with a scrutiny Phineas resented.

game and leave you flat broke."

"Secession? No, it's self-preserva-

"Oh, you're dead stuck on them

CHAPTER I. Arrow and Fire.

between the Missouri and the Sierra demand more of us; and if we don't blocked the read again. Nevadas, except for Denver, Salt Lake pony up, they'll ship troops over our Phineas, suddenly disturbed from City, and a few mining camps, was a own road to whip us in. No, siree! his long and noisy nap, climbed out trackless, forestless desolation known We'll be a Pacific republic yet, Cali- with poor grace. "The old man has only to Indian, coyote, and venture fornia and the other coast states. And no business to send passengers oversome emigrant. Yet two men under the renegades, red and white, here in land without escort. It's an outrage! the golden wing of the government this country that's the back door to It isn't my business to clear the road!" planted a line of lonely posts, and hell"-he waved his hand toward the linked them with a chain of stage poison-pooled, sage-fringed plain they team! I'll help the driver," Alfred coaches. Over this treacherous way were crossing-"they're just the fel- called. sped daily messages, men and treas- lers to stand off Uncle Sam." ure; sped, and arrived-if frost and "Isn't that secession?" Alfred asked him! He don't-" Uncle Billy inter-Indians permitted.

Late on an autumn afternoon the Overland Mail was toiling sunward up tion. Anyway, think of getting a rail- The change had been made, and he a western rampart of the Rocky moun- road round Cape Horn! It'll take a was already stalking after the driver. tains. Two passengers were on the century!' box with the driver. The center man, booked as Alfred Vincent, was slight, isthmus," Uncle Billy said calmly. fair, and, to the superficial eye, young to boyishness. H's air of one bred Sacramento chaps, Uncle Billy; and to the best of city refinements contrasted sharply with his fellow-traveler, who had been introduced as Mr. Phineas Cadwallader, though the driver afterwards called him "Blowhard Cad." which nickname he vindicated by a constant stream of gossip. boys!" he remarked as nonchalantly youd, the ruins of an emigrant wagon But an astute observer would have as if he had only lost a whip snapper blazed lazily. seen that he was trying to penetrate in a city street. He stopped the team, "We cain't stop fo' anything but to the reserve, the slight mystery that surrounded his fellow-traveler.

Yet whatever the mystery, Alfred Vincent was now posting westward with a letter in his pocket signed by Collis P. Huntington, and directed to Leland Stanford, governor of California, and president of the Central Pacific Railroad company. Alfred paid slight heed to the others. His impatient imagination winged him far from present inaction, over mountain and desert, to the far west, to unguessed conflicts of the future.

"Holy Mackinaw! Only fools would think of building a railroad through this God-forsaken country!"

The caustic sentence roused Alfred from his reverie; and Phineas noted that "railroad" was the magic word that broke the spell. The driver, William Dodge, better known as "Uncle Billy," readjusted his quid of comfort, spat with precision, and touched up a lagging leader with the tip of his rodlong whiplash. "Well, I'm not taking the chances of calling Gove'no' Stanford a fool.'

"Of course he ain't. He don't intend to build any railroad, either. Not over the Sierras, anyway. He's got a better thing." Phineas' sidewise look diligently sought a rift in Alfred's mask.

"Meaning?" Uncle Billy questioned. "That Dutch Flat Swindle Those C. P. fellers have their wagon road built over the Sierras, and-

"How in blazes can they build a railroad. Cad. without a wagon road? Don't they have to feed their a construction camps? And won't they have to do it for years, while they

cut their miles of tunnels?" "Oh, they'll put their railroad through to Dutch Flat maybe; but from there on they'll go it by mules; take all the toll they can get from the \$12,000,000 freightage Nevada pays every year to the transportation companies. The C. P. people want a bite

of Louis McLane's pie, that's all." "They're going to get it, you bet!" The driver smiled; yet his low, leisurely words seemed a flat.

"Not by a jugful!" Phineas lifted his voice and pounded the air; and Alfred detected the sham note, the bid for effect. "What do you suppose we are doing along the line? Why, San Francisco merchants can sit in on, at any price they choose to name. portation folks can haul the goods at wheel into the stage. their own figures; they won't even let the towns have post offices because ar apiece. San Francisco bay's full of their steady trot. ships, and the mountains are full of cold; and we're getting it going both ways, out and in."

