# BRADSTREET AND DUN CARDINAL SATOLLI REPORT ON BUSINESS

Perceptible Lull at Opening of Year, but General Outlook Is Auspicious.

#### THE WEEK IN GRAIN.

New York, Jan. 11 .- Wheat, inluding flour, exports for the the week ending January 6 aggregated 8,135,145 bushels, against 3,689,456 last week, and 3,765,036 2.689.456 last week, and 3.765,036 this week last year. For the 27 weeks ending January 6 exports are 9.913,234 bushels, against 117,-728,695 bushels in the corresponding period last year.

Corn exports for the week are

1.766,684 bushels, against 1,151,151 bushels last week, and 1,846,038 bushels in 1909. For the 27 weeks ending January 6 corn exports are 10 463,647 bushels, against 11,-190,520 bushels last year.

++++++++++++++++++++++ New York, Jan. 11 -- Bradstreet's Sat-

urday said:

The year opens with a perceptible lull in trade, though with optimism as the underlying element in all lines. Severe cold weather and heavy snow, sleet or min storms have checked transportation and retarded country trade, although more or less immediate benefit to retail trade in cities has accrued from the stimulus given to decrued from the stimulus given to decrued from the stimulus given to de-mand for seasonable goods by weather conditions and the beginning of clear-

conditions and the beginning of clearance sales of winter goods.

Wholesale lines have been generally quiet owing to the fact that salesmen as yet are not fully in their fields of activity. Jobbing records are checked for the same reason. Collections are rather slower and classed generally as only fair, due, no doubt, to interruptions to the movements of mails and of farm products to market farm products to market.

The continuous advances in prices of cotton goods necessitated by the higher price of the raw material are not being accepted on all lines, and somewhat similar reports come from various lines of dress goods dealers, while a general trade conference on shoe prices is set down for next week at Boston. Railroads, too, are reported to be holding back some orders for material and equipment pending a clearer view of the attitude of the national administraregarding forthcoming railway leg-ion. The general commodity price situation is also a subject of discussion, particularly as to its bearing on the wage situation. For the first time the iron and steel markets are relatively quiet, but sentiment as regards 1910 is very optimistic. A large volume of or-ders was booked in the last two months of 1899 and prospects favor an exceptionally heavy consumption this year.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending with January 6 are 276, against 257 last week, 229 in the like week of 1999, 435 in 1908, 235 in 1907 and 286 in 1908.

23s in 1907 and 286 in 1906.

Business failures in Canada for the week numbered 33, compared with 23 for last week and 41 in the same week

R. G. Don & Co.'s Trade Review to-

day says:
Not in a half decade has a year opened with the business outlook so generally anspicious as the year 1910. Some of the perplexing issues which contributed to the crisis of 1907 still remain unfilled, while the question of high prices has become more active, but it would seem as if business confidence was not going to permit these things to interiore with the further progress of industry and commerce.

# TWO EXECUTIONS ARE DISAYOWED BY MADRIZ

New Nicaraguan President Says Zelaya's Bloody Act Was Unjustified.

Washington, Jan. 11 .- President Madriz, of Nicaragua, in a message re-ceived at the state department late yesterday, declared that the resentment snown by the government and people of the United States because of the execution of Groce and Cannon, American citizens, was justified.

The telegram was received by the state department through Admiral

Kimball at the navy department. It stated that Madriz had asked Admiral Kimball to inform the United States government that after a personal study of the circumstances attending the execution of Groce and Cannon he profoundly lamented the violent act which cost those men their lives.

Pluefields, Nicaragua, Jan. 8.-General Pedro Andreas Fornas Diaz, who started out Thursday for Managua in order to treat for peace with President Madriz, met with a tragic end Thursdey night on Greytown bar. The canoe in which he was attempting to make a landing was caught by a gigantic wave and broke amidships and Diaz waye and broke amidships and Diaz disappeared from view in the sea.

The voyage which ended the life of General Diaz was in keeping with his career. He was a personal friend of President Madriz and was of the belief that he could persuade him to give way to General Estrada, as head of the republic.

