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THE COLUMBIA REGISTER

**Busy Readers**.

Not Less Interesting Events

of the Past Week.

The reported resignation of Kuropat-kin is denied by St. Petersburg officials,

The assassin of the procurator of

The ocean steamer Damars has been

Governor Folk, of Missouri, recom-

mends additional appropriation for the

St. Petersburg workmen threaten to

The National Editorial association,

Rapid fire guns mounted on automo-

A blizzard is raging over Northern

and Eastern Texas and rain and sleet

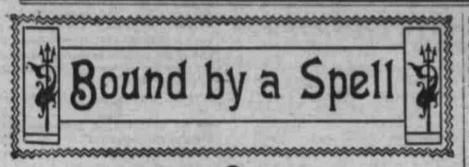
falling in many sections of Southern

Texas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

impossible.

to work.

medical student.



swiftly onward.

CHAPTER VIII. Judith was quite right: although her scended to the garden by means of the words filled me with fear, they could pear tree. Vividly did my frightful not destroy, or even weaken, the fasci- dream come back upon me at that mo nation she exercised over me. Our mar- ment, and I almost expected to see the riage day was fixed. How distinctly I red suake with his glittering eyes writhremember every aspect and event of that ing round some leafy branch. But I The ceremony was, of course, to reached the ground in safety, without elebrated at Little Bethinhem by encountering any object, fanciful or real. be celebrated at Little Bethlahem by the bride's father. All the principal members of the congregation were to be of the party, and the Rev. Obadiah Porter provided the entertninment with no. niggardly hand.

VOL. I.

When I entered the parlor I found it full of people. Of these two solemnlooking young men, whom I had often I cast one farewell glance upon the only seen at chapel, represented the grooms home I had ever known and wall ed men; and two remarkably sour-looking girls, daughters of Mrs. Humphries, the bridssmalds.

Two or three dark-looking cabs were at the gate, and when all was ready we sollied forth. Martha was standing in the hall, holding the house door in her hand. I had never exchanged a word with her since that night when she waylaid me upon the landing; indeed, had never seen her, except when she walted at meal times. How sorrowfully she deserted-not a soul was in sight. looked at me that morning! As I passed out into the garden with Miss Hum-Martha. I had carefully preserved her note. I knew she would give me a shelphries upon my arm, she threw an old shoe after me. The young lady was ter until I could obtain some kind of astounded, and I heard her master pause for a moment to rebuke her for such a town I would sell the bundle of clothes, "heathenish" act, as he was pleased to. and the money would provide me with style It.

Although in the height of summer, it was a most miserable morning. From edge to edge of the horizon, the sky was one of uniform leaden hue; there was a fine, soaking rain, that blurred and blot. I would follow in her steps, ted to the eye every more distant object; the saturated trees kept up a constant drip, drip; the calyx of every flower was a miniature lake; and ou the point of every leaf and blade of grass quivered globules of water. Large pools lay in the graveled path, and the earth was soddened

buried in sleep. I walked slowly on The little chapel was chill and gloomy as a vault, and the damp atmosphere will I came to a little swing gate, which

tory, filled with the most brilliant cel-ored plants. The rays of the morning NEWS OF THE WEEK sun were shanting brightly across the scene, and imparting to it the most joyously cheerful air. "How different to the house I have

just left!" I thought. "Pretty place, isu't it?" said the old gentleman.

"Sweetly pretty," I murmured. He led the way into a little low roofed room, darkened by the overland ing blossoms that hung thickly over the latticed window. It was comfortably indeed, handsomely, furnished. The table was laid for breakfast. A second cu by them, opened their window and deand saucer and plate were soon produced by a kind-looking, middle-aged woman, and I was soon sitting before a substantial meal of eggs and bacon, and cold beef, to be washed down by plenty of strong coffer. Never had food been so grateful to me before, and I certainly lid ample justice to it. I could per-eive that my host every now and then ast a curious glance at me, as though presented something of a puzzle to him.

