## OBERTS' BIG CATCH

BY ANDREW J. HOWELL.

Narrow strips of sandy beach begin sar the mouth of the Cape Fear ver, North Carolina, and stretch withward to the borcers of Virginia, iclosing sounds whose peacaful warra are romantic with the history of traditions of the early settlement the country. These waters are to-sy, and have always been, the parame of sportsmen; for there is no end game to shoot and fish to catch. Here and there are club houses, for tose who wish to have at one time

hose who wish to have at one time everal days of sport; and there are frequent hotels, where tourists gather in the summer to enjoy the languid Near the southern end of this rib-bon beach, there is an mained in the

nd. It is long and narrow, and has n denuded of hundreds of water he which were the nesting homes of which were the nesting homes of which of sea birds. The object of this is to prepare a site for the erection a hotes, which was built, and had tered upon a career of large patronin it vanished away in fire and smoke. A new growth of oaks is now appearing, but it will be a long time before there is a foliage as thick and high as that which was taken away.

tween the island and the beach is a channel, along which the water from the ocean sweeps as it comes through an inlet close by. A bridge spans the channel; and upon it may be seen at any time of the year, and at almost any hour of the day, those who seek tribute of game fish from the waters below.

Jehn Cathburg and Rupert Stenner lately school beys, but now young men of business, were spending three days on the island, to concentrate within that time the run of fishing which had theretofore been extended throughout the year. They were lodged in a small cabin, and had as aide-de-camp Robert, a younger brother of Cathburg, who served to keep alive the flame or hopeful enthum when the fish slacked off bit-

marked reversal of luck came or the first morning, after an hour's good run of sport. The biting ceased sud-denly, and nothing could induce the

fish to begin again.
"One of those sharks has come again!" growled an old bronzed fisherman, who was standing with the boys on the bridge. Carefully winding up his line, he continued. "The chapter is ended for this time. I could catch as many fish in my wife's washtub as I could here until he goes

The obstacle to the sport was cer tainly an interesting one. The fish-erman explained that, for a week past, swarming the channel, and, at dif-ferent times, one or more sharks had seen lurking near them, doubtless feasting upon the abundant prey The result was disastrous to the fish-ermen with hook and line. "Wouldn't it be fine to catch a

Robert asked the question; but it was one that welled up irresistibly within each of the other boys also.
"Would it be possible to do it?"
"Had a shark ever been caught by a hook?" These inquiries, and many others were made eagerly of the old man, who posed as the source of all knowledge on the subject.

"Why, of course," he answered. "I caught a five-footer no more'n two years ago, right off this bridge. He hook that held him." What about your line?" asked

"Would have held about as well as a thread between the blades of a pair of scissors. I had a shark some time ago to snap a chain in two, and so sailing out to sea with a part of it and my big hook in his jaws. I was too wise for the last over though When I was the shark was thus forced into Robert, "A ropewith his catch toward the land.

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The shark was thus forced into the bridge, I prepared for him with a piece of large telegraph wire, to the bridge in the share the piece of large telegraph wire, to This marked the end of his career which I fastened the hook. When he He was now but half covered with awallowed the balt, he could not bite water, and his huge tail struck helpteeth to grip. It held him for three hours, till I got him ashore."

The boys listened in breathless interest, wondering at the marvelous hardness and power of a shark's teeth. There could be no finer prospect than the capture of a shark. And little Robert was the one who

secomplished this feat. The larger boys went post-haste the sound to provide the required equipment, and the old fish-erman left also, leaving Robert in charge of the station.

He returned to the cabin, and wandered aimlessly from room to room, scanning every nook and corner in the hope of finding some tackle for a electors in the South. The humiliating shark. In the kitchen there were several shelves, Far back on one of them, his eyes fell upon a large fish-ing hook; and he saw at once that he eral officeholders effaced itself for an had discovered the first great item in alliance with Hearst's band of Social-the desired tackle. This awakened the springs of activity within him. What shark during the absence of the oth-

He went out in search of wire. At the site of the destroyed hotel, there was any quantity of it scattered over the ground; and he found an excellent piece about forty feet long. He ran hack to the cabin, shivering with de-light, and, with the ald of a hatchet, bent an end of the wire about the hook, fastening it with the greatest

As to bait, Robert made a bold decision. The larder of the camping outfit included a pound of fresh beef. This he appropriated, and carefully placed about the big hook, which it concealed entirely, offering a tempting

morsel for a hungry shark.
Robert now proceeded to the bridge, and dropped his metallic line hopefully into the water, fastenin the upper end to one of the posts which supported a railing above the bridge.

