

White Hand

A Tale of the Early Settlers of Louisiana. BY AUSTIN C. BURDICK

CHAPTER XV.—(Continued.) "Why, really, good night," said Simon, after he had picked the paper up, "one after another there was something surprising in a simple marriage. And you, sir," he added, turning to the marquis, "I should not suppose that you would wonder at this, especially seeing that you yourself gave me permission to seek Louise for my wife."

the cliff with her shrieking infant, stood the youth with respect to his beloved. But, at length, when the first hours after midnight had come, Goupard sank into a dull, dreamy slumber, and his pains were for awhile only the phantoms of sleep. While Goupard thus lay pondering upon his terrible misfortune, Simon Lobois was not alone. He was in the chamber he usually occupied, and with him was a black slave named Peter. He was a middle-aged man—Simon's special servant, and the only one in the whole household who had any sympathy for the dark nephew. Lobois had purchased him in New Orleans, and though he had done so only as the marquis's agent, yet Peter looked upon the former as his master. And, moreover, Simon had paid him various sums of money to serve him.

fall, 'twill die with me; if he falls, the statement is complete." "Good Sir-Brion," spoke Goupard, at this point, "let the conflict go on. Life to me now is not worth the price I would pay for it by refusal. Let it go on!" "But—my child—my son, if you are gone—"

EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES. Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form. Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers. The canal commission is preparing for work at Panama. Rear Admiral George E. Pecknap, retired, veteran of the Civil and Chinese wars, is dead. Jersey City, under the statutes of New Jersey, has placed a ban on all plays of a Tracy nature. A measure is now before the New York legislature appropriating \$350,000 for the St. Louis fair. President Roosevelt was escorted to the Yellowstone park from Gardiner, Mont., by the famous Jay troop of cavalry. Cold weather has ruined the peach and strawberry crops of the east and west shores of Maryland. Recent statistics show that the rate of deaths from cancer in Great Britain has doubled in the last 40 years. Representative John H. Ketchum, of New York, who has been ill in Washington, has returned home convalescent. Miss Edna Telfener, niece of Mrs. John W. Mackay, is reported to be engaged to Signor Gino de Martino, of Naples. The cottage at Tabor, Ia., where John Brown lived for several years, and where he drilled his followers, has been destroyed by fire. A large area of coal and petroleum land has been located in the Southeast Kootenay district of British Columbia, mostly by Americans. Ex-President Cleveland has asked William Pizken, the Negro who won the Ten Eck prize for oratory at Yale, to send him a copy of the oration. All four years of the college course at Yale will hereafter be optional, making it possible for freshmen to drop Greek, Latin and mathematics from the entrance examination. Andrew Carnegie has offered to pay the bills of all Cornell students incurred by sickness in the typhoid fever epidemic, where they or their parents will permit. Oscar Rariff, engineer of the train which collided with a trolley car at Newark, N. J., on January 1, whereby many school children were killed or injured, is a raving maniac in a hospital. He raves about his engine and is constantly manhandling imaginary throttles, levers and valves. The police of New York and neighboring cities are trying to run down whole bands of Italian brigands, who have recently been driven from Italy and came to the Atlantic coast, where they are blackmailing their fellow-countrymen with threats of murder. Dunsuir, Cal., was nearly destroyed by fire. Sailors from battleships will hereafter be given longer shore leave. Pekin is apparently much surprised at the increase of the Asiatic squadron. President Roosevelt will be escorted from the depot at Portland by a monster parade. Rebels of Santo Domingo have repulsed the government troops and still hold that city. Jefferson S. Conover, grand secretary of the Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan, is dead, aged 62 years. Governor Taft is mentioned for the presidency in 1904. The New York Herald figures that Roosevelt will be a winner with New York state in the doubtful column. The Indiana operators will submit a proposition to the miners agreeing to have a commission, composed of an operator, a miner, and an expert mining engineer, to decide what mines in the Clinton field require shooters. The Anthracite strike commission award with reference to the mining engineers gives the engineers a holiday on Sundays, which was observed last Sunday throughout the mining regions for the first time in the history of coal mining. Not a single disorderly act has occurred to mar the tranquillity of Monterey, Mex., since Thursday's riots. Governor Taft, in speaking of the affair, said that an investigation showed absolutely that the police first fired in the air, later firing at their aggressors only in defense of their lives. George Gillette is dead at the county hospital of Santa Cruz, Cal., aged 80 years. He came to the United States in 1842 as a member of Lord Ashburton's suite to negotiate the Ashburton-Webster treaty for the northeast boundary of this country. He had been an inmate of the county hospital for 12 years. Snowstorm destroys telegraph lines and paralyzes railroad traffic in Northern Mississippi valley. Thomas Kelgan, who escaped from the Toledo, O., jail in 1901, is behind the bars again. He is charged with the robbery of the Toledo postoffice. Kelgan was caught in Los Angeles. Professor Nathaniel Schmidt, of the department of Semitic languages, literature at Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., has accepted an appointment at director of the Archaeological School of Archeology at Jerusalem.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

