

VALENTINE, - NEBRASKA

ROBBERS GET \$12,000

PROMINENT STOCKMAN HELD UP IN COLORADO HOTEL.

His Coat and Vest, which Contained Most of the Money, Are Torn from His Body—No Trace Found of the Highwaymen.

Walsenberg, Colo.: W. J. Milsap, a prominent stockman, was seized by two men when about to enter his hotel Dec. 28 and robbed of \$12,000. The money was mostly in his coat and vest pockets. These garments were torn from him. No trace of the criminals has been found. Milsap was on his way to Mexico to buy cattle.

NO DEMAND MADE.

State Dept. Not Disturbed by British Seizure.

Washington: Equanimity in the state department is not at all disturbed over the significance attached in legal and mercantile circles to the stopping by British warships of British and Dutch merchant vessels bound for Delagoa Bay with cargoes exported from the United States. Officials express confidence that the British government will make full reparation for any act committed by its naval agents if it turns out to have been illegal or unjustified, and they profess the profound conviction that Englishmen are not taking any hazardous chances just at present of antagonizing any considerable popular element in America.

CHARLES E. PIKE IS DEAD.

Old Time Republican Leader Passes Away in St. Paul.

St. Paul: Charles E. Pike died Dec. 28 at his residence in this city. In early life he was one of the first Free Soilers and one of the founders of the Republican party in Massachusetts. In 1847, while a member of the Maine legislature, he wrote the resolutions which, according to the custom of that time, brought before the people the name of Taylor for president. In 1859 he removed to Wisconsin and founded the Oshkosh Northwestern, which during the war was a radical supporter of Lincoln. In 1865 he was appointed solicitor of the internal revenue department and assistant attorney general of the United States.

FATHER KIDNAPS A CHILD.

Husband of Des Moines Woman Regains Baby at St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mo.: While Mrs. S. E. Holland, the wife of a carpenter, lay sick at her home on Bartlett Street Dec. 28, a strange man and woman entered the room. The man held Mrs. Holland while the woman seized a 2-year-old adopted baby girl from the bed and carried it away. The child is the daughter of Mrs. Lillian Hammond, formerly Miss Lillian Lemon of Des Moines, and is supposed to have been kidnaped at the instigation of her husband. Mrs. Hammond is now a traveling saleswoman for a Chicago wholesale house. She left the baby here.

200,000 IRISHMEN READY.

T. E. McVeigh of Dublin Talks of the Fenian Movement.

WHEELING, W. Va.: A secret meeting of Irishmen was held here Dec. 28 in the interest of the Fenian movement and the Boer cause in South Africa. T. E. McVeigh of Dublin, who is a candidate for Michael Davitt's seat in parliament, and who has been in the city a week working up the meeting, made the principal address. In an interview he confirmed the report that a Fenian movement was on foot, and said there were 200,000 Irishmen ready to strike a blow at England at any opportunity.

POPE MAY URGE PEACE.

Credited with Intention of Seeking to End Conflict.

Berlin: Private information has been received here that Pope Leo intends in honor of the holy year attempting to end the Transvaal war, for which purpose he will appeal to the Catholic powers, and in Vatican circles there is a report that Austria is inclined to co-operate.

Shoots Mother and Two Children Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chattanooga, Tenn.: Samuel Mills, a collector for an installment house, attempted on Dec. 28 to seize the furniture in the house of Mary Stenabek, colored, for a small debt. The woman attempted to prevent it, and in the struggle that ensued Mills shot the woman and her little son and daughter, all seriously. It is thought the boy is dying, his wound being inside. Mills has been arrested.

Predicts Big Gold Output.

St. Paul: Col. Evans, second in command of the next Canadian contingent to South Africa, has just returned to Winnipeg from the Yukon gold region. He says the gold output next year will be very heavy and that steam thawing apparatus is now in use in the gold country.

Abolish Export Tax on Coffee.

