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HOW COMMISSION GOVERNMENT AROSE

Commission government—the form of civic government which is fast supplanting the "mayor and alderman government" in all cities where competence and progression is sought after is only eleven years old. It came into being with the rebuilding of Galveston after the great flood of 1900. That terrible disaster coming as it did after a succession of corrupt and incompetent city councils had reduced Galveston to a state of bankruptcy, called for drastic changes in the civic government of Galveston if she was to rise again from her ashes.

The old idea was to divide the city into wards, and allow each ward to select its own representative on the theory that he would have an intimate understanding of the nature of his district's needs. In effect, it too often meant that the ward representation came to be the special privilege of the ward-heeler and the lowest elements in ward organization. The aldermen were selected not for their special aptitude to look after the affairs of the city, but for their readiness to fetch and carry for the ward bosses.

Even in cities where graft has been unable to effect a foothold—Toronto for instance, not to come nearer home—the aldermen being indiscriminate persons of the butcher and baker and candlestickmaker type, found it easier to keep in the public eye by quarrelling among themselves and talking nonsense for the press, rather than by initiating useful legislation.

Under the new idea which Galveston tried, five men only were elected, and each was made definitely responsible for a special department of the civic work. Instead of a paltry allowance big enough only to make a man want more, an ample salary was paid. The position was made worth having for itself. And the guarantee of permanence it gave depended entirely upon the fitness of the commissioner and how he behaved in office. The commissioners met together for deliberation and mutual help. But each man was made individually responsible for his own department. He stood on his individual record before the public on election day.

The new departure in civic government had success from the outset. Galveston's credit was restored, her business was built up and population flocked in as a result of the reputation she achieved. A great sea wall was built to prevent the possibility of a second flood destroying the city. Today, Galveston is the second port of export in the United States.

Is not the kind of government that rescued Galveston from destruction, one that would be good for Prince Rupert?

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A TENDERFOOT'S WOOING

By Clive Phillips Wolley

(AUTHOR OF GOLD, GOLD IN CARIBOO, ETC.)

Rolt looked at her, and in his eyes was the pride without which love is not perfect.

"You know what we are going to do, Mary, and you know that I am cutting with the rest?"

"Of course. You could do nothing else. I will cut first for you, Dick. Lowest deals, of course?"

She had cast the cards on the table, and now stood facing the men, a slight figure, as calm to all outward seeming as if this were but the beginning of a game of bridge.

"Yes, ma'am. Lowest deals, as you say," replied Al, with a great smile in his deep wrinkles, and under his breath he muttered:

"Holy smoke, ain't she a peach?"

"Ace high."

"Then I cut for my husband. Whoever cuts the lowest card makes the first attempt."

For a moment her eyes rested on Dick Rolt, and perhaps her lips trembled—they are the only part of the face which no one can control—but if she did, it was so slightly that no one in the room could have sworn to it, and if she sat down somewhat suddenly when she had turned up the ace of diamonds, she had reason enough to be tired, and the room was hot. At once Jim, Al, and Anstruther went to the table together, but Mrs. Rolt held up her hand.

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man from Fleadilly began to hum a light air to himself, the words of which were:—

"He ain't no good about the house He can't cut wood."

CHAPTER XXXVI.

"You said, Combe, that I should not be able to find my way to Soda Creek?"

Anstruther was still sitting on the table rolling his cigarette.

"In the dark. It would not be light all the time you were on the road. But you don't have to. It is not likely we are going to let you suicide after that."

Anstruther smiled a little superciliously.

"That has nothing to do with the question. Would you mind coming here for a moment?" and he went to the window.

"That is the road to Soda Creek, the way we came?"

Combe nodded.

"But that is the direct way, as the crow flies?"

"Yes, only there's a bit of a canyon in the way."

"I know. But after?"

"There wouldn't be any after. There's no way across the canyon until you come to the place where the road crosses it. It's four hundred feet deep with sides like the walls of a house."

"There was a bridge across it, it would shorten the distance by a mile, wouldn't it?"

"Yes, by two, I should think. But there isn't any bridge and the Indians ain't going to wait whilst we build one."

"Could one be built? How wide is the canyon?"

"Not more than twenty or thirty feet at the Buck's Jump. It could be bridged there easily enough; but what's the good of talking. It ain't bridged."

"Where is the Buck's Jump. There, isn't it?"

"Yes, right against that big lone pine with the broken top."

"Very nearly in a direct line for Soda Creek?"

"In a plumb straight line. That pine might have been put there for a surveyor's post."

"So I thought," said Anstruther, and he stood there measuring the distance with his eye, and noting the land marks.

Combe watched him, and at last, with an obvious effort, he said:

"Forgive me, Anstruther. Perhaps you don't think it is my business, but I've got to speak. I know just how you feel, and it's the way a man ought to feel, but you know you can't go now. It wouldn't be a square deal to Miss Clifford."

"Leave Miss Clifford's name out of the question, please. I'm very much obliged to you for what you suggest, but there are some things you don't understand. I'm going, and there's an end of it."

"When I am ready," Anstruther answered, and left the room.

"Pretty rough on them kiddies, ain't it, Jim?" said Al, when Anstruther had left the room, "and she's dead stuck on him. But I guess he's right."

"Right?" snorted Combe. "Right? Just to think of himself? No, I don't think he's right, and I'll take blanked good care as he doesn't do it."

What was the matter with that fellow, for at that moment the call sounded from the upper story. The rifles were wanted at the windows. With a rush the two men went to their places, and for the next twenty minutes they had their whole attention occupied by what they saw from their posts.

A cloud of dust was coming towards them at railroad speed, and at first they flattered themselves that Horseley and his specials had broken the cordon and were coming to their relief. But the riders who emerged from the cloud were Chilcotens, reckless whooping devils, painted as none of the white men had ever before seen.

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At break-neck gallop they rode to within a hundred yards of the house, and then like a flight of starlings they diverged, following their leader in single file in a wild circuit round the building, brandishing their weapons and discharging them in mid career.

In spite of the pace at which they came several bullets struck the house, and one was so well-aimed that it smashed through a chest of drawers behind which Rolt was kneeling; but one of the Indians' horses pitched on its head, and before its rider could extricate himself, several bullets found him.

"Only the center post, I fancy, Al," said Rolt, coolly, blowing the smoke out of his barrels. "Where is Anstruther?"

"I see him go into his room as we came upstairs. He hasn't been up here to see the show. He's up to his neck in them trunks of his, I reckon."

"What?"

"Kinder sortin' out his duds and gettin' good and ready for his passare."

Jim glanced quickly through the window and saw that the Indians were already looting back to their lines. Then he put his rifle up against the wall and left the room quietly.

Al noticed this and seemed about to follow him, but thought better of it, and muttering "Let 'em settle it themselves. It ain't my funeral," kept his place at the window.

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(Special to the Daily News)

Masset, Oct. 8.—Work has started up again at the B. C. Oilfields on the west coast of Graham Island. After a well deserved rest, the party have returned stocked up with supplies to last for the winter. The company has engaged another driller also.

The drilling is now going on, in limestone rock, and the indications of oil are apparent as depth is reached. After cutting through the limestone rock and oil sands will be encountered bearing out the predictions of the experts who reported on the property.

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