AT HIS PERIL

By JACK LAWTON.

Billy turned his car into an unfrequented road, and went speeding up. the hill. This afternoon's drive was an aimless one. Billy felt bored and aimless himself. To have a Saturday half-holiday in which to amuse one's self and then to find nothing amusing. was a predicament.

Billy wondered what was the matter with him anyway. Golf, and the Country club failed to entertain. Young women of his acquaintance seemed all at once insipid. Shows held no charm. What possessed him?

Impatiently he asked himself the question, and as if in mocking answer came flashing memory of a certain girl's witching face. Billy had passed this girl days ago in the city park. She had been learning to run a little roadster, and his prolonged and interested scrutiny was overlooked by its object, Billy envied the instructor. Thereafter he found himself feverishly speculating as to the personality of this broadshouldered confident fellow. He might be a brother for his matter-of-fact acceptance of his position, or a hus-Billy dismissed the husband idea-he didn't like it. Because her eyes reminded him of Natalle Burke. he took Natalle to the theater that evening and was disappointed.

Natalie's upward glance was very different from that of the other girl with her lashed lids. Billy couldn't get this girl out of his head, and his was a practical, well-balanced head, at that. Then, just as her pretty features were beginning to haunt him less Billy ran across the girl again in

the lobby of a theater. For one breathless moment her eyes met his steadily as, recklessly he drew near, she vanished through a doorway and was lost in the theater crowd. That it would have availed him nothing, had he found her, lessened Billy's disappointment not a bit. He had read in books of these violent fancies, and had scoffed at their impossibility. Yet, now, as he rode along, the girl's face seemed to laugh at him, beckening on-

Billy frowned; also he drew up abruptly before a looming sign. "Dangerous," warned the sign. "Proceed at Your Own Peril."

Billy's frown changed to a grin. Here was a venture at least suited to his mood.

"Sounds like a black-hand communication," he muttered, as his car rattled over the railroad ties, continuing up the narrow path through a new cut way.

"Proceeding at his own peril" proved but monotonous after all. Various trees alternated their lines upon either side, while the rough solitary ad stretched ever above chance of turning he decided to re verse, and come back down the trail, But as he glimpsed a widening space above, he saw that another venturesome one had been before him, and had come to grief.

A small car blocked the opening while a figure bent over its uncovered engine. As the figure straightened at his approach, Billy gasped in surprise and drew up with a jar, for it was the vision girl who looked back at him across her disabled car. Billy was at her side immediately,

boredom already far away.

"Can I," he asked eagerly, "be of assistance?"

The girl's dark eyes were troubled. "Will you be so kind as to look this thing over?" she asked. "You can't believe how relieved I was to see some one coming. I have just learned to run the car and it was idiotic to bring it up this way. But-" she paused.

"Didn't you read the warning sign?" Billy asked.

The girl nodded her adorable head "I couldn't seem to turn the car around," she confessed. Billy laughed. "So you had to keep on going?"

The girl's laughter mingled with his. "Yes," she said. Already he was bending over the machine, It appeared to be in perfect order. There was no reason why the car might not start at once on its downward trip. Still Billy lingered. Some verse about "Never the time, the place, and the girl altogether," flashed through his brain. Here was his golden hour and he meant to keep it. So Billy briskly opened the tool box, tinkering lightly around the engine, while the wonderful girl sat on the grass nearby, arranging flowers she had guthered. Billy lounging over the car and the girl gazing idly at her flowers, talked of many things, while Billy's heart sang the while.

"You'll have to let me lead the way down," he said, "and superintend your return. I shan't feel that I've done my duty either, until I've left you safely at your own door."

"All right," the girl agreed. She sented herself in the roadster.

It was a slow and circultous route which Billy led. At sight of the sign he paused at last abrouptly.

"I understand the thing now," he mused. "Ought to post them everywhere you go."

"Dangerous," read Billy. "Proceed at your own peril." His eyes sought hers meaningly.

"I did," he said.

"Did what?" asked the girl. "Proceeded—to my own peril," said

Billy. He sighed. "Really?" asked the girl. She smiled, and in that smile. Billy found his

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CITIES MAKE RAPID GROWTH FIND MANY USES FOR PEAT

Centers of Population in the United States.

