

CHAPTER VII-Continued. "I cannot stretch out my hands to "I cannot stretch out my hands to Oh, Ralph, when those brutal men you!" he cried, as she groped her way you!" he cried, as she groped her way whom he called came in with their towards him. "They are tied. Would ghastly leers, my brain took fire; I God they and I were free for an hour!" "I will free your hands, Raplh," she

dungeon alone."

VOL. XIX.

She threw her arms round his neck me!

"I do not fear death now!" she con-tinued. "But to die alone in this

be that he menaced you with death! are here. It can only be a devilish device to ter-He must release you presrify you. ently 'No. no. I will not be released

than death if he sends for me again!" "But you are his wife, Clara." "No, 1 am not his wife. I will never

be his wife! He may kill me, but I will never yield to him! And now let me untie your hands, and you will promise not to let them take me alive?"

of overpowering his jailers when they the defiant Clara before her lord.

Meantime Clara, cheered by her con-

for a time. I was worn out, and fell asleep, and slept-I do not know for "Let us secure that

forward, still screaming, and they how she had fallen into Rainham's the dungeon, and took his stand in readiness by the door. He had two He had carried her off only the day

loathsome black things crowding out through the patch of light. It was hor- before from Dartford Priory by a mix- with a running noose. rible! How they frightened me! I ture of force and strategem. She could the bolts were drawn, the key was did not sleep again, but stood at the remember very little of the journey, turned, and the door swung back. farther end watching the light, and except that, as she lay helpless on her Two men with torches entered place. I often felt as if I should go first with maddening monotony, but his loose quilted surceat open, his righ after a time the very monotony had a hand resting lightly on the dagger in

"Oh, monster! miscreant! Surely the easily as in a feverish sleep. From the prisoners in time with the jest on his hottest fires of hell are reserved for him!"

"how cruel he is. When I would not the first stage of their ride, but after yield to him, but defied him, he struck they crosesd the Thames by the ferry me, and drew his dagger, and would they rode more at their ease. It was have slain me. Then when I looked dark before they reached Sturmere. him in the face and dared him to kill Sir Richard was most ceremoniously me, telling him that a heavy veageance polite at first, came profuse apologies would be taken for me, he laughed, and for his violence, pleaded in his defence after threatening me once or twice with the uncontrollable love that had driven half enough his dagger, and seeing that I did not him to this rough method of regaining flinch, seemed to change his mind, and his wife. Supper was prepared for called two of his men, threatening me them, and she was conducted in state with foul, unutterable things." to her chamber. It was when he visit-

"Oh. Balph!" she cried, half smil- ed her in the morning and found her ing, half in tears, "surely you will not still obdurately defant that he blazed work is never done," you now .-- Philacave me now that you are free! I can- out in fury, cursed her and the trouble not see you in this darkness. Do not she had given him, and conceived his go away from me, or 1 shall begin to brutal scheme of revenge. Harpin, the fowler, instructed doubt whether you are here."

"The hands you have freed," he Docket, at Sudbury, had brought the Do not fear. With news that the merchants would pass cashier took? said, "are yours. heaven's help all will yet be well. We Sturmere on their way to Cambridge, shall find a way out of this dismal and that Ralph Hardelot would be in prison."

their company. In shutting up the two together in the But she was still too agitated to accept the homage which the courtesy of those times paid to beautiful woman-ruffian's intention that neither should hood. Her recent bitter experience of ever come out alive. He was of coarse woman's real weakness had unfitted composition by nature, and his natural her for playing the part of artificial su- coarseness had been still further brutperiority. The woman nestled close to alized by a long course of warfare, in him and put one arm gently round his neck. "Ralph, my lovo," she mur-of heartless rapine and murder as fair isn't it? neck. mured, "I feel safe when I know that fighting. Rough strength, cunning you are here. You must swear that and courage had advanced him to the it? you will not let them separate us, and rank of knighthood, as a serviceable indrag me back to him. You must rather strument for the rough work of the kill me! I should not fear death at time; but he had risen without acquiring any of the refinement of chivalry your hands."

What could be answer? He could only throw round her the arms whose ship would add to the misery of his freedom he owed to her. He pressed victims, and he gloated over the despair her for one brief instant to his heart, that they would feel as they saw and vowed that death only should sep- another dying by inches, and could no man could spin that web? arate them.

