

Rob Cleverdale's Adventure.

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CHAPTER XVI.

"Those who are with me to the death, come behind me!" said Starnie. Less than half the crew obeyed. There was a shout from those who remained. "No kill the boy, we all go," said one. "The cub must die. Stand aside!" The pistol was raised again, and at the same moment a dozen other pistols came into view. Starnie's men had some, and Rob's men the rest.

"This is mutiny!" yelled Starnie at those who stood by Rob. "I will have you all in prison."

Back in the group there was one of lighter shade than the rest. He had quite an intelligent face. He had as yet said nothing. In reply to Starnie's last threat this man stepped forward.

"You lie," he said. "This is not mutiny. A crew cannot mutiny only against its officers. You have no business on this schooner. You have killed our captain. We will not stand by you."

"Then take this!" said Starnie, firing his pistol at the man.

The ball took effect in his arm, and he uttered a shout of rage. In an instant a half dozen shots had been fired. Several of the crew were wounded. And Lemuel Starnie lay writhing on the deck.

It was over in an instant. The crew as if suddenly bethinking itself of what it was doing, stopped and looked at Rob.

"Men," he said, "this could not be avoided. This man is a wicked man. He killed Torrovo, and he would have killed me. I never did anything to him. He wanted to kill me to get my uncle's wealth. As for that cause he spoke of, it is as dead as Torrovo, dead as a dead fish. If you stand by Elvin

"Horton, the millionaire? I should say I did. What do you want with him?"

"I will tell him that," said Rob. "There is nothing to be taken ashore from this vessel but me. If you think I am contraband, come with me. But I warn you not to delay me."

The inspector was impressed, and his curiosity was aroused.

"Come along," he said. "They were soon ashore, and Rob was amazed at the fine streets and buildings he saw. They got on an electric car—something that Rob had supposed was limited to New York—and then got off before a splendid residence of brick and stone.

"Horton lives here," said the inspector.

Mr. Horton was with his wife and Elsie eating supper, when a servant announced that two persons wanted to see him on important business. He went into the wide hall where the two sat waiting, and looked at Rob curiously. Rob was worth looking at just then. His face was flushed with pride and happiness, and the spirit of American youth gleamed in his eyes.

"What can I do for you?" asked Mr. Horton, kindly.

"Uncle David! Uncle David! Don't you guess who I am?" burst out Rob. "I am Rob Cleverdale."

Mr. Horton turned white and stepped back.

"You thought I was drowned, but I was not," said Rob. "Lemuel Starnie threw me overboard, but I was picked up."

A great sob of joy—undoubtedly, blessed joy—welled up from Mr. Horton's bosom.

He clasped Rob to him, and tears

justice, and the stores in the cave at Black Cat bay were seized. Richard Elvin was shot and Lemuel died of his wound.

Not only was Rob received with enthusiasm by his uncle, aunt and cousin, but he was the hero of Buenos Ayres. The president gave him a gold medal, on which was the date and the story of the valuable services Rob had rendered the government. The "Black Cat" was now the property of the government, and the president used his influence, and this was also given to Rob. It was a very handsome little schooner, none too large for a yacht, and Mr. Horton accepted it for Rob, and at once placed a reliable crew on it.

Many a good sail has Rob had on that schooner since that day, and many a stirring adventure he had while off on business for Mr. Horton.

Mr. Horton is delighted with Rob's quickness in grasping the details of his large business enterprises, and there is no doubt that if Rob lives, he will be not only a true, brave man, but a rich one as well.

(The end.)

Ancient Coffee Houses.

