

CHAPTER VII. "Temorrow We Disappear Into the Unknown."

WILL not bore those whom this count of our luxurious voyage toll of our week's stay at Para (save-\* great kindness of the company in helping us to get together our equipments. I will also allude very briefly to our river journey up a wide, slow moving, clay tinted stream in a steamer which was little smaller than that which had carried us across the Atlantic. Eventu ally we found ourselves through the parrows of Obldos and reached the town of Mannos. Here we were rescued from the limited attractions of the local inn by Mr. Shortman, the representative of the British and Brazilinn Trading company. In his hospital Fazenda we spent our time until the day when we were empowered to open the letter of instructions given to us by Professor Chatlenger, Before I reach the surprising events of that date i should desire to give a clearer sketch of my comrades in this enterprise and of the associates whom we had alreadygathered together in South America. I his gaunt hand. speak freely, and I leave the use of my material to your own discretion, Mr. er we open it now or in seven minceaches the world.

sor Bummerice are too well known for me to trouble to recapitulate them. He to better equipped for a rough expedition of this sort than one would imagine at first sight. His tall, gaunt stringy figure is insensible to fatigue and his dry, half sarcastic and often wholly unsympathetic manner is usin ituenced by any change in his sur coundings. Though in his sixty-sixth year, I have never heard blin express any dissatisfaction at the occasiona pardships which we have had to en counter. I had regarded his prese on an encumbrance to the expedition; but, as a matter of fact; I am now well convinced that his power of endurance to as great as my own. In temper he is naturally acid and skeptical.

Lord John Roxton has some points to common with Professor Summerlee and others in which they are the very antithesis to each other. He is twen-(e years younger, but has something of the same spare, seraggy physique, As to his appearance. I have, as I recoffect, described it in that portion of my narrative which I have left behind me in Landan. He is exceedingly neat and prim in his ways, dresses always with great care in white drill suits shaves at least once a day. Like most men of action, he is laconic in speech and slaks readily into his own thoughts, but he is always quick to noswer a question or join in a conrecention, talking in a queer, lerky, half humorous fashlon. His knowledge of the world, and very especially of South America, is surprising, and he has a whole hearted bettef in the not be dashed by the sneers of Professor Summerlee. He has a gentle valce and a quiet manner, but behind his technicling blue eyes there lurks a capacity for furious wrath and implacabic resolution, the more dangerous because they are held in leash.

So much for the moment for my two white companions, whose characters soul limitations will be further exposed, as myely as my own, as this narrative proceeds. But already we have eprolled certain relations who may play no small part in what is to come. The first is a gigantic negro rouned Zambo, who is a black Herotes, as willing as any horse and about as intelligent. Him we callsted at Para on the recommendation of the areamship company, on whose versels be furd learned to speak a limiting Ping-

xi was at Para also that we engaged Comez and Majord, two half breeds from up the river, just come down with a carps of redwood. They were avariby reflows, bearded and derve, as octive and wiry as punthers. Both of them had spent their lives in those upper waters of the Amuzon which we were about to explore, and it was this recommendation, which had caused Lord John to engage them. One of Inem. Court, had the further advanhave that he could speak ex ellent linglish. These men were willing to net as our personal servants, to cook to you or to make themselves useful In any way at a payment of \$15 a month. Besides these, we had enough est three Mojo Indiana from Bolivia. who are the most skillful at tishing and bent work of all the river tribes. The chief of these we called Mole. miles his tribe, and the others are known as Jose and Fernando. Three white men then two half breeds, one begre and three Indians made up the personnel of the little expedition which all his native insulance of drooping eye by withing for its instructions at lide and intolerant eyes.

Manaos before starting upon its singu-Ing otnest.

At last, after a weary week, the day had come and the hour. I ask you to picture the sladed sitting room of the Fazenda St. Ignatio, two miles inland from the town of Mangos. Outside havnarrative may reach by an ac- the yellow, brassy glare of the sunupon the ocean liner, nor will & trees as black and definite as the trees themselves. The air was calm, full of limit I should wish to acknowledge the the eternal hum of insects, a troplem chorus of many octaves, from the deep drone of the bee to the high, freen pipe of the mosquito. Beyond the veranda was a small cleared yerien, bounded with cactus hedges and adorned with clumps of flowering birulis, round which the great blue

> essor Challenger were the words; Instructions to Lord John Roxton and arty. To be opened at Manage upon July

butterflies and the tiny humming

birds fluttered and darted in crescents

sparkling light. Within we were

sted round the cane table, on which

ly a scaled envelope. Inscribed upon

it in the jagged handwriting of Pro-

Lord John had placed his watch upon he table beside him.