"But do not think of death," he truly a fiendish conception. said, tenderly. "I cannot believe that such iniquity will be permitted to tri-that they would not be left undis-It was a fiendish invention to turbed, and that the spectacle of their immure you in such a prison as this, misery would be too tempting to be the mite of a brutal and dishonorable foregone. chael. It cannot triumph."

ropes now, and he had provided each

whenever a glistening black thing ap-peared, I screamed and rushed at it. never come to an end. The tramp of torches high. The knight stepped in Oh. Ralph, how I suffered in this the horses' feet beat into her brain at with easy swagger, his hat on one side

"What damnable cruelty!" cried he. benumbing effect, and she dozed un- his belt, the left ready to point at the eager, excited manner of her captors lips. The red light of the torches gave "You cannot conceive," she said, could gather that they were pursued in ance, broadened in coarse mirth.

(To be continued)

Help Wanted-Male.

Mrs. Hauskeep - Goodness! This meat is absolutely raw. This new cook is wretched; she never cooks anything

Mr. Hauskeep-Don't blame her. She's only a woman. Mrs. Hauskeep-What has that to do

with it? Mr. Hauskeep - Well, "woman's

delphia Times

Easy Figuring.

Ascum-I suppose you haven't had time to figure out yet how much your Bank President-Oh, yes. We knew in a very short time.

Ascum-Why, I thought he took a great deal. Bank President - Exactly. We

merely had to count what he left.

Short and Sweet. Towne-Here's a notice of the wed-

ding of a Miss Annabel Long Story to Mr. William Lee. Short. Interesting,

Browne-What's so interesting about Towne-Can you imagine a more pleasant way to make A. Long Story Short?-Philadelphia Press.

The Moral Didn't Work.

He had calculated that companior Papa-See that spider, my boy, spinning his web? Is it not wonderful? Do yon reflect that, try as we may, no

Johnny-What of it? See me spin longer keep the rats at bay. It was

this top? Do you reflect that, try as Ralph was right in his conjecture he may, no spider could spin this top? -Tit-Bits.

will support a man; eighteen inches from Texas. But his hope that Rainham and his thick a railway train.

He had two journment of congress.

Cecil Bhodes, "the uncrowned king of South Africa," is dead.

Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, is on her way home.

There may be some difficulty in the United States getting a coaling station in Cuba.

A passenger train struck a buggy in the suburbs of Pueblo, killing its three occupants.

Another mounted force of 2,000 men is being raised in Canada for service in South Africa.

Two masked men held up an Emporia, Kan., hotel, but were unable to pensioner stricken from the rolls. break into the safe.

The president is receiving doseas applications for the governorship of the Danish West Indice, should those islands be sold to the United States.

Cuba will be turned over to the Cubans May 20.

30 deaths at Manila.

A St. Joseph, Mo., man is under rest for having 13 wives.

> Emperor William's new yacht, the Meteor, will be ready to cross the ocean in a few days.

Two men, charged with grand lar- missioner, or that he was ceny, sawed their way out of a Mon- for that or any other office. tana jail and escaped.

President-elect Palma, of Cuba, onfident that the career of the new re-

public will be successful. Judge W. Van Devanter, of Chicago, has been prominently mentioned as a successor to Secretary of the Interior of their cells. The men, three of them Hitchcock

A force of Laguna rebels has surrendered.

Santos-Dumont, the Brazilian aero naut, is in London and expects to make ascensions during the coronation sea-

that city to take the place of telephone

J. A. Alexander, a rich and respected Ice one and one-half inches thica James Huddleston, an escaped convict

"The committee found no fault with the pension laws as they now exist, but rather with the manner in which the laws have been construed and administered by the pension bureau. A desire tion. A full county ticket was named. for a change in the office of commissioner of pensions has been steadily

growing for two years past, until now it is almost universal among the veter ans. Conservative Grand Army men believe, and with good cause, that great injustice has been done to many d

serving and worthy claimants. All the veteran soldier of the union desires is

that the laws be justly and fairly administered, and all who are entitled to receive their benefits shall enjoy them without diminution or unreasonable delays, and that every unworthy claim

shall be rejected and every fraudulent

"The atmosphere of the pension bureau has been such as to create an impression that a great many frauds are attempted by the old soldiers, but it is worthy of note that according to the last report of the commissioner, out of 159 persons convicted of frauds against the bureau last year but 10 were soldiers of the Civil war, of whom two There have been 40 coolers cases and were deserters. Many convictions were for offenses against the old soldiers, and not by them. The records show that only one old soldier out of 73,000

has been convicted of fraud against the government. Certainly that is a wonderfully good showing.

Incidentally Judge Torrence denied that he was to be made pension commissioner, or that he was a candidate

@7 per dosen.

Six Prisoners Escape.

