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ET CONAN DOYLE.

CHAPTER X.

THE END OF THE ISLANDER. Our meal was a merry one. Holmes could talk exceedingly well when he chose, and that night he did choose. He appeared to be in a state of nervous exaltation I have never known him so brilliant. He spoke on a quick succession of subjects,-on miracleplay, on medieval pottery, on Stradiverius violins, on the Buddhism of Cevton, and on the warships of the future handling each as though he had made a special study of it. His bright inmor marked the reaction from his black depression of the preceding days. Athelney Jones proved to be a sociable coul in his hours of relaxation, and faced his dinner with the air of a bon vivant. For myself, I felt elated at the thought that we were nearing the and of our task, and I caught something of Holmes' gayety. None of us alluded during dinner to the cause which had brought us together.

When the cloth was cleared Holmes glanced at his watch and filled up three glasses with port. "One hummer." said he, "to the success of our little expedition. And now it is high time we were off. Have you a pistol, Watson?"

"I have my old service revolver in my desk."

You had best take it, then. It is well to be prepared. I see the cab is at the door. I ordered it for half-past 215.

It was a little past seven before we reached the Westminster wharf and found our launch awaiting us. Holmes eved it critically.

"Is there anything to mark it as a police boat?"

his launch for the final escape, and hurried to their lodgings with the treasure-box. In a couple of nights, when they had time to see what view the papers took, and whether there was any suspicion, they would make their way under cover of darkness to some ship at Gravesend or in the Downs, where no doubt they had already arranged for passages to America or the colonies."

the largest fire that has been chronicled "But the launch? They could not nave taken that to their lodgings."

COUNTY

since the big cotton platform fire of 1875. The immense cotton warehouse "Quite so. I argued that the launch must be no great way off, in spite of on North College street known as the its invisibility. I then put my fif in Sanders & Blackwood warehouse, the place of Small, and looked at it as erected at a cost of \$26,000, lies a mass a man of his capacity would. He would of ruins, together with the rear portion probably consider that to send back of the Holton building on Trade street, the launch or to keep it at a wharf would running back to the cotton warehouse, make pursuit easy if the police did and two new stores on North College happen to get on his track. How, then, street owned by Capt. Harrison Watts. could he conceal the launch and yet By 5 o'clock the whole of the imhave her at hand when wanted? I mense warehouse was in flames. The wondered what I should do myself if I sight was grand yet terrifying A were in his shoes. I could only think slight breeze was blowing, and sparks of one way of doing it. I might hand and flakes of burning cotton were carthe launch over to some boatbuilder ried over the houses on the opposite or repairer, with directions to make a block. trifling change in her. She would then The roof of Ritch's stable was disbe removed to his shed or yard, and so covered to be on fire, as were several be effectually concealed, while at the roofs of houses in Buzzard's Roost. same time I could have her at a few With this increase of danger, increased

hours' notice." "That seems simple enough."

formed and the roofs were manned and "It is just these very simple things the water passed up. which are extremely liable to be over-As the flames rolled higher and highlooked. However, I determined to act er from the burning warehouse, it was on the idea. I started at once in this seen that the whole block of houses, an harmless seaman's rig and inquired at unbroken line of brick, on College all the yards down the river. I drew street, was in great danger. blank at fifteen, but at the sixteenth-The occupants of the various stores Jacobson's-I learned that the Aurora on College, believed nothing but that had been handed over to them two the whole block would be swept away, days ago by a wooden-legged man and a rush was made by each to get with some trivial directions as to her his goods out. The streets were strewn rudder. 'There ain't naught amiss with furniture, groceries, beds, bed with her rudder,' said the foreman. clothing, trunks, beef and everything 'There she lies, with the red streaks.' else portable. The scene was a wild At that moment who should come down

but Mordecai Smith, the missing one. owner? He was rather the worse for liquor. I should not, of course, it would not stop short of the corner. have known him, but he bellowed The stores on the College street block out his name and the name of his

\$75,000 FIRE IN CHARLOTTE.

The Sanders & Blackwood Warehouse

orable month for Charlotte, N. C.

and Six Stores Destroyed.

