

The story opens in a Confederate tent at a critical stage of the Civil War. Gentee imparts to Capt. Wayne an important message to Longstreet. Accompanied by Sergt. Craig, an old army scout. Wayne starts on his mission. The two, after a wild ride, get within the lines of the enemy. In the darkness, Wayne is taken for a Federal officer who came to keep an appointment, and a young lady on horseback is given in his charge. She is a northern girl and attempts to escape but fails. One of the horses succumbs and craig goes through with the dispatches, while Wayne and My Lady of the North are left alone. They seek shelter in a hut and entering it in the dark a huge mastiff attacks Wayne. The girl shoots the brute just in time. The owner of the hut, one Jed Bungay, and his wife appear and soon a party of horsemen approach. They are led by a man claiming to be Red Lowrie, but Mrs. Bungay discovers him to be a disguised impostor, who proves to be Maj. Brennan. a Federat officer whom the Umon girl recognizes, the orders the arrest of Wayne as a spy. While a prisoner Wayne sees files of Confederates pass and knows that Craig has felivered the message. He is brought before Sheridan.

### CHAPTER XI.-Continued.

"Very well, sir," he said gravely Your fate is in your own hands. and will depend very largely upon your replies to my questions. You claim to have been the bearer of despatches, and hence no spy, yet you possess nothing to substantiate your claim. As your regiment is with Lee, I presume you were seeking Long-Were your despatches deliv-

"I have reason to belive so." "By yourself?"

"By the sergeant who accompanied me, and who continued the journey after I was detained."

"Is Lee contemplating an immediate movement?"

"General Sheridan," I exclaimed indignantly, "you must surely forget that I am an officer of the Confederate Army. You certainly have no reason to expect that ! will so far disregard my obvious duty as to answer such a question."

"Your refusal to explain why you were hiding within our lines is ample reason for my insistence," he said tartly, "and I am not accustomed to treating sples with any great consideration, even when they claim Rebel commissions. You are not the first to seek escape in that way. Was your despatch the cause of the burried departure of Longstreet's troops east-

This last question was hurled directly at me, and I noticed that every eye in the room was eagerly scanning and she wears a wedding ring. Far my face. I had the quick, flery temper of a boy then, and my cheeks flushed

"I positively decline to answer one word relative to the despatches intrusted to me," I said deliberately, and my voice shook with sudden rush | relationship?" of anger. "And no officer who did would insult me with the question."

A bombshell exploding in the room the probable result, but my spirit was the sergeant." high, and I felt the utter uselessness of prolonging the interview. Sooner or later the same end must come.

Sheridan's face naturally flushed, instantly grew crimson, and a dangerous | ly beside the road. light flamed into his fierce eyes. For a moment he seemed unable to speak; then he thundered forth;

"You young fool! I can tell you that you will speak before another twenty-four hours, or I'll hang you for a spy if it cost me my command. Major Brennan, take this young popinjay to the Mansion House under guard."

Brennan stepped forward, smiling as if he enjoyed the part assigned to

"Come on, you Johnny," he said coarsely, his hand closing heavily on my arm. Then, seeming unable to it charge. repress his pleasure at the ending of the interview, and his present sense of power, he bent lower, so that his insolent words should not reach the others, and hissed hotly:

"Stealing women is probably more in your line than this." You miserable bound!" I cried

madly. "None but a coward would taunt a helpless prisoner. I only hope I may yet be free long enough to write 'he lie with steel across your

Before he could move Sheridan was upon his feet and between us.

"Back, both of you!" he ordered "There shall be no brawling Major Brennan, you will remain; I would speak with you further regarding this matter. Lieutenant Caton, take charge of the prisoner."

CHAPTER XII.

Under Sentence of Death.

At this late date I doubt greatly if my situation at that time was so desperate as I then conceived it I question now whether the death sentence would ever have been executed. But then; with the memory of Sher idan's rage and my own hot-headed retort. I fully believed my fate was destined to be that of the condemned rhole truth should voluntarily do That circumstances had left me in the power of one whose flerce dislike was already evident was beyond ng to such an extent as to give hority every excuse for the exercise of extreme military power. Yet of one thing I was firmly reidith Brennan. Right or wrong, I did go to a death of dishonor be I would speak without her author-Love and pride conspired to

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to comprehend.

believe your word."

He stopped, extended his hand, and accepted it silently.

reason which seals your lips?" he preceding night had seemingly robbed

tion of them, which Brennan whis-

more kindly disposed toward you." It was asked as a question, and ! felt obliged to reply.

