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"I have suffered bitter experience and passed through many painful hours. My heart is as sad as though I had again lost my grandfather. But God has ordained it so, and I must bear it, even though I fall under the load. The post of lookout-man on the ship of State has fallen to me. The course remains the old one and now Tuil steam ahead!"—(Declaration of the German Emperor, March 22, 1890.)

CHAPTER L.

"A King and Two Emperors." "So history repeats itself. The war of 1870 is to be fought again and again, and, I fear, with the same issue."

"Is there no hope of a peaceful settlement?"

"Unless you go back again guv'nor, and take a hand in the game."

The interruption came from Arizona Jim, who was sitting with Vansittart and Evelyn In a canoe, which lay motionless on a silvery lake in the heart of the Adirondacks.

For a moment no one spoke. It would seem that this privileged adherent had an' it kep' him goin' for seven bloomin' blurted out the millionaire's secret thought, years." and the possibility alarmed Evelyn. In say such foolish things, Bates. Your master has given enough to France without adding his life to the score. Twenty years hence you will suggest that Henry should follow in the same cause. The sole object of your existence is to seek danger and trouble."

The allusion to her 3-year-old son softened her voice to breaking point. Her eyes from one to the other of her hearers.

Arizona Jim was astounded at this outfar more reproach than mere words. He a look at Vansittart. But Jerome steadily watched a spiral of smoke from his cigar curling into shapelessness in the still air. So Jim essayed to defend him-

"Well, mum, there was a time when I used ter fool round lookin' for trouble. But I kinder thought that bad ole time had for, an' that is for you to be vexed with me. As for danger, I'm sorter fixed in the notion as how it ain't in our hands. Kings an' sparrows run under the same rules."

'O, Jim, I'm not angry with you. But you don't understand-you don't understand," and Evelyn's repressed tears forthwith became downright sohs.

If her wayward mood amazed Bates it was quite comprehensible to Jerome, who matters where they were.

In very truth the impulsive Texan had placed in words the thought which for days past had thrown a shadow upon Evelyn's bright existence.

Bismarck's policy still prevailed in Berlin, though his domineering presence was removed from the council chamber. "A strong France is a menace to Teutonic as pirations." "In European disputes the bayonet is the court of appeal." "Blessed are those who possess." These were his aphorisms, and the hot-headed ruler of the German nation considered them to be still as vital to the longevity of his empire as in the troublous period when the First Chancellor proclaimed the reign of blood

France had thriven amazingly since Vansittart converted the arid Sahara into a panorama of cornlands and vineyards. The commercial prosperity of the people brought with it expansion in the trade marts of the world. Germany, soured by the uselessness of its own colonial efforts, experienced the novel sensation of being heedlessly elbowed to one side by its mercurial neighbor.

Frenchmen were taught reason by contentment. The Russian alliance was no longer coveted; bickerings against England became spasmodic and feeble, while the last man that Henry V regarded as an antagonist was the German emperor. France, in its dream of peace, was even

forgetting the lost provinces! But the king and his advisers should have read the open book supplied by the recorded

utterances of their geatest enemy. "Every state," said Bismarck, recognize that its security rests on its own sword." Henri did well to enrich his people. but ill to neglect the safeguards of French

independence.

The New York press explained the situation with point and flippancy. "Germany must fight or bust," wrote one paper. "The kaiser must either throttle France or be drummed out of power by an impoverished people, famishing and mutinous. The nation is sinking beneath ever-increasing military burdens which must be met out of a falling revenue. The alternative, to the German emperor's thinking, is simple. The rest of the world desires peace; he must have warand every other interest but that of the

house of Hohenzollern may go hang. No wonder then that Evelyn Vansittart was sad at heart in the midst of pleasant surroundings, or that her emotions were not in harmony with the joyous springtide in the hills. She knew full well that France, sore pressed, would in the hour of ex-

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tremity appeal to the one man in whom the populace placed unbounded faith. And she herself would be the first to admit that duty in keeping aloof. England will not interand honor alike offered her husband but one course of action.

