THE HILLMAN AN UNUSUAL LOVE STORY

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THE PRINCE OF SEYRE PLOTS JOHN'S DOWNFALL THROUGH FASCINATING WOMEN, AND INTRO-DUCES HIM TO MADAME CALAVERA, FA-MOUS RUSSIAN DANCER

Synopsis.-Louise Maurel, famous actress, was making a motor tour of the English Cumberland district, when lor car broke down late one evening and she was forced to accept the overnight hospitality of Stephen and John Strangewey, recluse woman haters living in a splendid old mansion on a great farm. Before she left next day she had captivated John and he had fascinated her. Three months later John, on a sudden impulse, went to London and looked up Louise. She was delighted to see him and introduced him to her friends of the artistic and dramatic world, smong them Sophy, a light-hearted little actress, and Graillot, a playwright of remarkable mental gifts. The prince of Seyre, a wealthy French noble, whom he already knew, became his guide, and he entered the gay bohemian life of the city. Graillot warned Louise not to toy with her two ardent lovers, John and the prince, and told her the prince was dangerous for John.

me also the opportunity of presenting

Lady Hilda smiled graciously at

still beautiful woman; her figure slen-

der and dignified; her voice low and

"This is my first visit of any sort

She looked at him with as much sur-

o Covent Garden." John told her.

like admiration in he face.

John shook his head.

and I have a farm there."

surely?"

way into life."

"How romantic!"

"Do you live abroad?" she asked.

"But you visit London occasionally,

"I have never heard anything so ex-

sides, she had a weakness for hand-

attention to watching him.

delightful.

CHAPTER IX-Continued.

mas on one subject and one subject troduced John to many well-known zation of a new art. only-men and women. It has been people, always with that little note of outcome of many strange situations. I nificance to the ceremony. have watched the prince draw you From the club, where the question of from the skies there looms up this opera house. The prince, preceded by is going to become of him?" sudden obstacle."

"You do not realize," Louise pro- upon the second tier. A woman turned tested, almost eagerly, "how slight is her head as they entered and stretched my acquaintance with Mr. Strangewey. out her hand, which the prince raised I once spent the night and a few hours to his lips. of the next morning at his house in . "You see, I have taken you at your Cumberland, and that is all I have word, Eugene," she remarked. ever seen of him. How can his pres- "You give me double pleasure, dear ence here be of any serious import to lady," the prince declared. "Not only

"As to that," Grafflot replied, "I say nothing. If what I have suggested to you my friend, John Strangewey. does not exist, then for the first time | Strangewey, this is my very distant in my life I have made a mistake; but relative and very dear friend, Lady



"Beware, Not of the Enmity of Eugene of Seyre, but of His Friendship."

I do not think I have. You may not realize it, but there is before you one of those struggles that make or mar the life of women of every age. As for the men, I will only say this, and it is because of it that I have spoken all-I am a lover of fair play, and the ago." struggle is not even. The younger man may hold every card in the pack, but Eugene of Seyre has learned how to win tricks without aces. I stayed be- has induced you to break out of your dently displeased. hind to say this to you, Louise. You seclusion?" know the young man, and I do not. It is you who must warn him."

"Warn him?" Louise repeated, with upraised eyebrows, "Dear master, aren't we just a little-do you mind if I use that word so hateful to youmelodramatic? The age of duels is post, also the age of hired braves and He has come, in short, to look a little think I shall run away with him, as

"Agreed," Graillot interrupted, "but the weapons of today are more dangerous. It is the souls of their enemies of that young man's, I would say to stay very long in London. I want just ning-" him: 'Beware, not of the enmity of to try it for a time." Eugene of Seyre, but of his friendship!" And now, dear lady, I have finring. May I not let myself out?"

He looked steadfastly into her eyes, interest of John Strangewey's situa-His plain, bearded face was heavybrowed, lined, tired a little with the

coming of age. "You are not going?" she asked him. "Dear Louise," he said, "I am going, am glad to think that I shall be able because the time when I can help is to watch you when you see Calavera Cumberland!" she laughed. "You must not yet. Listen! More harm has been in her dances for your first time." done in this world by advice than in | The curtain rang up upon one of the any other way. I have no advice to most gorgeous and sensuous of the give you. You have one sure and cer- Russian ballets. John, who by their tain guide, and that is your own heart, joint insistence was occupying the niways ready!"

CHAPTER X.

