

When the 'smoke cleared eight

the 1 anner you describe without his | and a supper ready to put down to the

swirling and dashing noise in our rear ed by a negro man. This time there

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was an injury to the appearance of an upon his return from abroad is projected, and is to have national pro-He denied absolutely that there portions,

perception. After this explanation, fire. Brace had seen the necessity of he said that he must once more relin-, preparing him for our reception. A quish our friendship until all doubt is cleared up. 'But,' he added, emphatically, as he was about to leave us, 'if only a part of this story is true-if the girl got possession of the diamond, hid it, and should restore it to Brace and Thorne, they will make away with it, and you will never see one of them again.' '

"If Van Hoeck is not the very old 'un hisself," said the Judge, when 1 showed him this letter, "he's hand in hand with him."

We asked Lola if she had recognized the man who dropped from the oriel window.

"No," she replied, "the night was too thick; but he was about the size of the man I saw the night before going from one window to the other in the left-hand side of the house."

One morning Brace said to me: "I've had my suspicions on it for

some time; but now I'm sure on it. We're being watched." I asked him what reason he had for

this belief.

"My reason is this," he replied. "The one-legged beggar as comes here for scraps give one of the house-helps harf a dollar this morning. It looked like he'd been buying up your silver spoons, so I jest had the rascal searched; but there warn't nairy thing on him but varmin. Lay your life, sir, that beggar didn't give harf a dollar for nothing. We've got to keep our eyes open!"

"You think he is a spy paying the helps for information with respect to our movements?" I said,

"I do-jest that,"

"Why?" "Why?" echoed Brace, drawing a long breath, "because it's jest three weeks since Van Hoeck learnt that we are goin' to get back the Great Hesper. and he found an excuse for quittin'

the locality of Monken Abbey."

CHAPTER XIX.

'As the spring advanced, Brace turned his eyes daily to the mountain tops. On the first of May he said he would have a day or two off, and "jest have a look round at things."

On the seventh he returned. "The time's come," he said; "the snow's goin' away sharp, and the rocks is already squittering down, but, glory be, the hole's open. All we've got to hotel. He said not a word about our pray for now is that the Kid'll listen discovery, nor did the man speak of to the voice of reason. Leave her to me!"

As we were sitting at table he said in a casual way:

"I was up to my old lot in Petersville for a bit of a refresher during my little holiday, sir; and you've no idea how nice the old place do look. Now, sup- dinner, but in reality, I believe, to posin'-as we ain't got nairy blessed thing to do for the next week-we kinder take a look around arter that stone we used ter think such a lot of-jest for curiosity like-hey? The Kid used ter make a fine to do about bein' good stayin' in this house, I reckon?"

a muffled roar, that seemed to come from the very bowels of the earth. I almost fancied I felt the rock vicouple of rooms had been made as debrating under my feet. cently comfortable as might be ex-"You're right," said Brace, when I pected. We left Lola there, and

gave him my impression; "end the strolled out while the dinner was preroar you hear is that stream shootin' down thousands of feet to the bottom The end of the town abutted upon a of the great hole. If it warn't for the wide stream, that was tearing and blamed mist," he added, holding up ling along among the gigantic the torch, which revealed but a few bowlders that marked its course, tofeet above our heads of the granite ward a black cleft which divided a wall by our side, "you'd see that we're towering mountain in two. Fantastic now standin' right between the two as are the effects which characterize sides of the divide we looked at last the heights of the Sierra, I had seen night. We air standin' right over the nothing comparable to this. It was as canon, with pre'aps four or five thouif some mighty hand had split the sand feet of nothing under us, on a

mountain in half. lump of rock that's tumbled down "I have knowed the time," said the from up above, and wedged itself here, Judge, impressively, "when both sides 'cause somethin' stopped its goin' furof this river was filled with miners, der, and it do tremble, I allow. It and every one of 'em worth his thouain't solid! It's moved a lump since I sands of dollars!" knew it in the old days, and one o'

I had no sympathies with the past glories of the stream. My mind was filled with admiration of the savage beauty of the scenery around.

paring.

go?"