According to the survey the sexes results. are almost evenly divided. The num- Pent fertilizer was first marketed in There are 1,337,283 families.

country, with New York leading, are pent annually produced is increasing, given as Chicago, with a population of Large quantities of these products 8,059,396; Philadelphia, 1,936,260; were made last year, but the most Cleveland, 936,300; Detroit, 936,300; Boston, 830,625; St. Louis, 824,435; Baltimore, 726,030; Pittsburgh, 667, 381; Los Angeles, 574,556; San Francisco, 555,882; Buffalo, 516,932; Milwaukee, 504,707; Cincinnati, 472,668; New Orleans, 440,797; Washington. 430,390; Minneapolis, 421,971; Newark, 416,963; Seattle, 395,323, and Rochester, 349,038,

CONSIDER GIFT HIGH HONOR

Comparatively Few Persons Are Presented With the "Freedom of the City of London."

The freedom of the city of London, with which the prince of Wales was presented recently, is one of the most cherished and ancient of civic privlleges. The actual document given to his royal highness is a piece of parchment inscribed with his names and titles and guaranteeing to him and his descendants many privileges to which he would not otherwise be entitled Thus he will not have to pay a tax on any goods brought within the city gates, nor will he have to render naval or military service. Should he fall on evil lines the prince of Wales would be entitled to pecuniary aid. Should be in the course of years pass away, leaving children, the city chamberiain would educate them and administer their property until they arrive at years of maturity. It is usual to inclose the "freedom" in a gold casket which costs the city £100 (\$500), but the certificates, in the case of the prince of Wales, will be in a frame and the casket will be represented by silver plate. In the case of General Booth the casket was of simple, sturdy

Thermometer Trade to U. S.

ufacturers of thermometers, besides to build up a good export business but, as is the case in so many industries, they are handlcapped at present by the shortage of skilled workers. a hand process, with a year's expe rience or more necessary for the development of a skilled worker.

Starting in the war period, when German goods were shut out of the dians. country, the American thermometer industry has shown marked advance ment. Before the war Germany controlled the market here as well as few can equal the romance of the Conthose in other countries, but nearly all necticut settlement, of the business formerly held by Germany in South America has been pro cured by concerns in the United States. It is not believed that Ger- Buckingham is proud of its war recmany will regain her position in the domestic market, and much of the tween the ages of eighteen and fifty South American business, it is predicted, will be held by the American fewer than 170 served with the forces Live Stock and Farm Sales. Phone o7028 manufacturers.-New York Tribune.

Fascinating Ukulele.

Many people, even now, may think of the ukulele as a Russian province, or an eastern title, yet it happens to be neither, but a small musical instrument which, according to a writer in the London Daily Chronicle, recently baffled the experience even of the customs man, who refused to recognize it as such and permitted its entry into England free of duty. The little South sea ukulele is not unlike a "fiddle that you play with your fingers," to the eye of the uninitiated, but all who hear it admit its sweetness and the charm of its plaintive voice. No doubt one of these days England will become aware of the fascination of the ukulele, even as America has already done. The customs man will a sheep had ever read "Giraldus Camstrange, wild music will haunt the London streets.

Meanest Man.

"The meanest man on earth" has

been discovered. Even insurance men, possessing most human traits, have revealed occasional phases of meaaness, but it remained for a clergyman, an ordained preacher of the gospel, to outclass superlatively all other contestants for the croix de gall.

This pastor, who resides within eye district, where the young women pracrange of the Woolworth tower, makes tice a sort of divination with the blade a practice of charging claimants under bone of a shoulder of mutton to dislife insurance policies a fee of 1 per cover who will be their sweetheart. cent of the face of the policy for fill-

death claims. The medal for concentrated and unlisting among the Tartars," New, in diluted meanness is hereby awarded the twentieth century, we find it The contest is ended.-Insurance among the Turks,-London Chronicle. By HOAGLAND & HOAGLAND &

Interesting Statistics Concerning Chief Wartern Industry Gives Promise of Great Development in the Years to Come.