During the remainder of that after- As the story progressed and the muby a vague sense of the splendor of ness, they distinctly saw his almost surroundings and his companion's militant protest. They saw the knit- ter things if one waits!" mysterious capacity for achieving im- ting of his firm mouth and the slight possibilities. Their visits to the tai- contraction of his eyebrows. The ers, the shirtsenkers, the hosiers and prince and his friend exchanged bootmakers almost resembled a glances. She drew her chair a little waved aside. That night he dined, ample.

lage ip which he has lived."

As educator of the young? I don't Sophy this evening?" seem to see you in that role!"

A very rare and by no means pleas- don't believe she is invited." ant smile twisted the corners of his lips for a moment.

"It is a long story." "Can I be brought in?" she asked.

He nodded. "It rests with you. It would suit my voice sounded in his ear.

plans." ment, looked restlessly at the stage Calavera. Madame, this is my friend "You grow more wonderful! You and back again at John. Then she rose of whom I spoke to you." from her place and stood before the

I clothed like other men from head to prince. foot, in the lofty dining room of one | John remained entirely heedless of thing he had imagined, from anything one person who has made a wonder-"Ah no, dear lady," he insisted, "I of the most exclusive clubs in London, their movements, Ilis eyes were he had ever seen. In the ballet a ful change in my life. I believe I could am not talking willly. I am Graillot, The prince proved an agreeable if still riveted upon the stage, fascinated writhing, sensuous figure with every say that I am absolutely certain of my who for thirty year's have written dra- somewhat reticent companion. He in- with the wonderful coloring, the reali- gesture a note in the octave of pas- feelings for her, but so far she has not

given to me to study many varying personal interest in his few words of "do not need to play about with the immobility. She was slender, not so questions?" types of the human race, to watch the presentation which gave a certain sig- truth. Eugene. What are you doing tall as she had seemed upon the stage. this for?"

"The idlest whim," the prince asperson to be lightly resisted. Now in his life John entered the famous handsomest animal in London. What

"I think I understand a little," she an attendant, led the way to a box confessed.

"I think you do," the prince assent-"He has views, this young man. It is my humor to see them dissipated. The modern Sir Galahad always irritated me a little."

She shrugged her shoulders.

is it a joy to be your host, but you give these women." she said. "Much better hand him over to me."

The prince smiled enigmatically, and John. She was apparently of a little toward the end. The music had isolated. less than middle age, with dark bands | reached its climax of wild and passionate sensuousness, dominated and in- ance, I hope?" Her face was the face of a clever and spired by the woman whose every language.

When the curtain rang down, John, from any foreign accent. "Are you paying your nightly homage to Calavera, Mr. Strangewey, or like many others, was confused. Nev- "It was very wonderful," John anare you only an occasional visitor?" ertheless, after that first breathless swered. pause, he stood up and joined in the "The prince tells me," she continued, tumultuous applause.

"Well?" the prince asked.

John shook his head.

"I don't know," he answered, prise as good breeding permitted, John, "Neither does anyone else." Lady who had not as yet sat down, seemed almost preternaturally tall in that impressions for our benefit, Mr. small box, with its low ceiling. He Strangewey. I am exactly in your powas looking around the house with the sition, and I have been here a dozen enthusiasm of a boy. Lady Hilda times. Even to us hardened men and glanced away from him toward the women of the world, this Russian muprince, and smiled; then she looked sic came as a surprise. There were back at John. There was something weren't there?"

"There were parts of it I hated." "I live in Cumberland," he said, that seemed to aim at discord in every tioned John to sit by her side. "Many people here seem to think that sense of the word." that is the same thing. My brother

She nodded sympathetically. They were on their way down the broad staircase.

"I wonder," she murmured, "whether "I have not been in London," John I am going to be asked out to suptold her, "since I passed through it on per?" my way home from Oxford, eight years

"Alas, not tonight, dear lady," the prince regretted. "I am having a few friends at Seyre House."

traordinary in my life!" the woman de-She shot a glance at him and clared frankly. "Is it the prince who shrugged her shoulders. She was evi-