After all, money does not bring happiness. The millionaire and the man in the street are separated only by some bricks and mortar. Their lives are very similar, when riewed through the telescopes of the gods. Five minutes of quiet thought revealed the situation more clearly to Arizona Jim. When Evelyn had calmed somewhat, in response to Jerome's half jocular, half

sympathetic raillery, Jim ventured to say: "It's like this, mum. It'll do no good for the guv'nor to fight, anyhow. This is a "How can there be peace between a robber | business for armies, an' big ones at that. and his victim? Germany is resolved that But the French want some one to do the France must be crushed. Crushed she will thinkin' for 'em. That's more'n half the be to the utmost bounds of humiliation, game, an' allus hez bin, ever since the days

of Nebbycodnezzer." Jerome laughed outright at the exraordinary allusion. Even his wife smiled as she dried her eyes.

"Why on earth do you drag in Nebu chadnezzar. Jim?" cried Vansittart, when he was able to speak. "'Cos he thought he could live on grass,

The concelt put them in better humor sharper tone than was her wont she cried, They were about to resume their interrupted after a quick glance at her husband: "Don't fishing when Jerome caught sight of Harland walking toward them down the hill on which

> stood their summer residence. They watched him in silence until he reached the verge of the lake. Then he put his hands to his mouth and shouted:

"Cablegram for Evelyn." "A cablegram for me!" repeated Evelyn n astonishment. "From whom, I wonder? glistened with tears as she looked wistfully Paddle in at once, Jerry. Surely there is nothing amiss with mother or aunt. I had a letter only yesterday. Why doesn't Dick burst. The use of his surname conveyed call out its contents?" Had she been on shore she certainly would have examined worshiped Evelyn with dog-like fidelity, and the printed envelope to see if it gave any now, in mute pain, he sought encouragement indications of the nature of the interior message.

She did not wait to land before she cried: "Who is it from, Dick?"

"From the queen of France." "What is it about?"

"It will best convey its own message. Thinking it was from home I opened it. It s written in the private code used by the passed. The biggest trouble I didn't allow king. Liancourt and Jerome, so I have translated it and here is a copy."

Evelyn took the manuscript and read i aloud:

"Dear and True Friend-The expected has happened this time. Germany has forced pretext for war upon us. Acting under the specific instructions of the kulser a German gunboat accompanied a trading vessel to Gabes and attempted to land a cargo of goods in deflance of our customs regulations. now silently admonished the other to leave | The officials invoked the aid of the captain of one of our war ships, on duty at the port, and he ordered the Germans to desist. This they refused to do unless compelled by force, whereupon our officer fired a blank cartridge by way of warning. It was sufficient, but there cannot be the slightest doubt that this paltry incident will be made cause of war. We are, God knows, ill prepared for a campaign, though we have strained every nerve to strengthen our resources since our enemy's cruel design became apparent. We are alone in this We cannot expect England to quarrel. nterfere and Russian friendship has suddenly become frozen. O, my dear Evelyn, do not you desert us! I ask you to spare your husband to aid us in this terrible crisis. I know not what to urge in behalf of my request, but the need of my beloved France impels me to prefer it, if necessary on my knees. The king or Liancourt would have cabled to Mr. Vansittart, but I told them to eave the appeal to me, for I am assured hat the decision will rest with you. I canot think that you will deny me. With Mr. Vansittart directing affairs, my people will be hopeful. In his absence they will march

to death, brave but despairing. Your fflicted. HONORINE." When the familiar name left her lips Evelyn turned and hid her face against her husband's shoulder.

Jerome put his arm round her. "It has come sooner than we thought, my irl," was the best be could find to say. Dick Harland dug his hands into hi pockets and looked at them fixedly; Arizona Jim felt that he required ustenance, and took a surreptitious bite at

plug of tobacco.

The news aroused in Vansittart a serious rain of thought; his mind wandered back a lecade, when fancy free he had met the beautiful Honorine de Montpensier, whose ambition to occupy the position to which she deemed herself entitled by birth was revealed to him by her refusal to be his wife. Unused to defeat, and with his great wealth, he had repaired to France, and engaged himself in the vast scheme of irrigating the Great African desert. The energy, skill and tact with which he had overcome all difficulties had endeared him to the French people and raised him to such influence and power as to enable him to place Honorine on the throne, but not as his wife. He learned the difference between ambition and pure affection, wedded the sister of his

old schoolfellow, Harland, and now, after brief period of relief from business cares, felt that his presence on the field of action was necessary to preserve to the French nation the great colony that had grown from his labors. At last Evelyn regained her self-control

She said firmly "Does the decision rest with me, Jerry?