The coffee house is every night crowded with men of parts, says the Connoisseur. Almost every one you meet is a polite scholar and a wit. Jokes and bonnets are echoed from box to box; every branch of nature is critically examined and the merit of every production of the press or performance at the theaters weighed and determined. This school—to which I am myself indebted for a great part of my education, and in which, though unworthy, I am now arrived at the honor of being a public lecturer—has bred up many authors, to the amazing entertainment and instruction of their readers. Butts, the grand archetype of the Bedford, was frequented by Addison, Steele, Pope and the rest of that celebrated set who flourished at the beginning of this century and was regarded with just deference on account of the real geniuses who frequented it. But we can now boast men of superior abilities—men who, without any one acquired excellence, by the mere dint of a happy assurance, can exact the same tribute of veneration and receive it as due to the illustrious characters, the scribblers, layers, fiddlers, gamblers, that make so large a part of the company at the Bedford.

Bolting Our Food.

There is undoubtedly a great deal to be said in favor of the opinion that a considerable portion of the illness in this country is caused by the unpleasant habit of eating too rapidly. Of course we all know, and have at times a very painful experience of, the fact, that this is a high-pressure age, and all is done at express speed, but this surely ought not to be the case with our meals. It is interesting, but not pretty, to watch the business man when he goes into a restaurant for his luncheon. It is with him looked upon in the light of a duty and not a pleasure. He must eat, and he feels that he has only a few minutes to devote to the operation, so that he may be back at his office with all possible speed. He attacks his food savagely, gulps down his beer or wine, and when the last sad rites are over he pays and bolts—in fact, it is a case of bolting from beginning to end. Every doctor will tell you that people should eat slowly, and occupy the time pleasantly with conversation. In this way we shall live longer and enjoy better health and greater ability to cope with the world.

Made Her Account Good.

It was only a dainty little note from a woman depositor, but it caused a gentle ripple of merriment among the accountants and tellers of an uptown bank. The institution caters to women, and the president has often remarked that the women depositors were in some respects more careful in their business methods than the men. A few days ago the discovery was made that the account of one of the women depositors had been overdrawn a few dollars. The usual notification in such cases was sent to the depositor, with the request that the account be made good. A prompt and polite reply was received from the delinquent. She apologized for the overdraft, thanked the bank officers for informing her of the fact so courteously—and inclosed her check on the same bank for the amount of the overdraft. It is needless to say that an explanatory note was sent to this depositor reminding her that an overdraft was not a credit to be drawn upon.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Looking Out for the Family.

"Dear," she said, during an interval of comparative sanity, "promise me one thing."

"Anything," he answered with the recklessness of love.

"After we have been married a reasonable time, if we decide a divorce is desirable, promise that my brothers, who are struggling young lawyers, shall represent us."—Philadelphia North American.

Better Girl Now.

"I am so thankful," said good Mrs. Upjohn, "for the change that seems to have taken place in Bessie. Ever since the first week in December—it was the first week in December, wasn't it, Clarence, we got that new sealskin collar-ette for Bessie—she has gone to church regularly. Hesn't missed a Sunday,"—Chicago Tribune.

There's nothing certain in man's life but that he must die. It is—Owen Meredith.

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WHAT BRYAN'S ELECTION MEANS.

Destruction of Unrivaled Prosperity, Lower Wages and Scantier Employment—His Policy Could Not Be Carried Out, Even Though He Were Elected—A Comparison of the Two Great Parties.

Those who so fondly hoped and believed that the "anti-imperialists," as certain republicans termed themselves, would support Bryan for the presidency, are to be disappointed. Senator Hoar gave out a statement a few days ago, in which he said:

"I do not presume as yet to foresee the issue of this business. The alternative of electing Mr. Bryan is not, in my judgment, to be contemplated for a moment. His election means, if he and his party can have their way, the destruction of our unrivaled prosperity, lower wages, a scantier employment for our workmen, the debasing of our standard of value, tarnishing of the national faith, the destruction of credit, the arraying class against class, bringing into contempt the authority of the supreme court, and undermining the security of property and values. Now some of our friends say that it is better that all these things should happen than that this policy of imperialism should be persisted in. But that is not the question.