"How much too bad!" she exclaimed "Our young friend," the prince ex-"I am not at all sure that it is right plained, "finds himself suddenly in al- of you to invite Mr. Strangewey to one tered circumstances. He has been left of your orgies. A respectable little a large fortune, and has come to spend supper at the Carlton, and a cigarette Incidentally, I hope, he has come in my library afterward, would have to see something more of your sex than been a great deal better for both of is possible among his mountain wilds. you—certainly for Mr. Strangewey. I

it is!" Lady Hilda leaned back in her chair. The prince shrugged his shoulders. "It is unfortunate," he sighed, "but "The prince amuses himself," John we are both engaged. If you will give that men attack. If I were a friend assured her. "I don't suppose I shall us the opportunity some other eve-

"I am not at all sure that I shall have She looked at him almost wistfully, anything more to do with you, Eu-She was a woman with brains; a wom- gene," she declared. "You are not beished. I lingered behind because the an notorious for the freedom of her having nicely. Will you come and see world holds no more sincere admirer of life, for her intellectual gifts, for her me while you are in town, Mr. yourself and your genius than I. Don't almost brutal disregard of the conven- Strangewey?" she added, turning to tions of her class. The psychological John.

"I should like to very much," he re tion appealed to her powerfully. Be- plied. "I think," he added, a little hesitatingly, "that I have read one of your books of travel. It is very in-"At any rate," said Lady Hilda, "I teresting to meet you."

"So my fame has really reached come and talk to me one afternoon quite soon. Will you?"

"I will come with pleasure," John

promised. rour own instincts, your own sweet front chair in the box, leaned forward crowded vestibule until Lady Hilda tle in life, in men or in women, which consciousness of what is best. I leave in his place, his eyes steadfastly fixed Mulloch's car was called. The prince he does not understand. Let us reyou to that. If trouble comes, I am upon the stage. Both the prince and stood back, allowing John to escort her turn to what we were speaking about. Lady Hilda, in the background, al. to the door. She detained him for a I find it very interesting." though they occasionally glanced at moment after she had taken her seat, the performance, devoted most of their and leaned out of the window, her fingers still in his hand.

"Be careful!" she whispered. "The soon and evening John was oppressed sic grew in passion and voluptuous- prince's supper parties are just a lit-

CHAPTER XI.

The reception rooms of Seyre House. progress. All difficulties were farther back, and he followed her ex-London, were crowded that night by a were fixed upon him, and he was fever- that the slight effort of resistance tained.

"Where did you find anything so | brilliant and cosmopolitan assembly, | ishly anxious not to respond to the inwonderful as this?" she murmured. For some time John stood by the vitation of their gaze. He was con-"Lost among the hills of Cumber- prince's side and was introduced to scious, too, of the queer, indefinable land," the prince replied. "I have an more people than he had ever met be fascination of her near presence in the estate up there-in fact, he and I are fore in his life. Presently, however, dimly-lighted room. joint lords of the manor of the vil- he was discovered by his friend Amer- "What you will learn," she proceed-

"I haven't seen her," John replied. "I

"Like to be introduced to some of the girls, or shall we go and have a into her deep-blue eyes. The incomit is an unnappy renection, but drink?"

John was hesitating when he felt a lips. hand upon his shoulder. The prince's

"Strangewey," he said, "I am privi-She toyed with her fan for a mo- leged to present you to Mme. Aida tion.

lookingglass. From the greater obscur- group of girls and young men toward ments?" ify of the box she motioned to the whom Amerton had been leading him. "You and I," Lady Hilda whispered, sonification of a negative and striking me, madame, why do you ask me these Her face was almost marblelike in its this lady should tell you the truth? nearer and nearer to him. What there John's proposed membership, the sured her quietly. "Look at him. pallor, her smooth, black hair was "I have come to London to insist," is or may be between you I do not prince acting as his sponsor, was fa- Think for a moment of his position- drawn tightly over her ears, and her he told her, "but I have been here only know. It is not for me to know. But vorably discussed with several mem- absolutely without experience, entirely eyes were of the deepest shade of blue. forty-eight hours. I am waiting." if not now, some day Eugene of Seyre bers of the committee, they drove to ignorant about women, with a fortune She raised her hand, as he bowed, with means you to be his, and he is not a. Covent Garden, and for the first time one only dreams of, and probably the a gesture almost royal in its condescendoing that," she went on presently. "It sion. The prince, with quiet tact, does not appeal to me. The moment I bridged over the moment during which make up my mind that I want a thing, John struggled in vain for something I take it. The moment I make up my to say.

