

#### CHAPTER SIXTEEN. (Continued.)

he will be capable of anything."

M. Desmalions again ques-Saint-Louis.

The elue was not worth much, ence and attached extreme im- no, have no fearportance to the girl's capture, follow up this trail without de- to justify every alarm? lay. Don Luis accompanied the deputy chief.

under an assumed name. But she motors waiting five hundred small boy called at the house, oux was trying to protest: asked for her, and went away with her.

They went up to her room and found a parcel done up in a news-paper, containing a nun's habit. The should be and the forman the say it's I: the man who made the German Emperor play his game. My name? He knows. Or The thing was obvious.

Later, in the course of the even- But he's gaining ground, the ruf- him my name." houses in the neighborhood, of it ..... Where could he have taken Flornitely refused to betray the lady irresistible force. who had trusted him and who had cried when she kissed him. His ible.

In any case, it was not unreas- seat. But Weber objected and they had neglected to communionable to conclude that Florence pushed him inside, saying : had not left the Ile Saint-Louis or its immediate vicinity. The de-knows his business . He'll drive faster than you would '' te tives persisted in their search faster than you would." all the evening. Weber estably Don Luis, the deputy chief, and opened the jail book. and the evening. Weber estably bon hans, the deputy chief, and opened the jail book. lished his headquarters in a tap room where every scrap of infor-mation was brought to him and where his men returned from time to time to receive his orders. Where his men returned from time to time to receive his orders. Wersailles Road!'' loared Don Luis. The governor smiled and said: The governor smiled and said:

"I told you so, Deputy Chief! ground floor, whom she had only seen once, in the evening, who You should have taken your pre-cautions. Mlle. Levasseur's atcautions. Mile Devasedr's at-titude ought to have warned you. She evidently knows the criminal and wanted to go to him, ask him for splanations and, for all we can tell, save him, if he managed to convince her. And what will happen between them? When the half to moment the man cried, in a louder villain sees that he is discovered, moment the man cried, in a louder of mucking up a job like that! cipal giving an order, and know-

"Come with me, Florence. I if they want to, and they lock up cuted without discussion : taking refuge in the nursing nevertheless refuse to become my Florence my preparations are made.

A little later he began to laugh him, he was magnificent in his ance to make to the Prime Minbut they could not neglect it. The and, again raising his voice, said : helpless violence. Prefect of Police, who retained all his doubts with regard to Flor-That I shall kill you perhaps? No, an unparalleled display of night is over. I know your merit, The portress had heard nothing shook off the men who were on your diligence and your zeal. ordered Weber and his men to more. But was this not enough hanging on to him like a pack of Meet me at 12 o'clock tomoro justify every alarm? Don Luis caught hold of the bay, got rid of Weber, and accostdeputy chief:

the clues will keep!

ing. Weber succeeded in discover- fian-and he has Florence with ing. Weber succeeded in discover- fian-and he has Florence with he paused for a second or two; given the villain eight hours start him-and he's going to kill her! and then, calmer to him and just before I'm free. Eight hours! son of the porter of one of the lt's a trap! . . . I'm sure and then, calmer still, he de- Curse it!"

He was shouting in the dark.

They neared the motors. "Get ready!" he ordered as very important business.' Get that murmuring:

"What orders?"

again.

'Have you a warrant?'' "I have."

"And what next?"

"What next? Nothing: the Sante-the examining magistrate

"But, hang it all, the tiger's making tracks meanwhile! Oh, night. Yes, I'll share my cards rot! Is it possible to be so dense? with you; and we'll turn the king What mugs those fellows are! Oh, and mark game in a very few dash it!

He was fuming with rage, and much finer berth waiting for you, when he saw that they were driv- a more honorable and above all ing into the prison yard, he gath- a more lucrative position. I have ered all his strength, knocked the just what you want. revolver out of the deputy's hand,

and stunned one of the detectives that I wasn't prepared for this! with a blow of his fist.

in the name of Charles and who round the doors. Resistance was and the government, after setting

