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## HERR STEINHARDT'S NEMESIS

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### CHAPTER XIII—Continued.

"What is it?" he demanded; his tone was not loud, but his eyes seemed standing out as with suppressed rage—"what is it you are together for?" "What can you do? You have nothing—money, influence, nothing!" "No, Mannel," said Birley; "you've grabbed it," said he, glaring at me, "but you—you a beggarly curate!" "Wait, expect to marry an heiress, the heiress of an old family? I have said before that she is not an heiress—she has no money, and that she is not for you, sir!"

"I have reason," I said, "to believe that Herr Steinhardt does not always speak the truth."  
"Puff! You are insolent as well as an insolent beggar is not to be reckoned! And so you have got, too, this reckless old man to abet you in your tricks and schemes? What for is it?" he demanded of Birley, "that you have set yourself to go against me in this?"

"Partly, Mannel," answered Birley, "because I have gradually got convinced you are the biggest villain unliving, and partly because I like this old Unwin. As for tricks and schemes—"  
"Puff! You are foolish as well as reckless."  
"I say as for tricks and schemes I may have an account to settle with you of that sort, before I have done, but not tonight!"

"Not tonight! After tonight you will be more completely nothing than you have been yet! I will destroy you both! You shall be beggars both, without hope, without reputation!"

"These are brave words, Mannel, and I know you will carry them out, if you can, I know you can make me a beggar, but I think Unwin is pretty fit to give an account of himself yet, and of you, too, Mannel, if it comes to that. But, see, you'd better go home, for it's Sunday morning, and you're frightening the poor girl there."  
This careless dismissal must have been especially exasperating to a man like Steinhardt. He was almost beside himself, yet he still held his fury down. "You are beggars, sneaks and cowards both!" he exclaimed.

"Not, but," said Birley, now roused, and approaching to urge the necessity of a speedy departure, "if we begin calling names we may have the better of it, but not tonight. Come, Mannel, you must go!"

### CHAPTER XIV.

On Monday morning the whole neighborhood was alive with the news that Mrs. Birley was "to be sold." An execution had been put into his house under a bill of sale, and an agent or auctioneer person (acting of course by instruction) had stuck notices announcing a sale of "furniture and effects" on boards in the front garden. Steinhardt knew there would be no redemption of the bill, but in his haste to be as peremptory with his old friend as possible he had overlooked the fact that by an act which had come in force in the beginning of that year, he was bound to give Birley five days' opportunity to pay off the bill. Birley, therefore, plucked up the notice boards and threw them into the lane, and then went and talked to the man in possession.

But that afternoon I had business of my own on hand, I had determined to settle to my own satisfaction the exact spot indicated by Fraulein Haas's vision as that where Lacroix's remains were interred. I mentioned the ruined mill in the beginning of this story, which accounted for a dreadfully littered little peninsula formed by a curve of the stream. More than one of its walls had fallen, but I had particularly noticed frequently in passing, and had wondered at one wall which lay as fat as the walls of Jericho; it ascended from the public side of the stream to cohere as completely as when it had been standing, except at its outer edges where the bricks were broken and dislocated. This I suspected was the wall, and was resolved to visit it to see whether I could make sure my suspicion was correct.

To get to the mill I had to pass round to the head of the peninsula (I wondered whether Steinhardt had taken that route of his journey with his horse, or whether he had boldly forded the stream opposite one of the side gates to the grounds of his works). This led me between two old rattling mills of some sort, past piles of lumber—broken wagons and fragments of old machinery rusted away—past some flouring mill, and a row of old boards and old sacks. I had to pick my way very carefully, for it was beset with gutters and holes worn out by rain torrents, and with entrenchments of cinders and "clinkers." At length I came out upon the open space round the mill. I approached the wall with a shuddering but fascinated sense. In the middle of it, toward the edge which had been the top, was a bolted door, answering exactly to the requirements of Fraulein Haas's vision.

