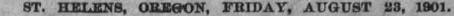
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# CHAPTER L.

The sentlemen of the Jury retired to consider their verdict. The foreman took his place at the head of the table. Ills scated themselves on either n. Then, there fell upon that ide of him, and of most men a silence, never known assembly of men a silence, never known among an assembly of women the silence which proceeds from a general reluctance

among an away from a general reluctance the broceeds from a general reluctance to be the porson who speaks first. "Gentlemen," he began, "have you formed any decided opinion on the case---thes far? The prisoner waiting our ver-dict is the Homorable Boderick Wester-field, younger brother of the present Lord Le Basque. He is charged with fully cast-ing away the British bark John Jorminan for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining a share of the insurance money; and fur-ther, of possessing himself of certain Bra-alian diamonds, which formed part of the cargo. In plain words, here is a gentle-man born in the higher ranks of life ac-ement of being a thief. He further apman born in the higher ranks of the ac-cured of being a thief. He further ap-pears to have outraged the feelings of his family by marrying a barmaid at a public bons. From that moment his parents turned their backs on him, with the one merciful exception of the head of the fam-merciful exception of the head of the fam-By. Lord Le Basque exerted his influence with the Admi alty and obtained for his brother an appointment to a ship. All the witnesses agree that Mr. Westerfield witnesses agree that Mr. Westerfield thoroughly understood his profession. If he could have controlled himself, he might have risen to very high rank in the navy. He quarreled with one of his superior

"Under strong provocation," said a member of the jury.

"Under strong provocation," the fore-man admitted. "The prisoner challenged the officer on duty to fight a duel, and, rethe officer on duty to fight a duel, and, re-reiving a contemptuous refusal, struck him on the quarter deck. As a matter of course, Mr. Westerfield was tried by cont martial and was dismissed from the merice. At my lord's earnest request the owners of the John Jerminan, trading be-tween Liverpool and Rio, took Mr. West-erfield on trial as first mate. In a tempest of the control of forces the contain was off the coast of Africa the captain was washed overboard, and the first mate sucresided overboard, and the first mate suc-ceeded to the command. His seamanship and courage saved the vessel, under cir-rumstances of danger which paralyzed the efforts of the other officers. He was con-firmed in the command of the ship." There the foreman painsed to collect his there

"After a certain term of service, gentle men." he finally resumed, "the prisoner's merits appear to have received their re-ward. He was presented with a share in the ship. With improved prospects he sailed from Liverpool on his last voyage to Brazil; and no one, his wife included, had the faintest suspicion that he left England under circumstances of serious pecuniary embarrassment, the result of betting on horse racing. When he left Rio on the homeward voyage, there is no

Votes were at once registered, including the vote of the foreman. One incompre-hensible man abstained from expressing his sentiments even by a sign. He sat im-movable, with closed eyes. The quick-witted foreman had long since suspected him of being simply the stupidest person

nim of being simply the stupidest person present—with just canning enough to con-ceal his own dullness by holding his tongue. After a beated conference among themselves they decided on securing unan-imity of opinion by submitting to the ar-bitration of this one independent member present. "Which way does your view of the verdict incline, sir? Guilty or not suilty?" The even of the silent incremen memory.

The eyes of the silent juryman opened with the slow and solemn dilation of the eyes of an owl. "Guilty," he answered, and shut his eyes again.

An unutterable scuse of relief pervaded the meeting. Enmitics were forgotten: and friendly looks were exchanged. With one accord, the jury rose to return to court. The prisoner's fate was scaled. The verdict was guilty. The how hum of talk accord to

The low hum of talk among the persons in court ceased when the jury returned to their places. Carlosity now found its center of attraction in the prisoner's wife who had been present throughout the trial. Mrs. Westerfield was a showy woman

