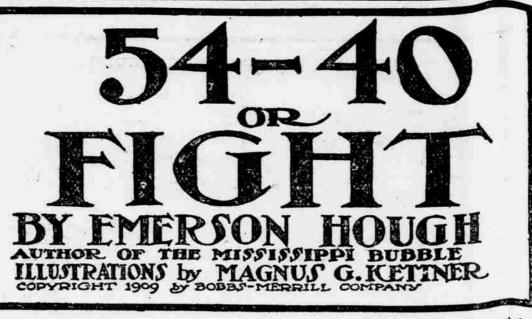


SYNOPSIS.

Senator John Calhoun is invited to become secretary of state in Tyler's cab-inet. He declares that if he accepts Texas and Oregon must be added to the Union. He sends his secretary, Nicholas Trist, to ask the Baroness von Ritz, spy of the British ambassador, Pakenham, to call at his apartments. While searching for the baroness' home, a carriage drives up and Nicholas is invited to enter. The occupant is the baroness, and she asks Nicholas to assist in evading pursuers. Nicholas notes that the baroness has lost a slipper. She gives him the remaining slipper as a pledge that she will tell Calhoun what he wants to know regarding England's in-tentions toward Mexico. As security Nicholas gives her a trinket he intended for his sweetheart, Elizabeth Churchill. Tyler tells Pakenham that joint occupa-tion of Oregon with England, must cease, that the west has raised the cry of "Fif-ty-four Forty, or Fight." Calhoun becomes secretary of state. He orders Nicholas to Montreal on state business, and the latter plans to be married that night. The baroness says she will try to prevent the marriage. A drunken con-gressman whom Nicholas asks to assist in the wedding arrangements, sends the baroness' slipper to Elizabeth, by mistake, and the wedding is declared off. Nicholas finds the baroness in Montreal, she having succeeded, where he failed, in discovering England's intentions regarding Oregon. She tells him that the slip per he had in his possession contained a note from the attache of Texas to the British ambassador, saying that if the United States did not annex Texas within 30 days, she would lose both Texas and Oregon. Nicholas meets a naturalist, Von Rittenhofen, who gives him information about Oregon. The baroness and a British warship disappear from Montreal simultaneously. Calhoun engages Von Ritten-hofen to make maps of the western coun-

CHAPTER XX .-- Continued.

"I will tell you, Nicholas," said he at last, wheeling swiftly upon me. "Start next week! An army of settlers waits now for a leader along the Missouri. Organize them; lead them out! Give them enthusiasm! Tell them what Oregon is! You may serve alike our party and our nation. You cannot measure the consequences of prompt action sometimes, done by a man who is resolved upon the right. A thousand things may hinge on this. A great future may hinge upon it." While you have been busy, I have not been idle," he continued. "I have here another little paper which I have roughly drafted." He handed me the document as he spoke.



I stared at him.

see here!"

that my lady baroness traffics with Yturrio. Mexico as well as England," he resumed. "That is to say, Yturrio hear of our friends from the south pose immediate annexation of the Remeets my lady baroness. What is the west," said he, at last, with a slight public of Texas! Though it means inference? At least, jealousy on the addition of formality in tone and at | war, Texas shall be ours! This has part of Yturrio's wife, whether or not titude. she cares for him! Now, jealousy between the sexes is a deadly weapon if well handled. Repugnant as it is, we must handle it."

I experienced no great enthusiasm at the trend of events, and Mr. Calhoun smiled at me cynically as he went on. "I see you don't care for this sort of commission. At least, this is no midnight interview. You shall call in broad daylight on the Senora Yturrio. If you and my daughter will take my coach and four tomorrow, I think she will gladly receive your cards. Perhaps also she will consent to take the air of Washington with you. In that case, she might drop in here for an ice. In such case, to conclude, I may perhaps be favored with an interview with that lady. I must have Van Zandt's signature to this treaty which you

"But these are Mexicans, and Van Zandt is leader of the Texans, their most bitter enemies!"

"Precisely. All the less reason why Senora Yturrio should be suspected." "I am not sure that I grasp all this, Mr. Calhoun."

