NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Taft advises Bible study, saying all forceful speakers know the Scriptures. No intimation can be gained from Wilson as to who will compose his cab-

Bulgarians resumed the war against

The U. S. Supreme court holds that independent shoe manufacturers have has declared that he will not surrender a right to combine.

to break up a dance to which they were not invited were thrashed by the The income tax amendment to the

constitution of the United States has been ratified by the required number Hollow Horn Bear, an Indian chief

of South Dakota, desires to present Woodrow Wilson with a great peace pipe on inaugural day. Favorable weather conditions are

credited with giving the railroads of the United States a gain in business for January of 145 per cent over the corresponding period last year. L. W. Fansher, school superintendent who disappeared from Medford,

Or., four years ago, has been found in an infirmary at Oakland, Cal., unable to remember how he came there. Mexican rebels attacked a passenger

Miss Clara C. Munson, woman may cer in that city qualified to make arrests, as the precinct constable failed to qualify after election and the city

marshal has moved out of town. The chief clerk of the Portland Postal Savings bank says most of the de-positors who withdraw their money, do so to purchase land or small homes, or to engage in business, and nearly all save for some definite purpose.

After four days' discussion the house of lords rejected the home rule bill, are well advanced.

Strong Federal reinforcements reach Juarez, Mex., and the town is now safe from rebel attacks.

Admission to the United States has ex-president of Venezuela

Rev. George Pepper, of Waterville Me., known as "Lincoln's double," is dead at the age of 80 years.

Two bills introduced in the Washington legislature call for the issuance of \$60,000,000 of state bonds.

A jury has finally been completed to Clarence S. Darrow, lawyer for the McNamaras, for attempted bri-Since the Southern Pacific has been

separated from the railroad merger, active work has been begun on the Natron-Weed cut-off.

son to appoint Thomas L. Sloan, of Nebraska, an Omaha Indian, commissioner of Indian affairs.

The British Labor party has en dorsed woman suffrage.

more good directly applied.

A resolution providing for an initia tive and referendum amendment to the constitution was adopted in the Kansas house of representatives.

President-elect had another brush with correspondents, and greaty enjoys his success in keeping secret his lections for his new cabinet.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat-Track prices: Club, 86@

87c per bushel; bluestem, 95@96c; forty-fold, 87c; red Russian, 84c; val-Barley-Feed, \$23@23.50 per ton brewing, nominal; rolled, \$25.50@

Corn-Whole, \$27; cracked, \$28. Millstuffs - Bran, \$22 per ton;

shorts, \$24; middlings, \$30. Hay-Timothy, choice, \$16@17 per ton; mixed, Eastern Oregon timothy,

\$12@15; oat and vetch, \$12; alfalfa, \$11.50; clover, \$10; straw, \$6@7. Oats-No. 1 white, \$26,50@27.50 per ton.

Fresh fruits - Apples, 50c@\$1.75 per box; pears, \$1.50@2 per box; grapes, Malagas, \$8 per barrel. Potatoes - Jobbing prices: Burbanks, 50@60c per hundred; sweets,

31c per pound. Vegetables-Artichokes, \$1.50 per dozen; cabbage, 1c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50 per crate; celery, \$5.50; cucumbers, 75c@\$2 per dozen; egg-plant, 10c pound; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peppers, 10c per pound; radishes, 35c per dozen; sprouts, 10c.

Onions-Oregon, \$1 per sack. Eggs-Fresh locals, candled, 25@ Poultry-Hens, 131@14c; broilers 131@14c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed,

choice, 224@25c; ducks, 15@16c; geese, 10@12. Butter - Oregon creamery, cubes, 36c per pound; prints, 37@371c. -Fancy, 10e pound.

Veal-Fancy, 14@14 to pound. Hops—1912 crop, prime and choice, 18@19c pound; 1913 contracts, 15c

- Eashern Oregon, 14@18c pound; valley, 21½ @22½c; mohair, choice, 32c.