My eye was at once attracted to a part of the wall, near its base, which

ing through the fire to Moloch" was no longer a pastime of the people; it had become the daily occupation of their lives. The only orgies now known were drinking and fighting, and spending small sums at the booths of the fair. The church had for some years exerted itself to provide other recreation for some at least of the people. In accordance with this usage there was advertised for Friday evening a mild tea entertainment, to be followed by "Grand Dissolving Views," which last Freeman had learned would be shown by a fine new magic lantern Steinhardt had just presented to the Sunday-school. Steinhardt was going to honor the affair with his presence. Other plans than this: I would contrive through the new curate (whose acquaintance I had already made) to get a sight of the magic lantern and judge of the size of its slides; I would straightway go into the town and buy a certain number of blank slides of that size. On these Mrs. Freeman, who had a knack of such things, would paint the chief scenes of our tragedy. I must then prevail upon the curate, or upon whatever person I could learn was to have the management of the lantern, to introduce them in order at the end of the exhibition.

To carry out my plan with success demanded dispatch. I discovered that very evening, by going casually into my landlady's kitchen, that her husband was going to have charge of the magic lantern, he was at that moment busily making acquaintance with it. The rest of my task was therefore easy.

(To be continued.)

There was a mistake.

Why the Colonel Stopped His Score of Chinamen at Five.

"I had read," said the colonel, as he was relating some of his experiences in China, "that if a person fell into the water no one could pull him out, holding that his falling in was a decree of Providence that must not be interfered with."  
"One day, on one of the canals, I stumbled and went overboard, and, although there were twelve boatmen, not one of them would extend me a hand. After a close shave, as I cannot swim, I got aboard again, and as soon as I recovered my breath I yelled at the boatmen: 'You infernal scoundrels, why didn't you help me out?'"

"It was your fate to fall in," he calmly replied.

"And it's your fate to take a good licking," I said as I went for him.

"When I had finished him off I took another, and I was just polishing off my fifth victim when the sixth man halted me to say:

"There seems to be a mistake here. We are taught that if a person falls into the water he must save himself, or drown, but we are not taught that if he does save himself he is at liberty to lick half of China in revenge."

"If I thought his point well taken," laughed the colonel, and I stopped my score at five and went down to change into dry clothes."

Cigar Brands.

There are between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 brands of cigars sold in this country, and your average smoker thinks that every brand means a different kind of tobacco. As a matter of fact, 150 is an outside estimate of the different kinds of tobacco that can be procured from all sources, and even experts can't tell some of these apart.

Expert Pulse Reader.

"I suppose," said the physician, smiling, and trying to appear witty while feeling the pulse of a lady patient—"I suppose you consider me an old humbug?"

"Why, doctor," replied the lady, "I had no idea you could ascertain a woman's thoughts by merely feeling her pulse."—T. H. Bits.

A Familiar Response.

Cholly—Called on that pretty Miss Pompadour, our clerks at the ribbon counter at Sellall & Whopper's department store, last night.  
George—Have a nice call?  
Cholly—No; she sent down word that she was sorry, but she was "just out!"—Puck.

When He Decided.

Edith—You know that new horse papa named after you? Well, he's proved to be quite worthless and papa is going to shoot him.  
Ferdie—Indeed? But I didn't know he named him after me.  
Edith—Well, he didn't till he decided to shoot him.—Puck.

Pleasant for the Coffer.

"Mamma is dressing."  
"Why, she needn't have dressed just for me, dearie."  
"She knows that; but she said the more time she killed in dressing the less time you'd have to bore her."—Indianapolis News.

Looking Ahead.

"But," she said, "we are little more than strangers as yet, you know."  
"Yes," he answered, "but don't let that interfere. We can break off the engagement after we get better acquainted, if necessary."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Of Course It Was.

Yeast—I was in a book store this morning, and saw a copy of a book called "A Girl's Birthday," just published.

Crimsonbeak—I suppose it was marked down?—Yonkers Statesman.

Cinematograph for the Blind.

The Carrara marble exporters have formed a trust which will affect the more than three-quarters of a million dollars' worth of monument marble the United States buys at that Italian town.

## 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

Four men were struck by lightning and killed near Sherman, Tex.

It is rumored that a plot has been discovered to assassinate King Edward. John D. Rockefeller has donated three-quarters of a million dollars to the University of Chicago.

Unprecedented cold weather prevails throughout Europe and it is feared that crops will be ruined.

Venezuelan rebels fired on a Norwegian ship, killing the captain and wounding a passenger. American warships have been sent to the scene.