"Then we start for France at the earliest oment." "Yes, we. I refuse to remain behind.

if you go without me I will follow by the next steamer." "My dear girl, there is the boy to think "He will be well looked after during our

absence. My place is with you." "So be it, sweetheart. This war will make an old man of me, so we will age together. Dick, wire to New York and ask when the Scafarer can sail for Euope."

"And at the same time I will answer the Evelyn was grit all through. The day was a Tuesday early in May. An hour later they learned that the Seafarer would be ready at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon

"Then Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock we sail," cried Jerome cheerily. Dick, I have been making a few plans al How can I best purchase, for the ready. speediest shipment, 20,000 strong, well conditioned horses? They must be up to weight and sound in wind and limb. thing over fifteen hands and between 5 and 8 years old will meet my requirements."

In a room of the imperial palace that

head of the council table. With him were In the result they were not mistaken. the chief officers of the army and the responsible ministers of state.

There was nothing of doubt or hesitation in the katser's words, nor did his manner belie him. He has chosen this chamber for the conference because here, if anywhere in that royal abode, dwelt the spirit of his renowned grandfather. From that historical corner window the great founder of the modern German empire had looked to the last upon his faithful people and his beloved army.

Some one had suggested a further sounding of the views held by the great powers. "Great powers!" cried the emperor. "Great weaknesses, rather! Which of them will stir ship or soldier to aid France? No. The quarrel will be left to us, in the hope that the struggle will weaken both. Already Austria and Italy have taken care to declare their neutrality, and from St. Petersburg I hear that Russia is resolute fere. A hint that Egypt and the Transvaal shall be its portion of the spoil will render it complaisant-until I tell it that triumphant Germany has assumed the rights of conquered France on the Nile. But enough; we are resolved. When will the three army corps be mobilized, General von

staff, instantly replied:

ertainty or confusion?" "None, sire, for us; much for the enemy.

enter column!"

Linden, was gathered a notable conclave. by the Germans, caused the French staff The emperor, impulsive, exuberant, brave to expect and prepare for an immediate to rashness and daring in thought, sat at the junction of the two corps in French territory. But the third was unpleasantly new. Vast number of troops were gathered at the frontier was, in the one case, by Saarburg, north of the Vosges mountains,

> through Alt Munsterol toward strongly fortified Belfort. In either event the French would have op posed a bold front to the invaders. General Daubigson, who, in his capacity as governor of Paris, was commander-in-chief under the supreme control of the king, was chagrined rather than alarmed when he found flict with French vessels at any cost. that the southern German column had secretly detrained at Markirch and was able

of the Vosges as far as Fraize, almost without striking a blow. On the Friday morning the eyes of the world were bent on Paris and Berlin. The two cities comported themselves according to their moods, Paris yelping with excitement, the German capital throbbing with

The king of France bore himself bravely before his people. Only in the comparative secrecy of the rebuilded Tuileries he showed the agonized apprehension that possessed

him His one thought was that Vansittart might arrive too late. "We were at least warned soon enough to

Why did we not bring him here a fortnight ago? "Your majesty forgets," said Liancourt, 'that Mr. Vansittart believed, as we did,

that Germany would not commit this out-

HE INVOLUNTARILY MADE A STEP FORWARD.

"That must not be." It was Prince Hohenlohe, the imperial chancellor, who spoke so emphatically. "How! Must not! These are scarce itting words to me.

"Possibly, sire, but I cannot school my tongue to conceal my thoughts. Your majesty's impetuosity and carelessness of danger are too well known that I should lend voice to a proceeding which might risk your person in a frontier affray at the very inception of our enterprise." Emboldened by the chancellor's out-

spokenness several officers concurred with

"Well, well," and the emperor turned to a map with an air of annoyance. "You are right, I suppose. But mark me. Not always will I yield to these grandmotherly precautions. I had thought it would inspirit the troops to know that their leader led from the front and not from the rear.' "The project is worthy of your majesty, but the gain is not to be measured against

the possible loss." "Who then will act as my personal representative? The emperor's deputy, at least, must be the first soldier to set foot on

French soil." "Surely no man's name can contend the

right with mine." All eyes turned upon the new speaker, Colonel von Moltke, nephew of the renowned strategist who maneuvered the German irmies with such faultless skill during the war of 1870.

"And none shall," cried the kaiser enhusiastically. "Yours be the honor to lead



THEN I LEAD THE FIRST REGIMENT OF THE CENTER COLUMN.

the column, colonel, and Friday's sun shall see you major general. When will your majesty declare war?"

