HAPPENINGS OF **CURRENT WEEK**

Bits of Best News Items From Everywhere.

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Events of Noted People, Governments and Pacific Northwest, and Other Things Worth Knowing.

United States shipping board.

the Masonic guard of honor that fol- crowded galleries joined. lowed the body of Abraham Lincoln at his funeral, died in Minneapolis, Sunday

of the fiscal year 1925, total internal revenue receipts for the period were only \$212,038,988 less than those for the fiscal year 1924.

Sixteen men perished in the sinkriver Vigo near Vigo, Spain, Friday. The trawler ran on the rocks and her boiler exploded.

dance will be forbidden, according to apolis as secretary of the senate. Mayor Hill of Walla Walla, Wash.,

of the ministers of Ibn Saud, Sultan of Nejd. Medina was captured by the Wahabi tribesmen under the sul-

The house plans to pass the \$325, 000,000 tax reduction bill this week P. Nye of North Dokato to a seat in that body and is debating the long delayed proposal for American adherence to the world court.

Sunday at the estate of his son, Ga- in 1917. briel, count of Mortera at Torrelo dones, near Madrid. He was 66 years old. He was the leader of the Spanish conservative party and during the tenure of military directorate was president of the Spanish Royal academy.

October, 1924, was 2.2 per cent less.

Repeal of the automobile passenger car tax was demanded Sunday by the American Automobile association alby the house of the section of the new

With Japan, France and Italy oppos ed to discussing navy reductions, except as an integral part of the problem the Y. M. C. A. in Atlanta, Ga. of disarmament as a whole, interest in Geneva centered Saturday night in how the United States would answer the invitation to participate in the league of nations disarmament studies as a first step toward the convocation

Kalispell, Mont., was dynamited about north of here. 10 o'clock Saturday night. The at tempt to destroy the brick structure was made by placing a heavy charge of explosive under a window near the ticular talismanic gem is alloted to sing. southeast corner. The hospital was each country in the world. Thus Engfull of patients and nurses. No one land has the diamond, France the was badly injured. A portion of the ruby, Germany the hematite, Ireland was heard all over the city. No mo- maline. tive is known for the outrage.

Components.

the devilish."-Boston Transcript. and blow the fog siren every minute, it in a crate,

sion Longworth Is Speaker.

Washington, D. C. - Amid colorful and turbulent scenes in the house and utter calm in the senate, the 69th first and long session.

A small group of insurgents started the fireworks in the house, but despite their opposition and that of the demo crats the republican majority rolled BIG SHORTAGE FOUND up with the Coolidge landslide of 1924 moved on to victory in every test of strength.

lican ex-floor leader, was elected speaker in a three-cornered race in which the democrats supported F. J. Garrett of Tennessee, their floor chief, and the insurgents cast their ballots Meyer Lissner, the Los Angeles for Henry Allen Cooper of Wisconsin. Times says, has announced that he The vote was: Longworth, 229; Garwould resign as a commissioner of the rett, 173; Cooper, 13. Five voted the last congress to investigate the present.

The fascist militia has subscribed Formal announcement of the elec-1,591,000 lire (about \$80,000) in the tion of Mr. Longworth was greeted "the army and navy are and have been poultry buyer who gives bad cheeks campaign to raise dollars to pay the with applause, and when the new very conservative, if not backward, in as payment for his purchases of fowls. Italian debt installment to the United speaker was escorted into the chamber on the arm of Representative Gar- air power." rett he was given an ovation in which Jacob C. Walters, 86, a member of both the house membership and the "that there still exists an alarming

Mellie Dunham, Maine's foremost amend the rules so as to make more further to a failure on the part of Cascades. Union county has 51/2 per exponent of the old-time dance tunes, difficult the discharge of a committee these services duly to appreciate" the cent delinquent to Baker's 12 per cent. has been enlisted by Henry Ford in from consideration of legislation refer-importance of air power. his revival campaign of the terpsichor red to it. Here again the republicans ean movements popular a quarter of a won, but by a parrow margin, the vote creation of a "single department of na-trees in the orchard of E. R. Worth, being 208 to 196. Several of the tional defense" and expenditure of six miles west of Carlton, Or., was Although numerous cuts in the tax regulars joined with the insurgents \$20,000,000 annually on aviation was placed in jail here Sunday night after rates were effective at the beginning and democrats in opposing the amend-

semblance of debate, and the session defense department. ing of a trawler at the mouth of the lasted only 25 minutes. Three new ration was completed with the elec-Future exhibitions of the Charleston tion of Edwin P. Thayer of Indian-

Only one question had threatened navy and one for the air." who last night witnessed one. "No to disturb the calm of the opening more for Walla Walla," he said. The session and that was smoothed cut craft," the committee said it would be schools of the state was perfected discussion of the right of Gerald P.

