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CHAPTER XV

ON THE ENEES OF THE HIGH GODS T was on the evening of the day following the safe blowing in Blount's offices in the Temple court building that a one car special train slipped unostentationsly into the capital from the east, running as second section of the overland. Coincident with its sidetracking,

O'Brian, the vice president's secretary dropped from the step of the car and made his way across the tracks in the yard to the nearest railroad telephone which chanced to be in the yardmas ter's office.

Fifteen minutes later the result of O'Brian's telephoning became evident. Gantry and Kittredge, the division superintendent, left their respective offices in the railroad building, met in the echoing train shed and walked to-gether down the yards.

The vice president, sitting at the great table in the open compartment

which served him as a desk in work ing hours, looked up and nodded whe his two subordinates entered.

nis two subordinates entered.

"You got my message?" he queried.

Gantry answered for both. "Yes, and we were waiting. Your orders have been carried out. Nobody outside of the dispatcher's office and the few men in the yard crew knows that you are here."

Mr. McVickar sat back in his chair took one of the large black cigars from the open box on the table and passed the box across to his two sub-

"Light up," he said tersely. "I am due in Twin Canyon City tomorrow morning, and we've got to thrash this thing out in a hurry. Any change in the situation since your last report?" Gantry shook his head. "Nothing very important. Blount's uptown of-ices were broken into last night, and his safe was ripped open with dynamite. That's all."
"Well," said the big man at the ta-

ole, "what came of it?"
"Nothing so far as any one can find

To a disinterested observer it migh have seemed a little curious that the vice president made no further inquiry into the safe blowing. As a matter of fact, his next question completely ig-

nored it.
"What has Blount been doing thi

week?" he asked.
"He has spoken twice, once at Ariquipa and once at Hellersville. Collins says he has engagements chough to keep him out of town right up to lection day."

"That's good," was the nodded apoval. "He'd only be in the way h

at the capital."
"That young man has been pretty
nearly a frost," remarked Kittredge
casually. "If he isn't a wild eyed
fanatic, as Gantry here insists he is, fanatic, as Gantry here insists he is, he is deeper than the deep blue sea. I've been reping tab on him, as you directed, and he has worn out three of my best office men trying to keep

ases on him."
"You are prejudiced, Kittredge,"
"Ident's comment, "It was the vice president's comment. "It was the best move in the entire campaign putting him in the field. I don't suppose he has accomplished much in a practical way, but we have kept the orable Dave from using him, as he meant to.

"I don't know about the accomplish ment," put in Gantry. "There is a four ply mystery linked up in this speechmaking business. At dirst I thought Evan Blount's sudden popularity dated back to some word ser out from your Chicago office, but when you took me's tudn't I began to do count.

I can't make up my mind yet whether it is pure popularity growing out of his speeches or whether it's the assisted kind."

"Assisted?" said the vice president

with a lifting of the heavy penthouse eyebrows.

"Yes," Gantry went on. "It has been too unanimous. Collins has kept me posted, and he says the invitations have fluttered in thicker than the autumn leaves in Vallombross, and Kittredge's men tell us that the young cratter her here making what fluttered. orator has been making what figured as a triumphal progress all over the bands, receptions, committee

e has gone.".
"But his speeches have been straigh to the point, our point," interrupted the vice president. "I've been reading

Kittredge shook his head. "Gantry says 'Yes,' but I say 'No,' "
he contended. "There is such a thing
as putting too much sugar in the coffee. Blount's been overdoing it. He's
been putting the whitewash on so
thick that any little handful of mud

and happens to be thrown will stick ind look bad." was Mr. McVickar's decision. "Young Blount's good work has undoubtedly had its effect upon public sentiment. There is a distinctly better feeling to-ward us, and it is fairly state wide. We must be exceedingly careful. We must be exceedingly careful not to let the opposition newspaners get hold

The Honorable Senator Sagebrush

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of anything that can be used agams

to do it," said the superintendent "And I believe that old David is help ing them. That is the explanation the safe blowing incident, as I put

Again the vice president refused t comment on the office breaking.

