By SEWARD W. HOPKINS.

CHAPTER XIX.

ok to the temple I was led. Keumai was resting on her throne and as she moved easily to note who he tumuit might be that was comin oward her, I thought again that sho can the most super-dy beautiful cree the the meet supercity beautiful orestive I had ever seen. Every line or see Sorm, showing through the thin white robes she wore, was a line of sanity. Every motion was a poemittery breath she drew made her seem rise and fall with a majestic

ien the high priests, leading me rir midst, came before Kaussai's e, they knelt upon their knees sowed low before her. I did the me towed low before ner. I did the mane. There was a great contrast be lween this bow and the one I had given in the Temple of the Glistening Book at Nimolea's bidding. The seemed farcical. I laughed at it. But there was no mirth left in me now.

"Why do you thus disturb me?" saked the priestess severely, rising to her feet and standing impassively be

The dangers and horrors of the situa-tion stood out before me in awful dis

"We have come, oh, priestess, to lay before you the question of this priest? fats."

"Have I not already said that he cold be put in the dungeon, and tree await the judgment?" ahe asked "True, oh, priesteus, wise and good munai, said the leader of the high-"and we hastened to do you. We carried him to the dun bidding. We carried him to the dun-geon. While on our way we thought to please you, ch, priestess, and to please the goddess Pele by making this erring priest assist in the sacrifice of the sacred one, when Pele demands

"Well?" she asked, as the high Seamed to

sgreed," continued the high "and as we were about to leave "He agreed," continued the high priest, "and as we were about to leave him he offered a strange supposition to us. He said there might have been two new priests received to-day in stead of one. That both might have descrated the temple by laying hands on the escret one, and both might be condemned to the dangeon. Then, oh, priestess, he said that we might have made the proposition to assist is the sacratics to both of them, and be would agree, and the other priest would refuse. Then, oh, priestess, the other priest would he sent to the dangeon to await his doom, and what would be done with this priest?"

"But the dangeon is empty."

would be done with this priest?"
"But the dungoon is empty."
Kannasi said this with a peculiar inflection. She was looking at me intently. My mask was gone and she
was studying my features. And under the glance of those ravishing eyes
my pulse beat more quickly and my
heart throbbed strangely. What force
might not lay in the magnetism of this not lay in the magnetism of this

"True, the dungeon is empty, oh, riestens," said the leader, "but we rill let the successor of Lowai speak or himself."

cakf" said Kaumai, softly. "Oh, priestens, you who are so bean-fal," I began, "must be also noble, came here as a priest, having bear ade the successor of old Loval in Oahn. I saw at your feet, awaiting sacrifies, one whom I loved. I forgo orders. I forgot reason. You what I did. You do not forgive. igh-priests suggested to m m I loved, and then, as a reward, become one of themselves. I act capted. Now, O Pricates, in the case that has been placed before you, it the other pricet had refused, he would go to the dungeen. I, having ac-cepted, do not deserve to harsh a treatment."

A gleam came into the eyes of Kan-

"What the priest says is trae," she said. "What, then, is your desire?" "To be allowed my freedom until the

me for the merifice has come."
"Let the successor of Lewni be wad the fruedom of the temple. "Let the successor of Lowal be al-swed the traceous of the temple. Let the steep, however, in the dungeon, eithers belting the door. Let him mt with the common priests in their half. But let him not escape," said

ik you, O Priestess!" I said.

with a low bow, the high-priests aroust every, leaving me free to walk there I would, but with a certainty hat I would be watched.

where I would, but with a certainty that I would be watched.

Lanual sweet past me, and there was comething strengely fascinating in the glance the gave me. There was a suprision of exultation in her slight smile. Her brilliant eyes beamed upon me. Her half-perted lips showed the sweet of running greety teeth. Her most, white is clababler and full-remaided as that of Venus, was elightly heat as she passed me. The odor of memore came from her robes. Her very presence was intericating.

"Tom here chosen well," the whispured, and the low, trembling voice consided in my care long after she hallest the tempts.

000000000 are and unfurnished save for the e of Kanmai and the chair at the alter where Winnis had sat when made the reckless break that seems made the rockless break that seemed likely to be a fatal error. The floor of the temple was worn smooth by many years of the restless tread of worshipers. The huge grotto was worshipers. The huge grotto was overhung with inverted cones like overhang with inverted cones like stalactites, which were of the same lara-stone as the entire mountain seemed composed of. There were great recesses reaching away into the mountain-side, from which came loud schoes of footsteps or the talking of people in the temple.

People in the temple.