"We have seven more minutes," said "The old dear is very precise." Professor Summerles gave an acid mile as he picked up the envelope in

"What can it possibly matter wheth McArdle, since it is through your hands | utes?" said he. "It is all part and that this report must pass before it parcel of the same system of quackery and nonsense for which I regret to The scientific attainments of Profes- say that the writer is notorious.

"Oh, come! We must play the game ceordin' to rules," said Lord John 'It's old man Challenger's show, and ve are here by his good will, so it yould be quite bad form if we didn't oflow his instructions to the letter."

"A pretty business it bill cried the rofessor bitterly. "It struck me as reposterous in London, but I'm bound o say timt it seems even more so upon loser acquaintance. I don't know what is inside this envelope; but, wuess it is something pretty definite, I half be much tempted to take the next down river bont and catch the Rollyla at Para. After all, I base ome more responsible work in the world than to run about disproving be assertions of a lunaric. Now, Rox ion, surely it is time."

"Time it is," said Lord John. "You an blow the whistle," He took upthe envelope and cut it with his pen calle. From it he draw a folded sheet of paper. This he carefully opened our and flattened on the table. It was a blank sheet. He turned it over. Again It was blank. We looked at each other in a bewildered stience. which was broken by a discordant burst of derisive laughter from Professor Summerice.

It is an open admission," he cried What more do you want? The fellow only to return home and report him as transparent, so that one could usually the brazeo Impostor that he is."

"May I come In?" boomed a votce

from the veranda-The shadow of a squat figure had stolen across the patch of sunlight. That voice, that monstrous breadth possibilities of our journey which is of shoulder! We sprang to our feet with a gasp of astonishment as Challenger, in a round, boylsh straw hat with a colored ribbon Challenger, with his hands in his jacker pockets and his ennyas shoes daintly pointing as he walked-appeared to the open space be fore us. He threw back his head, and there he stood in golden glow with all



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"I fear," sald he, taking out his rhythmic and solemn, coming and gowatch, "that I am a few minutes too tree. When I gave you this envelope The two boats were padding within a must confess that I had never intend | few yards of each other when first we at that you should open it, for it had heard it, and our indians remained moeen my fixed intention to be with you efore the hour. The unfortunate deay can be apportioned between a blunlering pilot and an intrusive sand ank. I fear that it has given my colengue, Professor Summeriee, occasion a blaspheme. You need no chart of diections now, since you will have the nestimable advantage of my own uldance. From the first I had deternined that I would myself preside over our investigation. The most elaborate harts would, as you will readily adnit, be a poor substitute for my own atelligence and advice. As to the mall ruse which I played upon you in he matter of the envelope, it is clear that had I told you all my intentions should have been forced to resist unvelcome pressure to travel out with

It was Aug. 2 when we snapped our ast link with the outer world by bidding farewell to the Esmeralda, a team launch which Lord John Roxcon chartered to take us up the river. Since then four days lave passed, during which we have engaged two large ances from the Indians, made of so light a material (skins over a bamboo framework) that we should be able to arry them around any obstacle. these we loaded with all our effects. and have engaged two additional Indians to belp us in the navigation. 1 inderstand that they are the very two Ataca and Ipetu by name-who ac ompanied Professor Challenger upon his previous journey. They appeared to be terrified at the prospect of repeating it, but the chief has patriarchal powers in these countries, and if the bargain is good in his eyes the dansman has little choice in the mat-

So tomorrow we disappear Into the inknown. This account I am transmitting down the river by cause, and it may be our last word to those who are interested in our fate. I have, acording to our arrangement, addressed t to you, my dear Mr. McArdle, and I cave it to your discretion to delete alter or do what you like with it From the assurance of Professor Challenger's manner and in spite of the continued skepticism of Professor Summerlee I have no doubt that our leader will make good his statement and that we are really on the eve of ome most remarkable experiences.

