

CHAPTER XXIV.

Lady Nevil had been in London three ceks; the season was in full swing. - She ented Madge to her sovereign, adge was in high spirits and enjoy r gayeties immensely. June had home once, and Sir Thomas had two nights in London, on the occaof his wife's giving a dinner party at h it was thought desirable he should as host.

ason advanced, and rumors be fly about of an expedition to Egypt which the Guards were to take part. first the idea was ridiculed, but gradit came to be entertained more se then to be recognized as a Dailas' battalion was for service, a soon as this was known to the in Grosvenor street it had a most ming effect upon their spirits, e, it is true, affected to share the m of Dallas, and talked gayly The distinctions he would earn-the posility of medals and Victoria crosse smere was seriously depressed the thought of the hardship and dan-her favorite nephew might incur, and is for June, each time she realized it, a se in her throat and a mist came er eyes, and she felt as if life had ddenly become blank. She would look rtively at him as he was laughing and ulking in the gayest of spirits, and then er vivid imagination would see him lying lead, with livid, upturned face, on a bat-lefield, or worn and wasted by fever in some wretched hospital.

Late one July afternoon June and Mrs. Sllesmere left the carriage at the top of Row and took chairs under the trees. as to join them there. Madge Mains was to join them there. Madge was spending the afternoon with a friend. Mr. Carslake passed, then stopped, turn-ed and asked permission to sit down by Lady Nevil. Presently a friend of Mrs. Ellesmere joined her, and the first pair were left to each other. Naturally enough, the conversation turned on the coming comparison and here. ays trying to get comfort on the sub-et, asked Mr. Carslake his opinion of of fighting.

June tried to draw consolation from Mr. He did not think it would be very serious affair; he was not impress-l with a belief in the fighting qualities the Egyptians; a change of masters uld make very little difference to them; rould still be oppressed under any The climate was the worst part though the Bedouins and the Nile night seriously impede our operation n Mr. Carslake, not looking at Lady but trying to make his voice at, said:

ose Miss Ellesmere feels Broke's ery much?

moment his meaning dawned on ind she saw that a golden opporas before her. ot think so," she answered, "Not

much as my aunt-and L. She inks of the brilliant side of war, t of-of the danger."

will feel it more when he is gone, bt," said Mr. Carslake, tracing a in the gravel with his stick. not know," replied Jure. "Peo-er think anything is likely to haptheir friends unless it is a matter ly absorbing interest to them."

I thought such was the case." tainly not," exclaimed Lady Nevil, minly not," th great animation. "There is nothing any sort or kind between Madge and

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 comain did not answer 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 misunder-tanding between her and Ma Carelako standing between her and Mr. Carslake was at an end, and he had asked her to marry him.

The time was drawing on, and June had not yet found courage to tell her hus-band of her intended visit to London; she felt instinctively that he would not be pleased. And, whatever happened, she could not, no she could not, give up that cherished idea. She must see Dallas once One morning, four days before the an-

ounced departure of the Guards, she said to Tom, as he was about to leave the akfast room: bre

"I am going up on Saturday to stay two nights with Mrs. Trevanion." "Oh!" he uttered, and stopped short. "Have you not had enough of London vet?"

There was something unusual in his

voice; it had a ring of distinct displeasure and dissatisfaction. There was no mistake about his dis-

He scarcely spoke to his wife pleasure. during the days that preceded her journey to London. He half hoped she would understand that he did not wish her to go and would give up the idea. But, though June was most acutely conscious of his displeasure, she felt that, unless he forbade her in so many words, go she must.

And now the evening, to which June had been looking feverishly forward, had arrived. She was sitting opposite Dallas, who appeared to be in the highest spirits, and thinking every time she looked at his handsome, cheery face that it was for the last time. Her heart was like lead never see him again. She tried to smile never see him again. She tried to smile and talk, but when she opened her tips a choking sensation rose in her throat and made her feel as if she must burst into tears. There was a wistful look in Dal-las' eyes, as though he were asking her if she was really sorry he was going—if she would suis him would miss him.