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The death of Diaz removes from Nicaragna a spirit whose intrepidity was boundless. His career was one replete with stirring incidents, and his pride that of an old Spanish grandee multiplied. When his departure from Bluefields for Managua severed his relations with the revolution, his loss in the ranks of the provisional was deeply felt.

#### PENNSYLVANIA HAS BITTER COLD SPELL

Phitsburg, Pa., Jan. 11.—Western Pennsylvania is experiencing today the coldest weather since 1889. Throughout Armstrong county it is especially cold, the mercury having dropped to 20 below zero at Buffalo Mills, Pa., and 17 below at Worthington, Pa.

below at Worthington, Pa. in Pittsburg 8 above was recorded, but the temperature is rising briskly.

HARRISBURG, S. D.—The Epworth league of this place has elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Merle Wardwell; vice presidents, Pearl Wardwell, Ethel Palmer, Carrie Wolf Laura Stoneback; secretary-treasurer, Leah Stoneback.

EITFALO-Three men were killed and frightfully burned in an explosion for which destroyed the plant of the

SIOUX FALLS, S. D .- John Erickson, of Lyman county, has been indicted on a charge of stealing and killing for governor.

# DEAD AFTER LONG BATTLE FOR LIFE

High Church Dignitary and Former Apostolic Delegate ···· Is Summoned.

> Rome, Jan. 11 .- Francisco Oi Paola Satolli, bishop of Frascati, arch-priest of the Lateran Arch-Basilica and prefect of the congregation of studies, died today. Death followed an illness that began last June with an attack of nephritis and atrophy of the right lung, and was complicated recently with blood poisoning. Cardinal Satolli was of Italian birth.

> and was born at Marsciamo July 21, 1839. His family was a noble one and of ancient lineage. He was created a cardinal in 1895.

> Hope for the ultimate recovery of the cardinal was abandoned several days ago, and the end has been expected hourly. Soon after death the the body was placed in state in the chapel of the Lateran palace.

The pope was greatly grieved when the announcement of the cardinal's death was made to him, and recalled that it was the convincing argument of Satolli which influenced him to accept

#### the papacy at the last conclave. First Delegate to America.

Almost to the hour of his death the cardinal discussed with the few who were permitted to see him, the affairs of the church in the United States, in which country he had a profound interest, following his visits, which included his mission as first arcetally delegate his mission as first apostolic delegate from the vatican in the United States in the fall of 1892.

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He remembered well the details of his stay there, and recently related how, before his appointment as apostolic delegate, he had been instructed by Pope Leo to interrogate the American hishops concerning the advisability of creating an apostolic delegation at Washington. All opposed such a move with the exception of Archbishop Irewith the exception of Archbishop Ire-

To a frend from America the dying man said:

man said:

"Remember me to President Taft, and tell him that I hope the day will come when the United States and Italy will be allied, Italy then being a republic."

The ecclesiastic's will is dated June 25 last, and leaves all of his estate to a relative. This will protect the purpose of the will in accordance with the laws of Italy, but private instructions were left for the heir, requesting that the property be divided among several ecclesiastical and benevolent institutions. The cardinal's wish was that as all he possessed had come from the church, it should return to the church church, it should return to the church with his demise.

### \* GIRLS DECLINE LONGER TO USE AWFUL NAMES BESTOWED BY PARENTS

Mexico, Mo., Jar. 11.—Nothing Tuttle and Something Tuttle are now Trix and Kitty Tuttle, re-spectively. They have changed their names. The young women are daughters of T. T. Tuttle, a retired farmer.

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Tuttle's first child, a girl, was born in 1881, which was a dry year. In order to commemorate the year he named her "Eightone." She is now the wife of Purus Jackson.

one." She is now the wife of Rufus Jackson.

The second child, a boy, brought about a disagreement between Tuttle and his wife as to a name, so they compromised by calling him It Tuttle. The third child, a girl, was named Nothing and the strange names were carried out in the naming of the youngest. She became Something **\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*** 

# NIGHT RIDER TRUST WILL BE PROSECUTED

Burley Tobacco Society Under the Ban of Uncle Sam for Its Deeds.