When I wrote last we were about to cave the Indian village where we had seen deposited by the Exmeralda, 1 have to begin my report by bad news, for the first serious personal trouble (I was over the incessant bickerings be tween the professors) occurred this evening and might have had a tragle ending. I have spoken of our English speaking half breed Comez-a fine worker and a willing fellow, but afflicted, I famey, with the vice of curiosity, which is common enough among such men. On the last evening he seems to have hid himself near the but in which we were discussing our plans, and, beng observed by our huge negro Zambo. who is as faithful as a dog and has the hatred which all his race bear to the half breeds; he was dragged out and carried into our presence. Gomez whipped out his knife, however, and but for the huge strength of his captor which enabled him to disarm him with one land, he would certainly have stabbed him. The matter has ended in coprimands, the opponents have been competled to shake bands, and there is cory hone that all will be well. For two days we made our way

a good sized river, some hundreds of s a self confessed humbug. We have yards broad and dark in color, but see the bottom. The affluents of the Amozon are, half of them, of this us ure, while the other half are whitish and opaque, the difference depending upon the class of country through which they have flowed. The dark Indicate vegetable decay, while the others point to clayer soil. Twice we came across rapids and in each case made a portage of half a mile or so to avoid them The woods on either side were primeval, which are more easily penetrated than woods of the second growth, and we had no great difficulty in carrying our canoes through them. How shall I ever forget the solemn mystery of thi The height of the trees and the thick ness of the boles exceeded anything which I in my town bred life rould have imagined, shooting upward in magnificent columns suffl, at an enor mons distance above our heads, we ould dimly discern the spot where bey threw out their side branches into Gothle upward enryes which confesced o form one great matted roof of verdure, through which only an occasional colden ray of sunshine shot downward o trace a thin daming time of light add the malestic obscurity. As we sulked noiselessly until the thick, soft expet of decaying regolation the high fell upon our souls which comes upon is in the twillight of the abbey, and wen Professor Challenner's full chest al notes sunk into a whitsper. Alone should have been bywarant of the athes of these of ginut growth, but our men of science polated out the cedars he great slik conton trees and the red yood trees, with all that profusion of various plants which has made this continent the chief supplier to the human race of those gifts of nature which depend upon the vegetable corld, white it is the most backward a those products which come from

> CHAPTER VIII. Evidences of Human Life.

ND yet there were indications was not far from us in those hundreds of yards and eventually to a low, rounded sky line.

mysterious recesses. On the emerged into a placid and shallow And now, my readers, if ever I have third day out we were aware of a sin stream, cumlag clear and transparent any, I have brought you up the broad gular deep throbbing in the air, ever a anoth bottom. It may have giver, and through the acreen of

tionless, as if they had been turned to bronze listening intently with expressions of terror upon their faces.

"What is it?" I asked. "Drums," said Lord John carelessiy, 'war drams. I have heard them be-

"Yes, sir, war drums," said Gomez. the buil breed. "Wild Indians, bravos, not mansos. They watch us every mile of the way. Kill us if they can."

"How can they watch us?" I asked. gazing into the durk, motionless void, The half breed shrugged his broad

"The Indians know. They have their own way. They watch us. They talk the drum talk to each other. Kill us if

All day the drums rombled and whisered, while their mennee reflected itself in the faces of our colored companions. Even the hardy, swaggering half breed seemed cowed. I learned, lowever, that day, once for all, that both Summerlee and Challenger possessed that highest type of bravery, the bravery of the scientific mind. Theirs was the spirit which upheld Darwin among the gauchos of the Armeretful nature that the human brain annot think of two things simultaneously, so that if it be steeped in curiosity as to science it has no room for merely personal considerations, All by amid that Incessant and mysterious menace our two professors watched every bird upon the wing and every diarp wordy contention, when the suarl of Summerlee came quick upon the keep growl of Challenger, but with no nore sense of danger and no more refbrence to drum beating Indians than if they were seated together in the smoking coom of the Royal society's club in ly tell an one looked ahead where the St. James' street.

That night we moored our cannes center of the stream and made every preparation for a possible affack Nothing cause, however, and with the dawn we pushed upon our way, the drum beating dying out behind us. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon we came to a very steep rapid, more than a mile long-the very one in which Professor Challenger and suffered disaster. upon his first journey. I confess that the sight of it consoled me, for it was wally the first direct corroboration



It Was Really the First Direct Corrob-

pration, Slight as It Was. slight as it was, of the truth of his sto | was taken by an immense wilderness ry. The indians carried first our ca of bamboo, which grew so thickly that noes and then our stores through the we could only penetrate it by cutting beashwood, which is very thick at this a pathway with the machetes and bill-point, while we four whites, our rifles books of the Indians. It took us a long on our shoulders walked between them day, triveling from 7 in the morning and any danger coming from the till 8 at night, with only two breaks woods. Before evening we had suc of one hour each, to get through this cessfully passed the rapids and made obstacle. Anything more monotonous our way some ten miles above them, and wearying could not be imagined where we anchored for the night. At for, even at the most open places, I this point I recioned that we had come could not see more than ten or twelve. That lands you at the station Hope, not less than a hyndred miles up the yards, while usually my vision was . Get a transfer. not less than a hundred miles up the Pards, while usually my vision was

