

Angus Corbly's Captivity

A Story of Early Indian Life and Adventure in the Territory
Northwest of the Ohio River.

BY A WRITER OF MARSHALL COUNTY.

CHAPTER 13.
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Angus and his comrades worked their way by easy stages up the St. Joseph to the lake, then across to the other St. Joseph and down to the Miami, where his two Indian friends decided that instead of returning to the Wabash they would follow the fortunes of the sergeant, and so to Detroit, reaching his destination in October after one of the most courageous journeys ever made by man. His report to the commandant at Detroit, while not encouraging to the British cause, was highly valuable and in the hands of a less stupid and arrogant man than General Amherst, to whom it was transmitted, would have been productive of good results. The expedition was so successfully accomplished that Sergeant Corbly was commissioned as a lieutenant, in which capacity he saw much service at the western posts during the period of Pontiac's conspiracy. The ranger returned to his command with Major Rogers.

After the English had recovered the ground lost in the war with Pontiac, Angus resigned as a captain and engaged in business at Detroit, where he married and reared a family of children, some of whose descendants now live in the region where he grew up as a captive and slave. His efforts to gather up the dropped threads of his life proved unavailing, as has already been related, but to the day of his death he never ceased to mourn the loss of those parents who always lived in his memory as he saw them last.

The power of France in America was forever crushed by the bloody war that terminated in the treaty of Paris. Pontiac's dream of restoring that power and of organizing the native tribes in a great confederacy to resist the encroachments of the conquering British was scattered to the winds. The tide of British dominion surged westward with resistless might and the feeble barriers of Indian opposition melted away in fire and blood before it. For the red man the choice lay between civilization and destruction and the cruel and insulting aggressions of the frontiersmen backed by the bigotry and arrogance of the army made the former impossible. The admitted rights of the native tribes, even when apparently made secure by treaty, were disregarded and trampled upon. Captain Corbly was a sorrowful witness of the mistaken policy of the English and never ceased to protest in favor of humanity and Christian benevolence as the basis of a better policy which he hoped to see established.

But the haughty pride of England was doomed to bow before a people who knew better than the Indians how to resist intolerable aggression. Her own children, the colonists she had established in her American empire, rose against her insolence and tyranny and declared for independence, and by a long and bitter war they made that declaration good and forced the British flag northward across the Canadian border. Following the example of the French the British now sought to embitter the Indians against the victors. With specious pleas that all the outrages upon the red men had been perpetrated by her refractory and uncontrollable American children, English emissaries tried to secure the services of the Indians in the war and after its close they still persisted in their purpose of inciting the savages to insurrection and border warfare. If the young American giant could have been weakened and exhausted by constant strife with the savage Indians England might have descended from the north and recovered her lost empire. It was a vain hope; the banners of England could never again float as emblems of dominion over territory won by American arms.

The terms of peace at the end of the Revolution provided for the evacuation of all the western posts held by the British, which included Detroit. But, as the French had done before them, they delayed this ceremony on different pretexts for several years. The forts at Niagara, Detroit and Michillimackinac were thus held until 1796, thirteen years after the peace of Paris, and some minor interior posts in communication with these were occupied as long or nearly so. Angus Corbly, now a middle-aged man, wealthy, respected and influential, was exceedingly impatient at this delay, for in spite of his British surroundings he had been an ardent American from the outbreak of the Revolution and would have offered his services in the field but for the infirmities that were already creeping upon him as a result of his early exposures and the knife wound in his

SCHLEY INQUIRY BEGINS

First Important Step Will be Challenge as to Howison's Competency.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 12.—All the members of the Schley court of inquiry are now in Washington. Admiral Howison was extremely guarded in answering inquiries respecting the court of inquiry. He said it would not be proper to say anything for publication in advance of the meeting of the court as to his own intentions or probable line of action of the court. It was evident however, that he has not in any degree altered his resolution to serve as a member of the court if the other members accept his own view as to his qualifications.

Everything is ready for the meeting of the court. The impression at the navy department now is that the taking of testimony will not begin today, although that was the original expectation. A large number of witnesses are in Washington ready to take the stand at a moment's notice, but formalities are expected to consume most of the session, which, after all, is likely to be short, owing to the late hour of beginning. No summons has yet been issued for Admiral Sampson, and it is said very few formal summons have been issued by the department.

Precisely at 1 o'clock the members of the court will be seated—Admiral Dewey at the center of a table placed crosswise of the courtroom, with Rear Admiral Benham on his right and Rear Admiral Howison on his left. The witnesses will stand at the left end of the table next to the official stenographer and the judge advocate, Captain Lemly, with Solicitor E. P. Hanna, his associate in the case, occupying the other end of the table.