> idea into my head; and you look so serious for a lad of your years. I have it! and many lives lost. You're a school usher." I confessed that his last guess was

ately. "It must be a hard life, and a badly paid one; and I suppose you've renew the strike unless those engaged left your place? Where are you going in the previous strike are taken back

employment. When I reached the next June, will visit the Portland fair after its session is closed. He must have thought me very close and churlish, to be so sparing of my an food and lodging on the way. I had no swers after his kindness; but the fact is, conception of the road, but I resolved that I was undecided at the moment whether I should make a clean breast of I had seen her disappear. She said that all my troubles to him; he seemed so she understood that to be the right one.

questione my steps began to flag. I looked round

getting there. I have a suit of clothes suffering and in many cases totally desoon as I come to a town," I faltered.

The strike has spread to Transcau-The old geutleman paused, and looked casia. very hard at me-seemed, for a moment,

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

READY Wednesday, February 1. Clark (Mont.,) Dillingham and Teller today continued the discussion of the joint statehood bill. Proctor reported the agricultural appropriation bill and Grand Dukes Admit Inability to In a Condensed Form for Our it considered. Bills were passed grant-ing certain lands to the Oklahoma Agricultural college; amending the land laws so as to permit settlers on public lands to make transfers for public uses TOO MUCH TROUBLE AT HOME **BAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS** before completing title; amending ex-isting laws so as to require captains of passenger vessels to supply information regarding the age and sex of immi-A Resume of the Less Important but grants.

The postoffice appropriation bill oc-cupied the house the major portion of today. With, an understanding that the discussion of the question should be continued tomorrow, the bill was laid aside and other matters taken up. The conference report on the fortifica-Huge ice floes fill New York harbor, tions bill was adopted. The bill carmaking navigation difficult and almost ries \$6,747,893.

### Thursday, February 2.

Finland has been captured. He is a The postoffice appropriation bill was the main topic of discussion in the house today and its consideration was wrecked off the coast of Nova Scotia not completed. During the day bills were passed as follows: Amending the law so as to reduce the amount of bond required of agents acting for consignees on imported goods; providing for the construction of irrigation and reclamation works in certain lakes and renew the strike unless those engaged rivers in Oregon and California; granting certain lands within the Flathead the Hun river. Indian reservation, Montana, to certain Catholic societies for religious purwhich meets in Guthrie, Okla., in poses

The senate spent much of today discussing the distribution of ordinary farm and garden seeds by the Agricultural department. When adjournment bile cars are to be used by the Russians was taken consideration of the bill had for the protection of the Trans-Siberian not been completed. A further con-railroad. Six of these cars have been ference was ordered on the fortifications appropriation bill.

#### Friday, February 3.

The house today passed the postoffice appropriation bill, carrying \$180,787,415.

In the senate today Judge Swayne made formal response to the articles of Portland Wreck Causes One Death impeachment against him. The answer was a formidable document in oint of size. In every car was admitted, but explained from them fatally, by the wrecking of a car udge Swayne's point of view, they of the Portland Consolidated railway Another Russian squadron is to sail were not of a character to justify proceedings for impeachment. The senate issued an order requiring the house to file its reply by next Monday, and di-rected that all pleadings shall be in by German mine owners have rejected. February 9, that the trial may proceed Heavy rains in Southern California on February 10. The senate sitting as a court, then adjourned and resumed legislative consideration of the joint statehood bill. That topic occupied the rest of the day. All the smaller harbors of the New

With Nation in Rebellion Reserves

Cope with Japan.

NO. 42.

Cannot Be Sent to Cope with Those Sent by Japan.

London, Feb. 7. - The highest authority is claimed by the St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Dail Chronicle for the statement that the grand ducal party has suddenly decided that Russia must sue for peace.