Mrs, Trevanion made superhuman efforts to talk brightly; she would not allow herself to dwell on facts, but insisted on putting the most cheerful face on the expedition and on making the very best of everything. It was quite likely the whole thing would be over before they got out, she said; but Dallas indignantly protested against the idea of their being made fools of for nothing. What should he bring them back from Egypt?-he hardly knew what the specialties of the country were But Mrs. Trevanion bade him bring him self back safely, and they would be quite satisfied. His sword belt had arrived just as he was starting for dinner, so he had brought it with him to try on. And, with the help of his hostess, he proceeded to equip himself in it, while June, icy cold, with burning cheeks, sat looking on. Dallas, however, seemed pleasurably excited. He drew his sword from the scabbard, and, flourishing it in the air, wondered laughingly how many Egyptians he should slay with it. Then June shut her eyes, and a horrid picture came across her imagination. She saw him, still grasping his sword, but falling, staggering under his death wound, his now smiling face onvulsed with agony. Oh, it was noth ing short of murder to send out a boy that! And in what a cause! Overwhelmed with agony, a great sob rose in her throat-a sob that would not be stiffed; and then, struck with sudden horror at having thus betrayed herself, she rose and fled from the roo Dallas stopped short, as if paralyzed; the color left his cheeks, and he stood staring at Mrs. Trevanion, who affected not to notice what had happened, and went on arranging the belt.

pose," the cears standing in he "that I do not feel bad about g ing?

"Heaven bless you, my dear, you do. But-but," opening his ter

rather widely at her, "you-ya"t think I sha'n't come back?" "No, no," cried his friend, "I ite sure you will. But I should likenk you went out with a free heart arar conscience."

Then there was a long pauseen at last by Dallas.

"Do you think," he uttered vistfully, with an imploring glancett I might see her for one moment be-

fore I go, just to wish her good "No, no, no," answered Mrsvan-ion, with the utmost resolution, t for anything in the world; not for your sakes. You know there is nothinfould not do for you. But not that." When the wheels had rolled f, the

two ladies sat down and wept pusly. And theirs were not the only is that ached that night.

CHAPTER XXV

Tom received his wife wittreme bidness on her return, Hearcely coldness on her return. spoke during dinner, and, whit was over, went away to his own s. He He did not mention Dallas' name make any inquiry about his depart June was perfectly conscious of theigns of displeasure, but a sort of shy had stolen over her; it seemed as nothing mattered very much. In a fewys, per-haps, she would feel differentind then she would set to work to printe her husband.

In reality Tom felt himselpepty aggrieved. It took a long time get an idea into his head, but once if as there, a still longer time was needed dislodge it. Why should June have uted to go to London to bid Dallas goby again unless she took a much great interest in him than she had any rit to? As for him, of course, he had any rit to? As infernal tricks again; and Toground his teeth. Oh, how mistakan hereind Oh, how mistaken, he mistaken he had been in June.

Well, he must put up witht now, supposed; anyhow, the boy as left to him, and they two would bell in all to each other, please God! The would be no one to come between thempr the next

twenty years or so, at all evits. Day followed day, and stillhat apathy was in June's veins. She wh was wont to be so active sat listless ad idle and

took scant interest in anythig. At last the papers recorded the arrival of the Guards at Alexandrin and, after that, June looked every day eagerly for She was not, as a rue, given to man, Tenn. reading the papers, but now, he moment they came, she seized upon them eagerly. This also Tom remarked with displeasure.

Her husband's altered demeanor was by to means lost on June; she began to feel that their estrangement was a serious thing.

Agnes, who came occasionally to the Hall, had every opportunity of seeing the estrangement between husband and wife; indeed, June took special occasion to be of that samted creature.

When Madge reterined from a visit she had paid to Mr. Carslake's sister she ex-perienced a sense of consternation at see-ing the state of affairs. "Juny, darling," she exclaimed, "what

on earth is the matter with you and Tom? This sort of thing will never do. You are more like two strange cats than the are more like two strange cats than two devoted people you used to be." "Oh," returned June, bitterly, "that is with married people. You and

the way with married people. You and your Mr. Carslake will be just the same

in a few years' time." "Never!" cried Madge, with immense emphasis.