Washington State Costs Rise.

mental expense in Washington increas- defender of the battleship. ed in 1924, but not sufficiently to exmately \$3,400,000 in excess of all ex- er among the nations is largely a matwhile the senate is considering the legal right of Senator-Designate Gerald penditures, the commerce department ter of opinion. It is clear, however, spinal meningitis were reported by the bones of a skeleton lying on the measured him up as a boxer measures tion, am up against the police. ments for the fiscal year ending Sep- fifth." tember 30, 1924, totaled \$19,050,928, or Antonio Maura, ex-premier, died per capitas of \$12.87 in 1923 and \$5.28 air policies, was created after Repre- thorities do not believe there will be

Steamer Believed Lost.

Key West, Fla.-Virtually all hope has been abandoned for the finding of the steamer Cotopaxi which left Charleston November 29, bound for Railroad traffic was greaer in Octo- Havana with a cargo of coal, and ber than in any previous month in his- which has not been heard from since tory. The bureau of railroad econom- last Tuesday when S. O. S. signals ics, maintained in Washington, D. C. were received from the vessel, it was by the carriers, figured that the move-revealed here after an exhaustive ment amounted to 44,061,988,000 ton search from Norfolk to Cuba by coast miles. The previous high record in guard vessels. It is believed the steamer fell a victim to the tropical storm

Garret, Ind. - Lost-a heavy gray most on the eve of the consideration overcoat with a green striped lining and initials "C. C." on the outside of revenue bill, which provides a cut in the inside pocket. Last seen of the repeals taxes on trucks, tires and achotel, Chicago, Ill. Reward to finder. Address Calvin Coolidge, 1600 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C. On another occasion while he was vice-president he lost an overcoat at ing-Hughes-Coolidge plan."

Boiler Explodes: Two Die.

69TH CONGRESS CONVENES SOLONS CENSURE U. S. AIR POLICY

congress put under way Monday its House Committee Wants \$20, 000,000 Outlay.

Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, repub- Colonel Mitchell's Counsel in Courtmartial Case Urges Immediate Change.

> Washington, D. C. - The special ommittee appointed by the house in together. aircraft situation declared in a unani-

"We find as a fact," said the report,

The scene in the senate was a sharp liam Mitchell's courtmartial defense hearing. contrast to that in the house. The counsel, filed a supplementary brief program mapped out by the republican advocating establishment of a departleaders was carried through with no ment of air pending the creation of a incidents on record in this county oc-

The department proposed by the senators-La Follette of Wisconsin. committee, Mr. Reid said, was a step vorce to Mrs. Minnie Christon from Robinson of Indiana and Williams of looking toward giving aviation co- John W. Christon and to her daughter Missouri-were sworn in, and organ equal status with land and sea arma-Ruth Knochenmus from Walter C. ments, as details of the department would be assigned, naturally, to as- Salem.—Organization of the commis-

proprietor of a local dance hall has just before the gavel fell. This was "the first resort of our country in case here Saturday through the election of a place. announced another one for next week, whether there should be immediate of a war emergency," and that "it is Dr. George H. Alden of Willamette one of the most essential arms of our university as chairman. The fall of Medina, the "prophet Nye. North Dakota, to a senate seat military operations that compels a re-The fall of Medina, the "prophet city" of Hedjaz is confirmed through as the appointee of Governor Sorlie. Vision of all military plans of pre-air and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days," the report continued. "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days," the report continued. "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days," the report continued. "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days," the report continued. "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days," the report continued. "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days," the report continued. "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days," the report continued. "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days," the report continued. "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days," the report continued. "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days," the report continued. "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days," the report continued. "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days," the report continued. "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days," the report continued. "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and the subject craft days," the report continued and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days, "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and the subject craft days," the report continued and Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject craft days, "It each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice and the court of N. Berkeley, justice and the of the battleship but has not eliminated the necessity of it. The airplane Washington, D. C. - State govern- becomes the necessary auxiliary and

"The question of the relative standceed revenues, which were approxi- ing of the United States in air powreported Monday. Payments for main-that the standing of the United States health authorities Saturday as a result tenance and operation of state depart- is not higher than third or lower than of the outbreak in the Pelican city a mildewed rope fixed to one of the

\$13.13 per capita, as compared with Colonel Mitchell first attacked existing nanza, 30 miles distant. Health ausentative Nelson, republican, Wiscon. a general epidemic. found "no evidence of corruption."