Her commanding figure was incovy woman. Her commanding figure was finely robed in dark colors; her profuse light hair hung over her forchead in little clusters of ring-lets; her features, firmly but not delicately shaped, were on a large scale. No out-ward betrayal of the wife's emotion re-

warded the public curiosity: her hold light gray eyes sustained the general gaze with-out flinching. To the surprise of the women present, she had brought her two young children with her to the trial. The eldest wars a preside little cit of the years ident was a pretty little girl of ten years

eldeat was a pretty little girl of ten years old; the second child, a boy, sat on his mother's knees. It was generally observed that Mrs. Westerfield took no notice of hor eldest child. The judge took his seat, and the order was given to bring the prisoner up for indrment. The surgeon of the prison en-tered the witness box, and, being duly sworn, made his medical statement. The prisoner's heart had been diseased for some time past, and the malady had

The prime rate had been discussed for some time past, and the malady had been neglected. He had fainted under the prolonged suspense of waiting for the ver-dict. The swoon had proved to be of such a serious nature that the witness refused

to answer for consequences if a second fainting fit was produced by the excitement of facing the court and the jury. Under these circumstances the verdict Under these circumstees on the supertators looked at the prisoner's wife. She had risen to leave the court. It was observed, when she retired, that she held her hoy by the hand, and left the girl to the superstandard to have her her observed, when she retired, that she held har boy by the hand, and left the girl to follow. A compassionate lady near her offered to take care of the children while she was absent. Mrs. Westerfield answer-ed quiety and coldy: "Thank yon-their whe was absent. Mrs. Westerfield answer ed quietly and coldly: "Thank you-their any known rule, and are marks made at

"I write to you before my trial taken place. If the verdict goes in my favor, I shall destroy what I have written. If I am found guilty, I must leave it for you to do what I should otherwise have done "You wear well," he said, admiring her. "Have you come here to be my barmaid

"Have you come here to be my barmaid again?" "Do you think I am reduced to that?" she answered. "Well, my dear, more unlikely things have happened. They tell me you depend for your income on Lord Le Basque—and his lordship's death was in the newspapers last meet?" for myself. "The undeserved misfortune that has overtaken me began with the arrival of my ship in the port of Rio. Our second mate asked leave to go on shore—and never returned. What motive determined

last week." "And his lordship's lawyers continue my

allowance." Having smartly set the landlord right in those words, she had not thought it necessary to add that Lady Le Basque, necessary to add that Lady Le Basque, continuing the allowance at her hushand's request, bud also notified that it would cease if Mrs. Westerfield married again. "You're a lucky woman," the landlord remarked. "Well, I'm giad to see you. What will you take to drink?" "Nothing, thank you. I want to know if you have heard anything lately of James Bellbridge." The landlord was a popular person in his own circle: not accustomed to restrain

hever returned. What motive determined him on describing I am not able to say. It was my own wiak to supply his place by promoting the best seaman on board. My owners' agents overruled me, and appoint-ed a man of their own choosing. "What nation he'd belonged to I don't know. The name he gave was Beljames, and he was reported to be a broken-down gentleman. Whoever he might be, his manner and his talk were captivating. Everybody liked him. "After the two calamities of the loss of verybody liked him. "After the two calamities of the loss of

the ship and the disappearance of the dia-monda-these last being valued at five thousand pounds-I returned to England by the first opportunity that offered, hav-

The inhibit was a popular person in his own circle; not accustomed to restrain himself when he saw his way to a joke. "Here's constancy!" he said. "She's sweet on James after having jilted him twelve ng Beljames for a companion. "Shortly after getting back to my hou

"Shortly after getting back to my house in London, I was privately warned by a good friend that my owners had decided to prosecute me for willfully casting away the ship, and for having stolen the missing diamonds. The second mate, who had been in command of the vessel when she struck on the rock, was similarly charged along with me. Knowing myself to be in-nocent, I determined, of course, to stand my trial. My wonder was, what Bel-Mrs. Westerfield rose with dignity. "I am accustomed to be treated respectful-ly," she replied. "I wish you good-morn-

ing." The easy landlord pressed her back into her chair. "Don't be a fool," he said. "James is in London; James is staying in my house." Mrs. Westerfield's bold gray eyes ex-"Westerfield's bold gray eyes ex-

nocent, I determined, of course, to stand my trial. My wonder was, what Bel-james would do. We had separated in Cornwall, and had not met since. "On the royage home Beljames told me that a legfley had been left to him; being a small freehold house and garden in St. John's Wood, London. While my mind pressed eager curiosity and interest, "You don't mean that he is going to be bar-

man here again?" "No such luck, my dear; he is a gentle-man at large, who patronizes my house." Mrs. Westerfield weat on with her ques-