The population of New York city The output of peat in the United on July 1, according to a survey by States last year far exceeded that of the newspaper feature bureau, the re- any preceding year and the general sult of which was made public the increase, which was stimulated by the other day, says the correspondent of war, was shared by practically all the Pittsburgh Disputch, was 6,244,616, branches of the industry. Though exas compared with 4,766,883 in 1910, an tensively used as fuel in Europe and increase of 31 per cent. Of the total widely known in the United States as 120,138 are listed as negroes. The a potential source of heat and power, whites of native parentage are given peat has been unable to compete with as 1,206,926; of foreign parentage, coal and many peat operators have di-2,384,384, and of foreign birth, 2,020- rected their attention to the utilization of peat in agriculture with gratifying

ber of males is given at 3,121,051, and commercial quantities in 1908, and the females as 3,123,565. The city has stock-food peat in 1912, and though 1,878,211 males of voting age and 333. there is still some prejudice against its 012 filiterates more than ten years old, use the agricultural branch of the industry has been successful and the The twenty largest cities in the quantity of fertilizer and stock-food striking development was the production of more peat in the New England States than has been manufactured in the entire United States in all preceding years. Almost equally striking was the widespread interest manifested in peat resources which had been generally regarded as of doubtful value.

> Large quantities of peat or sphagnum moss were produced and utilized for stable litter, packing material, and surgical dressing, and several hupdred thousand acres of peat soils were used for the growth of crops. The peat litter was produced by the owners of small hogs for their own use, but the packing material was sold to florists for \$25 a ton. According to J. W. Hotson of the Red Cross more than half a million peat pads were prepared in this country for that organization. Most of the moss was gathered by volunteers from bogs in Washington, Oregon and Maine, and the pads were used in military hospitals at home and abroad.

TOWNS NOT FATED TO LIVE

Communities East and West, Founded In High Hopes, Are Now Practically Things Forgotten.

Western papers tell their readers that the town of Emerson, Okla., is shortly to be a thing forgotten, remarks the Hartford Courant. It was mapped out as a town site shortly after the territory was opened for settlement, and the promoters had dreams of a metropolis. In 1907 the plan was abandoned, and now the district court has been asked to vacate the land for town site purposes, when what might have been a town will become farm land.

The story of Emerson suggests what near happening to a Connecticut With adequate labor American man- town in the beginnings of the colony. Those interested in it showed rare being able to supply fully the wants sense in their choice of a site, and in of the domestic trade, are in a position | their dreams planned not for a town but for a city. Hampden and Cromwell were to be among its citizens; the cream of England, so its promoters hoped, were to become its citizens. The making of thermometers is mostly Fate ordered otherwise, and the early days of this dream town are remembered now largely through Lion Gardiner's account of his struggle to hold the site against the attacks of the In-

> Other states, notably the mining commonwealths of the West can duplicate the story from Oklahoma, but

Village Proud of War Record.

The little Norfolk village of Old Its total male population bein 1914 was 264. Of that number no and 39 have given their lives for their country.

In their honor a memorial cross has been erected on the village green, an exact reproduction of the "cross of sacrifice" designed by Sir Reginald Bloomfield, R. A., for all British milltary cemeteries abroad. The total height from the ground line to the top of the cross is 24 feet 6 inches. It is built of stone and the names of those men of the village who fell in the war are incised in gilt on the drum below the base of the cross.

The sacrifice of Old Buckingham is typical of every British village.

Long-Lived Superstition.

We wonder whether the Turkish prisoner who foretold the end of the war by means of the shoulder blade of then exact his legitimate toll, and a brensis' Itinerary Through Wales," made in the year 1188.

