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# The Sole Survivor

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ing the chill that had crept up from his knees till it was beginning to threaten his arms. A bluesiness was forming around his lips.

At each upward swoop, he scanned the gradually widening horizon for a glimpse of the *Wampum*. The wireless operator had said that the steamer would arrive by dawn. Well, it was dawn now. He felt the chill striking down toward his elbows. He tried not to think of it by concentrating his mind on something else. He thought of Jimmy. How lucky he had been to see him again. Good old Jim! He'd been a big success, and he and Ruth had a baby girl. The stow-away's blue lips parted in a smile. He was glad it had been Jimmy that had swum to his raft. If it had been some one else, they would have taken turns resting on top; but with Jimmy it was different. What would Ruth say if he let anything happen to him. And the girl — it wouldn't do to take any chances of making her fatherless.

He felt the chill stealing into his wrists. He raised himself high, in a last look for the steamer. A wave rolled over him. His numbed fingers began to slip.

"Jimmy!" he gasped.

Burke scrambled away from him, fearful of being seized. The white face of his old friend was sinking lower.

"Jimmy, there's smoke over there. They'll pick you up. Good-bye, Jimmy, good —"

Burke crouched for a breath, staring at the tiny swirling eddy. Then he fell face downward, and began to sob.

Half an hour later, a boat from the *Wampum* picked him up — the sole survivor.

## Looking Forward to the Next Number

TOLSTOY, a year before his death, wrote a remarkable message to the Czar of Russia, the German Kaiser and the King of England. It was written in response to an invitation from the three reigning sovereigns—and we expect to publish this notable message, together with its intensely dramatic history, in the next SEMI-MONTHLY MAGAZINE. The message, which is really an astounding prophesy, forecasted the Turko-Balkan war and, among other things, predicts that 1913 will witness a convulsion in Europe compared with which the French Revolution was trivial. This prophetic document is fully authenticated and is furnished the SEMI-MONTHLY MAGAZINE by the Countess Tolstoy.

Maurice Leblanc concludes the Confidences of Arsène Lupin with *The Mystery of Edith Swan-Neck*—far and away the best, in addition to being the last story, in the great detective series appearing exclusively in the SEMI-MONTHLY MAGAZINE. For the first and only time, Inspector Ganimard proves himself equal in cleverness to the famous Lupin in an intensely dramatic episode.

Cardinal James Gibbons, speaking as Archbishop of Baltimore and as a close student of political economy, contributes a thoughtful editorial on *Stateswoman versus Churchwoman* to the next number. Cardinal Gibbons deplores, rather than denounces, woman suffrage and the eminent churchman frankly states his convictions.

Not so serious, in fact quite frankly amusing, is *A Deep Purple Finish* by Arthur M. Hopkins—the story of a barber who gets even with a wily customer. His revenge comes as a surprise that leaves the reader chuckling in hearty sympathy with the knight of the chair.

Some extra *Fresh Findings from Mark Twain* are contributed by Albert Bigelow Paine, the authorized biographer of the famous humorist. If anything, these additional anecdotes are funnier than those that we publish this week—and they also are wittily illustrated by Horace Taylor.

The cover design, *It Happened Overnight*, is a story done in colors by H. J. Peek—and among the other clever illustrators who have combined to make the next issue tiptop are Adrien Macheferet, Franklin Booth and R. G. Vosburgh.

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