April, 1895, is destined to be a mem-

The most distressing bank defalca-

tion that has ever been known in

Charlotte, occurred in the early part

of the week, and Thursday afternoon

the excitement. Bucket brigades were

stopped about the furniture store.

The Southern Newspaper Union

kept its presses running and men at

work up to the time when the fire was

in only a few doors from it. "That's

enterprise," said some one. "You

The general opinion seemed to be

that the fire could have been prevent-

ed had the water supply been sufficient.

The pressure was not strong enough.

Superintendent Hutchison, of the

water works, was seen after the fire.

He said that one of the three boilers

was being cleaned, making them short,

when the fire began, one boiler. It

took about 30 minutes to fire it up.

The pressure, he said, was 80 pounds,

but at one time went down to 40. He,

as well as the company, was worried

that the boiler was not in working or-

der. The fire of Thursday afternoon

clearly demonstrates that two boilers

are not sufficient, and as the third one

is likely to have to be cleaned again,

The loss is estimated to be about

A colored boy named Ben Wright

was badly cut by falling glass. His

The High Price of Beef.

not like the reports sent out by Secre-

tary of Agriculture Morton intimating

that the high price of meat is caused

by a combination in the interest of the

stock men as against both the produc-

er and consumer of meat. At a large-

ly attended meeting held at the Stock

Exchange at the Union Stock Yards on

Thursday a long series of resolutions

were adopted and ordered telegraphed

say the receipts of cattle at the four

principal Western markets for the

current year are 270,000 head less

Work of Professionals.

The live stock men of Chicago do

face and arms were fearfully torn.

can't down the press, you know."

THE NEWS. GLEANINGS FROM MANY POINTS.

DUNN, N.C., WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1895.

Important Happenings, Both Home and Foreign, Briefly Told.

# Financial.

Comptroller Eckels closed up the First National Bank of Willimantic, Conn. The capital of the bank 18 \$100,000 and it has become impaired, it is said, through the carelessness or otherwise of the cashier, who recently died.

Cotton. Estimates placed the acreage in cotton in Texas List year at 5,000,000 with a yield of 3,000,000 bales. In response to questions recently asked its numerous correspondents throughout the State, the Houston Post has received over two hundred replies. The correspondents' replies from all sections

of the State, in regard to the acreage in cotton, the weather conditions and the date of planting, indicate a decrease in cotton of about 171 per cent., while they show a large increase in the land cultivated. The farmers seem to have been diversifying their crops to a considerable extent, planting much more corn and small grain than usual.

Labor.

At Fall River, Mass., the mills re sumed operations Monday morning under the scale of wages in operation previous to August 20,1894. Twentyfour thousand workers are benefitted. The Edwards Manufacturing Company of Augusta, Me., employing

nearly 1,200 hands, has restored wages to the schedule in force previous to November 12, 1894, when a cut of It seemed as the fire progressed that 10 per cent. was made.

According to the agreement the in-

Nathan Pelham, who was to be hanged last Friday at Selma, Ala., for the murder of three negroes, through his lawyer, E. V. Molette, and a petition to the governor signed by the entire bar of that city, has had his A VOLUNTARY SURRENDER. death sentence commuted to life im-prisonment by Governor Oates. Holland Asked to Be Taken to Jail--

He Preferred Prison to Lonely Miscellaneous.

State Lidron UNION

IS JAILED

Wanderings in Foreign Lands.

where the ex-cashier was in hiding,

"I sent for you," said the ex-cashier,

"because I wanted to give myself up."

Mr. Shaw asked if he had fully made

up his mind to do so. "Yes," said he,

"I have thought the matter over for

these five days, and have made up my

mind to surrender. I would rather

serve my time, five or ten years in the

penitentiary, than to be hounded down

by justice through many years sepa-

rated from my family, and not be able

to hear from them or to write to them.

to and hear from my family, and it

would be a relief to me to know that I,

from place to place, as I would be if I

Mr. Shaw knows Mr. Holland well,

the two being brothers-in-law, and

knows one of his strongest characteris-

tics to be, decision. If he once makes

ing in the world can change him. Mr.

