

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Mexico celebrated the 103d anniversary of her independence.

An American refugee is under arrest by Mexican Federal and held as a spy.

Turk and Bulgarian peace delegates have reached an agreement as to the frontier points.

Eleven inches of rain fell in two days at Mobile, Ala., flooding all the low portion of the city.

September 15 was the hottest day of the year at San Francisco, the thermometer registering 84.

Astronomers at Lick observatory declare the constellation known as the "big dipper" is slowly scattering.

Seven persons, including a police lieutenant, were badly beaten in a riot caused by striking garment workers in Philadelphia.

L. W. W.'s in convention at Chicago declared Samuel Gompers to be a "pure reactionary," and "at the head of a labor trust."

A homesteader in the North Fork district of Idaho was badly wounded by a spring gun which had been set by a neighbor for bear.

Portland judges are fining "speeders" at the rate of \$1 per mile for each mile per hour they are traveling when breaking the speed laws in that city.

Steamers reaching Dublin loaded with grain are unable to discharge their cargoes on account of a strike in progress there and food is becoming scarce.

The coroner declares that carelessness of the employees of the New Haven road caused the recent wreck in which 31 persons were killed, and says the number of violations of rules by employes "makes a sorry record."

Pendleton Round-Up starts with 30,000 visitors from all parts of the Northwest.

Mayor Gaynor of New York City dies suddenly on liner while en route to Ireland to rest.

President Huerta, of Mexico, is believed about ready to resign his office. Some think for the purpose of entering the race for president.

Harry Thaw, who was deported to New Hampshire from Canada, as an undesirable, is doubly watched because of attempts to kidnap him.

The governments of France and Haiti have signed an agreement to submit for arbitration the claims made against Haiti in 1910 by France co-jointly with the United States, Germany, Great Britain and Italy.

Canning of eggs is now feasible, and cleanliness rivaling that of hospital operating rooms is necessary for success.

Representative Anderson of Minnesota resigned from the ways and means committee because he disliked Democratic methods.

George Curry, one of the most picturesque members of the 62d Congress and ex-Governor of New Mexico, eloped to Rockville, Md., the capital of Gretta Green, and married Miss Martha Clara Gans, of Uniontown, Pa. Curry is 50 years old, while his bride gave her age as 21.

Byrd Turley, of McAlester, Okla., was acquitted by a jury before whom she had been on trial charged with the murder of Mrs. Lena Schumacher, of Kiowa.

Falcon and Hope Island, of the Friendly or Tonga group, in the South Pacific, have disappeared from view, with several hundred natives. A few white men have also disappeared.

Hindus seeking admittance to the United States through the Philippines or any other American possession will not be permitted to land unless they pass the examination under the immigration laws.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 80¢; 80½¢; bluestem, 88¢; forty-fold, 81¢; red Russian, 79½¢; valley, 80½¢. Millstuffs—\$23.50 per ton; shorts, \$25.50 per ton; middlings, \$31 per ton.

Barley—Feed, 25¢ per ton; brewing, 26.50¢; rolled, 27.25¢ per ton. Hay—Fancy Idaho timothy, \$16.00; 17; fancy Oregon timothy, \$15.00; 15; timothy and clover, \$14.00; timothy and alfalfa, \$13.14; alfalfa, \$11; clover, \$8.50; oat and vetch, \$10.11; cheat, \$10.11; Valley grain hay, \$10.11.

Onions—Oregon and Walla Walla, \$1.50 per sack. Vegetables—Beans, 3¢ per lb.; cabbage, 2¢ per lb.; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; corn, 10¢ per dozen; cucumbers, 20¢ per box; eggplants, 5¢ per lb.; head lettuce, 35¢ per doz.; peas, 5¢ per lb.; peppers, 6¢ per lb.; radishes, 10¢ per doz.; tomatoes, 50¢ per box; garlic, 10¢ per lb.; sprouts, 8¢ per lb.; artichokes, \$1 per doz. ton.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.125 per hundred; sweet potatoes, \$2.10 to \$2.15 per crate.

Green Fruit—Apples, 75¢ to \$2.25 per box; cantaloupes, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cr.; peaches, 25¢ to 30¢ per box; watermelons, \$1 per cwt.; plums, 30¢ to 50¢ per box; grapes, 50¢ to \$1.75 per crate, 22½¢ per basket; casabas, \$1.75 to \$2 per doz.

