

The Convict's Daughter

CHAPTER XVII.—(Continued.)

Herbert Linley and Sydney Westerfield looked at the woman who had outraged...

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set employment would be beneath my notice. Besides, if I went to America, I might meet with my brother.

"Useful?" Sydney repeated, sadly. "Your own kind heart, Captain Bennedeck, is deceiving you. To be useful means, I suppose, to help others. Who will accept help from me?"

"I will, for one," the captain answered. "Yes, you can be of the greatest use to me—you shall hear how."

He told her of the founding of his Home, and of the good it had done. "You are the very person," he resumed, "to be the good sister-friend that I want for my poor girls; you can say for them what they cannot say to me for themselves."

In silent sympathy and respect Sydney kissed the hand that he offered to her. It was the one way in which she could trust herself to answer him.

Still encouraging her to see new hopes and new interests in the future, the good captain spoke of the share which she might take in the management of the Home, if she would like to be his secretary.

"These reports," he explained to her, "are kept for reference; but, as a means of saving time, the substance of them is entered in the daily journal of our proceedings. Come, Sydney, venture on a first experiment in your new character. I will try you on a subject of the table; try if you can shorten one of the reports without leaving out anything which it is important to know."

EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

American ship Iroquois dismasted. Dining car robbed of \$400 at Ashland. Colombia has a cabinet crisis on hand.

Several miners killed in a mine explosion near Victoria, B. C. Official investigation begun of the alleged Manila hemp combination.

The Duke and Duchess of York were royally entertained by Vancouver, B. C. Sentinel was deceived in thinking there were intruders at the tomb of McKinley.

A new branch of a society to slaughter whites discovered in the Philippines. Venezuela's finances are in bad shape, and the feeling against President Castro is growing.

Benjamin J. Goe confesses the murder of Edward McIntyre, in Cowitz county, Wash., last week. Admiral Evans, Captain Jewell and Commander Miller were the new witnesses before the Echley court.

Officers did not escape in the disaster at Samar, as at first reported. Two soldiers from the fight bring the news. Prince Chun has started for home.

Roosevelt was brevetted a brigadier general. The London autumn season is in full swing. The Chicago elevated railroad strike was a failure.

American theatres in London are doing a good business. Prowlers attempted to stab the guard at the McKinley vault. English yachtsmen admit that the American yacht is a marvelously good one.

A bloody fight occurred at Beirut, Syria, between Mussulmans and Christians. The secretary of the American embassy at Paris has written a work on Columbus.

Police and strikers fought a pitched battle in San Francisco, and seven men were wounded. The fight between bulls and matadors mounted on automobiles at Paris was a failure. The bulls would not attack the automobiles.

Forty-eight Americans were killed by insurgents in Southern Samar. The troops were attacked while at breakfast, and lost their ammunition and stores. United States transport Rosecrans arrived from St. Michaels with 427 soldiers. Stowaway on the Rosecrans gives gloomy account of conditions at Cape Nome.

Natal does not fear an invasion of Boers. China's apology is satisfactory to Japan. There are 12 cases of plague at Naples. The port of Rio, Brazil, is affected by the plague.

Mrs. McKinley continues to improve in health. Gompers and Mitchell challenge Shafter to prove his charges. General Corbin found conditions in the Philippines satisfactory. Ten Boer leaders recently captured have been permanently banished.

The steamer Sierra arrived from Australia with \$2,500,000 in gold. Particulars are received of the kidnapping of Miss Stone, the missionary. About a dozen persons were injured in a wreck on the O. R. & N. at Fairfeld Wash.

Inhabitants of Samoa are much displeased at their treatment by American authorities. The Anaconda Mining company has declared its regular semi-annual dividend of \$1.25 per share. It is announced by a leading Chinese paper that the court will not return to Pekin for two years. Kruger will not send a mission to America. Emma Goldman was released from the Chicago jail. Coalboss was convicted of murder in the first degree. The Duke of York and party left Ottawa for the west. The Duke of Roxburgh, who is being spoken of as a possible husband for Miss Astor, is just 25 years of age, and returned recently from South Africa, where he served with distinction as a lieutenant in the Royal Horse Guards. A period of five seconds between a flash of lightning and a thunder means that the flash is a mile distant from the observer. Thunder has never been heard over fourteen miles from the flash, though artillery has been heard at 120 miles.