Cincinnati, Ohio. Jan. 11.—United States secret service men, who have been investigating the Burley Tobacco society, asserted today that suit for the dissolution of the society on the ground that it operates in violation of the Sherman law will be begun in the United States district court here in a few days. few days.

The secret service men have been operating from this city, under the direction of H. M. Hoagland, since October. The government agents declare that several hundred witnesses will be brought from Kentucky to testify

regarding the operations of the society in the Burley districts. Witnesses who claim they were com-pelled to fice from Kentucky will be summoned from Missouri.

## **BOY KILLS CROOKS IN ACT OF BLOWING SAFE**

Left to Watch Postoffice, He Shoots Men Who Try to Rob It.

Tallahassec, Fla., Jan. 11—In a struggle early today with two safe blowers. Paul Sauls, 17 years old, who was left to watch the postoffice building, shot and killed them both in the basement

of the building.

The boy was only slightly injured.

The cracksmen, both of whom were white, have not been identified.

CHARLES CITY, IA.—Otto Hoger has been arrested on a charge of robbing the Milwaukee station of \$50.

#### WATERWORKS FOR WHITE LAKE White Lake, S D., Jan. 11.-The city

council is planning the construction of a municipal system of waterworks and will erect a tank, with a capacity of about \$5,000 gallons at a height of about 80 feet, which, it is believed, will be high enough to give the necessary pressure in the mains and furnish firstclass fire projection.

WEBSTER CITY, IA.—Bert Koltz, who was deposed by Governor Carroll from the pharmacy commission, is be-ing talked of as a possible candidate

# MORGAN HAS JUST **BEGUN CAMPAIGN** TO MERGE BANKS

New York, Jan. 11.-Morgan's goboling up of trust companies and banks has little more than begun, according to financial authorities here. His absorption of one great money house or another meets with no opposition from the Rockefeller interests, which leads to the rumor that there is an understanding that may eventually lead to the National City bank's participating

in the money combine.

The combination of the Guaranty,
Morton and Fifth avenue concerns is regarded as only a forerunner to a big-ger merger. The financiers connected with the absorption of the Morton and Fifth Avenue trust companies by the Guaranty Trust company were in con-ference today over the final details of

the plan The National City in It, Too.

It was learned definitely that, while Morgan & Co. were at the head of the enterprise, the First National bank and the National City bank interests were alse more or less closely affiliated with

the scheme. The National City is a Standard Oil concern. The Guaranty company stands forth in point of aggrgate resources among the trust companies of the United States. The Morton ranks 12th and the Fifth Avenue 49th. When the merger is finally effected, the combination will show total resources which probable will make it rank first or second.

will show total resources which probably will make it rank first or second in the list of the country's trust companies. It undoubtedly will take first position if the Bankers' Trust company becomes a party to the deal, which is admitted to be within the easy possibilities of the near future.

The Morgan interests and the National City Bank people are working in entire sympathy in these matters. J. P. Morgan, jr., recently became a director of the National City bank, and it is known that the Morgan interests have materially enlarged their holdings of National City bank stock.

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It is believed that the mergers are only the beginning of a larger movement and that the Mercantile Trust company and the Equitable Trust company eventually will be taken into some pany eventually will be taken into solic sort of a powerful alliance. It was hinted today that the Morgan interests bid actively for the Vanderbilt holdings of the Union Trust company stock which passed 10 days ago into the pos-session of Speyer & Co. The Morgan interests are believed to

be virtually in absolute control of the National Bank of Commerce by reason of the stock owned by various members of the Morgan house and the large holdings in the hands of the Equitable Life and the Mutual Life insurance companies. The National Bank of Commerce is one of the three largest banks in Wall street, and because of its remarkable charter, which is so drawn as to free its shareholders from the double liability clause applied to other national banks, its stock has a unique value.