Washington: Word has been received here that the Mexican government has abolished the export tax on coffee. This is expected to have a considerable effect in the United States by increasing the receipts of Mexican coffee.

Voluntary Increase in Wages.

Hazleton, Pa.: The 1,800 men employed by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company and the Silver Brook Coal Company were notified Dec. 27 of an increase of 2 per cent. in their wages. The new wage scale went into effect Dec. 1.

Two Miners Killed.

Webb City, Mo.: Joe Frye and Edward Overton, miners, were killed on the 27th inst. at the Phoenix mine near Carterville, their heads being crushed against a wheel of the hoisting apparatus.

IOWANS GO TO TEXAS.

Immense Tract of Rice Land Secured by a Syndicate.

Houston, Tex.: An Iowa syndicate, headed by D. B. Hurd and A. H. McVey, has secured an option on 10,424 acres of rice land in Jefferson County for which they have agreed to pay \$185,000. The same parties also secured a ninety-day option on another tract, which makes the total transaction amount to the purchase of 14,294 acres, to cost them \$225,000. The gentlemen are acting as trustees for a syndicate now being organized in Iowa to go into the rice business on a large scale. This syndicate is projected with a paid up capital of \$500,000, and in addition to raising rice the land is to be cleaned and drained for farms. The plan has progressed so far that the trustees say the options on the land were necessary to completion of the organization. Farmers from Iowa are to be brought to Texas to do the work and they will be stockholders. Certified checks have been deposited for 5 per cent. of the purchase money.

WOMAN HANGED.

Hilde Blake Executed for Murder of Her Mistress.

Brandon, Man.: Emily Hilde Blake was hanged on the 27th inst. for the murder of her mistress, Mrs. Lane. The execution was private. Miss Blake, who was only 22 years old, walked firmly to the scaffold without assistance and was the coolest of the party. She made no statement.

The crime for which Emily Hilde Blake was hanged was the murder of her mistress Mrs. Robert Lane of Brandon, July 5 last. Mrs. Lane was found lying with a bullet hole in her breast, and the Blake girl gave the alarm saying a tramp had murdered her. Later she was charged with and confessed the crime, saying she did it because she loved Mrs. Lane's child and was jealous of the mother's love. The trial was brief, as she refused all offers of counsel and pleaded guilty.

ANOTHER BOSTON FAILURE.

Old Banking and Brokerage Firm Suspends Business.

Boston, Mass.: Edward C. Hodges & Co., bankers and brokers, suspended business Dec. 27. The firm is one of the largest in the city. Its dealings had been principally in municipal bonds.

Hodges said the trouble was caused by the refusal of Boston banks to give the firm credit on United States mining shares. No statement of assets or liabilities was made.

MAINE DEAD AT ARLINGTON

One Hundred and Fifty-One Bodies Consigned to Earth.

Washington: The remains of 151 sailors of the battleship Texas, arrived here by special train Dec. 27 and were escorted by a guard of honor from the Texas. The bodies were conveyed to Rosslyn and from there transferred by wagons to Arlington cemetery. The caskets were placed in open hospital tents.

INDIANS HAVE SMALLPOX.

Disease Serious at Crow Creek and in Indian Territory.

Washington: Smallpox among the Indians in Indian Territory and at Crow Creek agency, in South Dakota, and other reservations, has assumed serious phases. Congress, immediately after reconvening, will be asked for an appropriation of \$50,000 with which to stamp out the epidemic.

Great Depot for Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y.: The common council has approved the proposition to grant the Hamburg canal property, in this city, to Michael J. Burke, in consideration of his agreeing to erect thereon a union station at a cost of not less than \$1,500,000 and to allow such station to be used for passenger traffic by all railroad companies now and hereafter running into this city.

Fraudulent Use of Mail.

New York: Eugene L. Packard, who formerly conducted the Investment and Security Company, a get-rich-quick institution, was on the 27th inst. convicted in the federal court of using the mails to further schemes to defraud and was remanded for sentence. Packard, it is alleged, ran the Hughes Investment Company, with offices in Wall Street.