Cattle - Choice steers, \$7.30@7.80; od, \$7@7.30; medium, \$6.50@7; choice cows, \$6.50@6.75; good, \$6@ er, revealed a curious agreement be calves, \$8@9; good heavy calves, man Sieleken. A codicil to the will \$6.50@7.50; bulls, \$3@5.50. showed that each had agreed to leave Hogs-Light, \$7.35@7.50;

Sheep-Yearling wethers, \$566.15; ewes, \$4@5.25; lambs, \$6@7.25.

TURKS MAKE GOOD DEFENSE

Adrianople Prepared for Long and Stubborn Fight.

London-The Turks remain on the defensive at Tchatalja and Adrianople. The Adrianople fortress replies only feebly to the Bulgarian bombardment, and apparently no attempt has been made in the way of a sortie.

A bombardment of Adrianople, scribed as terrific, was begun Monday night, the Bulgarians and Servian troops investing the place being esti mated to number 100,000. Military men who know something about the several lines of forts which form the defense of Adrianople look for a pro-Turkey by the bombardment of Adrianople.

longed defense. This opinion apparently prevails within Adrianople itself. Shukri Pasha, the Turkish commander, who is defending Adrianople, the fortress until the last of his sol-Three Chicago policemen who tried diers has been killed.

The Turkish newspaper Tanin as serts that Adianople has sufficient provisions for four months, and other Turkish reports declare that the fortress certainly will be able to hold out for several weeks. Official quarters in Constantinople radiate a spirit of great confidence in the new regime and declare that the condition of the country and the wintry weather preclude serious operations long the Tchatalja lines for the present.

LINKING AMERICAS BY RAIL

Continuous Trip From New York to Buenos Ayres Soon.

Washington, D. C .- The linking of the Americas by rail would be of great value as a peace propaganda mong the different countries of North Mexican rebels attacked a passenger and South America, in the opinion of train within 45 miles of Mexico City, Andrew Carnegie. This belief was state institutions have returned, and, killed or wounded the 20 soldiers esemble the company of the several state institutions have returned, and, while they have not yet filed their corting the train, killed a number of ing here of the permanent Pan-Amerimale passengers and carried off sev- can Railway committee, of which he is a member, when reports of the linking of the Americas by rail were read, or of Warrenton, Or., is the only offi- indicating that progress is being made towards this project.

Henry Gassaway Davis, former senator from West Virginia, presided at

In Central America only 18 miles of line remain to be constructed to make ing school visited the institution and practical a railway journey to Guatemala City. Construction is well under way at San Miguel, Salvador. From this point to the Panama canal, 600 miles away, several links have been constructed, and plans for others

In South America only 175 miles are still to be constructed between Buenos Ayres and Lake Titicaca and the line has been completed from the latter point to Cuzco, Peru, 2000 miles Buenos Ayres. In Bolivia, been finally denied Cipriano Castro, Chile, Colombia, Peru and Ecuador

progress has been made. The committee will make a full report to the next Pan-American conference, which probably will be held in some South American capital in the course of the coming year.

"Big Injuns" Talk English.

Chicago - Fifteen officials of the tribes of Pueblo Indians in New Mexico passed through this city en route for Washington. The Pueblo officials represent the owners of 600,000 acres of tribal lands, granted by the Spanish crown in 1690.

The Indians, most of them, were in A council of Indians is urging Wil-slightly amused at efforts of fellow a bill introduced in the house by Reppassengers in the railroad station to patronize them.

"Heap cold, John," said one travel-

ing man to a tall Pueblo in a red and

"Yes, it is rather cold, but we are The mayor of Berkeley, Cal., re-fused to attend a "chairity" dinner at mind it much," replied the Indian, \$3 a plate, declaring his \$3 would do who was Juan Antonio Martin, alcalde

of Acoma. "Heap big Injun on war path," laughed a station porter, coming up to the group.

"Here, boy, take this bag to th smoking room; I'll be there in a minordered one of the Indians ute." Pablo Abeita, one of the chief men of Pueblo Isleta. The porter obeyed in a dazed manner.