Poultry—Hens, 16¢ to 17¢; springs, 15¢; turkeys, live, 22½¢; dressed, choice, 27¢; ducks, 12½¢ to 15¢; geese, young, 12¢ to 13¢.

Eggs—Oregon fresh ranch, candled, 34¢ to 35¢ per doz. Butter—Oregon creamery butter, 34¢ per lb.; butter fat, delivered, 34¢ per lb.

Pork—Fancy, 12¢ to 12½¢ per lb. Veal—Fancy, 15¢ to 16¢ per lb. Hops—1912 contracts, 20¢ to 24¢; 1913 contracts, 22¢; 1912 crop, nominal. Mohair—1913 clip, 25¢ to 26¢ per lb. Casaca Bark—Old and new, 5¢.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.75 to \$8.10; choice, \$7.50 to \$7.75; medium, \$7.25 to \$7.50; Prime Cows, \$6.75 to \$7.00; choice \$6.50 to \$6.75; medium, \$6.25 to \$6.50; Heifers, \$6.25 to \$6.75; Light calves, \$5.00 to \$5.50; heavy calves, \$4.75 to \$5.25. Bulls, \$4.00 to \$5.50; Stags, \$5.75 to \$6.25. Hogs—Light, \$8.75 to \$8.85; heavy, \$7.50 to \$8.85.

Sheep—Wethers, \$3.50 to \$4.25; Ewes, \$3.00 to \$3.85; lambs, \$4.00 to \$5.25.

GENERAL OTIS GETS BOMB

Attempt Made On Life Of Los Angeles Times Publisher.

Los Angeles—For the second time within three years a bomb Wednesday placed in jeopardy the life of General Harrison Gray Otis, owner of the Los Angeles Times building, which was destroyed by dynamite October 10, 1910. That he was not blown to pieces was probably due to the watchful eye of his Japanese servant, who received from the postman an infernal machine mailed in this city, and called his employer's attention to it.

The first infernal machine directed at the life of General Otis was found at his residence a few hours after his newspaper plant had been destroyed through the efforts of the McNamara conspirators.

The attempt on his life Wednesday was attributed by the general to agencies friendly to those for and whose conspiracy eventuated in the destruction of his newspaper plant and the killing of 20 men three years ago. But the police and postal authorities believed something might be developed from the theory that the Mexican question had an impelling part in it.

General Otis is heavily interested in land in the Mexican territory of Lower California, where two years ago Industrial Workers of the World joined in a "direct action" element of Mexican in an effort to establish a socialist commonwealth.

A few weeks ago there was another outbreak caused, according to report, by the employment of Chinese in the places of Mexican laborers by ranchers in Lower California, but General Otis was not at the time that none were employed by him.

LANE MUST BE KEPT QUIET

"Any Little Indiscretion" May Be Serious For Secretary.

Berkeley, Cal.—The condition of Secretary of the Interior Lane was such Wednesday that his physicians saw fit to order his removal from the sick bed to the home of Dr. Frederic Lane, where he has been cared for since his collapse in Oakland September 9, to a quieter portion of the city.

He was taken to the home of Assistant Secretary of the Interior Miller, who is a resident here. The Miller home, in North Berkeley, is remote from traffic noises of the business district.

Secretary Lane's physicians said that the doctor in the Miller home, for a period of at least two weeks is essential to warrant his recovery. He will be permitted to receive only members of his family and intimate friends and may not discuss any of the matters pertaining to his public duties.

"Any little indiscretion may bring about serious complications," one of the doctors said.

BIG LINES RUSHING VESSELS

Plans for Using Panama Canal Are Rapidly Being Realized.

New York—In anticipation of the opening of the Panama Canal, the first-class passenger and freight steamers from Europe to the Pacific Coast via the canal.

The Royal Mail, North German Lloyd and the Hamburg-American—have announced their intention of operating the first-class passenger and freight steamers from Europe to the Pacific Coast via the canal.

In addition to inaugurating direct service from Southampton to the Pacific Coast by way of the West Indies and the Panama Canal, the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company has given orders for construction of five 20,000-ton fast passenger and freight steamers for service between New York and ports in Chile and Peru via the canal.