"Perhaps not. You presently will know more. What seems to me plain is that, since we seem to lose a valuable ally in the Baroness von Ritz, we must make some offset to that loss. If England has one woman on the Columbia, we must have another on the Rio Grande!"

wife of a gentleman so distinguished "You come now to me with proof in the diplomatic service as Senor

At these words I saw my lady's eyes other nations." flicker. "It is fate, senor," said she, spreading out her hands as in resigna- in Texas now, or will be." tion, "fate which left Texas and Mexico not always one."

"That may be," said Mr. Calhoun, houn grimly. "For me, I do not be "Perhaps fate, also, that those of kin lieve in war when war can be averted, should cling together."

lady shrugged her very graceful and avert it? Suppose the senora could beautiful shoulders-somewhat ma- remain here still, in this city which ful.

"Dear senora," said Mr. Calhoun, valuable in our society here." perchance leave the legation to which ing eyes read his meaning. he was attached and pay a visit to "See," he resumed. "alone. I am Md., where he died. another nation?"

spread in protest.

"How indeed, senor?"

Trist, should tell you that he has seen Tyler." your husband some hundreds of miles away and in conference with a lady rippling laughter, her white teetn supposed to be somewhat friendly to- gleaming. It was, after all, somewhat ward—"

"Ah, you mean that baroness-!" So soon had the shaft gone home! Her woman's jealousy had offered a quiet way. "We shall do better if we point unexpectedly weak. Calhoun deal entirely frankly, senora," said he. buildings was greatly damaged. bowed, without a smile upon his face. |"Let us then waste no time. Frankly,

senora, Mexico, would make to me?"

"Mr. Pakenham, the British minis- then, it would seem that, now the boy, stole his father's revolver and disfigured before using the Cuticura er, is disposed to be friendly to this Baroness von Ritz is off the scene, the same lady. Your husband and a certain Senora Yturrio would have all the betofficer of the British navy called upon ter title and opportunity in the affecthis same lady last week in Montreal tions of-well, let us say, her own -informally. It is sometimes unfortu- husband!"

"I do dare it; I do mean it! I can tell you all that Mexico plans, and all that Texas plans. All the secrets are "We are especially glad always to out; and since we know them, we pur-

been forced upon us by the perfidy of

"They are but very slightly in advance of the truth, senora," said Cal-

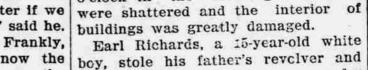
But suppose it could be averted? Sup-"How can a mere woman know?" My pose the Senora Yturrio herself could Laurel, Del.-A mob of armed ne-

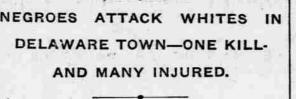
helpless in this situation. If my gov-Again the slight flickering of her ernment is offended, I cannot stop the

"What if my young aide here, Mr. his excellency our president, Mr. My lady broke out in a peal of low

cannot be located. lifficult to trifle with one who had

been trained in intrigue all her life. gle between the two races until 3 o'clock in the morning. Windows Calhoun laughed now in his own





BAD FEELING AMONG RACES

Riot Continued Nearly Through One Night-Shot and Bullets Whiz Officers Through Streets-Law Could flot Control Mob.

Laurel, Del.-The ill feeling which has existed for some time between white and colored residents of Laurel and vicinity culminated in a race rict that raged in the heart of town nearly "You seek war, Senor Secretary! all night, resulting in the death of a again casting down her eyes, and My people say that your armies are white boy, the serious injury of two white men and minor injury of a number of white and colored men and damage to a number of buildings. A lynching is threatened if the negro who fired the fatal shot is found.



Howell-My wife is a woman few words.

Powell-But doesn't she make the few work overtime?