MORGAN IN CONTROL OF UNTOLD WEALTH

OF UNTOLD WEALTH
New York, Jan. 8.—Following is a list of trust companies which J. Pierpont Morgan either owns outright or controls through his influence:

Equitable Life \$472.339.508
Equitable Trust Co. 63.821,500
Mercantile Trust Co. 170,000.000
National Bank of Commerce 226.549,000
National Bank of Commerce 226.549,000
National Bank 107,285,710
Mechanics' National Bank 107,285,710
Mechanics' National Bank 51,364,288
National Copper Ban!: 40,307,764
Liberty National Bank 24,705,014
New York Life 494,408,807
New York Life 494,408,807
National City (Standard Oil)
control) 280,447,971
Eifth Avenue Trust Co 66,145,300 control) 280,447,971
Fifth Avenue Trust Co. 66,145,390
Standard Trust Co. 18,450,100
Railroad and industrial corporations of of the securities or dictates the policies:
Southern Railway ... 3 48,698,8
Pere Marquette Railway ... 96,348,0
Cincinnati, Hamilton & Day-

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ton
Chicago Great Western
International Harvester Co.
International Merchant Marine
U. S. Steel Corporation
Erie Railway
H14,256,417
Pullman Co.
Dispersion

Reservice
S0,101,600
S0,101,600 

Public Service Corporation,
New Jersey
Interborough Rapid Transit
Hudson-Manhattan Co.
Brooklyn Rapid Transit

# MINISTER IS GUILTY OF ABDUCTING A GIRL

Steals Her for "White Slave" Purposes and Jury Makes Short Work of Case.

Ottawa, Kan. Jan. 11.—Rev. W. M. Stuckey, the ex-minister of Williamsburg, who had been on trial here charged on two counts with abducting Lorena Sutherland, his 16-year-old parishioner, was found guilty by a jury today. The cost probably will be as today. The case probably will be ap-

Stuckey was found guilty on both charges, those of abducting the girl for his own immoral purposes and for ab-ducting her for "white slave" purposes. The penalty is from one to five years

The penalty is from one to five years on each count.

The jury considered the case but 30 minutes. When the verdict was read, Stuckey appeared very nervous. The minister's wife, who had stood by her husband throughout the ordeal, sobbed audibly today when the verdict was read and later when Stuckey was taken back to jail. Their two children were also in tears. Sentence was deferred pending consideration of the matter of pending consideration of the matter of

appeal.

Rev. Stuckey, besides being pastor of a church at Williamsburg, was also editor of a newspaper. Lorena Sutherland was a member of his congregation and as well worked on his newspaper. They were arrested at Waukegan, Ill., where they were found living together last summer. They had also lived in Chicago.

#### FREIGHTER IS FLOATED.

Havre, Jan. 11.—The Hamburg-American line freight steamer Furst Bismarck, from Havana December 21 for Hamburg, which went ashore during a fog near Octeville, a mile southwest of Cherbourg, on Thursday, was floated today.

#### HARVARD MAN DIES.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 11.-Professor James Barr Ames, dean of the Har-vard law school, and formerly chair-man of the athletic committee of the university, died today.

# THE WILD GEESE BY Stanley J. Weyman.

At the end of two hours he roused himself. He was very cold, and that only could be mended by such exercise as the size of the prison permitted. He set himself to walk briskly up and down. When he had taken a few turns, however, he paused with his eyes on the table. The candles? They would serve him the longer if he burned but one at a time. He extinguished three. ne at a time. He extinguished three The deed? He might burn it and so put the temptation, which he was too wise to despise, out of reach. But he had noticed in one corner a few half charred fragments of wood, damp indeed, but such as might be kindled by coaxing. He would preserve the deed for the purpose of kindling the wood and the fire, as his only luxury, he would postpone until he needed it more

and the fire, as his only luxury, he would postpone until he needed it more sorely. In the end the table and the chairs—or all but one should eke out his fuel; and he would sleep. But not yet.

He had no desire to die, and with warmth he knew that he could put up for a long time with the lack of food. Every hour during which he had the against privation increased his chances; it was impossible to say what might not happen with time. Uncle Ulick was due to return in a week—and Bale. Or not let him perish.