The Austrian Lloyd will send passenger and freight vessels from Mediterranean points to the west coast of South America by the new sea route. It has completed arrangements with the Chilean government and is building four new steamers for the proposed service.

Expert Figures Given.

New York—The arbitrators will decide the wage dispute of the eastern railroads and the trainmen received statistics Tuesday indicating that the roads have increased the size and capacity of freight cars without increasing the cost of operation.

The wages of Dr. J. W. R. of Pennsylvania. The employes will use his figures to argue that either train crews should have been increased or wages raised. Dr. W. admitted that he had no practical experience in railroad work and that his testimony was based wholly upon statistics in which he claimed to be an expert.

San Francisco Is Hot

San Francisco—Wednesday was the hottest day ever known in San Francisco, the thermometer climbing to 105½ in the shade at 2 o'clock in Union Square, four and a half degrees above the highest previous mark, scored in 1904.

By night the usual cool sea breezes were blowing again. The city had no wind from the ocean, hence the heat was the same as in the interior valleys. Being without humidity, the heat caused no suffering among workers. Reports showed temperatures in San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys ranging from 105 to 110 degrees.

France Is Storm-Swept.

Paris—Thunder storms of exceptional violence have swept over France, doing great damage. A hundred of cellars were flooded and hundreds of cellars were ruined or washed into the sea.

All traffic in the city was suspended for a time. A boat containing a fishing party of six was capsized in the harbor and five persons were drowned.

At St. Germain, in the department of Ardeche, and other places, houses were struck by lightning, with some loss of life.

White Ribboners Score Hoppeckers.

Portland—Denouncing all Christians and W. C. T. U. workers who pick hops or work in the hop fields as untrue to the right standard, the delegates of the Multnomah County Women's Christian Temperance Union at their annual convention, unanimously adopted a resolution denouncing the industry and those who aid its progress.

The resolution was made from hops is the reason for the denunciation by women wearers of the white ribbon.

Byran Warns Against Alcohol.

Staunton, Va.—Secretary Bryan delivered a lecture Wednesday at the birthplace of President Wilson in which he lauded the chief executive. The chalet was crowded.

The secretary warned young men against alcohol, declared the world was steadily growing in morality, and touched on state politics.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

General News of the Industrial and Educational Development and Progress of Rural Communities, Public Institutions, Etc.

JACKSON COUNTY VOTES BONDS

Issue of \$500,000 Carries By Good Majority.

Medford.—With 29 out of 33 precincts heard from the \$500,000 Jackson county good road bonds passed in Wednesday's election by a majority of 2155 votes.

As the precincts still to hear from have a total registration of only 400 votes the result of the election is assured and Medford citizens are celebrating what they consider a well-earned victory.

Not only have Medford citizens been conducting a whirlwind campaign for two weeks in favor of the bonds, but they gave 1866 votes for the bonds and only 154 against, a majority in favor of the bonds of 1642. Ashland voted for the bonds with 359 majority and the only precincts in 30 to go against the bonds were outlying ones, which would not be benefited by the proposed highway. These precincts were Ruch, Applegate, Sterling and Trail with a total of 52 for the bonds and 105 against.

County Judge Touville announced that he already had a customer for the first set bonds, which will be rushed on the 6 per cent grade over the Siskiyou at once so that the foundation can be settled in time for construction work next spring.

PEAR EXHIBIT IS FEATURED.

Circuit of State and County Fairs Opens at Medford.

Medford.—The circuit of state and county fairs was opened in Medford Wednesday with horse races, the largest exhibits of fruit and livestock ever shown, and some bucking contests which the fair managers declare will rival those at the Pendleton Round-Up. Wild caudses from Klamath county have been imported, and Nero, the bucking bull, which created such a sensation at the Klamath work week, will also perform. A \$10 prize will be given anyone who can keep on Nero for 10 seconds or more, and local cow punchers are preparing to take in some easy money.

A specialty is made this year of the pear exhibit, which induced the managers to change the name of the association to the Jackson County Fair and Pear show. It is hoped to make this an increasingly important feature in the future.

Several new exhibit buildings have been constructed this year, the grandstand enlarged and a restroom provided for women and babies. Owing to the killing of the cat, the auto races July 4, the auto races of the original programme have been abandoned.