"I appreciate deeply your desire to aid me, but there are circumstances involving others which con.pel me for physical condition, and I was still some further word, but I could give the present to silence. Indeed my possible fate does not so greatly trouble me, only that I possess a strong desire to have freedom long enough to within. The soldier who brought it valued his friendship, it was, nevercross swords with this major of yours. The quarrel between us has become bitterly personal, and I hunger for a uppetizing smell of the bacon, together chance to have it out. Do you know, is he a man who would fight?"

The young fellow stiffened slightly. while we have never been close corners of the cell, my mind full of some blankets; but he had no news, friends, yet I cannot honorably take questioning yet with a fresh measure, and his boyish face was a picture of sides against him. He has been out twice within the last three years to my knowledge, and is not devoid either of courage or skill. Possibly, however, the arrival of his wife may make him less a fire-eater.

"His wife?" I stopped so suddenly that he involuntarily tightened his grip upon my arm as though suspicious of an attempt to escape.

"Do you," I asked, gaining some slight control over myself, "refer to the lady who came in with his party last evening?"

"Most certainly; she was presented to all of us as Mrs. Brennan, she has been assigned rooms at his quarters, too fine a woman in my judgment for such a master, but then that is not so uncommon a mistake in marriage Why, come to think about it, you must have met her yourself. Have you reason to suspect this is not their

"Not in the least," I hastened to not dishonor the uniform he wore answer, fearful lest my thoughtless exclamation might become the basis for camp gossip. "Indeed I was could not have astonished them as did scarcely in the lady's presence at all my answer. I realized to the full coming in, as I was left in charge of

> said too much, for we tramped on in silence until we drew near a large, square white building standing direct

> "This is the old Culverton tavern. known as the Mansion House," he said. "It is a tremendous big building for this country, with as fine a ballroom in it as I have seen since leaving New York. We utilize it for almost every military purpose, and among others some of the strong rooms in the basement are found valnable for the safe-keeping of important prisoners."

We mounted the front steps as he was speaking, passing through a cordon of guards, and in the wide hallway I was turned tover to the officer

"Good-right, Captain," said Caton, kindly extending his hand. "You may rest assured that I shall say all I can in your favor, but it is to be regretted that Brennan has great influence just now at leadquarters, and Sheridan is not a man to lightly overlook those hasty words you spoke to him."

I could only thank him most warm ly for his interest, realizing fully from his grave manner my desperate situation, and follow my silent conductor down some narrow and steep stairs until we stood upon the cemented floor of the basement. Here a heavy door in the stone division wall was opened; I was pushed forward into the dense darkness within, and the lock clicked dully behind me So thick was the wall I could not even distinguish the retreating steps are deserving of death under martial

of the jailer. Tired as I was from the intense strain of the past thirty-six hours even my anxious thoughts were insufficient to keep me awake. Feeling my way cautiously along the wall, I and stretching my form at full length upon it, pillowed my head on one arm, and almost instantly was sound

When I awoke, sore from my hard ped and stiffened by the fortable position in which I lay, it especially as I believe the charges was broad daylight. That the morn- are largely concocted in the brain of ing was, indeed, well advanced I knew from the single ray of sunlight which streamed it through a grated window high up in the wall opposite me and fell like a bar of gold across the rough stone floor. I was alone. had discovered the sole pretence to furniture in the place. The room Itself proved to be a large and almost square apartment, probably during the ordinary occupancy of the house a receptacle for wood or garden produce, but now peculiarly well adapted to the safeguarding of prisoners.

The solid stone wells were of sufficient reight to afford no chance of reaching the great oak girders that supported the floor above, even had the doing so offered a fivorable openfurniture in the place. The room itself

ress, but as we cleared the gateway the sunlight streamed, protected by least, to cause the necessary slelay?" he spoke, and his words helped me thick bars of Iron; a second opening. quite narrow, and likewise protected Captain Wayne," he said quietly, so by a heavy metal grating; and the that the words could not be over- tightly locked door by means of which heard, "you do not recognize me, but I had entered. The second, I conwas the officer who conducted you cluded, after inspecting it closely, was to headquarters when you brought the a mere air passage leading into some ling in at Wilson Creek. Of course I other division of the cellar. I noted wish you to understand that I wholly ly a thought as to the possibility of

indifference as to what my fate might such unseemly haste." be. Such a feeling was not natural "There must be some grave personal t me, but the flerce emotions of the me of all my usua, buoyancy of hope. It one sense I yet trusted that Mrs. "I thought as much. I chanced to Brennan would keep her pledge and overhear the words, or rather a por- tell her story to Sheridan; even if she failed to do this, and left me to face pered, and have no doubt if they were the rifles or the rope, then it made explained to the General he would feel | but small odds bow soon it should be If she cared for me in the slightest degree she would not let me die unjustly, and to my mind then she had become the centre of all life.

