

New Bern Weekly Journal.



CHAPTER XVI.—With the aid of one Danny and his sweetheart, O'Rourke recovers the Pool of Flame.

CHAPTER XVII.—O'Rourke again forms his plans to pursue his journey to Hancock.

CHAPTER XVIII.—A twinkling, casting about him for a weapon, "That can't be—"

Nothing offered itself suitable either for offense or defense, save and except the jug he had been drinking from, and the Irishman was watching this thoughtfully with a definite intention of hurling it at Captain Hole's head. If indeed he had heard right, when the entrance of quite another person relieved his mind, however temporarily.

It was Danny, plainly enough; Danny, the same as of old, with his half-sleepy, half-impudent grin and his shock of flaming hair, his upper lip that was long even for an Irish boy's, his roving and twinkling blue eyes, his upturned nose, his short, sturdy physique.

"Faith," said O'Rourke, "the gods are not so unkind after all! 'Tis as welcome as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, the sight of ye, Danny!" And "Danny!" he observed with some severity, "I'll ask ye to explain what the divvie at all ye're doing here."

Danny's assurance deserted him on the instant. He had done his former master a signal service that night, but in his estimation nothing more than was due the O'Rourke. Whatever he felt, he looked to perfection a boy caught at mischief—hanging his head and eyeing O'Rourke under his brows, shamefaced and ill at ease.

"Aw!" he deprecated, "sure, now, yer honor, now—"

"Danny," demanded O'Rourke sternly, "does Miss Cleopatra here understand English?"

"Divvie a word!" the ex-valet protested earnestly. "Beyond Greek and French and Arabic, sure, she's ignorant as Paddy's pig!"

So much was plainly evident from the girl's manner and expression of puzzlement. Reassured, O'Rourke proceeded:

"'Tis good hearing, Faith. If she understood the King's English, 'tis me hair she would be tearing out by the roots in one minute. Danny, I gather that the lady is by way of liking ye more than ye deserve. Is it in love with ye she is?"

Danny stole a sidelong glance at the girl. "Begin yer honor's pardon," he stammered, "and I believe she is that."

"Umh!" snorted O'Rourke. "And what, if ye please, about poor Annie Bragin, at home? Is it marrying a Greek ye would be, and leaving poor Annie to cry her eyes out for ye, ye worthless scut?"

"Divvie a bit, respects to yer honor! sure, 'tis my joy to amuse—"

"And who may she be, that ye make so free to amuse yourself with her?"

"The daughter av me partner, yer honor, Noccovia, the Greek tobacco merchant."

"This will be his house, then?"

"No, sir, but—a sort av a storehouse, in a way av speaking. 'Tis just 'round the corner the do be livin' in a gran' folne house, sir."

"Then what's the young lady doing here?"

"Waiting for me to take her place, sir. Noccovia is away—and, in a blurted confession, 'tis a bit of hashish smuggling we be doing on the side. The stuff is always brought here, sor; and tonight's the night a consignment's due."

"Ah-h!" observed O'Rourke darkly. One by one, it seemed, he was gathering the trumpets again into his own hand. He resumed his caustic look of the boy.

"Danny, is this the way a decent man should be behaving himself?" he growled at him. "Is it your mother's son and the sweetheart of Annie Bragin that's become no more than an idle breaker of hearts? Danny, Danny, what would Father Malachi be saying if he could hear what ye've just told me? Whis, boy, did ye consider last?"

Danny covered. "Aw, dear!" he whispered. "Aw, dearie-dear! And meself meant no harm at all!"

"This take yer light-o'-love home, Danny, and come back to me here at nine with a change of clothes!"

"Yes, yer honor. I'll do that, yer honor. But will ye hark for the signal at the door and let Cap'n Hole's horse in?"

"It was true, then!"

"I will. But see that ye don't forget the change of clothes, Danny, and don't be lingering too long over your load farewells with the lady. If ye're not looking for a hiding, and—Danny!"

"Tis, sor?"

"Have ye a revolver?"

"Here, sor."