The correspondent states that the grand dukes and their supporters have held frequent conferences of late at which they discussed the Far Eastern war and came to the conclusion that the country could not afford to continue the war under the present conditions. The immediate cause for this change of mind on the part of the very men who have right along stood in the way of peace is said to have been the recent disaster to the Russian arms on

Coupled with the news of this defeat has come to the grand dukes the realization that they cannot compete with Japan's ability to throw army after army into Manchuria, especially in view of the internal situation, which may render further mobilization of reservist troops almost impossible.

The correspondent states that, ac-cordingly, the Russian embassy at Paris has been asked to gain the good will of Great Britain with a view to mitigating the terms which Japan is likely to impose.

STREET CAR OVERTURNS,

and Thirty-one Injuries.

Portland, Feb. 7. - One man was killed and 31 persons injured, some of company on the Montavilla line, at the corner of East Twenty-eighth and East Glisan streets, at 7:20 o'clock yesterday morning. The accident occurred on a sharp curve at the base of a steep incline. The car's momentum was so great that it was unable to make the turn and was overturned. There were 66 passengers on the car at the time of the accident, the majority being business men and employes on their way to work in the heart of the city. It is a question whether the motorman lost control of the car or whether he did not use the usual precautions until it was too late. Five blocks from the scene of the accident the car was running at a speed greatly in excess of tural appropriation bill relating to for- the rate specified in the city ordinances governing street car traffic. One passenger, who stood on the front platform ern the speed of the car until it was appropriation. A number of minor almost rounding the curve. The street set as shown by the fact that the wheels. were worn smooth by sliding.

In less than three minutes more I was in the high road, a vagabond, a homeless suicast, but a free man. All my worldly possessions were the suit of clothes I vore, and my wedding suit and a change "Now, if I might be permitted to have ard a guess, I should fancy you were something in the parson line," he said, of linen that I carried tied up in a tundle. It was a bright moonlight night. leaning back in his chair. I disclaimed the honor. "Well, it was the long hair and the I made towards Bury. I passed Litpucer-looking black clothes that put that tle Bothlehem, and thought, with a shudder, of my marriage day. Then I entered the town, and took the street that led me past the old Abbey ruins. I had nover seen them since that October night. I stopped at the old Norman gatecorrect. "Ah, poor fellow! No wonder you Lewis and Clark exposition. way, and peered into its shadows, almost expecting to encounter the sweet, pale face again. But all was silent and

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"I am going to the city." "You've friends there, I suppose?" "I have one, sir, who I think will help

kindly hearted that I felt sure he would ordered in Chicago. pity me. But the natural reticence of my disposition, rather than any feeling of mistrust, prevented me.

Unused to violent exercise, and exhaust-"But you're not going to walk?" he ed for want of food, for a had eaten nothing since dinner time the day before.

Thousands of cattle are reported to be Yes, sir. I have no other means of in this bundle, that I intend to sell as void of water.

ers are blocked with ice floes.

clung upon every object, dimming the windows, and half-veiling the cold, gray light that struggled through them.

"Not a pleasant day for a marriage," remarked Miss Humphries, solemaly; it was the first remark she had addressed to me.

"More fitting for a funeral," I answered drearily.

She looked at me rather strangely, and it certainly must have sounded a somewhat strange remark in the mouth of a bridegroom.

The ceremony, according to the tenets of these people, commenced; and as I took her hand, I looked at Judith for the first time that morning. She seemed unconscious of my glance. Her face was deathly pale, and very rigid, like one who had nerved herself to a terrible and repulsive task, as indeed she had. The touch of my hand awoke her from her reverie. She shuddered; but I thought there was less of hardness and scorn in her manner, as well I might, for her tears were falling fast.

Mr. Porter also was not quite himself; he seemed agitated and nervous. To my morbid fancy his prayers sounded like a service for the dead. At last. It was all over. The whole party was gathered near the door preparatory to leaving. Judith and her father had gone into a little room that stood near the entrance, where she had left her wrappings. I was the last. Moodily I was fo"owing the rest, when my eyes happened to fall upon a small glittering object. It was a golden locket. In picking it up my finger pressed the spring and opened it. What a thrill ran through me! It contained the portrait of a girl of about 14. It was the face of the child I had met in the Norman gateway!

