£9999999999999999999999999999 Little Miss Millions: or, The Witch of Monte Cario.

# A ROMANCE OF THE RIVIERA.

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CHAPTER III-(Continued.) Merrick merely raised his eyebrows. "I have heard all men are when the Princess Olgavitch." She frowned and then laughed.

"Ah! surely not you, monsieur, not you. But the danger of which I speak is genuine. It springs from a countryman of mine and his friend, the great and bold Count Leon Villebols. They have a trap of some sort set for you. should you threaten to win in the game you are playing. They are men without any regard for the law or right. Stromboloff is a Cossack of the Don, whose peculiar habits cling to him even in Paris, while the other has lived so long amid wild border scenes in Africa that he has learned to take what he wants when the mood comes on. So you will see that they make a dangerous combination, and they seem to hate your friend especially."

"A thousand thanks, princess, for your warning, and on your part pray believe that we are not ungrateful for your kindness because we have already been placed on our guard."

He showed a desire to break away. Though evidently piqued more or less by her inability to fascinate him, the clever woman knew how to play her cards too well to think of precipitating matters.

"I hope we shall meet again, monsieur, when perhaps you will be able to give me a little more time," she said, archly, holding out her hand to him.

"That will be a pleasure I shall look forward to," he replied, gallantly, as he pressed her hand, nor did the princess fail to return the squeeze.

Yet when he passed from her sight Mark Merrick gave the beautiful we- possible safety lay. man no further thought, nor did he dream that their interview had been intently observed by a demure little figure seated in a window at the far end of the parlor, a figure that bore more or less resemblance to the South African heiress who had attracted his attention and caused memories to throng his mind as he surveyed her through the glass that same morning in the Bois de Boulogne.

Merrick went straight to the room which his companion occupied.

No sooner had he entered, however, than he saw there was something wrong, for Jones had a look of disgust upon his face.

"More trouble, my dear boy," he said, with a poor excuse of a grin, "the Joneses ain't used to much. I'll admit. but this is pretty rough treatment even for them. After all our work, this is the barren result." He held up the open packet so that Mark could see what it containeda sheet of paper well crumpled and solled, yet a sheet of paper upon which not a single stroke of pen or pencil could be disco wred. That was all!

on his way back and would soon show up, either exultant or despondent.

His cogitations were finally interthey find themselves under the gaze of rupted by loud and excited voices from the corridor.

Could this have aught to do with the anticipated coming of the enemies for whom Jones looked? If the count and his rabble had invaded the hotel and were searching for him, they would no doubt discover him in time. Just when he had figured this out some one pounded vigorously on his

door and shouted in French: "The house is on fire, save yourself, monsieur."

Then Merrick threw aside the inaction that had been weighing him down-when necessity demanded prompt movement he would be found in the van.

He snatched the door open.

Some smoke drifted in promptlyat least there was good evidence to prove the presence of fire.

All the while pandemonium was increasing, shricks and shrill French exclamations joining with gruffer male voices in a mad chorus. "Come," said Merrick, "this looks

serious. I shall have to take a hand in the game"

He was very cool, perhaps because he was brave and sensible, and had fought for his very life with the fire demon ere now.

The holocaust of a previous year, when scores of Parisian society leader perished in the awful Charity Bazaar conflagration, was fresh in the minds of these frightened people, and added to their terror.

Merrick calmly locked Jones' apart ment and put the key in his pocket. The smoke was becoming thicker,

and figure after figure went lurching and plunging toward the stairs, where

Merrick could easily have made his escape, but somehow this thought did not seem to have presented itself to him while there were still others in danger.

Some heroic souls at such times always think for those whom fright has rendered incapable of using their own bairns-a fact that does human nature credit.

He entered upon a systematic examination of each room, and managed to start several upon the road to safety.

It was a work that just sulted his nature-he delighted in cheating the fire demon out of his contemplated victims, for he and the monster were old enemies.

IS GENERCUS TO HER DEFENDERS. them together, one would not escape

ments.

without the other. So down the narrow stairway they went, hope gaining new ground in his soul, though the smoke was just as dense here as elsewhere.

