited the priest's garden, climbed the rocks overlooking the water and even ventured into the dark forest, but he was ever beside me, suave but insistent on doing his master's will. The only glimpse I had of D'Artigny was at a distance, for not once did he approach the mission house. So I was glad enough when the canoes were ready, and all preparations made for departure.

Yet we were not destined to escape thus easily from St. Ignace. Of what occurred I must write as it happened

to me then, and not as its full significance became later clear to my understanding. It was after nightfall when Cassion returned to the mission house. The lights were burning on the table, and the three priests were rather impatiently waiting the evening meal, occasionally exchanging brief sentences, or peering out through the open window toward the dark water.

Cassion came in alone, yet I observed nothing strange about his appearance, except that he failed to greet me with the usual attempt at gallantry, although his sharp eyes swept our faces as he closed the door, and stared about the room.

"What! not eaten yet?" he exclaimed. "I anticipated my fate to be a lonely meal, for the rascals worked like snails, and I would not leave them rest until all was finished. Faith, the odor is appetizing, and I am hungry as a bear."

The younger priest waved his hand to the servant yet asked softly: "Monsieur Chevet—he is delayed also?"

"He will sup with his men tonight," returned Cassion shortly, seating himself on the bench. "The sergeant keeps guard of the canoes, and Chevet will be useful with those off duty."

The man ate as though nearly famished, his ready tongue unusually silent, and at the conclusion of the meal, appeared so fatigued that I made early excuse to withdraw so he might rest in comfort, climbing the ladder in one corner to my own bed beneath the eaves. This apartment, whose only advantage was privacy, was no more than a narrow space between the sloping rafters of the roof, unfurnished, but with a small window in the end, closed by a wooden shutter. A partition of axe-hewn planks divided this attic into two compartments, thus composing the priests' sleeping chambers. While I was there they both occupied the one to the south, Cassion, Chevet and Pere Allouez resting in the main room below.

As I lowered the trap in the door, shutting out the murmur of voices, I was conscious of no desire to sleep, my mind busily occupied with possibilities of the morrow. I opened the window and seated myself on the floor gazing out at the night. Below extended the priests' garden, and beyond the dark gloom of forest depths.

The way of egress was easy—a mere step to the flat roof of the kitchen, the dovetailed logs of which afforded a ladder to the ground. I had no ob-



The Way of Egress Was Easy.

ject in such adventure, but a restless impulse urged me, and, almost before I realized my action I was upon the ground. Avoiding the gleam of light which streamed from the open window of the room below, I crossed the gulf and reached the path leading downward to the shore. From this point I could perceive the wide sweep of water, showing silvery in the dim moonlight, and detect the darker rim of the land. There was fire on the point below the huts, and its red glare afforded glimpses of the canoes—mere blurred outlines—and occasionally the figure of a man, only recognizable as he moved.

I was still staring at this dim picture when some noise, other than the wind, startled me and I drew swiftly back behind a great stump to avoid discovery. My thought was that someone had left the mission house—Cassion perhaps with final orders to those on the beach—but a moment later I realized my mistake, yet only crouched lower in the shadow—a man was advancing from the black concealment of the woods and crossing the open space.

He moved cautiously, yet boldly enough, and his movements were not those of an Indian, although the low bushes between us and the house shadow, prevented my distinguishing more than his mere outline. It was only when he lifted his head into the gleam of light, and took hasty survey through the window of the scene within, that I recognized the face of D'Artigny. He lingered scarcely a moment, evidently satisfied with what he saw, and then drew silently back, hesitating a brief space, as though debating his next movement.

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