Graduates Dress Simply. Los Angeles-Although many daugh-

ters of wealthy citizens were numbered among the 1500 school children who were graduated from the gram-mar schools here Wednesday, not one of them wore a dress costing more than \$5 and most of the dresses were home-made. The girls appeared simply garbed at the suggestion of Super intendent Francis, of the city schools, who believed it was an opportune time to impress upon the children the rudiments of economy. The absence of ribbons and ruffles was conspicuous.

Film Monopoly Upheld.

New York-The distribution of pic- their ages. ture films is not a utility which might further the public good. Therefore the Film Rental Co. cannot compel the Motion Picture Patents Co. to supply it with films. "In matters closely reads the the decision, "monopoly of bills and then adjourn for six months trade to the exclusion of one whose services might further the public good may be regulated or restrained, the subject of this action—the distribution of motion-picture films-is not within this class of public utilities."

Paris Is Awaiting Flood.

Paris-The river Seine continues to rise and now lacks only 40 centimeters of the 4.76 meters stage, which experience has shown is the danger level. The authorities are beginning to take precautions for the emergency which will arise if the flood goes beyond that point. Rescue parties have been organized and all boatmen have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness in the suburban districts, which will be the first flooded.

Million Left to Partner.

New York-The filing of the will of the minister who shall perform the senate resolution calling for the final George W. Crossman, a coffee import- ceremony. medium, \$5.50@6; choice tween Crossman and his partner, Hershowed that each had agreed to leave nomah county, introduced in the house, cision to stop the list of bills on its; the other \$1,000,000. In addition to proposes to prohibit fishing for salmon 20th day, except by such a vote. It The other two were assistants. They his bequest to his partner, Crossman in the Willamette river, except by concurred in order to assist the senate

DOINGS OF OREGON'S LEGISLATURE

A Brief Resume of Proceedings of the People's Representatives at the State Capital, Bills Introduced, Passed, Rejected, Etc.

TO PROTECT SCHOOL MONEY THIRTEEN MEASURES PASSED

Pay Salaries.

Salem-A bill having for its puroose to reimburse the common school been made from it for salaries of certain employes of the State treasurer's for equipment of the office, has been introduced in the senate by Joseph.

The bill evidently emanated from the clause and none will office of Governor West. It asks for a total appropriation of \$25,822 for this purpose.

The bill seems to have arisen over difficulty that has found its way among members of the State Land board as to whether the common school fund, or any part of it, can be used for the payment of salaries and expenses in connection with the adminstration of that fund.

It has been contended by the executive, as shown in the appearance of this bill, that the expenses of administration must be paid out of the general fund, and that the irreducible school fund can be used for no other purpose than for the benefit of the common schools of the state.

COMMITTEES MUCH PLEASED Conditions at Various Institution

of State Found to Good. Salem-The joint committees which have been investigating the several formal reports, it is an open secret that in most instances they were high ly pleased with the administration of

the places during the last two years. The committee which investigated the new branch asylum took along R. E. L. Steiner, of the Salem insane hospital. Conditions were found to be

excellent. The committee for the State Train interviewed many of the attendants and the boys confined there. They were, on the whole, satisfied with the conduct of the school, but recom mended segregating the older and younger boys, and that a large appro priation be granted.

Civil Service Is Favored.

Salem-House bill 136, introduce by Representative Applegren, of Multnomah, has found favor with the committee on education, which reported it back with the recommendation that it to appropriation and condemnation of pass. It will go to third reading in lan the regular routine.

The bill provides for a system of civil service for school teachers, superintendents and assistant superintendents of schools in school districts breker. So far there has been no having, or which wil have, more than veto message coming from the execu-20,000 population.

Lax Officials Attacked.

Salem-Town marshals, chiefs of police, sheriffs and others having the enforcement of laws in their hands will be subject to arrest, prosecution and a fine of from \$50 to \$500 if they refuse or neglect to do their sworn were duty in regard to the sale of liquor if resentative Howard becomes law.

Mr. Howard believes that these officials should be punished if they fail to uphold the liquor laws, which they are way of doing it.

Bee Inspector Is Proposed. Salem-Bees will be well regulated

introduced in the house is passed and becomes one of Oregon's laws.

"The man who gets that job will get stung, in my opinion," remarked was sent to the desk.