They can lay hands on the villain ing that the order will be exe-

tioned the mother superior and insist upon it; and I will give you the honest man-while the villain "Monsieur, I will ask you to soon learned that Florence, before taking refuge in the nursing warthaless noting. And, if you do more murder yet! Florence! which I was entrusting to Maze-

strength, he drew himself up, Monsieur, and I rely entirely up-

ence had taken refuge in the lodg. the tiger! He means to kill her!" control his seething rage. He gave It was ten to one. For the last had no sooner arrived than a yards down. Meanwhile, Mazer- Prefect's. Ask him to ring up which it now seemed impossible Valengly: yes, the Prime Minis- to snatch from him. "It would be better to search ter. I want to see him. Have the house, to pick up some clues him informed. Ask the Prefect to ed.

game. My name? He knows. Or sieur le Prefect consents to ring if he forgets, the Prefect can tell up Valenglay, he won't do so be-

clared :

mother entreated him. His father soon as he was in sight. "I'll through to him at once. The boxed his ears. He was inflex. drive myself." He tried to get into the driver's angry if he heard afterward that

cate my request. Go, Mazeroux,

you the letters. Which proves "To take you to the lockup if that he knew where you were the Florence girl escaped us hanging out. And there's a good deal-more which we'll explain to you, Lupin, in good time. You'll have plenty of fun, I assure you." Don Luis murmered :

"My poor Mazeroux!" Then, raising his yoice, he said "Don't cry, old chap. It's just a matter of the remainder of the

hours, Don't cry. I've got a

"You don't imagine, surely. Why, you know me! Take it from But ten men came crowding me: I shall be at liberty tomorrow

midst of the detectives holding cation of the very highest importister. Next, discover the tiger's

bay, got rid of Weber, and accost-ed Mazeroux in familiar tones. He tude of a principal who has given Events at once showed that the refect of Police was right. Flor- man is capable of anything. It's calm, so wholly did he appear to self to be taken to his cell.

ing house on the Ile Saint-Louis, He rushed outside, dragging his orders in breathless little sen-where she had engaged a room the deputy toward the two police tences, curt as words of command. bowling along the highroad, car-"Mazeroux, run around to the rying off Florence like a prey

The door was locked and bolt-

Don Luis reflected :

"Even presuming that Monfore the morning. So they've j

He thought a little longer, then "Arsene Lupin! Telephone shrugged his shoulders with the ence? When questioned, he defi- dragging the two men along with those two words to him and just air of one who, for the moment, say this: 'Arsene Lupin wishes has nothing better to do than wait to speak to Prime Minister on and flung himself on his fattress,

"Hushaby, Lupin!"

## CHAPTER XVII. **Open Sesame!**

In spite of his usual facility for

sleep, Don Luis slept for three. The governor of the prison had most. He ours at was racked with too much anxiety; and, dren and the number of relatives ocobstacles which were likely to furnishings of the houses to provide frustrate that plan. Of course, well as the theft of all precious ob-"I should find a difficulty in Weber would speak to M. Desmaputting down any other. It's on lions. But would M. Desma- jects. pillage of mattresses and linen, the warrant: 'Arsene Lupin alias' lions. But would M. Desmalions "He is sure to telephone," Don Luis declared, stamping his foot. "It doesn't let him in for anything. And, at the same time, he would be running a big risk if he refused, especially as Valenglay must have been consulted about my arrest and is obviously kept

# TRAGEDY OF RUMANIA **IS GRAPHICALLY TOLD**

## Curtain Drawn Aside By Direc. tor of Italian Hospital Who Just Came Out of Country.

### BY HENRY WOOD. United Press Staff Correspondent.

Rome (by mail)-What happened in Rumania, when the little Balkan country was forced to accept a German peace because of the Russian debacle, is still an untold tale. When the story is written it will rank along with the tragedies of Belgium, of Siberia and of Montenegro, as one of the great chap-ters of the way ters of the war.

From the war. From the moment the central empires forced upon their dimunitive prey the terms of a German peace Rumania has been as though shrouded in a veil. Every effort has been made by Ger-Every effort has been made by Ger-many and Austria to keep Rumania from entering into communication with her former allies. The tragedy that is still being enacted in the little country is hidden in mystery and silence. By Dr. Bennedetto Cimino, who di-rected an Italian hospital at Bucharest from the beginning of the war to July, however, the curtain is drawn aside for

however, the curtain is drawn aside for the first time, and there is revealed the beginning of the Rumanian tragedy and

Blocked up in Rumania by the Ger-man peace, it was only on July 1, last, that Dr. Cimhno succeeded in securing permission to leave. His account of what took place in the little Balkan ally during the time when Germany and Austria were inflicting their terms of peace, and since then, is not only graphic but of the utmost historical in-

Dr. Cimino's story is as follows:

Dr. Cimino's story is as follows: "I arrived at Bucharest October 30, 1916, and left on July 1, 1918. "No one can conceive what Rumania is at the present time. The ignorance in which the Germans keep the native population of all that is happening in the rest of the world exceeds the im-agination. The defeats, the disasters, the facts that are contrary to the Ger-man interests and completely unknown in Rumania while the Germans publish every day a series of manufactured news and falsehoods that a portion of the public invariably believes in the end.

