

Admiral Sampson knows how to sympathize with the Englishmen who want to give all the glory of "Bois" movements to "Tugela" Butler.

When John D. Rockefeller wishes to get even with a critical public he gives Dr. Harper a lump sum on condition that the doctor takes a similar sum out of Standard Oil company traucers.

How soon the electric car has become "the carriage of the people!" An official report says that in Massachusetts there are one thousand seven hundred and thirty-five miles of street railway, and that only four miles of track are now traversed by horses.

Congress is to be asked to appropriate a considerable sum for the Philadelphia mint, including boilers, engines, dynamos, pneumatic tools, lifts, telephones and machine tools, coal handling machinery, motors, etc., as well as a fine equipment of machinery connected directly with the coinage of money.

After all, it takes a woman to show us how to do things. She knows. No one ever hears of her forming an organization of "woman" employees. Not any. She gets the right word. Her latest organization is the "Lady Bookkeepers' Union." Now let us have the "Amalgamated Association of Gentleman Clerks," the "Brotherhood of Locomotive Firegentlemen" and other similar organizations just to show that the various trades, business and professional gentlemen are not behind the times.

An interesting question has recently been raised in the navy department and the comptroller for the treasury has been called upon to decide the same. Officers of the navy are undecided whether, under the naval personnel act, they are still allowed the privilege of having enlisted men of the navy act as their servants.

It is not always possible to account for the fluctuations in the world of finance. Not long ago, without any apparent cause, the stringency of the foreign money market was so great that there was danger of disaster to some of the largest moneyed institutions of Europe.

In an article in the Comptes Rendus MM. Prevost and Battelli describe 270 experiments which were made upon dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs, the animals being inserted in a condenser circuit, charged by a Ruhmkorff. The number of fatal cases decreased with increasing weight and age; two consecutive discharges of 1,000 joules did not kill a dog of seven kilograms weight.

One of the Midway Islands visited by the United States expedition making surveys for the Pacific cable, is described as inhabited by an almost incredible number of sea birds. Upon fully one-half of the surface of the island the sand was literally covered with them, and the noise of the winged host astonished the visitors.

That there is much room for civil service reform in Turkey is newly emphasized by a recent experience there. An American traveler, wishing to mail a magazine, was told by a head postmaster that while a good Mussulman might mail it as a periodical for eight cents, a heretic would be charged book post, seventy-five cents.

Jephthah's Daughter:

A Story of Patriarchal Times.

By JULIA MAGRUDER...

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CHAPTER X.—(Continued.)

Now, the young man Adina, having spent the night in ceaseless vigil also, was at the casement of his window, before the earliest streak of dawn, his life-blood throbbing to the thought that he was to see once more the form of her whom his soul so greatly loved, albeit speech and touch would be denied him.

Onward she moved toward him, the form that he was wont to fondle in his arms, screened from his loving eyes by those harsh draperies from which the ashes fell, as the morning breezes played about her. He was screened from view behind a curtain, but the resolution rushed upon him, that if she turned and looked, for even one instant upward, he would throw the curtain back and look at her, that she might see the mighty love-light in his face, and the compassion wherewith he pitied her.

But Namarah looked not up, and as she passed beneath his window, her head was bent forward, and she walked on calmly and as if in total unconsciousness of the dying heart that beat so near her. It seemed to him to be a cruel thing, untender and unthoughtful, and Adina rent his clothes, and turned away from the window with great groans of anguish that made one with the wallings of the people in the streets.

Adina wandered here and there among the trees, but ever he came back to the dear spot where lately he had stood with Namarah in his arms. The brook still bubbled on, and the cooling of the doves came ever to his ears, as if to remind him that all was the same as before, save that Namarah was gone.

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Resting his two arms against the trunk of a great tree, he laid his face upon them, shutting out the beautiful garden-scene, in which the maiden was not, and there he rested long in exceeding bitterness of spirit.

Adina took it softly in his hands, and turned his sad eyes silently toward the house where he lived alone. Even yet he had not the courage to go to Jephthah, but put it off until the morrow. As he walked along, ever smoothing the bird's feathers with caressing touches, he suddenly became aware of something smooth and hard fastened beneath its wing.