Despondency is largely a matter of sufficiently fagged to be in the depths. when the door opened suddenly, and departed, promising to see me again an ordinary army ration was placed withit, a few hours. Greatly as I now did not speak, nor did I attempt to theless, a relief to be alone with my address him; but after he retired, the | thoughts once more with the unmistakable flavor of real coffee, drew me irresizibly that way, and I made a hearty neal. The food "We are serving apon the same put new life into me, and , fell to

me by the arm, led the way down | ing for escape. There were, apparent | by which such representation can be the gravelled path to the road. I was ly, but three openings of any kind,- given this very day? If not full proof impressed by his seeming careless the outside window through which of your innocence, then sufficient, at

this narrow opening, and two wary

eyes peered cautiously down at me.

There was no mistakir - that counte-

nance oven in the fast waning light,

and I instantly sat up with an ex-

The puzzled face broke into a grin

"Holy smoke, Cap," he ejaculated,

clamation of surprise.

of delight.

break to-morrow.

goner long ago."

grasp , comptiy.

ther durned cuss.

got holes in 'em."

both of us ginerals.

In less ner a week."

night."

What news?"

shrewd, glinting yes.

"Gosh, ye don't say!" he muttered

a nigger soger up in ther mountings;

Jed was carefully covering every

"Ain't much show ter work out o'

yere, is thar, Cap?" he asked at last

reflectively; "leastwise I don't see

none, 'less them thar dark corners hes

"So I sorter reckoned. But if ye'll

crawl through yere inter my boodour,

thar's a place whar I reckon ther

tew of us tergether mought make a

try fer at. It's too durn high up fer

me ter git at alone. I reckon, Cap,

if ye cud manage ter git out o' yere

ternight, an' take some news te. Lee

thet I've picked up, he'd 'bout make

ing eagerly at him through the now

darkened room. "Do you mean it?

up," he chuckled. "This yere's gospel

truth: Sheridan hes started his in-

fantry on a half-circle march fer Min-

ersville. Ther first division left et

three o'clock, an' thar won't be nary

Yank loafin' on ther valley by noon

termorrow. An' more," be added rapid-

ly, his eyes dancing wildly with sup-

pressed excitement,-"Hancock is a

s -ingin' of his corps west ter meet

'em tha., an' I reckon, as how thar'll

be hell fer sartin up ther Shenandoah

questioned incredulously, as the whole

scene and its dread possibilities un-

"Ther nieger I held up hed a de-

spatch fer Heintzelman over on ther

left, an' then Mariar she sorter

pumped a young fule staff officer fer

ther rest o' it," be replied promptly.

"Oh, it's a sure go, Cap, an' I reckon

s' how maybe Lee's whole army hangs

on one of us gittin' out o' yere ter-

London Through the Ages.

It is proposed to establish in the

British metropolis a museum to be

devoted to the exhibition of relics

pertaining to the history of London

from the earliest times of its occupa

tion by man. These times run back

much farther than most readers are

ware. The city that Julius Caesar

found occupied a site which had been

nhabited for unnumbered thousands

of years It is now known that dur-

ing Paleolithic and Neolithic times-

the two great divisions of the stone

age-man dwelt on the site of Lon

don, but it first became the settle

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

rolled before my mental vision.

'But how do you knew all this?" I

"News for Lee?" I exclaimed, star-

"Thought maybe thet wud wake ye

"The wall is entirely solid."

inch of exposed wall with his little

scaled."

"Jed Bungay, as I live!"

I shook my bead. "I know of nothing other than my own unsupported word," I answered shortly, "and that is evidently of no value as against Major Brennan's secret insinuations. When is the hour set?

"I am not positive that fina! dewith a deep sigh of relief, "is thet you, cision has yet been reached, but I suah? I wus so durned skeered I'd must perform the duty given me, but these openings idly, and with scarce beard daybreak to-morrow mentioned. made a mess o' it whin thet thar iron The probability of an early movement drapped that I near died. Whut be escape. I had awakened with strange of our troops is the excuse urged for they a goin' ter dew with ye?"