"Ah! I had forgotten. Telegraph to our mbassador in Paris that he is to demand his passports on Thursday evening. So, it will be seen that whilst the king of France left affairs of vast importance to his royal consort, the emperor of Ger-

many also launched his thunderbolt by The other emperor, Vansittart, was the only one who actually traveled to the front at that fateful hour on Thursday.

> CHAPTER II. Flags-British and Otherwise.

Three German army corps entered France imultaneously at different points. One line of march, from Metz by way o Gravelotte, Mars la Tour and Fresnes-en

Woevre, followed the historic route of the last war. Here the French had set up formidable barrier of men and guns, backed by the splendid fortress at Verdun. The second attack had also been foreseen The concentration of Bavarians at Thion-

rage upon humanity without even prausions | Hawke. I know it well by sight. What shall excuse.'

"Yes, yes," murmured Henri, "but the best of explanations will not disguise the fact. One short week of his counsel and presence would have achieved so much. One week too soon, rather than too late!" "Your majesty cannot believe that the armies of France will be beaten from the

field within a week?" "Liancourt," and the king turned to his faithful minister with keen emotion in his of 12,000-horse power, and carrying twelve face. "Let us not deceive each other. You guns, was evidently in earnest. It slightly

know, better than I, perhaps, what our enemies can accomplish even in that brief period. It is for my brave soldiers, unready, ill-equipped, worse fed, that I grieve. You and I, my friend, can die at their head, but what will that avail France! France, my country, so happy, so prosperous, so little deserving this wretched fate!"

Liancourt could only urge the king to abandon useless regrets and do all within his power to repair defects. He realized in their full bitterness, the truth of Henri's words.

In the palace near the lindens William the Second, who for all his dash and waywardness is a methodical German, had retired to rest and slept soundly after the elegrams arrived announcing the departure of the three columns. He rose early, fresh and vigorous, ready to proceed to the front as soon as he learned that the left bank of the Meuse was in possession of his troops. General von Gossler waited upon him the oment he appeared.

"'Tis fitting." cried the kaiser, "that on this day of all days I should be greeted by the war minister. What news, Von Goss-

"Excellent, sire. The fight is in the nemy's country. We have seized the desired positions, the armies are consolidating and probably the first battle will be in progress by the time your majesty reaches the frontier."

Yet the general's visage was not as cheer

ful as his intelligence and the emperor's quick eye noted the discrepancy. "Is aught amiss?" "In one respect I have tidings that your

najesty will regret to-

"Quick. What has happened?" "Colonel von Moltke was shot by the

French picket as he drove them over the Voevre bridge." "Shot! Wounded, you mean, I trust." "No, sire. Shot through the brain."

"The only place to hit a Moltke!" "What say the papers about the war?" The emperor, who was more deeply moved than he cared to admit, picked up a copy of the Zeitung and turned to the columns of foreign intelligence. The first paragraph that met his eyes caused him to utter an

exclamation. "New York, Thursday-Shortly before it became known that Germany had declared war against France Mr. and Mrs. Vansittart and suite sailed for Europe on board their yacht, the Seafarer. The famous million aire's sympathies for France-indeed he remains a naturalized French citizen-coupled with the fact that the yacht's destination was kept a secret, render it practically certain that he is bound for Havre or Cherbourg. He left his summer home in th Adirondacks most unexpectedly. Information concerning his intentions is absolutely refused at his New York estate office. It my case, he cannot cross the Atlantic under eight days, as the Scafarer is a sixteen-knot

General von Gossler wondered what had o disturbed his royal master, but he was ot long left in doubt. Turning upon him with a face of fury, Withelm roared: 'Why was I not told of this sooner?"

"Of w-w-what, sire?" "Of the departure of this Yankee adventurer, sir! Send Vice Admiral Hollmann here at once. Quick, if you would retain your portfolio. Utterly at a loss to know what this storm

stands on the famous boulevard. Unter den ville, or, Diedenhofen, as it is rechristened portended, the general rushed from the room, and the kaiser strode to and fro in a

towering rage. He had not forgotten the way in which Vausittart, when president of the French, had played political poker with him. He wanted no more "raising" at his hands, but flurried Von Gossler.

"Admiral," he shouted, "there are four well-defined routes across the Atlantic?"

