THE ALAMANCE GLEANER.

## The Million Dollar Mystery

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viewed the sky wearity. He could hear Florence playing rather a cheer-less nocturne by Chopin. Fourteen

weeks ago this warfare had begun, and

tion of a few inconsequent members of the Black Hundred. Always they struck

and always he had to ward off. He had always been on the defensive; and a defensive fighter may last a long while, but he seldom wins; and the butler knew that they must win

or go down in bitter defeat. There was no half way route to the end; there could be no draw. It all reminded

him of thunderbolts; one man knew

where they were going to strike.

The telephone rang; at the same moment Florence left the piano. She stopped at the threshold.

"Hello! You? Where have you been? What has happened?"
"Who is it?" asked Florence, step-

"Yes, yes; I hear perfectly. O! You've been working out their new quarters? Good, good! But be very

careful, sir. One never knows what may happen. They have been quiet for some time now. . . Ah! You can't work the ceiling this time?

Window over the wayle Very good, sir. But be careful."

The word "sir" caught Florence's attention. She ran to Jones and seized him by the arm.

"Who was that?" she cried, as he

turned away from the telephone.
"Why?"
'You said 'sir.'"

Jone's eyes widened. "I did?"

"Yes, and it's the first time I eve

heard you use it over the telephone Jones, you were talking to my father!" "Please, Miss Florence, do not ask me any questions. I cannot answer

the pain of dismissal?" coldly.
"Ah, Miss Florence," and Jones
tapped his pocket, "you forget that you

cannot dismiss me by word. I am legally in control here. I am sorry that you have made me recall this

"I am sorry, very sorry," said the butler, torn between the desire to comfort her and the law that he had

laid down for himself. "It is very

gloomy today, and perhaps we are a little depressed by it. I am sorry." "O, I realize, Jones, that all this

unending mystery and secrecy have a set purpose at back. Only, it does just seem as if I should go mad some

times with waiting and wondering."
"And if the truth must be told, it

is the same with me. We have to wait for them to strike. Shall I get you something new to read? I am going down to the drug store and

"That's universal," replied Jones, gong into the hall for his hat.

But the ring came five minutes after Jones had left the house.

"Is this the Hargreave place?"
"Yes," said Florence. "Who is it?"
"This is Miss Hargreave talking?"

"This is Doctor Morse. I am at the Queen hotel. Mr. Norton has been badly hurt, and he wants you and Mr. Jones to come at once. We can-

"Yes, yes!"
Florence snapped the receiver on
the hook. She wanted to fly, fly. He
was hurt. How, when, where?
"Susan!" she called.
"What is it, Florence?" asked Susan.

they have a circulating library.'

Florence began to cry softly.

him by the arm.

any. I dare not."

CHAPTER XV.

as deeply chagrined over the outcome

of the counterfeit deal as was Braine They had both failed signally to reach the goal sought. But this time the or-ganization had broken even with Jones, and this fact disturbed the butler. It might signify that the turning point had been reached, and that in the fu-ture the good luck might swing over to the side of the Black Hundred. Jones redoubled his cautions, reiterated his he conceded a point to the Black Hundred. He would no longer be able to keep tab on the organization. They had deserted their former quarters absolutely. The agent of whom they had leased the building knew nothing except that he would have to repair the place. The rent had been paid a year in advance, as it had been these last eight years. He had dealt through an attorney who knew no more of his clients than the agent. So it will be seen that Jones had in reality received

More than all this, it would give his

was a deeper menace than he cared to face. But he went about his af-fairs as usual, giving no hint to any one of the mental turmoil which had

ossession of him.
It is needless to state Norton did not scoop his rivals on the counter-feit story. But he set to work exploring the cellar of the gutted building, and in one corner he found a battered die. He turned this over to the secret service men. There was one man he wanted to find—Vroon. This man, could he find him, should be made to lead him, Norton, to the new strong-hold. He saw the futility of trying to trap Braine by shadowing him. He desired Braine to believe that his es-cape from the freighter had been a bit of wild luck and not a precor ceived plan. Braine was out of reach for the present, so he began the search for the man Vroon. He haunted the water front saloons for a week with-

