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REVEALED BY A TRAGEDY.
The Ruler of a Louisiana Parish.
West Carroll parish is one of the upper tier of counties of Louisiana. It borders on Arkansas and is only separated from the Mississippi river by an intervening county known as East Carroll parish. It has an area of 380 square miles and a population of something less than 3,000 people. A few scattered hamlets dot it, no one of which, however, contains more than 300 souls. The county is wholly agricultural, the productions being chiefly cotton and corn. No railroad touches it, but rivers border it on the east and west and feeding streams nearly cross it. On the night of November 28th, a spot a few miles from Calcedonia, in this county, was made the scene of a ghastly tragedy. A white man and a colored woman were murdered and the house in which they lived was set on fire, and the bodies of the victims were burned with it. The investigation into this crime has revealed a state of things which has hardly a parallel, probably, any where else in the country.

The murdered man and woman were in the employ of one S. J. Witkowski, a member of the Louisiana legislature. About thirty-five years ago this Witkowski, with his brother, then poor peddlers, appeared in West Carroll parish, and their subsequent career would lead one to suppose that the day was not passed when kings made districts tributary to the exactions of their favorites. The Witkowski brothers succeeded in ingratiating themselves into the favor of a rich planter residing there, and when he died soon after, one of them married the widow and the other a daughter and quickly absorbed the whole property. Simon developed the more talent of the two. He saw with unerring sagacity that in the present state of society in Louisiana a man's prosperity depended largely upon the favor in which he was held at court. He lost no time, therefore, in gaining the confidence of the governor of the state, and in return for efficient services rendered to the ring which governs Louisiana West Carroll parish was farmed out to him as a royal appanage. All public and political affairs in the parish were subjected to his will, and all its state appointments were made through him. He had his own ballot boxes, his own returning officers and his own justices of the peace.

In fact, it is doubtful if any satrap ever exercised more absolute control under an eastern monarch than Simon J. Witkowski practiced in West Carroll parish with the consent of Governor McEnery of Louisiana. He stopped at no opposition and scrupled at no injustice. He would demand liens upon his neighbors' entire property when making a loan, and if the debt was not paid would strip his debtor bare of every position, including his last pound of provision. With every office in the country filled by his own creatures he had no cause to fear judges, juries or sheriffs. He carried in his pocket the resignation of every officer in the parish, exacted before a commission was handed over, as a menace against their disputing his will. When he wanted to go to the legislature his returning board obsequiously sent him there, and when he wanted satisfaction for a debt owed by a neighbor he simply sent around and took as much cotton and corn as he chose without due process of law. So he grew rich on the tribute wrung from the people while the whole neighborhood was cowed by his power. But like all true despots he forgot that there is a point where human endurance ends and resistance begins. Some man impoverished by Witkowski's injustice turned and slew two of his most obnoxious agents, and the principal himself, realizing that vengeance was at last upon his track, sought safety in flight. That such an abnormal condition of things could exist in Louisiana is a singular proof of the half-civilized methods by which political power is maintained in that state.

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