"Has he left America for good

John's Wood, London. While any limit was running on this recollection I was told that a decent elderly woman wanted to see me. She proved to be the landlady of the house in which Beljames lodged: and she brought an alarming message. "Has he left America for good?" "Not he! James Bellbridge is going back to New York, to open a saloon. He's in England, he says, on business. It's my belief that he wants money for this new venture, on bad security. His only chance of getting his bills discounted is to humbug his relations down in the counand she brought an airming message. The man was dying, and desired to see me. I went to him immediately. "Beljames had heard of the intended prosecution. How he had been made aware of it death left him no time to tell me. The miserable wretch had poisoned himself-whether in terror of standing his

try." "When does he come back?" "He comes back to-morrow." "Will you give a message to James?" "Til do anything for a lady of fortnee." "Tell him to come and drink tes with his old sweetheart to-morrow at six o'clock." "He won't do it."

"He will. With that difference of opinion they parted.

(To be continued.)

Not as Stunid as He Seemed.

It was an old man in Sweden-s runs the tale as told in Short Stories who gave to a stranger an answer that was wiser than it appeared. The stranger, one of a prospecting party search-ing for gold, had wandered away from means. Lift me up net. As 1 and 11 he rolled his head to and fro, evidently in pain. But he managed to point to pen, ink and paper on a table hard by, on which his doctor had been writing. I left him for a moment to pull the table mearer to the bed, and in that moment he groan-ed and cried out for help. I ran to the the rest, to find himself at last with a fair piece of quartz as a reward for his pains, in a region he knew nothing of, with no guide, and night coming on.

"Friend," he asked of an old man smoking in his doorway, "how long will room downstairs where the doctor was waiting. When we got back to him he was in convulsions. It was all over with Beljames. it take me to walk to the next town?" The old man eyed the speaker quizzlcally.

"The lawyers who are to defend m "Walk on," he said, with a wave of his hand in the right direction. "Yes, I know which road; but how long will it take me to walk there?"

asked the stranger again. "Walk on," repeated the smoker,

#### EVENTS OF THE DAY MacArthur Says Philippines Are Pacified bu Not Tranquilized. FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF Chicago, Aug. 21 .- The following is a statement of General MacArthur,

THE WORLD.

asive Review of the Importa and laid waste whole districts. **Happenings** of the Past Week Presented people in many districts have relapsed in a Condensed Form Which is Most into barbarism. The best conditions Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many prevail in Northern Luzon, You Readers.

Chinese officials are much diseatis-fied with terms of the treaty.

Ohio river steamer overturned in quall drowned.

Robels in Colombia and Venezuela ontinue operations in hopes of getting help. Latest passengers from Nome bring tories of threatened destitution there

this winter.

Latest estimate of visible wheat in

he United States shows a decrease of 1.449,000 bushels.

Steel trust has started up several plants, but strikers contend that they have lost no ground.

Colombian minister assures Secre-tary Hay that traffic is entirely un-disturbed in that country.

British surprised two Boer laagers and killed 23 men, but were unable to follow up their success.

England demands prompt punish-nent of authors of Chinese massacre or she will not withdraw her troops. Cervera, the Spanish admiral, is to be presented with a loving cup for kindness shown American prisoners during the Spanish-American war. Germany will soon establish a colonial army. The United States may send more warships to Colon. An Ecuadorean force is preparing

to invade Colombia Von Waldersee hopes to become chancellor of Germany.

General MacArthur has arrived at Sau Francisco from Manila.

The results of the gulf storm were not so had as at first reported.