He did not know that it was the policy of the Black Hundred to lay low for a month after a raid of such a serious character. So the Hargreave serious character. So the Hargreave menage had thirty days of peace; always watched, however. For Braine never relaxed his villigance in that part of the game. He did not care to lose sight of Jones, who he was posi-tive was ready for flight if the slight-est opportunity offered itself. Norton went back to the primrose

paths of love; and sometimes he would forget all about such a thing as the Black Hundred. So the summer days went by, with the illacs and the roses embowering the Hargreave home. But Norton took note of the fact that Florence was no longer the light-hearted schoolgirl he had first met. Her trials had made a serious woman of her, and perhaps this phase was all the more enchanting to him, who had his serious side also. Her young mind was like an Italian garden, always opening new vistas for his admiring

gaze.

He went about his work the same as of old, interviewing, playing detective, fattening his pay envelope by specials to the Sunday edition and some of the lighter magazines. Sometimes he had lighter magazines. Sometimes he had vague dreams of writing a play, a novel, and making a tremendous fo tune like that chap Manders, who only ter of a novel: but that has nothing

to do with this history.

All ready, then. The chess are once more on the board, and it is the move of the Black Hundred. The day was rather cloudy. Jones

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"What is it, Florence?" asked Susan, running into the room.

"Jim is badly hurt. He wants me to come at once. O, Susan! I've been dreading something all day long." Florence struck the maid's bell. "My wraps. You will go with me, Susan." "Where, Miss Florence," asked the maid. alive to her duty. Messages at Alamance Phar-'Phone 97 Residence 'Phone Office Hours 2-4 p. m. and by Appointment.

"Where? What is that to you?" demanded Florence, who did not know that this maid was a detective.

"Why not wait till Mr. Jones regantle bird into the actuality of a

arras?" she suggested patiently.
"And let the man I love die?"
shemently.
"At least you will leave word where launch; it did not deviate a hair's

"The Queen hotel. And if you say another word I'll discharge you. Come Susan."

There happened to be a taxicab control that that freighter was to be her pris-

veniently near (as Vroon took care on—bound for where? Nearer and there should be), and Florence at once nearer came the hydroplane. Was it ngaged it. She did not see the man for her? women stepped into the taxleab and to take notice of the barking of the were driven off. They had been gone less than five minutes when Jones refless than five minutes when Jones reflects that they are the state of the barking of the engines at last. turned with his purchase to find the house empty of its most valuable asset. He was furious, not only at the maid, who, he realized, was virtually helpless, but at his own negligence

the bell sounded. In his bones he knew what was going to be found there. It was a letter on the back of which was drawn the fatal black mask. With shaking fingers he tore open the en-velope and read the contents:

THE BLACK HUNDRED.

As a matter of fact, they had wanted lones almost as badly as Florence. but her desire for a book—some popular story of the day—had saved him from the net. The letter had been written against this possibility.

Jones became cool, now that he knew just what to face. The Queen not be taken there. He called up Norton. It took all the butler's patience, however, as it required seven different

alls to locate the reporter.

Meantime the taxicab containing Florence and Susan spun madly toward the water front. Here the two were separated by an effective threat. Flor-ence recognized the man Vroon and knew that to plead for mercy would be a waste of time. She permitted herself to be led to a waiting launch. Always when she disobeyed Jones something like this happened. But this time they had cunningly struck at her heart, and all thought of her personal safety became as nothing. For the present she knew that she was in no actual physical danger. She was merely to be held as a hostage. Would Susan have mentality enough to tell Jones where the taxicab had stopped? She doubted. In an emergency Susan had proved herself a nonentity, a bundle of hysterical

As a matter of fact, for once Florence's deductions were happily wrong. When the chauffeur peremptorily deposited Susan on the lonely country road, several miles from home, she ran hot-foot to the nearest telephone and sent a very concise message home. Susan was becoming acclimated to this strange, exciting existence.

Norton arrived in due time, and a hydroplane a little above here. You he and Jones were mapping out a plan might interest the feller that runs it." Jones held up a warning hand, and when Susan's message came.

