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CHAPTER III.—(Continued.) Standing upon a mound near her, she places her hands to her pretty mouth and with a simple eloquence that cannot be too highly commended, cries "Hi!" to him, at the top of her fresh young voice.

CHAPTER IV. "It is really you?" cries he, with unaffected delight, coloring warmly. "It is you, too," replies she, reflectively, and as though it is a little unfair to throw all the personalities at her.

CHAPTER V. Mrs. Grunch, as Griselda left her, turned aside, and with darkened brow made for the library. Dyrart's usual abiding place. Not finding him here, she hurries onward down the hall, until she comes to a heavy curtain, one handsome, now moist-ent and dingy, and pushing it aside, reveals a long flagged passage, with a high, narrow door at the extreme end.

CHAPTER VI. "Dear me, miss, and so you have returned," says she. "Dear! but master will be in a little while. He was that upset by your absence that he daren't so much as approach him." Griselda's blood grows cold. "But now he'll be sure to tell you himself how glad he is to see you back safe and sound."

CHAPTER VII. "He believes in me. He trusts me; he alone—now! But if ever he were to learn the truth he would spurn me from him. I swear to you—he turns and fixes his burning eyes on hers—"I'd strangle you with these hands," holding them out before her, trembling with passion, yet strong and lithe, "before the words could pass your lips."

CHAPTER VIII. "You have a design," says she, fixing her sharp eyes on him with a searching regard. "True; and I think well of mentioning it to you," says Dyrart, slowly. "After long and careful thought I have decided on abandoning more ambitious schemes and wedding him to my elder niece, Vera."

CHAPTER IX. "There is one point in which Chinese etiquette, so often absurd, is much more sensible than ours. That is in its failure to regard the imputation of mature age as a discredit to either man or woman, or, on the other hand, the imputation of youthfulness as a compliment to persons of either sex. An example of Chinese politeness, connected with the visit of the Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia to Shanghai, is amusing, as it reflects on our own false notions of the complimentary in such matters."

Something out of the goodly past, some vague touch of decency belonging to the days when he was young and happy, and when honor was still a word to which he clung with all his might, renders this coarse epithet, as applied to the pretty orphans committed to his care, insupportable.

"You hardly remember, perhaps, that you are speaking of my niece," he says with an angry frown. "Holy toady! None of your airs with me," says she, sternly. She advances a step nearer to him. "Remember, Dyrart, that I can either make or mar you. I, and I only."

"I would I were sure of that," says he, moodily. "But—Have you forgotten Seldy? He knew." "Pish! He's dead; let him rest. What a one you are to worry! Twenty years ago more, and no sign of him, and I ask you was he the one to remain quiet, if he saw a way to forcing a sovereign out of you?"

"True, true," says Dyrart, eagerly catching at this suggestion. "And yet I would give much to know that he was in the grave." "Ay, and I in mine! I know you," says she, with an evil look. "You fear me."

"I fear nothing," says he, coldly. "What," says she, slowly, regarding him closely; "not even that your son should know?" She pauses, pleased with her work. All at once, as if, on hearing this question, the old man quails before her like a beaten hound. The life goes out of him, he seems to shrink into himself, and puts out his hands as though to ward off some fatal blow.

"Not that. Anything but that," he mutters, feebly. "Well, don't drive me to it," says she, sulkily. "Remember, it was for him I did it," cries he, sharply. "After all my love, my care, my secrecy, to have it now laid bare to him! I tell you—his fingers working convulsively—"rather than that he should know, it seems to me that it would be a sweet and simple thing to murder him who would betray me."

"I'm not going to betray you," says she. "And as for saying 'twas for him you did it, why—" "For him. For his sake only." "Partly, I think," says she, dryly. "Entirely, altogether. What other creature had I to love me—to love? His mother, as you know, hated me; and when she died I was glad," says he, crushing his fingers together.

"Yet the deed was scarcely necessary if done for him," says Grunch, holding her ground. "That old aunt of the mother's sister—put want out of the question for him." "I knew nothing of her desire to make him her heir—then." "You know it now, anyway," says she, with a nasty sneer. "And it is never too late to mend—to find by accident that paper you have just locked up."

"I have thought of it," says he, with lowered brow and eyes bent upon the ground, "dreamed of it; and all my dreaming has but convinced me that things had better stay as they now are. Into what better hands could they have fallen? Who would have husbanded it all like me? You know the care, the trouble, the sleepless days and nights I have devoted to the management of—of it. You know whether it has ever been a joy to me—rather a grief, a wearing of the flesh, a curse!" The word comes from between his lips with a little hissing sound. "But it is all for him, for him," he says, in a dying tone.

