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CHAPTER VI.

The last stroke of eight died out from the old clock in the hall as Seaton Dysart enters the drawing room. The extreme dimness and gloom of that melancholy apartment...

CHAPTER VII.

"Well, I'm off," says Griselda, poking her pretty head into the summer house, where Vera sits reading. It is next day, and a very lovely day, too.

CHAPTER VIII.

"You talk like a book—a blue book. But you have not told me why your father will not let us see anyone, why?"

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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.

Gales and storms in Europe have caused great loss of life. Forty persons were drowned in shipwrecks on the Italian coast.

Eighty-five miners were killed by an explosion in a Mexican mine. Waterbury, Conn., was damaged to the extent of \$2,000,000 by fire.

The murderer of a San Francisco policeman has been captured in Portland. Manila is intensely interested in proposed legislation by congress for the islands.

The dowager empress of China gave a remarkable reception to the minister's wives. An indecisive naval engagement was fought in Colombian waters.

Chicago drainage canal contractors offer to build an isthmian canal. The first meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie institution has been held.

A parliamentary commission is considering the question of depopulation of France. The ways and means committee will frame a bill for reduction of the war revenue taxes.

A new gold district has been discovered near Dawson which is claimed to be the richest yet found. Admiral Schley's appeal to the president, asking for a review of the court of inquiry, has been made public.

Eight lives were lost in a Boston fire. The Boers have made peace proposals through Holland. There were 10,000 people present at a hanging in Pennsylvania.

The house committee voted in favor of a government owned Pacific cable. A substitute for the Nicaragua canal bill has been introduced in the senate.

The general outlook in Batangas province, Philippine islands, is favorable. A train wreck on a New York railroad resulted in the death of the engineer.

Four vessels are now on the Pacific searching for the missing English warship Condon. A discharged soldier in San Francisco planned to go to New York in a box, but was discovered and turned over to the police.

Two prospectors in Montana have found a mine of almost pure silver. The average assay is 18,000 ounces, which gives it a value of nearly \$8,000 to the ton.

Emperor William has celebrated his 43d birthday. River navigation has been suspended above the Cascade Locks.

Two Negroes in Louisiana, who had murdered a white man, were lynched. A train in South Carolina was held up and the express car rifled of its contents.

Governor Shaw, of Iowa, will assume the duties of secretary of the treasury February 1. Liberals defeated the Conservative forces of Colombia in three successive engagements.

United Mineworkers will levy an assessment to help strikers fight battle with operators to the end. The delay of the committee in reporting the canal bill to the senate means a saving of much time later.

The treaty for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States calls for the payment of \$5,000,000. Intense cold continues to prevail throughout the middle west. Many trains are delayed on account of snow.

An extra session has been called of the Colorado legislature to make corporations pay taxes on full valuation, the same as private citizens. 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. China Pays First Installment.

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Helena, Mont., Feb. 4.—The railroad town of Clancy, 20 miles south of Helena, was nearly wiped out by a fire last night. The loss is about \$14,000, on which \$8,000 of insurance was carried.

Swiss papers record a decline in the export of wood carvings, and attribute it to the lack of variety in the carvings, the subjects being monotonously repeated.

YUNG LU IN FAVOR.

Two Reform Edicts Issued by the Chinese Emperor.

Pekin, Feb. 4.—The pre-eminence of General Yung Lu in the councils of the Chinese court has been officially proclaimed. Today he made a tour of the foreign legations here, endeavoring to regain the favor of the ministers.

An edict has appeared, promoting General Yung Lu to be first grand secretary, an office not necessarily powerful, but of the highest honor and vacant since the death of Li Hung Chang. Wang Wen Shao has been advanced to the second grand secretaryship to succeed Yung Lu.

The pilgrimage of Yung Lu was made with considerable pomp. He denied the fact of his responsibility for the attacks upon the foreign legations. The dowager empress has issued two edicts, the first reciting that many Chinese had formerly studied abroad, but were not Manchus, and orders the Manchou courtiers and generals to nominate Manchus between the ages of 15 and 25 to go abroad, there to study foreign branches of knowledge.

The second edict abolishes the prohibition of intermarriage between Manchus and Chinese, which has been enforced since the beginning of the dynasty, and directs officials, by diplomatic methods, to discourage the binding of the feet of Chinese female children, because this is a barbarous custom.

ALL ARE ENTOMBED.

Explosion in a Mexican Mine Kills Eighty-five Men.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 4.—Eighty-five miners killed and 75 more buried under debris is the awful record made by a dust explosion at the Honda mines in Mexico, news of which was received here tonight. At the time the explosion occurred there were 160 miners at work in the mine, all of whom were entombed by the shaft being choked up by falling earth and stone loosened by the explosion.