Carefully shutting himself in, and even drawing the curtains of the windows close, he severed the cord that held in place the little folded note, and opening the sheet, read: "Adina, My Beloved: I can give thee no greeting as I pass thy window, but I shall even then have close to my breast the dove which is to bear this my last message to thee. The message is but this, that thou hast heard so often: I love thee, and I charge thee, by that love, give not thyself to heavy grief, but ever take courage and have hope. If thou lovest me, I would have thee bear up with patience under the heavy burden and to comfort my father Jephthah. Pray ever for deliv-

erance for us both. Sorrow not, beloved, seeing that I ever love thee, both in this life and that which is to come. Thine, NAMARAH."

And underneath she had written the word "Mizpeh." In reading these lines, the soul of Adina was greatly comforted, so that he felt a new courage come to him, and ever thereafter, until the two months were come to an end, he bore himself patiently and submissively and murmured no more. Each day that dawned saw him beside the old man Jephthah, sustaining, comforting and cherishing him, though, mayhap, his own heart was even at that same time sunk down with weariness.

And after he had brought the white dove home that night, it ever came to him afterward of its own accord, flying at sunset into his window and perching there, if he was absent, until he returned, and often he would take it in his hands and talk to it, such words as his frozen heart refused to utter unto human ears, and ever it seemed to give him greater comfort than any human friend.

As the two months of absence of the maiden Namarah began to draw to a close, the soul of Adina grew each hour more exceedingly sorrowful, and Jephthah also went heavily from morn till evening and took no comfort save in the presence and companionship of Adina, who was become to him even as his own son.

And when the eve of the return of Namarah and her maidens was come, all the people of Mizpeh were aware of it, but so great was their sorrow for the maiden, that they feared to look upon her face, and as at set of sun the children playing in the streets brought news that the maidens were returning, behold, the people gat them to their houses, and their children, that none might look upon Namarah in her misery and her affliction.

And as Namarah and her maidens made their way along the streets of Mizpeh, behold, they made a picture sad to see, for their garments of sackcloth were torn and stained with their sojourn in the wilderness of the mountains, and their feet were sore and weary, and as Namarah walked first among them, her companions uttered a low wailing of distress. But the maiden herself was silent and made no sound, either with her voice or with the worn-out sandals of her feet, but ever moved noiselessly as a shadow, with bent head and hands clasped wearily.

No human creature did they see. The streets of Mizpeh were as uninhabited as were the mountain forests they had left, and a vast and solemn silence, more awful in this place of many habitations than in the open country, brooded over everything.

As they moved along in slow procession, suddenly above their heads there was the sound of wings, and a flock of snow-white doves came downward from high in the air, and, flying low, preceded them with slow and steady motions all up the empty streets. And as men or women here or there watched furtively from behind the drawn curtains of their windows, this most strange sight—the maidens in their mourning garments preceded by the flock of white doves—struck awe upon their hearts. And added to the sight there was a strange and awful sound, for even as the maidens crooned their low, sad wails, the doves from their flight in the air joined to the sound their plaintive cooing and complaining.

To the other maidens it seemed as but an accident that the birds should meet and join themselves to the procession; but Namarah believed it not. Her heart told her that her tenderly loved birds had recognized her, and before she reached the door of her father's house one of them had even separated from its companions, and circling a moment, as if in doubt, above her head, presently flew downward and alighted on her shoulder. Then did Namarah unclasp her hands and take it under her cloak and press it against the warmth of her heart; and although the feathers of its wings had grown out again, and it was even smooth and shapely and snow-white as the rest, she knew it to be the messenger between Adina and herself. Howbeit, she knew not that it had earned a stronger claim to her affection yet, in that it had been the chief companion and comfort of her lover during the long days and nights of her absence.

(To be continued.)

A New Artificial Paving Stone. A new artificial paving stone is made in Germany. It is composed of coal tar, sulphur and chlorate of lime. The tar is mixed with the sulphur and warmed thoroughly, and the lime is added to the semi-liquid mass. After cooling, this product is broken fine and is mixed with ground glass or blast-furnace slag. The blocks are then subjected to a pressure of 3,000 pounds to the square inch.