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end. "The royal family is at Jassy, and will remain there throughout the en-tire period of the German-Austrian oc-cupation, Bucharest being peopled largely by enemy officers. "After being obliged to abandon Transylvania, the Rumanian army re-treated rapidly, and it was not long before the evacuation of the capital became a necessity. Enemy aimplanese bombarded Bucharest without ceasing, destroying many of the most beautiful edifices and killing and wounding hun-dreds of people. "The morning of November 21, the

"The morning of November 21, the beautiful Princess Cantacuzene who directed the hospital of which I was the head entered the operating room and asked whether I wished to leave, adding that there were still two trains to leave Bucharest for Moldavia. "I replied that I had come to Bucharest to direct the hospital and that I declined to leave. While this dialog was going on, the church bells-which were later carried away by the con-querers and melted into projectilesrang out to announce the resumption of

"I shall never forget the impressions of the hours that followed. "A few hours before the Germans entered Bucharest, the city was evacu-ated by every one who was able to the distribution of the formation of the formation of the formation attraction of the formation of the formation of the formation "Sentinels commanded by officers who accompanied us sought in vain the setablish order A young Rumanian

vere the government officials, deputies, bread at the sentinel. The latter, fo arests began. ministers, former ministers and in-"The enemy took possession of the city so quickly that few had even time to hide their most precious objects.

More Prussian "System." "Each person was given a card of

**GOVERNMENT CONTROL GENERAL IN HOLLAND** 

The Hague -(by mail.)-Standardized food is becoming the rule in Holland and starnardized clothing may be next.

The scarcity of meat has called into being the standard sausage, a mixture of beef and veal, produced under government control and sold at the fixed price of -0.22 per pound.

The shortage of leather is responsible for the introduction of standard shoes in three grades and prices; and starndard sack suits in six varieties of sober tints are promised for the near future.

Standardization in women's clothes is urged in some quarters; but few ven-turesome spirits hazard any concrete suggestions on this thorny problem. The latest is the standard cigar. To-

bacco prices are scaring and cigars now cost twice or three times as much as they did a year ago. The govern-ment article will be made of the re-maining stocks of Java tobacco in the maining stocks of Java tobacco in the country, and provided with a wooden mouthpiece, enabling the smoker to finish the weed to the bitter end, which is expected to result in a sav-ing of 15 per cent. This eigar will retail at 5 Dutch cents and pickers up of eigar stubs will have to look out for another trade.

march on the Eternal City. "Every montheall of the inhabitants of Bucharest must go to the central control bureau in order to demonstrate that they have not left the city and to have their identity cards stamped, cards which they must always Mave in their pockets at all times. The stamp-ing of the cards is done according to nationality with the result that throughout the month there is con-stantly in waiting a line of people that extends the full length of Cantacuzene street. street.

street. "Among the marvels of prowess per-formed by the Germans it is necessary to cite the emission of several billion francs of paper money in the name of the Banque Generale Roumaine, which, when it is allowed to return to Bucharest will have to pay all of the bills thus put in circulation in its, name name.

name. "Speculators in merchandise are not very far behind. A pair of women's stockings costs from \$30 to \$35, a shirt from \$30 to \$40, and everything else in proportion. "This is for the very simple reason that in all Rumania there does not remain today a single factory, or a single industry.

single industry. "At Bucharest you might be willing

single industry. "At Bucharest you might be willing to pay millions of france to have a little sterilized cotion for dressing your wounds, a little glycerin, or a piece of velvet, but your willingness to pay would be in vain for those things do not exist there any more. Practically all of the stores are closed because there is nothing to sell. "During my last month there sugar was sold for \$4 a pound. A sweetened drink costs \$1 a glass. "The German administration that should have ended as soon as the treaty of peace was ratified by the senate continues without opposition. In Germany and Austria the misery and famine exceeds everything that has been or can be recounted. "On the rallway coming from Buch-peace how a build be and

"On the railway coming from Buch-arest the trains for civilians have been interrupted and suspended for such a long number of months, that when our train arrived at Budapest an immense "I shall never forget the impressions crowd of railway workers rushed up.