Hayden, the embezzling treasurer of Swift & Co., cannot be found A force of Colombians invaded Venezuela, but were driven back. San Francisco retailers have made move towards ending the strike. Kruger urges the British National-

ists to continue their efforts to secure neace. Venezuelan officials blame the Colombian government for the present

trouble. The steel trust is landing non-union men at Monessen and will start

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

NEWS OF THE STATE

ercial and Financial Happenings of Im portance-A Brief Review of the Growth and Emprovements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth -Latest Market Report.

The water agate crop at Newport is good size and quality.

The fruit driers around Albany will have their hands full this season.

A 30 foot steel tower has been ordered for the 400 pound firebell which was presented to the Athena ose company.

Jake Smith, who lives near Laylock reek, in Grant county, recently killed fles. "Throughout Northern Luzon the half feet and the other three feet long. Big forest fires are reported in the Flounce Rock, Trail creek and Big Butte sections, of Jomephine county. Some damage is being done to the timber

The Owl and Elephant mines, in the Cable Cove district, have been sold to a Maryland syndicate for \$11,-

may root out these bands of criminals. There is every reason to believe that the whole country will soon be per-fectly safe for travelers. "At present there is some trouble in Samar, but General Hughes, with a large and effective force, has gone after them and will soon bring the in-surgents to their senses. That is the worst place, but it is not interfering with the coast business. In Cebu and Bohul, and occasionally in Southern Luzon, there is a slight cutbreak, but it is caused by the criminal element.

The new 90 horse power boiler is in place at the plant of the Athena Flouring Mill Company. It is a huge affair, made entirely of steel, and is composed of two plates, tubes and ends. It is encased in brick and will add materially to the value of the plant, which is up-to-date in every respect

Threshing is now well under way throughout the Rogue river valley, and from all information that can be gathered the product of this year will be about one hall a crop. The lightness of the yield this year is at-tributed to the lack of rain early in the season, considerable of the acreage

Panthers attacked a band of sheep on the North Coos river and killed over 20.

Owing to the great number of build-

ings being constructed in Pendleton,

As an example of how the old dona-

Portland Markets.

Wheat-Walla Walla, export value,

55@56c per bushel;bluestem, 57@58c;

Flour-best grades, \$2.90@3.40 per

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@

Potatoes-90c@\$1.00 per sack.

Eggs-17c per dozen.

M. de Giers said that the Chinese ninister at St. Petersburg had already been killing numerous chickens, was

may say that the whole territory is pacified, but not tranquilized, but it will not be many months before iaw and order are observed everywhere. "While the conditions are not per river steamer overturned in a and 16 passengers were d. Is in Colombia and Venezuela is operations in hopes of get-

natives have come to see that surren-der does not mean death and they are coming in every week with their

rifles. Constitution-Columbia race was de-clared off temporarily on account of heavy winds. ment. Still, a large criminal class there commits depredations on Amer-icans and natives, though the latter suffer the most severely. The natives are earnestly seeking the establish-ment of civil government that they may root out these bands of criminals.

WRECKED BY WAR.

"War has wrecked the Philippines

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as regards the Philippines:

it is caused by the criminal element. "The civil commission was about to put into force some excellent items to put into force some excellent items for the municipal government of the City of Manila when I left. The city is in excellent condition, especially in its sanitary department, and its growth in business has been enorm-ous."

Earl LI Says the Proposed Manchurian Treat

is Not Acceptable. Is Not Acceptable.
London, Aug. 21.—According to a dispatch from Pekin, Li Hung Chang recently called upon M. de Giers, the Russian minister and urged a settlement of the Manchurian question. The Russian minister replied that the indemnity had been settled and all were ready to sign the protocol. The two governments, he said, ought to determine the question in the interests of permanent harmony. Li Hung Chang asked that Russia give the matter immediate consideration in order to avoid exciting suspite on on the part of the other powers

cion on the part of the other powers and thus hindeirng other important

matters. M. de Giers said that the Chinese

CHINA WILL NOT RATIFY IT.

ther wishes to se England to face creditors whom he

"In plain English," said a juryman "You are for finding the prisoner guilty." "In plain English," the foreman rejoin ed, "I refuse to answer that question." Why ?"