Christianity teaches a state of ultimate happiness with God.—Rev. J. H. W. Elake.

CRUSHING DEFEAT

British Badly Whipped in Battle at Brandfort.

600 KILLED; 900 TAKEN PRISONERS

Third Victory of Boer General De Wet—Three Reports Received in London Confirming Disaster—"Bois" in Serious Straits.

A London, April 11th special says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Brandfort, dated Sunday, says:

"Yesterday General De Wet inflicted the third defeat of the British within a week at Meerksatfontein, killing and wounding 600. He captured 900 with twelve wagons, losing five Boers killed and nine wounded."

The Daily News has the following from Pretoria, dated Monday, by way of Delagoa bay:

"It is officially announced that a battle has been fought south of Brandfort, in which 600 British troops were killed and wounded and 800 taken prisoners."

"Lord Roberts is declared to be in great difficulty, owing to scarcity of water."

The Daily Mail publishes the following, dated April 10, from Lorenzo Marques:

"The Netherlands Railway company professes to have received a telegram reporting a Boer victory near Kroonstadt, the Boers capturing 900 British."

Commenting upon this, the Daily Mail remarks:

"There is a Meerksatfontein about five and a half miles southeast of Kroonstadt, but if the report be true, this can hardly be the place."

A Pretoria, April 9, dispatch says: The British casualties in the fight at De Wet's camp were 100 killed and wounded and 450 captured. The Transvaal Volksraad has been summoned to meet in ordinary session on May 10.

Heavy cannonading is reported at Fourteen Streams. The British are using a naval gun. Lord Methuen is moving in the direction of Hoopstad.

TO CHANGE CONFESSION

Turmoil in Presbyterian Banks Over Faith Paragraph.

A Little Falls, N. Y., dispatch of April 10 says: The Utica presbytery, now in session in this city, was thrown into a turmoil today by an address from the Rev. Dr. Taylor of Clinton, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at Rome, N. Y., who advocated the elimination from the confession of faith of paragraphs 1 to 7 of chapter 3.

These paragraphs cover the doctrine of election and reprobation, in repudiation of which Dr. Hillis of Brooklyn resigned from the Chicago presbytery. The Rev. W. B. Brookaw, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Utica, supplemented Dr. Taylor's address by saying the session of his church had passed resolutions favoring a change in the objectionable paragraphs. A resolution to eliminate a paragraph was referred to the committee on bills and overtures.

BANKER BLOWS BRAINS OUT

Commits Suicide Rather Than Carry Out Court Order.

An Oakland, Cal., dispatch says Banker H. H. Pitcher, who has charge of the Livermore bank in the capacity of manager and cashier, blew his brains out at his Livermore home. Pitcher was a trustee of the estate of the late Thomas Varney, deceased, valued at \$600,000. His trust was being investigated in court. Pitcher was to produce his books in court and testify as to how he handled the bank and the trust. Rather than appear in court he blew his brains out. He did not leave any message.

Taken to the Asylum.

Sheriff Simmering of Hastings, Neb., has taken Eummanuel Lapp to the Lincoln asylum. Last year Mr. Lapp, who is a well to do farmer, with a good farm and home near the village of Holstein, changed the location of the various buildings, including the house in which the family lived, and since that time he has imagined that he is turned around and that it will be necessary to put the buildings all back in their former position in order to bring him right. He is perfectly rational on every other subject and said, when leaving for the asylum, that it was a shame to take him there.

A Big Contract.

It is definitely known that McArthur Brothers of Chicago and Kilpatrick Brothers & Collins of Beatrice, Neb., get the contract for building the Union Pacific cut-off from Buford to Laramie, Wyo., a 1,500-foot tunnel in the crest of the Sherman hill and a rock causeway on Dale creek. The work will require a large force of men and two years' time to complete. The contract calls for a double track, with tunnel double track width. The project will necessitate the expenditure of about \$2,500,000. It is announced that operations will commence about May 1.

Killed by Collapse of Floor.

While a priest was administering the last sacrament to a dying man in the presence of his relatives, near Corona, Spain, the floor of the room collapsed and the dying man and four other persons were killed and fourteen were injured.

Ninety Three Cases of Plague.