Who had dropped it, or how had it come here? Puting it into my pocket, I resolved to carefully note any person who should appear to or speak of having lost anything.

The cabs conveyed us home again, and the dinner was waiting. Towards evening the company dispersed, but no person spoke of a loss, and the mystery of the locket remained an inscrutable mystery. I would not make any inquiries for the owner, as I had resolved not to part with it. I hugged it es a treasure: and, somehow, amidst the misery of that day, it fell upon my heart like a gleam of hope.

While waiting at table Martha contrived to slip, a piece of paper into my hend. My fingers instinctively grasped it. Our visitors had gone. Judith had retired to her room to change her dress, and Mr. Porter was in his storeroom. I seized the opportunity to examine the paper. It was a note, but written in a scrawl almost illegible. It ran thus:

"This is my last day here. I leave to-morrow. Always to be heard of at No. 3 Rackstraw's building, Camden Town. Take care of yourself. God MARTHA." bless you. So I was deprived of my only friend. I was now utterly alone in the lion's

den. A new feeling of fear and desolation fell upon my heart.

## CHAPTER IX.

I could endure it no longer, and so I fied. One month after my wedding night I left that roof forever. Upon what passed during that month my lips are sealed. To no living being shall I ever reveal the story of my sufferings during those thirty-one days.

On the night of the Blat of August, I crept out of my chamber, ascended to perfume. The garden was beautifully the boys' room and, unseen and unheard laid out in flower beds; on one side was

looking building, emboased in trees. Here, I thought, is a quiet spot where I can rest a little while. I opened the gate, and passed through.

Whither was I going? I was going to

that I would take the one down which

The day was just dawning when I

came upon a large, old-fashioned village.

some place to rest; there was no righ

of life in any of the houses-all scemed

It was a pretty, quiet spot. I could not have found a better for an hour's rest. There was a heavy dew upon the long grass, so I stretched myself upon a high, flat tombstone, and placed my bundle beneath my head. I was very weary,

and in spite of the cold air of the dawn, that made me shiver, I fell fast asleep, with the twittering of the waking birds sounding in my ears.

When I swoke the sun was shining brightly, and the birds were in full song. For a moment I could not comprehend my position. I sat up and looked round. but my doubts were only of a second. Then I knelt down against my stone bed and offered up a thanksgiving for my deliverance, and a fervent prayer for my future safety.

When I rose from my knees I became conscious that I was not alone. Seated upon a tomb a little distance from me. and attentively watching me, was an old gentleman dressed like a respectable farmer.

"Good morning, young man," he said, in a cheery voice; "you've had rather a cold bed, I'm thinking. 1 suppose you've been traveling all night?"

"Yes, sir," I answered. "From Bury." "Why, that isn't more than ten miles! You should have had a little more sleep in your bed, my lad, and have started about this time. Enough to give you your death of cold to lie out here and go to sleep in the dew. You don't look very strong, either. Wherever you're going, you won't get on now till you've had a bit of breakfast."

I colored up at the mention of breakfast. I had not a farthing of money. and until I could dispose of the contents of my bundle, I could not procure a mouthful. I thanked him, took up my bundle, wished him good morning and turned to go.

"Stop, stop! come here a minute." he called out.

I advanced a few steps nearer to him. He scrutinized me more carefully than ever, with the expression of a man who was about to make a proposition of doubtful prudence.

"Here, here! you shall come and breakfast with me," he said, after a minute's pause. "I like the look of you, and I don't think you're a tramp.'

I thanked him very much for his kindness, which, under the circumstances, 1 certainly had not strength of mind enough to decline. We left the churchyard and proceeded down a lovely green lane canopied with trees.