Finding myself free and alone, I wanlered about the gloomy place, making
becalisr noises to hear the uncanny hoes that seemed to come from ever

I carefully and with caution exam I carefully and with caution examined the walls of the place where it was light enough for me to see, hoping to find some door through which I might reach Winnie or find where she was being kept. But the gruesome place was lighted only from a square land to the roof high shows maintaine in the roof high shows maintaine in the roof high shows maintained in the roof high shows maintained. perture in the roof, high above me ad the light so fell as to be centered around the throne, leaving the cavern

I re nembered that when Winnie was led away she was taken behind the throne, and I looked there for an other dungeon; but I found none. If there were any doors in the parts of the wall that I could examine, they were so carefully and skillfully made as to defy detection by one not in the secret of their constructi

secret of their construction.

I felt at first, when the high-priests departed, a sense of exhibitantion at having gained my purpose in so far as to be left free, instead of confined to a dungeon, and Kaumai's glance and smile had atimulated me with a peculiar thrill. But after I had been in the temple a few hours I began to feel the temple a few hours I began to feel the overwhelming solitude of the place. I began to feel the danger, to realize the horrors of my situation. I knew there was nothing to expect from the high priests but the worst. They were merciless in their fanaticism, and their delusious brooked no opposition. The other priests I did not fear so much, yet they were no doubt completely under the control of the highs. But about Kaumai-my heart beat more rapidly when I thought of her. So lovely! So magnificent in her transcendent beauty! be so ernol as to consign my sister to a horrible death, and compel me to sesset in the soul-siekening esremony? The more I thought of this, the worse I felt. The main door of the temple I fett. The main door of the temple stood open. I knew where it led. I had roticed when I came in the barren ledge of rock and the sluggish lake of molten lava below it. Having spent so much time in a fatile endeavor to and a hidden door, I finally resolved to go out into the air and see how the strange priests lived and acted when they were not engaged in their horri-ble worship of Pele.

I had reached the ledge of rock, and stood looking across the great crater overcome with a new sense of loneli ness and my insignificance. Not another person could be seen. There were evidently other grottees than the

one used as a temple.

While I stood thus a priest appeared from some aperture in the rock and

"Successor of Lowai, the priests of Pele are not to sit before the daily feast. You will follow me."

He returned to the spot from which

He returned to the spot from which he came into sight.

Hall hidden by bulging rock, a small opening led into a grotto much like the temple, save that it was better lighted. A long table was spread in the center, and around it as about a hundred release. in the center, and around it as about a hundred priests. These were the ordinary or common priests, and had thrown saids their masks and out-iandish costumes, the better to enjoy

Among these- I was welcome, for I was one of their order.

They eared nothing—or knew nothing—of the greater or less sin against Pete, as judged by the high-priests. They had seen me snatch Winnie to my breast and kies her, but they had seen me taken away to be punished.
As they were probably punished for
misdemeanors more or less great, they felt rather with me than against m on account of my crime. While I divined this in a few minuter falk, I also made certain that when it came to divined sum in a late when it came to a question of taking sides against the authority of the high-priests, they could not be relied upon at all. Every man seemed to be crasy in his infatman seemed to be crass nated worship of Pele.

There was a place for me at one side of the rude table, and at the sign from

of the rude table, and at the sign from my guide I took it.

"You are welcome here, successed of Lowsi," said an aged fool who sai it the head of the table. "Pele has bet many worshipers of your color. You will be a great priest."

"I am glad you think so," I repHed is the native tongus. "I shall endeavor to please Pele. But why am I always called the successor of Lewaif De I have no manne?"

Do I have no merse?"
"Not for a year," replied he whe seemed to be the chief among these lower griests. "For one year you are on trial. During that time you are known to us only se the encesser of Lowel, who was a good and tene priest, although he spent but little lime here. After the year, if you

have proven faithful, and Raumal and the high-priests accept you, you will receive a name. You may keep the one you had in Honolulu or may take

"Great is Pele!" said one of the "Will you have some "brethren."

There were no spoons nor forks among the pricets, so I dipped into the great dish of taro-root with my hands and gulped down the stuff the best I could. It was nauseating, eatbest fooded. It was nauseating, eat-ing in this way; but it was that or starve, and a man will do a great many unpleasant things rather than die. Then we had cocca in rude, wooden mangs, without milk, but with plenty of sugar. And the center of the table was piled high with bannuas.

"Where do you obtain supplies!" I seked, drinking from my wooden

"We have many ways," replied a priest near me. "One of us may at any time be sent to Kannakakai to buy food. Then we have priest nome at regular times to worship Pele und bring offerings from the people." "Have we any followers of Pele who

tre not priests?" I asked.