PRO-BOERS IN BERMUDA.

Aided Dutch Prisoners of War to Escape from the British Camps.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Oct. 3.—The pro-Boers in Bermuda are excellent themselves over the escape of some prisoners of war whom they made very effort to aid in their attempts to regain their freedom. Last Saturday night three men—a nephew of the late Commandant Joubert, Alfred Martinus Joubert, and two brothers, named Indemar—made their escape from the prison at Darrell's Island and swam over to the Princess hotel, where they dressed themselves in clothing carried over, tied in bundles, on a plank. Then, making their way to a livery stable in Hamilton, they hired a trap and drove to the residence of Dr. Outerbridge, at Bailey's bay, and then retired to a place of concealment in the neighborhood. The search continued for two days and nights, soldiers, sailors, military and civilians taking part in it, before the men were captured. The affair has caused great excitement here, not merely because the men succeeded in making an escape, but because of the apparent exhibition of the pro-Boer spirit here.

Oil prospectors in Southeastern Oregon report unmistakable evidences of oil in abundance. The total assessed valuation of Polk county is \$3,771,447, or \$641,656 greater than last year. Close investigations reveal that the feed prospects for the interior stock districts are very poor.

A Salem man 78 years old committed suicide by taking carbolic acid on account of losses at gambling. A deputy game warden arrested a man near Ashland while shooting quail out of season. The fellow had 13 dead birds on his string. Many specimens of gypsum, lignite, salt, mineral oil, fresh and salt water shells, pre-historic bones, etc., are being found by oil prospectors in Malheur county. There is considerable excitement over a rich find of copper in the Siskiyou mountains on Elliott creek, where a whole mountain of copper is said to have been discovered. The salmon run continues good. Wheeler county has total equalized assessment of \$957,551. Oil lands in Malheur county will be filed on by Portland syndicate. Ninth and tenth grades have been added to the Woodburn public schools. The county treasurer of Yamhill is under indictment for a \$1,800 shortage. The old Masonic hall at Roseburg, now used by a steam laundry, was totally destroyed by fire. Baker City owns a placer mine which it is estimated will bring a royalty of \$2,000 a year. Work is being pushed on the Nehalem coal mines and some coal may be shipped this fall. Stone is being shipped from Forest Grove for the stepping of the new normal school at Weston. Anthrax, a fatal cattle disease, is killing many horses and cattle in Marion and Klamath counties. The grand jury recommended that the city authorities of Astoria enforce the city ordinances and preserve better order. Portland Markets. Wheat—Walla Walla, nominal 53¢@54¢; bluestem, 54¢; valley, 54¢. Flour—Best grades, \$2.65@3.50 per barrel; Graham, \$2.60. Oats—Old, 90¢@1 per cental. Barley—Feed, \$15@15.50; brewing, \$16.00 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$17@18; middlings, \$20@21; shorts, \$19@20; chop, \$16. Hay—Timothy, \$11@13; clover, \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton. Butter—Fancy creamery, 25¢@27¢; dairy, 18¢@20¢; store, 12¢@15¢ per pound. Eggs—Storage 20¢; fresh 23¢@25¢. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12¢@13¢; Young America, 13¢@14¢ per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@4.00; hens, \$4.00@4.50; dressed, 10¢@11¢ per pound; springs, \$2.00@3.50 per dozen; ducks, \$3 for old; \$3.00@4.00 for young; geese, \$6@9 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12¢@15¢; dressed, 10¢@12¢ per pound. Mutton—Lamb, 3¢; gross; dressed, 6¢@6½¢ per pound; sheep, \$3.25, gross; dressed, 6¢ per lb. Hogs—Gross, heavy, \$6@6.25; light, \$4.70@5; dressed, 7¢@7½¢ per pound. Veal—Small, 8¢@9¢; large, 7¢@7½¢ per pound. Beef—Gross top steers, \$3.50@4.00; cows and heifers, \$3.00@3.50; dressed beef, 5¢@6¢ per pound. Hops—3¢@9¢ per pound. Wool—Valley, 11¢@13¢; Eastern Oregon, 8¢@12¢; mohair, 20¢@21¢ per pound. Potatoes—\$1@1.15 per sack. Keats commonly wrote a short poem in a single day, taking two or three more to polish and complete it. A South Orange, N. J., man, who has just succeeded in outfitting 420 claims at a sitting, now offers to eat 500 on a wager. Oliver Stevens, of Boston, has been the county district attorney for 27 consecutive years. He is a democrat, but has been twice re-elected by the republicans.