"What I am most afraid of now is
that our young man will be overzealous," he said musingly. "He is some-

thing of a fanatic, as you have inti mated. Gantry." "He's more than that," Kittredge put in quickly. "I've had one man keep-ing tab on him—Farnsworth—who is as good as any detective that ever walked. He says Blount isn't half as in nocent as he looks. His speechmaking has taken him into every corner of the state, and Farnsworth save he has

been doing a lot of quiet prying and investigating on the side—looking up evidence, was what my man though Gantry began to look uncomfortable "Perhaps I ought to have mentioned it before," he said. "Blount has been holding me up to the rack all along; says if he preaches straight we've go walk straight. I've argued with him, but it doesn't do any good."

Once more the vice president's heavy

eyebrows rose. "You mean that he might be tempted to try compulsion?" he asked.
"Yes—er—in fact, he has threatened to do just that," stammered the traffic

At that the shaggy eyebrows bent themselves into a frown of abstracted

"We must take care not to give him a chance," he announced finally. "Dur-ing the lew days that intervene between now and the election he must be kept safely in hand. It won't do for him to be around and in the way while you two are trying to do busi-ness with Hathaway and the others. ness with ratheway and the others. Keep him out of the capital. And if you think he has been gathering evi-dence see to it that he doesn't get a chance to use it. How about that mat-ter in the Fifth ward? We've got to

make sure of Gryson this time. Kittredge held up a thumb and fore

finger tightly pressed together.

"We've got the city wards right there," he said, "with the Honorable David pretty safely euchred. He is playing a deep game this time—so deep that it is altogether underground and out of sight. But we have him down just the same."

The vice president reached over and pressed the bell push which signaled to is train conductor.

his train conductor.
"That is all I have to say," he concluded. "Keep your eye on young Blount and get rid of him for a few days. I'll leave the details to you. Get orders for me as you go up, Kittredge, and let me out as soon as possible. I ought to be halfway to Alkali by this time."

It was young Ranlett a reporter for

It was young Ranlett, a reporter for the Daily Capital, who told Evan Blount of the arrival of the presi-dent's car, running as second section

Ranlett had tried ineffectually to ge

to the private car, having for his object the interviewing of the vice president. Blount thought it a little singular that the vice president should come to the capital secretly, but he did not

stop to speculate upon this.

Having something more than a sus picion that Gantry was not passing his threat of exposure up to McVickar, he determined at once to seek an in-terview with the vice president. Walking rapidly down to the Sierra

avenue station, he saw a light in Gar try's office, and, meaning to be fair firs and severe afterward, if needful, he ran up the stair and tried the door o the traffic manager's office. It open under his hand. Gantry was at his

"Ranlett tells me that McVickar is in town," he began abruptly. "When

"Ranlett is mistaken-about twent ninutes mistaken," was Ganffy's re-ly. "Mr. McVickar passed through here a few minutes ago on his way Twin Canyon City. His special h been gone some little time."
"When is he coming back?"

"I don't know." "Did you see him?"

"Did you take up with him the mai ter of issuing new tariffs—to do away with the preferentials or to level the public rates down to them?" Gantry shifted uneasily in his chair and tried to evade. "There was very little time," he said. "Mr. McVickar

was in a great hurry, and his special was held only a few minutes." Blount crossed the room and sat "Dick, we've come to the last round-up," he said gravely. "In the nature of things I can't give you any more time. You've got to do something and

time. You've got to do something and do it quickly. Let's go up and see the editor of the Capital."
"What for?" demanded Gantry.
"I want you to give him an interview to the effect that a revision of the freight rates is in process and that shippers having grievances should present themselves at once. That will at least start the ball to rolling in the right direction."

"I should think it would," scoffed the traffic manager. "What you don't NO ALUM NO LIME PHOSPHATE

w about the making of reight tar- Growing Egyptian Cotton in Colorado River Region.

know about the making of freight fariffs would sink a ship, Evan. These
things can't be done while you wait."
"But they've got to be in this instance," Blount insisted. "If you don't
withdraw the preferentials given to
the corporations you must do the other the corporations you must do the other thing. Post your legal notice of a re-duction of the rates on the commodities upon which you are now allowing re-bates, and I'll fight straight through on the line I've been taking."

"And if we don't?" queried Gantry.
"If you don't do one or the other
there will be an explosion, just as I've
told you. Of course you know that
my safe was broken open last night—
wrecked with dynamite?" "Yes."