SCALES ALL OVER HER BODY

"About three years ago I was affected by white scales on my knees and elbows. I consulted a doctor who groes swooped down upon a crowd of treated me for ringworm. I saw no ture shoulders now, but still beauti- she so much admires? A lady of so spectators in the main thoroughfare change and consulted a specialist and distinguished beauty and charm is of the town and fired a volley of bul- he claimed I had psoriasis. I continlets and buckshot into the crowd. ued treatments under him for about "there are so many things a woman He bowed to her with stately grace. Orem Stockley, 18 years old, son of a six months until I saw scales breakmay not know. For instance, how If there was mockery in his tone, she farmer living near Laurel, fell to the ing out all over my body save my could she know if her husband should could not catch it; nor did her search. ground, shot through the head. He face. My scalp was affected, and my was taken to a hospital in Salisbury, hair began to fall. I then changed doctors to no avail. I went to two George Hudson, 50 years old, a hospitals and each wanted to make a white man of Bethel, was shot in the study of the case and seemed unable eyes, but again her hands were out course of events. I am not the sen- leg, necessitating amputation, and to cure it or assure me of a cure. I ate; I am simply an officer in our ad- John Thompson, a white barber, was tried several patent medicines and ministration-a very humble officer of shot in both legs while shaving a was finally advised by a friend who patron. Other white men received has used Cuticura on her children minor injuries. It is known that sev- since their birth, to purchase the eral negroes were injured but they Cuticura Remedies. I purchased a cake of Soap, the Ointment and the Officers were unable to cope with Resolvent. After the first application the mob and there was a fierce strug- the itching was allayed.

"I am still using the Soap and Ointment and now feel that none other is good enough for my skin. The psoriasis has disappeared and I every-Earl Richards, a 15-year-old white where feel better. My hands were so captured George Wright, a negro, for Remedies that I had to wear gloves all

"A treaty-with Texas!" I exclaimed.

signed the memorandum. We await ington. Matters went so smoothly only one other signature." "Of Van Zandt!"

"Yes. Now comes Mr. Nicholas Trist, with word of a certain woman ly, our stately progress finally brought to the effect that Mr. Van Zandt is us close to the residence of Miss Calplaying also with England."

with England."

Calhoun smiled enigmatically.

sailed for Oregon, for all we know."

flash of inspiration. "That may be," and chatting very amiably. She spoke said he; "it may very well be! That English with but little hesitancy. would cost us our hold over Pakenham. Neither would we have any chance left with her."

"How do you mean, Mr. Calhoun?" said I. "I do not understand you."

"Nicholas," said Mr. Calhoun, "that lady was much impressed with you." He regarded me calmly, contemplatively, appraisingly.

ated.

"I am glad that you do not and did not. In that case, all would have been over at once. You would never have seen her a second time. Your constancy was our salvation, and perhaps your own! In due time you will see many things more plainly. Meantime, be sure England will be careful. She will make no overt movement, I should say, until she has heard from Oregon: which will not be before my lady baroness shall have returned and reported to Pakenham here. All of which means more time for us."

I began to see something of the structure of bold enterprise which this man deliberately was planning; but no comment offered itself; so that presently he went on, as though in soliloquy.

"The Hudson Bay Company have deceived England splendidly enough. Dr. McLaughlin, good man that he is, has not suited the Hudson Bay Company. His removal means less courtesy to our settlers in Oregon. Granted a less tactful leader than himself, there will be friction with our highstrung frontiersmen in that country. No man can tell when the thing will come to an issue. For my own part, I would agree with Polk that we ought to own that country to fifty-four forty -but what we ought to do and what we can do are two separate matters. Should we force the issue now and lose, we would lose for 100 years. Should we advance firmly and hold firmly what we gain, in perhaps less than 100 years we may win all of that country, as I just said to Mr. Polk, to the River Saskatchewan-I know not where! In my own soul, I believe no man may set a limit to the growth of the idea of an honest government by the people. And this continent is meant for that honest government!" He sighed as he paused in his walk and turned to me. "But now, as I said, we have at least time for Texas. And in regard to Texas we need anether woman."

CHAPTER XXI.

Politics Under Cover. To a woman, the romances she makes are more amusing than those she reads. -Theophile Gautier.