The judge advocate first will address the court and read the precept under which it is convened. The next step will be the recognition of counsel by the court, and Captain Lemly then will introduce Mr. Hulse as the official stenographer.

Next will come the most interesting part of the day's proceedings, namely, the challenging by Admiral Schley of the competency of Rear Admiral Howison as a member of the court. He will reiterate the charge that Admiral Howison had expressed an opinion adverse to Admiral Schley, and it will be the object of counsel to support this charge by affidavits, and perhaps by oral testimony.

It is for the court to say whether such testimony will be admitted. The expectation is that an hour or two will be consumed in argument by counsel directed to the two members of the court whose competency is not questioned.

Admirals Dewey and Benham then will retire and determine whether or not the statements presented are sufficient to make manifest the incompetency of Rear Admiral Howison. There will be no appeal from the decision of the court on this point. Even the secretary of the navy could not undo its work.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 13.—Rear Admiral Schley made the first score in the great naval controversy before the court of inquiry. The victory was in favor of Rear Admiral Howison off the court.

A salute of seventeen guns, in honor of the admiral of the navy, marked the opening of the proceedings at 1 o'clock. The usual formalities on the opening of a court were transacted with dispatch. The first skirmish was opened by Admiral Schley rising from his seat and, speaking in strong voice, calmly and deliberately, challenging Admiral Howison's eligibility as a member of the court. Three witnesses were brought forward in support of this challenge—Francis S. Frost, William E. Spon, and Foster Nicholls. They gave very positive testimony as to expressions they had heard Admiral Howison make favorable to Admiral Sampson and unfavorable to Admiral Schley.

On concluding this testimony the question arose whether Admiral Howison would join issue with the statements made by the witness or would rest on his privilege to withhold any answer un-

til he chose to submit it. The admiral met the issue by turning at once to Admiral Dewey and announcing that he would make a writ of rejoinder to the statements of the three witnesses. This rejoinder he prepared very speedily. While conceding the accuracy of some points in the evidence, it threw considerable doubt on other points, and disclaimed any recollection of the talk said to have taken place on the trans-Atlantic steamer.

It was not sufficient, however, to counteract the very direct testimony given by the three witnesses, and moreover, the admiral himself, in concluding his statement, indicated plainly that he had no desire to remain on the court, and was there simply in obedience to orders. He even appealed to his associates on the court to decide all doubtful questions as to his eligibility in favor of Admiral Schley.

Before submitting the challenge to the determination of the court, Mr. Rayner cross-examined Admiral Howison very minutely as to his personal sentiments toward Admiral Sampson and Admiral Schley and developed that Admiral Howison had expressed certain definite convictions as to Admiral Sampson's retention of authority and responsibility, even while he was absent temporarily from the fleet at Santiago. The challenge then was submitted to the court, which, under the circumstances, was narrowed to Admiral Dewey and Rear Admiral Benham to pass upon.

After hardly more than fifteen minutes spent in retirement to the consultation room of the court, Admiral Dewey briefly announced that the court sustained the challenge, and that Admiral Howison would be excused from further attendance. The decision came so quickly and unexpectedly that it sent a flutter of agitation throughout the courtroom. There was a buzz of animated comment, and Admiral Schley exchanged looks of satisfaction with his counsel. Admiral Dewey then at once closed the proceedings of the day by announcing that the court would adjourn indefinitely until the naval department had named an officer to succeed Admiral Howison.

HIGH PRIESTESS AND LAW'S DELAY

Emma Goldman Has Her Troubles in Court—May go East.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Justice Prindiville yesterday held Emma Goldman without bail, pending the decision of Judge Chetlain in the habeas corpus cases of the local anarchists. If by this decision Isaak and other Chicago "reds" now in the county jail are admitted to bail Miss Goldman also will be released from custody. Judge Chetlain will give his opinion tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Miss Goldman appeared before Justice Prindiville during the forenoon. She had not secured counsel but declared that she was ready to act as her own attorney. Assistant City Prosecutor Owens, however, obtained a continuation of the hearing until Friday, stating that the result of an investigation at Buffalo was being awaited.

Late in the afternoon Miss Goldman again appeared before the justice, this time accompanied by Attorney Leopold Saltiel, Charles Turner Brown and John F. Geeting. By her counsel she demanded the right to furnish bail.

"At the time the other anarchists were refused bail President McKinley was in a precarious condition," said the court, "but he has improved since that time, and is now practically out of danger. I will have to look the matter up before deciding it."

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