Another bill will define how any real nice bull should behave when women wearing red sweaters or red headgear are about. It is entitled "An act to prohibit bulls more than one year old from running at large."

Woman's Age Is Question.

Salem-Senator Miller was approached by a woman in the lobby of the capitol who urged him to introduce a bill which will make it binding and mandatory upon all women who register to give their correct ages. The woman did not give her name to Mr. Miller. He says he is opposed to any such bill, but possibly will introduce a bill that women need only to take oath, in registering, that they are 21 years of age or over to obviate the general feminine shyness in giving

Two 20-Day Sessions Plan. Salem-That the state legislature hould meet for 20 days and during that 20 days do nothing but introduce is the suggestion that Charles H. Carey, of Portland, has made to mem- | ful if any future session of the combers of the senate judiciary committee. but He states that meeting under these conditions the legislators could go home and for the six months adjournment study and digest the bills that eration. They could then come back a year had a narrow escape in the senprepared to vote intelligently.

Marriage Bill Passes House.

they are marrying," said Representative Howard, of Douglas, himself a preacher, in presenting his arguments for the passage of his bill requiring that information as to character and his work as clerk of the various state previous marital experience be given boards. the county clerk at the time of application for a marriage license, this information to be for the guidance of

Olson Would Prohibit Fishing. Salem-A bill by Olson, of Multfrom June to November 15.

West Would Repay Cash Used to Legislature Makes Record in First Three Weeks of Session.

Salem - At the end of the third week of the legislative assembly, 13 fund for disbursements which have bills have passed both houses and received the signature of the governor. office during the past two years, and Of this number 12 are house bills and THE STORY OF None of the bills carry an emergency

> clause and none will become laws until 90 days after the adjournment of the legislative assembly. Probably the most important bill so of state land agent. This was some-

> Land Agent Rinehart, and also recommended by the governor in his mes-Another act of some import is one providing that a wife deserter who is convicted shall be compelled to work on the county roads for the time for which he has been sentenced, and that the county shall pay his family \$1 a

thing suggested in the report of State

day for each such day worked.

The bills which have so far been signed by the governor are as follows: S. B. 73, by Bean - Providing for enalty for wife desertion.

H. B. 5, by Carpenter - Repealing act providing for the publication of an official newspaper. H. B. 10, by Forsstrom—Repealing act providing that county court clerks

hould act as county clerks. H. B. 17, by Campbell-Repealing ections relating to time terms of certain officers commence. H. B. 41, by Llewelling-Abolish

ing the office of state land agent. H. B. 47, by Heltzel-Providing for the manner of executing the satisfaction of a mortgage. H. B. 84, by Hinkle-Relating to

eliminating indebtedness of irrigation H. B. 91, by Hinkle - Relating to ecrees of divorce. H. B. 126, by Mann-Relating to registration lists of automobiles by

ounty clerks. H. B. 145, by McArthur-Relating to crimes against nature. H. B. 194, by Gill—Repealing sec-

tion relating to binding children as apagain?" H. B. 199, by committee on revision of laws-To repeal sections of code providing for weather service. H. B. 200, by committee on revision

of laws-Repealing sections relating modest droop of the eyes. This record of 13 bills passing both

houses and receiving the signature of the governor within the first three weeks of the session is a recordof which Mr. Alexandre obtained a tive offices, the majority of the bills going into those offices being bills repealing obsolete sections of the code.

BRANCH ASYLUM INSPECTED Legislators Pass Busy Day at Pendleton Institution.

Pendleton-In a special car, which was pleased to see you. was set off here when No. 6 passed through Pendleton, 20 members of the legislature arrived in Pendleton to pass the major portion of the day inspecting the Eastern Oregon state hospital. sworn to enforce, and provides this The delegation was met by officers and in the world that is dead. Such little members of the Commercial club, who which they were taken in automobiles to the state hospital, where Superinby a state inspector of bees, if a bill tendent McNary and his staff and Cap- you offended?" tain C. A. Murphy received the visitors.