"Yes, yo're taking too much," the gold-egg goose."

no! She's hearty yet. And we won't his kyah track!" divvy up the eggs, either, with those seven-by-nine shopkeepers in-that mud | Uncle Bill's enthusiasm | "I think I'll cent, and quick?" uppose we'll let them make a fishing- lay hold of a spoke." pond of the bay, and a winter wateryour gold toothpick!"

hint of resentment. "Stanford's worst through unpeopled solitudes. Moun- leave-" enemy wouldn't think of calling him tain and cliff, magnified in the clear voters'll have something to say. Le- -cheated the imagination with their land's got right smart influence with them.

city bonds, didn't they, Mr. Dodge?" ness. Vincent asked, joining the conversa-

tion at last. driver. "It's so long since anyone He thoght of his sorrow-stricken mothtion to the name.

with the voters," Phineas broke in bequestion. "But San Francisco brains the approaching west with the bene- found the chief interest of his leis- an eastern prison. With rifle on race. stock? The rabble voted bonds for us. , prayer and paean. but have the supervisors issued them yet? You bet not!

"I should think Gov. Stanford could ately to his team. compel; the law's with him, isn't it?" Alfred asked, with a languid air that well concealed his interest.

"Compel? Compel nothing! The water was spread on the drab earth people, and would occasionally report law's slower'n molasses at the north before them. The November sun was the exact number present. "We have

"if anybody's going to build a railroad | water. it'll be McLane and San Francisco. By Hookey! If anybody milks this government cow you bet it'll be us!" "Well, we need the railroad," Uncle Billy said positively.

The mile was semi-perpendicular, and brought them alongside a brawling stream, willow-hung, with splashing trout in the still pools, and wild ducks skimming a large pond at the living if-if we get through." edge of a small mesa. After welcome draughts for man and mule they veered away to another climb. The gorgeous evening pageant was nearly the dark violet eyes. over when the team swung around a sharp rocky point, and one of the leaders shied far out of the road. The driver brought them about to a quick standstill, facing back.

"There's fresh blood ahead. That Cooly mule can smell it a mile; it's the only thing he shies at. Hold these ribbons, young felleh, while I prospect a little.

"Need it? What for? Does the east He came back presently, his weathcare about us? Not a pin, except for er-beaten face sobered and stern. Half a century ago the great region our gold. If they get a railroad they'll "Wake up in there! Them Injuns has

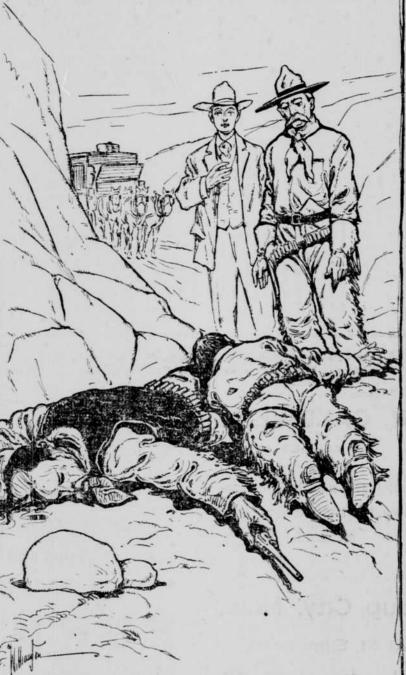
"Here, come up here and hold the

"No! I cain't trust my team with

rupted. But authority rang in Alfred's tone Around the point the sight he sud-

"Then they'll tote it across the denly came upon made him reelturn sick and white. "I know it would be too much for living!" Alfred said at last. you, boy; but now yo're hyah get to

that is bad for you. They'll bust your work. We haven't a minute to lose." The road here was a narrow rock "Call on me in '70 and-" Uncle cut. Two white men lay across it. Billy began, when a trace caught on one scalped, the other with his throat a rock and snapped. "Accident num- gaping horribly, and more than a beh 12. Thirteen'll be a whoppeh, dozen arrows buried in his flesh. Be-



The Road Was a Narrow Rock-Cut, Two White Men Lay Across It.

o Nevada, Idaho and southern Ore- lightly down to repair the damage. And McLane and all the other trans- Phineas yawned and climbed over the nearly all different; that means a lot ily?" Alfred questioned.

they like to carry letters at half a dol- the swinging six had again settled to lower side of the cut.

