

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER XXXVIII.—CONTINUED.

Its sudden and unexpected appearance filled us with dismay; we recognized it as an obstacle to our designs.

"Durn the tarnation thing!" exclaimed Rube, peevishly. "It ur wuss than a moon-durn it!"

"Is it gon to be the quick-forky, or the long-blazey?" inquired Garey, with a reference to two distinct modes in which upon these southern prairies, the electric fluid exhibits itself.

In the former, the flashes are quick and short-lived, and the intervals of darkness also of short duration. Bolts pierce the clouds in straight, lance-like shafts, or forking and zigzag, followed by thunder in loud unequal bursts, and dashes of intermittent rain.

The other is very distinct from this; there are no shafts or bolts, but a steady blaze which fills the whole firmament with a white quivering light, lasting many seconds of time, and followed by long intervals of amorphous darkness. Such lightning is rarely accompanied by thunder, and rain is not always its concomitant, though it was this sort we now witnessed, and rain-drops were falling.

"Quick-forky!" echoed Rube, in reply to his comrade's interrogatory; "no do rot it! not so bad as that. It ur the blazey. Thur's no thunder, don't ee see? Wal we must grope our way up atween the glimpses."

I understood why Rube preferred the "blazey;" the long intervals of darkness between the flashes might enable us to carry out our plan.

He had scarcely finished speaking, when the lightning gleamed a second time, and the prairie was lit up like a theatre during the grand scene in a spectacle. We could see the guerrilleros standing by their horses, in cordon across the plain; we could distinguish their arms and equipments—even the buttons upon their jackets! With their faces rendered ghastly under the glare, and their bodies magnified to gigantic proportions, they presented to our eyes a wild and spectral appearance.

With the flash there was no thunder—neither the close quick clap, nor the distant rumble. There was perfect silence, which rendered the scene more awfully impressive.

"All right!" muttered Rube, as he saw that the besiegers still kept their places. "We must just grope our way up atween the glimpses; but first let 'em see we're still here."

We protruded our faces and rifles around the rock, and in this position awaited another flash.

It came, bright as before; the enemy could not fail to have noticed us.

Our programme was already prepared; Garey was to ascend first, and take up the rope. He only waited for the termination of another blaze. One end of the lazo was fastened round his waist, and the rope hung down behind them.

When the light gleamed again, he was ready; and the moment it went out, he glided forward to the cliff, and commenced his ascent.

O, for a long interval of darkness!

CHAPTER XXXIX. SCALING THE CLIFF.

O, for a long interval of darkness! Our hearts beat anxiously—at least I can answer for my own. Rube watched the guerrilleros, permitting his head to be seen by them. My eyes were bent upon the rocky wall, but through the thick darkness I looked in vain for our comrade. I listened to hear how he was progressing; I could distinguish a slight scratching against the cliff, each moment higher and further away; but Garey climbed with a moccasin-foot, and the noise was too faint to reach the ears of our enemies. O for a long interval of darkness!

It appeared a long one; perhaps it was not five minutes, but it felt twice that, before the lightning again blazed forth. With the flash, I ran my eyes up the precipitous wall. O God! Garey was still upon his face, scarcely midway up. He was standing on a ledge—his body flattened against the rock—and with his arms extended horizontally, he presented the appearance of a man crucified upon the cliff! So long as the glare lasted he remained in this attitude, motionless as the rock itself.

I turned with anxious look toward the guerrilleros. I heard no voice; I observed no movement. Thank Heaven! they saw him not. Near where he was resting, some bushes of the trailing cedar grew out of the cliff; their dark foliage mottled its white face, rendering the form of the climber less conspicuous.

Another long spell of darkness; another blaze of light. I scanned the gorge; no human form was visible. I saw a dark line that, like a crack, vertically intersected the cliff from parapet to base; it was the rope Garey had carried up. He had reached the summit in safety!

It was my turn next—for Rube insisted on retreating the post of danger—and with my rifle slung on my back, I stood ready. I had given the parting whisper to my brave steed, and pressed his velvet muzzle to my cheek. With the last flicker of the electric gleam, I seized the hanging lazo, and drew myself upward.

I had confidence in the rope. I knew it was fastened above, or safe in the strong grasp of Garey. With its aid the

ascent was rendered easy. I experienced to difficulty in climbing from ledge to ledge, and before the light came again, I had reached the crest of the cliff.

We lay flat among the bushes that grew by the very brink, scarcely showing our faces to the front.

I saw that the rope had been fastened round the trunk of a small tree. Presently we perceived by its jerking that Rube had begun his ascent. Shortly after, we could hear him sprawling and scrambling upward, and then his thin dark form loomed over the edge of the cliff, and dead bent for breath, he staggered silently into the bushes beside us. Even in the darkness, I noticed something in his appearance; his head looked smaller, but I had no time to question him.

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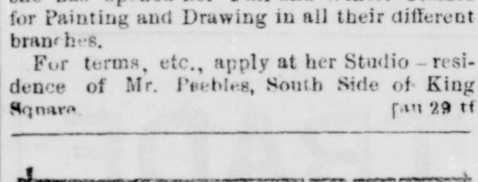
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BETHUNE & BETHUNE, Solicitors for said Company, Montreal, January 17, 1882—1m

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