A disgraceful scene occurred in the French chamber of deputies. Violent talk and numerous threats led to arrangements for a duel, which will be fought in a day or two.

A resolution has been introduced into the house looking to the settlement of the coal miners' strike by arbitration. It is also intended to settle all disputes in the future.

Indian war veterans of the Northwest can secure their pensions under the new law through their state delegations without going to the needless expense of hiring pension attorneys.

The Indian war veterans pension bill has been passed by the house.

The Spanish government has decided to appoint a minister to Cuba.

At the end of six weeks the strike situation in the anthracite region shows no change.

The president has sent to the senate the nomination of Captain Clarke to be rear admiral.

Two convicts at Folsom, California, pentitarily quarreled over a cigarette and one of them is dead.

The Cuban senate has approved the bill fixing the president's salary at \$25,000 and the vice president's at \$20,000.

It is estimated that 1,000 delegates will attend the meeting of the International Mining Congress at Butte, Mont., in September.

Naval Constructor Hobson did not succeed in being retired on account of his eyes, but was given a three months' leave of absence. At the expiration of that time, if his sight shows no improvement, he will be ordered before another retiring board.

Senator Elkins has offered a resolution for the annexation of Cuba.

The president will start on his Western trip the latter part of September.

A storm which swept over Central Michigan killed six persons and damaged much property.

Chinese rebels bombarded Nan Ning and killed between 300 and 400. They have many modern arms.

The senate has agreed to the irrigation bill, which now goes to the president for his approval and signature.

Unprecedented snow storms are of daily occurrence in Cape Colony. Drifts six and eight feet deep greatly hinder railroad traffic.

A special convention of coal miners will be called to decide whether or not the strike will be extended so as to include all soft coal miners.

Colonel Lynch, an English member of parliament, is on trial for treason against the British in South Africa. He is charged with having fought with the Boers and then returning to England and being elected to parliament.

The house has passed the irrigation bill.

New York is experiencing extremely hot weather. A number of deaths have already been reported.

Congress has been asked for an appropriation of \$600,000 to cover the deficiency of the Buffalo exposition.

Alexander City, Alabama, was almost entirely destroyed by fire, the loss reaching about \$750,000. There was no fire protection. Appeals for aid have been made.

A Chinese exclusion law, similar to the one in force in the United States, has been enacted in Cuba. Forty-three Chinese coolies have been deported and no more of that class will be allowed to land.

James J. Lynch and J. W. Bramwood have been elected president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the International Typographical Union. A vote of 29,000 was cast, about 70 per cent of the membership.

The house has killed the Pacific cable bill by striking out the enacting clause.

In the collapse of a St. Louis building six people were injured, one probably fatally.

Brazil has a coast line of nearly 5,000 miles, with 52 sea ports.

## RULES WERE SUSPENDED.

House Transacted Much Miscellaneous Business—The Taylor Case.

Washington, June 19.—The house today transacted some miscellaneous business under suspension of the rules. It included the adoption of a resolution appropriating \$25,000 for the preparation of plans for a memorial in this city to Abraham Lincoln, \$100,000 towards the erection of a monument to the prison-ships martyrs who died off Brooklyn as a result of the cruelties to which they were subjected by the British during the revolutionary war, and \$10,000 for the erection of a monument at Fredericksburg, Va., to the memory of General Hugh Mercer, who was killed during the Revolutionary war.

The resolution adopted today was to carry out an authorization made for this purpose in 1777 by the continental congress.

Two bills were passed to amend the general pension laws, one to provide for the restoration to the pension rolls of the widows of soldiers who subsequently married and were again widowed, and one to increase the pension of those who have lost a limb or were totally disabled while in the military or naval service. The latter bill also carried an important provision to increase the pension of a soldier under the dependent act of 1860 from \$12 to \$30 per month, if such a pensioner requires frequent or periodical attendance.

The resolution calling on the secretary of war for his reasons for dismissal of Rebecca J. Taylor, a clerk in the war department, was laid on the table, 109 to 84. Three Republicans voted on this question with the Democrats.

A bill to authorize the secretary of war in his discretion to favor American-built ships in the transportation of government supplies to the Philippines was defeated.

CONVICTS KEEP MOVING.

Tracy and Merrill Continue North—Last Seen Near La Center, Wash.

