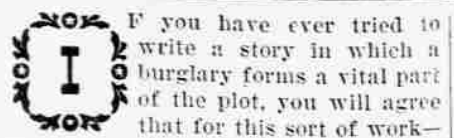


THE "HOME, SWEET HOME" HOUSE. Still stand the maples at the gate, The dark fireflies in the door; The bob-white calls his penic to me, As sweetly as he did before.

AN EXPERIMENT IN REALISM

How the Jimmy Supplemented the Pen.

BY JULIEN JOSEPHSON.



When you have ever tried to write a story, which a burglar forms a vital part of the plot, you will agree that for this sort of work—

latter-day with me again. He looked about him then walking over to my table, he picked up my unfinished manuscript, contemplated it a moment, and thrust it into his coat pocket.

My desire was to work up a vivid account of a burglary in all its fascinating details—depicting the entrance of the burglar, the feelings of the unfortunate individual whose lot it was to be the victim, and all that sort of thing.

Since the first visit to the ice cap of the South Pole was made, some fifty years ago, there has been a steady increase in the number of expeditions.

I resumed my writing. But I had not completed a dozen lines when something occurred which was not down on my program. It was a repetition—this time unobtrusively real—of the sound which I had heard a few moments before.

Those were unfortunate words for him. For no sooner had he delivered himself of this caustic and unmerciful rebuke to my powers of characterization than he uttered a string of words which I had never heard in my usually tranquil life.

I shifted my foot slightly, and took a new grip on my revolver. For a moment I lay on my side, gazing from my hiding place and giving battle to my nocturnal visitor.

He looked at me in apparent astonishment. "Why," he replied, smiling broadly, "in a writer's opinion, I just fixed up in these tags for a bit. I'm out for the same thing you are. I thought this old place was deserted. That's why I came here. I'm an American," he said, with a tinge of pride.

While these speculations had been forming in my mind, the burglar had pulled an eye-bagging pistol from his pocket, examined it, and put it back.

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going on. No doubt, however, the true situation occurred to him later.

And now for the sequel—which concerns itself with the fate of the manuscript and of the burglar. The fate of the manuscript, like that of the burglar, was cruel.

The remains of a big sea reptile, said to be the first of its kind known to scientists, have been dug out of the limestone in Humboldt County, Nevada, and shipped to the University of California.

About forty varieties of fantastic fish from the Bermudas are to be sent to the New York Aquarium. Over 1000 specimens will be included in the shipment, which is expected to reach Gotham on July 14.

Inasmuch as a soldier wounded in battle sometimes lacks the strength to call out for help, Dr. Matignon, a French doctor in the Japanese Red Cross service, has invented a whistle which, with a very slight exertion, gives a loud sound.

Attention is called by the Scientific American to experiments at Harvard University which seem to demonstrate that engineers usually underestimate the maximum loading caused by deep winds on bridges, floors and platforms.

The plains of Hungary are well adapted for the raising of geese, and travelers in that country are often entertained by seeing, from passing trains, great flocks of geese feeding in the fields and watched by geeseherds.

A Highwayman's Mistake. No sympathy can be felt for the young raffian whose misadventure came recently to the knowledge of the police and public.

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WILL EXUM'S NECK SAVED. But He Promises Never Hereafter to Appeal to Any Governor For the Reduction of His Sentence—Governor Believes the Man is Worthy of Death.

Governor Glenn has commuted the death sentence of Will Exum, of Lenoir county, to life imprisonment at hard labor in the State penitentiary at Raleigh. Exum was tried at the September term, 1904, of Lenoir criminal court and convicted of murder in the first degree.

At last the murderer's attorneys headed by ex-Governor Chas. B. Aycock, petitioned for a commutation on the ground that there was no premeditation in the commission of the atrocious crime.

The principal news from outside the city was the announcement from Natchez of the discovery of six cases there.

Penascola, Fla., Special.—Dr. Porter, State health officer and assistant surgeon of the Marine Hospital Service, who is here expressing the opinion that yellow fever is not likely to spread in New Orleans as it has in the past, but he does not believe the disease will be entirely stamped out before cold weather.

Kills Two and is Killed. Selma, Ala., Special.—Oliver Loft, a negro laborer at the lumber mill of G. Talley in Tunnel Springs, during a quarrel with John and Henry Helton, killed John Helton and seriously wounded Henry Helton.

No Attempt to Suppress Evidence. San Francisco, Special.—Referring to a cable dispatch from Honolulu which intimated that efforts had been made to induce the autopsy surgeon and physicians who attended Mrs. Leland Stanford at the time of her death, to modify their first statements regarding poisoning, Attorney Wilson, representing the Stanford estate, and Detective Captain Callenden denied that there was any such attempt. They said all legitimate doctors' bills had been paid.

Carriage Factory in Greensboro. Greensboro, Special.—A movement is on foot to establish a carriage and wagon factory, with a capital of \$50,000, on the Southern Railway just west of the city, using the property recently occupied by the Carolina Spoke & Bending Works.