> tonight. He has seen his first ballet, gers of his hands were clenched tightas we moderns understand the term. ly together. He swore to himself that this young man as I should a trouble-He naturally finds it difficult to realize face. He listened to the band which no more than a few silver pieces and excuse me for one moment?" The prince departed to welcome

Lady Hilda returned to her seat. John group standing close at hand, from was still leaning forward with his eyes | which John had been diverted, passed fixed upon Calavera, who was dancing on into the refreshment room, and the alone now. The ballet was drawing two were, for a few moments, almost

"You were pleased with the perform-

Her voice was in character with her movement and every glance seemed personality. It was extremely low, part of some occult, dimly understood scarcely louder than a whisper. To his surprise, it was almost wholly free

are to be disturbed for supper. One eats so often and so much in this coun-Hilda said. "Don't try to analyze your try. Why do I say that, though? It

is not so bad as in Russia." They passed across the polished wood floor into a little room with oriental fittings, where a lamp was swinging from the ceiling, giving out a dim but pleasant light. The place was we go back to the reception rooms? I and voices seemed to come from a dis- if I keep you any longer." tance. She sank down upon a divan John agreed. "There were passages back among the shadows, and mo-

"You have come to find out, to un- could see that she was laughing. derstand-is that not so?" she inquired. "What you know of life, the prince world of men and women."

"The prince has been very kind." John said.

She turned her head slowly and looked at him.

"A young man to whom the prince



"Give Me Your Arm. We Will Walk to a Quieter Place."

They stood for a few moments in the tunate," she said. "There is very lit-"You are very kind," John declared.

"What you will learn here," she went on, "depends very much upon yourself. Are you intelligent? Perhaps not very," she added, looking at him critically. moment-you are wonderfully good- quests with the lifting of a finger." looking."

John moved a little uneasily in his

prince replied deliberately. fessed, "I feel interest. This is where

ed, "depends very much upon your de-"And you?" she whispered, glancing "Queer thing your being here, a sires. If you seek for the best, and at John to be sure that she was not friend of the prince and all that!" the are content with nothing else, you will overheard. "Where do you come in? young man remarked. "Where's Miss find it. But so few men are content to wait!"

"I intend to," John said simply.

"Look at me, please," she ordered. Once more he was compelled to look prehensible smile was still upon her "My ancestors would have disposed of

"You have loved?" "No," he answered, taken a little aback by the abruptness of the ques-

are free from any distracting thoughts John turned away from the little about women? You have no entangle-

"I have nothing of the sort," John The woman was different from any- declared, almost irritably. "There is sion, here she seemed the very per- given me much encouragement. Tell "Because it interests me," she re-

dressed in white from head to foot. plied. "Why do you not insist that

"So many people spend their lives

mind to give, I give." "Mr. Strangewey," he remarked, John was suddenly conscious of the "I Like to Dance Only to Those Whom

"paid his first visit to Covent Garden closeness of the atmosphere. The finhall, to the murmur of the voices, the tions are different. It will cost me shouts of laughter. He told himself more." some later arrivals. The noisy little that Mme. Calavera was amusing her- She trifled for a moment with the government purchases only, the food self with him.

"The prince's party." she continued, had scarcely tasted. after a long pause, "seems to be a "I am feeling," she remarked, "maggreat success, to judge by the noise nificently oriental-like Cleopatra. The they are making. So many people sensation pleases me. We are barshout and laugh when they are happy. gaining, are we not-" I myself find a more perfect expresinterrupted softly. "It is you who sion of happiness in silence."

She was leaning a little back in her shall name your price." place. One arm was resting upon a She raised her eyes and dropped pile of cushions, the other hung loose- them again. ly over the side of the divan. John felt a sudden desire to rise to his feet, mured. and a simultaneous consciousness that | He touched her fingers for a mohis feet seemed to be made of lead.

"You may hold my fingers," she said; paet; then he turned once more to Give me your arm. We will walk to "and please keep your face turned the lady upon his left. toward me. Why are you nervous? I am not very formidable."

> He took her fingers, very much as the prince had done upon her arrival, and pressed them formally to his lins. Then he released them and rose. "You know," he confessed, "I am very stupid at this sort of thing. Shall

parts of it you did not like, though, empty, and the sound of the music shall be the most unpopular man here The smile deepened slightly. Little lines appeared at the sides of her

eves. So far from being annoved, he "Joseph," she mocked, "I am not tempting you, really! Do sit down, I tells me, you have learned from books, have met men in many countries, but

Now you have come to discover what none like you. Don't you realize that more there is to be learned in the your love for one woman should make you kind to all?" "No, I don't," he answered bluntly.