He could hear the firemen now, and with their coming a chance arose that the building might yet be saved.

Without warning he found further progress cut off by a sudden burst of fames below.

To retreat was to invite disaster, and Merrick was a man who knew what it was to take heroic measures when surrounded by peril.

Releasing his burden for a moment he tied a handkerchief over his mouth, then alipped off his coat and fastened it as well about her head as he could under the circumstances when hands had to do double duty, since eyes smarting with the smoke, were of no avail.

He did not make the dash without some exercise of judgment in the premises-the firemen had started to throw water below, and it was his hope to profit by this.

Again snatching up his burden, Merrick continued his downward plunge. It was all over in a few secondsin running the gauntlet of fire he had his hair singed a little, but by good luck the stream of water drenched them both, so that their garments resisted the heat.

And the gallant members of the Parisian fire department who had dragged their hose up the stairs in order to fight the fire demon in his lair, were doubtless amaged to suddenly see a dripping figure without a coat, and carrying a muffled burden in his arms, come staggering out of the flames toward them.

At least they were now safe.

Down below Merrick found a great crowd gathered-it was about settled that the hotel would be saved, so that thing to be proud of. men who had been frantic with fright above began to laugh and joke over their unbecoming attire, and tell of the numberless lives they had saved by shouting the alarm so bravely-it is astonishing how many unrecognized heroes there are in this world.

Merrick, quite exhausted, handed his burden to a large man, who bustled around as though he were a physician. The lady had quietly fainted during that last rush into the fire.

He did not think it even worth his while to look at her face, but this could be excused when his condition was taken into consideration.

"Kindly bring me my coat again," was all he said, as he fell into a chair. By degrees he recovered his breath. and began to feel something like himself when the physician once more appeared with his coat, which became necessary in the frosty night air.

Merrick went outside to observe the scene from that quarter, where excitement still reigned.

And at this very moment, in the room where the refugees were quartered, Little Miss Millions, seated upon the floor like an eastern princess, albelt a sadly bedraggled one, was

looking eagerly at a knotted cambric handkerchief she held, and pressing to through the mud. The storekeepers her lips that portion where in a deli- sit out in their open booths and the cate red scroll could be plainly traced women go bareheaded about the

ACAINST A RAISE How the United States Government Cares for Its Disabled Soldiers.

The United States expends \$3,000. RAILROADS PRESENT VIEWS TO 000 anually on its national homes for STATE BOARD. fisabled volunteer soldiers, and \$206,-300 annually on the national home for

lisabled regular soldiers. There are ARGUMENTS ARE LISTENED TO 27,000 disabled soldiers in the voluneer homes, and 1,226 in the home for

> State Insurance Fees Are Coming in Early-Cattle Thief Delivered Up ters in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 7 .- The preliminary work of fixing the valuation of railroad, telegraph and telephone property for purposes of taxation was begun by the state board of equaliza- a little higher than the same kinds of tion. All three members of the board, cattle sold for yesterday. for by the national and state govern-Governor Savage, Treasurer Stuefer and Auditor Weston, attended, but did nothing more than listen to argu- rushing, still buyers took hold quite At the close of the war there were 272,583 soldiers on the lists of wounded. Over 200,000 other soldiers ments by representatives of various freely and paid steady to strong prices corporations.

The persons who appeared before the board represented the Burlington. Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific, the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroads and the Pullman company. All argued against an increase of last year's valuation and presented ently disabled by disease, to be taken figures purporting to show that the assessment of their property is at a higher rate, in proportion to real value, than the assessment of other kinds of property.

> road assessment matter in any official way," said Auditor Weston. "This was the first meeting held and the business consisted of listening to the representatives of the railroad companies and the Pullman company. Some \$2,5595.10; native cows, \$2,2595.55; native of us asked questions as they proceeded, but took no action whatever on any proposition, and when the men

The governor held several bulky documents in his hands throughout the arguments and referred to them repeatedly, often basing his questions on figures contained therein. He did not read them, however, but is ex- \$4.6505.90; stockers and feeders. \$1.000 pected to do so at some future meet-4.90. ing of the board.

