

The Convict's Daughter.

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CHAPTER X.

In the autumn holiday time friends in the south who happened to be visiting...

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With slow steps Linley crossed the lawn; his mind gloomily absorbed in thoughts which had never before troubled his easy nature...

She trembled; the words in which she answered him were words in fragments. "The garden was so quiet and pretty—I thought there would be no harm—please let me go back—I'm afraid I shall be shut out."

She ascended the steps which led to the door. Linley took the key from his pocket. It acted perfectly in drawing back the lock; but the door, when he pushed it, resisted him. He put his shoulder against it, and exerted his strength helped by his weight. The door remained immovable.

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Her voice warned him that she was struggling with strong emotion. Linley treated her like a child; he smiled, and said to her as she shrank from him...

through her last reserves of self-control; she started to her feet, and ran out of the summer house. Alarmed and distressed, he followed her instantly.

For the first time in her maiden life a man's lips touched her lips. All that had been perplexing and strange, all that had been innocently wonderful to herself in the feeling that bound Sydney to her first friend, was a mystery no more.

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a forgotten parson. She advanced a step and took the parson from the table. Hearing what Randal said, she paused, wondering at the strange allusion to her husband.

She was leaning against the pedestal of a statue in the garden, panting, shuddering, a sight to touch the heart of a far less sensitive man than the man who now approached her. "Sydney!" he said.

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PRESIDENT IS SHOT

HE WAS WOUNDED TWICE—NOT NECESSARILY FATAL.

Well Dressed Stranger Approached Him As If To Shake Hands, and Fired Twice With a Revolver Concealed Under a Handkerchief—Assaultant Was Immediately Placed Under Arrest.



WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

In the right breast, the other in the abdomen. The first is not of a serious nature and the bullet has been extracted. The latter pierced the abdominal wall and has not been located.

The President was approached by a man with a dark mustache and with one hand covered with a handkerchief. As the man extended his hand to the President, apparently with the intention of shaking hands with him, he fired a shot which entered the President's right breast, lodging against the breast bone.

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LAST PEACE MOVE FAILS.

Semi-official Report That the Settlement is Left to President Shaffer.

Pittsburg, Sept. 11.—The last efforts to settle the steel strike have failed. The general executive board of the Amalgamated Association adjourned this evening without date and without accepting any of the peace propositions that have come indirectly from the United States Steel Corporation, or making any counter propositions, according to the official statement.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 7.—President McKinley was shot and seriously wounded by a would-be assassin while holding a reception in the Temple of Music at the Pan-American grounds a few minutes after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. One shot took effect

The meeting of the board did not adjourn in high good feeling, yet the members of the board were averse to making statements supplemental to that of President Shaffer. It was stated by some of the members of the board that the adjournment had left matters practically as they were before the meeting had been called, and that the strike must go on as before, leaving arrangements for a possible settlement through the direct conference of the representatives of the United States Steel Corporation with President Shaffer.

GREAT FOO CHOW FIRE.

Caused by the Overturning of a Lamp—Looting by Natives.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 11.—Details of the great fire of August 30, in Foo Chow, which destroyed over \$1,000,000 worth of property, received by the steamer Tartar, state that it was caused by the overturning of a lamp in a native undertaking establishment.

During the progress of the fire and immediately after it the coolie native population looted the half-burned buildings and stole everything that they could lay hands on. The Chinese police, under their European officers, were unable to prevent the looting except in a small degree, and before the second evening had passed a large number of regular soldiers were called out. At that time many people were dead bodies in every street. Five men were killed by the falling of a three-story building.

Arms for Colombia. Washington, Sept. 11.—Following is a translation of a cablegram received late today by the Colombian Legation from a confidential agent of the Colombian Government: "Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 9.—Colombian Legation, Washington. It is known officially that the Ecuadorian 'Bessel Cortopazo' sailed with arms from Esmeraldas, Ecuador. Tomaco besieged by filibusterers from Nicaragua. A considerable expedition was expected to land near Panama on the 5th of September."

British Minister to Chile. Washington, Sept. 11.—Gerard A. Lowther, the first Secretary and Charge d'Affaires of the British Embassy here, has received a substantial service, having been selected for British Minister to Chile.

Prussian Minister of Finance. Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Sept. 10.—Dr. Johannes von Miquel, ex-Prussian Minister of Finance, was found dead in bed this morning. He was born in February, 1849. Dr. Von Miquel was out walking Saturday and spent the evening reading. He retired at midnight. He had not been feeling well all day. His daughter went to her father dead. A physician who was summoned certified that death was the result of heart apoplexy.

HE STILL IMPROVES

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S CONDITION IS SATISFACTORY.

No Unfavorable Conditions Have Appeared—Physicians Express Confidence That He Will Ultimately Recover—Many Friends and Relatives Leaving Him Confident That He is Out of Danger.

Milburn House, Buffalo, Sept. 10, 3 a. m.—President McKinley is resting easily. His condition continues to improve. His physicians express the utmost confidence that he will recover, though there is still a possibility that complications may set in. Up to this time there have been no symptoms of peritonitis, and the danger of this setting in decreases every hour. Dr. McBurney, however, says that if the improvement continues it will be a week before the President can be pronounced out of danger and convalescent. The President himself is cheerful, and was given light nourishment yesterday. Everything is quiet at the Milburn house, and the vigilance of the guards is not as strict as it has been heretofore.

Bulletin Don't Tell All. Milburn House, Buffalo, Sept. 10.—After the 9:30 bulletin had been issued from the Milburn residence last night announcing a continuance of the favorable condition of the President, there were many indications that the bulletins were but meager indications of the real improvement of the distinguished patient. At 9:45 p. m. Miss McKinley, a sister of the President; Dr. and Mrs. Herman Baser, the latter a niece of the President, and the Misses Barber, nieces of the President, left the house, and, taking carriages, announced their intention of returning to their homes tonight. Abernethy McKinley accompanied them to the station, and to the Associated Press said: "The nearest relatives of the President are so confident of his recovery that they have no hesitancy in leaving."

Thousands of Lives Lost Along the Yangtze River—Rice Crop Ruined. Washington, Sept. 11.—Under date of Shanghai, July 25, Consul-General Goodnow reports to the State Department that the most disastrous floods are prevailing in the valley of the Yangtze River. He understands that they are the worst known by Europeans in that valley. All the towns in the neighborhood of Wuhu and Kiangiang are, to a large extent, under water. The farms, especially in the rice-growing region about Wuhu, are so completely flooded that there is no hope for the crop this year. In addition to this, thousands of lives have been lost, and unknown numbers rendered homeless by the overflow. The stoppage of trade is very serious. The destruction of the crops in the fields, and particularly the probable loss of the rice crops in the district of Wuhu, the great rice-producing center, will add famine to the other difficulties besetting the empire.

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Dynamiters at Work. Chicago, Sept. 11.—Three men who said they were linemen, on being refused admission to the office of the Chicago General Electric Company, here today, placed a dynamite cartridge under the front door and exploded it, wrecking the building and injuring Nightwatchman Brenn. The men escaped.

Ordered Out of France. Paris, Sept. 11.—Feridoun Bey, head of the Turkish police in Paris, and the right hand man of Mounir Bey, the Turkish Ambassador, has been ordered to quit France within 48 hours.

Windfall for a Walter. Ashland, Or., Sept. 11.—James Ellison, a young man who for the past four years has lived in this city, following the occupation of a waiter, has come into a windfall by the death of a hitherto unknown aunt in Switzerland. He has received word from a firm of attorneys, stating that he and three others would inherit the estate of the deceased aunt, and that his share, when finally administered, would amount to \$50,000.