THE EVENING NEWS.

Friday - - - August 25, 1871.

From Temple Bar.

## TOO MUCH ZEAL.

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"Half Mecca pilgrims, urged on by their priests; half Levantine, eager for plunder, about a hundred and fifty in all. It was by the merest chance I heard what was on foot. The whole country is up against you. I had only time to send a message to the Consul and ride off. The thing is, how are we to hold out till help comes? What arms have you?"

There was that in Massom's manner which put a stop to all further questioning. The case was a grave one indeed. Templar and I had, each our revolver, and about thirty cartridges between us. We had our fowling-pieces, but nothing but quail shot. Crake, the coxswain, had borrowed a rifle from the yacht to amuse himself, and had a fair store of ammunition. Massom had his Tranter and a carbine. The mistake about biscuit a provided us with a goodly supply of powder, but ball was sadly wanting. We managed to send the ladies to bed without creating any alarm—for, as Massom said, help might arrive before any assault could be made—and then set to work casting bullets, and loopholing such parts of the wall as commanded the gate, which was strengthened with posts, stones, and props. Meanwhile the unconscious author of our danger slept like a child.

Of course we were obliged to take the coxswain and French cook into our confidence, and bitterly did the latter deplore the destruction of his stew pans, pressed into the service to make *potage de plomb a la mitraille*.

It was long past midnight before we had completed our preparations, and then Massom took me on one side.

"If the lives, and more than the lives of those poor ladies are to depend upon us five," he said, "we have no hope except in perfect coolness and discipline. If we are all to be captains, like the crew of a Greek ship in a storm, we are lost. I am only an old Bashi-Bazouk, and I know the prejudices of you regulars. I have not forgotten Kars. This is no time to stand on ceremony, and I tell you plainly that I have seen more of this sort of thing than you have. If you put yourself under my orders the rest will obey, but I am quite willing to serve under you if you think it for the best. It must be one thing or the other, which is it to be?"

I was half angry with him for supposing I could be such a blockhead as to set myself up on my regular rank in such a case, and assured him that I would not only act under him, but do my best to make the others do so too. He pressed my hand, and there was an end of that question.

"Now look-here," he said, "it seems to me that we have done all we can to defend that gate, but they may force it, and then there'd be an ugly rush into the courtyard, which we cannot pretend to face. There's no part of the house which commands it either, worse luck. Supposing you were here with your regiment, and a company of sappers, and all the other luxuries of regular war, what should you do with that courtyard?"

I told him in two words.

"Exactly!" he replied. "Get Templar off to bed. Tell him his wife must not suspect mischief—anything by way of excuse—and join me below in an hour."

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When we had stamped the last flagstone into its place, Massom whispered, "If the worst comes, and I am alive, I will work this. If I fail, you know what to do, and in that case you had better tell Templar. For the present let it rest between us two. They will fight all the better at the gate if they think we have no other chance."

He told me that we could have an hour's rest before daybreak, and tired as I was I soon fell asleep. In about ten minutes (as it seemed to me) Massom's hand was on my shoulder. "To your post," he said; "those rascals are gathering."

"And the ladies?"

"Are behaving beautifully. Templar has told them some of the truth."

"Where's Frank?"

"God knows. Never mind him. He's no use, except to get people into trouble."

The plan of defence was this. We each had our number and our loopholes, thus:

No. 1. Templar. Arms, revolver and shotgun (breech-loader), with thirty cartridges, loaded with revolver balls cut into slugs, for want of better ammunition.

N. 2. The French cook. Arm, Massom's revolver.

N. 3. Capt. May. Arms same as No. 1.

No. 4. Crake. Arm, ship's rifle.

No. 5. Col. Massom. Arm, carbine.

No one was to fire unless at the word of command from the Colonel. Every man was to load after each discharge, if possible.

It soon became evident that our assailants had not adopted our policy of electing a chief and following his orders. They seemed to think they had nothing to do but walk in and cut our throats, and came straggling to the gate gesticulating and shouting, and firing off their guns in the air as though the place was theirs already.

They were allowed to approach within some hundred and fifty yards, when Massom sprang up into one of the windows and shouted "Halt!" in Arabic.

"What do you want here?"

"Please God, you shall know soon," replied an evil-looking fellow, with a belt full of pistols, who was one of the foremost. "But if you are not of those dogs" (Massom still wore his Turkish dress) "come forth and no harm shall happen you."

"I am an Englishman, and these, my friends, are English too. Take care. Our consul knows your movements, and will be here with assistance before your shadow is long. Dogs in your teeth. Dare to approach one step and I will drink your blood, son of a burnt father!"

"What lies are these, thou of the split tongue?" replied the ruffian, after a moment's consultion with those around him. "Is it not well known that the giaour, thy Consul, departed for the Lebanon two days ago? On, on, my brothers! Revenge our holy religion! There is no God but God, and Mahomet is the prophet of God! There is gold, there is woman for those who live! There is Paradise for those who die! On! on?"

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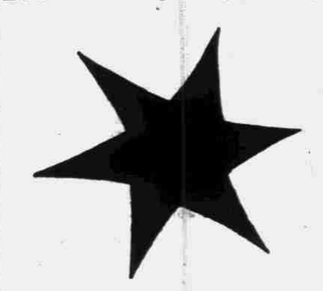

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