The CONVICT COUNTRY: or FIGHTING for MILLION

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Golden Escapes From Joliet.

CHAPTER V.

Regan had drunk a cocktail during Louis' absence, and managed to clear | guessed pretty shrewdly. his brain enough to realize that the conversation being carried on should

"How did you manage to get into the club?" Regan asked in a suspicious tone.

"I never got in."

Regan started. "How did you know about it, then?" he asked, amazed.

"I know very little about it," was the candid answer. "You know I am supposed to have killed a man? It was during my imprisonment in the Tombs that I first learned of the existence of such a society. I was in vited to join it, but at the cost of more was such a place as the 'city,' and I now want to find out how to get there."

"I am looking for a bright confederate," said Regan. "I've got onto one of the easiest 'snaps' afloat these days. One of those bold daylight robberies that only requires nerve to successfully carry it out. There is about two thousand apiece for three good men who can carry it through."

"I'm your man," replied Louis promptly.

you really have the nerve (sneeringly) to undertake a real 'job,' I'll put you in the way of it."

ted to me that you were making a which ran through it. good living-not by arresting 'us boys' | "This was over a month ago. In

"Why do you suppose Golden places himself in my power?" asked Regan. proudly.

"Don't know," replied Lang, but he

"Simply because it was I, Jack Regan, who got him out of limbo! I (as Louis had suggested) be more was told that by giving Golden this secret; so when the youth returned he aid I could save my entrance fee. I was ready to accompany him to the am as much a member of the club as he is; but he knows the way to the city, and I don't."

> "Well, I must say you have made a 'killing.' How was the escape brought about.'

"Oh, easily enough!" replied the flattered Regan. "I will tell you about it. I engaged the services of a lawyer, and went down to Joliet for the ostensible purpose of getting Golden to confess that he had a partner who was implicated with him in the crime. The judge, in passing sentence told Golden that if he would confess to 'stuff' than I could then raise. But having had an accomplice he would learned enough to know that there give him a light sentence, and we worked on the plan as if we were after such a confession; and readily obtained permission to interview the

"Golden was brought into the prison reception room; a guard was placed over him, but no suspicion was entertained of me or the lawyer, so we were quite free to talk out of hearing of the guard. Golden asked for a chew of tobacco, and wouldn't write until he got it. I was prepared for this, and was the only one who had "All right," acquiesced Regan, "if any. In it was a fine tempered steel saw for sawing iron. The confession was filled out with the name of a man whom Golden knew to be dead. As "You'll excuse me, Mr. Regan," said | a reward, the prisoner was given more Louis, calmly, still intent upon draw- comfortable quarters, an outside ing his antagonist out, "but how am | room, where he was allowed to breathe I to judge of the sincerity of your a little outside air. This room overstatements? A while ago you admit- looked the stone-yard and side-track

Regan. "If Golden arrives safely from Joliet, as I am positive he will, I will see him to-night and tell him about you, and if he thinks everything all right in the morning I will go down to John Atley's livery stable and charter a horse and light delivery wagon for the day. Should the deal be on, you will find the horse hitched in front of Pat Karragan's saloon, which is next door to Stephen Johnson's dry goods store. About twelve o'clock, whether you make your play or not, you come around and drive off with the wagon, and see that the horse is well fed and rubbed down, bringing him back about four o'clock. "During this time I will be inside the saloon playing pool or cards for

but whether you do or not, you can

make a couple of thousand as your

"I am certain that you mean your

remarks to be highly sarcastic," said

Lang, as a brilliant plan flashed through his mind. "But I will show

you that I can rob a bank in the morn-

ing, just as you say, and will be on

hand to help you in the evening. I

tell you right now, I'm going, see?

When do we three meet to plan this

"We don't have to meet," answered

share in our deal."

scheme of yours?"

a blind. In bringing the horse back, drive into the alleyway facing west, so that when we draw off with the swag we can trail several blocks through the alleys without running across a car track. All you will have to do will be to watch the mouth of the alley, between seven at night and possibly twelve or one o'clock in the morning, and at the right moment help load up a lot of silks and linens, and drive off. Golden and I will do the work unless the program is changed."