"Thar," said the Judge, flinging a piece of wood, part of an appliance which might have washed gold untold, into the turbid and rushing water; "thar, bar stoppages, that'll pass the Great Hesper in less time than it will

take us to get back to the hotel." "Is it through that cleft we have to

any visitor in the house. This, with

a certain cunning look in his little red

We were called at 4 o'clock the next

morning, Brace saying that we must

start early in order to get our job done

in time to get back to a comfortable

preclude the possibility of being fol-

lowed. When we had finished our

breakfast, Brace, taking the hotel man

eyes, alarmed me.

by the button, said:

"Ah, sir, and down into the very instop us. He advanced cautiously, and nards of it." holding out the torch at arm's length,

I was looking toward the dark chasm the light fell upon the yellow water with a feeling of awe, when Brace as it poured down into the black gulf touched my elbow. He was dragging upon which our standing place abutat his chin tuft, his lower lip protrudted. The flame of the torch was drawn ing, his heavy brows bent. He pointdown by the current of air as if it had been at the blast hole of a furnace. ed slowly to a trace in the snow.

"The man from the hotel been down Raising his voice to overcome the noise here—is that what you mean?" I asked. of the water, Brace called out: "We've got to go down there!" "It ain't him, sir, that mark. Look at it-it's a one-footed man, end," he "You are not afraid, Lola?" I asked. added, striding forward and looking She shook her head, and gave my .loser-end's it's a left-footed man, end hand another little squeeze. it's a one wooden-legged man;" and Brace led us off the rock, keeping then, with conviction, "it's the blamed the water still on our left, and there

beggar that's been spyin' after us. was some more downward clambering Leave him to me. He ain't goin' to for a few minutes. Then we came to spy us to-morrow, not hef I knows it." a stand, and he showed me a lateral I approached the marks, and peropening about four feet in height. ceived that beside the foot was the "We goes through there," he said;

round hole made by a wooden stump. then he produced a flask, poured out a dram, and handed it to me. I offered After dinner Brace looked to the pine it to Lola. Another shake of the head, torches he had brought up, and spent the evening drying them carefully. and another little squeeze. while chatting with the man of the

I emptied the cup and Brace helped himself.

these days a chunk from above will

come down and start it off for good

"I think we may as well get off it,

"Wall, yes. It ain't more risky

standin' on it than standin' under it;

and as we've got to go under it, and

He led the way along the trembling

rock a dozen yards, may be-the rush-

ing water sounding upon the left of

is, and then stretched out his arm to

down the hole, we may as well git."

an' all."

in that case,"

"There ain't no need to get ourselves in a muck over this job. We'll put our rubbers on," he said, "the wet drips through."

I took out the overcoats from the bundle of rugs, and we put them on. Then I strapped the roll of rugs on my shoulders again. Brace touched my shoulder and pointed upward to a couple of faintly pink nebulous patches in the mist.

"What is it?" I asked. "The sun ketchin' the tops of the

"Old pal, you hev got a stranger peaks." he replied. He took a couple of torches from when she was sick; do you feel like it The man scratched his ear, looked the bundle he carried, and began to

he goods on sale. happened to be a young man in the operating room who ran to her reserce, were any deceased cattle or hogs only to see the negro's back and give butchered for food. Mr. Wilson dea fruitless chase.

## Fired Five Shots.

Hearing of this second attempt the by Representative Scott of Kansas, young men of the town decided to a member of the committee, "How guard the office at night, which they about the rope and other foreign matdid regularly, taking turns, until Satter found with scraps on the floor.' urday night, the two men assigned Mr. Wilson explained that what was to this duty were sitting in front of probably seen in this instance was the drug store awaiting for the stores | the string on the knuckle and what to close so they could take their po- had been dried beef. This string was sitions, when at 11 o'clock they used with which to hang the beef in heard a pistol shot, followed by four a smoke house, and when the beef more in quick succession. These two, had been sliced off, this knuckle end with the chief of police, ran to the office, when they found the young lady with the pistol in her hand. She attempt was made to use it.

told them she started out into the back lot and some one started toward As Senator Tillman suggested there her, then she jumped back into the was "A streak of yellow" in the office, grabbed the pistol and fired Senate due to the fact that practically once. By the aid of that fire she every desk in the chamber was covercould plainly see some one crouched ed with telegrams of protest against in the corner. Then she aimed at the Anti-Pass provision in the Railhim and fired the other four shots as road Rate Bill as reported by the he went out the door and thought she Conference Committee. hit him with the last one. They were all from railroad men

The doctor's examination showed and in each case consisted of prothat the ball went through his left tests against cutting off the privilege arm and into his body between the of riding free. third and fourth ribs.. The bullet was probed for, but could not be located. The wound was bleeding and he was breathing through the hole. railway emalaveea The doctor says he will not live, but

eighteen hours later he is still living and is conscious. Three of this negro's associates were arrested and held in the lockup.

