

THE EVENING NEWS.

Tuesday, - - - August 6, 1872.

THE SEALED INSTRUCTIONS.

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With a cold, dreadful sensation, I went to my chest to see where we were. I found that we had several days remaining before we should reach the proper longitude for opening the letter.

Well, there we stood, all three of us looking up at the letters as if we expected the sun was about to fall upon the face of the clock case, and fall upon the great glaring red seal of the letter. I could not help fancying I looked something like a big monster, an ogre's face, grinning from the middle of the fire; it looked horrid.

"Could not one fancy," said I, to make them laugh, "the great big eyes were staring out of its head?"

"Ah, my love," said the wife, "it looks like blood."

"Pooh, pooh!" said her husband, taking her arm under his. "It looks like a letter of invitation to a wedding. Come, come, leave the letter alone if it troubles you so. Let's go to our room and prepare for bed."

And off they went. They went upon deck, and left me with that beast of a letter. I waited until I thought looking at it I smothered my pipe; it seemed to fix its great red eye upon mine, fuming like the eye of a serpent. It was red, wide, raw, staring like the maw of a fierce wolf. I took my great coat and hung it over both clock and letter, and went upon deck to finish my pipe.

We were now in the vicinity of Cape de Verde Islands, and the *Belle* was running before a fair wind at the rate of ten miles an hour. It was a splendid sight to see the bright sunlight reflecting, the moon rising above the horizon, as large as a sun of silver, the line of ocean parting it, and long streams of pure shimmering light falling upon the waves, which as they broke, sparkled like jewels. The sea was full of smoking gulls, and looking at them.

All was still, except the footfall of the officer of the watch, as he paced the deck, gazing as I was, upon the shadow of the vessel, stealing over the silent water.

I love silence and order. I hate noise and confusion. The lights should all have been extinguished by this time; but when I looked upon the deck I thought I saw a little red line of light beneath me. At first I thought it was the pipe I would have made me angry; but knowing that the light came from the cabin of my little *deportes*, I determined to see what they were about.

I had only to look down — I could see into the cabin from the sky-light.

The young girl was upon her knees; she was saying her prayers. A lamp swung from the ceiling lighted her room. She had on a long, white nightdress, and her fair, golden hair, doctored over her shoulders and almost touched two little bare feet which were peeping from under her white dress, so pretty. I turned away; but paah! said I, I am an old sailor! What matters it? So I stayed.

The husband was sitting upon a little trunk; his head resting upon his hands, looking at her as she prayed. She raised her face to heaven, and then I saw that her eyes were filled with tears. She looked like a Magdalene. Ashore rose, he said:

"Ah, my sweet Laurette, as we approach America, I cannot help being anxious. I do not know why—but I feel that this voyage has been the happiest part of our lives."

"So it seems to me," she answered. "I only wish it might last forever."

Suddenly clasping his hands in a transport of love and affection, he said:

"And yet, my little angel, I see you cry when you say your prayers, and that I cannot stand, for I know what causes it, and then I fear you must repeat what you have done."

"Repent," she said, in a sad, rebuking tone. "Repent of having come with you only such a very, very short time, that I should not love you? Was I not your wife? How can you be sorry that I should be with you, to live with you if you live, and to die with you if you are to die?"

The young man began to sigh, striking the floor impatiently with his hand and arm which she was holding out.

"Ah, Laurette, Laurette! When I think if our marriage had been delayed only five days — only five days — that then I should have been arrested and transported alone, I cannot forgive myself."

At this the little one stretched out her hand, while arms clasped his head, pressed him to herself, his hair, his eyes, smiling like diamonds, and fearing all sorts of women and fond things. She was quite affected, and considered it one of the prettiest scenes I had ever witnessed.

"And besides, we are so very rich, too!" said she, bursting out laughing. "Look at my purse, one gold lous d'or — all my worldly wealth."

He began to laugh, too.

"Yes, dear, I have spent my last half-crown. I gave it to the fellow who carried my trunk on board."

"Ah, poor soul, what matters it?"

"Nobody so poor as those who have nothing at all; besides, I have my two diamond rings that my mother gave me; they are good for something all the world over; we can sell them when you like; and besides, I am sure the captain means kindly by us, and I suspect he knows very well what is in the letter. It is a recommendation to the governor of California."

"Perhaps so, who knows?"

"To be sure it is discontinued the charming little wife." "You are so good, I am sure the government has banished you only for a short time. I know that they have no feeling against you."

It was high time that the light should be stricken out, and now I rapped on the door, and called them to do so.

They instantly obeyed, and I heard them murmur and chattering like two innocent schoolboys.

One morning when I awoke I was surprised not to feel the slightest motion of the vessel. Hurrying on deck, I found that we were immobilized. Latitude, one degree north; longitude, between twenty-seven and twenty-eight degrees west.

I waited until night, when I descended to my cabin and opened the letter, with a wild, awful feeling. I held my breath while I broke the big red seal, and read:

"Captain Fontainebleau: The convict, Antoine Hindouar, was convicted of high treason against the republic. The directory order that he be shot in mid-ocean, and you are hereby instructed to see that these orders are carried into effect."

I read the letter back ward and forward. I went on deck again, and again, the door of the cabin was closed, and I lay upon her with an expression of unutterable fondness. Catching his eye I signed for him to come into the cabin, and bidding her good-bye, he came down, his face all smiles.

I was bathed in cold sweat. I felt as if deadly sick. I handed him the letter, and he read it, together with the death warrant, which was sealed up in the iron and attached. I gathered voice as he finished.

"I ask nothing, captain," he said, in the same gentle voice that always characterized his speech: "no man can be expected to swear from his duty. I only wish to speak a few words to Laurette, and to entrust you to take care of her. You will hardly think me

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Pioneer Line of Utah

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MONDAY, JULY 17th

1872.

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In addition to the above

MIXED TRAINS WILL RUN

DAILY, SUNDAYS EXCEPTED.

Leaving Salt Lake City at 6:30 p.m. and and Ogden at 5 a.m.

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H. H. DAVIS,
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WILL RUN

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Leaving Utah Central Railroad Depot, Salt Lake City at 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sandy, (nearest point, Little Cottonwood) Kan-

yon) at 8:10 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.

Arrive at Draper 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Leave Draper 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Arrive at Salt Lake 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

FARES:

Leave Salt Lake to Big Cottonwood Station 50cts.
Little " " " 49cts.
Bandy " " " 48cts.
Draper " " " 47cts.

Twenty-five cents additional will be charged when the fare is collected on the train.

M. H. DAVIS,
General Freight and Ticket Agent.

FERAMORZ LITTLE,
Superintendent

C. P. R. R.

February 8th, 1872.

San Francisco and Sacramento.

Leave going East. Arrive from East. Leave going West. Arrive from West.

Leave Sacramento, Calif., 7:00 a.m. and 4:10 p.m.

Arrive from San Fran. 8:50 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Leave San Fran. 8:30 a.m. and 4:10 p.m.

Arrive from Sacramento, Calif., 9:15 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

Leave Sacramento, Calif., 10:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Arrive from Salt Lake, 10:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Leave Salt Lake, 10:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Leave Sacramento, Calif., 11:45 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Arrive from Salt Lake, 11:45 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Leave Salt Lake, 11:45 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Leave Sacramento, Calif., 12:45 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Arrive from Salt Lake, 12:45 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Leave Sacramento, Calif., 1:45 a.m. and 8:15 p.m.

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