"I always rise at five," said the old gentleman, as, we walked along; "and, unless it is very bad weather, take a walk as far as the churchyard. It's been my custom for many years, and, I suppose, will continue to be so until some morning I am carried there, never to come back again. Nothing like exercise, however, and the early morning air, to delay that litle event; but not sleep-ing on tombstones," he added, with a laugh.

After about ten minutes' walk we stopped before a dor in a high garden wall, which my conductor opened with a key, and facing us at the end of a garden path was the prettiest cottage I had ever seen, very old-fashioned, and entirely covered with roses and woodbines, that loaded the whole air with delicions

Anger is a short madness.

revolve an idea-and then The reign of terror continues in "Leave the clothes with me. I don't Poland. want to look at them. I will lend you five dollars. That will take you to your for the Far East in May.

friend, and leave some money to boot in your pocket. Any time you bring me or send me the money you shall have overtures from the strikers. your clothes back again. A mile and a half from here is the railway station. In half an hour a train will stop there. have washed out railway tracks. You will be able to catch that comfortably. I will walk a little distance with A n agreement has been made for a

you, and put you in the right path. Stop parcels post and quick mail service a minute, and I'll bring you the money. with Britain and France. Without waiting to listen to my fervent thanks, he left the room. Never England coast are frozen over and oth-

in my life had I felt so light-hearted and hopeful. I rose from the chair to take the

clothes out of the handkerchief and smooth them, as they must have been somewhat crumpled by doing service as a pillow: also to take out the change of linen which I could not do without. In doing so, my eyes fell upon a portrait, unknown emissary of the terrorists. hung in a dark corner of the room. It was that of a woman, with bright auburn hair, transparently fair completion. blue eyes, a very beautiful, pensive face, ed for the entire section east of the

with something in it that came back Rocky mountains. upon me like a memory. It seemed to me that I had seen that face somewhere. While I stood trying to remember, the to one of the best Oriental posts on acold gentleman re-entered the room.

"Ah, you're looking at my poor girl's portrait," he said, in a sad voice.

'Your daughter's, sir?"

"Yes-my only one.

"Is she still living?" I asked, some-

what hesitatingly. "She has been dead these eighteen years," he answered, sorrowfully.

"I must be mistaken; I was only an infant in arms at that time," I thought, in the middle states, He gave me the money, but would not listen to my thanks.

"Tut, tut!" he said; "that's nothing. I'd give you more, if I really knew you were all right; but I have been so often taken in that I'm doubtful of everybody now. But I like your looks; but I've liked others that have been the property of great vagabonds."

# (To be continued.)

The New Dispensation. On the staff of one of the important

theological seminaries in Canada is a professor who happily illustrates the phrase, "A gentleman, a scholar and a Christian." He is blessed with many children whose education is a matter of affectionate concern to him.

The youngest, a bright little girl just beginning to be interested in Bible study, went to him one day with a number of perplexing questions as to the way in which the Cnosen People dealt with their enemies. Her tender into Germany. The entire working trouble in most of the industrial cen-little heart shrank at what seemed to population of Poland is on strike. The consul at Riga reports that be such awful cruelty.

Rather than attempt to answer her directly, her father led her into the serener atmosphere of the New Testacanned goods. ment with its teaching that one should love their enemies, and so forth.

The child listened intently; but evidently some big thought was stirring that the clerks cannot count it as fast her brain. At last it found utterance. as it arrives, and some banks have to With a huge sigh of relief she snuggled closer in her father's arms, a radiant smile banishing the cloud from her sweet countenance as she murmured: "Father, God's a great deal better now than He used to be, isn't He?"

#### Saturday, February 4.

Long occupied most of the time given A storm of snow and sleet has swept by the senate today-to the statehood over the South, stopping communica bill with a speech in support of the bill tion and killing cattle and fruit. as it stands. There was an extended debate on a provision in the agricul-Soisalon Soininen, procurator general of Finland, has been assassinated by an est reservations.