At 4 o'clock Sunday they were all given a preliminary hearing before a magistrate, resulting in two of them being released and two held. At the

trial the wounded negro, realizing his condition, said he was ready to make a statement, which he did in the form of an affidavit as follows:

### Wounded Negro's Confession.

"North Carolina, Johnston counthe national Legislature. ty: Bud Richardson, being sworn. says: Jim Merritt and I went into the back lot of the telephone company's office Saturday night, June 9th for the purpose of committing rape on Misses Pearl Jones and Jessie Hunt, who were night operators for the company. I got shot and Jim told me he had been there twice before for the same purpose, but could not succeed by himself. No one else was with us. (Signed

## "BUD RICHARDSON."

#### Vera Cruz to Have \$6.000.000 Railgroup, although it was stated that way Terminals. such a lease would decrease the

Mexico City, Special .-- Work will coal very considerably. soon begin on the new railroad terminals at Vera Cruz, which will be the finest terminals in the country and make transfer of goods and pas- these measures exhausted, and peace gies. sengers between steamers and railspreading its wings over the memis easy and economical The cost

King Alfonso and Queen Victoria attended a brilliant military review. scribed in detail the operation of pre-The Spanish police are on the track paring canned meats and when asked of the bombthrower's accomplices. Seven persons were drowned and four killed by lightning at Odessa. Senator Arthur Pue Gorman, of Maryland, died at his residence, 1432

K street, at 9:17 a. m. yesterday. The Virginia State Federation of Labor opens its session at Alexandria soon. Officers will be elected for the ensuing year. Addresses will be dewas left. There was a bone in it. The livered by Samuel Gompers, president bone would smash the machine if an of the American Federation of Labor, and other labor leaders.

> Horrifying disclosures as to the conditions in the Chicago packing houses are made in the report of Charles P. Neill and James B. Reynolds, which was sent to Congress yesterday by President Roosevelt.

Efforts will be made by this Government to secure laborers from Spain to work on the Panama canal The British ship Lismore was of the crew were drowned.

In addition there was a formal Baron von Beck has been intrusted statement on behalf of engineers, with the task of forming the new firemen, conductors and trainmen saying that they represented 230,000 Austro-Hungarian Cabinet.

> Two Americans were convicted of swindling in London and sentenced to hard labor.

Another section of Vesuvius' cone has fallen in, and the showers of ashes and cinders is on the increase.

General Alikhanoff, Governor-General of Kutals and the "pacifier" of the Caucasus, was serously injured of Representatives was in throes of a by one of two bombs thrown at him,

Mr. Whitbridge, the special envoy sent by the United States to attend day before," must be set the work King Alfonso's wedding, presented accomplished in the lower branch of the autograph' letter of good wishes written by President Roosevelt.

In many particulars Tuesday was a Fifty anarchists of . England, 'red letter day'' in the House, not France and Spain are alleged to 'e only in the number of bills passed. but in the general character of the on the way to Madrid to assassinate legislation enacted. What bid fair Alfonso on his wedding day. to cause endless trouble, the natural-Elks had memorial services over

ization bill, was passed under suspentheir dead at Bedford City . sion of the rules, the Speaker and

Eleven persons were killed, two so the gentleman in charge of the bill, badly hurt that they are expected to Mr. Boynge, of Colorado, doing tteam die and a score seriously hurt in a trolly accident at East Providence, The House refused to pass a bill R. I. leasing to a private firm or corpora-

Carl Schurz was eulogized by promtion the right to mine coal on the Island of Batan in the Philippine ment men at a memorial service held in Chicago, President Roosevelt expressed high appreciation of him in a amount paid by the government for letter.

"Tricolor." the Bostock leopard-For two hours the House worked lion-tiger hybrid, died, and a lioness in under suspension of the rules and Mr. Bostock's manageria gave birth then, with the time set apart for to a pair of puma-jaguar-lion prodi-

strikers were lying on the ground and others had fled precipitately down the hill. in triver I wanted Two of those shot were killed instantly and the six others were seriously wounded. T. MILLINGTON Y

DENIED BY MARVIE JORDAN.

President of Cotton Association Has Not Advised Farmers to Sell Spot Cotton for Future Delivery.

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Washington, Special.-President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association made the following statement: "In view of the present misinterpretation of my position on prices of spot cotton which has been given general circulation in the press during the past few days, I wish to unqualifiedly deny any report that I have advised farmers or others to sell spot cotton for future delivery or to deal in cotton futures at all. My position in favor of higher prices wrecked at Santa Maria, Chie, and 22 is unchanged and will continue so long as present splendid trade conditions last and no probability of

abnormally large crops being . produced."