"It is not the question whether Bryanism or imperialism be the worse for the American people. The question is whether anything that Mr. Bryan can be trusted to accomplish in opposition to imperialism is worth anything at the price of all these other sacrifices. For one, I cannot see anything to expect in the way of a return to the ancient principles of the republican party by the election of Bryan. We could have stopped the whole thing by defeating the treaty of Paris, which would have compelled it to be amended by making the same provision as to the Philippines that we thought it right to make in regard to Cuba. That purpose was baffled by Mr. Bryan. The defeat of the treaty, or rather its amendments, as I have indicated, was assured when Mr. Bryan came to Washington and by his personal influence induced enough of his followers to vote for the treaty to insure its passage with but a single vote to spare. It would have been defeated, as it was, if Justin Morrill had lived. I have no doubt that Mr. Bryan did this for the sole purpose of keeping the question open as an issue for the campaign.

"Now, what can he do if he is elected? Congress will settle the question so far as the establishment of a government for the Philippine archipelago is concerned, before the present administration shall go out of power, and in all probability before the present session shall be over. Whatever may be the fate of the presidential election, the republican ascendancy in the Senate for at least four years longer is assured. If it were not so, there are many democratic senators—my information is that there are at least nine—who agree with that large number of republicans who are in favor of holding those islands forever, or at any rate for a long and indefinite period. I suppose the same thing is true as to many Democrats in the house."

THE TWO PARTIES.

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At a banquet on the occasion of the Lincoln birthday celebration at Chicago, Hon. J. K. Cubison of Kansas, in responding to a toast, said:

"The democratic party has but one positive idea and that is opposition to the republican party. Its platform is rotten from age and defective from use. Only one new plank has been placed in its platform during the past forty years, and that plank was sawed in Arkansas, transported to Chicago by Coxey's 'army,' as the Kansas 'pop' says, 'because the bulwarks of the Chicago convention,' 'free and unlimited coinage of silver' is the only new plank since the civil war, and that song like the song of a dying man became the melody of its dying hour.

"The democratic party is a national mourner. Every four years it buries its treasures. In 1860 it buried 'state sovereignty.' In 1864 it buried 'opposition to the war.' In 1868 it buried 'opposition to reconstruction.' In 1872 it buried a 'renegade republican.' In 1876 it asked the republican party to furnish the cadaver. We refused, and with great grief and lamentation it finally buried 'Hilden and reform.' In 1880 it buried 'Hancock and local tariff issue.' In 1884 it missed the funeral procession, but continued to wear mourning. In 1888 it buried 'tariff reform.' In 1892 under the leadership of Grover the Second the democratic party obtained absolute power in all branches of the government. It almost immediately commenced divorce proceedings against Grover, and made preparations for a first-class funeral which followed in 1896, when the democratic party with tears in its eyes laid away forever the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. In the coming contest the democratic party will enjoy another carriage ride to the cemetery, and this time it will bury three things—Bryan, Aguinaldo and all hope of future success."

Showing Up the Frauds.

The democratic Papillon Times has been telling some more truths about the sham reform state officials. It says:

"One cannot read the published accounts of the proceedings of yesterday's meeting of the State Board of Transportation without reaching the conclusion that Messrs. Meserve, Wolfe and Cornell acted more like servants of the railroads than servants

to the public. Meserve offered a resolution to rescind the action of the board in 1897, requiring the roads to grant carload rates to shippers of live stock, and his resolution was adopted notwithstanding a vigorous protest by Attorney General Smyth, who was supported by Secretary Porter. To a man up a tree or in Nebraska it would seem to appear that Wolfe, Meserve and Cornell were representatives of the railroads and not servants of the people. Language too strong cannot be employed in condemning these men who are selling the people and their party to the railroads. This latest action on their part shows clearly where the blame belongs for failure of secretaries to "do something" during the past two years. The Lincoln Post, the able champion of the corporation faction in the fusion forces, will probably ask to have the Times arraigned on a charge of treason, because we dare point out the real traitors to fusion principles and to the fusion cause. But no matter. We cannot afford to have fusion hopes in this state blighted by the uncondemned conduct of any of our party leaders, even though those leaders may be filling state offices.