Shaw, remembering this characteristic,

knew it was useless to dissuade him,

and, in fact, did not try. "Well,

"I want you to go with me to Col.

at least, would not be hounded down,

and saw him.

fled from justice."

The number of ballous taken in the Delaware Legislature for Senator has run up to 121, but there is yet no elec-

The American sailors are still in jail in Santiago, Cube, without trial. There is no evidence against them. There are no indications of their release. The American residents declare it an outrage and say the request of the government would be granted if a warship were there.

Foreign.

The Paris omnibus strike has been

with thunder, shook Laibach, Austria, Tuesday afternoon. Eight or ten buildings collapsed and the few families who had returned to their homes In the penitentiary I can, at least, write

In the London House of commons Mr. W. T. Russell's bill providing for the perpetuation of the existing temporary regulation closing the drinking saloons in Ireland on Sunday passed its second reading by a vote of 168 to

UTILIZE OUR OWN RESOURCES. up his mind to a certain course, noth-

Sensible Advisor a Practical Southern Mill Man.

In a communication to the Chattawhat do you want to do?" he asked Mr. nooga Tradesman Mr. W. A. Courte-Holland. ney, of Newry, Oconee County, S. C., SAVS :

island cottons were sold by the plant-

heard from very effectively.

tude.

work.

But within recent months there has

come in view a strange and phenome-

nal condition. Some Southland peo-

Maxwell's (U. S. commissioner) to give Our "Southland" is certainly highly myself up " The two started for Col. favored with marvellous natural ad- Maxwell's. On the way they talked of

# TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

\$1.00 Per Year In Advance.

NO 7.

At Tampa, Fla., Thomas A. Mitchell, a nephew of Governor Mitchell, of Florida, was shot and killed by Perry Hand. Cause jealousy.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Samuel Smith shot James Carter, a young negro, fatally, at Elkhorn, W. Va. The latter was resisting arrest.

William Owen, colored, was hanged While the family of Mr. W. E. Shaw, at Varner, Ark. One year ago Owen Charlotte, N. C., were at supper Sunbrutally murdered his wife on a plantday evening about eight o'clock, a mesation near Noble's Lake braining her senger arrived to see Mr. Shaw. He with a hoe so that he might marry was told that Mr. Holland wanted to again. see him. He hurried to the place

Pursuant to resolutions adopted by the Anti-Cotton Growing League, recently formed at Gurdon, Ark., this year's acreage of cotton will be greatly reduced in proportion to that of preceding years.

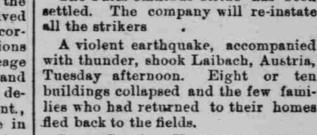
The Merchants' National Bank of Rome, Ga., has closed temporarily by order of the board of directors. It is believed that all the depositors will be paid every dollar.

At Columbus, O., George Geschwilm was hanged in the state prison, Geschwilm, who was about thirty-two years old, killed his wife, at the home of her mother, on the night of March 8, 1894.

The Mobile & Birmingham Railway, extending from Mobile to Marion Junction, Ala., was sold at public out-cry and bid by T. G. Rush, representing the bondholders, for \$500,000. The plan of re-organization has already been effected and the road will be rerailed and otherwise improved as soon as possible after July 1st.

New Orleans Cotton Crop Statement.

The crop statement from September 1st to April 26th inclusive: Port receipts, 7, 691, 275 bales, against 5, 648,-558 last year, 4,714,019 year before last, and 6,699,458 for the same time in 1892: overland to mills and Canada, 951,355, against 780,306, last year, 801,691 and 1,173,280; interior stocks in excess of September 1st, 125,858, against 106,684 last year, 156,915 and 234,593 for the same time in 1892; Southern mill takings, 577,367, against 580,485 last year, 462,344 and 508,-005 for the same time in 1892; crop brought in sight during 238 days to date, 9,346,355, against 7,-115,983 last year, 6,234,973 and 8,615,334; crop brought into sight for the week, 64,741, against 46,371 for the seven days ending April 26th, last year, 36,289 and 52,852; crop brought into sight for the first twenty-six days of April, 292,887, against 199,032 last year, 164,868 year before last and 221,-045 for the sume time in 1892. Comparisons in these reports are made up to the corresponding date last year, year before last and 1892, and not to the close of the corresponding week. Comparisons by weeks would take in 239 days of the season last year, 240 year before last, 242 in 1892, against only 238 days this year.