The brother who sat next to me mened his eyes wide in surprise al my gross ignorance.

"The worshipers of Pels are many,

ind

"True, Lowsi told me that," I said dding a little untruth to what the old pillain had really told me; "but he did not say how many. Hew many peo-ple in the world worship Pele?" "A hundred million," solemnly re-plied my neighbor at the feast.

I nearly smiled at the figures. Had done do, the act might have been atal. By plunging my nose into my ig cocca cup and swallowing the black nixture, I concealed the look of inredulity that came into my face in

spite of me. "How do you get to Kannakaka asked

"We wait for Patna, the fisherman to come for us in his boat."
"Is Patus a priest?"

"He is a member of Kammilouk nilimawai." 'So, then, he is one of na?

"Did you not know it?" asked chief among them fiercely. "Else aw did you come among us?" I was on dangerous ground and how did you I was on dangerous ground and bastened to right myself.

'True, Patua is a true follower, for

his ring met mine, and the spirit of Pele was felt in me." Thus confidence was restored, and

se finished the "feast."

Before we left the table the assembled priests went through a form if praise to Pele, consisting of much bowing and groaning, and we were for the time to go where we would. was stiff from sitting on the rough wooden benches that served for chara, and when I got into the air again I salked rapidly up and down the edge to get the kinks out of my

Seeing a fellow-priest standing done, gazing into the lake, I spoke to

im.
"When is the great sacrifleo to be?" He looked at me sharply and, with

scowl, said: "Do you not know that we must tot talk of these things except before Kaumai?" Then he turned and strode

najestically away.

Here was discipline with a perpose it was no wonder we never could earn anything about Winnie. If the priests of Pele, in the very center of he hideous worship, could not span of the victims of their fanaticism, than

sow doubly certain it was that they would not speak of them to others when inquiries were being carried on. Musing upon the strange beings who controlled this band of maniace! rent again into the temple. Hery sent again into the temple. Here, hought, I would be more likely searn something. If anything of portance—that had any bearing the fate of Winnie or myself—sho branepire, it would most likely be the temple. So I wandered about gloomy grotto, listening to the echant my cover foresters.

of my own footsteps.

It was drawing toward the evening time at which I might expect levotees of Pele to show themsel a the temple in a still more ridivamy mask and put it on, with some lefined idea that it was better than off.

en in the temple long, I had not been in the temple long, sefore one of the high-priests came in with some candles. He set two! of these near Kaumai's throne, and scattered the others nearby. Then with a taper he went from one to the others chanting a weird song to Pele, and lighting the temple for evening worship. Shortly afterward the nine other high-priests came is and formed a somi-circle before the throne, standsomi-circle before the throne, stand ng in an expectant attitude.

Then Kanmai came Then Kaumai came.

Why was it that I seemed to grewarm and the blood flowed mo quickly through my veins when it strange, wild scroeress came before. She stood in matchless pororing into the gloom of the dar sees beyond the candles, and seem to be looking for some one. Havis taken her place on the throne, one has high-priests uttered a loud on taken her place on the throne, one is high-priests uttered a loud on the reason of feet, as he hundred common priests came if fley arranged themselves behind to high-priests, and knelt upon the state.

A well-known society woman London has an album containing pla graphs of all her costumes for the p ten years,

A beech tree twelve feet in he is growing on the tower of the ch at Fishtoft, Lincolnshire, Ragilli

**NORTH CAROLINA CROPS** 

Even Temperature and Abundant Moisture.

The past week was characterized by very heavy rain from Monday to Wedpesday inclusive, which were followed by fair, warm and very favorable weather. The rainfall averaged nearly 3.00 above the normal, but was very beneficial in nearly all the counties of the eastern district; along the northern border of the State, and in the extreme west, where the drought was generally broken, and crops materially improv ed; in the southern portion, however, the heavy rains washed cotton and corn lands badly in some localities and resulted in heavy freshets with overflow of low lands and some damaga to stacked hay and other crops. The floods in the larger rivers culminated on the 9th. The temperature averaged about 2 degrees above the normal for the week. On the whole the reports of correspondents were generally favorable, and indicate, improved prospects, as far as may be possible after a season so uniformly had as the present one.