La Center, Wash., June 18.—In its theatrical progress north the man hunt has reached this ordinarily peaceful village. Sheriff Marsh, Sheriff Totten, Guard Carson, the bloodhounds and various members of the numerous posses spent the night here after a day of alarms and bloodless pursuit of the convict murderers, Tracy and Merrill.

The North Pole mine, in Eastern Oregon is to be supplied with a new 20-stamp mill at an early date.

Joel Ware, one of the best known pioneers of Lane county, is dead. He was born in 1832 and came West in 1852.

Two droves of cattle, one of 320 head and the other of 750 head, left Douglas county last week for Klamath county, for range during the summer.

Fruitgrowers of Marion county now estimate that they will have half a crop of prunes. Other fruits do not seem to have been injured so much by the late cold spring rains.

The Uncle Dan mine, Eastern Oregon, while not likely to prove a bonanza, there is every reason to believe that it will be a moderate and steady producer. Extensive improvements will be commenced at once.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 65¢@66¢; bluestem, 67¢@68¢; valley, 66¢@67¢.

Barley—Feed, \$22@22.50; brewing, \$23 per ton.

Flour—Best grades, \$2.90@3.40 per barrel; graham, \$2.50@2.80.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$15@16 per ton; middlings, \$19@20; shorts, \$17@18; chop, \$16.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.20@1.35; gray, \$1.15@1.25.

Hay—Timothy, \$12@15; clover, \$7.50@10; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 75¢ per cental; ordinary, 50¢ per cental, growers prices; sweets, \$2.25@2.50 per cental; new potatoes, 1½¢@1¼¢.

Butter—Creamery, 17½¢@18¢; dairy, 14¢@16¢; store, 13¢@15¢.

Eggs—18¢@18½¢ for Oregon.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12¢ @13¢; Young America, 13½¢@14¢; factory prices, 1¢@1½¢ less.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$4.00@5.00; hens, \$4.50@5.50 per dozen, 11¢@11½¢ per pound; springs, 11¢@11½¢ per pound, \$2.00@4.00 per dozen; ducks, \$4.50@5.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 13¢@14¢, dressed, 15¢@16¢ per pound; geese, \$6.00@7.00 per dozen.

Mutton—Gross, 4½¢ per pound; sheared, 3¾¢; dressed, 7¼¢ per pound.

Hogs—Gross, 6¼¢; dressed, 7¢@7½¢ per pound.

Veal—6½¢@7¢ for small; 6¼¢@7¢ for large.

Beef—Gross, cows, 4¾¢; steers, 5½¢; dressed, 8¢@8½¢ per pound.

Hope—14¢@16¢ cents per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12¼¢@14¢; Eastern Oregon, 8¢@13¼¢; mohair, 25¢@26¢ pound.

Police sometimes get those who help themselves.

## 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.

The salmon pack on the Columbia river is much larger than at this time last year.

The strawberry crop around Salem will be a third less this year than an average yield.

The sawmill at Waldport has closed a contract for the full output of that mill, aggregating 5,000,000 feet.

Steps have been taken to interest Andrew Carnegie in the library of the University of Oregon at Eugene.

About 300 delegates attended the district convention, Woodmen of the World, held in Woodburn. Representatives to the supreme camp were elected.

A bill has been passed by the house authorizing the sale of the unsold portion of the Umatilla reservation. It is thought the senate will also take up and pass the measure before adjournment.

One of the special features of commencement exercises at the Oregon Agricultural College was the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of Captain Geary, ex-commandant at the college, who lost his life in the Philippines.

The Southern Oregon district convention, Woodmen of the World, met in Grants Pass last Wednesday. About 75 delegates were in attendance and representatives to the supreme camp, which meets in Cripple Creek in August, were elected.

The Oregon Pioneer Association held its 30th annual session in Portland June 18. There were fully 1,000 in the procession. J. C. Moreland, of Multnomah county, was elected president, and Silas B. Smith, of Clatsop county, corresponding secretary.

An unknown metal, occurring in nuggets, is found in quantities in the placer mines in the Waldo district, Southern Oregon. In luster and weight it resembles nickel. It also resembles platinum. Eastern mineralogists have become much interested in the unknown metal.

Two sharp earthquake shocks were felt at Newport last week.

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## BOERS ALL YIELD.