# Accused of Abduction.

ST. PAUL, Neb., May 7.-Anthony Dunn was arrested by Sheriff Hansen upon information from Kearney charging him with the abduction of a young girl by the name of Hoover from her home near that city. The in this country, received a cable mesgirl was found with him by the officer and she was also placed in jail ing that peace in South Africa was for safe keeping. Both will be taken probable. to Kearney, the girl being returned to her home, while Dunn will be held to answer the serious charge preferred against him. It is reported that another young man from this place by the name of Greggston has been Monday. arrested at Grand Island charged with

eing implicated in the affair.

# THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA. Cattle-There was another very light run of cattle, which makes the supply for the two days only about half as large as for the same days of the last several weeks, and the decrease is even greater

when compared with the same days of last year. In spite of the failing off in supplies the market was not very active and could not be quoted more than by His Brother-Miscellaneous Matwere a number of bunches that were choice. Packers, though, did not seem " to be particularly anxious for supplies, and the great bulk of the cattle sold at

just about steady prices. The cow market was a little more active than the trade on steers and the better grades commanded stronger prices. In fact some sales looked quite

There were only a few cars of stockers and feeders in the yards and, although for anything at all destrable.

HOGS-There was a heavy run of hogs. All markets were quoted lower and as a result prices took a drop at this point niso. The general market could quoted 5010c lower. The most of the prime heavy hogs sold about a nickel lower and the first round a few loads sold that were not far from steady. The medium weights sold fully 5610c lower. and, as usual, the light and undesirable loads were left until the last and they were fully 10c lower.

quotations SHEEP-Following are Good to choice wethers, \$5.80676.00; fair to good, \$4.65@5.00; good to choice lambs, \$6,10916.25; fair to good, \$5.7596.10. Wooled stock sells about 25@50c above clipped stock. Choice Colorado wooled lambs, \$6.75@6.85; fair to good, \$6.50@6.75.

#### KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE-Stockers and feeders. \$2.600 .55; western fed steers, \$4.85666.35; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.00676.00; Texas cows. heifers, \$3.2566.75; canners, \$1.7562.25; bulls, \$3.1595.65; calves, \$3.0096.00.

HOGS-Market 56710c lower, closing at latter figure: top. \$7.30; bulk of sales. \$6.9007.20; heavy. \$7.15077.30; mixed packers, \$7.0007.25; porkers, \$6.0007.06; light,

\$6.9547.05; pigs, \$6.00476.80. SHEEP AND LAMBS-Lambs stronger; muttons weak, 10c lower; native lambs, \$5.75@7.15; native wethers, \$5.45@ 6.05; western wethers, \$4.75@6.20; fed ewes, \$5.00(75.00; Texas clipped sheep,

# PEACE IS AGAIN IN SIGHT.

## Wife of General Meyer Receives Reassuring Message from Husband.

LONDON, May 8 .- The wife of General Lucas Meyer, the commander of the Orange Free State forces, who is sage from her husband yesterday say-

Further advices received here today from South Africa announced that 208 Boers had been captured and that ten burghers were kiled in the neighborhood of Lindley, Orange River colony,

Lord Salisbury, during his speech

Then Congress extended the national home system and the states took up "We have not discussed the rail-

# the work, until now nearly all of the disabled volunteers and regulars who are not cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives are comfortably housed and cared for by the

government. It is a great work, of which not much is said, but it is some-

JAPS DON'T WORRY ABOUT COLD

finished their talking we adjourned."

Almost No Attempt Made in Winter to Although the Japanese winter is most trying on account of the continued dampness, the Japanese are content to remain cold. They make

cegulars. The volunteer homes are all under one board of management, and the home for regulars is under the management of a board of army officers, with Gen. Miles as president.

There are in addition to the national soldiers' homes at Washington. Hampton, Va.; Dayton, O.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Togus, Me.; Marion, Ind.; Leavenworth, Kas.; Danville, Ill.; Santa Monica, Cal., and Johnson City, Tenn., 26 State homes for disabled soldiers. In all, over 40,000 soldiers are cared

had been discharged on account of dis-

ability from various diseases. Prob-

ably 75 per cent of the latter recovered.

and fully 50 per cent of the wounded

entered into the activities of civil life.

the seriously wounded, and of those

who came from the hospitals perman-

care of. For a time too many of the

disabled class drifted into the county

infirmaries and charitable institutions.