"Because it is no part of my duty to at-tempt to influence the verdict." "You have been trying to influence the

verdict, sir, ever since you entered this room. I appeal to all the gentlemen pres ent."

The patience of the long-suffering fore-man failed him at last. "Not another word shall pass my lips," he said, "until you find the prisoner guilty or not guilty among yourselves-and then I'll tell you if I agree to your verdict."

He folded his arms and looked like the mage of a man who intended to keep his

In the meantime nothing was said or done. Helpless slience prevailed in every part of the room.

"Why doesn't samebody begin?" cried an impatient juryman. "Have you all forgutten the evidence?"

This startling question roused the jury to a sense of what was due to their oaths. I not to themselves. Some of them recol-If not to themselves. Some of them recon-lected the evidence in one way and some of them recollected it is another. The first man who spoke began at the middle of the story told by the witnesses in court. "I sm for acquitting the captain, gentle-men; he ordered out the boats and saved the lives of the crew." "And I am for finding him guilty, because the ship struck finding him guilty, because the ship struck a rock in broad daylight, and in moderate weather." "I agree with yon, sir. The eridence shows that the ressel was steer-ed dangerously near to the land, by direc-tion of the captain who gave the course." "Come, come, gentlement let us do the captain justice. The defense declares that be gave the captain and the list if be gave the customary course, and that it was not followed when he left the deck. As for his leaving the ship in moderate weather, the evidence proves that he be-leaved by a state of the lieved he saw signs of a storm brewing." "Yes, yes, all very well; but what were the facts? When the loss of the ship was reported, the Brazilian authorities sent me to the wreck, on the chance of saving the cargo; and, days afterward, there the ship was found, just as the captain and crew had left her." "Don't forget, sir, that the diamonds were missing when the salvors examined the wreek." "All right, but that's no proof that the captain stole the dismonds; and, before they had saved half the cargo, a storm did come on, and break the vessel up, so the poor man was only wrong in the matter of time after all." "Allow me to remind you, gentle-men, that the prisoner was deeply in debt, and, therefore, had an interest in stealing the diamonds." "Wait a little, sir. Fair "Wait a little, air. Fair play's a jewel. Who was in charge of the deck when the ship struck? The sec-ond mate. And what did the second mate do, when he heard that his owners had de-

cided to prosecute? He committed sui-cided is there no proof of guilt in that act?" "You are going a little too fast, sir. The coroner's jury declared that the second mate killed himself in a state of self in a state of

"Suppose we try a show of hands?" was "Suppose we try a show of hands?" was suggrested. "Gentlemen who find the pris-oner guilty will please hold up their hands." ... In these terms he expressed himself:

The prisoner was dying: nobody could ook at him and doubt it. His eyes opened wearily when his wife and children aproached the bed on which he lay helpless the wreck of a grandly made man. The girl stood nearest to him; he looked at her

girl stood nearest to him; he looked at her with a faint smile. The poor child understood him. Crying pitcously, she put her arms round his neck and kissed him. "Dear papa," she said, "come home and let me nurse you." The surgeon, watching the father's face, saw a change in him which the other per-sons present had not observed. As his wife brought the child to him, the surgeon whispered to her, "If yon have anything to say to him, be quick about.it!" She shuddered; she took his cold hand. Her tonch seemed to nerve him with new

shuddered; she took his cold hand. Her touch seemed to nerve him with new strength; he asked her to stoop over him. "They won't let me write here," he whia-pered, "unless they see my letter. Lift up my left arm. Open the wristhand." She detached the stud which closed the wristband of the shirt. On the inner side of the linen was a line written in red letof the linen was a line written in red let-iers-red of the color of blood. She saw these words: "Look in the lining of my trenk"

"What for ?" she asked.