"Read this. Order a fast cruiser to proeed along each route and bring this man Vansittart, with or without his ship, to Hamburg. The commission of each captain depends upon the success of one of them. They must start forthwith, and avoid con-

It was thus that, twelve hours after the Seafarer passed the Sandy Hook lightship and turned her smart figurehead eastward. four fast and well-armed German cruisers sailed from Hamburg and Bremerhaven intent upon her capture or destruction. The stars and stripes fluttered in the breeze over her taffrail as the gallant little ship plunged collers.

Reuter's correspondent was not mistaken n describing her as a sixteen-knot ship. Her small size, 2,000 tons, and her owner's desire to be able to voyage in her anywhere, precluded a higher engine power.

On the third day out, although on a southerly course, they plunged into the heel of a fog that had swept down from the Newfoundland banks. But to Evelyn the chilly mist was refreshing, and she walked the have prevented this misfortune," he cried. deck, leaning on her husband's arm with a sense of exhibaration at the vastness of their

> During Vansittart's brief halt in New York he had done much. Not every man can contrive to expend twenty-five millions sterling in half that number of hours. But he had done this, to the huge benefit of France, as will be seen hereafter.

the records of the war of '70-71, together with much poring over maps and jotting

This evening Evelyn protested against so nuch preoccupation, and carried him off for constitutional before dinner. During their walk they noticed Arizona Jim leaning against a ventilator away forward, gazing fixedly into the wall of fog Jim was wrapped in a brown study, and ooked so serious that they both laughed.

lim?" inquired the millionaire. Bates started. "I was thinkin', boss, that things air tolerable thick shead." "Here, do you mean?"

horn I guess we're all right here, if the other feller does the same." "In France, then?" "Yes, guv'nor, that's the locality. You

fix this business." future. Have you lost faith in me?" "No, guy'nor. Not I. Nary a bit. What

ou sez goes. But you'll have to kill off a blamed lot of Germans."

red and horrible war. Next morning, while Evelyn was pouring out a third cup of coffee for Jerome and Dick, the captain of the Seafarer hurriedly

"There's a British man-of-war about three nile ahead on the port bow, sir, and it has signalled us to stop," he said,

"To stop? An English ship? Are you quite sure it is English?" cried Jerome. "Onite certain sir It is the fast crui

up now, I wonder?" handsome war ship, for the overnight fog had wholly disappeared and the fine vessel supplied a human interest to the vast

The Hawke, first class cruiser, 7,250 tons, altered its course in order to come nearer. and when half a mile ahead slowed down to lower a boat. An officer took his seat in the stern sheets, and the steady pull of eight strong-armed blue jackets soon brought him

"Yes," replied Jerome. "I am he." "I am very glad I have fallen in with you. I wish to speak with you privately." Suiting his actions to the words he quickly climbed the rope ladder which had been lowered and gained the deck of the Sea-

With smiling courtesy he introduced him self: "I am Captain des Voeux Hamilton of her majesty's ship Hawke, which you see there. I have information of great importance for you. Shall we go to the aloon ?"

Jerome led the way, saying:

explained his strange appearance in midtlantic. He began with a question: "Do you know that war has broken out between Germany and France?'

tion. Even Vansittart was surprised by the suddenness of the announcement.

"There can be no doubt about it. The German armies commenced the invasion of France on Thursday night. I left Portsmouth at noon on Friday and several slight affairs had already taken place on the frontier, while in military circles it was generally believed that the first pitched battle would take place vesterday (Sunday)

anger at this catastrophe only manifested itself by a tightening of the lips as he said: "This is indeed grave news for me, Captain Hamilton."

"I fear my next item will be more unpleasant, insofar as it affects you personally. Our foreign office is naturally keeping very close watch on all naval movements at this moment. A trustworthy Hamburg correspondent warned Whitehall by secret telegraphic code that four German cruisers put out to sea in a great hurry early on Friday. He learned by some means that their object was to catch you and prevent you, at all hazards, from landing in France. Your yacht is an American ship, but defenseless, and you are reported to be a French citizen. Nice diplomatic differences can, however, be adjusted months hence, and even large personal indemnities paid. Meanwhile you would be accommodated with a residence in some remote German castle. I think you follow me. You have friends Whitehall, Mr. Vansittart, so-here I

"Captain Hamilton," said the millionaire warmly, "I am deeply indebted to the British government and to you personally. But tell me. At sea I am helpless. The Seafarer is not a fast boat. I may presumably expect capture at any moment? "Hardly. The Hawke can slip away from anything the Germans have, and we had, say, a couple of hours' start from Ports-



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eize her?"

others to settle the rights of the case, eh, take him off it." Mr. Vansittart?" ooth sides of the Atlantic. They all, even by a specious artifice, arising from wholly Evelyn, grinned in concert.