Keep Warm.

almost no effort to overcome it. The

old chivalrous idea of the "samural"

(knights) was that it was effeminate to

feel cold, and such is their severe

training that they do not really feel

it as we do. The wearing of some

extra "kimonos" and the use of a

'hibachi" or brazier in which are a

few tiny sticks of lighted charcoal are

the only concessions to winter weather. With the "hibachi" they

never pretend to heat more than their

finger tips, which they hold over the

coals. It is used when the house is

entirely open. The houses, are every-

one knows, are built of thin, light

wood, and the sliding panels which

serve for doors and windows have pa-

as closed during the day.

ring.

per panes. They are as apt to be open

The coolies wear thin blue cotton

clothes and are always paddling

There were, however, thousands of

Somehow the comical side of the matter presented itself to Merrick, and for the life of him he could not resizt smiling.

"But-there is no system-at least, died with the man who broke the bank," said Merrick, selzing the paper and examining it carefully.

Then he was struck with the keen expression of his companion's face.

'What! you still have faith?" he demanded.

"Well, it dies hard with me. I am about to order a cab and go back."

"To the monastery?"

"To Father Anselmo."

"Ah! you suspect him?"

"Not of having intentionally deceived me, but of having made a mistake. See here, on the outside of the packet is a rough cross. Some one put that there in order to remember a true from a false. Perhaps the dummy was arranged in order to meet some possible emergency such as theft."

'Unless you object, I should like you to occupy my chair and smoke my cigars until I take the turn around. Given three-quarters of an hour, and I shall be back, unless I am detained unusually long at the other end."

Merrick thought he noticed a meaning back of his words, and was quick to say so.

'You expect company here?"

"Well, it is always possible. Those fellows are not built on the order of quitters. We shall see more of them sooner or later, perhaps the former." Merrick dropped into an easy chair,

with his face toward the door, he opened the cigar box and selected a weed, which he lighted, then from his pocket he drew a little piece of steel mechanism which he laid upon the table beside him.

Merrick sat and smoked and pondered. Perhaps a panorama of the stirring events that had marked his career in South Africa floated before his mental vision, for he smiled several times, though his face finally clouded over and a long sigh forced itself from his lips.

The last scene might have been a tragedy that brought pain rather than pleasure.

At any rate Merrick jumped up and began to walk the floor. Tiring of tramping back and forward, he again doubt fearing lest in endeavoring to dropped into a chair.

No visitors yet, and almost half an hour had elapsed-why, Jones must be tion-since fortune had thus thrown

Rapidly, then, he made the tour of the name of Mark Merrick! the floor, and left not a room un. searched.

This had taken time, and the smoke had gathered in almost, suffocating clouds, so that Merrick on his way to the stairs, ran zigzag across the hall. back and forth, in order that he might not miss any unfortunate one who should have sunk down overpowered by the choking fumes.

That was a happy thought, an inspiration born of genius, and all his life Mark Merrick found cause to bless the moment in which he had conceived such a master stroke. For he had not covered more than

half the distance when he came upon one such unfortunate lying in a heap and almost helpless.

It was impossiblbe to see, but Merrick put down his hands and immediately felt the face and long hair of a woman.

She immediately caught hold of him and endeavored to gain her feet, but was too weak.

"Can you walk?" he shouted in French.

"Alas! I have sprained my ankle, I fear," came the reply close to his

ear. Merrick did not hesitate.

He knew there was only one way to get her to a place of safety, and

that was by carrying her. So without a word of apology he suddenly swept her up in his arms, and was thankful to discover that she turned out to be rather diminutive in

size-a woman of perhaps a hundred pounds.

"Put your arms around my neck," he said.

The noise below was still fearful, but she heard him evidently, for she obeyed without hesitation.