Cotton improved generally during the week; late cotton was revived, to vigorous and will reach sufficient size to give a good yield with a late autumn; old cotton seems to be holding its fruit well, as very few reports of shedding have been received, but the boils are still scattering on the plants. It may be said that in some sections where the crop was well worked cotton will be good, in most others fair to very poor. Corn has come out better than expected; a great deal of corn was planted very late, deal of corn was planted very late, and it now looks very well, except on bottom lands where crops are practically non-existent; fodder is ripening. Some improvement in the growth of late tobacco occurred; cutting and curing continued during the week. reining continued during the week. Field peas and sweet potatoe vines are fine. Pranuts promise a full crop and will be ready for digging soon. Turning land for wheat is progressing slown; turnips are being sown and the seeds are sprouting nicely. Special reports in the apple crop indicate a poor yield almost everywhere; apples are knotty and not well formed, are rotting or failing before maturity, and the need of spraying was manifest this the need of spraying was manifest this season. The early hay crop was saved in good condition, but rains and freshets injured some of the late crop; a large amount of pea-vine hay will be made later in the season.

Man and Boy Drowned,

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Hickory. Special.—While attempting to save the boy. Mr. John Garrison, of Pineville, and his 14-year-old nephew, Dalee Wagoner, were drowned in the pond at the E. L. Shuford Cotton Mill, a few miles from here, about 6 o'clock Monday evening. Mr. Garrison. accompanied by his wife, had been here on a visit of a few days of the dead boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wagoner. Arthur Russell. as eye-witness to the drowning, says Mr. Garrison and young Wagoner came out to the bend of the river, at the favorite bathing place, and all three went in where the water is 12 to 15 fest deep. The boy was unable to swim and in attempting to save him Mr. Garrison lost his life, while Russell barely escaped, being almost unconscious when he reached the bank. Mr. Garrison's body was recovered, but at this hour there is on trace of young Wagoner's remains. Mr. Garrison is a well-known Mecklenburg farmer, having many relatives and friends in the Pineville section. lenburg farmer, having many relatives and friends in the Pineville section and also in Charlotte. He was about 40 years of age.

Tersely Told.

The London Timez announces the marriage of Arthur Wellsley Ann-truther, son of the late Sir Robert Anstruther, of Balcaskie, to Miss Rose Trapman, granddaughter of the late Arthur Gordon Rose, of Charleston

The harbor boat Petrolia. Standard Oil Company, was damaged by fire at her moorings at Norfolk Monday. Fire tugs saved her from

The North Carolina Agricultural De partment has been advised that there is an epidemic of blind staggers among the horses and mules in the Fairfield Section of hyse county and that we had a feel occurred. The Department wired Veterinarian Petty, of Winston, who is in Greene county, to hasten to Fairfield. State Veterinarian Peters of Winston, who is in Greene county, to hasten to Fairfield. arian Fait Butler is greatly needed. He

At Memphis, Chancellor Fleiskell deeided that the publication of libelous matter cannot be restrained by the press injunction. The decision was used on two grounds, first the freedom of the press is impaired; second the right of trial by jury is invaded.

Didn't Try It.

Niagria Falls, Special-Though thousands gathered to see Captain Johnson swim the whirl pool rapids Monday with his hands and feet tied, the swin. mer abandoned the trip before be reached the swift current and was towed ashors. He gavé sickness as an an

On a Big Hunt, Glenwood Springs, Col., Special .-

Miss Assa Morgan, daughter of J. P. Morgan, is one of a party that started out from this town for a week's hunt ing la sorthwestern Colorado. Prof Henry W. Osborn, of Columbia University, is in charge of the party. The leer season will not open until Augbear, mountain lion, lynx and

## CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Committed On White Lady Near Matthews, Mecklenburg County.

ASSAILANT CONFESSES THE CRIME

Captured and Lodged in the Charlotte Jall-Swift Punishment Will Likely

A Charlotte Special gives an account of one of the most revolting crimes ever committed in Mecklenburg county Mrs. Lemuel Martin, who lives in Providence township, within one mile of Matthews, was the victim of a most brutal assault by William Monroe, a negro from near Pineville, who has been living near Matthews for

After breakfast Tuesday morning Mr. Lemuel Martin, a farmer, left his home and went to Indian Trail, Union county, leaving his wife alone at home About 9:30 o'clock, while Mrs. Martin was sitting in a front room of her house, sewing. Monroe came up to the window and asked where her husband had gone. Mrs. Martin, who knew Monroe, was frightened by something in his manner, and told him that her husband had gone to the watermelon patch, which was closs by.

"Why did he take his horse if he was just going to the watermelon patch?" asked Monroe. Mrs. Martin saw that evasion was useless and did not reply.