The house today passed the diplo-Another great storm is raging in New matic and consular appropriation bill, of the car beside the motorman, de-carrying \$2,107,047, which is an in- clares that no effort was made to gov-York state and cold weather is predictcrease of \$78,713 over the concurrent bills were disposed of by unanimous car company says the brakes had been Henry B. Miller, consul general at Niuchwang, China, will be promoted consent.

Monday, February 6.

Following weeks of hearings and consideraton by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, the house today began debating the proposed leg-Taft recommends a revision of the islation looking to the regulation of

freight rates. Depate on the joint statehood bill The weather has greatly moderated closed in the senate today.

Tuesday, February 7.

The crews of the Russian Black sea fleet are on the verge of mutiny.

It now seems certain that Smoot will

count of his good work during the Jap-

An insurrection has broken out in

anese-Russian war.

Philippine tariff.

Argentine.

stroyed property worth not less than boundaries, with Arizona eliminated. lieve he spoke more as a naval expert \$500,000.

Massachusetts solons will visit the Lewis and Clark fair.

Governor Mead, of Washintgon, has a board of survey for the Philippine broken ground for a state building at archipelago. the Lewis and Clark fair.

Many Killed at Riga.

General Grippenberg has been forced St. Petersburg , Feb. 3. - The latest to resign his command in Manchuria reports received by Consul General and General Myloff will succeed him. Watts, from the American consuls in Many Poles acre fleeing from Russia Russia, indicate a cessation of the One death and four cases of illness ed by students and rowdies, who fired

in one Chicago family have been on the police. The police and troops caused by supposed ptomaines in returned the fire, and 53 persons were killed and 150 wounded. At Reval the soldiers were obliged to defend a vance.

So much money from the interior has factory on Saturday against a mob. been pouring into the New York banks Three strikers were killed. Piles for the Panama Canal. rent outside vaults to store it.

The Japanese are reported to have forced a breach in the Russian center. The dispatch has been received at St. Petersburg and papers have been refeed permission to mention it. \$200,000.

#### **READY TO FIGHT.**

#### Warlike Talk of High British Official Causes Kaiser to Anger.

Berlin, Feb. 7 .- At the foreign office it was said this afternoon that Germany would ask England for an explanation of the provocative anti-German speech made at East Leigh, February 2, by Arthur H. Lee, civil lord of the admiralty, in which he said that Britain would smash an unnamed enemy in the North sea before that enemy bill provides for the admission of the had time to realize that war had been states of Oklahoma, to be comprised of declared. The foreign office said:

"We hope that nothing will result The house devoted the entire day to than as a statesman or cabinet officer. debate on the railroad freight bill, with Yet it is impossible not to put a politthe exception of a tew minutes just be- ical construction upon his utterances. fore adjournment, when a message from We shall, of course, take up the mat-

#### Will Fight Near Sandepas.

St. Petersburg, Feb 7. - Military operations in Manchuria continue at a standstill. No importance is attached by the war office to the Japanese movements on the Russian center and left, which are regarded as merely demonstrations. General Heisman, a war critic, expresses the opinion that the the rioting at that place was precipitat- Russians are not likely to surrender the positions captured northeast of Sandepas, and that a series of encounters there will probably continue until the weather is favorable for a general ad-

#### Russia Wants More Money.

London, Feb. 7 .- It is stated in well informed financial circles in London Washington, Feb. 3 .- The Isthmian that negotiations have been completed canal commission has awarded a con- for floating a new Russian loan of tract for furnishing fir piles to the \$200,000,000 in Paris. The loan will American Mercantile company, of La bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent Conner, Wash., amounting to about per annum. The date of the issue has not yet been fixed.

The governor and a committee of

the president was read recommending ter."

be able to retain his seat in the senate. Indian Territory and Oklahoma and Fire in Birmingham, Alabama, de- New Mexico according to the present from Lee's speech. We prefer to be-

Atlantic coast ports are blocked with ice and navigation is stopped. After a continuous session of nine hours the senate tonight passed the joint statehood bill. As passed the