Just how many are dead is not at this time known, but at last accounts received here by wire tonight, 85 bodies had been recovered. It is feared that the death list will be greatly over 100. The Honda mines are located at Coahuila, at the terminus of a branch of the Mexican International Railroad, about 100 miles south of Eagle Pass, and are the most important in that state. Details of the disaster are learned here.

MILLIONS POUR IN.

Rockefeller Duplicates Morgan's Offer to Harvard Medical School.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 4.—Following the announcement at the Harvard commencement exercises last June that J. P. Morgan had agreed to erect at a cost of more than \$1,000,000 three of the buildings required for the accommodation of the Harvard Medical School, in carrying out their new plans for medical education and research, President Eliot announced to the medical faculty tonight that J. D. Rockefeller proposed to give \$1,000,000 in furtherance of this great project, provided that other friends of the university will raise a sum of money in the neighborhood of \$500,000, to be used by the Harvard Medical School for lands, buildings and endowment. It has stated tonight that there can be little doubt that this condition will speedily be complied with.

LOSS IS \$2,000,000.

Fire in the Business Section of Waterbury, Conn., Threatened the Whole City.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 4.—In the hardest gale of the winter, Waterbury struggled with a fire that destroyed a large area of the business section of the city and threatened to wipe it out completely. An estimate of \$2,000,000 as the amount of loss on buildings and contents is considered conservative by insurance men. The origin of the fire is unknown. The fire was undiscovered until it had gained tremendous headway.

When the department reached the scene flames were issuing from every window and it was evident that the structure was doomed and the entire business section of the city was imperiled. The fire started in a drizzling rain, with a rapidly rising wind, and with increasing cold the rain turned to snow. The wind was at first shifting, but it settled toward the east and carried destruction with it.

Northwest Branch Mint.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The house committee on mining today acted favorably on the bill appropriating \$600,000 for establishing a branch mint at Tacoma, Wash. The general purpose of this new branch is to give added mint facilities for the gold and silver mining of Alaska. Although votes were not taken on bills for other branch mints, the prospects are that the establishment of one at Tacoma will operate against the establishment of other branches in that section of the country. Director of the Mint Roberts was present, and stated that one branch in the Northwest would be sufficient for all government needs.

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NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS 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.

Business men of Grants Pass have organized a board of trade. Some trouble is being experienced with the Indians on Umatilla reservation.

The postoffice at Spikenard, Jackson county, has been moved one mile north-east. A number of sales of hops have been reported from Dayton at 12 1/2 cents per pound.

The site of by has been moved a short Douglas county postoffice at Anlauf, distance to the southwest. Mrs. Martha Proctor Spencer, who came to Oregon in 1852, died at her home in Hillsboro, a few days ago.

Two lumber schooners left Tillamook a few days ago for California points, carrying 1,750,000 feet of Oregon fir. Oregon insane asylum trustees have renewed the contract with Alaska, whereby this state will for another year care for the demented of the far north.

A number of prominent mining men are taking active steps toward putting in a smelter in Southern Oregon. At a meeting held by them, Merlin was decided to be the best location. Eugene school district voted a 6 mill tax at the annual meeting last week.

Many hogs are dying around Pendleton from what may prove to be cholera. The company owning the hot arsenic wells at Vale, has decided to erect a hotel for the accommodation of guests.

Work is progressing smoothly at the oil well being sunk at Vale, Malheur county. Fire damaged the Ashland Iron Works to the extent of \$1,000 a few days ago.

The merchants of Baker City have agreed to close their stores at 6:30 every evening except Saturday. A preliminary survey of the route of the proposed electric road from La Grande to Cove has been completed.

Oil has been struck in one of the wells being bored near Nampa, in Eastern Oregon. Samples analyze 78 per cent paraffine. The Gopher Mining Company, whose property is in Southern Oregon, is installing a five stamp mill, and will have ore to keep it going steady.

The Woodburn school tax will be 10 mills this year. This, with the county and state tax, will make a total of 43, the highest ever known. Portland Markets.

Wheat—Quet. Walla Walla, 63@63 1/2; bluestem, 64@64 1/2; Valley, 63 1/2. Barley—Feed, 19@20; brewing, 20@21 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, 11.10@12.5; gray, 11.05@11.15.

Flour—Best grades, \$2.80@3.40 per barrel; graham, \$2.50@2.80. Millstuffs—Bran, \$18 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$20.50; chop, \$17. Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$7@7.50; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 90c@1.25 per cental; ordinary, 70@85c per cental; growers' prices; sweets, \$1.75@2 per cental. Butter—Creamery, 25@27 1/2; dairy, 18@20c; store, 11@13c.