"Well, unluckily for you, the packet of papers which might otherwise have been taken or destroyed didn't happen to be in the safe. The documents are still where they can be used at a mo-ment's notice. And, Dick, I'll use my ammunition if you don't play fair." Gantry, long suffering and patient to a fault in a business affair, was not al-

ogether superhuman. "Evan, you are a frost—a black frost. You stand up so straight that you lean over backward. Don't you know that the Transcontinental is big enough and trong enough to chivvy you from one and of this country to the other if you

turn traitor? I love a fighting man, but I haven't any use for a fool,"

Blount laughed.
"If I have succeeded in making you mains. I'm going to explode the bomb, and it will be touched off far enough before election to do the work if you keep on refusing to make my word to the people good. That is all—all the all. Now, will you go up to the Capital

office with me and dictate that bit of information that I mentioned?" "Not in a thousand years!" raged Gantry. "Not in a thousand years!" Nevertheless he rose, closed his des and prepared to accompany the im portunate political manager. Half-way along the first block he said: "There is no use in our going to the Capital office at this time of night Blenkinsop doesn't get around to his desk much before 11. Let's go up to

At the railway club the traffic manager developed a keen desire to kill the intervening time in a game of bil-liards. Blount indulged him, beat the intervening.

Hards. Blount indulged mm,
him three games in succession and
consistently refused to drink with
him. At the end of the third game
terse definition of a Gantry gave a terse definition of a man who would force his friend to go and drink alone and went to the bar Ten minutes later when Blount went after him he had disappeared, and the visit to the newspaper office was post

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

In the Age of Science.
The bear of a man was

The bear of a man was still, of course, a bear of a man. No artifice could substantially alter that fundamental condition of life, the result being that he glowered at his breakfast much as usual.

"Nothing but proteids, carbohydrates and ash content. Can't you manage to get something different once in awhile?" he growled.

What, in fine, had the advances of science done to ease the lot of the pattent wife? Was there less dismay in store for her?—Puck.

Where Women Don't Like to Shop.
The stranger in Korea finds that he has struck topsyturveydom when he learns that women do not like shopping, that the prominent merchants keep their wares concealed in closets instead of displaying them in showcases and that the customer who does not fancy the first piece of goods street sign plays an important part in attracting trade. The large merchant houses in Korea are entirely without street signs.—Baltimore Star.

Stood the Test. The hour was 1 a. m.
Inside the dimly lighted hallway

tood Mrs. Dorkins, with a grim in her face. The front door was bolted. "John," she said in cutting accents "you have been dissipating at the club

"Maria," spoke a voice outside rapdiy, clearly and distinctly, "he blew ugubriously on the blooming bugle!" Instantly she unfastened and opened

Mr. Dorkins had not been dissipat

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that staple has been exported. But it was the considerable value of this import that induced the United States Department of Agriculture several years ago to to endeavor to develop Egyptian cotton culture in the United States in order to supply our own home market with a home grown product. Although experiments

practically \$500,000,000 worth of

were made at different points from South Carolina to Texas, as well as in western Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and southern California. angry perhaps there is a chance that you will do something. You may curse mè out all you want to, but the fact reconditions similar to those in the conditions similar to those in the Nile Valley and suited to the long staple Egyptan cotton were found. There 600,000 acres of excellent litch in the Imperial Yuma, Salt lew England mills.

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BY THE EARLY CANDLE LIGHT. "Mr. Bryan Lays Cornerstone." -Headline. It is gratifying to

work for once. -Omaha Bee. Of course, we are all glad that Vice-President Corral, of Mexico, got rid of that interview so eas

ly.-Omahaw World Herald. The women have refrained from taking sides in this whiskers dispute-they know its a ticklish

subject.—Washsngton Post. Since the democratic house be gan its session the Congressional Record makes lots better reading than it used to .- Houston Chroni

Another keeper has been killed by an elephant. Here is one more warning for some of the republican leaders in Washingon.-Cleveland Leader.