Senator Stewart's Views.

That venerable silver leader, Senator Stewart of Nevada, has not changed his mind on the expansion question. On the 11th of January, 1871, in speaking on the San Domingo resolution, he said:

"I believe that it is a part of the destiny of this country, whether for good or not, to annex more territory. I do not believe in the power of any man or set of men, or of any party, to prevent the accomplishment of this destiny. While this republic grows it must expand, it must increase; as it grows it must extend its territory as it will; wealth and power increase. That has been the history of every country while it was attaining its destiny. History does not furnish us an example of any nation that has risen to power and prominence which has not during growth expanded. It is one of the elements of growth for a nation to expand, as much as it is an element of growth in the oak, which, as it grows, must have room to extend its trunk and multiply its branches." (Cong. Globe 1871, page 427.)

In a speech on the floor of the Senate a week ago Senator Stewart made this quotation from his former speech, and then followed with a strong argument in favor of retaining the Philippines. He said that the president had acted wisely and properly in the matter, and that the administration had not departed from the teachings of the fathers of the republic.

It is high time that the Aunties read Senator Stewart out of the popocratic party.

Reducing the Debts.

The farmers of Seward county made a reduction of \$40,564 during the month of January. Farming pays in that county. Gage county is also prosperous. The farmers there reduced the indebtedness \$13,828 during the month.

During the year 1899 there was a total reduction of the real estate mortgages in the state amounting to \$7,127,814. Since the election of McKinley the total reduction has amounted to \$19,907,635, or about \$19 per capita for the entire population.

Another Increase in Wages.

Three years ago the Baltimore & Ohio road was practically bankrupt, as were many other lines, the result of stagnation of business under democratic times. Now all this has changed. A few days ago the B. & O. announced an increase in the wages of its engineers, affecting over 3,000 men. Other roads have taken similar action since the election of McKinley, and hundreds of thousands of employes have been directly benefited.

Reducing the National Debt.

Prosperity makes its showing in the United States treasury as usual. For the first half of February the receipts of the government exceeded the expenditures by \$3,118,619.79. For the past eight months the net gain has been at the rate of \$4,500,000 per month. Under a democratic administration, in a time of peace, the government was running behind and increasing the public debt. Note the difference.

Travels Like a Ptoleocrat.

Fusion papers are announcing that Bryan has traveled 92,726 miles since his nomination in 1896. Had he not traveled on passes and levied on local committees for his incidental expenses, the straight coast of such a trip would be over \$5,000, provided he rode in ordinary coaches the same as the "dear common people" patronize.

Rate of Increase.

The decided increase in prosperity may be traced by the figures showing the sales of American manufactured goods to foreign countries during December, 1897, \$23,000,000; in 1898, \$28,000,000; in 1899, \$36,000,000. Farm products show a corresponding increase.

"Ben Hur's" Great Success as a Play.

One of the most pronounced dramatic successes of the season in New York is William Young's dramatization of "Ben Hur," now for about three months holding the stage of the Broadway theater, with crowded houses. The dramatization of "Ben Hur" was done with assistance in suggestion from Gen. Wallace, author of the novel.

Twenty-Four Hour System Works Well.

The American Society of Civil Engineers has been discussing the advisability of the general adoption of the twenty-four hour clock, and a prominent member of the society, who is a manufacturer in Maine, said in a recent speech that he had been using the twenty-four hour system for time and all his workmen like it and understand it.

All "Roosevelt" Shops.

Nearly every barber shop in Albany has on one of its shelves a shaving mug labeled "Theodore Roosevelt." It is a good advertisement for the barber, but as a matter of fact that governor does not patronize any of the shops. He gets shaved in the private room of the executive chamber.

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