"I'm betting on it."

"But McLane and San Franciscoit's an immense opposition to fight." driver replied. "Yo're killing yo' up scarecrows all along the line. But Phineas' smile was unpleasant. "Oh, buster; an' I'm betting on him and they be disposed of?-but there was table as big as life, the only bit of Alfred's eyes caught the light of

hole they call Sacramento. Do you put my hand to their wheel if I can

The sun was hot, though the night took the feet. ing-place of San Francisco? Not on had been painfully cold. The bare road, now sandy and silent, now rocky Uncle Billy's eye flashed its first and ringing, stretched on and on even-by-nine; and I reckon California air, appeared, receded, and advanced mysterious semblances to man's structures. Alfred Vincent thrilled to each "Yes. They voted both state and of these weird voices from the wilder-

Yet homesickness gripped him as the rhythmic hoof-beats put him added "Oh, call me Uncle Billy," said the miles from the home he still longed for. of his: of her teaching; of the still "You bet Stanford's got influence more potent example of her pure life -these memories saddened, yet soft- reminded of the story of the Russian janitor had spent many of the pre-

Uncle Billy broke the long silence.

ter behind, had climbed higher, where in him a suggestive bent of mind. know if all were there. a thin film of more innocent-looking The man seemed fond of counting the summer-strong, the dust intolerable; 115 here to-night," he would say, or Anyway," Phineas persisted noisily, and the mules coaxed dumbly for "Just 201 all told," or, when the hall

"Isn't it safe?"

"Yes, safe, perhaps, but this is the solve it. sink of the stream; the creek watch's a heap betteh a mile furtheh on."

A bit of friendly, familiar talk, continually renewed, did the business, clocks." a heap betteh a mile furtheh on."

place, like a peafowl in full spread on their offices and sell to all California, handed the lines to Alfred, and stepped | cleah the road. These tracks come a snowbank. from Anthony's; and they're fresh "Guess I'll go inside for a nap." and a heap of 'em. The arrows are of tribes." He spoke in low, tense "Do you believe the Pacific railroad tones while, as fast as possible, he When he got those domestic cyards can be built?" Alfred inquired, when threw the burning debris over the dealt out to suit him, he sent back east somewhere for her. She was a

Alfred said nothing but joined in peart little slip bout nine yeahs old the labor with a quick skill that made Uncle Billy revoke his opinion of the stage. I used to drive in God's counsmall hands. Alfred's back was try those days. "You're dead right. They're setting turned, yet he could feel-see-those -the gruesome spectacle behind, the mansion; an' there she'd sit in her Leland Stanford's a good buncombe- What could be done? How should high-back chair at the head of the no time for question.

"Can you beah a hand hyah, Vindinnehs to the Washoe quality. The He turned. The driver had already

lifted the shoulders of one; Alfred "Right fo'ward hyah, round the point "

"You-you aren't going to-to "Yes, we'll have to, if we don't want to look the same way mighty

"Oh, he had an old woman to look after her a mite, comb and mend, and such; a good old critteh, but no thoroughbred. And except for her the little one neveh saw any but men." "How did she learn anything?" (TO BE CONTINUED.)

men would toast her, and she'd stan'

up and bow, solemn as a funeral."



driver. "It's so long since anyone He thoght of his sorrow-stricken moth-called me Dodge, I need an introduc- er, her love unvanquished by any deed BECAME THE SLAVE OF HABIT

A Boston psychologist was recently for it brought out the fact that the to the highest bidder.

fore Uncle Billy came to Vincent's ened him; blended his eager vision of jailer who, changing his occupation, vious years of his life as warden in and dollars can beat voters any time. diction of the spired temple. And for ure moments in catching birds, put- shoulder, from some inclosing wall, Did any of our citizens subscribe for a space his heart was attuned to ting them in cages, and selling them the man had counted his convicts until the habit became ingrained. In The scientist having to attend a se- the recesses of his brain the lecture "Not yet, my boys," he said affection- ries of lectures in a large public hall hall took the shape of a jail yard struck up acquaintance with the jan- and the audiences were his prisoners. They had left the black alkaline wa- itor of the building, and soon noted He counted because he wished to

"Time," remarked the wise person, "is money."