The entire forenoon was given over to conducting the legislators through foresaw was likely to become person-Reading Clerk Clarke, when the bill the institution and pointing out its further needs. As guests of Superintendent McNary the party had luncheon in the dining room of the new hospital.

Much interest was manifested by the committee from Salem in the splendid architecture and up-to-date methods in vogue at the institution. The mammoth bake ovens attracted no little attention. The two ovens will bake 1000 loaves of bread at a time, and will make five bakings at one heat. Without an exception the visiting members of the legislature expressed themselves as favorably pressed with the institution and be lieve in its rapid future growth.

Penitentiary Probe Starts.

Salem-The first steps of the investigation of the state penitentiary Turks, Carlists, and the dwellers in were undertaken Saturday. At 9 o'clock in the morning the members of the joint committee met at the prison. the Continent-well, we should be run-The first day was almost entirely taken up with an outline of the plans for the investigation. The policy to be pursued and the general scope of the investigation was thoroughly discussed at this meeting and it is doubtmittee will carry it much farther than

Salary Bill Passes, 18 to 12.

Salem-The bill fixing the salary of are to come up before them for consid- the secretary to the governor at \$3000 ate Saturday, carrying by a vote of 18 to 12. The bill provides that his salary shall be \$3000 a year and places it Salem-"There are some thin-skin- on a par with the chief clerk of the ed preachers who like to know who state treasurer and the chief clerk of

the secretary of state. It also provides that he shall have removed as a part of his duties those activities in connection with

Bills Swamp Legislature.

Salem - The house concurred in a introduction of bills by the 25th day of the session, except by a four-fifths The house vote of the members. however, will retain its previous deleft nearly \$1,000,000 to friends and angling, March 15 to April 15 and in making the rule for that branch of with a request that they might search the legislative assembly.

The Chronicles of Addington Peace By B. FLETCHER ROBINSON Consultation of The House of the Peace in his quick, bird-like way. "And what sort of a club? branch men tell me that a full half

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AMAROFF THE POLE

(Continued.)

I was just about to announce my self, when one of the men knocked far signed is that abolishing the office over a brass candlestick which stood on the desk, so that it rolled to the further side. With a grunt of annoyance, he stepped leisurely round and dropped on his knees to recover it. Once out of sight of his companions, however, he whipped out a square of wax from his pocket, and with extraordinary rapidity took an impression from a key that he had kept concealed in his hand. It was all over in five seconds, and from the shelter the desk gave to him, no one but myself could have been the wiser. He rose, replaced the candlestick, and con-

tinued his work. Whether the fellow had played his companion a trick or not, I had no not know when I shall return." desire to be caught acting the spy So, pulling the curtains aside. I walked into the room. They all turned quickly upon me, the black-bearded man staring hard as if attempting to recall my face. But Peace was the first to speak.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Phillips," he said, as if I were a visitor he had ex pected. "You are just in time to drive me back. Have you a cab waiting?"

"No." I hesitated. "It's of no consequence. We can find another at the top of the street. And now, Mr. Nicolin," he continued turning to the big man, who had never taken his eyes off me, "are you quite satisfied, or do you wish your men to

make a further search?" "No, Mr. Insbector," he answered with a heavy foreign accent, "we are quite content. Noding more is

necessary." "Shall you be wanting to come

"No-for us it is sufficient. It is for you to continue, Mr. Insbector. You tink you will catch these men who kill him, hein?" "We shall try," said Peace, with s

"Ach-but where can there be certainty in our lives? Come now, my children, let us be going. Alexandre, you have the door-key of the studio; give him to the inspector here." So it was the door-key, thought I,

memento behind the roller-top desk! Peace gave a polite good-bye to his companions on the step, locked up the little green door, and then started down the street at my side. "I had no business to come poking

my nose into your affairs," I said. 'Anything you say I shall thoroughly deserve." "Don't apologize," he smiled.

"And why?" "You can do better things than remain a wealthy dilettante, Mr. Phillips. You are too broad in the shoulders, too clear in the head, for living incidents as these-they drag you out entertained them at breakfast, after of the shell you are building about you. That is why I was pleased to see you. I have spoken plainly-are

"Oh, no," I said, waving my stick to a passing hansom, though I did not refer again to the topic which I ally offensive to me.