She patted his hand gently.

"Come," she said, "do not be afraid of me. I will not make love to youseriously. You must be kind to me bechooses to be kind is, in a way, for- cause everybody spoils me. After supper there are one or two more questo death, thus deliberately thwarttions I must ask you. Do you know that I am going to dance here? Never time, but to care for it gently, to before have I danced in a private house adapt its influences to our advantage in England. Except upon the stage, I and to draw upon it with discretion like to dance only to those whom I is a very different matter, says the love!"

The little space between the curtains was suddenly darkened. John viduality; they represent various turned eagerly around, and, to his immense relief, recognized the prince. arrive at a certain goal, a goal per-Their host came forward to where they haps which may not be clearly defined, were sitting, and held out his arm to but which exists somewhere for those Calavera.

"Dear lady." he announced, "supper is served. Will you do me this great more or less soothing influences of

She rose to her feet. The prince merely the discussion of a special turned to John. "This is my privilege as host," he

you will find some consolation in store temptation to give way to unrestrict-"Well?" the prince asked, as he which others are pleased to designate

handed Alda Calavera to her place at as a hobby, we can do no harm to his right hand. "I think not," she replied. He raised his eyebrows slightly. For which will serve as an outlet for our

moment he glanced down the supper feelings, we are quite likely to emtable with the care of a punctilious phasize that interest to an unwholehost, to see that his guests were prop- some degree. erly seated. He addressed a few trivialities to the musical-comedy star who was sitting on his left. Then he leaned once more toward the great dancer. gasoline tractor plows, searchlights,

"You surprise me," he said. should have thought that the enterprise would have commended itself to you. You do not doubt the facts?"

"They are obvious enough," she replied. "The young man tried to tell moors and vast parkland expanses me that he was in love with another which have been the delight of the tle—shall I say banal? There are bet- "You have brains, however, without a woman, and I felt suddenly powerless. British sportsmen will hear the strange doubt. You have also what places you I think I must be getting to that age clatter of the gasoline tractor. at once en rapport with the cult of the when one prefers to achieve one's con-

The prince sighed. "I shall never understand your sex!" brush which has been worn near the

would have provided just the necessary WHEAT PRICE FIXED She-turned her beautiful head and

looked at the prince through narrowed "After all," she asked "what should

shall ask you another question."

whim, or-enuity?"

erately. "Why not?"

The prince slowly sipped the wine from the glass that he was holding to his lips. Then he set it down delib-

"What is your interest? Is it a bet.

"You may count it the latter," the

Calavera laughed softly to herself.

one realizes that we live in the most

impossible age of all history. The

great noble who seeks to destroy the

poor young man from the country is

powerless to wreak harm upon him.

You can neither make him a pauper

nor have him beaten to death. Why

are there princes any longer, I won-

I Love."

salad upon her plate, which as yet she

"We shall not bargain," the prince

"The prince has spoken," she mur-

Do you believe that Strange-

wey will be able to withstand

the magnificent fascinations and

voluntuous efforts of the Russian

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

They May Have a Very Soothing In-

fluence Upon One if They Are

Not Ridden to Death.

time to time of the unhealthy influ-

ence of what the world is pleased to

Charleston News and Courier. Hob-

who try to reach it. We find a certain

comfort at times in yielding to the

some particular hobby, whether it be

subject or active participation in a

particular pursuit. So long as we keep

ed indulgence in the favorite pursuit

anyone, but the trouble is that once

we settle upon a special interest

Farming Day and Night.

expert chauffeurs and taxicab drivers,

and a civilian army of night plowmen

and plowwomen. Great estates which

have lain fallow for countless genera-

tions are to be broken up, and soon

Economy Note.

By reversing the handle on a dust

explained; "but if you wil, follow us, ourselves within check and resist the

bies, as a rule, are evidences of indi-

A great deal has been said from

dancer to ensnare him?

der? You are only as other men."

"Now, for the first time," she con-

PRESIDENT APPROVES FIGURE I gain? The young man is, in his way. SET BY COMMITTEE. a splendid work of art Why should I be vandal enough to destroy it? 1

PLACED AT \$2.20 A BUSHEL

Fourteen Ounce Loaf of Bread For Five Cents.-Government to Control Wheat Market.