Ninety-three cases of the bubonic plague and twenty-nine deaths from the disease have occurred at Sydney, N. S. W. Thursday has been appointed as a day of intercession and prayer for relief from the plague.

LOSS OF LIFE FULLY FIFTY

Full Effect of the Floods in Texas Being Realized.

An Austin, Texas, dispatch says: The flood situation here is improving somewhat, but the reports from points below indicate that the full effect of the immense volume of water is being felt in Wharton and Lafayette counties, everything being inundated and much loss of property and live stock being reported. In Bastrop county the flood has caused much damage to property interests and something like fifty washouts and losses of bridges are reported by the railways. Advice from the area surrounding the county seat of Bastrop county are to the effect that there has been some loss of life among the farming class, as their homes were inundated without warning by the tidal wave, but outside of an unconfirmed report that eight lives were lost nothing can be learned. In the southern part of this county several people are missing, the number representing a family of six Italians and two negro families.

BURNS IN THE NIGHT

Elevator at York Entirely Destroyed by Fire.

The elevator at York was entirely destroyed by fire. The fire occurred during a heavy rain, which was accompanied by considerable lightning and many are of the opinion that that the building was struck and set on fire by lightning. The elevator was owned by G. P. Chessman and is a total loss, as he carried no insurance. McClelland and Miller, who operate the east elevator, had about \$12,000 worth of grain, principally wheat and eye in the elevator destroyed, which was covered by \$6,000 insurance. Their loss is quite heavy. The rain which was falling during the fire saved other buildings from being destroyed, as a strong wind prevailed.

END OF LONG STRIFE

Rev. Dr. McGiffert Quits the Presbyterian Church.

A New York dispatch says: The Rev. Arthur C. McGiffert has formally withdrawn from the Presbyterian church. His resignation was contained in a letter to the presbytery of New York, which met in regular semi-annual meeting, and Dr. McGiffert's request that his name be dropped from the roll of the presbytery was granted. Dr. McGiffert's letter of resignation is in accordance with an announcement made by him to the presbytery three weeks ago.

Wabash Wins.

A dispatch from Omaha says that in the United States circuit court the order of Judge Thayer was filed in the case of the Omaha & St. Louis railroad against the Burlington & Missouri railroad. The case was heard at St. Louis Saturday upon the application of the plaintiff for mandatory injunction against the defendant road and G. W. Holdrege, general manager, to compel the agents of the road to accept at Council Bluffs, a carload of agricultural implements, consigned from an Ohio point to a station of the Burlington & Missouri in Nebraska.

Suffocates in Jail.

A man, supposed to be Morris Hedderman, a private in Company A, Fourth regiment, U. S. cavalry, war of '91, was suffocated in the Auburn, Neb., jail. He had been arrested for attempting to enter a private home. After being placed in jail he evidently set fire to his bedding, for when the jailor returned at about 6 o'clock with the man's supper he found the fellow dead.

Beckwith Commits Suicide.

W. C. Beckwith, aged 24, a locomotive fireman from Pacific Junction, Ia., committed suicide by sending a bullet through his brain on the fourth floor of the Withnell block, at Fifteenth and Harney streets, Omaha, Neb. The bullet entered the left temple, killing him instantly. Melancholia was the cause of the deed.

Irish Editor Fined.

Arthur Griffiths, editor of the United Irishman, of Dublin, Ireland, which was suppressed last Saturday, was Tuesday sentenced to fourteen days imprisonment or a fine of a sovereign for assaulting Ramsay Collins, proprietor of the Irish Figaro. He decided to take the imprisonment.

Chicken Thieves at Exeter.

Interest is felt at Exeter, Neb., over the appearance of chicken thieves. During the past few days several chicken coops have been partly robbed, and thieves have again made their appearance, this time at the home of Otto Phillips, and took part of his flock of chickens.

Eight Inches of Snow.

Brown county, Neb., was favored with a heavy rain Tuesday, terminating in snow during the night. The heaviest snow of the winter fell. It is estimated that eight inches fell, and all melted, filling the streams with water and putting the ground in excellent condition for putting in crops.

Leaves Havanna.