North State News. Governor Glenn heard last week appeals in the case of Will Adams, sentenced to be hanged Monday. Efforts will be made to have the sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

Frank Gilliam Drowned. Winston-Salem, Special.—Frank Gilliam, aged 17, was drowned in a pond a few miles from this city. Gilliam, with several companions, were in the pond bathing. He was a good swimmer, but it is believed that he remained in the water too long and was attacked with cramp. He came near drowning another boy while the latter was trying to rescue him.

FEVER IS SPREADING NORTH STATE NEWS. Conditions have Not Improved as Expected. Occurrences of Interest in Various Parts of the State.

Charlotte Cotton Market. These figures represent prices paid to wagons:

Good middling... 10 1/2, Strict middling... 10, Middling... 9 1/2, Stains... 7 to 9.

Building and Loan Progress. Insurance Commissioner Young says there is an unusual activity in the State in the formation of Building & Loan Associations.

Suit For Damages Instituted. Salisbury, Special.—Announcement was made here that Wright & Carlton, attorneys for the heirs of Watt V. Barleyson late of this city, have instituted a suit for damages in the amount of \$25,000 against the Southern Railway Company for the death of Young Barleyson.

Owns Its Water Works. Fayetteville now owns its water works, the transfer having been made to the directors of the Bank of Fayetteville. This was done in obedience to a decision of Judge Purcell of the Federal Court, sustaining the city in its suit against the company, under the franchise giving the city the right to take over the property after a term of years by offering its value, set by a board of appraisers.

North State News. Penitentiary Superintendent Mann says the crops in Hyde county are better than he ever saw them, and that they simply astounded people from up the country who have been there this season.

Secretary of State is preparing abstracts of all the wills in his office, 4,000 in number, these running from 1700 to 1773, though there are very few after 1750. All names given in the wills and the locations of the lands covered by these abstracts, which will be printed, the wills have been placed in packets.

Charleston, S. C., Special.—A local freight on the Greenville & Laurens Railroad was wrecked near Barksdale four miles from Laurens. It is thought that the accident occurred on account of an iron bolt on the track. The colored driver was killed and Engineer J. L. Bearden badly injured. The engine and seven cars were demolished. There have been three wrecks near this point within the past six months and foul play is suspected.

Strike in Factory. Warsaw, By Cable.—The strikes in the factories at Warsaw and Lodz have ended. Trains are running from Warsaw on time. They are guarded by the army. The wholesale arrests which have been made here include leading members of the Polish Socialist party. Several prisoners have been conveyed to the Fortress of Modlin, because jails set apart for political offenders are full.

NORTH CAROLINA CROP BULLETIN. Conditions For Past Week as Given Out by the Department. The North Carolina section of the climate and crop service of the department of agriculture, issues the following official bulletin for the past week:

In general the weather has been too wet for the best growth of crops; the week has been cloudy and in many places rain has fallen every day.

In many places the farmers are ready to plow for wheat and while a great deal of land has been broken, it has been too wet for plowing to become general.

It has been too wet for cotton. In many sections it is making too much water and not fruiting so well as opening generally throughout the State, and picking is in progress in many sections but more common in the east and central districts.

While tobacco cutting and curing have been in progress for some time, there is some that is just about ripe in the western districts. The crop will not be quite an average in one-half crop. Firing and speeking has been reported in some portions of central and western districts. In all districts cutting and curing are in progress. The cures are reported as fair, color good but leaf somewhat lacking in body.

A great deal of lowland corn damaged by rains; while many report an improvement in the corn during the past week, others report too much wet and not caring well. Corn, both early and late, on uplands will do fairly well, although the crop is not as good as was anticipated.

Most of the minor crops are doing well. Turnip planting is still in progress, some having come up, and a good yield is expected. White and sweet potatoes, buckwheat, cow peas, water melons are all doing well. In general the fruit crop is a failure, the fruit rotting and falling to the ground but a few report apples and peaches plentiful. Fodder and hay have been generally good, but the raising of internal injuries, which resulted in his death. Through her attorneys the administratrix claims that the defendant company is liable for damages on account of permitting dangerous holes to remain open on its premises.

Rains reported: Raleigh 0.51; Goldsboro 0.24; Greensboro 0.99; Lumberton 0.25; New Bern 0.68; Weldon 1.94.—A. H. Thiessen, Section Director.

A Fruit Fair. Asheville, Special.—Representatives from the fruit-growing sections of western North Carolina met here last week to discuss the advisability and desirability of holding an apple fair in Asheville this fall. At the conclusion of an interesting meeting it was decided to hold the fair from September 20 to October 1, under the auspices of the Asheville board of trade.

The Loray Mill has brought to Gastonia about 100 people this week to work in the mill. There were two car loads of them. They came from Asheville.

Mr. Walter O. Cox, ay omdg lawyer of Winston-Salem, died at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at his home in East Winston, after three days illness with fever. He was deceased was educated at the University of North Carolina and for four years was county superintendent of public instruction. He leaves a wife, and one child, besides a number of relatives and many friends to mourn his death.