Jerome, after a pause.

you?" "Withou "Absolutely!" "In the absence of an American man-of war I am justified in asking your protection under circumstances that savor of piracy? "Well, you see, it is like this: I can

stand by you and help you if appealed to.

but-again regarding events from the Ger-

man point of view-a single shell would probably settle your business during the argument." "Would it inconvenience you too much Captain Hamilton, if I were to ask you to find quarters for a small household of five

on board your ship during the next fev days.' "When I get the request in writing," said the sailor with dry humor, "you will come with me to quarters already prepared." Then, with a smile, he turned to Evelyn 'You will not find a cruiser quite so com fortable as this magnificent vessel. Mrs

"I cannot express my gratitude," began erome. "No need, sir. But time presses." A bustle of stewards, some agonized mo nents for a French maid, a few instruc ions to the captain of the Seafarer and the

be delighted to entertain you.

whole party were seated in the Hawke's gig, which bounded willingly toward the war ship. All that morning and afternoon there was nuch jubilant activity on board the Hawke. "Strike me stiff," said a sturdy A. B., wh

magazine. "I didn't play for a shindy this rip, but you never knows yer luck." "If things goes right today we'll 'ave a fair old beano, Bill," growled his mate hoarse with the effect of nearly swallowing a quid, when he caught the gunnery lieutenint's eye fixed on a suspicious lump in th

side of his check. Arizona Jim sighed as he listened. A six chambered revolver was a trivial thing be ide a 6-inch quick-firing gun. For the only time in his life he envied his fellow

At three bells in the first dog watch, in shore phrase, 5:30 p. m., the Scafarer having ignored previous signals, was com pelled to shut off steam in obedience to gun fired across her bows by the German belted cruiser Das Rheinland, 6,500 tons ten guns, commanded temporarily by Vice Admiral von Grudenau.

The order was imperative, and the matte at issue important; for the distinguished officer himself, escorted by an armed boat's crew, pulled off toward the Seafarer, and the watchers from the Hawke could easily distinguish an animated colloquy in progress on her deck between Von Grudenau and the ankee skipper.

turn to his own vessel, but rapidly ap proached the Hawke. He was received with ceremonious ourtesy.

It soon ended. The German did not re

After compliments, as they say in the east, he explained: "My imperial master, the German emperor being at war with France, demands the per son of a French subject, one Monsieur Jerome K. Vansittart, who, I am informed, i on board this ship, which flies the flag of Great Britain, a neutral nation." He spoke as a man incensed at being set back in the moment of success.

"I beg to refer your imperial master, the German emperor, to my royal mistress, the queen of England," was Captain Hamilton's suave reply. "That, sir, is a subterfuge, and you know

t," cried the vice admiral, pale with sup-pressed anger. "I emphatically demand the lelivery to my custody of this gentleman shom I see standing there."

"And I as emphatically refuse to comply with your demand."

"On what grounds, sir?" First, because Mr. Vansittant, his wife and

a French citizen. Third, if he were, and on "They are not. But I know what I or you board this ship, it would, under the circumwould do under similar circumstances-leave stances, require the whole German navy to

The German was ready to burst with rage. The Anglo-Saxon is very much alike on Full well he knew that he had been tricked unexpected conditions. Yet he dared not "What are your orders, captain?" said and would not return to Bremerhaven without attempting to serve his country in this 'My orders are to find you and assist ticklish affair. Why not strive, at the sacrifice of his life, to rid Germany of one potent nemy?

He involuntarily made a half step forward, and his right arm crossed to his sword, but Captain Hamilton and another officer sprang in front of him, and Arizona Jim's hand fell to his hip. There are times when a six-shooter is more convenient than even a 6-inch gun.

The incident passed so quickly that it might have been imaginary were it not eccentuated by Evelyn's slight cry of alarm.

Further conversation is useless. I must bey my orders. With your permission, sir, I will return to my vessel.