Eggs—20@21 1/2c for fresh Oregon. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12@13 1/2c; Young America, 14@15c; factory prices, 1@1 1/2c less. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3@3.50; hens, \$4@4.25 per dozen, 9@10c per pound; springs, 10c per dozen, \$3@3.50 per dozen; ducks, \$6.50@7.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11@12 1/2c; dressed, 14@15c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7@7 1/2c per pound. Hogs—Gross, 5 1/2c; dressed, 6 1/2@7c per pound. Veal—8 1/2@9c per pound, dressed. Beef—Gross, cows, 3 1/2@4c; steers, 4@4 1/2c; dressed, 6 1/2@7 1/2c per pound. Hops—11@12 1/2c per pound. Wool—Nominal, Valley, 13@15c; eastern Oregon, 8@12 1/2c; mohair, 21@21 1/2c per pound.

There is now in operation in Belgium 11 extensive mills where cornmeal is ground. One mill at Alost has a capacity of 170,000,000 pounds per year. It is said that all the mills are crowded through into the cellar. A Bad Chicago Fire.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Fire that broke out this morning destroyed the five story brick building at 190-192 Illinois street, with its contents, causing a loss of about \$150,000. Heavy machinery in the upper part of the building caused the floors to collapse, and the entire contents of the structure crashed through into the cellar.

Rushing in Manila Cigars.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Private advices from Manila received in this city state that there are over 2,000,000 cigars on the way from the Philippines to this country. It is thought that before the end of February or the middle of March at the latest there will be 10 times that many consigned to American tobaccoists from the same quarter of the world. There seems to be a fear in the islands that the present laws will be revoked.

OUTLOOK IN PHILIPPINES.

Prospects Are Favorable Everywhere Except in Samar.

Manila, Feb. 3.—The general outlook for pacification in the archipelago, everywhere outside the island of Samar, has never been more favorable since the original outbreak of the Filipino insurrection than at the present time. The insurgents have been broken up into small bands and are everywhere fleeing for shelter. They surrender daily or are captured or killed.

The policy of reconcentration and the stern measure of closing the ports of commerce have accomplished everything expected of them. General Chaffee still hopes that by the end of February the island of Samar alone will remain not pacified. Those provinces bordering on the provinces of Batangas and Laguna, in Southern Luzon, have been patrolled by the native constabulary, who have done excellent work and who have received the commendation of General J. Franklin Bell, commanding in those provinces. The members of the United States Philippine commission are proud of this constabulary, which was organized following their suggestion and the greatest care is exercised in the selection of the officers for this force. During the past month 82 military posts have been handed over to the native constabulary.

General Chaffee has taken steps to make sure that there will be no friction between the military and civil authorities. The most positive orders have been issued to all military commanders to co-operate in every way with the civil authorities without relaxing the severity when they have occasion to deal with active insurgents.

BOER INDEPENDENCE.

Initiative on Part of Holland Instigated by Queen Wilhelmina.

London, Feb. 1.—The Daily News, giving the alleged genesis of the proposal from the government of the Netherlands on the subject of the South African war, says that from the first Dr. Kruger, the Dutch premier, stipulated that he would take no part in either arbitration or mediation, and expressed the view that he would have to bring pressure on the Boer delegates to persuade them to abandon their demand for independence. He explained his position to an English visitor, who went to urge him to take action. This visitor afterward communicated to Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, and to Lord Lansdowne, the secretary of state for foreign affairs, Dr. Kruger's views and his offer to become a "friendly negotiator." Mr. Chamberlain courteously replied that he was interested in the proposal, but could not recognize any approaches unless they were made by the Boers themselves. The reply of Lord Lansdowne intimated that he had sent the proposal to Lord Salisbury, and that there the matter had remained until Dr. Kruger visited London.

The Brussels correspondent of the Standard declares that the peace initiative on the part of Holland was decided upon at the personal instigation of Queen Wilhelmina, in a cabinet council at which she presided. The correspondent says that Mr. Kruger was informally and confidentially acquainted with this proposed step, but declared he could not charge the Dutch government with any mission of peace, as long as Great Britain rejected the idea of Boer independence.

DEAD AT ROPE'S END.

Wade and Dalton Exploit Their Crime—No Del' on Gallows.

Portland, Feb. 1.—Jack Wade and William H. Dalton, murderers of James B. Morrow, were hanged in the court house square at 7:58 o'clock yesterday morning. Wade walked to the gallows in a state of indifference. Dalton walked to the scaffold with Wade. During the passage of the prisoners up the long and covered corridors of the county jail they did not say a word, except that they were thankful for the treatment received from the sheriff, the deputies and the jailer. At no time did either of them show any signs of weakening. About 400 were present to witness the execution. Everything passed off without a hitch. Both men made short speeches, after which prayer was offered. At a signal from Sheriff Frazier, the traps were sprung and 15 minutes later the bodies were cut down, life having been pronounced extinct.

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