

"I suppose they're coming to see if we've finished the job," returned the other, "and, by the saints, we ought to have done it ere this. But they shall find it done!"

The ponderous club was raised again, and with a quick, decisive movement, the man advanced. Ruric made a movement of the body as though he would bow his head for the stroke. Every nerve and muscle of his frame was set for the trial, and for the instant his heart stood still. Quick as thought his body bent—his right knee was brought almost to his chin—and then, with all the force he could command, he planted his foot in the pit of the assassin's stomach. The effect was electrical. The wretch bent like a broken stick and sank down without a single sign of life.

The second man uttered an oath and sprang forward with uplifted club, but Ruric easily dodged the blow, and then, as the thought for the first time flashed upon his mind, he darted to where the lantern stood and overturned it. He had noticed an open passage close at hand which seemed to lead to some sort of a dressing room, and, guided by his memory alone, for it was now dark as Erebus there, he glided swiftly into it. When he knocked over the lantern, he had upset column and all, and just as he reached the passage he heard a heavy fall, and he knew that his enemy had stumbled over the fallen column. He heard the curses, loud and deep, which dropped from the lips of the baffled man as he picked himself up, and in a moment more he was engaged by a conversation between the two, for villain No. 1 had revived, though the tone of his voice plainly indicated that he had a severe pain still lingering with him.

"Michael, Michael!" groaned No. 1, and as he spoke Ruric could hear him scrambling up on his feet. "Hi, Ruric!" returned No. 2. "Have you dropped him?" "No!" cried Michael, with a curse which we do not choose to transcribe. "He's a perfect devil!" "But where's the lantern?" "He put it out."

"But you ought to have knocked him down, you clown." "So had you." "Me? Why, he kicked me over." "Well, he dodged by me and kicked over the lantern."

"But where is he now?" "He's gone. Mark! Ha, I guess they've caught him. Don't you hear?" "Yes; they've caught somebody." "And of course it's him. He went that way. Let's go and find him!"

He did not finish the sentence, for at that moment a voice came up in thunder tones, and it said: "Ruric! Ruric!" "Good God!" gasped villain No. 1. "What is that?" "Ruric! Ruric!"

"By the living gods, that is not from any of our men!" uttered the second ruffian. "Ha, they are coming this way!" "Ruric! Ruric!"

"There is but one place," returned Oriel. "Here in the little drawing room. Come, let's find it. Oh, curses on that gunmaker's head! If he be not the very devil, then he's a bound partner of his. Have you found the entrance, Michael?" "No. It's near you somewhere. Don't you—Ha! In here!"

At that moment the glare of a flaming torch flashed through the gloom of the place, and the two villains stood revealed. A dozen stout men, all well armed, appeared in the only passage by which they could escape, for to have fled into the drawing room of which they had spoken would avail them nothing.

"Ho, villains!" shouted Vladimir, the monk, raising his flaming torch high above his head with his left hand, while in his right he waved a heavy sword. "Where is Ruric Nevel?"

"Here, here!" cried our hero, starting forward into the larger room.

"What! Safe—alive—well?" uttered Vladimir. "Aye, my noblest of friends. But, oh, cast off this accursed bond from my arms. It eats into the flesh!"

The ropes were quickly taken off, and then the youth embraced his deliverer. No questions were asked there. Only a few sincere thanks were uttered, and then attention was turned to the two villains, who yet stood trembling near them. They had not attempted an escape, for the way was blocked up. They were quickly secured, and then the party turned away from the place, and as they went Ruric gave the monk an account of the manner in which he had been entrapped and of the events which had transpired since.

"Merciful heavens!" ejaculated Vladimir as Ruric closed his account of the manner in which he had overcome the two men who had thought to murder him. "It was a narrow escape."

"But I might not have escaped without your coming," the youth said, "for any would surely have

round me, with my hands fastened behind me as they were I could not have escaped."

"True, true," returned Vladimir thoughtfully. "It was a narrow chance. But it is over now."

"And how gained you the knowledge of my whereabouts?" asked Ruric.

"I'll explain it to you when we have time. But did I understand you to say that the humpbacked priest was there?"

"He came to my dungeon with the rest, and 'twas he that I knocked down. Have you not found him?"

"No; we have seen nothing of him. We found two men in the hall, and that was all."

The place was searched all through for the priest, but he could not be found, and when Vladimir was assured that the arch villain had made his escape he prepared to leave the building. The prisoners, four of them, were led out first and taken away by the monk's followers.

When Ruric reached the street, the stars were all out, and the cool, frosty air struck gratefully upon his brow. He turned toward his mysterious companion, and under the grateful impulse of the moment he stopped. He raised his hands toward heaven, uttered one fervent sentence of thanksgiving to God and then moved on again.

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Customer—Have you any cheap serviceable shoes suitable for servants? Salesman—Yes, ma'am; what size do you wear?—Chicago News



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Conservative judges put the crop of Minnesota and the two Dakotas at not less than 200,000,000 bushels, worth to-day more than \$100,000,000 on the farm. There are 2,000,000 persons in the three States, and there are other crops than wheat. There are 18,000,000 acres of wheat in the three States, and the average yield per acre is expected to be high. There have been a few sections of the Red River Valley where the crop has been drowned out, but hail has been a trifling disaster, and hot winds have done no damage.