Labor has its recompenses. For example, continuous use of a brought from concealment is likely to be told that the merchant is quite sure he has nothing better. Elsewhere the pushing a lawn mower in the summer.—Philadelphia Inquired.

w? Chew! Est slov Chew longer, then chew again," says a Louisville health lecturer. He evidentally got into the habit Schools gives to teacher and by chewing the rag. - Macon (Ga.) News.

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Foley Kidney Remedy." Lieut, Kelly, of the United States army, was killed at San Antonio, l'exas, Wednesday, while making flight in an aeroplane. He was anding when an accident to the nachine caused it to run away, so to speak. It struck an embankment, turned over and Kelly's

eck was broken. dears the Cart Hitchies For Superintendent Public Instruction.

Mr. Editor:

Before we celebrate another anniversary of our National Independence, the children, teachers and people of alamance County, will be committed to the care, forecestors fought so valiantly to seto be filled by the County Board of Education, on the first Monday in July, is of greater importance correct life of our future hope in various pastorates of our county, girls for the respective duties of best graded and high schools in

Therefore, the anxious, and graduate from the Literary and alert thinkers of our county are Pedegogical department of the thinking daily on this supreme University of North Carolina, and and are, or soon will be, under question, supreme, because it is a question that lifts itself far the highest honor the University and Gila Valleys, and one-fifth above party affiliations and ties offers, was unanimously awarded this acreage could produce the of special friendship, hence, the amount of Egyptian cotton an- men who are leading the rank and his graduation. nually imported for the use of file of the great army of modern civilization, are thinking of the modern educator in his true relation to the present educational movement. They think correctly when they say, that if Alamance County is to do its best for its youth and for all, it must use the best possible machinery in the hands of the practical every day teaching educator. Yes, but the particular few ask, why are these questions agitated so much at present. The answer is simple. find Mr. Bryan at constructive This is a day of specilzation and concentration of forces. To illustrate, a great scientist spent a life time studying the common house fly, and the last hour re gretted his mistake, in not studying only one leg. It is a day when no man can be two in one, that is he can't be a successful farmer and a great captain of industry at the same time. To be more specific the word says, that we cannot serve two masters, for we will either love the one and hate the other, or cling to one and forsake the other. And I might say by way of parenthesis, that the present incumbent, is a man of sterling qualities, of genuine worth, but like so many men, has divid-

ed or permitted to be divided, his forces, one force leading into fields of religion and the other branch snow shovel in the winter puts to steal out into the educational garden. The teachers of our county are anxiously awaiting the and up, bear 3 per cent. interest decision of our County Board of and small bidders will receive "Chew your food thoroughly. Education, for the teachers know first consideration. Bids may be ands down to a few cents or and fresh hope that the visit of the proper Suprintendent of student alike.

> This question becomes all the more acute, when I learn that the present incumbent does not expect to be a candidate for re-election, because it means the selection of a man, whom we have not tried in this particular capacity. Therefore, it behooves every citizen of our county to cast his eyes around about him for the most desirable, and the best qualified man, available for this position, that can be secured for the salary paid. This leads to the conclusion that to get the kind of a man, that this place commands, it is necessary to go to one and only source, the school of teachers. The order of creation is everything after its kind. The farmer to the farm, the merchant to the store, the lawyer to the court, the engineer to his engine. the preacher to the pulpit, the teacher to the school and the educator to the service of education.

It is a matter of history not very far in the past, that the County Superintendent of Education, was some antiquated law ver, obsolete doctor, relegated teacher or discarded partisan politician, that in many instances was permitted to detract from this, the highest position of leadership in our county, but it is exceedingly gratifying to know that this conception of this calling has passed away many years ago in

our county. We have only to view the counties of Piedmont. North Carolina, to see strong, young, progressive teachers and educators in each county, serving the boys and girls and teachers as their constant friend and fellow worker. For example, in sight, and wisdom of some person Durham County, Massey, in Guilas County Suprintendent of Public | ford Foust, and in Wake Judd, Instruction, for the next two the boys all giving the maximum years, a leader who will be in- results. Therefore, I must say strumental in preserving unto us that what we need, if we need one and more perfectly developing thing more than another, is a that freedom our grizzly gray an- man who has spent his entire time in the study and service of the cure and maintain. The position broad field of education, a man with special training for special work, and I for one of the many bystanders see every one of these and of more vital interest to the qualifications and requirements for County Superintendent of boys and girls, than the filling of Education met in an exceedingly any other place in our county, and full measure in our native born when I make this sweeping state- home grown, self made Univerment, I am not unmindful of the sity trained scholar and Christian gentleman, Prof. J. B. Robertson for this leader is commended to rise who has spent five years teaching above sect, creed, doctrine and in the public schools of our coundenominational strife, and serve ty, and five years Superintendent all alike in preparing the boys and or Principal of several of the