Cat Bite Causes Death.

Lancaster, Pa.: Abraham J. Lefevre, a farmer of Greenland, aged 45 years, died from hydrophobia. He was bitten on the hand by a cat about four months ago, but did not feel any ill effects from the wound until last week, when his arm became stiff. By Sunday he was violently ill and it became necessary to keep him under the influence of opiates.

Miners Pardoned.

Springfield, Ill.: William Conser, Jas. Galloway and Rudolph Beltz, three men serving a six months' jail sentence here for participating in the Carterville mining riot, were discharged Dec. 27 by Judge Allen of the United States court, after serving three months. The court extended leniency at the urgent request of prominent labor officials.

Triple Alabama Tragedy.

Huntsville, Ala.: Jesse Harden cut the throat of his uncle, James Harden, killing him and seriously wounding John Harden, James Harden's brother. Mac Russell then shot and killed Jesse Harden. All are well known and prominent in politics. The cause of the fight is not known.

President Pardons Hoshall.

Baltimore: John S. Hoshall, who was sentenced about eight months ago in the United States district court to ten years' imprisonment in the city jail for a violation of the postal laws, has been released from jail, his sentence having been commuted by President McKinley.

Chokes Wife to Death.

Baltimore, Md.: Franklin B. Livingstone, the blind civil war veteran, choked his wife Rosie to death and then surrendered to the police. He claimed his wife tried to smother him with a feather bed. Jealousy is thought to be the motive for the crime.

TO BE GOOD TO SPAIN.

Cabinet Decides to Construe Treaty in Most Liberal Terms.

Washington: The cabinet on the 26th inst. decided to construe in a most liberal way that portion of the treaty with Spain regarding the return of Spanish soldiers and prisoners of war. By the terms of the treaty the United States agreed to transport all such from conquered territory to Spain. The question whether the terms of the treaty covers Spanish prisoners in the hands of the Philippine insurgents, now being liberated, has been the subject of correspondence between Otis and the Spanish representatives at Manila.

The cabinet decided to admit the language of the treaty covered not only these, but their families and all Spanish civilian officers and families. All will be sent home at the expense of the United States.

PLAGUE AT HONOLULU.

Transports Bring News that It Is Raging in Asiatic Quarter.

San Francisco: The army transports Centennial and Newport, which arrived here late on Dec. 27 from Manila via Honolulu, bring the startling news that the bubonic plague is raging in the capital city of the Hawaiian islands.

The details were not obtainable, but it is understood that the scourge was brought into Honolulu by a vessel from one of the infected ports of China.

The administration of Honolulu is upon a very modern and scientific basis. Americans are in charge and the probability is that the plague will not spread outside of the Asiatic quarter of the city.

STRIKERS CAN USE PICKETS

Unusual Decision as to Rights of Striking Workmen.

Toledo, Ohio: Judge Morris, in common pleas court, on Dec. 27 rendered an unusual decision as to the rights of striking workmen. The members of the Bicycle Workers' Union struck at the Standard Tube & Forkside Works. A temporary injunction was granted restraining the strikers from patrolling the works and accosting and intimidating employees who took their places.

This injunction Judge Morris dissolved, holding that the strikers had a perfect right to keep pickets about the works and to talk to workmen and urge them to come out. The case will be appealed.

CHANCE FOR BOSTON BANK

Broadway National Given an Opportunity to Get on Its Feet.

Washington: The comptroller of the currency has given the directors of the Broadway National Bank of Boston an additional week in which to perfect arrangements for the reopening of the institution. In the meantime nothing will be done which would prejudice the efforts of the officers to place the bank on a solid foundation.

FAMOUS ROCK FALLS.

Noted Spectacle at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., Destroyed.