Mr. Ed. R. Roscoe, of Reidsville, was gored by a cow last week and has since been in a precarious condition. During a storm she went out to barn to feed the animal and, upon reaching the door, the cow met her and bounded upon her, rendering her unconscious, and goring her severely. Mrs. Roscoe's body was badly lacerated and it is a miracle that she was not killed outright. The patient's condition appears some better, but she is suffering intense agony.

Benjamin O. Kersh, white, was arrested last week at Greensboro on the charge of kidnapping his 8-year-old daughter, after being divorced from his wife, who had been given the custody of the child. The kidnapping took place in Savannah, Ga., and the child was found at Kersh's home, 966 McCulloch street, Greensboro. Kersh is a carpenter. He was married again last April.

High Point Special.—An event which marks a new epoch in High Point's forward stride took place Monday when the first rail on the Inter-urban Electric Railway, to connect High Point and Winston-Salem was put in place. The occasion was witnessed by over 100 citizens, who manifested great pride in the beginning of a work which means so much for the development of High Point and the country between here and Winston-Salem.

NOW UP TO RUSSIA. Japan Materially Modifies Terms of Peace Proposition. FOREGOES QUESTION OF INDEMNITY. Envoys Komura Will Offer Envoys Witte a Waiver of the Claim to Reimburse for the Cost of the War and Will Propose to Refer to Arbitration the Amount to be Paid Japan for Evacuating the Northern Half of Sakhalin.

Portsmouth, N. H., Special.—Tuesday morning Baron Komura, acting upon instructions received from Tokio as a result of Monday's meeting of the cabinet and "elder statesmen" under the direct presidency of the Emperor of Japan, submitted to Mr. Witte a new basis of compromise, and that compromise, it is firmly believed, will insure peace.

The revelation contained in the announcement that President Roosevelt had already informed Emperor Nicholas, through Ambassador Meyer, that Japan was ready to waive the question of indemnity and submit the price to be paid for the northern half of Sakhalin to the judgment of a mixed commission but prepared the way for Japan's back down upon the main issue.

It had met with denials high and low. It was declared to be impossible and admits it and the Russians said they had no confirmation. Mr. Witte intimated strongly that St. Petersburg has not apprised him to any such action by the President. There was even a disposition to ridicule the idea of arbitrating the price of half of the islands. Nevertheless, on all hands it was admitted if Japan took this position, the ground was cut out from under Czar Nicholas.

RUSSIAN WAR PARTY ACTIVE. Everything will depend upon the form in which the proposed is submitted. Should the renunciation of the demand for indemnity be practically the burden laid to her shoulders if she does not consent to submit a minor issue to the impartial judgment of a tribunal, Mr. Witte publicly dissents vigorously from the proposition, and they will still be a struggle with respect to the claim for indemnity. He held responsible for continuing the war for money.

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Mr. Witte feels the pressure of this sentiment and as a man of action he is not a man who will allow a man to lay himself open to a charge that he is temporizing with the situation. He has power under his instructions to reject outright of hand any proposition involving the payment of a kopeck of tribute. He need not consult his imperial master. He is a man of independent action and he is capable, if the Japanese proposition savors still of "blood money," to refuse even to accept it for transmission to St. Petersburg.

But such a strike is not expected. Mr. Witte knows that public opinion, both in America and Europe, as well as in Russia, would condemn him if he broke off the negotiations just as the way was opened for a possible accord.

Turkman Gets Jail Sentence. New York, Special.—John E. Madden, the Kentucky turkman, owner of several fast horses, two of which were entered in the futurity, was convicted of criminal contempt of court, fined \$250 and sentenced to serve thirty days in the Kings County Jail in Brooklyn to-day for ignoring a subpoena of the Supreme Court of this State. Madden was summoned to appear before a commissioner in Saratoga during the racing season there to be questioned in his wife's suit for divorce, but failed to respond.

Fire at Newberns. Newberns, Special.—Fire broke out in the dry house of Blades Hosiery mill at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and consumed the greater part of the factory. The fire raged fiercely and two tenant houses nearby were threatened. A strong northeastern wind threatened the entire section of the town with destruction, but the fire was under control before any further damage was done. The cause of the fire was unknown. The damage, so far as is known, is \$3,000.

Lynching at Newberns, N. C. Newberns, Special.—John Moore, the negro who brutally assaulted the wife of Postmaster George T. Eubanks, at Clark's, with a meat axe, was taken from the Craven county jail at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning and lynched. The mob was composed mostly of countrymen, neighbors of Eubanks, but there were Newberns citizens in the crowd. The farmers arrived in town about midnight.

Mutineers Court-martialed. Liban, Russia, Aug. 26.—The court-martial of 137 mutineers of the battleship Kniaz Potemkin has just been completed. Eight of the prisoners were sentenced to be shot, but it was recommended that their sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. Others were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment at hard labor.