Over \$2000 is offered in prizes and with the co-operation of the weather man a successful fair is anticipated.

BOND ISSUE IS ENJOINED.

Astoria Commission Sued on Basis of Unconstitutionality.

Astoria.—Judge Eakin of the Circuit Court has granted a temporary injunction restraining the sanitary and reclamation commission of the city of Astoria from issuing and selling \$300,000 in bonds under its resolution adopted on August 20, pending the hearing of the case at issue and the further order of the court. The commission is also restrained from levying any tax on the property in the city to pay the principal or interest on the bonds.

The injunction was allowed in the suit brought by G. C. Flavel against the commission and its individual members. The complaint attacks the constitutionality of the charter amendment which created the defendant commission, and alleges that it was never legally adopted.

OREGON MERCHANTS WARNED.

Deputy Sealer Fears Storekeepers May Be Debaudled.

Salem.—Having been informed that deputy sealers of weights and measures in Washington state have been impersonated by persons asking exorbitant prices for testing scales and measures, F. Donahue, deputy state sealer of weights and measures, has issued a warning to merchants to allow no one to do the work unless he can prove that he is authorized to do so by the department.

It is believed that a band of men, thought to be operating in Washington, will come to Oregon, and the deputy sealer of weights and measures wants all dealers using weights and measures to be on their guard. Under the Oregon law only a state deputy can test a weight or measure, and he cannot charge fees.

Corn Acreage Extensive

Ashland.—A survey of the corn fields of the valley, incident to the work of preparing exhibits for the Eastern land show, reveals the fact that there are at least 5000 acres this year devoted to the cultivation of this crop.

The territory in question extends from Ashland to Grants Pass, and has been carefully gone over by experts, some of whom are eastern and central western men from agricultural centers who wish to post themselves regarding the possibilities of farming operations in general throughout this section.

Millmen Discuss Trade.

Salem.—At a meeting recently of Willamette valley division of the West Coast Lumber company, 24 mills of the valley were represented, and various subjects of interest to lumbermen were discussed. The advisability of holding expositions showing Oregon's forest products in New York and other cities was considered, but no action was taken. Several lumbermen favored curtailing the outputs of the mills in order that better prices might be obtained. The meeting was presided over by George Gerlinger, of Dallas, one of the vice-presidents.

Artesian Water Found at 82 Feet.

La Grande.—Artesian wells are frequent in Oregon, but one well that lifts its water to a height of five feet above the earth's surface has been struck at the William Sparks place near Summerville, that is only 82 feet deep. The flow of water is good and the quality excellent.

NEW WATER LAW IS AIM

Measure to Deal With Interstate Problems Urged By Committee.

Salem.—A special committee of engineers to prepare a national water law, dealing with interstate and navigable streams, and covering all uses of water, has just been appointed by the board of direction of the American Society of Civil Engineers, according to a letter received by State Engineer Lewis from Charles Warren Hunt, secretary of the society.

The committee is made up of fellows: George G. Anderson, Denver, Col.; Charles W. Comstock, Denver, Col.; H. S. Ferguson, New York City; Clemens Herschel, New York City; Robert E. Horton, Albany, N. Y.; John H. Lewis, Salem, Or.; Charles D. Marx, Stanford University, Cal.; F. H. Newell, Washington, D. C.; and Gardner S. Williams, Ann Arbor, Mich. George F. Swain, president of the society, was authorized to designate the chairman of this committee.

The August proceedings of this society, just issued, shows that favorably taken upon a motion authorizing the appointment of such a committee, which was presented by State Engineer Lewis of Oregon, at the society meeting, May 7.

This action is believed to be the direct result of a report by State and National Water Laws, prepared by State Engineer Lewis before the annual convention of this society, held in Seattle last year, and a more detailed statement, occupying 40 pages in the monthly proceedings of the society for September, 1912. This paper has been discussed by 14 members in subsequent issues of the proceedings, and the full paper with discussions, has recently been printed in pamphlet form by the society. It contains 122 pages.

The Dalles water power project and the Snake and Klamath River complications were cited, among others, as reasons why an interstate water board should be created to deal with power to handle those water matters which are beyond the jurisdiction of the state water boards.