NEWS OF THE STATE

TERMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Knights of Pythias of La Grande will organize a uniform rank. The steamer Atlanta made her first trip of the season to Independence. The Golden Standard mine on Galls creek near Ashland has been sold for \$40,000. Machinery is on the ground for a 10-stamp mill for the Gem mine, near Sparta. John Hart, aged 22 years, was killed by his horse falling on him near Ashland. The Aurora flouring mills were totally destroyed by fire, supposed to be incendiary. Oil prospectors in Southeastern Oregon report unmistakable evidences of oil in abundance. The total assessed valuation of Polk county is \$3,771,447, or \$641,656 greater than last year. Close investigations reveal that the feed prospects for the interior stock districts are very poor.

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CABLE TO PHILIPPINES.

Proposed Scheme of John W. Mackay is Discussed at a Cabinet Meeting. Washington, Oct. 3.—Five of eight members of the cabinet were present at today's meeting. The principal subject discussed was that of a cable to Hawaii, Guam and the Philippines. A proposal has been made to lay a commercial cable from San Francisco to connect these islands, and the question under discussion was whether, under our peace treaty with Spain, the United States could authorize or in any way encourage the laying of such a cable by private persons. The question now at issue is whether permission to land the proposed cable at Manila or some other Philippine port would be a violation of the terms of the Paris treaty. The attorney general will prepare a statement for the president covering all the questions involved.

Strike on Scranton Road. Line Covering the Entire Lackawanna Valley is Completely Tied Up. Scranton, Pa., Oct. 3.—The strike of the employes of the Scranton railroad company is now on, covering the entire Lackawanna Valley from Pittsburg to Forest City. Not a car started. The men refused to accept the offer of Gen. Manager Stillman to leave the question involved in the discharge of the two Carbonate conductors to the arbitration of Bishop Hoban, or one of the priests of the diocese whom he might name, because the offer did not give the employes the representation they demanded. Nearly 600 men are involved in the strike. Besides the reinstatement of the men discharged, the men demand the forming of a new agreement in place of the one they claim has been violated by the company, and a uniform scale of 20 cents per hour.

Defeat of Invaders Confirmed. Colon, Oct. 3.—Arrivals here from the coast bring no news from Rio Hacha, but they confirm the news previously cabled to the Associated Press of the defeat of the Venezuelan invaders at the peninsula of Goajira by Colombian troops, unassisted by Venezuelan invaders. Several guns, some mitrailleuses and rifles and a large quantity of ammunition were captured. After this defeat, the Indians who inhabited Goajira captured the returning Venezuelans, among the prisoners being three Venezuelan rebel chiefs. The invaders lost many killed. General Orbis, who formerly served under General Alban, was also killed.

Costa Rica's Neutrality. Washington, Oct. 2.—Referring to news in regard to the Colombian revolution in which it is said that the liberal party has organized in San Jose, Costa Rica, for the purpose of carrying on the revolution now in progress in Colombia, the Costa Rican minister states that his government has observed and will strictly observe the laws of neutrality.

Oil in the Kitchen Stove. Pittsburg, Oct. 3.—As a result of using oil to hurry along the kitchen fire, Mrs. Barbara Sturgent is dead, her husband and their son are dying, and two other children are very badly burned. The Sturgents lived in a tenement house. The building caught fire and other families had to be rescued by firemen.