EASTERN OREGON STATION. RAILROAD HAS LOST. The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the circuit court of appeals for the Ninth circuit, which affirmed the judgment of District Judge Charles B. Eellinger, setting aside the patent issued by the secretary of the interior to the Oregon & California railroad company on February 20, 1895, covering a large area of land within the indemnity limits of its grant, and in effect upholding the title of settlers now upon these lands or establishing the rights of settlers to hereafter acquire title to the same. All of the lands affected by this decision are more than 20 and within 30 miles west of the railroad, between Jefferson, in Marion county, and Roseburg, in Douglas county. Outlaw Mined It. It has been found that the original miner and man who dug the mysterious tunnels of a "lost mine" recently discovered on Grave creek, Southern Oregon, was Tom East, in whose honor Grave creek was named. He was a notorious character during the early days, and gained a bad reputation on account of the number of Indians and Chinamen he killed. It is evident the tunnels and development of the mine were concealed purposely by East, and the mysterious part of the affair is how he could have removed so much dirt and done so great an amount of work without being discovered. More Land to Be Opened. It is announced through the La Grande land office that 50,000 acres of land in the northeastern part of Baker county will be thrown open to settlement within a few weeks. The land lies along Snake river and comprises portions of three townships. The country is generally rough and mountainous, but there is a goodly portion of rich land, suitable for fruit culture and general farming purposes. There is plenty of water, with splendid opportunities for the construction of irrigation canals at medium cost. Electric Sawmill. The electric sawmill under construction at St. John's, a suburb of Portland, will begin operation about the first of next month. George W. Brower is the inventor. It is a novel plant. It will represent an outlay of about \$50,000, and will have a cutting capacity of from 75,000 to 100,000 feet of lumber per day. The motive power will be supplied by electricity, and the saw will be operated in such a way that the largest logs can be sawed directly into lumber. Indian War Vets Must Wait. Adjutant General C. U. Gantenben, Oregon National Guard, is in receipt of a letter from F. E. Rittman, auditor of the war department at Washington, in which he states that it is impossible at the present time for him to send data which General Gantenben needs before paying the Indian war veterans of Oregon for their services, in compliance with the act of February 24, 1903. It will evidently be two months before this money can be paid. Large Door Factory at St. Helens. Rainier will probably soon have the largest exclusive door factory in operation in the Northwest. A few months ago W. D. Pine's door factory was burned down at that place, and is now being rebuilt in a new location on a much larger scale. Fish Warden Reports. The monthly report of Fish Warden Van Dusen shows the receipts of his office for March to have been \$666.10, of which \$112.60 was from fines and sales of contraband salmon, and the balance from licenses. PORTLAND MARKETS. Wheat—Walla Walla, 70c; bluestem, 75c; valley, 75c. Barley—Feed, \$21.50 per ton; brewing, \$23. Flour—Best grade, \$5.95@4.25; granam, \$3.45@3.85. Millstuffs—Bran, \$19 per cental; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$19.50@20. chop, \$18. Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.15 @ 1.20; gray, \$1.12@1.15 per cental. Hay—Timothy, \$13@13.50; clover, \$10@11; cheat, \$11@12 per ton. Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 50c per sack; ordinary, 25@40c per cental; growers' prices; Mercad sweets, \$2@2.25 per cental. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 13@13c; young, 13@14c; hens, 12c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, \$7@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$6@8. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 16c@17c; Young America, 17c@18c; factory prices, 16c@17c less. Butter—Fancy creamery, 30c@32c per pound; extras, 28c; dairy, 20c@22c; store, 15@16c. Eggs—16@17c per dozen. Hops—Choice, @22c per Eastern. Wool—Valley, 12c@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, \$2@3.5c. Beef—Gross, cows, 3@3.5c per pound; steers, 4@4.5c; dressed, 7c@8c. Veal—7c@8c. Mutton—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7c. Lambs—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7c. Hogs—Gross, 6c per pound; dressed, 7@7.5c.