"Good girl!" said Jones. "She's learning. Can you handle this alone, Norton? They want me out of the house again, for I believe they were



"The thing's headed for us!"

Vroon stared under his palm. It was not credible that pursuit had

taken place so quickly. To test yonder

man-bird he abruptly changed the

course of the launch. The hydroplane

Florence heard her name called

faintly. One of the men drew his

revolver, but Vroon knocked it out of his hand. "There's the police boat, you fool!"

"Jump!" a voice called to Florence.

She flung herself into the water without the slightest healthdon All this came about something after this fashion. When Norton arrived at

the foot of Corey street a boatman informed him that a young woman of his description had gotten into a fast motor boat and had gone down the

"Struggle? None that I could see. She didn't make no fuss about go-

"Yes, but the other boat has half an hour's start, and I'd never catch her in a thousand years. But there's

"Was there any struggle?"

"Have you a launch?"

"Thanks!" But the aviator would not listen "A life may hang in the balance, man!" expostulated Norton, longing to



Florence Knew That to Plead for Mercy Would Be a Waste of Time.

an hour gone!"
"Trust me!" cried Norton

And he ran out to his auto. It was a wild ride. Several policemen shouted after him, but he went on unmindful. They could take his license number a hundred times for all he cared. So they had got her? They could wait til their enemy's vigilance slacked and then would strike? But Susan? The next time he saw Susan he was coing to take her in his arms and kins The next time he saw susan he was going to take her in his arms and kiss her. It might be a new sensation to kiss Susan, always so prim and offish. Corey street—that had been her direction. They had put Florence in a motor boat at the foot of Corey street. He was perhaps half an hour behind. Florence never opened her lips. She

And he ran out to his auto. It was

Florence never opened her lips. She stared ahead proudly. She would show these scoundrels that she wa her father's daughter. They plies her with questions, but she pretended

not to hear.
"Well, pretty bird, we'll make you speak when the time comes. We've got you this trip where we want you. There won't be any jumping overboard this sension, believe me. We've

There won't be any jumping over-board this session, believe me. We've wasted enough time. We've got you and we're going to keep you."
"Let her be," said Vroon morosely. "We'll put all the questions we wish when we're at our destination." And he nodded significantly toward the ships riding at anchor.

ships riding at anchor.

Florence felt her heart sink in spite of her abundant courage. Were they going to take her to sea again? She had acquired a horror of the sea, so big, so terrible, so strong. She had had an experience with its sullen power. They had gone about four miles down when she looked back longingly toward shore. Something white seemed to be spinning over the water far behind. At first she could

Norton showed his card and badge "O, I see!" jeered the aviator "A little newspaper stunt in which I am to be the goat. It can't be done, Mr Norton; it can't be done."

"Not for five hundred." and the the young woman with whom he had been conversing prior to Norton's ap-

as a metropolitan newspaper man for nothing. He approached the mechan-ics who were puttering about the were puttering about the "How about twenty apiece?" he

began,
"For what?" the men asked.
"For sending that paddle are

"Get into that seat, but don't touch saw his hydropiane skim the water and a moment later sail into the air. These swift moving days a reporter of the first caliber is supposed to be

able to run railroad engines, submarines, flying machines, conduct a war;
able to shoot, walk, run, swim, fight,
think, go without food like a flython,
and live without water like a camel.
Norton had flown many times in the
last four years. At the moment he
called out to Florence to jump he
dropped to the water with all the skill
of an old timer and took her aboard.
And he could not use a line of this
exploit for his paper!

Jones heard the bell. It was the agent from the Black Hundred. He smiled jauntily.

"Well, old fox, we've cornered you at last, haven't we? I want that money, or Hargreave's daughter takes another sea voyage, and this time she will not jump overboard. A million: and no more nonsense."
"Give me fifteen minutes to decide,"

begged Jones, hoping against hope.
"Fifteen seconds!"
"Then we can't do business. What! Give you a million, knowing you all to be a pack of liars? Bring Miss Florence back and the money is yours. We are tired of fighting." As indeed Jones really was. The strain had been

terrific for weeks. "The money first. We don't lie any

better than you do. Fork over. You'll have to trust us. We have no use for the girl once we get the cash."
"And you'll never touch a penny of it, you blackguard!" cried Norton from the doorway.