"Well, if that is all you want of me," said Louis, "I'll leave you and kind of get my thinking cap on; I must pull strings for myself."

"Don't the magnitude and daring of the scheme paralyze you?" asked Regan, gazing in astonishment at the calm composure of the lad.

"No!" replied Lang quietly, rising to go. "My palm doesn't even itch. You imagine that I am giving you taffy about robbing a bank? While you are getting ready to work your scheme for \$2,000, I'll raise \$10,000! Do you think I can do it?"

"I am not so sure you can't." "And it will be at the Jim Denver's expense, see?" .

"I don't see how," replied Regan half questioningly, "and I'll have to take your word for it. But I've come to the conclusion that you are capable of anything.

They walked out to the bar together, and Regan took his parting drink alone, while Louis lit his cigar. Then they bade each other good night.

If the treacherous detective had not been under the influence of drink, he never would have made a confidant of Lang. When he began to ponder on the doings of the evening, he could not but realize the amount of valuable information he had been foolish enough to give away. And he fully realized that Lang had in nowise compromised himself. It was a matter of chagrin to him.

"What if Lang should play us false?" soliloquized Regan. "What wouldn't Golden do to me if he knew that I had given away the secret of the existence of the city? Treachery! 1 must not hint at it! I must not act but as if Lang was already a member of the society. In helping Golden to islands and came upon the Russians escape I have gone too far! I must | steaming in double column with the enter the country. It is my only cruisers to port. Togo enjoyed the chance of freedom. I must make myself rich and famous-it has been the one dream of my life!"

What could these words of Regan mean? There is no doubt that Regan was two-faced; neither an honest detective, nor a thief recognizing the code of "honor among thieves." Evi | ships of the Russian columns, coming dently Regan has an object in desiring to enter the city. Did he intend only with difficulty could use any guns to betray his confederates? Time will at all.

(To be continued.)

SENSE OF SMELL IN BIRDS.

Many Proofs That It Is Not Acutely Developed.

A study of the habits of flesh-eat ing birds shows that if they possess the sense of smell at all it is not sufficiently acute to enable them to

use it in finding food. All observers agree that when a carcass is hidden, by never so slight a screen, it is safe from the attacks of vultures and other carrion seekers; but the most remarkable proof of the ineffectiveness of the sense (if it ex ist at all) is afforded by experiences which Dr. Guillemard was good enough to relate to me. Many times it has happened, he tells me, that having shot a wild beast or other game, which was too heavy to carry

home, he has disembowled it and

ing battleships, fought on for the hon- they were rescued by some Shimonoor of the Russian navy. "ant bear." Survivors of the great fight are beginning to arrive in Japan, clinging them wounded, were picked up off Mi-On returning with natives to carry it to camp he has found a circle of to wreckage or carried by the few shima. Twenty-three of the crew of boats which escaped from the battle. the Aurora were landed, and ten refuvultures standing round the spot where the offal had been thrown, com A disabled Russian cruiser carrying | gees were rescued in the same vicinpletely unaware of the carcass within 200 officers and men approached Ha- ity. a few yards of their beaks. Of obser sense I know none, unless we are

Veteran Many Years Missing. Mrs. David Kizer of Springfield, willing to accept as evidence the be Ohio, has been granted a pension of decay of oratory among American lief, which is very general among \$8 a month, but she will not begin statesmen. "With only a few excepfanciers, that birds are attached to to draw it until twelve years from tions," he said, "we have in Washingdate. This ruling is due to the fact | ton no orators worthy of the name. that she drew a pension for twelve | On this account I had to accept in siyears on the presumption that her hus- lence during the last session an acrid band, David Kizer, was dead. He re- criticism from a clever woman. 'I atwork it? You know he is paid to pany of 'lady emigrants' to take to dovecote by smearing their boxes with cently died after being brought home tended a meeting of the senate the sick from Denver. He had been other day,' she said, 'and that night I mourned as dead for twenty-seven had a terrible dream.' 'What did you nable Joliet, unless he had help from rob a bank in the early morning, and anointing gateposts with tincture of years, most of which time he was in dream?' said I. The lady smiled. 'I the Black hills, searching for gold. dreamed,' she said, 'I went again.'"

by Simple Home Treatment.