TORNADO IN SOUTH

SLAYS MANY PEOPLE AND DESTROYS VALUABLE PROPERTY. Whole Families Killed and Mangled in Alabama and Arkansas—Everything Torn Away in Blount County, Alabama—Two Whole Counties in Arkansas are a Complete Waste. Birmingham, Ala., April 10.—The little hamlet of Hopewell, 40 miles north of this city, and one mile from Hanceville, was swept away early this morning by a tornado which cut a path of desolation a mile wide and two miles long across a prosperous farming section of Blount county. Ten persons were instantly killed, three or four fatally injured and a score seriously injured. The storm came from the southwest, and took its destructive path in a northeasterly direction, tearing everything away in its way. The section through which it went is on a table land in Blount county. There was not the slightest warning of its approach. Arkansas Towns Wiped Out. Little Rock, Ark., April 10. —Specials to the Gazette from several towns in White and Clerburne counties, Arkansas, tell of a tornado which swept through that section, leaving death and destruction in its path. The major portion of the country through which the storm plowed its way is remote from railroads, telegraph or telephone lines. A correspondent wires from early Ark., tonight that he had gone over a portion of the track of the storm, and that trees were twisted from their trunks and houses demolished. Thus far it has been impossible to ascertain where the storm began, but it is known that it raged in these two counties. The latest reports are that nine persons are dead, three dying and three badly injured. The towns of Little Rock, Albin, Bradford, Heber and Pangburn have been heard from thus far. Bradford, which is on the Iron Mountain railroad, was the first point blown down there, and one man was seriously injured. The town of came from the west, and had spent its force when it reached Bradford. It is feared the little town of Hiram, with a population of 150, has been wiped off the map. It is near Heber, and in the storm's track. Nothing has been heard from it. It probably will be several days before the names of all who were killed by the tornado are known. CHINESE GARRISON SLAIN. Russia Begins Hostilities and War With Japan is Expected. Victoria, B. C., April 10. —The steamer Victoria, which arrived from the Orient last night, brought news that a party of Manchurians and Koreans who were in the employment of the Russian government and Russian troops have massacred the Chinese garrison of Cha-Kush, on the Yalu river. Russian officers from Moukden have proceeded to the locality. News comes from Chebli of a Boxer rising in that province, and Yuan Shih Kai, the governor, is putting down the movement. A riot occurred at Kuen Shien, and, on troops being sent to the scene, a battle occurred, in which there was a large loss of life. Ten of the principal Boxers, among whom were eight women, were captured and beheaded. In Japanese papers received by the recent mails stories were given of rumors current at Dalny and Khaibin of impending war between Russia and Japan. Bread and Meat in Oke Trust. Chicago, April 10.—A dispatch to the Tribune from New York says: A certificate of incorporation for the United States Biscuit company has been filed in Trenton, N. J., with capital of \$4,500,000. The new concern promises to be a powerful competitor of the National Biscuit company. The financial powers behind the new company are not disclosed, but it is understood they are millionaire Chicago capitalists. It is regarded in Wall street that the new company will be operated as an adjunct of the beef combination, with Armour interests in control. Admiral Sands to Take Command. Washington, April 10. —Rear Admiral James H. Sands, commandant of the League island navy yard, has reported to the navy department for duty in connection with the newly organized North Atlantic squadron, of which he is to assume command. Captain Charles D. Sigbee will succeed Admiral Sands in command of the League island navy yard, and will be succeeded as chief intelligence officer at the navy department by Commander Schroeder, formerly naval governor of the Island of Guam. Russia Keeps Bargain. Pekin, April 10.—Today was the date of expiration of the treaty period of six months, fixed for the evacuation of the second province of Manchuria. During the past fortnight the Russians have been removing their troops from the interior of the province, part of them going to Port Arthur and the others to stations on the railway, but none leaving Manchuria. The local government are being transferred to the Chinese.