Yes-that green lamp at the side. Then take it off."

The small change was made, we stepped on board, and the ropes were



JONES, HOLMES AND I SAT ON THE DECK

cast off. Jones, Holmes and I sat in the stern. There was one man at the rudder, one'to tend the lengines, and two burly police inspectors forward. "Where to?" asked Jones

"To the tower. Tell them to stop opposite to Jacobson's yard."

Our craft was evidently a very fast one. We shot past the long lines of I aded barges as though they were stationary. Holmes smiled with satisfaction as we overhauled a river steamer and left her behind us.

We ought to be able to catch anything on the river," he said.

"Well, hardly that. But there are net many launches to beat us." "We shall have to catch the Aurora, and she has a name for being a clipper. I will tell you how the land lies, Watson. You recollect how annoyed I was at being balked by so small a thing?" "Yes."

"Well, I gave my mind a thorough rest by plunging into a chemical unalysis One of our greatest statesmen has said that a change of work is the best rest. So it is. When I had succeeded in dissolving the hydrocarhow which I was at work at, I came back to our problem of the Sholtos, and thought the whole matter out again. My boys had been up the river and down the river without result. The launch was not at any landing stage or wharf, nor had it returned. Yet it could hardly have been centiled to hide their tracesthough that always remained as a possible hypothesis if all else failed. I knew that this man Small had a certain degree of low cunning, but I did not think him capable of anything in the nature of dericate finesse. That is usually a product of higher education. I they reflected that since he had certainly been in London some time-as we had evidence that he maintained a continual watch over Pondicherry lodge-he could hardly leave at a moment's notice, but would need some

launch. 'I want her to-night at eight o'clock,' said he-'at eight o'clock sharp. mind, for I have two gentlemen who won't be kept waiting.' They had evidently paid him well, for he was very flush of money, chucking shillings about to the men. I followed him some distance, but he subsided in an ale house; so I went back to the yard, and, happening to pick up one of my boys on the way, I stationed him as a sentry over the launch. He is to stand at the water's edge and wave his handkerchief to us when they start. We shall be lying off in the stream, and it will be a

strange thing if we do not take men, treasure and all." "You have planned it all very neatly, whether they are the right men or not." said Jones: "but if the affair

were in my hands I should have had a body of police in Jacobson's yard, and arrested them when they came down.' "Which would have been never. This man Small is a pretty shrewd fellow.

He would send a scout on ahead, and if anything made him suspicious he would lie snug for another week."

"But you might have stuck to Mordecai Smith, and so been led to their hiding-place," said I. "In that case I should have wasted

my day. I think that it is a hundred and possibly again on the very day to one against Smith knowing where when needed, as Thursday, it seems they live. As long as he has liquor that the company should purchase an and good pay, why should he ask ques extra one. The shortage in water cost tions? They send him messages what the city thousands of dollars. to do. No, I thought over every possible course, and this is the best.' \$75,000. Insurance \$19,600.

While this conversation had been proceeding, we had been shooting the long series of bridges which span the Thames. As we passed the city the last rays of the sun were gilding the cross upon the summit of St. Paul's. It was twilight before we reached the tower. "That is Jacobson's yard," said Holmes, pointing to a bristle of masts and rigging on the Surrey side.

"Cruise gently up and down here under cover of this string of lighters." He took a pair of night glasses from his pocket and gazed some time at the shore. "I see my sentry at his post," he remarked, "but no sign of a handkerchief.'

'Suppose we go down stream a short way and lie in wait for them," said to Secretary Morton. The resolutions Jones, eagerly. We were all eager by this time, even the policemen and stokers, who had a very vague idea of what was going forward.

than for the same period of 1894. "We have no right to take any-This alone is responsible for the inthing for granted," Holmes answered. crease in the prices of dressed beef. "It is certainly ten to one that they go Statements recently sent out charging down stream, but we cannot be certain. that there is a combine or trust are From this point we can see the enpronounced unjust, and the public is trance to the yard, and they can hardly asked to withhold its judgment until see us. It will be a clear night and the merits of the controversy can be plenty of light. We must stay where investigated by the press. we are. See how the folk swarm over yonder in the gaslight.'

vard.