Thus he proceeded toward the stairway. Apparently they were the last ones

on that floor, all the others having made good their escape.

An unpleasant surprise awaited Merrick, for, upon reaching the stairway, he found that the fire was there ahead of him.

Some men would have been demoralized, but with him opposition only served to arouse new thoughts and plans.

He remembered there was a second stairway, used by the domestics perhaps-this might offer him the safety the first refused.

So he turned and made for it as only a desperate man could do.

"Save yourself, monsieur," cried the one whom he clasped in his arms, no rescue her he would be lost; but Merrick never dreamed of so base an ac(To be continued.)

Ancedote of Dr. Johnson. It was in the shop of Thomas Da-

vies, bookseller, that Boswell, afterward the famous biographer of Dr. Samuel Johnson, first met that great ancier of Paris, threatens the fashman. Davies respectfully introduced Boswell, who was greatly agitated, to onable world with a pearl famine. "If all the pearls in the oceans were to be the formidable doctor. Boswell whispered to Davies: "Don't tell where I prought to the surface and offered for come from." "From Scotland," cried sale to-morrow," says Mr. Grote, "the Davies, roguishly. "Mr. Johnson," said narket would not be flooded, nor Boswell, "I do indeed come from Scotwould the demand for the delicate land, but I cannot help it." This, of white jewels be satisfied. There has course, was said not as a humiliating been a steady increase in the demand abasement at the expense of his coun-'or pearls during the past few years, try, but as a light pleasantry, which and an accompanying falling off in the he thought would mothe and concilisupply. The cost has gone up more ate the doctor. The speech, however, than one realizes, and I think is still was somewhat unlocky. John seized below the high-water mark. the expression, "comes from Scotland," and retorted: "That, sir, I find loubled. In the past three years it has is what a great many of your counncreased fully 33 per cent. The numtrymen cannot help."

### Sweet Sympathy.

Mrs. Youngwed-Yes, Mr. Youngwed ken out before, and still the supply of didn't feel at all well this morning. so I just made him stay home from the office.

Mrs. Naybor-Indeed! I notice all are being bought up by investors, and your carpets are up, and your back that the bulk of them never get into shed's painted, and-Mrs. Youngwed-Yes, I got Mr. Youngwed to do all that while he was

home to-day.

### Mill Workers in Japan.

All mills in Japan run day and night and change hands at noon and midnight. The vast majority of mill workers are children, who work eleven hours at low wages. In one mill at Osaka 2,600 workers are under 15 years of age, and operate only 3,700 spindles. In America 300 persons operate the same number.

#### Why Fido Didn't Interfere.

Mrs. Jones-"Just think of it! That fellow came in and actually stole the clock right off the mantlepiece." Mrs. Brown-"And your dog was in

the very same room?" Mrs. Jones-"Yes, but that didn't count. Fido is only a watch dog, you

know."

Real Eccialist. "I nebber met such a socialist as

Dusty." "In what way?"

"Why, he was happy when he foun' out he'd been run over by de old hog train. At first he thought it was a Gould special."

A drop of ink is black, but it serves to enlighten many.

streets. In the houses of the rich the still cold behind the closed panels is often more intense than that outside in the sunshine, where the air is stir-

The Price of Pearls.

Mr. Dudley Grote, a prominent jewel

"Since 1890 the price of pearls has

searls decreases. When I say supply I

nean the pearls offered for sale to the

public. Personally, I believe the jewels

he market. In fact, I know of sever-

il banking houses in London and Paris

that have made considerable money on

The Latest Insurance.

It is now possible to insure at

loyds against the risk of smallpox

preaking out in the house on either

ide of you-the idea being, of course,

o protect the assured against expense

ncurred by temporary removal. The

ate is a minimum of 10 shillings per

pearls during the past decade."

Takes Strychnine and Dies. BEAVER CITY, Neb., May 7 .- Conley Thayer, a single man 32 years old, Boers. committed suicide by taking strychnine at the house of James Thornton, two miles east of Beaver City. No cause can be assigned for the act, except the probability that he was mentally unbalanced. He purchased the strychnine in Beaver City on Saturday, took it home and buried it near the house for future use.