"Give it here, and bring another back with ye. Livvy, sor!"

Aloof, O'Rourke examined himself on the edge of the fountain and could not help but be conscious of the fact that he was a somewhat sturdy, as was to be expected of his kind.

"And 'tis hard upon these legs, now. They will get sore, and—"

CHAPTER XVIII.

At midnight the music in a neighboring minaret turned his face to the windward sky and summoned the faithful to prayer and meditation.

O'Rourke pulled thoughtfully at his pipe until the musical, melancholy wall had been whipped away by the breath of the khamrin, and there was silence save for the dull, heavy roaring overhead. Then he resumed the conversation where it had been interrupted.

"And ye say ye love the young woman, Danny?"

"I do that, yer honor."

"And ye would marry her?"

"Wid yer honor's consent—I'm ready, sor."

"'Tis bless the banns. Ye may have her on one condition."

"Aw—"

"Ye need of ye, as I've pointed out—"

"Sure, yer honor knows ye can count on me to the last breath in me, sor—"

"Then ye'll come with me to Burmah?"

"Do ye think, sor, I could elope of nights, after hours! from your own lips what ye've been through and suspecting what more ye must go through with before ye've won? Will I be comin', is it? Faith, I'll go whether ye want me or not."

"And afterwards ye can come back to Miss Psycho here, or whatever her name may be."

"Yis, yer honor, and thank ye kindly."

"Abruptly Danny started up. 'They'll be comin' now, sor,' he said in an excited whisper. 'I'm thinkin' I hear thim blundering down the alley.'

He turned toward the rear of the house, and as O'Rourke rose to follow him, the signal sounded on the metal door. Danny quickened his steps, and as he disappeared his master slipped quietly into the shadows beneath the overhanging gallery. From this point of seclusion he could hear distinctly the jar of the bolts as Danny opened the iron door, followed by his hoarse whisper: "What! is it yourselves, now?"

Hole's voice answered him huskily: "Who the hell else would it be? Let us in, ye damn' hark!"

The door creaked upon its hinges; and as cautiously closed. The bolts rattled again. Footsteps shuffled slowly, as of men heavily burdened, over the floor of earth. Then, while O'Rourke gathered himself together, exultation in his heart, and the foretaste of revenge sweet in his mouth, two cloaked figures scuffled into the courtyard, breathing hard beneath their burdens of smuggled drug.

Hole promptly dumped his share of the load down upon the bench and swung upon Danny. "Where's Noccovia?" he demanded, evidently in as ugly a mood as he could muster.

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BANKS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Local Banking Institutions Make Creditable Showing at Their Annual Meeting.

Tuesday the Peoples Bank, the New Bern Banking and Trust Co. and the National Bank of this city, held their annual meetings and elected the board of directors and the officers for the ensuing year and also transacted much other business.

Four years ago the Peoples' Bank was organized. Since that time they have forged steadily ahead. The officers and directors straining every effort to give the public of this city a banking institution of which they would feel proud, and also a banking institution for the masses as well as for the large depositor. How well they have succeeded in this was shown at their meeting Tuesday, when after paying their semi-annual dividend, about ten per cent., was added to the surplus fund. This gives the stock a book value of \$130 per share. This is indeed an excellent showing and the officers and directors deserve much praise for their work during the year. The same board of directors and officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The record made during the past year by the New Bern Banking and Trust Company was also an excellent one and the stock holders, board of directors and officers were well pleased with the result of the year's work. This institution always strives to give their patrons the best of service. The same officers and directors were re-elected for the ensuing year. Following is a list of the directors:

J. W. Stewart, Real Estate, Loans and Investments.
Dr. Richard N. Duffy, Physician.
T. D. Warren, Attorney-at-Law.
B. B. Hurst, Roberts & Hurst, Wholesale Grocers.
C. E. Foy, Manager Craven Chemical Company.
J. S. Basnight, J. S. Basnight Hardware Co.
C. W. Munger, Munger & Bennett, Lumber Manufacturers.
L. H. Cutler, Jr., Sec. and Treas. to Cutler-Blades Hardware Co.
J. B. Blades, President.
L. I. Moore, Moore & Dunn, Attorneys at Law.
Wm. B. Blades, Vice President.
T. A. Green, Vice President.
E. H. Meadows, President E. H. & J. A. Meadows Co., Fertilizer.
J. V. Blades, President Neuse Lumber Company.