Surrenders Are Proceeding With the Greatest Good Will—Scouts Reward.

London, June 18.—Dispatches received here from South Africa show that the surrenders of Boers are proceeding with the greatest good will. The total of those who have already surrendered numbers 16,500, and the British are extending every possible kindness to the men who come in. The appearance of General De Wet at the camp at Wynburg was the signal for a great display of enthusiasm. When he arrived at camp General De Wet was at once surrounded by thousands of Boer men, women and children, who clamored and struggled to shake the hand of their hero. He warmly applauded the staunch support that the women had given the burghers during the war, which he said had greatly encouraged the men in the field. Continuing he recommended his hearers to be loyal to the new government and said:

"Perhaps it is hard for you to hear this from my mouth, but God has decided this. I fought until there was no more hope of upholding our cause, and however it may be, the time has now come to lay down our arms. As Christians, God now demands that we be faithful to our new government. Let us submit to his decision."

Neither General De Wet nor General Steyn, ex-president of the Orange Free State, was wounded during the war. General De Wet has not seen his wife for two years.

The concentration camp will be converted into supply depots to provide the returning burghers with the means to rebuild and restock their farms. The wives and families of the Boers will, if desired, be maintained at the expense of the government while the burghers are preparing their farms for their reoccupation. Two thousand of the native scouts who fought upon the British side during the war will immediately be disbanded, and each scout will be provided with a pony and enabled to return to his farm.

SALARIES READJUSTED.

More Pay Will Be Given to 2,030 Postmasters, and 219 Will Be Reduced.

Washington, June 18.—In the readjustment of salaries of postmasters at presidential offices, just completed, 2,030 postmasters July 1 next will receive increased salaries aggregating \$252,200. The number of increases this year is 259 in excess of last year, and is the largest in the history of the postal service. There will be 219 reductions aggregating \$28,800.

This number is larger than for either 1899 or 1900, but is below the average. Twenty-four offices of the second class will be advanced to the first class, and 110 from the third to the second class. Two offices, Nevada, Mo., and Floral Park, N. Y., will be relegated from the first to the second class; three from the second to the third class, and 12 from the third to the fourth class. Three hundred and twenty-one offices have been advanced from the fourth to the third class during the year, the largest number in the history of the service.

Fifteen third class and one second class offices have been discontinued during the year, and made stations of other classes. The number of offices in each class at present is: First class, 220; second class, 1,025. The average salary of postmasters will be increased this year from \$1,742 to \$1,746.

MILITIA AT PAWTUCKET.

Will Not Be Withdrawn Until Tranquility Is Entirely Restored.

Pawtucket, R. I., June 18.—When in the opinion of 10 prominent citizens, including Mayor Fitzgerald and Chief of Police Rice, tranquility has been restored in place of mob rule, the militia ordered here last week by Governor Kimball in connection with the street car strike will be withdrawn. This conclusion was reached at a meeting between Governor Kimball, Brigadier General Tanner and 50 business men at the state army today.

With the exception of three cases of stone throwing, the day was quiet. Cars were operated on all lines in this city during the day and in Central Falls as usual, but were withdrawn to night.

Paris Swindlers Arrested.

Paris, June 18.—The police here have been notified of the arrest at Spa, Belgium, of two of the men who are alleged to have recently swindled in Paris a New Yorker named Buchanan out of \$40,000. The swindle was perpetrated by three Americans, who bought for Buchanan a number of shares in a copper mine. After the purchase of the shares in question, Buchanan returned to New York and tried to sell them in Wall street, where he found them to be worthless.

Paris Contribution to McKinley Fund.

Cleveland, June 18.—Myron T. Herick, treasurer of the McKinley National Memorial Association, has received through the banking house of Morgan, Hargis & Co., Paris, their draft for \$7,140, forwarded in behalf of the Paris committee of the memorial association, principally the receipts of a benefit concert given in Paris in aid of the McKinley national memorial fund.

May Flood the Mines.

Scranton, Pa., June 18.—A veritable cloudburst occurred here tonight, flooding cellars and causing the river to rise in a threatening manner. Rain is still falling heavily, and should it keep up its pace until morning, the river will overflow its banks and reach many of the mine openings.

Charles Robinson, the Delaware & Hudson watchman who was shot at Diphant,