He sat back in his corner of the cab. filling his pipe with dextrous fingers, while I watched him out of the corner of my eye. When it was well alight, he began again on a new sub-

"London's a queer place," he said, though perhaps you have not had the time to find it out. There are foreign colonies, with their own religions and clubs and politics, working their way through life just as if they were in Odessa or Hamburg or Milan. There are refugees-Heaven knows how many, for we do not-that have fled before all the despotisms that succeeded and all the revolutions that failed from Siam to the Argentine. Tolstoi fanatics, dishonest presidents, anarchists, royalists, Armenians, Mesopotamia-a finer collection than even America itself can show. On ning them in, and they would be throwing bombs. But here no one troubles them so long as they pay rent and taxes, and keep their hands little apart in an angle of the bar. out of each other's pockets or from each other's throats. They understand us, too, and stop playing at assassins and conspirators. But once in a while habit is too strong for them. and something happens."

"As it happened to Amaroff?" "Yes-as it happened to Amaroff." "It was a political crime?"

"And the reasons?" "They have the advantage of simplicity. Amaroff was a member of the Russian secret-service, detailed to mix with and observe the Nihilist refugees. The Czar enters Paris in two days, and when the Czar travels the political police of all the capitals are kept on the run. I suppose Amaroff showed an excess of zeal that made his absence from London desirable. Anyway, he was found dead, and the Russians reasonably

"Who were those men in

studio?" "The big fellow was Nicolin, the head of the Russian service over here. don't know a better man in his profession nor one with fewer scruples. came down to the Yard this morning

e studio for certain private papers hich Amaroff had and which belongd to them. So we fixed the appointnent into which you have just walk-

"And they finished their search?" "You heard them say so." "Exactly; but why, then, did they

ant an impression of the studio He turned upon me with a sudden

mpatience in his eyes. "What do you mean?" he asked. I told him of my arrival, and what had seen from my post behind the curtains of the doorway. He did not speak when I had finished, but sat, puffing at his short pipe, and staring out over the horse's ears. So we arrived at our door.

will you call in before going to bed?" I asked him as we stood on the pavement. "I cannot promise you that. I have some important inquiries to make in

"If you have further news tonight

the East End this evening, and I do I suppose I looked depressed at his answer; indeed the prespect of a lonely evening in my rooms with such a mystery in course of solution outside, seemed oddly distasteful to me. "It is a rough district, as you know,"

care to come along? "There is nothing I should like bet-

ter," I answered simply. "Well-it's against the regulations; but they allow me some license. Be ready at nine, and I will call for you. Wear old clothes, a cap and a scarf round your neck to hide your collar. Is that understood?" "Yes," I said, and so it was settled

hetween us. We were punctual in our meeting, and trotted eastward over the roads we had covered on the previous day. When we stopped it was at a narrow rift in a wail of mean dwellings. We dismissed the cab and threaded our way down the alley, which opened out upon a miserable square. The houses that surrounded it had once been of some pretension. In a simpler age merchants had doubtless lived there. men who owned the tall ships that had lain in the river near by. But now the porticos had crumbled, the iron railings had bent and rusted, the plaster had fallen in speckled patches from the walls. In the center a few ancient trees still dragged on a disconsolate existence. It was a silent place where wheeled traffic never came. And when, through an upper window, a woman suddenly poured forth shrill abuse upon a drunken man clinging to the railings, each oath

rang loudly in the furtive silence. As we paused at the mouth of the alley, a tall man, with a drooping yel-

means, sir."

of the crowd are anarchists, and such rats as that. I think it must be so, for Nicolin and his Russians have had the place under close observation for weeks. And you know what that "Yes, I know what that means." "Amaroff was not a member, but used to drop in there from time to

"Foreign, sir. They call themselves

democrats, but our special

time. He was very thick with the man who runs the place, Greatman, as he calls himself. They tell me that Greatman sat as a model for some statue he was doing, back in July. It must have been a funny sort of statue, for Greatman's a weedy little Pole, and drinks like a fish."