> I remained silent for a moment, conscious only of his kindly eyes reading my face. "Mrs. Brennan," I asked finally re-

curring to the one thought in which I retained deep interest,-"does she still remain in the camp?" "She was with the Major at headquarters this morning I believe they breakfasted with the General, but I

was on duty so late last night that I overslept, and thus missed the pleas ure of meeting her again." We talked for some time longer and he continued to urge me for him none, and finally the kindly fellow

CHAPTER XIII.

A Strange Way Out. Caton came in once more about the staff," he said more abruptly, "and pacing back and forth between the middle of the afternoon, bringing me



"I Am to Be Shot, Tnen?"

well. I was yet at it when without warning, the door once again opened, and Lieutenant Caton entered He advanced coward me with outstretched hand, which I grasped warmly, for I felt how much depended on his friendship, and resolved to ask him some questions which should solve my last emaining doubts.

"Captain Wayne," he began soberly looking about him, "you are in even orse stress here than I supposed but I shall see to it that you are furnished with blankets before I leave. Sheridan is hasty himself, and his temper often leads him to rash language. I am sure he bears you no malice for what you said. But Brennan has his ear, and has whispered something to him in confidencewhat, I have been unable to ascertain -which has convinced him that you "Without trial?"

"The opportunity of furnishing the information desired will be again offered you; but, as near as I can learn, the charge preferred against you is of such a private nature that it is deemed best not to make it matter for camp talk. Whatever it may be. Sheridan evidently feels justified in taking the case out from the usual channels, and in using most drastic measures. I am sorry to bring you such news, him who makes them, and have but the thinnest circumstantial evidence to sustain them. Yc. Sheridan is thoroughly convinced, and will brook no interference. The discussion of the

tremely harsh words to his chief of "I am to be shot then?" His hand closed warmly over mine While there is life there is always hope," he answered. "Surely it must be in your power to prove the nature of your mission witain our lines, and the delay thus gaines, will enable us

case has already led to his using ex-

of confidence that all would still be | pathos as he wrung my hand goodbye. Sheridan, he said, had gone down the lines, and both Brennan and himself were under orders to follow in another hour. What instructions, if any, had been left regarding my case he could not say, but he feared the worst from the unusual secrecy. Sheridan expected to return to his headquarters that same evening, as the officers of his staff were to give a grand ball.

I felt no inclination to partake of the ruds supper left me, and just before dark I was lying upon the bench idly wondering if that was to prove the last vestige of daylight I should ever behold in this world, when, without slightest warning, the heavy iron fell suddenly, striking the edge of the bench, and clattered noisily to the floor. The fall was so unexpected, and my escape from injury so narrow, that

at inflammation of the eyelids, especially in young and healthy persons who also have a little conjunctivitie with a feeling of tension or fullness in the eyes which may become real pain of a dull aching character, the eyeballs bein very tender on pressure. Sometimes there are vertigo and sickness, with dyspepsia, palpitation, and even difficulty in breathing Sleeplesseres is a very frequent symptom due in part to the excessive flow

ment of a community at the opening of the historic age, when it was a stronghold of the Celts. The remains of its Roman period are the finest of the kind in Great Britain. The Anglo-Saxon and Danish periods are also grating in the wall directly above me finely represented, and even later periods, such as the Tudor, furnish relics that have been buried by that strange process of superincumbent

growth which makes the soil under I lay almost stunned, staring up help-lessly at the dark hole thus left bare. our strata of geology.—Youth's Com-As I gazed, a face framed uself in panion.

Sure Sign of Eye Strain

Headache, Vertigo and Other Symp-toms of That Ailment That Afflicts Many Persons. system.

The symptoms of eye strain appea sooner in those who lend a confined Chief among the symptoms of eye strain are watering of the eye, a pations which need a constant use of the eyes in bad or unsuitable light. awakening in the morning, headache, and in those who are debilitated from the position and character of which any cause. The symptoms appear later in those of coarser fiber, who pass much of their time in the open vary with each individual. It may neuralgic or it may be deeply seated. as was the case with Wagner, the air or who follow occupations which musician, who was complaining con-stantly of "the nerves of his eyes." The headache is often replaced by at inflammation of the eyelids, espeeyes for close work.-Lancet.

Neigborly, Anyhow Maybe it is design or maybe it's loes look funny to see all the principal taxicab stations bang up agains drinking fountains for horses—Ne

There would not be so many loos ash old men is not so many old men and barrets of money.

SOVERNMENT ACQUISITION OF TELEGRAPH IS URGED BY HITCHCOCK.