The agent turned to behold the re

porter and the girl. He did not stop to ask questions, but bolted. He never got beyond the door, however. "Always the small fry," sighed ones. "And if I could have put my



hands on the money I'd have given i good to talk to you, does it?"
"But they told me he was dying!"

(To be continued)

WEATHER FORECAST. Movements Due and Their Local Effects For the Cotton States, March 21 to 28, 1915.

National Weather Journal.

Supday, March 21-Th week will open with moderately warm tem-peratures, in the South and with increasing cloudiness, especially in Western and Middle Belt.

Monday, March 22; Tuesday March 23; Wednesday, March 24-Cool wave is due to overspread the Western Cotton Belt Monday, accompanied by snow well into Tex-as and by rain in the remainder of Western and Middle Belt, bringing light freezing temperatures over e Northern half of Texas, with Texas Coast, but only moderate falls of temperature elsewhere in the South. It is not expected to clear in Texas, so that actual frosts should be generally avoided. Thursday, March 25 to Sunday, March 28-General rains in the South Wednesday and Thursday will precede Cool Wave, which will clear the weather in Western Cotton Belt by Friday and in the remainder of the South by Satur-day. Frosts are indicated for this movement as far South as Houston, Texas and in the Northern halves of the other Gulf States, excen

Cetton, Cotton Seed and Meal Prices in the Markets of North Carolina For the Past Week. As reported to the Division of Mar-

kets, North Carolina Agricultural Ex periment Station and Department of Agriculture, Raleigh. 88 89 88 G

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Kenly	7 -71/2	28-40	30.00	2000
Louisburg		36-45	30.00	2000
Pittsboro	714-756	29	28.00	2000
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PAST WEEK



## ASK FOR ECONOMY IN APPROPRIATIONS

MR. GILLETT CRITICISES DEMO CRATIC CONGRESS FOR SPEND-ING SO MUCH MONEY.

ANOTHER PLAN IS NEEDED

Mr. Fitzgerald Says Tariff Is Not to Blame For Shirking Income But Economy is Needed.

Washington.-Statements issued by Chairman Fitzgerald of the house ap propriations committee and Representative Gillett, ranking Republica member, agreed that appropriations of the last session of congress totalled \$1,115,121,409; that contracts involving additional appropriations of \$37,400,000 were authorized and that a treasury deficit is probable.

Chafrman Fitzgerald's staement did

for the entire Sixty-third Congress
Mr. Gillett placed it at \$2,231,000,00 greater than that of the Sixty-second congress and \$177,000,000 more than the last Republican congress appropri

the condition of the treasury continue as at present until June 30, the total would be \$133,000,000 offse however, by income tax collections estimated at \$80,000,000.

Chairman Fitzgerald declared

tariff in no way was responsible and that until the outbreak of war the new law had proved an effective revenue producer. Mr. Gillett did not agree with that.

Mr. Fitzgerald said the effect of the

war was world-wide and that as it goes on reduction of customs, imports and their revenue will continue. At some length he discussed the need "The finances of the Federal go

No more important problem will con front Congress when it reassembles

NEW DANGER SITUATIONS ARISE Anarchy Reigns at Manzillo-But Lit-

tle Food. Washington.—While conditions in Mexico City have improved with the food and water supply replenished and the Capital placed in order by the Villa-Zapata government, situations fraught with difficulties for the United States government have arisen at Progreso, the East coast port, and at Manzillo, on the Pacific. The American consul at Manzillo reports a con-dition of anarchy there. Foreigners are apprehensive, he declares and the food supply is decreasing, while Villa Zapata troops are investing the town's ready to take foreigners away if con

ditions do not improve Progresso, the port from which vir-tually all the sisal hemp used for American binding twine is shipped, has been ordered closed to foreign commerce by General Carranza.