For some time the inspector sat in silence, drawing circles on the floor with the point of the light cane he carried. The bartender dropped a glass, swore, and then, with a stare at us, retreated into a little cage he had at the back of his domain. Doubtless the presence of detectives was no incentive to trade in the bars of Maiden Square.

"This Greatman-what more do you

know of him?" "We have had nothing against him before; but all the same, it's his pri-

vate room that has the sanded floor. The inspector's prophecy of the previous night came back to me with a sudden remembrance: "Amaroff was murdered in a room with a sanded floor, probably at no great distance from Leman street, seeing that they carried him there in a coster's barrow." I began to understand the morbid significance of the private room

in this little foreign club. We were drawing nearer to our game; the scent was growing stronger. Addington Peace leant a little for ward, with a twist in his jaw that he said, watching me; "but would you raised a ripple of muscles under the skin.

"Continue, if you please," he said. "The room is at the rear of the club, and there is a back staircase to a yard behind, where costers store their barrows when not in use. It fits in with what you told us to inquire for, don't it, sir?"

"Yes." The inspector's stick recommenced its interlacing circles on the floor; and we sat and watched, as if thereby he were disentangling his sordid story. So still were we all that the bartender poked his luminous nose from his cage in the hope that we had gone. He withdrew it with remarks on the police force which were distinctly audible, and opposed to the complimentary. Suddenly the inspector turned to me with a motion of half-apology, as if at the neglect of a guest.

"There are times, Mr. Phillips," he said, "when evidence runs in absurd contradictions. Observe the present case, in which you are so good as to interest yourself. We have it from the Russian police that Amaroff is their man, and that in their opinion-they being well qualified to judge-he was murdered by Nihilists. We now learn that he was apparently on intimate terms with Nihilists, and we have good reason to believe that he was strangled in one of their clubs. What do you gather from that?"

"They discovered his treachery, and



low moustache, brushed by us; and | "A sound conclusion. And now let when we turned into a beer-house at us suppose that Amaroff was not a pothe corner he followed us, standing a lice spy at all; being, in fact, a dan-

There were half a dozen men and women-of the life wreckage of the great city-sitting on the benches; but his quiet smile. "And now I propose before the inspector was served with a little experiment. You must introthe drinks he ordered, they had whis- duce us to this club, Jackson; the pered one to another and melted door-keeper will know you, and pass away. As the last one slunk through us in. Afterwards you will go to the the door. Peace beckoned to the tall back entrance in the yard you spoke

man, who joined us. "Well, Jackson," he said, "you can't conceal yourself." hide your light under a bushel in Stepney, that's certain."

"I'm afraid not, sir," he grinned. "Leastways not in Maiden Square." "Well, have you found the place? Oh, that is all right," for the man had in the bleak moonlight. We crossed glanced at me with a brief suspicion. This is Mr. Phillips, who has been of much service to me in our little affair; let me introduce you to Serjeant Jackson, Mr. Phillips." I shook hands with the serjeant.

who said that he would take a glass conclude it is the Nihilists who killed of beer. "And the place?" asked Peace, when we had seated ourselves on a corner

bench out of earshot of the man behind the bar-a bottle-nosed ruffian, drop of medicine in my life, and I am who watched us furtively as he rinsed the dirty glasses. "That's the address, sir," said the

pled sheet of paper. "A club is it?" he said, glancing up dozen of your clients put together."

gerous Nihilist. What then?"

"Why set yourself such a puzzle?" "Not for amusement," he said, with of, and wait. It should be easy to

"Yes, sir. Am I to stop Greatman if he comes out?" "No. Stop nobody. We had better be going " The square lay desolate and lonely

it, and stopped at a house in the shadows of the farther side. At our knock a slide flew back, and, in the gush of light, a hairy face examined us curiously. "Vat is et?" he said.

The Retort Pertinent. "Look at me!" exclaimed the leading lawyer warmly. "I never took .

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as strong as any two of your patients put together." "Well, that's nothing," retorted the serjeant, handing his superior a crum- physician. "I never went to law in my life, and I'm as rich as any two