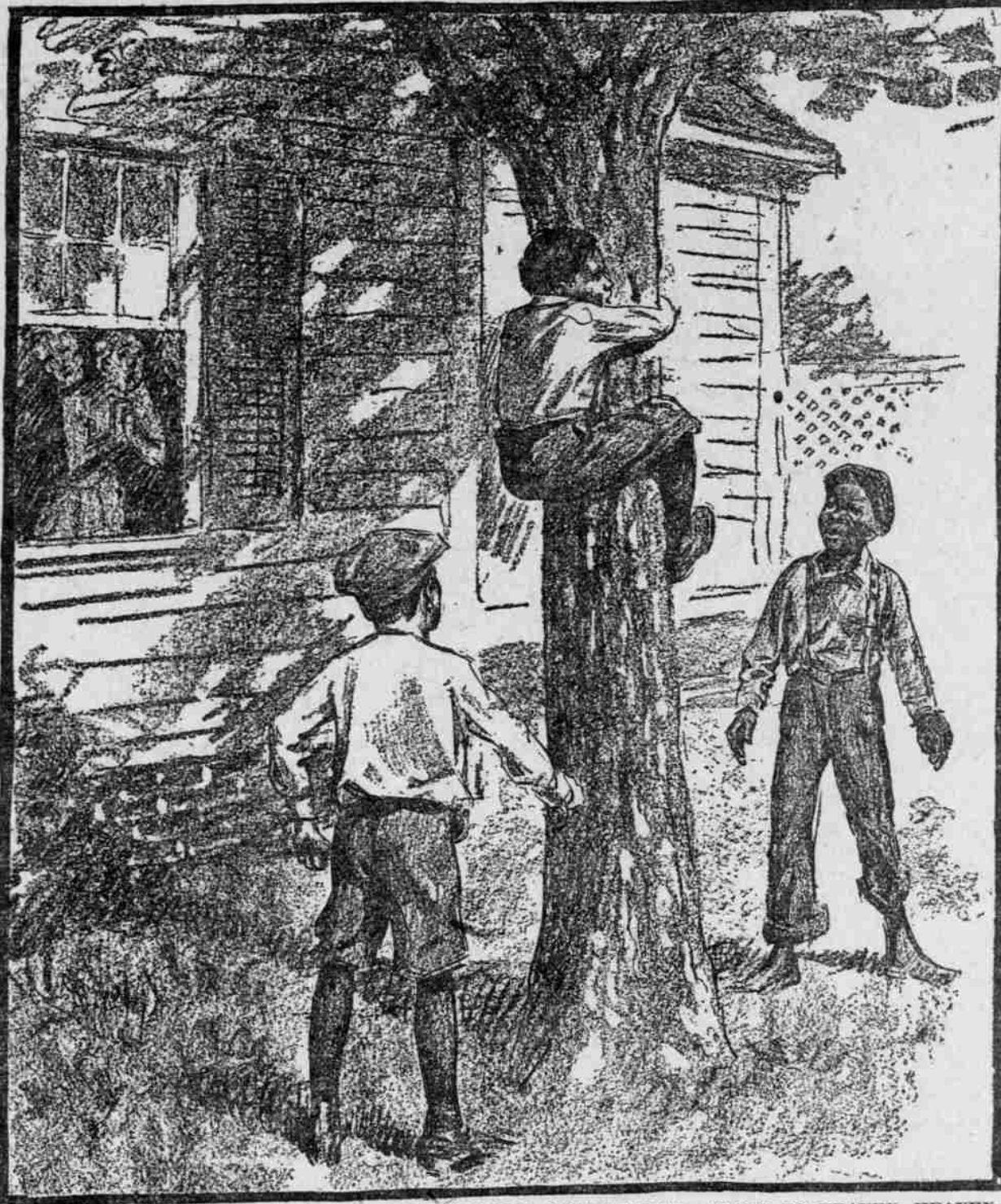


LENOX & BOOTH TALKINGTON

The Greatest Stories Ever Written of a Real Boy and His Escapades VI.—THE FALL OF GEORGIE BASSETT

THE August afternoon was so hot that even boys sought indoor shade. In the dimness of the vacant carriage-house of Mr. Schofield's stable loungeed Masters Penrod Schofield, Samuel Williams, Maurice Levy, Georgie Bassett (the boy perfect) and one Herman, colored, surname unknown. They sat still and talked. It is a hot day, in rare truth, when boys devote themselves principally to conversation, and this day was that hot.



"GOIN' TO HEAVEN!" SCRIELED GEORGIE, SQUIRMING UP ANOTHER INCH. "GOIN' TO HEAVEN, HEAVEN, HEAVEN!"

ifications for the ministry according to Herman's idea, which had been accepted by these sudden converts without question. "Listen to me!" bellowed Maurice, proving his claim to at least the voice of a minister. "You cursed and swore, but who can hold louder'n this? Listen to me—e!"

is very sensitive to giving pain. I invariably implies spiritual distinction as well. Distinction of circumstance accompanied by mental distinction. Distinction is hereditary; it descends from father to son, and if there is one thing more true than 'like father, like son,' it is—'like mother, like son.' What these good ladies have said this afternoon of your—

Next week the "Penrod" story is entitled "Twelve!"

RULER IS AT THE FRONT

DURING all this fighting King Albert was in the front of the battle. He often went unattended to the advance trenches to cheer his men and to stimulate their courage. Sometimes in his dress uniform and with his star of Leopold, which he always wears hidden by his cape, the men did not know who this tall officer was, and they tell stories over their campfires how many more than one killed at his side and took up the firing himself. If this be true, and there is no reason to doubt it, the Germans must have suffered, for the King is an unerring marksman. When Antwerp was evacuated he refused to sail with the Ministers, saying simply, "My place is with my brave soldiers, and his best reward is that they have striven to merit his confidence and devotion."

KING'S REIGN IS DIFFICULT

FROM the very beginning of his reign King Albert had to deal with difficult questions. The organization of the new regime on the Congo, the settlement of the troublesome financial questions between King Leopold's executor and his heirs, and the uncertainty in the political situation owing to the bitter party feeling added to his cares, but his chief preoccupation continued to be the defense of his country in view of the increasingly menacing international outlook in Europe.

TELEPHONES USED IN WAR

IF THE telephone were not a part of the army equipment today the war simply could not be conducted at all along the present lines. The war thus far has been an artillery duel. Without the telephone the big guns would be useless for the objective is rarely, if ever, in sight of the battery.