"A few hours before the Germans a train arrive from Bucharest, entered Bucharest, the city was evacu-sted by every one who was able to leave. "Sentinels commanded by officers who accompanied us sought is vain to establish order. A young Rumanian "The next day the expulsions and woman of unusual spirit had the of getting entirely his military duty, dropped his rifle and leaped to seize the bite of bread. This was the signal for a grand rush. All of the travelers, provided with provisions for a long voyage, knowing that the latter would not last more than four or five days and that later there would be a din-

He also remained in constant The car started; and he concommunication with the Prefect's tinued:

office. At half-past ten a squad of de- a magnificent opportunity. He Don Luis Perenna.' tectives, sent by the Prefect, must be going pretty fast, but | Don Luis felt a little shudder placed themselves at the deputy without forcing the pace, because pass through him at the sound chief's disposal. Mazeroux, new- he doesn't think we're after him. of those words. The fact was that ly arrived from Rouen and fur- Oh, the villain, we'll make him he was arrested under the name ious with Florence, joined them. sit up! Quicker, driver! But of Arsene Lupin made his position The search continued. Don what the devil are we loaded up doubly dangerous.

Luis had gradually assumed its like this for? You and I, Deputy management; and it was he who, Chief, would have been enough, solvedso to speak, inspired Weber to Hi, Mazeroux, get down and "I should think so!" said Webring at this or that door and to jump into the other car! That'll er, in a tone of triumph. "We've aetly Valenglay could do, once he be better, won't it, Deputy? It's resolved to take the bull by the was told. For, after all, was it

eastern extremity of the island, "Why, look here, what's the "Don't for at the end of the Quai d'Anjon. idot doing? That's not the road! Mazeroux."

Two detectives stood waiting I say, what does this mean?" for them, surrounded by a small rowd of onlookers. They had ust learned that, some distance arther away, on the Quai Henri U not us stifled an oath and arther away, on the Quai Henri Don Luis stifled an oath and, more gave a start. He had just even if it is only out of curiosity, V, which does not form part of making a tremendous effort, tried preceived that Mazeroux also was pontside a house, that there was fell upon him and held him mo-holding him tight. And the poor he noise of a dispute, and that tionless. The deputy chief had sergeant stood silently shedding those beggars who inconvenience

he cab had subsequently driven him by the threat. The detectives tears. off in the direction of Vincennes, clutched his arms. There was no Weber's liveliness icreased. They hastened to the Quai room for him to struggle within

tenri IV and at once found the the restricted space of the small Lupin. Sergeant Mazeroux acouse. There was a door one the car; and he felt the cold iron of companies you to prison, though gramid floor opening straight on a revolver on his temple. the pavement. The taxi had stop-red for a few minutes in front growled Weber, "or I'll blow out hinself up. "Is Mazeroux put of this door. Two persons, a your brains, my boy! Aha! you into jail? woman and a man leading her didn't expect this! It's Weber's

long, had left the ground floor revenge, ch?" flat. When the door of the taxi And, when Perenna continued was shut, a man's voice had to wiggle, he went on, in a threathouted from the inside: "Drive down the Boulevard "You'll have only yourself to Get out! Mazeroux? The most shouted from the inside:

saint-Germain and along the blame, mind! . . . I'm go- bonest man that ever lived!" But the porter's wife was able lowed Don Luis. 

"We've got him! You see, it's the warrant: 'Arsene Lupin, alias telephone to Valenglay?

"Ah," he said, "so they've re-

horns and to go straight for not too much to expect that the remained fruitless; and Don Luis He interrupted himself; and, Lupin. Plucky of us, eh? Never head of the government, that the

"Don't forget my instructions,

"You'll have, to excuse him,

"Prefect's orders, warrant duly executed."

'And on what charge?'

"The most honest man that

informed of all that happens.' Arsene Lupin?

