



CHAPTER XXIV.

Lady Nevil had been in London three weeks; the season was in full swing. She had presented Madge to her sovereign, and Madge was in high spirits and enjoying her gayeties immensely. June had been home once, and Sir Thomas had spent two nights in London, on the occasion of his wife's giving a dinner party at which it was thought desirable he should preside as host.

ing; there was a look almost of agony in her face. The whistle sounded, the train moved off, their eyes were fixed in one long, last gaze, and then they were parted. June leaned back in the carriage and closed her eyes. Madge made some gay remark, but her cousin did not answer, and Madge took the hint and left her alone. Her own pleasant thoughts were company enough for her; the misunderstanding between her and Mr. Carslake was at an end, and he had asked her to marry him.

pose," the tears standing in his eyes, "that I do not feel bad about anything?" "Heaven bless you, my dear, if you do. But—but," opening his eyes rather widely at her, "you—ya't think I sha'n't come back?" "No, no," cried his friend. "I'm sure you will. But I should like to see you went out with a free heart and a clear conscience."

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Tom received his wife with extreme coldness on her return. Barely spoke during dinner, and, with over, went away to his own room. He did not mention Dallas' name make any inquiry about his departure. June was perfectly conscious of the signs of displeasure, but a sort of shyness had stolen over her; it seemed as though nothing mattered very much. In a few days, perhaps, she would feel different and then she would set to work to please her husband.

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AID PHILIPPINES

Subject of Special Message by the President to Congress.

TARIFF RATES MUST BE REDUCED

Governor Taft Says Famine Will Come If Action Is Not Prompt—Roosevelt Endorses Wright's Appeal.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The president yesterday sent the following message to the senate: "I have just received a cable from Governor Taft which runs as follows: 'Necessity for passage house tariff bill most urgent. The conditions of productive industry and business considerable worse than in November, the date of the last report, and growing worse each month. Some revival in sugar and tobacco prices, due to expectation of tariff law. The interests of Filipinos in sugar and tobacco extensive, and failure of bill will be a blow in the face of those interests. Number of tobacco factories will have to close and many sugar haciendas will be put up for sale at a sacrifice if the bill does not pass. Customs receipts have fallen off this month one-third, showing decrease of the purchasing power of the islands. General business stagnant. All political parties, including labor unions, most strenuous in petition for tariff bill. Effect of its failure very discouraging.'

FLOODS IN SOUTH.

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JAILER IS SLAIN.

Prisoner in an Olympia Jail Murders His Keeper and Escapes to the Woods. Olympia, Wash., March 2.—In a desperate and bloody encounter with a prisoner in the county jail yesterday afternoon Jailer David Morrell was beaten on the head with a lead pipe, shot three times and left lying dead on the floor of the jail. The murderous prisoner was an ignorant Swede named Christ Benson, in jail for grand larceny. Benson escaped, leaving the inner and outer doors of the jail open and the door of the steel tank, containing seven other prisoners, unlocked. Benson is still at large.

Killed in Their Sleep.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 3.—The Southwestern Limited on the New York Central railroad, west bound, was wrecked at the East Syracuse yards tonight in collision with freight cars, and three trainmen lost their lives. Three other trainmen were severely injured. The men were asleep in a caboose in the freight yards. Freight cars being shifted on the same track struck the caboose, which jumped the switch and slid along another track, lodging against the main westbound track. Here the Southwestern at full speed struck it.

Finds Stamp Thieves.

Chicago, March 3.—State's Attorney Deneen announced today that he had come into possession of proofs showing who robbed the Chicago postoffice on October 20, 1901, of postage stamps valued at \$74,601, and that he and Postoffice Inspector Stuart were at work preparing the evidence for presentation to a federal grand jury.

Chinese Rebels Victorious.

Pekin, March 2.—Advices received here today show that 500 imperial troops were caught February 13 in an ambush in the Yang Yung pass by rebels of the province of Kwang Si, South China. All the soldiers were killed and the rebels secured large supplies of arms, which the troops were taking to the besieged garrison of Chi Yuen. The official reports admit that the rebellion in Kwang Si is increasing, and has spread over the border into the province of Hunan. The viceroy of Hunan has sent troops to the boundary to check the rebels' advance.