## AS PART OF POSTAL SERVICE

The Postmaster General Will Send Recommendation to Congress in the Near Future-Is Operated Similarly in Other Countries.

Washington, - Acquisition of the elegraph lines of the United States by the government and their operation as a part of the postal service will be recommended to Congress in a short time by Postmaster Hitchcock.

For a year or more Mr. Hitchcock "I have every reason to believe it is their purpose to shoot me at dayhas had this recommendation under consideration. After a thorough study "Shoot?-Hell!" He stared at me as of the operation of government-con if he had just heard his own death trolled telegraph lines and postal telegraph systems of foreign countries he sentence pronounced, and his little peaked face looked ghastly in the dim has decided to urge the matter upon light. "Shoot ye? Good Lord, Cap. Congress.

whut fer? Ye ain't done nothin' as "Should this recommendation be I knows on, 'cept ter scrap a bit with adopted," said Mr. Hitchcock, in a thet blasted Yank, an' sure thet's no statement of his intention, "I am conshootin matter, er else I'd a bin a inced it would result in important economies and very materially lower "That 'Yank' has seen fit to charge | telegraph rates than now are exacted. me with being a spy, and as I was In approximately fifty countries of the foolish enough to insult General Sherworld-notably Great Britain, France, idan last night, my fate is probably Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, Russia and Japan - government-controlled This somewhat complex statement telegraphs now are in successful and seemed to be too much for Jed to profitable operation. In many of the countries they are operated in connection with the postal service. These Then, durn it, I'm in luck, fer all telegraphs serve an aggregate popthey've got agin me is pot shootin' at ulation of 90,000,000 and in every instance they have been found to be of en thet ain't much, 'cause ' didn't hit immense practical benefit to the peo-

> the service. "In this country, postoffices are maintained in numerous places not reached by the telegraph systems and the proposed consolidation, therefore, would afford a favorable opportunity for the wide extension of the telegraphic facilities.

ple, in both promptitude and cost of

Six Are Killed By a Train. Philadelphia.-Six persons, five women and a man, were killed when an

were being conveyed to church when the accident occurred, Davidson was the driver for a local liveryman and had been making the trip every Sunday for the past two years. The Linden avenue crossing is usually guarded by a watchman, but the regular man was on leave of absence, and his substitute had no: appeared when the coach reached the crossing. Davidson waited for a freight train to pass and then drove directly in front of the approaching express.

Spanish Cabinet Has Resigned. which Jose Canalejas Y. Mendes was and from the Agricultur signed as the result of a divergence of views with King Alfonso as to the advisability of commuting the death sentence of one of the rioters, who murprovince of Valencia, last September. The general strike at that time at Valencia and other provinces involved a plot to assassinate General Weyler. and the King was compelled to suspend the constitutional guarantees.

Wilson is French Ambassador. Washington -- Huntington Wilson Assistant Secretary of state, is to succeed Robert Bacon as ambassador to France, according to persistent rumors in diplomatic circles here. Thomas C. Dawson, resident diplomatic officer of the State Department, whose name was mentioned prominently in connection with the post of ambassador to Brazil, to which Edward W. Morgan was named, will be made Assistant secretary of state.

A Big Fire at Birmingham Birmingham, IAa.-Fire which rag ed for several hours resulted in an estimated loss of between \$250,000 and \$300,000 to the Cable Piano Company and Southern Bell Telephone Bell Telephone buildin; on Second avenue and indirectly was responsible for the death of one man. The Bell telephone Company building and after having been gotten apparently under control burst forth anew, leaping to the build ing of the telephone company.

Preacher Also a Moonshiner Nashville, Tenn.-Rev. Joseph Smith of Sewanee was brought to Nashville after having been bound over to the April term of Federal court on a charge of making moonshine whiskey. At the preliminary hearing Rev. Smith pleaded guilty to the charge. Rev. Smith has for sev eral months been the regular pastor of three small churces near Sewance. His "wild cat" still was located in the smokehouse a few yards from the parsonage and less than a quarter of mile from his principal church.

Train Freezes to the Relia Bristol, Tenn.— rare incident in the history of rail oading in Virginia Railroad at Lyne urg, when the Washington-Chatta. joga fast train

PRESIDENT DIAZ HAS LEFT COUN-TRY FOR THREE MONTHS "FOR HIS HEALTH."

## DICTATOR MENA HAS REINS

The Second President He Has Forced Out-The Financial Situation is Very Serious-The American Firms Here Are Losing Heavily.