World Court Approved.

States enter the world court plan. The resolution read:

institutions of higher learning in the lar products, if the company wants to United States, desire to hasten the buy.

Roof Falls on Chorus.

man of local No. 49, Baltimore & Ohio lapsed Friday night during a perform- ing 1926. railroad, were killed Monday night ance of the "Song of the Flame" and Eugene.-The Eugene Door and

Woman Takes Bobcat

club.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Baker.—Additional equipment has een installed by the Daddy Lode Copper company of Baker, operating prop erties on Goose creek in the big copper belt. Compressors and drills have

Vale.-Pacing absolute necessity of naking a \$36,000 cut in the proposed Malheur county budget, it was stated at a meeting of taxpayers with the county court, Thursday, that the office of county farm agent would have to be

Falls City.-Following the usual custom a community Christmas tree and program will be given in Victory hall, with committees from all local churches, the parent-teacher association and the commercial club working

Albany.-Several Linn county farmmous report made public Sunday that ers have been duped recently by a ecognizing the great importance of The man travels about the county buying all kinds of poultry and giving the spurious checks as payment.

La Grande.-The best tax collection situation both in the army and navy in years in Union county are reported With the organization preliminaries air service due to shortage of flying by Amos Helm, in charge. He declares over, the next test of strength was on personnel and equipments." It also that the figures here will compare faa proposal of the republican leaders to asserted that this situation was "due vorably with any county east of the

McMinnville.-Frank Rager, accused Although the report recommending of cutting down 228 3-year-old prune concurred in by all members, Repre-being arrested in a lodging house in entative Reid, Illinois, Colonel Wil- Portland. He will have a preliminary

curred in the circuit here Friday afternoon when Judge Kelly granted a di-Knochenmus.

sistants, one for the army, one for the sion created at the last session of the legislature to study and recommend Emphasizing the "Importance of air changes in the courses in the high

gallons of moonshine in their posses-

school, although a suspected case was The special committee, before which brought to a local hospital from Bo-

sin, in a speech in the house, urged in- Bend .- Improvement of that part of vestigation of the relations existing the central Oregon highway between between the government and the avia- Bend and Burns will be urged by a tion industry. In this connection, it delegation from Harney and Deschutes counties at the meeting of the state The report showed the house com- highway commission in Portland Demittee in disagreement with the presi- cember 8. Harney county voters re- mildew. Ridiculous, of course; but dent's air board in several important cently approved a \$200,000 bond issue then so many of these local superstifor improvement of roads in that coun-

Pendleton.-Two or three carloads Princeton, N. J.-Without debate, of wild horses recently rounded up on the National Collegiate World Court the Tony Vey land on the lower part conference resolved Saturday night, of Butter creek will be sold to the 244 to 6, to advocate that the United Portland company which has just started operations whereby the carcases of wild horses are to be convert-"Whereas, We, the delegates of 250 ed into glue, fertilizer and other simi-

this levy from 5 to 3 per cent, and garment was at room 517 Sherman securing of peace, and to all peoples. La Grande,-Thirty farmers of the be is resolved, that we advocate to the Grand Ronde valley, who have conpresident and senate that the United ducted yield tests of hard federation slight foreign accent, and his com-States enter the permanent court of and federation wheat this year, believe panion nodded abruptly. international justice under the Hard- that the latter type is preferable when plenty of moisture is available. In each case where hard federation outyielded the other, moisture was not Wilmington, Del.-The roof of the adequate to furnish a fair test, it is Elkton, Md.—The engineer and fire- rigging loft of the Playhouse here col- said. The tests will be conducted dur-

when the boiler of their locomotive ex- more than a dozen members of the Woodenware company, with a capital were good. What's that?" ploded. The accident happened as the chorus were injured. A panic among stock of \$75,000, has been incorporated The Sisters of Mery hospital in train passed Childs station, four miles the audience probably was prevented here to operate the plant of the Far by Dorothy Mackaye. As the asbestos West Manufacturing company. The curtain was lowered upon the scene of latter company sold out a few weeks havoc on the stage Miss Mackaye step- ago to C. McC. Johnson, sash and door According to old philosophy a par- ped to the footlights and began to manufacturer of Reedsport, who has taken over the Eugene plant. He is as if-as if someone was moving," he head of the new company.