"Perhaps," answered Mr. Sirius was crowded: "I make it 370." There Barker, "but it shouldn't be brought "Not yet, boys," Uncle Bill repeated. was a problem in all this, but it took to the attention of some banks I have some time for the psychologist to heard of. Instead of clearing-house certificates, they may find it comfort-

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

MAY STIR UP CIVIL WAR



"Can't we put them in the stage?"

"It may be worse to take them; and

I'm afraid we'll need the stage for the

Alfred said no more; and Uncle Billy

warmed to him as he saw the clear-cut

jaw set and a steely light creep into

"He's game!" Uncle Billy whispered

Gently they disposed of the poor,

mutilated bodies, and hurried back to

the stage. The driver armed each

passenger with a rifle and revolver:

and ordering Alfred beside him, and

Phineas to keep the lookout from the

top, he swung his team into the road

and drove forward through the cut

Dark was stealing on, yet the sun's

good-night glory still lingered, its

flaming banners striking into the over-

head darkness, flooding earth and

heavens with strange, sinister color.

Alfred thought of what lay behind, and

gripped his gun sharply. The team

slowed, and Uncle Billy no longer plied

"That's Anthony's, the next station.

Some one's alive there, and that some

one is white, or there wouldn't be a

candle light; the whole place would

breathed in his words, and a half mile

"This is a terrible way to earn a

to the trick the pony express boys

"This is dangerous enough. I won-

"They would if they knew what

they'd see. But it's infinitely worse

business, an' mine, too. I figger all I

of the desert warmed Alfred's heart.

than men and property-there's An-

Alfred shivered at the significant

"Anthony's had hard luck. He's one

of God's best, if he is set up a mite

"Does he live alone? Oh, no: I sup-

pose he has a helper as they have at

hoped the driver would tell him more

"Yes, he has a helper, Gid Ingram,

"Away back in the fifties Anthony

one. "Struck it powerful rich; panned

out money fasteh'n he could count it.

whole blamed outfit looked awful lone-

"Didn't Mr. Anthony have a fam-

"Yes, one little gal; that was all.

-come oveh from Sacramento in my

but he's only a boy, if he is big. And

he might be saved from thinking.

Stella, pore little chicken! She-

Alfred waited discreetly.

Relief unspeakable

It's awful to leave them!'

to himself.

the lash.

"Yes."

be alight."

used to play.'

it wearing?"

cort, like now.

for you drivers."

asleep on the box."

thony's little gal, and-

queer.

again.

passed in silence.

with slash and oath.

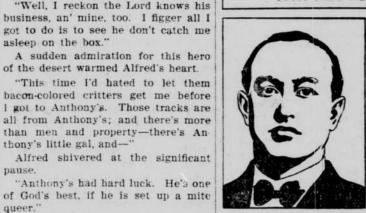
Augustus Everett Willson, governor of Kentucky, will engender the enmity of thousands in his state if he puts into execution his threat to veto the McChord bill forbidding any trust to carry on operations within the state, or to employ agents therein. If this bill becomes law the tobacco trust will be placed at the mercy of the tobacco growers, for it will have to buy its tobacco through middlemen, and its immense factories in Kentucky will have to be closed down. The governor is said to have a feeling of sympathy for the trust whose legal representative he has been in the past. Shold he veto the bill it is declared that it will result in civil war, the planters declaring that the first law of nature, the law of self-preservation, is to be obeyed rather than the man-made law of the land. Night "See that light there, away you to riding will be resumed and the outrages in the past will pale into insignifi-

cance beside those that are threatened in the future. The difficulties encountered by the governor in his endeavor to stamp out lawlessness will be appreciated, when it is stated that a detective whom he sent to Russellville appeared before the grand jury with a list of persons guilty of night riding, and discovered that four or five of those accused were on the jury. The detective left the important part of his story untold, and before he left town by the earliest train he made a speech to the farmers ad- the officers to haul in a towline of convising them in their own interest to stand by one another and fight the trust. The sympathies of the great majority of the people are with the night riders, and though hundreds of names have been obtained not a single one of them fathoms, which had put his patience

"Yes; but this job's easy compared outside the organization "scraped" and utterly destroyed for this year, and himself: the crop for three years locked up in the barns.