New Orleans,-President Adolfo Diaz of Nicaragua has asked for a three months leave of absence, according to reliable news advices received here. It is generally conceived that this step means his abdication in favor of General Louis Mena, Minister of War, who now is the virtual dictator of the turbulent republic.

Serious friction between President Diaz and General Mena has existed for some time and Diaz has been President in name only.

General Mena, who, it is stated, now occupies the presidential palace, has absolute control of the Nicaraguan army and Congress as well. He recently was elected President by the "constituent assembly" for the term beginning January 1, 1913, but the friction between Mena and Diaz became so intense that the latter's friends are said to have advised him to resign and leave the country "for his health."

General Mena forced President Juan Estrada out of office last year in much the same manner. Estrada now is in New York.

The finances of Nicaragua are reported to be in worse condition today than ever before.

As a result of this financila situation American firms are reported to have lost heavily.

## THE DAIRIES IN THE SOUTH

The Soutehrn Railway Will Run a Dairy Car Over Its Lines.

Washington, D. C.-Realizing the need of the South for more and better dairies and the large profits which can be made in that favorable region by dairymen who will fill the great express train on the New York divis- demand of the cities for dairy proion of the Pennsylvania Railroad ducts, President Finley of the Southcrashed into a light station wagon at ern Railway Company, following the the Linden avenue grade crossing in custom of that company in furthering Torresdale, a suburb. The dead wom- in every way the growth and developen were all employed as servants in ment of its territory, has equipped a fashionable homes in Torresdale, and Special Dairy Car, which, beginning the 1st of February, 1912, will be run over the length and breadth of this great system, spreading the doctrine of more and better cows and, by means of lectures, demonstrations and exhibits.

This Dairy Special will be under the direct supervision of Dr. C. M. Morgan, of Washington, D. C., the Southern Railway's Dairy Agent. Dr. Morgan will be assisted by two regular dairymen in conducting the work and from time to time the car will be occupied by dairy experts from the United States Department of Agricul-Magrid.-The Spanish Cabinet, of ture, the State Boards of Agriculture Premier, resigned. The Cabinet re the various States along the Southern

Railway. The Dairy Special is fitted up with a complete farm dairy, every piece of machinery and apparatus necessary to dered a judge and wounded several the economical production of milk court officials in the town of Cullers, cream, and butter having been installed under the direction of Dr. Morgan. There will be a separator, churns, testers, sterilizer, Pasteurizing apparatus and exhibits of various kinds of improved machinery for dairying. On the walls of the car will be charts and large views dealing with dairy subjects, showing the fundamental principles of breeding dairy types, feeding animals, the care of dairy cattle and pictures of famous animals in the dairy world.

The Special will also have steropticon lantern and slides, permitting illustrated lectures at the various stops by Dr. Morgan and the other experts who will accompany the car. Advance schedules of the stops will

be prepared and full advertisement given the train in the towns at which lectures are to take place. Transport Logan Sails For China.

Manila.—The United States transport Logan left with a battalion of the 15th infantry and other details on board en route to Chin Wang Tao, northern China. The American troops after they have disembarked are to be employed in guarding a section of service in this city is demoralized the Peking railroad from Tang Shan The fire originated in the Cable Planc to Lanchow against the possible attack of either imperialists or republican troops. Civilians and soldiers of other regiments witnessed the sail-ing, while women crowded the quay bidding farewells.

> Italian of Noble Birth A Suicide. San Francisco.—Luigi Donato Ven-tura, an Italian of noble birth and of sbility as a writer and lecturer, committed suicide by shooting him through the heart in a fit of desponency due to family troubles. His complete name was Ventura de Lecce Bari and his family line traces as far back as 1299. Prof Ventura began his career as a page in the court of King Humbert. While a young man he came to this country and gained notice through "Peppina," a story of an Italian newsboy in New York.

Destructive Fire Sweeps Halifax. Halifax, N. S.—Damage amounting to nearly a quarter of a million dol-lars was caused by a fire which destroyed the Halifax Herald bu Washington-Chatta, oga fast train actually froze to to rails. Stopping in a swag, the dripping water from the pipes caught the wheels and the temperature being below zero, the train was locked so securely in the ice that it required the use of three engines to move it, bumping being resorted to it was two and a half hours before the train could be moved.

stroyed the Halifax Herald building, several stores and offices and threat-ened to wipe out a considerable portion of the business section of this city. Among the places burned was the office of the United States commulate the use of three engines to move it, bumping being resorted to it was two and a half hours before the train could be moved.