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The POOL of FLAME

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CHAPTER XI.—The vicomte tells of the jewel by stealing it from the safe of the governor general. He does not, however, know who has offered the reward for it. He suggests a duel with the victor to get that information and the jewel.

"Without noting the man's eye-contraction; he addressed Glynn: 'Find it!'

"No—worse luck!" grumbled the Englishman, rising and kicking the hand-bag savagely. "There isn't so much as a scrap of paper anywhere about him."

The vicomte favored O'Rourke with a vicious glance, muttering something about a thousand devils. The Irishman, quick to grasp the situation and inwardly exulting, acknowledged Des Trebes' attention with a winning smile.

"Good evening," he said, and nodded amiably.

"Oh, shut up!" snapped the Honorable Bertie, unbandsmen. "Where's that letter?"

O'Rourke chuckled. "Ye're a hard loser, me bright young friend," he commented. "I thought Englishmen always played the game as it laid."

Glynn grunted and flushed, shamed-faced, but the Frenchman cut short the retort on his lips by a curt repetition of Glynn's own question:

"Where's that letter, monsieur?"

O'Rourke glanced at him languidly, yawned, and smiled an exasperatingly personal smile. Then significantly he clinked the handcuffs until they rang on wrist and ankle.

"Answer me!" snarled the vicomte, picking up his revolver.

"Divine a word," observed O'Rourke, "will ye get from me if ye shoot me dead, monsieur le vicomte. Put down your pistol and be sensible."

Des Trebes' face darkened, suffused with the blood of his rage. Yet the man asserted that admirable control of self which he was able to employ when it suited his purposes. Evidently, too, he recognized the cold common-sense of the wanderer's remark. At all events he put aside the weapon.

"Where's the letter?" he demanded again, more pacifically.

Again O'Rourke yawned with malice prepense, yawned deliberately and exhaustively, and, dispassionately, "Not a word," he volunteered at length, until ye loose me hands and feet. Which," he added, "ye need not hesitate to do, for I'll not strike back—unless ye crowd me."

The vicomte scowled darkly for a moment, plainly dubious. Then presumably upon the consideration that he could trust O'Rourke's word and that most assuredly he would learn nothing from him until his request was complied with, he growled an order to Glynn to unlock and remove the handcuffs. The Englishman obeyed.

Free, O'Rourke stretched himself, rubbed his wrists, and observed a collection of his pocket hardware lying upon the seat by him, thrown aside by Glynn in his disgust at not finding what he sought.

"Ye'll not be wanting to deprive me of these few trifles, me gay highwaymen, I'm thinking?" he inquired placidly of the pair. "If ye've no objection I'll make so free as to take back me own."

"Take what you want," returned Des Trebes in an ugly tone. "But—I give you three minutes to tell me where you have put that letter."

"Indeed? Your courtesy overpowers me." The Irishman took up his watch and calmly made a note of the hour—hard upon three in the morning; then, with easy nonchalance stowed it away with the rest of the miscellaneous collection—the knives, coins and keys, his wallet, tickets and so forth.

"Your time," the voice of the vicomte interrupted this occupation. "Is up." He fingered his revolver. "Where is that letter? I am losing patience."

"Where rust nor moth cannot corrupt nor thieves break in to steal," O'Rourke answered solemnly.

"Steady. Don't call names—or I'll forget myself. I mean that the letter is in fragments, scattered to the four winds of heaven, destroyed. There ye have your answer. Ye fools, did ye think I would carry it about me?"

"By God!" said Glynn tensely. "No—I don't shoot him, Des Trebes! He's telling the truth. Make him tell what was in the letter."

"I'm afraid 'tis useless," O'Rourke mocked them. "I have forgotten the contents. What use is me to remember?" he demanded, inspired.

"What made ye think I would have it at all? Sure, and the letter was properly Chamberlain's. Why would I turn it over to him?"

"Oh, cut it!" Glynn interrupted impatiently. "We know he's dead. The news was telegraphed in from the column day before yesterday."

"Quite so. Yet, if ye know so much, if ye're a father—ye suspect that Chamberlain turned over this precious jewel to me, why do ye not demand it as well as the letter? Not that I have either."

"Because we jolly well know you haven't got the ring," blurted the

IS EVERYBODY GOING CRAZY?

Special Government Inquiry Reveals a Startling Increase in the Number of Persons of Unsound Mind.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29th.—Insanity in the United States is increasing twice as fast as the population, according to figures gathered by the Federal Government in a special inquiry through the Census Bureau. That is to say, while the population of the country grew 11 per cent. in the five years from 1904 to 1910, the population in insane asylums rose about 25 per cent. As to the number of cases of insanity not resulting in commitments to hospitals the census has no data.

"Our figures," says Director Durand, "afford a striking indication of the prevalence of insanity, if not an exact measure of it. It is somewhat startling to reflect that the 187,454 patients confined in hospitals for the insane make up a population larger than that of the city of Columbus, Ohio."

The State which, in proportion to its population, had the largest number of insane reported in institutions on Jan. 1, 1910, was Massachusetts with 314.6 per 100,000 population. New York, however, had almost the same proportion, namely, 343.1 per 100,000 population.