Textile Workers May Strike. Fall River, Mass., Oct. 3.—At a meeting here today of the textile council at which every union in this city was represented it was unanimously agreed to order a strike effective October 7, if the manufacturers refused to grant the 5 per cent increase in wages demanded recently.

Disorders in Yangtze Province. London, Oct. 3.—"Disorders have arisen in the Yangtze province, owing to the ravages of the floods and the diversion of the relief funds by corrupt officials," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard. "These threaten to culminate in rebellion. The situation is very grave and the local authorities have been ordered to raise troops and place the districts in a state of defense."

NATURAL QUESTION

Now Is, Do These Finbore Welsh Talk Spanish? A very long time ago the British Government ordered that English should be taught in Welsh schools. As a result, in 1905 a colony of persecuted Welsh miners fled from the British tyranny and settled in the deserts of Patagonia. These men were heroes, and with most magnificent courage they dared to live in a desert where not a plant would grow, where the water was brackish and the heat intolerable. They were surrounded by wild tribes of hostile savages, and made them warm friends; they were ruled by a foreign government and became loyal citizens. Through long years of want and famine they never despaired. They have turned the desert into a beautiful fertile country, have become rich, number 3,000 people, have extended their string of settlements right across South America, own a paying railway, and ship large crops of wheat, wool, ostrich feathers and quacaco skins.

They left Wales to escape the tyranny of the English language, and now, rather than talk Welsh, they converse largely of their freedom in excellent Spanish. A Quarter of a Ton of Lion. "What does a lion weigh?" Ask that question of any acquaintance, and see what he will say. Those who know the look of the king of beasts best, and how small his little body really is, will probably come furthest away from the truth. About 300 to 350 pounds is a usual estimate. But this is below the mark. A full-grown lion will tip the scale at no less than 500 pounds. Five hundred and forty pounds is the record for an ordinary lion. His bone is solid and heavy as ivory.

The tiger runs the lion very close. A Bengal tiger, killed two years ago by an English officer, scaled 520 pounds. A tiger of this size has, however, considerably greater muscular strength than the biggest lion. Few people know that a grizzly bear can give points to any other carivorous animal in point of strength. A grizzly bear weighing just four hundredweight has been watched carrying a heifer of more than two-thirds its own weight for two miles up the most steep and rugged mountain side, and this without pausing for one instant for rest. The grizzly bear is the largest and most powerful of all the bear tribe, but his cousin, the cinnamon bear, runs him very close; and the big white polar bear, though not really so dangerous a customer, is capable of performing the most extraordinary feats of strength. A polar bear has been seen to move with difficulty put in position to guard a cache of provisions.—Boston Traveler.

From a Selfish Point of View. It pays to keep your temper. By self-control you gain and maintain an advantage over peppery folk who are continually in hot water. You are accumulating a capital of popularity and good report, which may be used to good advantage, perhaps at a critical time. Good temper is a great factor in success. Bad temper, on the other hand, may prove a fatal handicap in the race of life. Nobody is so poor or insignificant that you can afford to give him or her causeless offense. Exhibitions of ill-temper may seem to do no particular harm at the moment, but they often inflict wounds, the scars of which are not easily healed. A man possessing every other element requisite for success, good temper excepted, may have his whole career marred by that lack. Keeping one's temper does not cost a cent. If you value your success in life, keep it.

Four Mrs. Stevens. When Col. Bryan's eldest daughter was 4 years old she was sent to Sunday school. The infant class teacher talked to the children about the death of Stephen. The next day Mrs. Bryan went out calling, accompanied by her little daughter. After several calls had been made the child asked: "Mamma, where are you going next?" "To see Mrs. Stevens," was the reply. "Oh! I am so glad you are going to see Mrs. Stevens," the child said, in a sympathetic tone. "Why do you say poor Mrs. Stevens?" the mother inquired. "Why, mamma, don't you know they have stoned Mr. Stevens to death?"—Pittsburg Dispatch.

An Interesting Invention. A Parisian has invented a machine by which, among other things, he can split a human hair lengthwise into thirty-two strips. Never give up—unless it's in a lonely spot and the other fellow has a sand-bag or a revolver.