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BOOK I.

CHAPTER I.

WE are in Paris, in no less a place than the Tuileries.

The Empress Eugenie is surrounded by her ladies in waiting, when upon a sudden enters Louis Napoleon, very much agitated, followed by a messenger, who delivers an urgent newspaper dispatch, and immediately betakes himself off.

Louis Napoleon reads :

'General Power left New-York in steamer *Enlightened Age*, chartered expressly for the voyage to France and Italy, with a cargo of *Enlightened Law Books*; manned by a crew of French and Italian seamen, most enthusiastic in their adhesion to General Power and the *Enlightened Platform*, which he is about to elevate in Europe.'

Confusion ! De Morny, Walewski, Delangle, ho !

Eugenie. Oh, it is some most unusual news, to so discompose his Majesty !

Louis. Ho! De Morny, Walewski, Delangle!

Eug. My lord!

Louis. Leave me alone some minutes, Eugenie!

[Thereupon exeunt the Empress Eugenie and her attendants. At the same time enters De Morny.]

Louis. De Morny, straightway call a council extraordinary.

De M. Pray, your Majesty, what has happened?

Louis. Stand not to question; summon immediate counsel, within the minute, De Morny!

[Upon that, exit De Morny, and at the same time re-enters the Empress Eugenie, unattended.]

Eug. Oh, what astounding stroke of terror shivers
The hitherto confident and lion cheek
Of Europe's arbiter, and France's chief!

[Staring on vacancy, and making no reply, Eugenie throws her arms around Napoleon, and weeps and sobs tumultuously on his adamant bosom.]

Louis. The battle of all the ages does approach, and how to meet it, I know not. If I bide inactive, I shall be thawed out; and, if I move, I shall but precipitate my fate.

Eug. Alas! my lord!

Louis. Hang General Power! I do fear his star is pregnant with disaster to the house of Bonaparte.

[Here enters a messenger with telegraphic dispatch, which Louis opens and reads:

'The steamer Enlightened Age, having General Power on board, on his way to Italy, stopped at Havre; and, notwithstanding every precaution of the police, quite a number of his Enlightened Law Books for Enlightened Law and Government were distributed, and afterwards devoured by the people with avidity.'

Enlightened Law! Confusion! That's a dangerous, new idea. Enlightened Government! Hang it! Why, translating

the Peoples to another sphere, that supersedes the Great Powers altogether. Hang General Power!

Eug. Enlightened Law and Government! Oh, methinks, That were the highest glory possible To France and all the world.

Louis. Go to! I am France! I create all her glory! My ambition is to found an illustrious dynasty. I ignore everything except what contributes to the grandeur of Bonaparte, and the imperial renown of Napoleon.

Eug. Methinks that Enlightened Law might yet be for the world the solution of every difficulty.

Louis. Leave me now, Eugenie. I'm sick! away! (Exit Eugenie.) Enlightened Law and Government! Why, that's what to stave off my grand uncle fondled the Pope, and I the same. Issue my orders to all the Prefects to destroy the Enlightened Law Book.

[Messenger is going, when his master stops him.—
Messenger returns.

Stay! Telegraph my respects to General Power, and it will much please the Emperor Napoleon if he will immediately visit him at the Tuileries.

[Exit messenger. Enter Prince Napoleon, drunk and staggering.

Prince. Declare war! war immediate! immediate!

Louis. How now, my fiery, hair-brained cousin?

Prince. Anticipate General Power; ere by his enlightened conquests, rooting population, he annihilate the business of us capital state-riders. [Re-enter De Morny.

Louis. Is the counsel met, De Morny?

De M. Awaits, your Majesty.

Prince. I insist on being present. Declare war! war! immediate war! By lurid excitements of great battles, confound General Power's enlightened conquests.