DESPERATE TORPEDO ATTACKS

LINE OF BATTLE OF THE RUSSIAN FLEET.

(As Indicated by Cable Dispatches to the United States Navy Department

by Its Attaches in Japan.)

The first definite news from Russian | madi, which is on the mainland of

sources of the naval battle fought in Japan opposite the scene of the bat-

the Straits of Korea came from Capt. | tle. She flew a white flag. As soon as

Chagin of the cruiser Almaz. He tele- she was sighted a government boat

graphed to the emperor that he had was dispatched to escort her to shore

witnessed the sinking of the battle- and offer the survivors a ready wel-

of shot from the Russian rapid-firing pon and the nearest land to the bat-

Officials of the Japanese Red Cross

society went out in a launch, gave

such aid as they could to the wound-

ed and carried them to temporary

quarters near Yamaguchi, which is at

the southwest of the Island of Nip-

Waters Alive With Slavs.

The waters were alive with Russian

seamen desperately striving to make

land in small boats or clinging to

masses of wreckage. Small merchant-

men and pleasure ships went out to

attack was so different from that ex-

pected that the entire fleet became

panic-stricken. The long-range fire

no chance of replying, because the

Japanese had chosen their own range,

Torpedoes Spread Terror.

Then came a torpedo boat attack

which completed the demoralization,

and the crews took to the boats in

Those who remained on board were

precipitated into the water by the ex-

plosions that followed, and many

saved themselves by clinging to pieces

been swimming about in an exhaust-

which no Russian ship could equal.

of extreme exhaustion.

of hunger and thirst.

gone home.

of wreckage.

ship Kniaz Souvaroff and reported that | come.

Admiral Rojestvensky was wounded.

According to his report the Japa-

nese torpedo boats played the princi-

pal role in the defeat of the Russian

fleet. They were sent in for action

again and again under a perfect hail

Togo Wins Position.

Admiral Rojestvensky was heading for

Admiral Togo.

the eastern channel of the Straits of

Korea the Japanese admiral steamed

around the northern part of the Tsu

great advantage of tactical position

when he opened fire, having the light-

est of the Russian ships between him

and Rojestvensky's heavier vessels,

thus smothering the fire of the latter.

Besides, Togo was able to use all his

broadsides, whereas the sternmost

on in line ahead formation, probably

Nevertheless, although suffering the

complete loss of four ships in the des-

perate encounter which followed, and

beilng subjected to a series of tor-

pedo attacks during the night of May

27, Rojestvensky was able to steam

200 miles during the night. When

the next morning came the Russian

fleet was divided into two divisions.

The faster and stronger division, un-

der Rojestvensky, was met by Kami-

mura and Uriu, while the slower di-

vision, under Nebogatoff, renewed the

Each Ship for Herself.

units it was a case of save himself

who can. In the running fight the

Japanese enjoyed the advantage of su-

perior speed, enabling them to concen-

trate their fire and bring every crip-

pled Russian ship to bay. Admiral

Nebogatoff's battered remnant, sur-

rendered off Liancourt Rocks, while

Rojestvensky, with the best remain- ed condition for many hours when

seki fishermen.

Fifty-five Russian sailors, some of

Harsh Criticism of Senators.

Senator Dubois was lamenting the

With some of the scattered Russian

fight with Togo.

When Togo's scouts reported that

UNNERVED RUSSIAN CREWS

HOT FLASHES AND SINKING SPELLS CONQUERED AT LAST.