Gen. Maximo Gomez has sailed from Havana for Santo Domingo. In the course of an interview he denied that he had any intention of attempting to become the president of Santo Domingo, as had been intimated in a Havana paper.

Richard Mansfield Ill.

Richard Mansfield, the actor, is confined to his room at the Hollenden hotel, Cleveland, O., suffering from acute laryngitis. Mr. Mansfield's physician says it may be a week before he can leave his room.

DECISION AGAINST TAYLOR

Kentucky Court Decides Against Republican Claimant.

A Frankfort, Ky., April 6 dispatch says: The court of appeals today handed down a decision in the governorship case in favor of the democrats. The decision is by six of the judges—four democrats and two republicans.

Judge Durelle was the only judge dissenting. The other two republican judges, Barnam and Guffy, gave a separate opinion from the democratic judges, but which agreed with the democratic members in its conclusion.

Judge Hobson wrote the opinion of the court. The concurrence of Judges Barnam and Guffy with the four democratic judges was a surprise generally, but to the republicans especially, and there is much speculation now as to whether the talked of appeal to the supreme court will be prosecuted.

Ex-Governor W. O. Bradley, chief counsel for Governor Taylor, tonight authorized the statement that an appeal on behalf of Governor Taylor and Lieutenant Governor Marshall will be carried to the supreme court of the United States.

Mr. Bradley and Judge W. H. Yost, counsel for the republican state officers, were in consultation with Governor Taylor for several hours this afternoon, and the above statement was made at the close of the conference.

CAPTURE MORE BRITISH

Boers Succeed in Capturing Five Companies of Enemy.

A London, April 6 dispatch says: Lord Roberts reports that five companies of British troops have been captured by the Boers near Bethany.

The following is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch to the war office announcing the capture of five companies of his troops:

"Bloemfontein, Thursday, April 5.—Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth regiment of mounted infantry near Reddersburg, a little eastward of Bethany railway station, within a few miles of this place. They were surrounded by a stronger force of the enemy with four or five guns.

HORSES BURNED TO DEATH

Oriental Livery Barn at Lincoln Completely Destroyed.

Between twenty-five and thirty head of horses were burned to death in a fire that consumed the barn at 521 South Thirteenth street, Lincoln, Neb., known as the Oriental barn. The barn with its contents was burned, and the buildings at 1219 and 1225 K street were badly damaged. The loss will probably exceed \$5,000, with insurance probably reaching a trifle more than \$2,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Indorse D. E. Thompson.

The Lancaster county republican convention held Friday indorsed D. E. Thompson for United States senator by a vote of 481 to 20. A legislative ticket was placed in the field, pledged to support him, there being no opposition. Congressman E. J. Burkett was also indorsed.

Trouble in Puerto Rico.

A San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 6 dispatch says: At 4 o'clock yesterday evening the natives made a concentrated movement at Puerto Tiera. Different mobs, totaling about 2,000 men, attacked the foreign colored men. Any English-speaking negro was subjected to attack, particularly the natives of St. Thomas and St. Kitts. One Puerto Rican was killed, one was seriously injured, and three negroes of St. Kitts were dangerously wounded.

Fell on the Knives.

At Geneva, Neb., Tony Miller met with an accident while operating a two hundred and sixty pound rocking meat cutter in J. Wright's meat market. While working the machine the floor gave way, letting one side of the block down and throwing the cutter to the floor knives up, upon which Tony fell, receiving several deep gashes. The surgeon took thirty-one stitches to close the wounds.

Arrest of Embezzler.

L. P. Hunner, wanted in Buffalo county, Wis., for embezzling \$150,000, was arrested in Republic, Wash., by a deputy sheriff from Wisconsin. Little can be learned there of Hunner's alleged crime. It is said he was president of a bank.

Hand Taken in Cornsheller.

W. B. Mewhorter, of Pickrell, Neb., met with a serious accident, which nearly cost him the loss of an arm. While feeding a cornsheller his clothing caught in the machinery, pulling his left hand into the cogwheels and before the machinery could be stopped his hand was badly torn.

Two Murderers Hanged.

King and Louis Goldsby, who killed Daniel Mims, a farmer and his young child, near Baxley, Ga., on the night of March 5, were executed Friday.