Washington.-A price of \$2.20 bushel was fixed for the 1917 crop of wheat by President Wilson on the recommendation of the wheat committee, headed by Dr. H. A. Garneld. The basis will be No. 1 northern spring wheat delivered at Chicago.

On the basis of \$2.20 at Chicago the food administration worked out differentials for the various gradeand classes and for the several terminals.

The price fixed is 20 cents higher than that named for the 1918 crop by congress in the food control bill. The \$2 price set by congress was taken into consideration by the committee in considering a fair valuation for this year's crop.

In a statement accompanying the announcement of the price President Wilson declares it is the hope of the food administration and his own as well that the fixing of a price will stabilize the market and keep prices within moderate bounds for all transactions during the current year.

The price of flour and bread, too, the president declares, will be kept

down. All members of the committee agreed in their discussions that the price fixed will permit of a fourteenounce loaf of bread for 5 cents, allowing a fair profit both to the flour manufacturer and the baker.

The price differentials worked out by the food administration are:

No. 1 dark hard winter, \$2.24; hard winter basic, \$2.20; red winter basic, \$2.20; yellow hard winter, \$2.16; soft red winter, \$2.18; dark northern spring, \$2.24; red spring, \$2.18; humpback, \$2.10; amber durum, \$2.24; durum basic, \$2,20; red durum, \$2,13; red walla, \$2.13; hard white basic, I cannot help envying him that delight. he would not look into this woman's some fly, and it would have cost them \$2.20; soft white, \$2.18; white club. \$2.16. No 2 of each grade is 3 cents "They'll never give him a chance, this additional good fortune. Will you was playing in the balcony of the great a sack of wine. Today, alas, condicents less.

Although the prices are fixed on administration through its wheat corporntion expects to control the market without difficulty. The corporation will make all government and allied nurchases and has under consideration plans to buy for millers. Members of the committee said they expected a great deal of criticism from the farming classes, but that they felt that every farmer should consider himself part of the war machinery of the government and willingly relinquish a part of his profits in the interests of the common good.

Millions View Parate.

New York.—Two million New York ers, in a whirlwind of patriotic frenzy, shouted farewell last Thursday at 25,000 khaki-clad men of the Twentyseventh division, comprising national guard units from all over the state. marching down Fifth avenue. Banked on both sides of the broad street. hanging from building ledges, massed on roofs, clustering in overcrowded grandstands, the greatest outpouring of people New York had ever seen. HOBBIES ARE NOT ALL BAD greeted the marching columns with

thunderous acclaim. It took five hours for the grand review to pass. Governor Whitman. Mayor Mitchel, Theodore Roosevelt and other officials reviewed the pa-

Convoy Ships Across Atlantic.

call "hobbies," the idea being, of course, that valuable time is wasted Washington-American naval forces in their pursuit which could other are convoying merchant craft across wise be used to advantage. Of course. the Atlantic, it was disclosed officially in the case of hobbies, just as in all at the Navy department, and examiother interests of purely personal nation of the records show that the preference, the harm lies in their loss of convoyed ships by submarines abuse. To mount a hobby and ride it has averaged less than one-half of 1 per cent. ing our real aim, is sheer waste of

Details of the convoy system are withheld. It was stated, however, that American war vessels are regularly escorting fleets of British, French or other allied merchantmen across, the protection being supplemented when the danger zone is reached by the destroyers and other patrol craft.

Drive Peace Advocates From Town. Hudson, Wis,-Plans for holding the national peace convention of the Peoples' Council of America at Hudson, Wis., were virtually abandoned when Secretary Lochner of the People's Peace council and others, were run out of Hudson by a mob.

Potato Crop in Danger. Chicago.-Much of America's enor-

mous potato crop is in danger of spoiling unless cities build municipal storage houses, said Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor, federal food expert. Digging of winter potatoes is under way, he

Refuse to Protect 'Em; Fired.

Kansas City, Mo.-Forty city police officers who refused to ride as guards Great Britain has decided to carry on street cars manned by imported on farming operations for 24 hours a strike breakers during the recent day by means of hundreds of American street car strike here, were dismissed.

Hails Wilson Allies' Leader.

London,-London was again moved to admiration of America and of President Wilson after reading the president's note to Pope Benedict, and more than one newspaper hailed the American executive as the new leader of the allied cause.

Nebraska Leads in Potash.

Washington,-"Nebraska is now the greatest producer of potash of any state in the union," Senator Hitchcock told the senate during debate on the war revenue bill.