Captain Hamilton followed his glance and miled: "Will you not do me the honor of Vansittart, but my officers and myself will orolonging your visit and inspecting the ship? She will bear scrutiny, I can assure

> The other politely waived the offer aside. "I have no option but to try what force an do," he said.

out your unreasonable instructions." Again Von Grudenau bowed, and without was hoisting ammunition from the forward urther speech quitted the Hawke. Not until he was well clear of her did he notice that the British man-of-war was now interposed between the Seafarer and Das Rheinland.

> must be taken to safer quarters." The British commander was not mistaken of officers and men to polarize her compasses There was enough electricity in the bodies seemed to throb with suppressed excitement moving abead. The trame of the fine crulses Almois sum oldwill out pur officer [uojiouid request. "Well," he said, "if I turn my back on the Germans this time it is only that I may have a better look at them afterwards." The Seafarer now made off as fast as her screw could revolve. By the time Von Grudenau reached his own ship she was out of as to the enemy's intent. There was no nonscuse about firing preliminary shells as range-finders. Trusting to possible forgetfulness, the first German projectile fairly struck the companionway near which Vansittart had stood. Iron splinters and shattered woodwork kicked up a rare commotion n the locality, but Hamilton's nice calculaion of Von Grudenau's objective was equally

successful in averting loss of life or limb among his officers and men. Thereafter-for two minutes that seemed like hours—the listeners in an oil-lit cabin near the engine room heard a series of violent explosions, erratic snorts of steam, a din of electric bells and an indescribable rattle of machinery, whilst five times in rapid succession came a clang of battered Evelyn clung desperately to her husband, The French maid, huddled up in a corner, sobbed hysterically, and the three men each

Suddenly the door opened and Lieutenant liomfield entered "Captain Hamilton wishes you to come on

deck." he said. From the calmness of his tone he might have been conducting them to witness a regatta. The people on the Hawke had just

Events soon became intelligible The third shell from the Hawke had

Captain Hamilton discovered his opponent's brother-in-law, are the honored guests of helplessness he ordered "cease fire." The Hawke's casualties amounted to three

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Waldersce?"

The officer addressed, the chief of the "We can commence to throw 150,000 men across the frontier on Thursday night at 9

'clock, your majesty. "Why at night? Is there no fear of un-"Then I lead the first regiment of the

both Strasburg and Mulhausen. From each | had cooled somewhat by the time the secof these centers the natural advance across retary for the navy raced back with the toward Luneville and Nancy; in the other "Yes, sire."

to push cavalry vedettes through the heart

steadily onward through the long Atlantic

enterprise.

Now he spent most of his time in reading

down of memoranda.

"What are you thinking about so deeply,

"Nit. S'long as we keep tootin' the fog-

won't find no Injun signs on rocks to help "Why, Jim, you are the one man in the world I should not suspect of doubting the

Evelyn clutched Jerome's arm more tightly. Bates had an unpleasant knack of revealing the truth without any circumlocuion. For the first time she realized that he conquest of men meant carnage-that her husband might be called upon to direct

entered the saloon.

we do? "Obey the signal, by all means. What's They went on deck and scrutinized the

panorama of blue rolling sea and sunlit

alongside the Seafarer.

Within hailing distance he cried: 'Is Mr. Vansittart aboard?'

"My wife and brother-in-law may acmpany us?" "Assuredly, Mr. Vansittart." Once out of earshot of others the officer

Evelyn uttered an involuntary exclama-"Surely matters have not reached that stage already?" he exclaimed.

somewhere in the neighborhood of Mars la Tour. Jerome was powerfully moved, but his

mouth. But one of the quartet will certainly fall in with you this afternoon of evening."

"Are they entitled to board my yacht and fall to adduce proof that Mr. Vansittart is

. CLOTHING ..

Von Grudenau, with a frigid bow, said:

As he spoke his eyes wandered along the lines of the Hawke. He could not fail to see that she was in fighting trim.

"Any course you may see fit to adopt will afford me equal pleasure. But this is not personal matter, sir. I am in duty bound You are rashly risking a useful vessel and he lives of your crew in striving to carry to tell you that your ship is overmatched.

Captain Hamilton at once turned to Jerome: "Mr. Vansittart, all non-combatants The millionaire had expected some such

ron, accompanied by a staggering thud. confessed afterward that they expected the op of the cylinder to blow off.

passed through an extremely sensational

and diverting performance.

smashed Das Rheinland's rudder and when

H. M. S. Hawke, and consequently of the British government. Second, because you men killed and ten wounded, together with