It seemed quite correct for the daughter of our secretary of state to call to inquire for the health of the fair Senora Yturrio, and to present the compliments of Mme. Calhoun, at "The first draft, yes. We have that time not in the city of Washthat I felt justified in suggesting a lit-

tle drive, and Senora Yturrio had no merciless. hesitation in accepting. Quite naturalhoun. That lady suggested that, since "And that woman also is playing the day was warm, it might be well to descend and see if we might not

find a sherbet; all of which also husband is welcome in the house of ties, even thus." knows where? She, too, may have from Mexico. The ease and warmth of Mr. Calhoun's greeting to her were

He looked at me as though with a such that she soon was well at home eyes, searching him.

Lucrezia Yturrio, at that time not ill known in Washington's foreign colony, was beautiful, in a sensuous, ripe way. Her hair was dark, heavily coiled, and packed in masses above an oval fore- while supposed to be under our flaghead. Her brows were straight, dark if I should add that one of the representatives of the Mexican legation and delicate; her teeth white and strong; her lips red and full; her chin had been discovered in handing over well curved and deep. A round arm to England certain secrets of this "I do not understand you," I reiter- and taper hand controlled a most art- country and of the Republic of Texas ful fan. -why, then, what answer, think you,

Mr. Calhoun expressed great surprise and gratification that mere chance had enabled him to meet the -does not dare to say-"



She bent toward him now, her lips nate that plans are divulged. To me it seemed only wise and fit that you open in a slow smile, all her subtle should not let any of these little per- and dangerous beauty unmasking its sonal matters make for us greater batteries. The impression she concomplications in these perilous times. veyed was that of warmth and of I think you understand me, perhaps, spotted shadows such as play upon Senora Yturrio?" the leopard's back, such as mark the

She gurgled low in her throat at wing of the butterfly, the petal of this, any sort of sound, meaning to some flower born in a land of heat remain ambiguous. But Calhoun was and passion. But Calhoun regarded het calmly, his finger tips together,

"It is not within dignity, senora, for and spoke as deliberately as though An Expert in Agriculture-A Warm me to make trouble between a lady communing with himself. "It is but and her husband. But we must have one thing, one very little thing." "And what is that, senor?" she friends with us under our flag, or

"But she has gone," said I, "who seemed quite to the wish of the lady our republic. There are certain du- dum of treaty between the United here. He was 78 years old. States and Texas."

Only now and again she turned

-if I should say that Mexico has ask the gracious assistance of Senora been found under the flag of England, Yturrio. In return we promise hersilence!" "I can not-it is impossible!" she ex-

"It is our ruin-!"

"But Senor Calhoun does not mean try well may doubt England, even Agriculture. His investigations stim

Texas supposes that these two, although they do not represent preciseence with him, he may consult politics raise hogs. and not you, and so declare war

whom the authorities have been lock- the time. Now my body and hands ing for over a year. Richards comuntil the officers arrived. Wright is phia, Pa., Sept. 30, 1910.

said to be wanted in Virginia for the alleged murder of a white boy.

Officers are endeavoring to apprehend the negro who fired the fatal shot at young Stockley. Open threats have been made of a lynching when he is caught.

DR. SEAMAN A. KNAPP DEAD

Friend of the South.

Washington .- Dr. Seaman Asahel Knapp, one of the foremost experts of the department of agriculture, who "The signature of Senor Van Zandt, has made investigations in many attache for Texas, on this memoran- parts of the world, died at his home

Dr. Knapp was from New York and his work in the Orient and in

Rheumatism, which later developed into a complication of diseases caused Dr. Knapp's death. He was a graduate of Union college and received many degrees from other institutions.