If so, he would have read in Chapter XI "that these people (the Flemings of Pembrokeshire), from the inspection of the right shoulders of rams which have been stripped of their flesh, and not roasted but boiled, can discover future events, or those which have passed and remained long un-

known." A footnote tells us that "this curious superstition is still preserved in a debased form among the descendants of the Flemish population of this

"It is still more curious that William ing out the clergyman's certificate on de Rubruquis, in the thirteenth century, found the same superstition ex-



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Legal Notice. T. F. Laughlin and Estella Gibson, notice that on the 28th day of June, 30 W., 6th P. M. 1919, W. T. Guiher as plaintiff filed the defendants W. T. Ervin and Winnie amount thereof. Ervin to T. F. McLaughlin May 9th. 1916, and thereby conveying to said aughlin the South Half of the South-West Quarter of Section 32 in Township 11. Range 32 in Lincoln County,

Nebraska. That on October 6th, 1919, the said W. T. Ervin and Winnie Ervin defendants filed their answer and cross petition in said action, the object and prayer of which are to clear title to said lands of certain clouds thereon and to quiet and confirm such title in the said M. T. Ervin and to exclude each and all of said defendants, and all persons claiming any interst of any kind in said real estate or any part against said premises

day of November, 1919.

Dated October 13th, 1919. M. T. ERVIN and WINNIE ERVIN. Defendants. duly filed. ol4 n7 o21n14 CARR. Their Attorneys.

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Notice to Creditors Estate of David Day, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County,

Nebraska. The State of Nebrasga, ss: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is February 7, 1920, and for settlement of said estate is October 4, 1920 that I will sit at the county court room in said county, on November 7 1919, at 9 o'cyock a. m., and on February 7, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow, or ad-

just all claims and objections duly (SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST,

Notice For Publication—Isolated Tract Public Land Sale. Department of the cox, plaintiff in a certain action where-Interior. U. S. Land Office at Broken Bow, Ne-

braska, September 27, 1919. James Gibson, Rachel A. Staley, Rosa rected by the Commissioner of the Lincoln County, Nebraska, against you Connor, and Robert Staley, heirs at General Land office, under provisions and each of you and all persons claimlaw of John Staley, deceased, and Cecil of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the ap- ing any interest of any kind in the real Teuell, National Fire Insurance Com- plication of William B. Howard, seri- estate, hereinafter described, or any pany. The South Half of the South al No. 012001, we will offer at public part thereof, the object and prayer of West Quarter of Section 32, in Town-sale, to the highest bidder, but at not said petition being to quiet plaintiff's ship 11. Range 32, in Lincoln County, less than \$5.00 per acre, at 10 o'clock title to the E1/2 of SW1/4, and W1/2 of Nebraska, and all persons claiming a. m. on the 13th day of November, SE14, Sec. 22, Twp. 9, N., Range 27, any interest of any kind in said real next, at this office, the following tract W. of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln Counestate or any part thereof, will take of land: S1/2SE1/4, Sec. 32, T. 15 N., R. ty, Nebraska, plaintiff alleging in his

have been executed and delivered by mediately pay to the Receiver the

Any person claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale. MACK C. WARRINGTON, Register.

JOHN P. ROBERTSON, Receiver.

Notice to Creditors. Estate No. 1688 of Sam Botonis, deceased, in the County Court of Lin-

coln County, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska, ss: Creditors of said estate will take notice and filing of claims against said estate is February 21st, 1920, and for thereof, from any right, title or claim settlement of said estate is October 15th, 1920; that I will sit at the county You are required to answer said court room in said county, on Novemcross petition on or before the 24th ber 21st, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m., and on February 21st, 1920, at 10 o'clock a. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections

(SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST, County Judge ol4n7

Notice to Well Contractors and Well Drillers.

Sealed bids will be received up until 6 p. m. Oct. 21st, 1919 at the office of City Clerk of the City of North Platte in the Keith Theatre Building for the furnishing of all labor and materials and the drilling of a 24 inch well to a depth of 170 feet on the well site near the intersection of 1st and A streets in the City of North Platte.

Specifications and bidding blanks can be obtained at The Water Commissioner's office in the City Fire

Estimated cost of well complete The City Council reserves the right

to reject any or all bids. A. F. STREITZ. Attest: O. E. ELDER, Mayor. (SEAL) City Clerk 79 - 3

> NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION Department of the Interior.

S. Land Office at Broken Bow, Nebraska, September 19, 1919. Notice is hereby given that Nelson D. Wells, of North Platte, Nebraska, who on April 8, 1916, made homestead entry North Patte No. 06342, Broken Bow, No. 011901, for the W1/2 NW1/4. Section 26, Township 12 North, Range 31 West of 6th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. C. Woodhurst, United States Commissioner, at North Platte, Nebraska, on the 8th day of November, 1919.