That was a good thought. They could put him on the rack, but they dared not push the torment so far as to endanger his life. He must tighten to stripping herself was not the part his belt, he must eke out his fuel, he must bear equally the pangs of appenant bea tite: after all, in comparison with the parls and privations through which he had passed on the cruel plains of eastern Europe, and among a barbara tuei, he of a selfish woman. Even in her false-ness there was something magnanimous.

He was still staring dreamily at the table when a shadow falling the part of the par

If that sadness of the heart which had held him motionless so long had not still bowed his head upon his breast. still bowed his head upon his breast. A small thing a few hours, a few days even of hunger and cold and physical privation—no more! But when it was bverpast and he had suffered and was free, to what could he look forward? What prospect stretched beyond, save one gray, dull and sunless, a homeless middle age, an old age without solace? We was wounded in the house of his severed austerely. He did not leave his seat at the table. What prospect stretched beyond, save one gray, dull and sunless, a homeless middle age, an old age without solace? He was wounded in the house of his friend and felt not the pain only, but the sorrow. In a little while he would remember that, if he had not to take, he had still to give; if he had not to enjoy, he had still to do. Already shadowy plans rose before him.

hide a real feeling of shame. "Sure, you're there, Colonel, safe enough?"

"Yes, I am here," Colonel John an answered austerely. He did not leave his seat at the table.

"And as much at home as a mole in a hill," Morty continued. "And like that same blessed little fellow in black velvet that I take my hat off to, with lashings of time for thinking."

"So much," Colonel John answered,

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CHAPTER XIX.—(Continued.)

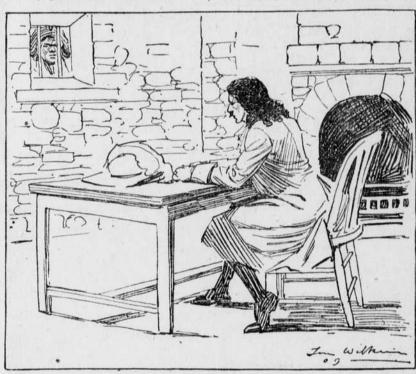
At the end of two hours he roused himself. He was very cold, and that only could be mended by such exercise as the size of the prison permitted. He set himself to walk briskly up and ing had hollowed his cheeks, and given to his eyes the glare which he had seen in many a wretched peasant's eyes in those distant lands? Would she still be able to view his sufferings without a qualm, and turn firm in her armed purposes from the damp please. cruel purpose, from the dumb plead-ing of his hunger?
"God forbid!" he cried. "Ah! God

And he prayed that, rather than have that last proof of hardness of heart, he might not see her at all. Yet, so weak are men—to see her come, to see

due to return in a week—and Bale. Or his jailers might relent. Nay, they must relent for their own sakes, if he bore a stout heart and held out; for until the deed was signed they dared him, and the deed signed, let him go for the him periods. free, she had not even revenge. For the rest, she lost by the deed. All that her grandfather had meant for her passed

tite: after all, in comparison with the perils and privations through which he had passed on the cruel plains of eastern Europe, and among a barbarous people, this was a small thing.

Or it would have been a small thing that sadness of the heart which had held him motionless so long had not still beyond his head worn his breast. arrow slit was not more than two feet



"I Shall No Give Way Either Today or Tomorrow."

His had been a mad fancy, a foolish | with the same severe look, "that I am ancy, a fancy of which—for how many ears rolled between him and the girl, and how many things done, suffered— "Faith, and who'd there be with me?" and how many things done, suffered— seen—he should have known the out-come. But it had mastered him slowseen—he should have known ...

seen—he should have known ...

ly, not so much against his will as without his knowledge; until he had awakened one day to find himself possessed of a madness, the more powerful because he was no longer young. By and by, for a certainty, the man's sense of duty, the principles that had ruled him so long, would assert them ruled him so long, would assert them lands

"I cannow alone?"