"He will tire of you," said June.

don't believe men have any affection. At all events, it does not last." "Juny," uttered Madge, wistfully, "do you know, I don't think if can be all Tom's fault? I think you must have done something to change him."

"What have I done?" flashed out June. "You will be angry, I'm araid, if I tell you what I think," said Malge, slightly embarrassed.

June looked at her expectantly. "I think," faltered Madge, 'I know it is surd, but I do think Tom's jealous of Dallas.

Then Lady Nevil fulfilled fadge's prediction by evincing great ager at such an utterly ridiculous and uwarrantable rtion, and Madge was compelled to eat words and express the trition for having suggested anythin mpossibly and wickedly abard. Madge was so extremely happy hersef about this time that she had little or b leisure in which to occupy herself wither cousin's concerns. Mr. Carslake wa at the rec-tory, and was to spend a week the Hall later. The marriage was fixed fo the middle of September. Sir Thoma and Lady Nevil were to go to their lace in the North the second week in Ocher. There had been no visitors at the Hill this summer. June had felt scant illination to play the part of bostess, at Tom was ever very keen about havi guests in he house. Mrs. Ellesmere vs at Homthe house. burg, and had been there evesince they gave up the house in Grospor street Trevanion was the onlyerson who had been bidden. She, howey, had othengagements, but promised come for Madge's wedding and to stay fortnight after it. To this visit Juneoked forward amazingly. Madge was far too much ocpled with her own affairs to continue r system of espionage over her sistemnd June had grown not to care-only feel a sort of contemptuous indifferen amuses them to be together a to abuse

FLOODS IN SOUTH.

Cloudbursts in Kentucky and Tennesse Put Whole Towns Under Water.

Louisville, Ky., March 3 .- The annual spring freshet, which yearly does damage to railroads and crops, and at times inflicts loss of life, has left this season's impression on many parts of the South after a tremendous two days' rain, with an accompaniment of high winds. Accidents last night and this morning directly attributable to the elements have resulted in the death of nine persons and injury of 29.

Three deaths, together with a long list of injured, were brought about by an accident on the Southern railway early this morning, when a train bound east from Chattanooga ran into a washout near Leonore City, Tenn. Six persons were drowned while trying to cross the Ohio near Hickman, Ky., the swift current carrying their boat into some driftwood, and five persons were hurt in a tornado which passed over Hickory Level, Ga., this morning. The damage to railroad property 's large, and the inconvenience to the public is considerable.

Cloudbursts are reported in Kentucky and Tennessee, and it is feared there has been some loss of life in the affected regions. In Middelsboro, Ky., every house in the lower section of the place was flooded and every merchant suffered damage to stock. Near Anderson. Tenn., a cloudburst carried away a quarter of a mile of track on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad. fligh waters carried away three bridges and a trestle on the Tennessee Central, near Crab Orchard, Tenn., and damaged other bridegs.

A steamer was blown against the Southern railway draw bridge over the Big Bee river, in Alabama, sending part of the structure to the bottom.

Landslides occurred in two tunnels on the Southern railway, near Harri-

All streams are bankful, the Alabama rising 19 feet at Millsted, near Montgomery, during the night. Flood warnings were sent out by the Montgomery weather bureau. The Mississippi has reached the danger point at habits of peaceful industry, there ocseveral places, but the levees are holding. The Ohio is rising.

....Rometo Magasalppr pietonicht state foot above the danger line and is farm and village life. The extent of slowly rising to the levee top. River men say the situation there is assuming a serious aspect. Government engineers fear that some of the levees may weaken when the full sweep of the rising waters is felt.

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. Beneon is still at large.

Jack Kahla, a trusty in the main

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.

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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 menth 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.'

"Vice Governor Luke E. Wright indorses in the strongest manner all that Governor Taft has said, and states that he has the gravest apprehensions as to the damage that may come to the islands if there is not a substantial reduction in the tariff levied against Philippines goods coming into the United States. I very earnestly ask that this matter receive the "immediate attention of congress and that the reliet

prayed for be granted. "As congress knows, a series of ca-lamities has befallen the Philippine people. Just as they were emerging from nearly six years of devastating warfare, with the accompanying de struction of property and the breaking of the bonds of social order and the curred an epidemic of rinderspest which destroyed 90 per cent of the caribous, the Philippine cattle, leaving the peo-Tands or to aid in the ordinary work the the disaster can be seen from the fact that the surviving caribous have increased over tenfold in value. At the same time a peculiar oriental herse disease became epidemic, further crip-pling transportation. The rice crop, already reduced by various causes to but a fourth of its original size, has been damaged by locusts so that the price of rice has nearly doubled.