St. Louis, April 2 .- By means of wooden key six prisoners escaped from the workhouse early today after 10 hours' work in breaking their shackles and opening the inner and outer doors still wearing chains, climbed the rear fence of the workhouse grounds and took a skiff to the Illinois side of the Mississippi.

Bill Laid Before Senate.

Washington, April 2 .- Lodge, chairman of the committee on Philippines. today reported to the senate the bill Parisians are discussing a plan of crecting wireless telegraph systems in tration of the affairs of the islands. He temporarily to provide for the adminis-

said in submitting the report he hoped to call up the measure for consideration at an early date. Rawlins, of the same

committee, offered an amendment to sents the views of the minority.

county March 25 and the county convention in Pendleton March 29. The vote at the primaries was very light, there being no contest over the elec-

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 64c; bluestem, 65c; Valley, 64@65c.

Barley-Feed, \$20@21.; brewing, 21@21.50 per ton.

Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.15@1.221/2 gray, \$1.10@1.20. Flour-Best grades, \$2.80@3.40

barrel; graham, \$2.50@2.80. Millstuffs-Bran, \$18 per ton; mid-

dlings, \$20; shorts, \$20; chop, \$16.50.

Hay - Timothy, \$12@13; clover, \$7.50@8; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per

Potatoes-Best Burbanks, \$1,10@1.25 per cental; ordinary, 70@80c per cen-tal, growers' prices;sweets, \$2.25@2.50 per cental.

Butter-Creamery, 22%@25c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 13@15c. Eggs-14c for Oregon.

13%c; Young America, 14@15c; factory prices, 1@1%c less. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$3.50@ 4.50; hens, \$4.50@5.50 per dozen, 11@

11%c per pound; springs, 11@11%c per

pound \$3@4 per dozen; ducks, \$5@6 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12@13c, dressed, 14@16c per pound; geese, \$61/2

Mutton-Gross, 4c per pound; dress

per pound.

Veal-8@8% for small; 7@7% for

large. Beel-Gross, cows, 3%@4c; steer 4@4.sc; dressed, 61%@75c per pound. Hops-12@13c per pound. Wool-Valley, 13@15c; Eastern Ore-

gon, 8@12%c; mohair, 21@21%c per pound.

A health resort for invalid soldiers of the regular army is to be established at Fort Niobrara, in Nebraska.

Overland limited trains are to provided with telephone ser ice while standing in depots at Chicago, Omaha and San Francisco.

The owner of a Chicago tener has been sued for \$25,000 damages by officials and the priests. Soldiers have merchant of Casa, Ark., turns out to be the Philippine government bill, in the Mrs. John McGinnis, whose two chil- been dispatched to quell the disturb-James Huddleston, an escaped convict nature of a substitute for it. It repre- dren were killed by sewer gas and her ances, and a Tastai has been sent to own health impaired.

Washington, April 1 .- During a conference between the president and Representatives Moody, of Oregon; Metcalf, of California; Reeder, of Kansas, and Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, on the irrigation bill, the subject of Chinese exclusion was introduced by Representative Metcalf, who said he had heard the president was opposed to the pending drastic bill.

"On the contrary," said President Roosevelt, "I am anxious to see a law enacted that will effectually bar out Chinese laboring classes-a law far more drastic in this particular than the one now in force. At the same time I believe the Chinese-merchant class and the higher classes generally should be liberally dealt with. I heartily endorse the particulars of the bill extending the exclusion laws to our insular possessions, and preventing the imm tion of Chinese now in the islands into the United States."

Turkey Mobilizes Troops.

Constantinople, March 31. - The Turkish government has decided to call Eggs-14c for Oregon. Cheese - Full cream, twins, 13@ This mobilization is estensibly for the annual maneuvers, but, in view of the conditions in Macedonia, considerable significance is attached to the move ment.

A Photographic Counterfeit.

Washington, April 1 .- The secret service has appounced that a new \$5 bank note, the face of which is fairly deceptive, is in circulation. It is a ed, 7@7%c per pound. Hogs-Gross, 5%c; dressed, 6%@7c per, with the fibre between, on the Union National Bank of New Orleans.

Paper Box Plant Destroyed

Kansas City, March 29 .- Fire has completely destroyed the building at the foot of Delaware street on the river front, occupied by the National Paper Box Company, entailing a loss estimated by firemen and others at \$100,000.

Indemnity Riots In China

Pekin, April 1 .--- Chinese officials say that 1,000 people have been killed in riots at Ta Ming Fu, the southernmost prefecture of the province of Chi Li. The riots were due to attempts of local officials to collect indemnities for the Catholics, as arranged between the adjust the difficulties.