> to Mr. Robertson on the day of This letter is not alone my own impression, but that of a large number of the teachers of the County, who are high school and college companions of mine as well as of Prof. Robertson. Not through malice, hatred or envy, but with the hope that these requirements will be met for the best interest of all our people.

the State. This young man, is a

the Mangum medal in oratory,

Very sincerely,

JNO. R. HOFFMAN. Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president of the State Farmers' Union, announces that in endorsing Congressman Webb's opposition to Canadian reciprocity he spoke the checks for it,. He was invi only his individual views, that he did not in any sense speak for a trip to Washington to tell the Farmers' Union because no one man or set of men can speak his property; he would cash to with authority for the Union on when he pleased, or burn th any question that might be con- he wished. If he does the structed as partisan in character. the organization being strictly vaults until Congress, perh non-partisan. wight dispose of it. The Tr

At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, in Jacksonville, Fla., Wednesday of last week, Dr. E. C. Dargan, pastor of the First Bapsist church of House, has \$21,000 waiting Macon Ga., was elected president, defeating Joshua Levering of years, but the Tre

Baltimore, the former president. The government is asking bids payee, as the contractor fall for \$50,000,000 of bonds for Panama canal work. The bonds will be sold in denominations of \$100 made through any national b

W. C. Vaughn, a prominent lawyer, was killed and Charles H. Johnson, a tinsmith, probably fatally injured in a pistol fight it the lawyer's office at Jacksonville Fla., a few days ago. Johnson had called to see Vaughn regard ing a debt, it is said. Vaughn is supposed to have fired five shots after being shot through the heart while Johnson fired four. There were no witnesses to the tragedy.

John Kane, a negro tailor in New York city, in desperate resis tance to arrest and to the attack of a mob which tried to seize him after he had shot and fatally wounded a white man Wednesday night, shot or stabbed two men to death, fatally wounded another man and inflicted more or less serious injuries upon six other persons, one of them an 8-year-old girl. His mad career was halted by a revolver bullet which penetrated his lung and he was taken to a hospital dving.

The memorial to the Confeder ate soldiers erected at Lincolnton and dedicated 10th inst, is a beau tiful drinking fountain of North Carolina granite.

The Mocksville Record save that Millard Boon was at work in the roller mill at Cana when his clothes were caught in the shafting and torn completely off. He was badly bruised but no bones were broken.

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cautious investors. From time to time the Tre attempts to call in the checks the vagaries of human nature shown. One citizen has n \$60,000 waiting for him, and h recently to cash it, and he Treasury officials the che his money will be held in

ury can do nothing but ke The contractor who laid the pavement upon Pennsylvania nue, from the capital to the Wi him. It has been there has been able to find the ri

litigation, which never has The amounts of this ownerless fund ranges from smaller amounts are all held those who owned govern curities at some time or and probably have forgott collect their latest inter

his affairs became involved i

The farm will come nearer ning itself than any other i tution on earth. What would i be like if the farmer put as mi system into it as is put into noderan department store the modern newspaper. By visit ing the farm of the late Day Rankin, at Tarkio, Mo., or that owned by the Smiths, of Okla-

oma, you can see for yourself Possession is said to be points in law. This is certainly true of weeds. When they or get the possession of a field is takes about nine times the labo to get rid of them that wo be needed if they had been held in check from the start.

Robert Glassbrooks, a young county, was arrested in Newpor News, Va., a few days ago, and brought to Lenoir jail. He is charged with burning the post-office at Granite Falls, Caldwell county.

The Sentinel says a traini school for girls who wish to ente home mission field, and an in tute for laymen and pre may be established in Win Salem and both likely be operat ed in connection with Bu Institutional church, under auspices of the board of of the Western North Ca Conference, M. E. Church