The tobacco trust has apparently very little hope of the governor killing the bill, for it has made an offer to purchase 15,000 hogsheads of tobacco from any five in the ship. Bad luck to the der the company can induce men to the association at 12 cents a pound—the very same tobacco which before the leg or the arm it'll leave at last. What, undertake the work. Don't you find formation of the organization was selling for four cents. The farmers refused more of it yet? Och, murder! The the offer and stated their terms, which were that the price should be 15 cents. "Oh, yes, I suppose it is. It's right and that the buyers should take the crop of 1905 first, then the crop of 1906 smart skeery sometimes, 'specially at and then they would be allowed to buy the crop of 1907. The trust is said night when I make the trip alone. And to have refused this offer, and there may be a recrudescence of night riding ability of the completion of his labor, I wondeh passengehs don't buck any moment. The militia is in full sympathy with the farmers and will not he suddenly stopped short, and, adagainst being sent across without es- interfere with them if it can be avoided or evaded. Meanwhile the governor's dressing the officer of the watch, exposition is a critical one.

MINERS' CHIEF RETIRES



After ten years of leadership of the United Mine Workers of America, John Mitchell has re- young nephew, was attending a tired from the head of the great labor organiza- musical entertainment. tion and has been succeeded by Vice-President Thomas L. Lewis of Ohio.

Mr. Mitchell will devote his time to regaining his health, which has given way under the strain of office. He has been called more interst. to Washington by President Roosevelt, who wants to send him to Panama as an investigator of conditions, but it is understood that he does not favor accepting the position. It is said that in it?" future he will devote his attention to a labor paper which he will establish in Indianapolis. The object of the paper will be the securing of industrial peace between the miners and operators of the country.

Mr. Mitchell's work for the miners has been detailed at length many times. When he became the head of the organization about ten years ago there were other stations, hasn't he?" Alfred only 43,000 members in the organization; to-day there are 350,000; wages have been advanced almost 100 per cent.; living conditions in the mining camps of the station agent, not because of have improved several hundred per cent.; the company store has been driven his own interest in the agent, but that out of the mining settlements and men are now paid in money, not brass checks redeemable only in trade at the "pluck-me" store run by the employer. Children of tender age have been taken out of the mines and put into school. and in most states in which the organization is now established boys under 14 or 16 years of age can not enter the mines. The miners have received favorable standing before the people of the country because of their advocacy of peace in preference to strike, and their adopted policy of keeping inviolable struck it rich oveh Washoe way," 'Uncontracts when made with the operators. cle Billy began again in a steadier

SOUTH CAROLINA SENATOR



Frank B. Gary, who has been elected United States senator from South Carolina to fill an unexpired term, claims among his ancestors. Robert Bruce, king of Scotland; John Knox, founder of the Presbyterian church; John Witherspoon and other Scotch worthies. He is a nephew of the late Gen. Mark Gary, a picturesque character of the secession and reconstruction periods, who was a major-general of cavalry in Wade Hampton's legion, a brilliant soldier, a reckless leader and a hard fighter. He was famous for his profanity and his ungovernable temper. There was no fiercer fire-eater in all the south, and he was mixed up in a dozen duels.

After the overthrow of the Republican government in South Carolina and the establishment of what is known as the Hampton oligarchy, Gen.

Gary quarreled with his former commander because he did not receive the political recognition that he thought he was entitled to, and, although the family belonged to the old slave-holding aristocracy, Gen. Gary and all his relatives joined the Tillman and the "wool hats" in the overthrow of Hampton. Under Gen. Hampton's "oligarchy" none but the aristocracy of the state and those who had distinguished themselves in the confederate army were recognized by appointments to office. The ordinary farmers were ignored, although they were in a very large majority. Tillman organized them through the Farmers' alliance; he aroused them to a sense of their rights, and he swept Hampton, Butler and all the rest of the aristocrats out of power. Since then the Gary family have enjoyed unusual political prosperity, and it is declared that they have held more offices than any other family in the state.