HER WEAKNESS GONE

Mrs. Murphy Tells Her Fellow-Sufferers How She Got Rid of Serious Troubles

"I had been bothered for several years," said Mrs. Murphy, "by stomach disorder, and finally I became very weak and nervous. Flashes of heat would pass over me, and I would feel as if I was sinking down. At such times I could not do any household work, but would have to lie down, and afterwards I would have very trying nervous spells,"

"Didn't you have a doctor?" she was

"Yes, I consulted several doctors but my health did not improve. One day a friend asked me why I did not try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She assured me that they had proved of the greatest benefit in the case of her daughter. In fact, she praised them so enthusiastically that my husband got me a box."

"Before I had taken half of the first box my condition was greatly improved. The quickness with which they reached and relieved all my troubles was really surprising. After I had used only three boxes I had no more heat-flashes or weak spells. Thanks to them, I have

Mrs. Mary D. Murphy lives at No. 1903 Force street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. ness. Their tonic properties are absolutely unsurpassed.

digestion, or restlessness, or pains, or irregularities of any kind these famous pills should be used. They have cured the most obstinate cases of anæmia, dyspepsia, rheumatism, neuralgia, nervous

suited to your own case write directly to the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N.Y. Every woman should have a copy of Dr. Williams' "Plain Talks to Women, "which will be mailed free to any address on request. Any druggist can supply the pills.

Some people never know that the devil has been feeding them stones until all their teeth are broken.-Hen-

All railroad men qualified to speak on the subject in a responsible way are likely to agree with President Samuel Spencer of the Southern Rallway when he says: "There is no division of opinion as to the desirability of stopping all secret or unjustly dis-

There are endless accounts of in-"Tariffs should be based on commerdividual heroism, but none more thrilling than that of a young sailor who gave up his place on a piece of plank in order to save the life of a lieutenant of the Alexander III, who had been a popular officer with the crew and who was ill at the time of the attack. The captain of the cruiser Admiral Nakhimhoff and another officer had

Money talks convincingly at times and again there are times when it gets badly rattled.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz .- one full pound-while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in %-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chem icals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large let ters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron stick ing. Defiance never sticks.

Fine feathers may not make fine on a millineris bill.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces in flammation, allays pain, cures wind colle. Meabathe,

To be a good talker one must first learn how to be a good listener.

"And what was the result?" become a well woman."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, the remedy which she found so satisfactory, furnish directly to the blood the elements that give vigor to every tissue of the body. They can be depended on to revive failing strength, and to banish nervous-As soon as there is drag, or dizziness, or pallor, or poor circulation, or disordered

prostration and even partial paralysis. If you desire information specially

pick up all the survivors they could find. They rescued several hundred ry F. Cope in Chicago Tribune. men, many wounded, and all in a state Just Discrimination in Railway Rates.

The men were in desperate straits. The boats in which they sought ref uge were badly provisioned, in most cases not at all, so that to the terrors of heavy seas were added the pangs The survivors state that they had absolutely no chance of winning, the criminatory devices and practises of attack of the Japanese was so sudden, so overwhelming. The plan of

whatsoever character." Mr. Spencer, in speaking of "unjustly discriminatory" rates and devices, makes a distinction which is at once apparent to common sense. There of the enemy was deadly. There was may be discrimination in freight rates which is just, reasonable and imperatively required by the complex commercial and geographical conditions with which expert rate makers have to deal. To abolish such open and honest discrimination might paralyze the industries of cities, states and most cases before the torpedoes had whole sections of our national terri-

> This distinction between just and unjust discrimination is clearly recognized in the conclusions of the International Railway Congress, published yesterday:

cial principles, taking into account the special conditions which bear upon the commercial value of the services ren-dered. With the reservation that rates shall be charged without arbitrary dis-crimination to all shippers alike under like conditions, the making of rates should as far as possible have all the elasticity necessary to permit the devel-opment of the traffic and to produce the greatest results to the public and to the railroads themselves."