"They are coming from work in the

The directors of the First National pose every one has some little immortal bank of Plainfield, N. J., have just does not contain any provision allowspark concealed about him. You made public a theft of \$22,765 from ing sppeals nor any provision that a

crease in wages of from 5 to 10 per were occupied as follows: Southern cent. went into effect at the United Newspaper Union, occupying corner States Cotton Company's big mill at of College and Fifth; W. F. Strange, Central Falis, R. I., in all the departtin ware; Charlotte Broom Factory; ments. The mills are running at John Sloan, grocery; Tessier Bros., their full capacity, and 1,630 looms are mechanics; Lubinsky & Ramsey, furnow in daily operation. niture, and next two store rooms of Capt. Watts, unoccupied. The fire

The advance in wages in the three cotton mills at Suneook, N. H., went into effect and 1,600 employes are happy.

# The Naughty Still.

Revenue agents located a still Friday night near Coal City, in St. Clair county, Ala., and succeeded in not only destroying the still, but also arresting two men, whom they took to Birmingham. Besides the still 1,000 gallons of beer was destroyed.

#### Legal.

At Madison, Wis., the Supreme

Court handed down a decision establishng the validity of the law, which provides that life imprisonment operates as a decree of absolute divorce without further legal proceedings. Wm. Garreuch was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder, and his wife married James Duket. Garreuch secured a new trial and had the judgment of conviction set aside. Then he had Duket arrested for adultery.

#### Fires.

Fire broke out in the wholesale hat and fur establishment of Lampher, Finch & Skinner, at St. Paul, Minn., on Tuesday. Loss, \$110,000. The insurance is placed at \$160,000.

The entire central business section of Duquesne, on the Monongahela river, twelve miles from Pittsburg, Pa., was destroyed by fire. The loss is about \$100,000. Twenty buildings were destroyed.

## Mortuary.

Ex-Senator James F. Wilson died at his home at Fairfield, Iowa, from paralysis of the brain.

#### Legislative.

The Tennessee House of Representatives concurred in the Senate resolution declaring for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 and instructing the Tennessee delegation in Congress to support such legislation. The vote stood 47 to 38.

The Missouri Legislature convened in extra session at noon Tnesday. Governor Stone's message was very lengthy and asked for the passage of laws in favor of pure elections and for the relief of railway employes. The Governor also made a severe attack on the lobby.

advantages of the South in the light of Assemblyman O'Grady's New York a new physical discovery, which they city police re-organization bill, which don't seem to know what to do with. is the same as Senator Lexow's, has The exuberance of their joy at finding passed the State Assembly by a vote of themselves in the very midst of very syes 86, noes 22. The bill as passed good things takes the direction of desiring to give away their great inheritance to people as far away as can be found, actually inviting distant people

vantages, and it is not extravagant to the possibility of some one seeing them say far in advance of other portions of together, and attempting to arrest Mr. the Union. Up to a very recent date Holland, in order to claim the \$1.000 its life and work have been mostly agreward.

ricultural, achieving the very highest They decided to obviate this by goresults in its splendid crops of sea ising immediately to Dr. McAden's and land and upland cotton, indigo, rice, surrendering to him, and get him to tobacco and grains. In the colonial accompany them to 'Squire Maxwell's, so any one seeing them would at least period Carolina indigo and rice commanded European markets with prenot be able to arrest Holland in order ference at higher prices than the proto get the reward, an officer of the ducts of other nations. In 1860 sea bank being already with him.