Dr. Knapp introduced the improv "it means annexation of Texas to the ed Japanese rice in this country after United States. But that is not your extensive travels in Japan, China and ruin. It is your salvation. Your coun- the Philippines for the Department of

ulated the rice industry in Louisiana. "I have no control over Senor Van Mississippi and Arkansas, as he fre-Zandt-he is the enemy of my coun- quently made prolonged lecture tours in the interest of farmers. Through-

Calhoun now fixed upon her the full out the South, but particularly in cold blue blaze of his singularly pene- Louisiana, Dr. Knapp became welltrating eyes. "No, senora," he said known of his efforts in behalf of the sternly; "but you have access to my production of not only rice but sufriend Mr. Polk, and Mr. Polk is the gar and cotton. He was one of the friend of Mr. Jackson, and they two leaders in the great fight of the govare friends of Mr. Van Zandt; and ernment against the cotton boll weevil. Of recent years he had been directing the work of the department ly my own beliefs in politics, are for toward the diversification of crops in the annexation of Texas, not to Eng- the South and through his efforts land, but to America. There is good many Southern farmers were inducchance Mr. Polk may be president. If ed largely to give up their one-staple you do not use your personal influ- crop-cotton-and to plant corn and

> Chinamen Assault Missionary. Shanghai.-The Rev. John Murray, rnment escort. He is now consider-

are looking fine." (Signed) Miss Sara pelled the negro to hold up his hands | Burnett, 2135 Fitzwater St., Philadel-

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Preponderance of Evidence. "Sorry," said the constable, "but I'll have to arrest ye-you been drivin' along at the rate of 50 miles an hour. "You are wrong, my friend," said the driver. "I wasn't, and here's a ten-dollar bill that says I wasn't." "All right," returned the constable, pocketing the money. "With 11 to one against me I ain't goin' to subject the county to th' expense of a trial."

What is passing in the heart of another rarely escapes the observation of one who is a strict anatomist of his own.-Shelley.

-Harper's Weekly.

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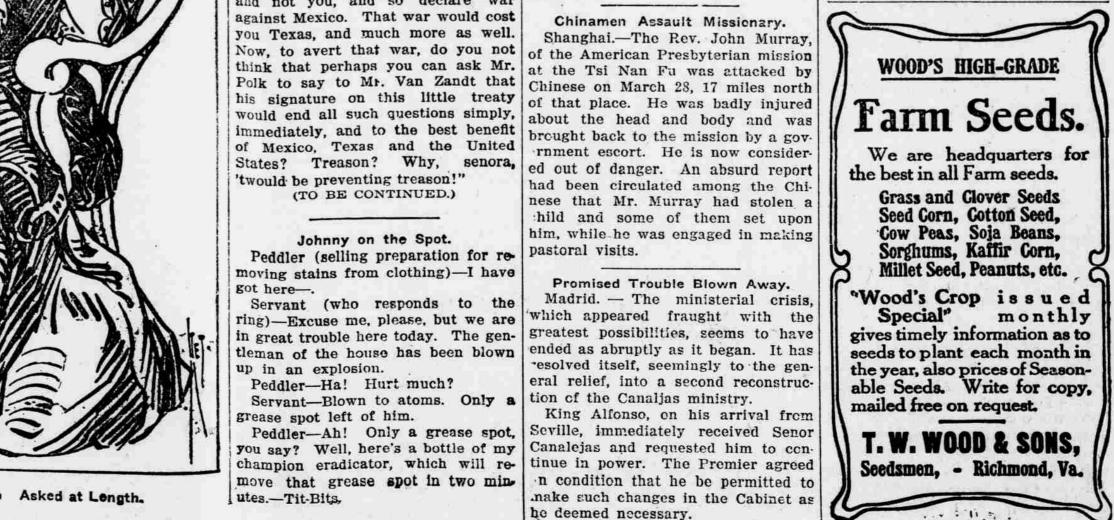
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know that they are not our friends, asked at length. You are welcome in my house. Your

Bowing, he presented to her the

claimed, as she glanced at the pages.

"No, senora," said Calhoun sternly; England bearing gifts!"

try!" she began.

upon him the light of her splendid document to which he had earlier di- connections with American rice prorected my own attention. "We are duction in the South and in promo-"If I should recall again, gently, my all well advised that Senor Van Zandt tion of various Scuthern crcps made dear senora, the fact that your hus- is trafficking this very hour with Eng- him famous among agricultural inband was with that particular woman land as against us," he explained. "We vestigators.