In a minute or two he could see

through the clear water a swarm of on fish about the line, eagerly partaking Sou of the unusual feast of fresh meat. This was not a pleasant prospect for Robert, who could look for no other result than the entire demolition of his precious bait for a shark. He shook the line vigorously to frighten away the fish; but they were at their dinner again the instant the line because atill. To what death of share ne still. To what depth of shame he appear before the two older when he should have to confess

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which he was the determined foe can support his calumniator. As little can be support his asymptotic can be support his asymptotic. It was a little can be support his asymptotic can be support his asymptotic. It was a little can be support his asymptotic can be support his asymptotic. It was a little can be support his asymptotic can be support his asymptotic. It was a limit as fully that is utterly at war with Democratic principles.

Quite as futile as anything cise, because quite as false, i sthe latest attempt to woo the South through President Roossvell's InterState Commerce Commission. When the Southern railroad companies that were struck the hardest by the industrial reaction proposed to raise the rates of freight Roossvelt threatened them with all the terrors of his inquisition. But when memorials signed by thousands of Southern railroad employes asked



TURKISH ARMY GOING TO THE FRONT.



BULGARIAN INSURGENTS IN ACTION.

citement, "Gee, I've got 'im!" ho gulped. For ten minutes he watched the

struggling shark, which was madly tearing at the metallic line. Then he concluded that it was time for some aggressive action on his part, if he wished to land his prize. After a short reflection, an idea came to him. He rushed for the bridge, and

found a stout piece of wood a few feet long. Hurrying back, by dint of hard work, he wrapped about it many turns of the wire between the post and the water; and forced the piece of wood back through th parallel strips which formed the railing. This held the line securely, and enabled him to unfasten the wire from the post and wind it, also, around the wooden stay, which he gradually moved in the di

rection of the shore.

Robert's progress was fine. But there was another post which he could not pass with his holding device. He pondered the ubject very carefully for a minute or two; and deeming it the wisest course, he uncourse," he answered. "I wound the end of the wire and wrape-footer no more'n two ight off this bridge. He old rascal, but I had a line in the same position with regard the stay; thus placing the line in the same position with regard the stay is the second near the same position with regard the same pos to the second post as it had at first been with the other. Then he slow-ly and laborously circled the wire

wire; it was too small for his lessly about him, unable to do more than splash a prodigious quantity of water for many yards around.

To make sure of his prize, Robert secured the end of the wire to a telegraph pole nearby; and then awaited the arrival of his companions in the full flush of his brilliant achievement

THE ENEMY'S COUNTRY.

What the South is to the Republican Party in This Campaign, and Why. Philadelphia Record. It is announced that Mr. Taft and

his campaign managers have given up their projected chase for presidential ists, has admonished them that they could gain nothing in that region. While Mr. Taft would be most hospitably entertained in the South, and would receive a respectful hearing, it is for him an "enemy's country" so far as this political contest is con-

As the presidential candidate of the sectional party that is now men-acing the South with the Crumpacker bill to cut down its representation in Congress because its people are protecting their home governments from ignorant exercise of the suffrage, how could he expect to receive any of its electoral votes? What answer could he make if asked why the Republican majority of the House in the last session of Congress substituted this Crumpacker menace for the bill to

his Southern tour?
But, as if that were not enough,
Mr. Taft himself has again and again in the course of this campaign calum-niated the whole Southern Democracy in the frivolous and malignant charge that the opponents of imperialism are responsible for the rebellion in the Philippines and all the bloodshed it caused. No Southern Democrat who respects the memory of Grover Cleveland or opposes the imperialism of which he was the determined foe can



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the InterState Commerce Commis-sion's consent to a reasonable increase of freight rates it began to dawn upon Roosevelt and his tennis Cabinet parent act of unconscionable demathat a trick might be turned up in a gogy is as little likely to win a vote political way. Accordingly he sent his in the South as in the North. For creature Knapp before the convention Taft and his patron in the White of State railroad commissioners as- House the South remains the "enemy's sembed in Washington this week to country" in all that relates to the is say that freight rates might be rais-

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sion of Congress substituted this Crumpacker menace for the bill to provide for publicity of money contributions to political campaigns? He could make no answer that would not convict his party associates of shameful political duplicity, on one hand, or, on the other, of menacing the Southern people with a loss of their just rights of national representation. Is not that an all-sufficient reason why Mr. Taft's managers have cut off his Southern tour?

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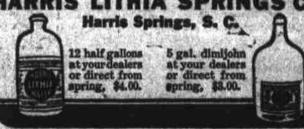
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