With restless, feeble steps he begins to pace the room.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

There is a movement to hold an exposition at Manila in December next.

The Manila chamber of commerce asks that Chinese be admitted to the islands.

An unknown hypnotist put a Spokane man to sleep and doctors can do nothing to rouse him.

Prince Henry will be given a military farewell when he leaves Germany for the United States.

The Prince of Wales received a very chilling reception on the occasion of his visit in Germany.

Investigation of the Iowa mine disaster disclosed the fact that the explosion was caused by too heavy a charge of dynamite being placed by one of the men who were killed.

Fire at Goldfield, Colo., caused damage estimated at \$50,000.

Manila banks refuse to accept deposits of Mexican silver.

Colorado union miners have demanded the discharge of nonunion men.

A man and his wife have been arrested in San Francisco for counterfeiting.

Eight of the collieries in the Hazleton district, Pa., were closed because of high water.

It is estimated that the loss by the recent fires in Columbus, Ohio, will reach \$500,000.

The wheat crop of the Pacific Northwest for 1901 was, approximately, 44,000,000 bushels.

Governor Taft says 15,000 soldiers will be enough in the Philippines before the close of the year.

Five hundred miners at the West End colliery, at Mocanaga, Pa., went on strike because nonunion workmen were employed.

All formalities for the purchase of the Danish West Indies have been completed and the treaty will be signed in a few days.

A Cincinnati bookkeeper is almost a quarter of a million short in his accounts. He contends that it is the result of errors and has made most of it good.

Governor Taft says the situation in the Philippines is encouraging.

Hon. Franklin Murphy was inaugurated governor of New Jersey.

Prince Ching will represent China at the coronation of King Edward.

Charges have been brought against officials of the Mineworkers' Union.

A Filipino force in Batangas province, Philippine islands, surrendered.

Contract for repairs to the transport Dix to the amount of \$12,000 has been let.

John D. Rockefeller contemplates giving the Chicago University \$20,000,000.

United States Senators Dolliver and Allison were re-elected by the Iowa legislature.

All of the convicts who escaped from the federal penitentiary on McNeill's island have been recaptured.

The senate has begun debate on Philippine tariff bill.

More revolutionary movements are reported in China.

The annual convention of the United Mineworkers of America is in session.

Three of the 11 convicts who escaped from McNeill island prison have been captured.

The isthmian canal commission reports in favor of the purchase of the Panama canal.

A bank cashier of Great Falls, Mont., is short in his accounts, due to gambling in stocks.

Portland exported one-fifth of the United States wheat shipped from the empire in December.

The combine of all the leading steamship companies is still under discussion by those interested.

General Bell has determined on war in the strictest sense in Batangas province, Philippine islands.

A great naval battle took place in the harbor of Panama, in which the government lost heavily. Governor Alban was killed.

A great diamond field is said to have been discovered in Idaho.

Sixty lives were lost by a boiler explosion in a Spanish village.

Eleven men of the Second infantry, in the Philippines, are missing.

Peace negotiations between Boers and British are under way at Brussels.

The per capita consumption of spirits in the United States is smaller than any other of the great nations.

Reginald C. Vanderbilt of New York, has come into possession of \$7,500,000 left him by his father.

J. E. Green, a St. Louis mechanic, claims that he invented the airship made famous by M. Santos Dumont, in Paris, and that the drawings were stolen from him and taken to France 10 years ago.

UNFAIR TO THE COLONIES.