The divided control in water matters between the states and nations was urged as a reason why some further legislation was necessary in order to eliminate the present twilight zone of uncertainty.

To promote immediate development, co-operation between the states and the nation was offered as the most logical policy to pursue for bringing about this result.

BOOK COMPANY CONCEDES

Move of Superintendent Churchill to Wipe Out Discrimination.

Salem.—Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill's fine detective acumen saved the school children of the state \$50,000, when the A. N. Palmen company, which has a contract to furnish school books, has conceded the "Method of Business Writing," telegraphed him that the book would be sold to the children in this state for 16 cents, the same as in Chicago.

The original price asked by the company was 25 cents. Mr. Churchill estimates that at least 80,000 children will use the book annually for the next six years.

When the school superintendent learned that the price of the book entitled "Palmer's Writing Lessons for Primary Grades" for 5 cents less than was being asked for it here he telegraphed a protest and the price was reduced from 25 to 15 cents. Then it occurred to him that the price asked for the other book might be excessive, and he telegraphed Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of the schools of Chicago, what the price was there, and the answer, 16 cents. Mr. Churchill then made a demand upon the company.

PRUNE DRYING WILL BEGIN

Eugene Fruit Association Expects to Handle 40 Cars Dried Product.

Eugene.—Drying of prunes began at the Eugene Fruitgrowers' Association cannery on Monday, and 2400 tons of green fruit are being dried. The fruit is of good quality this year and none but the highest grade of fruit will be taken at the drier.

The season's run on prunes, which have been coming in at the rate of 20,000 pounds a day for the past two weeks. A total of at least 250,000 pounds will be reached before the end of the week.

The original price asked for the prunes and dried prunes that will virtually take up all of the crop and will net the growers of these two fruits approximately \$125,000. A car of mixed fruit was shipped to Butte, Mont., where enter the season another carload had gone.

Pupils to Hold Contest.

Crosswell.—Greater interest than ever before is being displayed in the school and grange fair which is to be held here Friday and Saturday of next week. The grange is planning that its display here will be preliminary to the county fair at Eugene the following week.

A programme of addresses on subjects appropriate to the occasion has been arranged, and President Campbell, of the state university, and M. J. Duryea, manager of the Eugene Commercial Club, will be among the speakers. The Crosswell band has been engaged to furnish the music.

Dundee Hop Yield Light.

Dundee.—Hopping in the small yards in this vicinity is practically finished. The quality is much better than last year, but the yield is only about two per cent of last year's crop.

The weather has been ideal for the past week and picking in the larger yards has been in full blast.

John P. Rauzac, C. F. Veager and A. J. Ray & Sons have about ten days of two weeks picking yet.

Mold is beginning to appear in yards that have heavy foliage, and much damage would result from rain at this time.

Gresham Fair Is Opened.

Gresham.—The seventh annual fair of Multnomah County at Gresham opened Monday and continued through the week. In stock, horses, cattle and poultry the directors and superintendents have been severely taxed to take care of entries. New stock quarters were built, but these were found inadequate.



THE ISOLATED CONTINENT

A ROMANCE OF THE FUTURE

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SYNOPSIS.

For fifty years the continent of North America had been isolated from the rest of the world by the ice of 2-129, a wonderful invention of Hannibal Prudent. The invention had saved the country from foreign invasion, and the continent had been united under one government under the leadership of Prudent, a century peace and prosperity reigned in the land of Clynith, but dies before he can tell the location of the place. Astra is nominated for the presidency by the continental party. Napoleon Edison calls on Astra, informs her that he was a pupil of Prudent's, and promises to help her. He gives her a ring made of a newly discovered substance which, he says, will solve the problem of finding the location of Prudent's secret. He calls on her to prepare for the coming of the secret of making gold. He demands in return absolute disarmament and peace. The chivalier is suspected of being an American. He is seized at night and carried off in an aeroplane. Astra is informed that the chivalier is in the hands of Heloland and has just escaped. He announces that the continental party is to call on her the following night. Napoleon Edison promises to help her in her quest for the secret. She falls in love with him.

CHAPTER VIII.—Continued.

He elevated his arm. After a few twirls and twistings of the instrument a click was heard and then came the whizzing sound of a bullet.

"Now watch right above us."