"Under these circumstances there is imminent danger of a famine in the islands. Congress is in course of generously appropriating \$3,000,000 to meet the immediate needs, but of indispensable and pre-eminent need is the resurrection of productive industry from the prostration into which it has been thrown by the causes above enumerated.

"I ask the action in the tariff matter, not merely from the standpoint of wise government policy, but as a measure of humanity in response to an appeal to which this great people should not close its ears. We have assumed responsibility toward the Philippines which we are in honor bound to fulfill. We have the specific duty of taking every measure in our power to see to their prosperity. The first and most important step in this direction has been accomplished by the joint action was absent, but Mrs. Mills seized a of the military and civil authorities in securing peace and civil government. The wisdom of congress at the present session has provided for them a stable government, but there remains vital need that one thing further shall be done. The calamities which have be fallen them as above enumerated could have been avoided by no human wisdom. They cannot |be completely repaired, but their sufferings can be greatly alleviated and a permanent basis of future prosperity assured if the economic relations of the islands with the United States are put upon a satis-

of any sort or kind between Madge and Mr. Broke, except the most ordinary friem.

and Mr. Carslake looked up at was told that if not actually en-ey were next door to it."

felt that her opportunity had some. at do not people say?" she remark-Do you believe every report you ·WI

when it is borne out by appear

are quite mistaken," said Lady "Madge has never been in love in her life, and then so seriously think it will quite prevent her think it will be anyone else." me frankly," said Mr. Carslake, ou spenking of me? I should not

to ask, unless-" I am," replied June, with equal

-and do you really believe she is ifferent to me

m quite sure that you are the only or whom she has ever cared seri

Mr. Carslake's infinite chagrin, Dalme up at this moment. But June hat enough had been said, and that 's future, at all events, was safe as saw June and Madge off by the next day; he took cordin! leave of tter, and she wished him a gay fare and bade him bring her back the of numerous Egyptians and return with glory.

shall see you again," he said to June

But Dallas put one hand on her arm and said, in a voice stammering with emo tion

"Do you really think she cares about my going?

"Do we not all care?" returned Mrs.

"Yes, but I wish I had known before!" uttered Dallas, leaning against the chim-ney piece and putting one hand over his

'Why do you wish you had known be ore?" said Mrs. Trevanion, repronchfully, Would you like to go away nursing a lishonorable passion in your heart? Do onorable passion in your heart? supposing," and her voice faltered-"supposing you had to look death in the face. to remember that you had brought unhap piness and doubt into the home of an hon est man-a man whose peace of mind you have every right to respect? And. sides, you are wrong in attaching any im-

portance to Lady Nevil's agitation, some see you again, ne said to don't be train was starting, keeping a long of her hand and for once not at-ting to-prevent his eyes from be*ray-to her all he felt. As for June, she deathly pale; her lips were quiver-

ampses them to be together a bound me, let them! What does it iter?" Her soul was harmsed by wi she read in the papers—the hardshipse troops were enduring, the privations heat, (To be continued.

In Austria at the presentay the public executioner wears a p of new white gloves every time he called upon to carry out a capital itence tion to a federal grand jury.

ridor of the jail, gave the alarm at the nearby home of Sheriff Mills. Mills revolver, ran to the jail and held at hay the tank prisoners until help arrived.

The county commissioners have decided to offer a reward of \$300 for Benson's capture, and unless this is effected before tomorrow, will ask Govrenor McBride to offer a like amount.

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 iniured. 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 Densen 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 presenta-

factory basis. "THEODORE ROOSEEVLT. "White House, Washington, D. C., February 27."

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 Yuing pass by rebels of the province of Kwang Si, South China. All the soldiers were killed and the rebeis secured large supplies of arms, which the troops were tak-ing 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.