At the National Bank semi annual dividend of 5 per cent. free of taxes was paid to the stockholders. The amount of business transacted during the past year was found to be very satisfactory and prospects for a similar state of affairs during the present year were very encouraging. This institution has long served the people of this section and has many staunch adherents. The following board of directors were re-elected: James A. Bryan, John Dunn, E. K. Bishop, E. B. Beckburn, A. D. Ward, J. A. Jones, C. W. Munger and G. H. Roberts.

WESTERN CAROLINA DEVELOPMENT

Continues on Huge Scale. Wood Products and Stock Shipments.

Asheville, N. C. Jan. 11.—It is learned that the Champion Fibre company is to erect a mammoth finishing paper plant at Canton in the near future. The present plans for the plant call for buildings that will cover about 60 acres of ground and will cost practically \$500,000, when finally put in operation. 300 men will be employed and pay roll of Canton will be increased something like \$18,000 a month. This addition to the industries of Canton and western North Carolina generally is considered one of the largest that has been promised for years and will aid not only directly, but indirectly, the further development of the section.

Division Freight Agent Orr, of the Southern railway, has finished compiling the number of car loads of commodities that the Southern has taken out of the western part of the state fiscal year of the Southern ends with the last day of June, but Mr. Orr has monthly records by which he can figure up the total of any number of months at any time. The figures furnished by Mr. Orr simply represent the number of car loads and the averages on which the tonnage was made were obtained elsewhere. The number of car loads shipped were secured in only two lines, that of wood products and stock.

Of lumber there were nearly 13,000 cars shipped in 1911, in actual figures 12,913. Each car will average at least 18,000 feet. Lumbermen say that they will sometimes run as high as 20,000 feet. But 13,000 as an average this would be in at round numbers 167,000,000 feet and at \$25 per 1,000 feet would amount to over \$4,297,000.

In lumber alone it is estimated that 167,000,000 feet were shipped out of western North Carolina during the year 1911, and these figures represent only the dimension lumber and not the building material, furniture, etc.—At an average of \$25 per 1,000, this amounts to over \$4,000,000.

As to stock according to the data furnished by Mr. Orr, there were shipped 459 car loads. Counting 30 cattle to the car load, would make the number 13,770; and these at \$33 each would be valued at \$454,510. Of course some of the cars were made up of hogs and sheep, but a car of sheep or hogs would be as valuable as a car of cattle, if not more so.

ALLEGED "TIGER" IN THE TOILS

Young Boy Hungry and Cold Has Negro Arrested Who Sold His Father Whiskey.

Shivering with cold and weak from hunger Edward Cavanaugh, the young son of D. R. Cavanaugh, who lives near the city, called at Mayor McCarthy's home Monday night and told him that he wanted a warrant for Nick Ferran, colored, for selling whiskey to his father a few hours previous. After questioning the lad the Mayor was convinced that he was telling the truth, and an officer was sent to Ferran's home. Upon arriving there a search was made and a number of empty bottles and jugs were found and also one bottle of whiskey. There was plenty of evidence that whiskey had been sold there and Ferran was placed under arrest.

The defendant was given a preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon, and probable cause being found was bound over to the next term of superior court under a bond of \$100 which he secured and was released from custody.

Young Cavanaugh related a story to the court that was pitiful in every detail. He said that instead of his father taking the little money that he had and expending it to buy food and clothing for his family, that he bought whiskey with it, and that if he could possibly do so he intended reporting every man who sold whiskey to his father in the future. In this way he hopes to make it impossible for him to secure any liquor, and it is quite probable that he will be successful.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

To be Held in This Section Under Auspices Department of Agriculture.