Cumberland Gap, Tenn.: The celebrated Pinnacle Rock, which overhung Chamberlain Gap and was a noted natural spectacle, fell Dec. 27. The town was awakened as if by an earthquake as the immense mass, weighing hundreds of tons, came tumbling down. No lives are reported lost, although considerable property was destroyed.

Colored Murderer Escapes.

Norfolk, Va.: Walter Cotton, a desperate negro murderer, sentenced to hang Jan. 12, walked out of the county jail here Dec. 27 despite the presence of J. Saunders, the night watchman in the cell, and escaped. Saunders was asleep in a rocking chair. Cotton evidently received assistance from the outside.

Shoots His Wife and Saicides.

Indianapolis, Ind.: John A. Hoover, an elevator conductor, aged 24, shot his wife twice in the head and fatally wounded her. He then turned the weapon on himself, sent a bullet into his brain and died from the effects of the wound an hour later. Jealousy was the cause of the crime.

Poison in Christmas Dinner.

Barberville, W. Va.: Three members of the family of Manford Pollock died Dec. 25, having been mysteriously poisoned while eating their Christmas dinner.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle common to prime, \$3.00 to \$7.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, red, 66c to 67c; corn, No. 2, 30c to 31c; oats, No. 2, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 53c; butter, choice creamery, 24c to 26c; eggs, fresh, 16c to 18c; potatoes, choice, 35c to 50c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$6.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 62c to 70c; corn, No. 2, white, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2, white, 26c to 28c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$7.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 2, yellow, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 54c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 71c; corn, No. 2, mixed, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2, mixed, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 62c to 63c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 2, yellow, 32c to 33c; oats, No. 2, white, 27c to 28c; rye, 56c to 58c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2, mixed, 69c to 70c; corn, No. 2, mixed, 31c to 33c; oats, No. 2, mixed, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 54c to 56c; clover seed, \$4.70 to \$4.80.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 64c to 66c; corn, No. 3, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2, white, 24c to 26c; rye, No. 1, 55c to 56c; barley, No. 2, 43c to 45c; pork, mess, \$9.75 to \$10.25.

Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$6.75; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$4.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$5.75.



BETWEEN TWO LOVES

BY CHARLOTTE M. BRAEME.

CHAPTER VI. It was drawing near noon. Some of the men had sought the coolness of the billiard room; some of the ladies had retired to the shade of the great cedar tree, with books and work. Leah had gone to her favorite spot, the terrace, where the passion flowers grew in such profusion. She smiled as she gathered some of the flowers, remembering the name "passion-flower" had been given to herself.

Then her thoughts went to Hettie, who had loved the sweet white lilies best. How different life would be if that beloved sister were here, how doubly precious this grand domain if Hettie shared it! In the gleaming light on the river, in the fire of the scarlet passion-flower, in the flowers of the gay parterre, she saw the sweet, fair face with its aureole of golden hair. Would they ever meet again? Abruptly she saw Sir Arthur standing close to her, a stranger by his side.

"Leah," said the general, "our neighbor, Sir Basil Carlton, has been kind enough to waive ceremony and call upon us first. Sir Basil, my adopted daughter and dear niece, Miss Hatton."

A great hush, a great calm came over her, she saw a noble face, full of fire and impetuosity; she saw dark eyes and straight brows, a firm mouth, dark clusters of hair, and a dark moustache. Yet beauty was not the chief charm of the stranger's face; courage and dauntless truth shone there. Most people, when they first met Sir Basil Carlton, were struck by his handsome features and manly bearing, but they were attracted even more when the eyes took a tender light and the mouth a smile as sweet as any woman's.

"I like England better than Italy," said Sir Basil, suddenly, after a few remarks. "You cannot think what a picture you made, Miss Hatton, standing against this background of foliage and flowers."

"You have been in Italy for many years," she said, quietly.

He drew just a little nearer to her. A great, trailing spray of passion-flowers lay between them; he raised it, and she thought to herself how strange a coincidence it was that she should see him with her favorite blossoms in his hand.