Coal Steamer: Torpedoed. Bordeaux, via Paris.—The steamer Auguste Conseil from Cardiff for Rou en with a coal cergo, was torpedoed by a submarine off the Start Point near the southern extremity of Devon, England. The crew of 28 men is re

Money Point, three miles outside the Reward for Sinking Transport.

Big Fire at Norfolk.

marine which sinks a British troop nection with her demands presented transport. The first gift of a similar nature already has been distributed.

Charles Frank and Robert Rogge, Mines, a process for the manufacture members of the crew of the American of gasoline, dyestuffs and explosives. ailing ship William P. Frye sunk January 28. Sworn statements that one of these men is being detained against his will have been made to me of these men is being detained Juneau, Alaska—A bill providing gainst his will have been made to for prohibition throughout Alaska was be Collector of the Customs by other introduced in the lower house of the nembers of the Frye's crew.

Four British Steamers Torpedoed London.—The submarine U-29, one of the largest and fastest of German ank four British steamers and one While Mrs. Rockefeller had been an sank four British steamers and one French steamer and damaged three others. The German commander gave the crews of most of the steamers and the crest time to leave their vessels and in some cases towed the ships lifeboats with the crew. The U-29 was chased by patrol boats, but proved too elusive for her enemies.

While Mrs. Rockefeller had been an invalid for many months, her death came unexpectedly. Her husband and were advised early that her condition had taken a critical turn for the worse for her enemies.

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## BIGGEST BATTLE OF TRADE COMMISSION WAR IN PROGRESS BEGINS THEIR V

GERMANS MAKING DESPERATE DRIVE AGAINST RUSSIANS IN NORTH POLAND.

MORE THAN A MILLION MEN

Half a Million Men Engaged on Each Side in Big Battle,-British Attacking in West.

London.-Just as the French attack ed the Germans in the West when Field Marshal von Hindenburg made his drive from East Prussia last month, so the British Army operating in Flanders has undertaken the task of relieving pressure on its Russian ally, now that the Russians again are being attacked in North Poland. This is part of the general plan of the Allied generals. When one is attack-ed the other attacks to compel the Germans and Austrians to keep strong forces at every point and endeavor to prevent them from sending new troops where they could do the most good.

The Germans now are attempting to crush the Russians. For this purpose

they are reported to have an army estimated at nearly a half million men marching along the roads toward Przasnysz. To prevent this army from being strengthened further the nowever, by income tax collections estimated at \$80,000,000.

Mr. Gillett asserted that the treasury has not been so empty since the Cleveland administration.

Cheiron Filterand

they have advanced beyond that town.

The battle taking place in the East, experts say, is the biggest pitched battle of the war, no less than a million men being engaged. The Germans in their official report claim an advance, while Petrograd considers it likely that the Russians will have to fall back beyond Przasnyz as they did last month, before making a stand. It probably will be days before a definite result is attained in this battle.

has appeared on the Pilica Rive front, south of the Vistula, probably, military observers say, with the idea of inducing Grand Duke Nicholas to

or inducing Grand Duke Nicholas to withdraw men from the North, where the real blow is being struck. Farther south, along the foothills of the Carpathians, fighting between the Austrians and Russians continued. wintry weather. Each side claims the other is doing the attacking but it is believed here, that as the Austrians in-itiated this battle, they probably are still the aggressors.

MURDER PROMINENT AMERICAN

Stars And Stripes Float Over Man

Zapata Forces Kill Washington—John B. McManus, a rominent American in Mexico, was troopers as they were occupying the Mexican capital after avacuation by

an minister in Mexico City reporting the affair to the state department, say the American flag was floating over McManus' house and that his doors had been closed and sealed by the Brazilian consul. The Brazilian minister's dispatch indicated that the killing may have been one of revenge, for it was charged that when Zapata troops recently occupied the capital McManus had killed three of

had been hoisted over the house and the doors had been sealed by the con-Big Fire at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va.—A mammoth lumber ger or that all foreigners were fearshed, the machinery building and about 2,000,000 feet of lumber were destroyed by fire at the plant of the Zapata troops and took steps for protection. The killing of the American is described in the official distance. patches as having caused great emotion in the foreign colony. McManus originally was from Chicago.