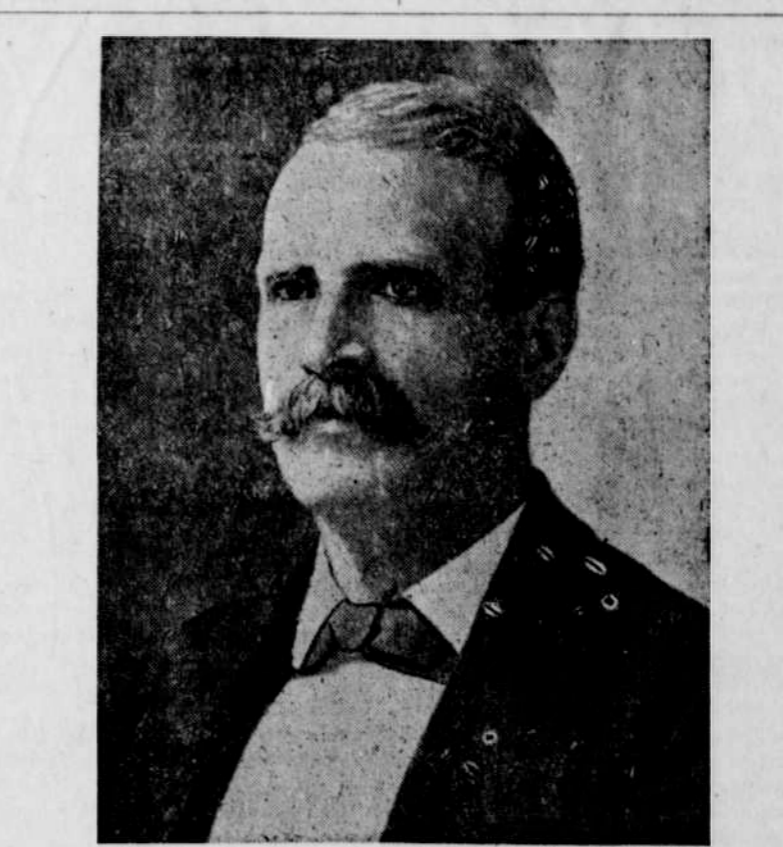
Australia Complains That Meat Contracts Go to Argentina.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 28.—The placing of contracts in Argentina by the British war office, to supply meats and other produce for the troops in South Africa, has engendered extreme irritation throughout Australasia. This action of the imperial authorities is regarded as evidence of reprehensible indifference to the claims of the colonies, as ill accorded with the expressions of imperial solidarity, as poor repayment for the sacrifices of the colonists, and generally as grave injustice. Most of the premiers of Australasia and the

MINE DUST EXPLODED.

Disaster in Iowa Cost Many Lives—Several Men Seriously Injured.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Jan. 27.—The Lost Creek coal mine was the scene today of a terrible disaster, which cost the lives of 21 miners. Eight others were seriously injured. The bodies of the dead were recovered from the mine, and lie tonight in an improvised morgue near the scene of their destruction. The injured, all of whom are frightfully cut, bruised and burned, are under the care of surgeons in a temporary hospital equipped near the mine. The Lost Creek mine is 10 miles south of Oskaloosa, and three miles north of Eddieville. The explosion



HENRY C. PAYNE. New Postmaster General who took oath of office January 15.

premier of New Zealand have cabled to the imperial government strong protests in practically identical terms, saying that the two colonies are able to supply the war office requirements in South Africa three times over. Both colonies, it is pointed out, have more meat than consumers, and when they are doing all in their power to build up and strengthen the empire, it is incomprehensible that trade is given to foreigners, especially Argentina, thus bringing into the field a keen competitor with the people of Australasia. The premiers further declare that they feel such action is wrong and unfriendly, and that the blunder should be promptly retrieved.

OBSERVE M'KINLEY'S BIRTHDAY

Move to Mark the Day by Services and Contributions to Memorial Fund.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 24.—The request by Governor Nash, of Ohio, has received hearty response from the governors of all the states and territories invited to join in asking the people to properly observe the 59th anniversary of the birth of William McKinley. Nearly every governor has either issued a proclamation or semi-officially requested that there should be memorial services on the Sunday preceding January 26th in all the churches, that contributions be there received, and that all people testify by their voluntary offerings their love and devotion to the dead president. In many states, notably Kansas, public schools will hold special exercises and give to the fund.

NEWS RECEIVED QUIETLY.

No Demonstration at St. Thomas, Danish West Indies.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Jan. 28.—The announcement which reached here of the signing of the treaty by which Denmark sells the Danish West Indies to the United States, was received quietly. There was no open manifestation, but much anxiety prevails regarding the developments. Nothing official has yet been received from Copenhagen. The governor of St. Thomas has declined to be interviewed. The Danish cruiser Valkiren will remain here indefinitely, it is reported, so as to guard against disturbances, which it is believed, however, are not likely to occur.

Plebiscite of Danish Antilles.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The Danish government will not take the plebiscites of the Danish West Indian Islands to determine whether they shall be ceded to the United States until the United States senate has ratified the treaty of cession. This circumsppection is supposed to be the outcome of the senate's action in rejecting a former treaty of cession after Denmark had acceded to the islanders to the idea of transfer.

China Repaid.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Secretary Hay today handed to Minister Wu a draft on the United States treasury for \$376,600, Miss Stone and her companion, Mme. Teika, will be released within 24 hours after the money is paid.

Tired of Useless Struggle.

Pretoria, Jan. 28.—Lord Kitchener has authorized General Vilomel, a surrendered burgher, to raise an additional Boer corps of 1,500 men. General Vilomel has written a letter to ex-President Steyn, warning the latter of his intention to form such a corps, and adding that the Boers in the concentration camps are tired of the useless struggle and are determined to help the British end it.