There is no doubt, Mr. Durand says, that in these states better provision is made for the care of insane in institutions than in most of the other states. The insane confined in institutions in any state are by no means drawn exclusively from the population of that state. The institutions in Massachusetts, especially the private institutions, receive many insane patients from other New England states, and the institutions in New York similarly receive many patients from outside that state.

The District of Columbia, which far outstrips both New York and Massachusetts in the proportion of number of insane persons in institutions, presents conditions more analogous to those of a city than those of a state, and is the location of the government hospital for the insane, which draws its patients from a much wider area than the District.

Connecticut ranks third, where there are 321 crazy people in institutions for each 100,000 of population.

The government figures appear to bear out the new contention that insanity is chiefly due to the stress of competition for existence in the congested industrial centers.

"In 39 of the 49 states and territories," says Mr. Durand, "the ratio of insane in institutions to total population was larger in 1910 than in 1904. Most of the states in which the ratio was smaller lie west of the Mississippi, the number including all the Pacific Coast States and all but three of the mountain States. This section of the country has undergone a very rapid development in recent years, and it is possible that the new population coming from other sections of the United States represents a class in which insanity is less prevalent than among the stay-at-homes. But the decrease in the ratio may also indicate that the provisions for the care of the insane in institutions have not kept pace with the rapidly increasing population."

The government is now gathering insanity data as to sex, race, age and nativity.

THREE PASSENGERS QUARANTINED

On Westbound Train Yesterday Morning. Were From Beaufort.

Yesterday morning as Mrs. Bell, formerly Miss May Stanton of Beaufort, and her two children and who had been visiting relatives near that place, boarded the westbound train en route to their homes at Spartansburgh, S. C.

When the train reached Kinston a physician boarded the car in which Mrs. Bell and her children were seated and much to the consternation of the many passengers announced that one of the children had scarlet fever.

Upon the arrival of the train at Goldsboro, the physician informed the health authorities of the condition of affairs and the lady and her children were quarantined in a private car and no one allowed to go near them.

Mrs. Bell offered to charter a private car and continue on to her home in South Carolina but the authorities would not allow her to do this. When the hour arrived for the eastbound train to make its departure her car was attached and was carried on to Beaufort. She remained in the car all during the night, until a message could be sent to her relatives who will arrive this morning and take her to their home.

NEW GOVERNMENT FOR CHINA

The Throne Decided to Submit the Matter to a National Conference and to Abide by the Result.

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COTTON MARKET PAST WEEK

Generally Quiet. Slight Changes. Outlook For Next Year.

New York, Dec. 30.—Cotton prices last week advanced somewhat in spite of the big Lancashire strike which it is feared may yet become more serious than it was at the outset. Towards the close of the week the December collapsed under the weight of heavy selling. The premium of 46 points over January was replaced with one of fifteen on Thursday and of course, the deal is a thing of the past. The stock here has been steadily increasing and it is believed that during next month a still greater increase will be witnessed. Meantime, Liverpool spot sales have fallen off sharply. Spot markets have been quiet and in some cases rather easier. Lancashire is reported dull. Yarns in this country have been quiet though some improvement has taken place in the cotton goods industry there is plenty room for more. While some of the large spot interests have been buying January, one house alone taking it is supposed between 50,000 and 100,000 bales on Friday, they have been selling March, May and July. Some think that the weight of the crop will be felt in the forecast of 1912 and predicts as their belief the Lancashire lockout is likely to prove a far more serious affair than it was at first believed to be. Liverpool at times has been selling here.

On the other hand, however, many believe that spinners of the world will take a good deal more than their actual consumption if prices remain of anything like their present comparatively inviting level. If the world's consumption of American cotton be put at 13,000,000 bales for the present season, they think it will mean higher prices as the world's spinners and practically those on the continent are disposed to buy several years ahead and such cotton has to be hedged by purchases of the present crop thereby sensibly reducing pressure of even such a yield of 15,000,000 to 15,500,000 bales, figures which many consider conservative.

Meantime, too, the weekly statistics begin to take on a more bullish tinge. Not only are the spinners' takings large but stocks are increasing less rapidly than they were a year ago, and the relatively small quantity brought into sight during the last week has attracted attention. The New York figures for the week are only 422,000 against 651,000 last week, and 412,000 last year. Of late foreign buying, especially by the continent, has been renewed here and on Friday January notices for 100,000 bales were speedily stopped by big spot interests. Waldorf Astoria operators have lately been covering shorts. Moneyed interests in some notable cases favor the bull side, though the \$50,000,000 pool plan has collapsed.

NOTES FROM RIVERDALE

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A voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled, God in his wisdom has recalled, The boon his love has given, And though the body slumbers here, The soul is safe in heaven.

This lovely bud so young so fair, Called home by early doom, Just came to see how sweet a flower, In paradise would bloom, Gone but not forgotten.

Clark-Wooten.

Married Wednesday, Dec. 27 1911 at 3 o'clock p. m. in Norfolk Va., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church by the Rev. James M. Owens, Miss Bertha W. Wooten of New Bern, N. C. to Mr. B. Frank Clark of Goldsboro, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Clark left immediately for their home in Goldsboro.

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