Farmers' Institutes under the auspices of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture will be held in New Bern on Wednesday, Jan. 31, and at Vanceboro on Monday, Feb. 5th.

Mr. T. B. Parker, director of the Institute work, requests the Journal to urge every farmer to attend these Institutes, as it is the purpose to make this series the best and most helpful ever held. Special attention is also directed to the women's institute feature of the meetings. These are equally if not more important than the men's meetings, because of the discussion of vital subjects pertaining to the health of the family, foods, cooking sanitation, etc.

A prize of \$1.00 will be given for the best exhibit of five ears of corn, provided they are meritorious and show points of excellence. Otherwise no premium will be given. Also a premium will be given for the best loaf of bread exhibited by a woman or girl living on a farm, the following conditions to be observed: In making the bread bought or home-made yeast may be used, but bread made by "salt rising" process will not be awarded a prize, nor will bread scoring less than 75 points out of a possible 100 points for a perfect bread be given a prize.

Let the farmers and their wives and daughters attend these Institutes. Not one of them can afford to miss them.

LEFT HERE FOR PARTS UNKNOWN

Harold T. Pratt Becomes Involved In Some Shady Transactions And Skips Out of Town.

Harold T. Pratt, who has been engaged in the insurance business in this city up to a few days ago has left New Bern for parts unknown, and a number of people in this city and also in nearby towns find that they have been swindled by this smooth-tongued insurance agent.

It has been known sometime that Pratt's financial condition was very precarious but those who knew him never thought that he would resort to the subterfuge of the forger and swindler to clear himself temporarily of this embarrassment. Last Saturday night he boarded the train for Norfolk, and since that time he has not been heard from.

Saturday morning he called at one of the local banks and presented a note for \$350 endorsed by a leading citizen, asked that he be given the cash for it. This was done. The same afternoon he mortgaged his household furniture to another gentleman for \$200. He also received cash for a number of personal checks. Later it was found that the note he had received the money on was a forgery, the checks he gave were returned marked "no funds" and when the gentleman who held the mortgage called to take possession he found that the sheriff had already attached it. In addition to this several local attorneys now have in their hands for collection a number of checks which Pratt has given out during the past few weeks and which were returned to the owners by the bank marked "no funds."

Whether or not he swindled the insurance companies which he represented is not known just at this time. However, he was under bond in each of these companies, and if his accounts are found to be other than they should be, the bonding companies will be compelled to make the loss good.

Giving check without having money in the bank to cover them is judged a misdemeanor in this State and a heavy penalty can be imposed upon the person giving them. In addition to this offense Pratt is charged with forgery, false pretense and several other offenses, and if he is apprehended and brought to trial, he will doubtless have to pay a large fine or spend a long term in prison.

COTTON GINNED EIGHTH REPORT

Census Bureau Shows Amount to January First North Carolina 975,930 Bales.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The Census Bureau's eighth cotton ginning report of the season, issued yesterday, and showing the number of running bales, counting round as half bales, of cotton of the growth of 1911 ginned prior to January 1, with comparative statistics for last year and other years, is as follows:

Year.	Bales.
United States, 14,332,756	bales, compared with 11,984,515 bales last year, when 95.3 per cent, was ginned, and 11,741,039 bales in 1906, when 90.4 per cent, was ginned.
Round bales included were 96,228, compared with 109,292 bales last year; 143,949 bales in 1909, and 280,572 bales in 1908.	
Sea Island cotton bales included were 106,439, compared with 82,432 bales last year; 89,611 bales in 1909, and 96,523 bales in 1908.	
Ginning by State, with comparative statistics and the percentage of the entire crop ginned prior to January in other record years, follows:	
Alabama	1911 1,621,943; 1910 1,162,728; 1909 1,302,336; 1908 1,190,093;
Georgia	1911 2,628,604; 1910 1,702,070; 1909 1,930,783; 1908 1,571,582;
North Carolina	1911 975,930; 1910 702,150; 1909 647,963; 1908 571,628;
South Carolina	1911 1,669,297; 1910 1,154,002; 1909 1,175,230; 1908 886,977;
Texas	1911 5,955,539; 1910 2,883,393; 1909 3,498,907; 1908 3,626,117;

The United States decided to send troops to China.