tributary from the main stream. next day that we made the great de vellow wall within a foot of me on parture. Since dawn Professor Chal either side. From above came one eager had been acutely uneasy, can thin knife edge of sunshine, and fifteen thanking standing each bank of the rive feet over our heads one saw the tops er. Saddenly he gave an exclamation of the reeds swaying against the deep of satisfacting and pointed to a stagle blue sky. I do not know what kind-of tree which projected at a pseudar angle creatures lubabit such a thicket, but was the side of the stream;

which I took for my landmark. The camp, extransted by the interminable secret opening to half a mile onward day. my private gate tuto the unknown stoping slightly upward and dotted bush through and you will under with Numps of tree ferns, the whole

damit."

banked in on each side by most luxu- rushes, and down the green tunnel, riant vegetation. No one who had not and up the long slope of palm trees, observed that for a short distance and through the bamboo brake, and reeds had taken the place of shrubs across the plain of tree ferns. At last could possibly have guessed the existence of such a stream or dreamed of When we had crossed the second the fairyland beyond.

wenderful that the imagination of man of high red eliffs which I have seen could conceive. The thick vegetation in the picture. There it lies, even as met overhead, interlacing into a nat- I write, and there can be no question ural pergola, and through this tunnel that it is the same. At the nearest of verdure in a golden twilight flowed , point it is about seven miles from our the green, pelincid river, beautiful in present camp, and it curves away, itself, but marvelous from the strange thits thrown by the vivid light from lenger struts about like a prize peaabove, filtered and tempered in its fall. Clear as crystal, motionless as a sheet of glass, green as the edge of an iceberg, it stretched in front of us under Its leafy archway, every stroke of our paddles sending a thousand ripples upon returning, I send this letter back fitting avenue to a land of wonders. All signs of the Indians had passed away, but animal life was more frequent, and the tameness of the creatures showed that they knew nothing of the hunter. Fuzzy little black velvet monitoys with snow white teeth and gleaming, mocking eyes chattered at us as we passed. With a dull, heavy splash an occasional cayman plunged in from the bank. Once a gentine or Wallace among the head dark, clamsy tapir stared at us from hunters of Malaya. It is decreed by a g ap in the bushes and then lumbered away through the forest. Once, too. the yellow, sinuous form of a great puma whisked amid the brushwood, and its green, imieful eyes glared ha-tred at us over its tawny shoulder. Bird life was abundant, especially the wading birds, stork, heron and this gathering in little groups, blue, scardrub upon the bank, with many a let and white, upon every log which jutted from the bank, while beneath us the crystal water was alive with fish of every shape and color,-

For three days we made our way up this tunnel of hazy green sunshine On the longer stretches one could hard distant green water ended and the distant green archway began. The with heavy stones for anchors in the deep peace of this strange waterway was unbroken by any sign of man. "No Indian here. Too much afraid Curupurl." said Gomez.

> "Curupuri is the spirit of the woods," Lord John explained. "It's a name for any kind of devil. The poor beggars thinks that there is something fearsome in this direction, and there-

fore they avoid it." On the third day it became eviden that our journey in the canoes could not last much longer, for the stream was rapidly growing more shallow. Twice in as many hours we stuck upon the bottom. Finally we pulled the boats up among the brushwood and spent the night on the bank of the river. In the morning Lord John and I made our way for a couple of miles through the forest, keeping parallel with the stream, but as it grew ever challower we returned and reported. what Professor Challenger had already suspected, that we had reached the highest point to which the canoes could be brought. We drew them up, therefore, and convealed them among the bushes, blazing a tree with our axes so that we should find them again. Then we distributed the various burdens among us-guns, ammunition food, a tent, blankets and the restand, shouldering our packages, we set forth upon the more laborious stage of our fourney.

Advancing in single file along the bank

into which we sank up to our knees.

The place was horribly haunted by

douds of mosquitoes and every form of flying pest, so we were glad to find solid ground again and to make a cir cuit among the frees, which enabled If you are on the the Gloomy line, us to outflank this pestilent mornss. Get a transfer, which droned like an organ in the dis if you are inclined to fret and pine, tance, so loud was it with insect life. On the ninth day after leaving the canoes, having done, as I recken, about | Get on the sunshine train; there's 120 miles, we began to emerge from the trees, which had grown smaller un til they were mere shrubs. Their place limited to the back of Lord John's cot-It was in the early foremen of the ton Jacket in front of me and to the several times we heard the plunging of "What do you make of time?" he large heavy animals quite close to us From their sounds Lord John judged "It is surely an Assat pater," said them to be some form of wild cattle Just as night felt we eleared the belt "Exactly. It was an Assal pains of bambees and ut once formed our