Prineville, - Seventy-five head of Kingman, Ariz.-Mrs. Effel Rudy, purebred Hereford cows have been building was torn away and every win- the emerald, Italy the sardonyx, Ja- wife of a rancher here, captured alive purchased from the famous herd of dragged him roughly toward the house. dow pane in the hospital and that pan the jade, China the pearl, Spain a large wildcat, which entered her Wetherford Bros. of Dayton, Wash. part of town broken. The explosion the turquoise and America the tour- home Saturday, using a pistol as a by Max Wurzweiler and Arthur Wurzweiler, who operate several large Dodging two of the wildcat's blows ranches in central Oregon. Many blue with its paws, Mrs. Rudy struck the ribbons have been won by this herd at Sandstorms on the Red Sea are animal over the head with the re- livestock shows over the middle west G. H. L. writes: "Smart society is sometimes so dense that a boat travel- volver butt and stunned it. She then and northwest. The new cattle will made up of the worldly, the fleshy and ing 60 miles from shore has to stop tied a rope around its neck and placed be kept at the Wurzweiler ranch at be here by now. It oughtn't to take is walking." Sisters.

The BLACK GANG

SAPPER

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"BULLDOG" AGAIN

Here's a sequel to "Bulldog Frummond," by Cyrll McNelle, the writes under the pen name f "Sapper." "Bulldog Drummond" was a success as book, serial, stage play and moving picture—and "The Black Gang" will be like unto it, Capt. Hugh (Bulldog) Drummond; Phyllis, his wife; Carl Peterson, the archivillain; the wird trees. villain; the girl Irms, and the principal character in the first story are all in this, with equally exciting parts and thrilling encounters and adventures.

This time Carl Peterson heads a gang of Bolshevists and Drummond and his aids are combat-

mond and his sids are combating them, organized as "The
Black Gang"-masked and in
long black cloaks. Scotiand Yard
doesn't care particularly what
happens to the Boishevists, but
law is involved. So it sets itself
to the task of solving the mystery of "The Black Gang" and
stopping its operations. So there
is a three-handed war—and it
comes pretty near being real
war. Imagine "Buildog" and
Phyllis captured and a member ond and his aids are cor Phyllis captured and a member of the Russian Cheka standing with a musket raised, about to dash out the girl's brains with

CHAPTER I

In Which Things Happen Near Barking Creek

The wind howled dismally round s house standing by itself almost on the shores of Barking creek.

window was shuttered; the garden was uncared for and a mass of weeds; the gate leading on to the road, apparently feeling the need of a deficient top hinge, propped itself drunkenly on what once had been a flower-bed. A few gloomy trees swaying dismally in the wind surrounded the house and completed the picture-one that would have caused even the least imaginative of men to draw his coat a little that it was not his fate to live in such

But then few people ever came near been empty for twenty years.

Even now when the wind lay in the barely above a whisper. east or northeast and the tide was setting in, there were those who said that you could see a light shining through the cracks in the shutters in that room upstairs, and that, should a man climb but a body with purple face and star ing eyes swinging gently to and fro, and tied by the neck to a beam with a rope which showed no trace of tions are. Useful, too, in some cases: they afford a privacy from the prying he said quietly. "We are a little late, attentions of local gossips far more I am afraid, but it was unavoidable, and huddled together in the corners cheaply and effectively than high He will explain to you now the reaso.

walls and bolts and bars. So, at any rate, one of the two men who were walking briskly along the Soho." rough track seemed to think,

"Admirable," he remarked, as he paused for a moment at the entrance of the weed-grown drive. "Quite admirable, my friend. A house situated him: then resting his two hands on as this one is, is an acquisition, and the table in front of him, he leanwhen it is haunted in addition it becomes a godsend."