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Mr. Jones had complained of feeling unwell a number of times during the past few days but did not give up his work until yesterday. A physician was called in during the day and administered some remedy to Mr. Jones and he seemed to be much improved, last evening he started to his room for the purpose of retiring, when he had a sudden attack of heart disease and expired within a few seconds.

Mr. Jones was 73 years of age. He was a native New Bernian and had a lot of friends who will learn with much regret of his demise.

The funeral will be held tomorrow, the hour and place to be announced later.

MEETING NOT A LOVE FEAST

The Lie is Passed at Meeting of Democratic National Committee.

Washington, Jan. 9th.—William J. Bryan has made his fight in the Democratic National Committee and lost. He made Colonel James M. Guffy, member of the committee from Pennsylvania, the issue, and the committee declined to unseat Col. Guffy by a vote of 30 to 18.

Mr. Bryan at once appealed from a decision of Chairman Mack and was defeated by a vote of 33 to 13.

The committee session was marked by extreme bitterness of feeling. Once the lie was passed and blows seemed imminent, Mr. Bryan, from first to last, was the central figure in the proceedings, and the fight he precipitated lasted throughout the day.

So much time was devoted to the contested seats in the committee that the more important matter of choosing a convention city, fixing the time of the gathering and adopting a form of call to include the "permissive primary" plan of selecting delegates, went over until tomorrow.

Baltimore stood out tonight well to the fore of all her competitors. The representatives of that city proudly displayed a certified check for \$100,000 as their bid for the convention. St. Louis seemed to hold second place, with Denver and Chicago under consideration, and New York far behind.

Ev. Clarence V. T. Robinson was sentenced to the electric chair in Boston.

SIX MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

And Six Lives Lost. Equitable Life Assurance Building Burned.

New York, Jan. 10.—The immense marble and granite home of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, covering a whole block in lower Broadway, an historic landmark of New York's early period of skyscraper buildings and one of the city's important financial centers, was yesterday destroyed by fire with a loss of six lives and probably \$6,000,000 in property. A dozen persons were injured.

Valuable records, including the biography of E. H. Harriman, and two priceless libraries which cannot be replaced went up in flames, and the fate of many hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of securities, stored in safe deposit vaults was tonight in question.

Fought in the heart of the financial district, the fire upset the financial machinery of Wall street and business was practically suspended throughout the day.

The great structure, which besides containing the main offices of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was the home of the Mercantile Trust Co., the Equitable Trust Co., the banking home of Koznitz brothers, August Belmont & Co., the Harriman railroad lines, the Mercantile Safe Deposit Co., the Lawyers' club and many of the city's most prominent law firms, stands tonight a shell of ice coated granite, with its once magnificent interior completely gutted.

STEAMER MADLINE SINKS

Captain John W. Harper and crew of seven men of the steamer Madeline of Wilmington, were picked up from the steamer Wednesday afternoon by the schooner Rebecca R. Douglas, Captain E. K. Spencer, as the vessel was sinking off Cape Lookout, having been caught in a storm off the coast.

The captain and crew were later transferred to the steamer City of Montgomery, South of New York.

The Madeline was en route from Wilmington to New Bern when she was caught in the storm. Her funnel was blown overboard and she sprang a leak and was going down at a rapid rate when the schooner Douglass hove in sight and took off her crew.

George W. Perkins resigned from the National City Bank, of New York.

The W. of Fuel Scarcity.

If it was not for the saw mills here, there would be no wood for fuel and as it is wood sells high and orders must wait their turn. A local dealer said he had to send a large for his supply and there was not any money in selling it and yet the consumer pays about \$3 per cord. A mill man says he is shipping slabs to the cotton gins in the country for fuel, something unknown before. And yet there is wood in plenty, but no labor can be found to get it out.

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