Tecumseh Lodge Awarded Library. TECUMSEH, Neb., May 7 .- The supreme lodge of the Maccabees has presented the Tecumseh lodge with a library of 100 books by popular authors and a bandsome bookcase to hold the same. The gift was accorded this lodge for the rapid growth made during the three months ending December of oysters brought to the surface ber 31, 1901. The membership is now of the waters of the world averages 130. 16,000 daily, more than were ever ta-

### Delivers Up His Brother.

GREELEY CENTER, Neb., May 7. -The alleged cattle thief, Mike Lamb, accompanied by his brother Jack, surrendered to the officers here. His brother demanded the reward offered for Mike's capture.

### Effort to Tap Bank Fails.

YORK, Neb., May 7.-Bank robbers tried to get the funds of the Bank of Waco. They secured tools from a blacksmith shop nearby, but only succeeded in breaking in the door and knocking a few brick out of the vault when they were scared away.

#### Nebraska Pensions.

WASHINGTON, May 7 .- Following is the issue of Nebraska pensions: Original-Joseph Graham, Davenport, \$8; Joseph McGraw, Lincoln, \$8. Increase, restoration, reissue, etc.-John W. Every, Hay Springs, \$12; Adam Wenzel. Dakota, \$12.

### Insurance Men Pay Early.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 7 .- Deputy Insurance Auditor Babcock says that \$34,822.87 has been paid to the state as fees by insurance companies since four months greatly exceed the months, beginning with January 1, probably not greatly exceed those of last year.

today at the annual grand habitation of the Primrose league here, said the government had not receded an lota from its previous peace terms to the

TEN THOUSAND IN REVOLT.

### Armed Rebels in China Are Causing Much Anxiety.

PEKIN, March 8.-Bishop Favier, the French vicar apostolic in China, has received information to the effect that 10,000 armed rebels, with several cannon, are participating in the revolt at Cheng Ting Fu, Chi L4 province.

It is considered doubtful if Yuan Shi Kai, the governor of Chi Li, has sent a sufficient force to cope with the rebellion. The bulk of the government forces, with ten gatling guns, are due to arrive at the scene of the disturbances today.

The leader of the uprising is a military mandarin, who killed his family before raising the flag of revolt, so as to prevent their punshment in the event of his failure.

#### British Capture a Point.

CAPETOWN, May 8 .- 'the O'Okiep, Western Cape Colony, relief column has occupied Steinkopf, to the north of O'Okiep, which was stronly held by the Boers, after fighting, April 27 and 28. The British lost six men killed and had eight wounded. The Boer losses are said to have been heavy. The Boers asked for British medical assistance.

# Makes the Sixtieth Body.

CAIRO, Ill., May 8 .- The body of Mrs. Patrick Burke of Owensboro, Ky., a City of Pittsburg victim, was taken out of the river a few miles below this city today. A total of sixty bodies have been recovered thus far.

#### Chaffee Goes to Mindanao.

MANILA, May 8 .- General Chaffee sailed today on the transport Ingalls for the Lanao district of the island of Mindanao. General Davis tele-January 1. The collections for the graphed that he thought the presence of the military governor of the Philamount collected last year for six ippines would have a favorable effect on the prominent Moros, and General the total being \$15,286.89. The col- Chaffes immediately replied, going to lections for the year, however, will Mindanao. He has ordered General Davis to arrange a conference with the prominent sultans and dattos.

Smokers. Male and Female. rom Berkeley square, the hostess and her daughter were the only smokers in a large luncheon party, and prefaced heir cigarettes by the courteous conlition. "If you gentlemen don't mind." -Tatler.

sent for the year, the risk, of course, extending over an indefinite number of people. One broker, who was in this ousiness from the start, has been dong hardly anything else for the last

en days, and many who at first aughed at the whole thing are now

oming into the market.

I can well remember the time when a nan, if perchance he met a lady while ie was smoking in some rather unfreuented street, always flung his cigar way and rather tried to look as if he and not been doing it. Yet so far we have traveled that not long ago, at a iospitable house not a hundred miles