He spoke English perfectly with a

"From what I heard about it I thought it would do," he answered "Personally I think it's a damnable spot, but since you were so set against coming to London, I had to find somewhere in this neighborhood." "I will explain my reasons in due

course," said the first speaker shortly. "You may take it from me that they He swung round with a little gasp,

clutching his companion's arm. "Nothing," cried the other irritably. For a moment or two they stood still, peering into the dark undergrowth. "What did you think it was?"

"I thought I heard a bush creaking said, relaxing his grip. "It must have been the wind, I suppose." He still peered fearfully into the

gloomy garden, until the other man "Of course it was the wind," he muttered angrily. "For heaven's sake, Zaboleff, don't get the jumps. If you will insist on coming to an infernal place like this to transact a little perfectly normal business you must expect a few strange noises and sounds. Let's get indoors; the others should more than an hour, and you can be on board again long before dawn."

a broken-down inttice-gate to the rear of the house. They paused in front of | hooting of an owl outside. the back door, and on it the leader knocked three times in a peculiar way. to this d-n museum," said Flash Jim It was obviously a prearranged signal, for almost at once stealthy steps could like us." be heard coming along the passage inside. The door was cautiously pulled back a fer inches, and a man peered out, only to throw it open wide with

a faint sigh of relief. "It's you, Mr. Waldock, is it?" he muttered. "Glad you've got 'ere at last. This place is fair giving us all

"Evening, Jim." He stepped insid followed by Zaboleff, and the door closed behind them. "Our friend's boat was a little late. Is everyone

"Yep," answered the other. "All the six of us. And I reckons we'd like to get it over as soon as possible. Has he"-his "sice sank to a hoarse undertone-"has he brought the money?" "You'll all hear in good time," said

Waldock curtly, "Which is the room?"

"Ere it is, guv'nor." Jim flung open a door. "And you'll 'ave to sit on the floor, as the chairs ain't safe." Two candles guttered on a square table in the center of the room, showing up the faces of the five men who sat on the floor, leaning against the Three of them were nondescript specimens of humanity of the type that may be seen by the thouasnd hurrying into the city by the early business trains. They were representative of the poorer type of clerk. And information is correct we are up

yet to the close observer something greedy, hungry look, a shifty, antrustare jealous of everyone better placed who appear to know our secret plans than themselves, but who are inca- as well as we do ourselves. And the pable of trying to better their own po-sition except by the relative method though, legally speaking, on account of dragging back their more fortunate of the absurd legislation in this countighter round him, and feel thankful dissatisfied not so much with their selves, we are hardly in a position own littleness as with the bigness of to appeal to the police for protection.

other people. enough to the house to realize its sin- flashily dressed, distinctly addicted to even to the English authorities. And ister apjearance. The road-it was cheap jewelry. They were sitting on this occasion particularly that is over ever used it, and that they looked up at the newcomers with ago, under the name of MacTavish of unlawful possession of liquor. The generally by day when things assumed the keen, searching look of their race. caused me to be deported. So though two were arrested by state and county their proper proportion, and it was Waldock they hardly glanced at: it officers near Echo with about two merely an empty house gradually fail- was the stranger, Zaboleff, who riv- this country is not. Which was why ing to pieces through lack of atten- eted their attention. They took in tonight it was particularly essential tion. At night they avoided it if pos- every detail of the shrewd, foreign that we should not be disturbed. Not sible; folks did say that twelve years face-the olive skin, the dark, pierc- only are we all up against this un-Klamath Falls.-No new cases of ago some prying explorer had found ing eyes, the fine-pointed beard; they known gang of men, but I, in addifloor in one of the upstairs rooms with up his opponent, or a business man takes stc.; of the second party in a beams in the ceiling. And then it had deal; then once again they conversed Jew who had closed the chink in the together in low tones which were shutters speaking for the first time.

It was Jim who broke the silence Flash Jim, to give him the full name to which he answered in the haunts be frequented.

"Wot abaht getting on with it, guy'nor?" he remarked with an attempt at a genial smile. "This 'ere 'ouse ain't wot I'd choose for a bloomin' 'oney-

silenced him and advanced to the said . . . Ah! Mein Gott-!"