"Anthony put her in as mistress of Frank Gary has pledged himself not to be a candidate for election next year, but it is expected that he will do what he can to secure the election of his cousin, former Gov. John Gary Evans. crinoline present when he'd give grand

WILL WELCOME FLEET



Alfred Deakin, premier of the commonwealth of Australia, was probably quite sincere in his delight when his invitation for the American fleet to visit Australian ports was accepted, for Mr. Deakin is a warm admirer of the United States and its people. He has been in America several times studying the irrigation question in the western states. Australia has a problem that is exactly similar, the interior of the continent being absolutely waterless for the greater part of the year. With a good system of irrigation Deakin hopes to make the interior as habitable as the seacoast.

Premier Deakin is a warm sympathizer with the United States and Canada in their attitude towards the Asiatic. From its geographical position off the coast of Asia, and its remoteness

from any people of cognate race, the Asiatic problem is a very serious one to Australia. The northern part of the island continent would be an ideal country for Chinese and Japanese, but the Australian government will not allow them to land, preferring to retain the northern part of the island in a state of nature rather than allow it to get into the hands of any but a white

Premier Deakin is also an admirer of the American system of government, and in the confederation of Australia he followed the American rather than the Canadian ideal. Thus the colony is a commonwealth rather than a dominion, and is composed of states instead of provinces. The powers of the central government are not nearly so wide as those of the Canadian government and resemble more those of the United States government. This system he urges for adoption in the confederation of the British empire, each colony to be represented in the federal council, and to have a say with the mother country in questions of inter-imperial or international nature. If his plan is adopted the British empire will become another United States.

Easter Floral Symbols. and the dawn. In Latin countries they Easter is the spring festival, and cling to variants of the Aramaic the real flowers of early spring, the "pesach" (passover) as pascua, pastulip, the daffodil, the wild arbutus, qua, paques. If there is such a flower are its more appropriate floral sym- as "the resurrection Hly," it must be hols. We derive our name for it from the small purple lily of Palestine .-Ostara, the Saxon goddess of the east N. Y. Times.

STUDY NOT A NECESSITY.

End and Aim of Woman's Life, as Understood by Rosie's Mother.

In one of the Philadelphia public schools is a little girl pupil whose ancestors and coreligionists have ever held that the principal end and aim of the life of a woman is marriage. This little girl is well up in most of her studies, but she has an inveterate dislike of geography and it seems impossible to teach the study to her. The other day her teacher, made impatient by her seeming unwillingness to learn her geography lesson, sent to Rosie's mother a note requesting her to see that the girl studied her lesson. The next day showed no improvement, however, and the teacher asked Rosie whether she had delivered the note.

"Yes, ma'am," was the reply. "And did your mother read the note, Rosie," said the teacher.

"Yes, ma'm."

"What did she say?" "My mother said that she didn't know geography, an' she got married, an' my aunt didn't know geography, an' she got married, an' you know geography, an' you didn't get mar-

An End Missing.

An Irishman who served on board a man-of-war was selected by one of siderable length that was towing over the taffrail. After pulling in 40 or 50 has been arrested. Yet there have been several killings, several scores of severely to proof, as well as every floggings, about \$25,000,000 of property destroyed, the tobacco beds of those muscle of his arms, he muttered to

"Surely it's as long as to-day and tomorrow. It's a good week's work for say's mighty deep, to be sure!"

After continuing in a similar strain and conceiving there was little probclaimed: "Bad manners to me, sir, if I don't think somebody's cut off the other end of it!"-The Pathfinder.

Hope. Walter Damrosch tells of a matron in Chicago who, in company with her

The selections were apparently entirely unfamiliar to the youth; but when the "Wedding March" of Mendelssohn was begun he began to evince

"That sounds familiar," he said. "I'm not strong on these classical pieces, but that's a good one. What is

"That," gravely explained the matron, "is the 'Maiden's Prayer.' "-Harper's Weekly.

Rubbing It In. "What's that crank in 38 kicking about?" asked the hotel clerk.

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