Report Sent In. Washington, Special.-In response to a request from the House committee on agriculture, President Roosevelt forwarded to Representative Wadsworth, chairman of that committee, the report made to him by a committee of the Department of Agriculture regarding conditions in the Chicago meat packing houses. Accompanying the report was a letter from the President, in which he points out that there is no conflict in substance between the Neill-Reynolds report and that of the Agricultural Department experts.

Telegraphic Briefs .

Gabriel Battaile, the negro who is to be hanged today for assault upon Miss Rogers, in King George's county, confessed his crime.

W. L. Francis, of Richmond, who was arrested on a charge of embezzlement, admitted the charge and said he did it to raise money with which to elope.

Planare Supreme Court Orders Served on Chattanooga Lynchers.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special .--United States Marshal Dunlap served Supreme Court orders on all defendants cited to appear before the United States Supreme Court in Oc-

> Fast - w you' 2m a a see that was a state

Chicago, Pittsburg and St. Louis re- tober to answer for attempt in the

# that result. Busy Day in the House. Against the days when the House filibuster or "putting off until tomorrow what it might have done the

work of a superior kind.

The discussion of the Railroad Rate Bill conference report in the Senate showed that the bill would be sent back to the conference. The conference announced that they expected

now, my gel: Lola turned lent for a r eyes to mine out, and, as r "1 am read We made ternoon, and San Diego to put up for th we took the -a deserted of the Sierrs only hotel, w ing the valle path. Water str mountain pa but our diff when we re half melted	d deadly pale, and was sl- moment, then lifting her e, she stretched her hand I took it, said: ly." our preparations that af- took the night train from o Canon River, where we he night. In the morning stage to Great Canon City mining town at the foot a. After lunching at the ve hired mules, and, leav- ey, ascended the mountain reamed freely down the ath upon the lower slopes; ficulties only commenced ached the line where the snow made the rocks	up and looked down, and then, at a jerk of his button, blinked up at Brace, and said: "Wal, I allow I hev." "A wooden-legged stranger, I think?" The same shuffling, and then: "Wal, I allow he hev got a wooden leg." "A native, I believe." "Wal, a native, accordin' to appear- ances." "I kinder fancy he's in the little chamber over there. 'Twarn't a swine I heard gruntin', were it?" "You kin inspect him, if you like." "I will, after which hef I take a fan- ry to nailln' of him up for four-and- twenty hours for the same number o' dollars, you will allow me the use of a hammer and some three-inch pints?" "I will do that," said the man; and	hight them at the end of the one he had last used. "Won't you wait a little—it will be light in half an hour?" I said. "Not down there," he replied; "it's pitch dark at noon in that almighty hole. Now," he added, when the torche's were well lit, "take one of these, kick the snow well off your feet, keep one eye on me, and tother on the rocks, and leave the rest to Provi- dence." With this last injunction he stooped down, and passed through the opening. We followed, but singly, for we needed both hands to make the perilous de- scent. The first thing I noticed in passing under the great block that bridged the awful chasm was the comparative si- lence.	of the terminals is estimated at \$6, 000,000, gold. A large custom house will be built on the railway pier with tracks connecting with the railway yards. The new terminals will be used by four railways. <b>Drowned in Mill Pond.</b> Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—Palm- er Lester, a young white man 20 years of age, was drowned in the Appalach- ian Mill pond Saturdav afternoon. Lester and his companions were bathing and he fell from the spring board into seven feet of water. Be- ing unable to swim he sank to rise no more, after frantic efforts to save	Senator Gorman's Successor. Baltimore, Special.—The rumors as to who would be appointed to serve out the remainder of Senator Gor- man's unexpired term were put to rest Friday night when Governor Warfield announced the appointment of Hon. W. P. Whyte. Mr. Whyte has been governor of the State, may- of of Baltimore, and has twice been	port remarkable advances in business prosperity in their respective sections of the country. Richmond College and the Universi- ty College of Medicine at Richmond may unite. Social Democrats of Wisconsin de- mand the abolition of the United States Senate, charging it with being "a bulwark of capitalism and trust- ocracy." Manuel Morales, who killed himself when about to be captured, was iden- tified as the bomb thrower by the own- er of the Madrid hot il from whom he rented the balcony. Rev. S. Baring-Gould, the noted an- thor and churchmap. died in South	shal was aided in locating the de- fendants by sheriff's deputies, all of whom, in addition to the sheriff, are included in Attorney General Moody's information. <u>News Items.</u> The village of Scottown, in Ohio, was completely washed away by flood, two persons being drowned. The Southern States' Immigration Commission elected officers and estab- lished a New York bureau. President Rosevelt is said to have	
Treacherous	even to the feet of the	the two having shaken hands on the	To be Continued.				the state of the s	