The fading light in his eyes flashed on ter a dreadful look of doubt. His lips

Mrs. Westerfield obeyed in silence. She had her own reasons for being in a hurry to get home. Leaving the children under the servant's care she locked herself up in the dead man's room, and emptied his trunk of the few clothes that had been here in the

eft in It. The lining which she was now to exam The liaing which she was now to exam-ine was of the customary material, and of the usual striped pattern in blue and white. Her fingers were not sufficiently sensitive to feel anything under the sur-face, when she tried it with her hand. Turning the empty trunk with the inner side of the iid toward the light, she dis-covered on one of the blue stripes of the liaing a thin little shining stain which looked like a stain of dried gum. After a moment's consideration, she cut the gum-med line with a penknife. Something of a white color appeared through the aperwhite color appeared through the aper-ture. She drew out a folded sheet of

It proved to be a letter in her husband's It proved to be a letter in nor numano a handwriting. An inclosure dropped to the floor when she opened it, in the shape of a small slip of paper. She picked it up. The morsel of paper presented letters, fig-ures and crosses arranged in lines, and mingled together in what looked like hope-lage schemes. less confusion.

CHAPTER II.

Mrs. Westerfield laid the incomprehen Mrs. Westerfield laid the incomprehen-sible slip of paper aside, and, in search of an explanation, returned to the letter. Here again she found herself in a state of perplexity. Directed to "Mrs. Roderick Westerfield," the letter began abruptly, without the discourse, form of address without the customary form of address. Did it mean that her husband was angry

"As for any statement on my part of the confession made to me, the law refuses to hear it except from the mouth of a wit-mess. I might prove that the ship's course was changed, contrary to my directions, after I had gone below to rest, if I could find the man who was steering at the time. Margan changes the steering at the time.

himself-whether in terror of standing in trial or in remorse of conscience, it is no any business of mine to decide. Most un luckily for me, he first ordered the doc tor and the landlady out of the room-

for and the instituty out of the four-and then, when we two were alone, owned that he had purposely altered the course of the ship, and had stolen the diamonds. "Having eased his mind by confession,

find the man who was steering at the time. Henven knows where that man is. "On the other hand, the errors of my past life, and my being in debt, are cir-cumstances dead against me. The law-yers seem to trust almost entirely in a famous counsel, whom they have engaged to defend me. For my own part, I go to my trial with little or no hope. "If you are now my widow, and if you may have any love left for my memory, never rest until you have found somebody

never rest until you have found so who can interpret these curious signs. Do for me, I say, what I cannot do for my-seif. Recover the diamonds; and, when you restore them, show my owners this letter.

"Kiss the children for me. I wish then when they are old enough, to read this defense of myself and to know that their father, who loved them dearly, died an innocent man. My good brother will take care of you, for my sake. I have done." Mrs. Westerfield took up the cipher once

Mrs. Westerned toos by the childr of the other more. She looked at it as if it was a living thing that defied her. "If I am ever able to read this gibberish," she decided, "I know what I'll do with the diamonds,"

CHAPTER III.

One year exactly after the fatal day of the trial, Mrs. Westerfield celebrated her release from the obligation of wearing widow's weeds.

The conventional gradations in th The conventional gradations in the out-ward expression of grief which led from black to gray, formed no part of this af-flicted lady's system of mourning. She laid her best blue walking dress and ber new bonnet to match on the bed, and ad-mired them to her heart's content. Her discarded garments were left on the floor. "Thank heaven. Uve done with rou!" ahe discarded garments were tett on the inter-"Thank heaven, I've done with you!" she said, and kicked her rusty monrning out of the way as she advanced to the fire-place to ring the bell. "Where is my little boy?" she asked, when the landlady entered the room.

"He's down with me in the kitchen, ma'am; I'm teaching him to make a plum

take for himself." "I want you to take care of him while am away. By the bye, where's Syd?" The eldest child had been christen The eldest child had been enristened Sydney, in compliment to one of her fath-re's remain relatives. With a look at Mrs. Westerfield which expressed ill-con-cealed aversion, the landlady answered: "She's up in the lumber room, poor child. She says you sent her there to be out of the way." the way.