"I was a boy of eleven when I went away," he said, "and now I am twenty-five. Coming home is a very melancholy event for me, as you perhaps know."

"Yes; we have heard the cause of your mother's departure from England—and a very painful one it was, Sir Basil," said the general.

Leah looked up at him; all her soul awoke in her eyes. "Let us help you to forget the shadow which has fallen over your house and your life," she said; and his face brightened.

"I shall be only too happy, Miss Hatton, I dreaded my return. I remembered the Glen as one of the loveliest of homes. I have longed to be here. Yet the memory of that night will never leave me." His whole face changed. "My mother lived fifteen years after the accident happened; but the shock her system had received killed her at last."

tion that it is unlucky to wear faded flowers." "By all means replace it, if you will be good enough," he responded.

She took the spray of stephanotis from him and laid it upon the table. From one of the vases she chose a beautiful moss-rose bud, fresh as the dawn, and fastened it in his coat for him.

"That seems to me right," said Sir Basil. "I am glad you think so," returned the duchess, dryly. "But Miss Hatton has another theory. It is this—that for every person in this world there are one love and one lover—half souls, she calls them, if you can understand the term. She believes that she will recognize her half soul, or lover, whenever she sees him."

"It is a very pretty theory," said Sir Basil. "I do not see why any one should object to it." He looked at her somewhat eagerly as he asked: "And has she met this ideal yet?"

"That is a question she alone can answer. You must ask her yourself," laughed the duchess; and she smiled to herself as she thought she had given him a very plain hint.

The young baronet was far too modest to take it; that such a peerless beauty, such a wealthy heiress, should fall in love and find her ideal in him never occurred to him. If she had rejected many noble and great men, she was doubtless looking for some one higher. Yet what he had heard increased his affection and respect for her. He liked the idea of a girl who could make to herself an ideal, and wait patiently until she met with it.

CHAPTER VII. The Duke and Duchess of Roselene, with their visitors, were at Dene Abbey, within sight and sound of the ever-murmuring sea. Miss Hatton had the whole day to herself; she had no great household to manage as at Brentwood, she had no care about the entertainment of visitors; the long, bright hours were hers, to spend as she would.

Lady Maude Trevar had gladly accepted the duchess' invitation; but pretty Miss Luson had promised to pay a visit elsewhere, and could not break her engagement. The military element had dispersed. Sir Basil Carlton had been dejected by her graceful proposal to join the party at the Abbey. He liked the duchess; her kindly manner pleased him; he was touched by her kindness to himself, although he did not know the cause. He did not go with the party from Brentwood, but he followed them in a few days. It was a wonderful change from the green, sweet woodlands of Warwickshire to the country bordering on a sunny southern sea.

Leah was more shy and timid with Basil than she had been at Brentwood. She avoided him a little, but loved him just as much. She would have gone through fire and water for him; she would have made any sacrifice for him. The marvel was that the young baronet never dreamed of the conquest he had made. As for Leah, she had not yet begun to doubt; she felt certain that his love would be hers in the fullness of time.

Sir Arthur Hatton was a stranger to all fair love-dreams and sweet fancies. That he should understand a nature or a love like Leah's was not to be expected; but he was one day the unwilling witness of a little scene that opened his eyes.

In the library stood a large Japanese screen, and Sir Arthur enjoyed nothing more than placing this round one of the great bay windows and intrinsically himself therein with his newspaper. One morning there was some Indian news in the Times which interested him greatly—letters written by fellow officers whose opinions he valued highly. He wished to be undisturbed; so he took himself to his favorite retreat. He found the library cool and empty; the sun blinds were all drawn, the light was dim and pleasant. He placed the screen around his favorite window. "Thank goodness," he said to himself, "that I shall now be able to read in peace!"

Fate was against him this morning. The door opened. It was Leah who appeared. She was in her favorite colors of amber and white, with creamy roses at her throat. She did not observe the screen, much less wonder if anyone were behind it.