"Then I am, and that's the truth," Morty replied peering inquisitively into the corners of the gloomy chamber. "More by token I wish you no worse than just to be doing as you're bid—and faith, it's but what's right!—and go your way. "Tis a cold, damp, unchange you've chosen, Colonel." he continued, with a grin; "like nothing wide world so much as that

f his prime, a grayer, older, more omber—but not an unhappy man. Something of this he told himself as he paced up and down the gloomy chamber, while the flame of the candle crept steadily downward. It must be midnight; it must be 2, it must be 3 in the morning. The loopholes, when he stood between them and the candle, were growing gray, the birds were hear were growing gray; the birds were be-ginning to chirp. Presently the sun would rise, and through the narrow windows he would see its beams flashwindows he would see its beams hashing on the distant water. But the windows looked northwest and many hours would pass before the ray would strike into the dungeon.

The candle was beginning to burn ow and it seemed a pity to light another with the daylight peering in. But f he did not he would lack the means o light his fire. And he was eager to is without the fire as long as possible, he was cold now, but he would be older by and by and his need of the ire would be greater.

From that the time wore wearly on

From that the time wore wearily on o the breakfast hour. The sun was igh now; the birds were singing weetly in the rough brakes and bramles about the Tower; far away on the bles about the Tower; far away on the shining lake, of which only the farther end lay within his sight, three men were fishing from a boat. He watched them; now and again he caught the tiny splash as they flung the bait far out. So watching, with no thought or expectation of it, he fell asleep and slept for five or six hours the sleep of which excitement had cheated him through the night. In warmth, morning and evening, night and day differed little in that sunken room. Still the air in it profited a little by the

fered little in that sunken room. Still the air in it profited a little by the high sun; and he awoke, not only less weary, but warmer. But alas! he awoke also hungry.

He stood up and stretched himself, and seeing that two-thirds of the second candle had burned away while he siept, he was thankful that he had lit. He tried to put away the visions of hot bacon, cold round and sweet brown bread that rose before him. He wondered how far the plot would be carried, and thus mind got the better of body, and he forgot his appetite in a thought more engrossing.

Would she come? Every 24 hours, her letter said, a person would visit him. Would she be the person? It was wonderful with what interest, nay,

Morty answered in true Irish fashion. "I cannot say. I ask only, are you in the wide world so much as that same molehill. Well, glory be, it can't

acting first than last, and full than "I'm not of that opinion, sir," Colonel John replied, looking at him with the same stern eves.

be said I'm one for talking; but, if

"Then I'm thinking you're not as hungry as I'd be! And not the least taste in life to stay my stomach for 24 hours!"

"It has happened to me before," Colonel John answered.
"You're not for signing then?" "I am not."

"Don't be saying that, Colonel!" Mor-ty rejoined, "It's not yet awhile, you're "Neither now nor ever," Colonel John answered. "I quote from yourself, sir. As well say it first as last, and full as

"Sure and ye'll be thinking better of it by and by, Colonel."

"Ah, you will," Morty retorted, in that tone which to a mind made up is worse than a blister. "Sure, ye'll not be so hard hearted Colonel, as to re-fuse a lady! It's not Kerry-born you are, and say the word 'no' that easy!" "Do not deceive yourself, sir," Col-onel John answered severely, and with

a darker look, "I shall not give way either today or tomorrow."

"Nor the next day?"

"Not if the lady asks you herself?

Come, Colonel. Colonel John rose sharply from his seat; such patience, as a famished man

that, peering into the chamber as he had peered yesterday, wished he could see Colonel John's face. But Colonel John, bending resolutely over the handof the room, showed only his back. Even that Morty could not see plainly; for the last of the candles had burned out, and in the chamber, dark in comparison with the open air, the crouching fleure was no more than a shapeing figure was no more than a shapemass obscuring the glow of the

Morty shaded his eyes and peered more closely. He was not a sensitive person, and he was obeying orders. But

he was not quite comfortable. "And that's your last word?" he said lowly. "Come, colonel dear, ye'll say something more to that."

"That's my last word today." Colonel John answered as slowly, and without turning his head.
"Honor bright? Won't ye think better of it before I go?"
"I will not."

"I will not."

Morty paused, to tell the truth, in extreme exasperation. He had no great liking for the part he was playing; but why couldn't the man be reasonable? "You're sure of it, colonel?" he said.

Colonel John did not answer.

"And I'm to tell her so?" Morty concluded.