"He will come!" he cried, with

to learn what the Kaiser's friend ean have to say to him Poside he knows me! I am not one of people for nothing. There's always something to be gained by

meeting me. He'll come!' But another question at once

presented itself to his mind. Valenglay's coming in no way im-"Ah!" said Don Luis, drawing plie I his consent to the bargain which Perenna meant to propose to him. And even if Don Luis succeeded in convincing him, what risks remained! How many doubtful points to overcome ! And "Accomplice of Arsene Lupin." then the possibilities of failure! Would Weber pursue the fugi-

tive's motor car with the necessary decision and boldness? Would he get on the track again? ever lived, as you say. That didn't And, having got on the track,

ating the number of chil-

carrying away of paintings and statues. "Fortunately the Buigarians, whose infamies are even worse, were prevent-ed from entering the city. "To give final proof of the barbarity of this people that is unworthy the right to live in Europe it is sufficient to state that out of 36,000 Rumanian prisoners that were interned in Bul-garia, only 10,000 ever returned to Rumania alive, the other 26,000 having succumbed to privations, fatigues, dis-eases and had treatment when they were not murdered in cold blood. "While awaiting other orders, patrols

"While awaiting other orders, patrols commanded by officers marched through the streets with fixed bayonets visiting every house one at a time and carry-ing away everything they considered unnecessary for the families to have. "On the other hand, Mackensen, com-mander of the armine and internet." 

"In the Metropolitan church of Bucharest there exists the miraculous relie of a saint. One day, while the sumption of meat had celeased a certain church was closed and the guard was church was closed and the guard was promenading outside, three Bulgarian soldiers arrived in an automobile, and forcing the door of the cathedral, car-ried away the venerated relic. "Unon the return later of the bishop, the latter at once discovered the crime to be something he did not crave. "Doubtless similar instance might be to be something he did not crave. "Doubtless similar instance might be to the war.

"Upon the return later of the bishop, the latter at once discovered the crime and telephoned increastantly to Field as and excensed, who at once noti-fled the frontier authorities to arrest the Bulgarian soldiers. This sufficed to attract to Mackensen the sympa-tiles of many

man soldiers in Rumania, the German authorities undertook the organization of the press. At first there was only single newspaper allowed to be pub-lished, and that in German, but later

lished, and that in German, but later arrangements were made for papers the state of New York there is a woman in Rumanian. There was first the Ga- candidate for the office of licatenant in Rumanian. There was first the Ga-zeta Bucurestilor and later the Lu-governor. This office, apparently never mina. These papers had to praise the invaders and their acts, and to keep systematically silent on what was tak-being sought by Mrs. Mamle Colvin, stated on the national prohibition tick-likewise to play up to the fallest ex-tent any news unfavorable to the al-

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ing car, threw out eggs, pieces of chicken, meat and brend. "Women, children and men.

starving, stretched out their hands and sought to obtain a morsel. "I saw high administrative officials ask to be given a bite of something. The cries and commands of the of-

floers were absolutely unavailing. "The same scene was repeated at the railway station at Vienna, where the officers who had accompanied us were changed

"The travelers who had accompanied us "The travelers resumed the distri-bution of their food supplies and in-terrogated the miserable people, who only begged and prayed that they be not asked to say what they thought about the situation.

'No one in Rumania believes that the present peace is final, and the en-tire nation is convinced that Ru-mania will be allowed to participate at the final prace conference.

#### Sugar and Character.

From American Sugar Bulletin.

Under the above caption. "Food Conservation Notes" makes the following pertinent observations:

"Yes, I have gone without meat very extensively," said a man when asked if he had denied himself any special kind of food for the sake of keeping the allies well supplied. But five minutes later he happened to remark: "I always live mostly vegetables-don't care much for meat. on

Although separated in the conversation, these two remarks seen, really to go to-

bread-and prefer it to white bread. They have been useful, exceedingly food conservators: no one should minimize

to attract to Mackensen the sympa-thiles of many. "But entirely aside from that, Mack-ensen in all circumstances has always shown himself a man worthy of res-pect and consideration. "With the establishment of the Ger-man soldiers in Rumania, the German

WOMAN SEEKS UNIQUE PLACE. From the New York Tribune

For the first time in the history of

tent any news unfavorable to the al-lied powers. "At the moment of the Italian dis-aster on the Isonzo last year, these papers launched special edition after nounced that the entire italian armics had follon into the bands of the Carbon in the party. When some and the entire italian armics is the was the first bition conditate for the pace he lieft