## IN JAIL.

ers' marks, so well known in foreign It was about 9:30 when the three markets as not to require sampling. men arrived at the jail. Sheriff Smith The people who achieved these notwas at home. He opened the door ed agricultural triumphs are on the and asked the three men in the parlor. soil yet, and within one decade have 'Squire Maxwell told the Sheriff that demonstrated their ability in other Mr. Holland wanted to give himself fields of action. In the new condiup, as he preferred prison to the life tions now unfolding they are being of a fugitive from justice. The sheriff thought he had done the wise thing. Coal and iron in exhaustless supply He then went out to arrange a place now occupy a constantly widening

for Mr. Holland to sleep. He did not market at prices that surprise the closput him in a cell, as he felt that it was est economy. Its unrivalled and unnecessary, but arranged a bed in bounteous water powers keep in mowhat is known as the corridor, a larger tion hundreds of thousands of spindles, room than a cell. 'Squire Maxwell and which multiply yearly in a healthy Mr. Shaw gave the ex-cashier their growth; large towns have grown up hands in farewell, and left him with with well-to-do, industrious popula-Sheriff Smith-a prisoner in Mecklentions, living in a much improved conburg jail.

dition of life, where once all was soli-Holland did not leave Charlotte, but was concealed at the house of some If wise counsels prevail, if prudence friend. He got the papers and read controls the coming action of the South, every account of his defalcation and there is a promising and prosperous flight. He said last night that he had future for "Dixie-land" in the wide not been out of town, but just left fields of textile industries of many home to rest and get his mind composed. Besides the burden of the kinds. Here is a mild and genial climate, limitless and economic water wrong he had committed, the grief of power, cheap fuel, a large and desirahis family had well nigh crazed him, ble population, "native to the soil," and he felt that he must get away and unemployed, waiting to be called from be quiet and compose himself. His first question last night when he again an idle to a busy money-making life. saw Mr. Shaw was: "What does my It is surprising how quickly they learn to spin and weave, what steady wage family think?" earners they come to be; so far as

Maxwell Sunday night, he asked the from the Belmont-Morgan syndicate. availability goes none are in advance of them; such are the natural advantages enjoyed by the South, and there is the 'squire, "I do." Holland said: but it is said to be still ahead of the plenty of room for those with means from afar off to come in and share these "I never had any intention of leaving termsofits agreement unequalled-privileges. But let us not Charlotte; I wanted quiet and rest. therefore left home, but I meant from all sit down and wait for others to do

our work, with such great natural adthe first to stay and face it out.' Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Mr vantages neglected: we have the cubic Holland had a preliminary trial inches of brains, sufficient capital, the ability to accomplish great results ourbefore United States Commissioner D. G. Maxwell. He waived examination, selves, if we bravely enter this new and inviting field of industrial achieveand failing to give bond, was commitment. Let each community ask itself ted to jail to await trial at the June term of Federal Court. how much of this coming work it can do, then organize and speed to the

Weekly Receipts of Cotton.

The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1, 1894:

ple apparently regard all the unfolded Galveston, 1,632,929; New Orleans, 2,487,312; Mobile, 245,010; Savannah 912,982; Charleston, 421,882; Wilmington, 233,901; Norfolk, 454,268 Baltimore, 111,516; New York, 180, 945; Boston, 295,232; New Port News, 32.984; Philadelphis, 96,352; West Point, 281,289; Brunswick, 100,025; Velasco, 592; Port Royal, 149,066. Total 7,636,285.

# Orders to Stop Its Mall Matter.

At Washington, Judge Thomas, assistant attorney general for the Postoffice Department issued fraud orders against the Publishers' Collection Agency, which continues to use the "so-called newspaper laws" to force collections. Postmasters at St. Paul, Pittsburg and Chicago, where the company has offices, were notified to stop its mail matter.

#### Treasury Gold Climbs up a Little.

The Treasury gold reserve on Friday was increased by \$413,841 to \$91.176,-251, \$65,000 of which came in the or-When Holland surrendered to 'Squire | dinary course of business and \$384,841 squire if he did not think it was the The syndicate stills owes the governbest thing he could do. "Yes," said ment over \$16,000,000 on its contract



u machines cheaper than you can get elsewhere. The NEW HOME is our best, but we make ch such as the CLIMAX, IDEAL and other High Arm Full Nickel Plated Sewing Machines for \$15.00 and up. Call on our agent or write us, Wo want your trade, and if prices. terms