Leipzig, via London.—A Leipzig Japan Modifies Demand citizen has offered a second reward of \$750 to the crew of the German subfied her attitude toward China in con-

Make Gasoline and Dyestuffs Newport News, Va.—Port authori-ties are awaiting instructions from nounced after the Cabinet meeting Washington regarding representations that he had entered into a contract to be made to Commander Thierichens with private interests to build a \$250. of the German converted cruiser Prinz 600 plant to house the invention of Dr Eitel, concerning the detention of Walter G. Rittman of the Bureau of

> Propose Prohibition in Alaska territorial legislature

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Dead. New York-Mrs. John D. Rockefeller died at the Rockefeller nderwater craft, has had a successful try home at Pocantico Hills, just on hree days off the Scilly Islands and side of Tarrytown. She had been il

MEMBERS OF GREAT GOVERN MENTAL AGENCY TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

GREAT CONTROLLING POWER

Will Exercise Supervision Over American Enterprises.—Davis is First Chairman

gress in President Wilson's Adminisgress in President Wilson's Administration came into being when Joseph E. Davies of Wilsonsin, Edward N. Harris of Illinois, William J. Harris of Georgia, William H. Parry of Washington and George Rublee of New Hampshire were sworn in as members of the Federal Trade Commission with far-reaching powers of supervision over American enterprises. There were only the simplest ceremonies. Chief Justice J. Harry Covington of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, administered the oath, completing the work he began

oath, completing the work he began as a member of Congress, when he introduced the bill creating the com-mission. Later in the week the com-missioners will be received by Presi-

Washington engaged in preliminary conferences. Mr. Davies, who is the first chairman of the commission, called the first formal meeting imdemiately following the induction of the members into office. From that time on the commission will be in

Through the assorption of the pureau of Corporations in the Commerce
Department by the new commission,
its work of organization will be greatty simplified. The office staff and
records of that bureau are transferred
to the commission and furnish a working force already organized and equip ped with much information as to the sion will deal. The declared purpose of the trade commission is to estab-lish regulated competition among con-cerns engaged in interstate trans-

ENGLAND EXPLAINS BLOCKADE.

Great Britain Tells How She Will

London.-Great Britain made known sued from Buckingham Palace how

sued from Buckingham Palace how she proposes to sever the arteries of sea commerce to and from Germany during the period of the war. The term "blockade" is not used and no prohibited area is defined. Nevertheless the text of the order makes plain England's purpose to pre-vent commodities of any kind from reaching or leaving Germany during

The last clause of the proclamation contains the proposal most interesting to neutrals. This is a flat agreement to lift the "blockade" in case any na tion will certify that the ships flying its flag shall not carry goods to Ger-many or goods originating therein or goods belonging to the subjects of the

German empire.
It is notable that the order declares no intention to capture ships proceed-ing to and from the countries of Germany's allies Austria and Turkey the many's submarine warfare. However, a cordon of ships will be maintained ports and regulate trade in the war zone, although ships voyaging east-ward across the Atlantic, will, it is expected be seized before they reach

27,000 Japs Embark For China. London.—The Daily Telegraph's Pe king correspondent says he is able to assert on reliable information that 27,000 Japanese troops have embarked for China and that China is about to appeal to Great Britain.

Détained German Vessel,
Newport News, Va.—According to
testimony given the Washington Government, Charles Frank, one of the
members of the crew of the American
ship William P. Frye, which was sunk
by the German converted cruiser by the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich is being held aboard the German warship in German uniform against his will. The circumstances of the case as communicated to Washington were reveal

municated to Washington were reveated here by other members of the crew of the Frye who remain in Newport News.

Frank and Robert Rooge another of the Frye's crew it has developed, were placed in German uniform several days before their comrades were released upon arrival at this port. All released upon arrival at this port. All facts in the case have been submitted to the State Department at Washing-ton, but no instructions so far as can be learned, have been received by offi-cials here as to what course to purciais here as to what course to pur-sure in the matter. The status of the situation devolves upon a sworn state-ment made to the collector of the port here by E. W. Johnson of the lif-fated American ship and a comrade of Frank who also is known as Frought.

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