Colonel John rose sharply, as if at last the other tried him too far. "Yes," he said, "tell her that Or," lowering his voice and his hand, "do not tell her, as you please. That is my last word, sir. Let me be."

But it was not his last word. For as Morty turned to go, the colonel heard him speak—in a lower and a different tone. At the same moment, or his eyes deceived him—a shadow that was not Morty O'Beirne's fell for one second on the splayed wall inside the window. It the splayed wall inside the window. It was gone as soon as seen; but Colonel John had seen it, and he sprang to the

window.

"Flavia!" he cried. "Flavia!"

He paused to listen, his hand on the wall on either side of the opening. His face, which had been pinched and haggard a moment before, was now flushed by the sunset. Then "Flavia!" he re-peated, keen appeal in his voice. "Fla-

via!"

She did not answer. She was gone.

And perhaps it was as well. He listened for a long time, but in vain; and he told himself again that it was as well. Why, after all, appeal to her?

How could it avail him? Slowly he went back to his chair and sat down in the old attitude over the embers. But his lip guivered. his lip quivered.

CHAPTER XX.

#### AN UNWELCOME VISITOR.

A little before sunset on that same day two men stood beside the entrance at Morristown. They were staring at a third, who, seated nonchalantly upon the horseblock, slapped his boot with the horseblock, siapped his boot with his riding switch and made as poor a show of hiding his amusement as they of masking their disgust. The man who siapped his leg and shaped his lips to a silent whistle was Major Payton, of the —th. The men who looked at him and cursed the unlucky star which had brought him thither were Luke Asgil and the McMurrough.

"Faith and I should have thought,"
Asgil said, with a clouded face, "that
my presence here, major, and I, a jus-

"True for you," Payton said with a grin.
"Should have been enough by itself, and the least taste more than

self, and the least taste more than enough to prove the absurdity of the Castie's story."

"True for you, again," Payton replied, "And ain't I saying that but for your presence here, and a friend of court that I'll not name, it's not your humble servant this gentleman would be entertaining"—he turned to the Mc-Murrough—"but half a company and a sergeant's guard!"

"I'm allowing it."

"I'm allowing it." "You've no cause to do other." "Nary a bit I'm denying it," Asg!ll replied more amicably, and as far as he could, he cleared his face. "It's not that you're not welcome. Not at all, major! Sure, and I'll answer for it, my friend the McMurrough is glad welcome any English gentleman, much more one of your reputation."
"Truth, and I am," the McMurrough
assented. But he had not Asgill's self
control, and his sulky tone belied his

"Still—I come at an awkward time, perhaps?" Payton answered, looking with a grin from one to the other. with a grin from one to the other.

Partly to tease Asgill, whom he did
not love the more because he owed
him money, and partly to see the rustic beauty whom, rumor had it, Asgill was courting in the wilds, he had
volunteered to do with three or four
troopers otherwise a half company
would have been sent to do. That
he could at the same time put his
creditor under an obligation and annoy him, had not been the least part
of the temptation, while no one at

of the temptation, while no one at Trales believed the story sent down from Dublin.

"Eh! An awkward time, perhaps," he repeated, looking at the McMurrough.
"Sorr; I'm sure, but—"
"I'd have entertained you better I'm "Sorr; I'm sure, but—"
"I'd have entertained you better, I'm thinking," James McMurrough said, "If I'd known you were coming before you

(Continued Next Week.)



POOR BOY.

Tommy-(the preacher's son)-! have to be just as good after Christmas as be

fore.

Jimmy (the butcher's boy)-Why? Tommy-Because my father always gets ten or twelve pairs of slippers at Christmas, and he has to find some use

The governor of the German colony of Togo has ordered cats to be kept in all the schools, hospitals, prisons and other public buildings where natives congregate. The order, according to the African Mail, is contained in a decree dealing with the danger of the introduction of plague in Togo from the British gold coast. Dr. Koch, the bacteriologist, has reported the successful teriologist, has reported the successful experiments made with cats for the eradication of rats in plague infected and plague menaced harbors of China. In Hong-Kong orders have been issued providing for the maintenance of one