"Ah, to be sure, so I did." "Ah, to be sure, so I did." "There's no fireplace in the garret, ma'am. I'm afraid the little girl must be cold and lonely." It was uncless to plead for Srd-Mrs. Westerfield was not listening. Her habit-ual neglect of her eldest child was known

ublic house, in which she had been once uployed as a barmaid. Entering the place without healtation, she sent in her card to the landlord. He opened the par-lor door himself, and invited her to walk

"But can't you tell me how long it will take me to reach the town?" persisted the other, impatiently.

"Walk on," a third time directed the old man, and the stranger did walk on, inwardly anathematizing the stupidity of the smoker.

"Young man," called the resident, when the stranger had gone a few vards.

He turned impatiently.

"I just wanted to tell you, that if you seep up that gait you'll get there in steel strike. half an hour."

"Why couldn't you say so before?" femanded the stranger, hotly. The old man removed the pipe from

his mouth, blew a volume of smoke skyward, and answered, coolly:

"How did I know how fast you could walk?"

### Treating H maeif.

The Parisian critic, M. Jules Claretie, parrates in the Athenneum an amusing story of the elder Dumas:

At the height of the great novelist's vogue he could not turn out books fast engaged to the Princess of Battenenough to satisfy his clamoring pubug. lishers, and it became necessary him to employ collaborators, to whom

he sketched the plot, perhaps, leaving them to do the rest. Among the most distinguished was M. Paul Meurice who is still living and writing in Paris at an advanced age.

Thus it came about that Monsieu Meurice was the author of one of the most amusing novels of Dumas, "Les Deux Dianes." Dumas when traveling found this novel in a hotel and opened it to pass away the time. He began reading it seriously, got interested in it and was amused. Presently

some one came to his room and found him with "Les Deux Dianes" in his hand

"What are you doing there, dear mas ter?"

"I am reading," said Dumas, "a novel of my own which I did not know, and which pleases me vastly!" It was Dumas who said when left to

have my own company." It is easy to see that he was not more so when

had that of others-and did not know it.

Couldn't Be Fositive. Reggy (indignantly)-So your father said I didn't know enough to go in when it rained. I hope you contradict-

ed him? Dolly-Oh, yes. But, of course, I

cause I have never seen you out in a storm,-Judge.

to every person in the house. Mrs. Westerfield's destination was the the globe can produce six varieties of weather in ten minutes.

Explosion of two cars of powder wrecked an entire train on the Southern Pacfile near Glendale, Or.

The Alaska steamer Islander struck it was certain that China would an iceberg and sank immediately, carrying down about 60 of the pas gers and crew and \$250,000 in gold. Both sides are making gains in the

The Shamrock II is being put in order for racing.

There is little change in the San Francisco strike situation

Crispi's remains were taken by warship from Naples to Palermo.

A. J. Montague was nominated for governor by Virginia Democrats.

The gunboat Machias has been ordered to Panama immediately.

The German Crown Prince may be

337,000 canes

Over a dozen lives were lost by the burning of the waterworks crib in the lake at Cleveland, Ohio,

Chicago steelworkers who would River and harbor reccommenda-

tions for the coming year are about the same as in the bill that failed to pass last winter.

Burglars who attempted to rob an Ohio bank were frightened away before they secured anything and are now surrounded in the woods near the town.

The Union Pacific Railroad has notified its empoyes that habitual drinking or even the mere frequenthimself, "I am never bored when I ing of saloons will in future be considered cause for discharge.

> A coal famine in San Francisco is imminent because of the strike.

Two men were asphyxiated and others nearly so in a Montana mine.