Five minutes later, at an immense height, a flash occurred. Directly over the flash a bright light began to descend, slowly; then, after several minutes, an explosion followed that put an end to the dropping spiral of fire and above them a small white cloud puff slowly fell downward.

"That was a beauty!" commented Captain Euler.

"Have you any more?" inquired the countess.

"I am sorry, madam, but this is the last for tonight," answered Chevalier de Leon, with eyes turned steadily toward the southeast. They all sat down, and Captain Euler and the countess started a conversation in which the chivalier refused to take part; he was watching the sky and the stars. It was much later than usual when he returned to his gift case, but he was satisfied at last; he had seen a star that winked at him familiarly.

The next day the countess asked if they were to have fireworks again, but the chivalier thought it would lose its charm if they had the displays too often. He retired to his room that evening, complaining of a slight headache.

"Shall I call the post doctor?" asked Captain Euler, but the chivalier declined.

When in his sleeping-room he looked over the contents of his small baggage and selected a number of articles that he packed into one bundle. Then he left the room.

The reading-room was the one that was connected with the outer world by the stairway that ran to the roof. The chivalier stepped quickly to the door leading to the corridor and listened; he could hear the sentry walking up and down. He saw with satisfaction that the door could be locked on the inside with key and bolts; then he examined the door that led to the roof. It was a heavy door, that could be locked only from the inside. He silently crept up the stairs and peered into the inclosure; under one of the plants, in the shade, was the countess reading. There were a number of heavy objects with which the door could be barricaded.

He quietly descended, without being seen by the countess, and inspected her room. Apparently finding everything to his satisfaction, he picked up a book from the table and joined the countess.

"Are you feeling better, my dear chivalier?"

"I thank you, countess, yes. And how are you? Does not this imprisonment tell on your nerves?"

She sighed. "Chevalier, I think it does. If I were in a dark dungeon it could hurt me more; but a prison is a prison, and gilt bars are hateful."

"Why are you here?"

She smiled sadly. "You ask me why I am here as if you did not know my mission."

"Your mission—then you are not a prisoner?"

"I am a prisoner just as long as you are one, chevalier. My fate binds me to you. Why should I hesitate to tell you?" She looked around, and then in a whisper she continued: "I am in the service of the international police, chevalier, and I was sent to you to get your secret." Great tears rolled down her cheeks. "Chevalier, please don't interrupt me; I want you to know all. The chancellor wants to know your mission in Europe, from where you come and the secret of gold." She was now openly sobbing.

Neither spoke for some time; at last the chivalier turned to the countess: "It is just possible that I am making the greatest mistake of my life, but—what is the difference—you have been frank with me, and I will be frank with you."

She lifted her face quickly.

The chivalier thought for a second. "Would you like to get rid of all that belongs to the past? Would you come with me?"

She looked at him with such unutterable longing that he felt irresolutely draw toward her; he actually started toward the fascinating woman with arms extended. Then his saner

weary after your long trip." She led him to a chair and took a seat opposite. "There has not been a day, since your visit here, that I have not longed for some news from you. And you, all the time, were in prison."

Edison said: "I crossed the isolator in my aerodrome, ascending thousands of feet to get over. My assistants, engineer, Santos Duprel, was with me; we landed on the deserted Zugspitze, in Germany. I alone descended on skills to Partenkirches, where I purchased European clothes. Duprel and I were in constant communication with each other until my imprisonment, which came so quickly that I had no chance to advise him. I had the honor, before I was confined, to meet his majesty, the Emperor of Germany, the Prince of Wales and, above all, the Count von Werdenstein, who is the real ruler of Europe."

"Are you planning for our defense formulated?" Astra asked.

"I will, with your permission, tell them in a more detailed manner at the workshop. I hope you will accompany me there as soon as you can."

"I am ready to go at any time; only you know I cannot leave the capital for a long period. Besides, I must lay a decided plan of action before the continental congress meets, day after tomorrow. Where is your plant?"

He looked at her in surprise, but all he could see in her face was frank expectation, and in a measured voice he said:

"On the island of Clynith."

"Clynith?" whispered Astra.

"At last you have spoken the word!" said Napoleon eagerly. "The word I have been expecting to hear you say."

Astra looked at Napoleon questioning; evidently there was something back of this that