Claimant names as witnesses Stephen W. McDermott, O. L. Watkins, Carl Braeder, R. S. L. Voss, all or North Platte, Nebraska, MACK C. WARRINGTON.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA, NORTH PLATTE

DIVISION. In the Matter of Edwards Sitz, Bankrupt.

Case No. 56, In Bankruptcy, Voluntary Petition. Order on Application to Sell Real Estato.

At North Platte, in said District on his 6th day of October, A. D., 1919, before Walter V. Hoagand, Referee in Bankruptcy. This cause came on for considera-

tion on the application of the trustee. J. C. Hollman to sell at public auction the undivided one-seventh interest of teh bankrupt, Edward Sitz, in and to the following described property towit: The North West Quarter (NW14) of Sec. 6, Twp. 45, North of Range 17, West of the 2nd P. M. in Prince Albert County, Province of Saskatchewan, Canada; and also Lots 17 and 18 in Block 8, of the town of Peterson, Clay

County, State of Iowa; Upon consideration whereof, it is ordered that the trustee sell the interest of the bankrupt, Edward Sitz, in and to the above described property at public auction at the office of referee at North Patte, Nebraska, on the 15th day of November, 1919, at 2

o'clock p. m. It is further ordered that the trustee advertise said sale for a period of 30 Announces his discharge from milit- days prior thereto in the North Platte Tribune; that 30 days notice be given by mail to each of the creditors and parties to the record in these proceedings, the same to be given by

mailing a copy of this order It is further ordered that a creditors' meeting be held at the office of W. V. Hoagland, Referee in Bankruptey, at North Platte, Nebraska, on the 15th day of Nov., 1919, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering the report of the trustee and the confirmation of said sale and any other matters that may come before the referee in the matter of said estate and more especially the objections of the trustee and the bankrupt to the proofs of claims of Christ Paulson and the First National Bank of Peterson, Iowa, that are on file in said estate. Said parties

will take notice accordingly. WALTER V. HOAGLAND. O10-o31 Referee in Bankruptcy.

Legal Notice.

Green L. Sherman, Annie Sherman, Peleg G. Vary, Frontier State Bank of Curtis, E14 of SW14, and W14 of SE14 Sec. 22, Twp. 9 N., Range 27, W. 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska, and all persons claiming any interest of County Judge, any kind in said real estate, or any part thereof:

Will take notice that Wesley T. Wil-

in Wesley T. Wilcox is plaintiff and you and each of you are defendants, on the 14th day of October, 1919, filed Notice is hereby, given that, as di- his petition in the District Court of petition that he has been in the open The sale will not be kept open, but and continuous adverse possession of his petition in the District Court of will be declared closed when those said real estate as owner since on or Lincoln County, Nebraska, the object present at the hour named have ceas- about Jan. 1, 1903. Plaintiff also and prayer of which are to foreclose ed bidding. The person making the seeks to have his title quieted against a certain mortgage deed alleged to highest bid will be required to im- a certain mortgage upon the above described real estate, executed by Green L. Sherman and wife to Peleg G. Vary on May 1st, 1893, which mortgaged is recorded in Book 21, at page 52 of the mortgage records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, plaintiff alleging that said mortgage is barred by the Statute of Limitations of the State of Nebraska. Plaintiff also seeks to have his title quieted as against a certain mortgage upon said real estate, executed by Green L. Sherman and wife to Frontier State Bank of Curtis on May 17, 1893, which mortgage is recorded in Book 18, at page 282 of the mortgage records of Lincoln County, that the time limited for presentation Nebraska, plaintiff alleging that said mortgage is barred by the Statute of Limitations of the State of Nebraska. Plaintiff also alleges that he has acquired a new and independent title to said real estate by adverse possession. You are further notified that unless you answer said petition on or before the 24th day of November, 1919, judg-

ment will be rendered against you. Dated Oct. 14, 1919.

WESLEY T. WILCOX.

Plaintiff.