The negro made a pretence of leavin the premises, but walked to the rear of the premises, but walked to the rear of the house and entered through the kitchen. He slipped up behind Mrs. Martin, and cathing her throat from behind, commenced to choke her. She broke loose and furiously defended herself. Monroe knocked her down with a chair. Her clothes were torn from her body and she was lacerated frightfully. In her desperate plight Mrs. Martin

continued to scream, and her cries were heard at the residence of Mr. J. T. Hargett, the nearest bouse, which is 300 yards away. Newton Hargett, a cousin of Mr. J. T. Hargett, at once started for Martin's house and on his way there was joined by Mr. Ben Ivey, who had also herad the screams

It is presumed that Monroe saw the within a short distance of the house he jumped from a rear window and ran. At the same moment Mrs. Martin, almost crazed, ran out of the front door. She was taken to Mr. Hargett's spet the day and night there. The unfortunate woman was Miss Susie Philimon, of Union county, and is only about 17 years old. Her condition in-tensified the horror of the assault.

News of the crime spread rapidly and in a short time a number of men, walk-ing and ou horseback, were in search of the negro. About noon they thought they had him located in a small piece of woods, but he managed to break through and escape. At an early hour last night it was stated that he had been traced to within two miles of Charlotte and that it appeared certain that he had come to this city. A relethat he had come to this city. A telegram was sent to Fort Mill, S. C., for bloodhounds belonging to Mr. B. D. Springs, of this city. The dogs arrived but were not unleased, as the police felt confident that Monroe could be found in one of three places in Charlotte. The entire force were immedi-ately interested in the case and all available men were detailed as searching parties.

Mr. Lemuel Martin and several of his

relatives reached town by 10 o'clock Tuesday night. Mr. Martin did not hear of the assault until late in the afternoon, when he was returning from In-lian Trail. He went at once to his wife, and after seeing her for a few minutes left in search of her assailant.

The Canture.

At 2:30 a. m., Monroe was caught abortly after 1 o'clock Wednesday morning at the house of his grandfather, a negro cabin on Mr. Bob McDonald's place. Police officers who made the arrest were Sergeant Jetton and Policemen Black, McCall, Squires and Garrison. In the party also were Mr. Taylor Black and Mr. J. T. Hargett, who at once identified the negro as

At 2 o'clock, while surrounded by he police officers and the aberiff, Monroe admitted his guilt. He is about 20 years old, very black, with a repulsive countenance and mean, narrow, fur-Confesses the Crime.

The scene was grim. The negro, with the manacles on, stood in the centre of the group and at first told a story that he had imperfectly prepared. He said that he and another negro named Walter Peoples had deliberately gone to the house, and that Peoples and not When he himself was the assailant. had finished Sergmant Jetton You lie. Tell the truth."

The negro looked around the group and feared what he need not have feared. His upper lip and mouth were cratched; there was blood on his shirt and other clothes; and no man could see the sight quietly or without the want to kill.

Monroe cronched up against the wall and in his second story told that he and Peoples had gove to the house and that he and not Peoples was the guilty par-

ty.
"You lie," said Sergeant Jetton. "Tell
the truth. We know that People was
not with you."
Then it was that the negro admitted

Then it was that the negro admitted his crime, saying that he alone had gone to the house and that he had accomplished his purpose. He went to the stable and saw that Mr. Martin's horse was gone. He want from there to the house and tip-tend from the kitchen to the room where Mrs. Martin sat. He told her that he would blow her braine out. She cried and then he cheked her

JUSTICE, SWIFT AND SURE.

Tried, Convicted and Sestenced to Be Hanged September 13th.

Mecklenburg court was in session at the time of the capture and an immediate trial was ordered. Mrs. Martin positively identified Mouroe, and he was put upon immediate trial. The jury deliberated only three minutes, when it returned a verdict of guilty, and the judge sentenced him to hang on September 13th.

Brooklyn Car Russ Into an Engine.

New York, Special-A trolley car on the Fiftcenth street line of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company collided with a Long Island Railroad locomotive at Kensington crossing. in the lower part of Brooklyn, Saturday. The motorman, named Lee, was killed outright, and from 20 to 25 passengers, who were on their way to Concy Island, were injured. Three of these, it is said, will die. It is said that a misunderstanding by the motor-men of the signals caused the acci-

Savasnah Street Car Trouble,

Savannah, Ga., Special.-Striking motormen and conductors of the Savannah, Thunderbolt and Isle of Hope Railway, the cousolidated system of street lines in Savannah, have made no riotious demonstrations since their strike was innugurated last Saturday. There is talk of violence, but it has not materialized. The police seem to have the situation well in hand. The company claims that it is in no way inconvenienced by the strike.

Relies of a Sultan.

Some of the costly things in the sultan's treesure house at Constantinople are children's cradles of pure gold inlaid with precious stones, divans covered with cloth of gold embroidered with pearls, suits of mail thickly encrusted big emeralds and diamonds, and other relics of former Ottoman splen-



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