spen the other side of the river. There | Early next morning we were again s no break in the trees. That is the afoot and found that the character of vonder and the mystery of it. There the country had changed once again where you see light given rushes in | Behind us was the wall of bamboo as stend of dark green undergrowth, there definite as if it marked the course of effects the great cottonwoods, that is a river. In front was an open plain, curving before us until it ended in a It was beleed a wonderful place, long, whate backed ridge. This we Having reached the spot marked by a reached about midday, only to find a line of light green rushes, we poled shallow valley beyond, rising once that even haman life liself out two cames through them for some again into a gentle incline which led

our destination lay in full sight of us.

ridge we saw before us an irregular, For a fairyland it was, the most palm studded plain and then the line stretching as far as I can see. Chalcock, and Summerlee is silent, but arill skentical. Another day should bring some of our doubts to an end. Meanwhile, as Jose, whose arm was pierced by a broken bamboo, insists icross its shining surface. It was a in his charge and only hope that it may eventually come to hand. I will write again as the occasion serves. have inclosed with this a rough chart of our journey, which may have the effect of making the account rather ensier to understand.

(Continued next Saturday)

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Beneath this moldering canops Once shone the bright and busy eye Yet start not at the dismat void, holy love that eye employed, If with no lawless fire it gleaned, But through the dews of kinduc

That eye shall be forever bright, When stars and sun are sunk in night.

Within this hollow eavern hung The rendy, swift and tuneful tengue; If felschood's honey is disdained, And when it could not praise, was chmined:

If bold in virtue's cause it spoke, Yet gentle concord never broke That silent tongue may plend for thee, When Time universa Eternity.

Say, did these fingers delve the min-Or with its envied rubies shine? To hew the rock or wear the gem Can little now avail to them; But if the page of truth it sought, Or comfort to the mourner brought, These hands a richer meed shall claim Than all that waits on wealth or fame.

Avails it whether bare or shod of the stream, we soon found that it If from the bowers of ease they field narrowed down to a mere brook, and To seek affection's humble shed? finally that it lost itself in a great If grandenr's builty bribe they spurned And home to virtue's cot returned, And trend the palace of the sky.

#### GET A TRANSFER.

Get a transfer. Get off the track of doubt and gloom,

If you are in the worry train, Get a transfer. You must not stay there and complain, Get a transfer. The cheerful cars are passing through,

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#### PREPARES STATISTICAL MAP

For the use of the convention of For the use of the convention of the West Willumette Association of Baptist churches which will be held in Newberg, June 12, 13 and 14, Edw. Himes has reported a map of Polk county showing its school districts, the exact location of school houses, the number of school children, and the school districts in which religious services are held. Mr. Himes has about completed the map which gives all this data for the 74 school districts of Polk county. Among the tricts of Polk county. Among the Dallas people who are expected to attend the convention are: Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Tapscott, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Nelson, Miss Amy Hibbard, Henry Johnson and William Jackman,—Dallas

#### PEDEE SELLS SHIP KNEES

With the revival of the wooden hip building industry on the Pacific oust comes a renewed demand for fir thip knees, as evidenced from the or-ler given Parker Brothers, of Pedce. for 13 cars of fir knees to be deliveerd to Aberdeen, Wash. Four ours have alady gone through Dallas and about 10 empties await loading by Parker Brothers at Pedec. Otto T. Brandt, traveling freight agent of the Union Pacific, was feet with angel's wings shall vie knee possibilities of this section. Ship knees are made from the gnarled and Selected. twisted grain stumps of tree stumps.

The natural curve of the stump makes an ideal curve for the ship hull .- Dal-Ins Observer.

DALLAS CONTRACTORS GET JOB

Four Dallas contractors, Arthur P. Starr, Lou Muscott, James V. Chitty and Joe Tito, who were given the contract by the Tillamook and Yamhill county courts in a recent meeting for rocking the Sour Grass road, a \$15,000 job, will start work about the first of the month. In all about 9,000 yards of crushed rock will be put or the 10 mile piece and the longest knul is seven miles. The improvement is a cut-off around Dolph hill. The road work commences at the Ber ranch. The Dallas contractors will use two auto trucks and some teams in doing the .. work .- Dallas Observer.

MAXWELLS GOING IN PRANCE In a letter to the expert department of the Maxwell Motor company at Detroit, N. E. O'Conner, special represontative in Paris, France, says that Maxwell cars are giving excellent sat-isfaction in France. He writes that in spite of keen competition, the de-mand for Maxwells is increasing staily.

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