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Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, who is at Washington says that the three leading issues the Democrats will present in 1904 are: 1. Low tariff. 2. Suppression of trusts. 3. The extension of a constitutional government to all portions of the United States, or, he added, "to all places subject thereto." In deciding the insular cases the supreme court, he said, made a judicial amendment to the constitution, and since by this judicial legislation congress has the power to extend constitutional provisions to acquired territory, it is the duty of congress to see to it that there is a constitutional government wherever the flag floats.

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Table with columns: SOUTH BOUND TRAINS, STATIONS, No. 5, No. 3, No. 1, A. M., P. M., A. M.

Table with columns: NORTH BOUND TRAINS, STATIONS, No. 2, No. 4, No. 6, A. M., P. M., P. M.

All schedule trains carry passengers. Arrived: JOHN A. MILLS, Pres. and Gen. Man.

NOTICE! In the Superior Court. JOHNSTON COUNTY. J. A. Morgan vs. W. R. Barber and Nancy Barber.

The defendant, W. R. Barber above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Johnston County to foreclose a mortgage on the lands of defendant W. R. Barber, situated in the town of Benson, Johnston County, N. C., and said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at next term of the Superior Court of said county to be held on the first Monday in September, 1901, at the Court House of said county in Smithfield, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 10th day of July, 1901. W. S. STEVENS, Clerk Superior Court. WELLOS & MORGAN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE! In the Superior Court. JOHNSTON COUNTY. W. Lassiter, Adm'r of A. Barber vs. Clifford Vinson.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Johnston County, to foreclose a mortgage on the lands of defendant, situated in Smithfield Township, Johnston County. Said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county to be held on the first Monday in September, 1901, at the Court House of said county in Smithfield, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 11th day of July, 1901. W. S. STEVENS, Clerk Superior Court. WELLOS & MORGAN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE! In the Superior Court. NORTH CAROLINA. Claude Surles vs. B. Surles.

B. Surles, the defendant in this action, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Johnston County to dissolve the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Johnston County to be held at the Court House in Smithfield, on the 1st day of Monday in September, 1901, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief therein demanded.

This 15th day of July, 1901. W. S. STEVENS, Clerk Superior Court. ED. S. ARBELL, Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE! The undersigned having qualified as administrator on the estate of A. R. Duncan, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 31st day of July, 1902, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

This 19th day of July, 1901. P. T. DUNCAN, Administrator.

NOTICE. The undersigned having duly qualified as Executor on the estate of Nancy R. Wilson, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against the same to present the same to me for payment on or before the 1st day of August, 1902, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery, and all persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 27th day of July, 1901. JOHN D. DUPRE, Executor.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has issued a certificate of incorporation to J. B. Johnson, C. T. Johnson, G. W. Cavenshank, Preston Woodall, and others as follows: 1st. Name—The Benson Tobacco Warehouse Company. 2nd. Principal place of business—Benson, N. C. The object is to build and operate Tobacco Warehouse, Prize Houses, etc., and buy and sell tobacco. 3rd. The capital stock is \$2,000, divided into 200 shares. 4th. The stockholders shall not be individually liable. 5th. Duration, thirty years. W. S. STEVENS, Clerk Superior Court. Aug. 9-20-01.

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Table with columns: TRAINS GOING SOUTH, Dated January 15, 1901, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, A. M., P. M., A. M., P. M.

Table with columns: TRAINS GOING NORTH, Dated July 22, 1900, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, A. M., P. M., A. M., P. M.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, York Division. Train leaves Wilmington 9:00 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 12:05 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 12:25 p. m., arrives Sanford 1:45 p. m., leaves Sanford 2:05 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 3:25 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 3:45 p. m., arrives Wilmington 5:20 p. m.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettville Branch. Train leaves Wilmington 8:15 a. m., Maxton 9:05 a. m., Red Springs 9:51 a. m., Parkton 10:41 a. m., Hope Mills 11:31 a. m., Fayetteville 12:15 p. m., returning leaves Fayetteville 4:45 p. m., Hope Mills 5:00 p. m., Red Springs 5:48 p. m., Maxton 6:30 p. m., arrives Bennettville 7:15 p. m.

Connections at Fayetteville with train No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Downmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaward Air Line Southern Railway, at Georgetown with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 8:35 p. m., Halifax 4:17 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck 5:00 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kinston 7:50 p. m., returning leaves Kinston 7:40 a. m., Greenville 8:32 a. m., arrives Halifax at 11:15 a. m., Weldon 11:55 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leaves Washington 8:10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., arrives Farmville 9:30 a. m. and 4:50 p. m., returning leaves Farmville 9:35 a. m. and 6:00 p. m., arrives Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Farmville daily except Sunday at 5:30 p. m., Sunday 4:15 p. m., arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m., 6:10 p. m., returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m. and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Farmville 10:10 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 11:45 p. m., 6:10 p. m., 5:25 p. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 12:25 a. m., daily, except Sunday.

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