The present proposal is, as Mr. Walker D. Hines of Louisville showed in his remarkable testimony the other day before the Senate Committee at Washington, to crystallize flexible and justly discriminatory rates into fixed government rates which cannot be changed except by the intervention of some government tribunal, and by this very process to increase "the temptation to depart from the published rate and the lawful rate in order to meet some overpowering and urgent commercial condition."-New York Sun,

birds, but they make a fine showing



"How was the escape brought about?"

"You needn't fear me," coolly reby Louis, "for I am going to take a feel satisfied if I am with you?"

who is your partner?"

"That is the worst part of the gator, the man I want to please in this, is a person who has just escaped from Joliet. A dangerous criminal, clear the track. with an enormous reward offered for his recapture, and of course the police are on the look out for him in Chi-

cago." who you mean-Simeon Golden!" "You know him, then?"

"He was my companion in the Tombs."

"This is indeed a streak of 'luck." said Regan enthusiastically. "When Sim broached this job, he had fears of not being able to find a pal he could trust. I am certain now that he will be satisfied with you. It takes a powerful lot of money to get into the club you know; but it will take less if you can interest 'the seout' in your favor. You a plan on foot to raise your wind, what is it?"

"Regan," replied Lang, in a tone meant at once to be respectful yet positive, "what I have in view requires but a single head to work. And, in fact, no one but me could work it. Should you come in on the deal, you would want your divy, and I need it all to pay my way into the country. You want me to aid you in your scheme. but no help is needed in mine."

"Your scheme ain't ripe yet! How long do you suppose Golden will consent to remain in town after working our racket with all Chicago on the to do it quick! Golden, you must the smell of anise, and the similar

look out for him?"

-but by extorting 'hush' money from | the meantime Golden managed to saw 'my people.' How am I to be con- partially through the bars of his winvinced that you are not trying to trap | dow, during the moments when there was a good deal of noise being made by passing trains. A week ago I went plied Regan, biting at the tempting down to Joliet and engaged a suitable morsel of injured innocence held out room and wardrobe for his reception when he should make his escape. hand in the game myself. You will At last came a rainy night and dark. Fortune seemed to play into our "Yes, if you work on the inside. But | hands; I saw the opportunity to open the switch leading into the prison yard, and a freight train backed down scheme: otherwise it would be per- and ran into the prison gate and wall make his intentions clear. fectly safe. The concoctor, the insti- and was wrecked. All night long workingmen and wrecking engines were working upon the wreckage to

"Of course the prison guards were "Say no more," said Lang, "I know ing crew. At a signal from me, when have as much at stake as I. You have of the swinging arm of the hoisting held it in place while he drew himself over unseen. I had clothes and disguises handy, and it wasn't more than five minutes before I had made a new

with admiration in his tone. gratified Regan, "And you will have know, is not going alone. His escape | belief of gamekeepers in some parts Lang appeared crestfallen at this. was planned by one of the agents, and of the country that they are attracted Don't you think he can be prevailed the same party has deputized Madam by valerian. It is said that pigeons upon to remain long enough for me to Mendom to get together a small com- may be prevented from deserting the bring recruits to the city. How do the city. That is another reason why oil of anise. Poachers are supposed you suppose he escaped from impreg- he can't stop. If you can manage to to lure hen pheasants from a wood by

doubled, but that made no difference with Golden's escaping. I managed to mingle unperceived among the wreckthe din was at its height, Golden let himself down from the window, by means of a rope made from tearing his blanket into strips and dropped unperceived into a rain water cistern directly beneath. At a second signal from me, just when a passenger train hove in sight, whose noise increased the din and attracted attention, Golden made his run for liberty across the open space to where conveniently upon the track stood a car with a derrick upon it. He climbed to the top machine, threw the end of the chain over the wall, where I caught it and hidden the carcass in the hole of an man of Golden; and he was safe in

the room prepared for him." "You certainly worked it slick! And will have to do something pretty vations proving the possession of the foxy to outdo you if I go," said Louis

"That's what you will!" said the assist us in the evening, you can go- valerian -Nature.