An advance of from one to two dollars a ton has been made in all fin-

ished steel products. couldn't say for certain, Rebby, be-

Krupp, the German gun maker, has a fortune of nearly \$50,000,000, The American people have much to an income of nearly \$14,000,000 and a

be thankful for. No other country on pay roll of 80,000 persons. Mrs. William E. English pre

All men are born ignorant and lots of hem never succeed in outgrowing it them never succeed in outgrowing it

A Chicago trolley car colided with arranged the terms of a treaty which, slain in Moro, Sherman county. a passenger train, killing four and injuring 11 people. out of consideration for the long friendly relations between the two

governments, Russia was satisfied to contractors are having difficulty in accept, but China was not satisfied with it. This, he added, was not Russia's fault. Li Hung Chang said securing enough carpenters to do the work. aot tion land claims in Polk county are being divided into small farms, the ratify the treaty that was previosly proposed, to which other nations made strenuous objections. Mutual made strennous objections. Mutual consultation and a radical change in the terms of the treaty were necessary. Pioneer Train Dispatcher. Being divided into small tarms, the Grant 640 acre claim, which for nany years yielded a living for a family of only five, now affords homes for over 60 people, and there is yet much waste land in the tract.

New York, Aug. 21.—Samuel J. Gifford, who was the first telegraph operator on the Lake Shore & Michgan Southern Railway and despatched on tel- valley, nominal. the first train ever run over it egraph orders, is dead at his home in egraph orders, is dead at his hence in Dunkirk, N. Y. After filling posi-tions on the Erie & Lake Shore as operator and despatcher, he became Barley—Feed, \$16@16.50; brewing, tions on the brind despatcher, he became a partner in the firm of Skinner & a partner in the firm of Skinner & Millatuffs-Bran, \$27 per ton; mid-Dunkirk for constructing engines dlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$20; chop, \$16. and railroad fixtures, and also built Hay—Timothy, \$11@13; clover, in 1875 and 1876 the Texas & New \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per Dunkirk for constructing engines and railroad fixtures, and also built Butter-Fancy creamery, 17 1/2@20c; dairy, 14@15c 1/2; store, 11@12c per pound.

The fishing season on the Columbia Orleans Railroad, now the Southern has closed and the pack will be about Pacific.

## lowa is Ready to Sail

San Francisco, Aug. 21.-The bat-tleship Iowa has taken on coal and Cheese-Full cream, twins, 11@ 115/c; Young America, 12@125/c per ammunition and is expected to sail at once direct for Panama. The

poun not obey the strike order were put Ranger is now en route to the same out of the Amalgamated Association. port, but on account of her slowness, 8.75; hens, \$3.75; 4.75; dressed, 10@ 11e per pound; springs, \$2.50; 4.00 per dozen; ducks, \$3 for old; \$2.50 port, but on account of her slowness, will not reach Panama until after the Iowa arrives there. These vessels will protect American interests on @3.50 for young; geese, \$4@4 50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 8@10c; dressed, the western side of the isthmus. 10@1214c per pound. Mutton - Lambs, 314c.

Killed While Fighting a Fire. Little Falls, N. Y., Aug. 21.—The Mohawk and Malone roundhouse at Herkimer was discovered to be on

fire at 10:30 tonight. Watchman Pour Veal - Small, 8@9c; large, 7 Gilbert and an engine tender named @714c per pound. Beef-Gross top steers, \$3.50@4.00; cows and heifers, \$3.25@3.50; dressed Deck, assisted by residents of the vicinity and members of the bridge building gang, attempted to extin-guish the flames. While they were battling with the fire, a large quanbeef, 65% 67% per pound. Hops-12@14c per pound. Wool - Valley, 11@13%; Eastern tity of dynamite stored in the build-ing exploded with terrific force, kill-Oregon, S@1214c; mohair, 20@21c per

ing Gilbert and Deck and four others.

# Shells in Mail Went From Panama

The present Kansas wheat crop is the highest grade over known. Colon, Aug. 21 .- The postal au-A ship load of Filipinos are to be thorities here say regarding the ex-

taining the two gun shells was mailed in Panama, and that the bag was admitted, in view of the formal de-claration of German merchants that there were no explosives thereit.

rectory and gaustices of the Yukon valley, Alaska, showing 16,000 names of residents, there were no explosives therein. No one was injured by the explosion, but considerable mail was destroyed.