Franking Privilege Extended.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The president has signed the bill providing for the free transportation of all mail matter sent by Mrs. Ida S. McKinley, widow of the late President McKinley.

Plague in China.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Consul McWade, at Canton, has cabled the state department that there have been over 100 deaths from the plague at Shu Ting, about 250 miles south of Canton.

NEWS OF THE STATE

TEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Oil has been struck in quite a large quantity near Myrtle Creek.

The telephone line from Union to La Grande has changed hands.

The net valuation of taxable property in Baker county is \$3,523,346.

Hop buyers at Salem are offering 12 1/2 to 12 3/4 cents per pound.

The postoffice at Independence has been moved into new quarters.

Extensive tests are being made with silage at the agricultural college.

The mayor of Pendleton has ordered slot machines of all descriptions out.

A franchise has been granted for the erection of an electric light plant at Burns.

Asbestos has been discovered in paying quantities in Josephine county, near the state line.

The Salem school district levied an 8 mill tax for running expenses and 1 mill for a sinking fund.

Preparations have begun for the building of a large saw mill on Foots creek near Grants Pass.

Extensive preparations are being made for a thorough test of the existence of oil near Mommoth.

The expenditures of the agricultural college for 1901 were \$41,507.93. Total receipts, \$13,285.93.

About 400 were in attendance at the annual convention of the Knights of Pythias in Pendleton this week.

Farmers around Ontario are making arrangements to import ferrets to clean out the gophers, which are very numerous.

A new Degree of Honor lodge has been instituted at Milton, in Eastern Oregon.

A new lumber company has been formed at Wasco. It has a capital of \$10,000.

A company has been formed at Huntington, with \$1,000,000, to enter the oil industry in that section.

The Baker City council is considering the proposition of paving the streets with chemically prepared wood blocks.

A small fire in La Grande a few days ago destroyed some property. The loss was small, but not covered by insurance.

The scaffold and other arrangements are completed for the hanging of Dalton and Wade in Portland on January 31.

Mrs. Henrietta Harrington, an early pioneer, died at her home at Ely, Clackamas county, a few days ago, aged 86 years.

The Oregon Pine Company, with headquarters at Astoria, has filed articles of incorporation. Capitalization, \$50,000.

Woodmen of the World are preparing to have a big time at Pendleton April 21-22, when 1,114 candidates will be initiated.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 59¢@60¢; blue-stem, 61¢; valley, 59 1/2¢@60¢.

Barley—Feed, \$17@17.50; brewing, \$17.50@18 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1@1.10; gray, 95¢@1.

Flour—Best grades, \$2.70@3.30 per barrel; graham, \$2.50.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$20; shorts, \$18; chops, \$17.

Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$7@7.50; Oregon willow, \$5@6 per ton.

Mutton—Lambs, 3 1/4¢@3 3/4¢ gross; dressed, 6 1/2¢ per pound; sheep, wethers, 3 1/2¢@3 3/4¢ gross; dressed, 6@6 1/2¢ per pound; ewes, 3 1/4¢@3 1/2¢ gross; dressed, 6@6 1/2¢ per pound.

Hogs—Gross, 5 1/2¢; dressed, 6@6 1/2¢ per pound.

Veal—8@9¢ per pound.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3 1/4¢; steers, 3 1/2¢@4; dressed, 3@7¢ per pound.

Butter—Creamery, 25@27¢ per pound; dairy, 18@20¢; store, 12 1/2¢@15¢.

Eggs—20@22 1/2¢ for cold storage; 22@25¢ for Eastern; 28@30¢ for fresh Oregon.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.50@3; hens, \$2.50@4; 8 1/2¢@9¢ per pound; spring, 9@10¢ per pound, \$2.50@3 per dozen; ducks, \$5@6 for young; geese, \$5.50@7.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11@12 1/2¢; dressed, 13@14¢ per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13 1/2¢; Young America, 14@15¢.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 85¢@91.10 per cental; ordinary, 70@80¢.

Hops—8@10¢ per pound.

Wool—Valley, 11@14¢; Eastern Oregon, 8@12 1/2¢; mohair, 21@21 1/2¢ per pound.

A New York syndicate is negotiating for 180,000 acres of Nova Scotia timber land.

Sir Ernest Cassel placed at the disposal of King Edward a fund of \$1,000,000 to be used in the crusade against consumption in England.

Gov. Van Sant, of Minnesota, says the entire northwest is back of him in his fight against the Northern Pacific merger, and that he will begin action in the courts at once.