"This is Mr. Zaboleff, gentlemen," why you were asked to come here, and not meet at our usual rendezvous in

He stepped back a couple of paces and Zaboleff took his place. For a moment or two he glanced round at the faces turned expectantly toward forward toward them.

"Gentiemen," he began, and the foreign accent seemed a little more pronounced, "I have asked you to come here tonight through my good friend, Mr. Waldock, because it has come to our ears-no matter how-that London is no longer a safe meeting place. Two or three things have occurred lately the sigfinicance of which i impossible to disregard. Our chief, back into style or else appear wearing with whom I spent last evening, is seriously concerned about these things."

"You spent last night with the chief?" said Waldock, and his voice have been one of the early sextet, but held a tremor of excitement, while the it has been a favorite not only with others leaned forward eagerly. "Is he, the almanacs, but with the comic then, in Holland?"

faint smile. "Today-new-I know no more than you where he is." "Who is he-this man we're always hearing about and never seeing?" de-

manded one of the three clerks aggresother, wille his eyes seemed to bore structive pests found in the woods to into the speaker's brain. "Just that - day. Ornithologists claim that his

"All the safer," grunted Flash Jim. "Anyone passing will think the ghost

"Nevertheless, kindly cover it up," ordered Zaboleff, and one of the Jews to store his winter's supply of food.

the shutter there?"

\$\$_____ The man who had been addressed as | rose and wedged his pocket handker-Zaboleff ceased looking over his shoul- kerchief into the crack. There was der, and followed the other through allence in the room while he did so, a silence broken only by the mournful

> "Owls is the only things wot comes morosely. "Owls and blinkin' fools

"Stow it, Jim," snarled Waldock furiously. "Anyone would think you wanted a nurse."

"Gentlemen-please." Zaboleff held up a protesting hand. "We do not want to prolong matters, but one or two explanations are necessary. return, then, to these things that have happened recently, and which necessitated a fresh rendezvous for this evening-one which our friend Mr. Waldock so obligingly found. Three messengers sent over during the last three weeks bearing instructions and-what is more important-money, have dis-

appeared." "Disappeared?" echoed Waldock

stupidly. "Absolutely and completely. Money and all. Two more have been abominably III-treated and had their money taken from them, but for some reason they were allowed to go free themselves. It is from them that we have obtained our information."

"Blimey!" muttered Flash Jim; "is

it the police?" "It is not the police, which is what makes it so much more serious," swered Zaboleff quietly, and Flash Jim breathed a sigh of relief. "It is easy to keep within the law, but if our against a body of men who are not more might be read on their faces: a within the law themselves. A body of men who are absolutely unscrupulous worthy look-the look of those who and utterly ruthless; a body of men acquaintances; the look of little men try we may keep within the law our-Our activities, though allowed official The two others were Jews; a little ly, are hardly such as would appeal

"Have you any information with regard to this gang?"

"None of any use-save that they are masked in black, and cloaked in long black cloaks." He paused a moment as if to collect his thoughts. "They are all armed, and Petrovitch -who escaped from them-was very insistent on one point. It concerned the leader of the gang, who he affirmed was a man of the most gigantic physical strength; a giant powerful With an abrupt gesture Waldock as two ordinary strong men. He

His voice rose to a scream as he cowered back, while the others, with terror on their faces, rose hurriedly of the room,

Here's mystery the very first thing-one gang of desperadoes beset by another gang equally mysterious and dangerous!

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Recognized Jokes

The Scots are making an effort to stop the hoary old Joke that they never spend any money. who have gone into the antiquity of jokes and made a study of the subject say that there are only about six original examples and that all humor is based on them. Old lokes come new habiliments. Excursions into new fields sometimes are dangerous and unprofitable. The plumber joke may not strippers and the higher class weekly "He was at six o'clock yesterday funny magazines. If the plumber joke evening," answered Zaboleff with a has to go, the joke writers merely will understand that they have one less subject upon which to work.

Squirrel Pest

Despite his pretty appearance and amusing ways, the common red squir-"He is-the Chief," replied the rel is said to be one of the most deand no more. And that is quite enough depredations among birds rank second for you." His glance traveled round only to those of the hunting cat, and the room, and his audience relaxed. that he not only kills young birds, as "By the way, is not that a chink in does the cat, but he will destroy the eggs before they are hatched. Around farm buildings he is considered a nutsance because of his propensity chewing a hole through some building which he has selected as a likely place