

The story opens in a Confederate tent at a critical stage of the Civil War. Gen. Lee imparts to Capt. Wayne an important message to Long-greet. Accompanied by Sergt. Craig, an old army scout, Wayne starts on his mission. They get within the lines of the enemy and in the darkness Wayne is taken for a Federal of ficer and a young lady on horseback is given in his charge. She is a northern girl and attempts to escape. One of the horses succumbs and Craig goes through with the dispatches, while Wayne and My Lady of the North are left alone. They seek shelter in a hut and entering it in the dark a huge mastiff attacks Wayne. The sirl shoots the brute just in time. The owner of the hut, Jed Bungay, and his wife appear and soon a party of horsemen approach. They are led by a man claiming to be Red Lowrie, but who proves to be Maj. Brennan, a Federal officer whom the Union girl recognizes. He orders the arrest of Wayne as a spy and he is brought before Sheridan, who threatens him with death unless he reveals the secret message. Wayne believes Edith Brennan to be the wife of Maj. Brennan. He is rescued by Jed Bungay, who starts to reach Gen. Lee, while Wayne in disguise penetrates to the bail-room, beneath which he had been imprisoned. He is introduced to a Miss Minor and barely escapes being unmask-ed. Edith Brennan recognizing Wayne, says she will save him. Securing a pass through the lines, they are confronted by Brennan, who is knocked senseless. Then, bidding Edith addieu. Wayne makes a dash for liberty. He encounters Bungay; they reach the Lee camp and are sent with reinforcements to join Early. In the battle of Shenandoah the regiment is overwhelmed, and Wayne, while in the hospital, is visited by Edith Brennan. Wayne and Bungay are sent on a scouting detail, and arriving at the Minor place. Wayne for detachment is besieged by guer-rillas. Brennan and his men arrive and ald in repelling the invaders until a rescuing party of bluecoats reach the scene. Brennan challenges Wayne to a duel.

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"Well, I suppose I shall be compelled to let you and Beelzebub go, but it will prove a serious loss to the cause of the South," I said, my thoughts instantly turned by mention of the mule to matters of more importance. "I expect there will be lively times up your way."

"Ye kin jist bet thar will," enthusiastically. "It'll be nip and tuck, I reckon, but I'm mighty hopeful o' Mariar. Thet dern muel he needs ter be took down a peg."

"Sergeant," I said, "did you send out a party to bring in our horses and the sabers?"

"It vos all done already; der horses vos found und der swords."

"How many men have we lost?" "Der vos five kilt, Captain; dot vos it. I vos hit mit der ear off: Sands is goin' to die, und maybe Elliott vill not get some better; some odders vos

"How many men does that leave u fit for duty?" I asked decisively, pushing back my plate and rising from the

"Dere vos tweive, Captain, mit me." "That will do," I said. "In half an hour from now have the men ready for the road," and I turned and left the

We must depart at once. More than ever now I realized the necessity for haste, I hoped to meet the officer commanding the Federal detachment who had come to our aid, pay him the cus- fight?" ect, and get away without again coming in contact with Major Brennan. I felt myself pledged to this course of action

A sentry stationed in the lower hallway informed me the officers were messing together in the front parlor, and I at once headed that way. I paused, however, to visit the wounded for a moment, spoke cheerly to my own men, and then, opening the door quietly, entered the room which I had last left in possession of the guerrillas. With the exception of broken windows and bullet-scarred walls little evidence remained of that contest which had raged here with such fury but a few hours previously. There were numerous dark stains upon the carpet, but much of the furniture had been restored to place, while a cheer-ful wood fire crackled in the open grate. Before it three men were sitting smoking, while upon a small table close at their elbows rested a flat bottie, flanked by several glasses, single glance sufficed to tell me they were Federal cavalrymen, one being the red-faced lieutenant whom I had already met.

"I am seeking the commander of this detachment." I explained, as they glanced at me in surprise at my entrance unannounced. "I am Cap-tain Wayne, in charge of the Confederate troop which was engaged in de-fense of this house."

A portly man with a strong face, and wearing a closely clipped gray beard. arose from a comfortable armchair and advanced with hand extended.

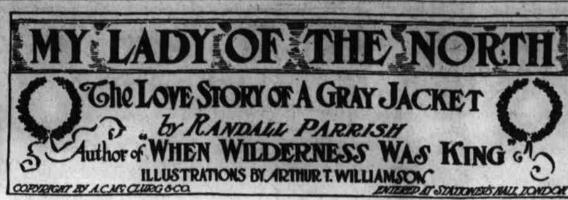
"I am Captain Moorehouse, in command," he answered, cordially, "and am very glad to meet you. Will you not join us? My second lieutenant, who has positive genius in that line, has unearthed a few bottles of rather choice whisky which we will divide

ank you," I replied, anxious to meet him as pleasantly as possible, but I am eager to get away upon my duty as early as may be, and have merely intruded upon you to explain my purpose."

"Nonsense," he insisted. "Duty

"Nonsense," he insisted. "Duty is never quite so urgent as to require a waste of good liquor. Captain Wayne, permit me to present my officers—Licutenants Warren and Starr, Second New Hampshire Cavalry."

The constant haunting fear of the Major's possible entrance at any moment rendered me extremely uneasy, and anxious to be away. Undoubtedly this feeling exhibited itself in my manner, for Captain Mocrebouse said



I had shaken hands with them all, and turned toward the door, congratulating myself on escaping thus easily, when a new voice broke suddenly in upon my self-satisfaction:

"I trust Captain Wayne is not inword with me?"

It was Brennan. He had entered mobserved from the second parlor. "Frankly," I responded, "I hoped I might."

"Have you forgotten then our compact, or do you simply elect to ig-I saw the others exchange quick

glances of amazement, but I answered coolly: "The latter supposition is more nearly the truth, Major Brennan. I felt that after what we have just passed through together we could both afford to ignore the past, and

consequently was hoping to escape

without again encountering you." "Indeed!" he exclaimed, sarcastically. "But I might have expected Gentlemen," and he turned toward the expectant group, "this man and I have a personal grievance of long standing unsettled. I have sought him for months in vain. When he came last night to our assistance, before I even consented to accept his services I insisted that no occurrence of the defense should prevent our meeting, if we both survived. Now he endeavors to sneak away like a whipped cur. I demand satisfaction at his hands, and if it is refused I shall denounce him in both armies."

answer. Moorehouse spoke. "But, Brennan, see here," he said anxiously, "surely Captain Wayne has served you well. Is this trouble between you so serious that no amends are possible?"

My cheeks burned, but before I

could control myself sufficiently for

"None, short of a personal meet-

"Captain," and the perplexed federal commander turned toward me, "have you any word of explanation in this unfortunate affair?"

"Very little," I answered. "I am not even aware that I have done injury to Major Brennan, purposely or otherwise. He has not so much as honored me with information as to his cause of complaint. However, I care very little what it may be. As he has seen fit to denounce me before officers of my own corps, I should be extremely glad to meet him upon that ground alone; but after what we have just passed through together, I felt ready to blot out these past differences. Whatever they may have been, they are not liable to occur again, nor we to meet."

"They have occurred again since you troke forth excitedly. "You are not a coward, but I brand you here and now as a sneak and lier! Now will you

We stood for a moment in utter silence, eye to eye, and I knew there was no help for it. These words, publicly spoken, left me no choice. "I am at your service, Major Bren-

nan," I returned sternly, "now or at any time. But I am unfortunate here in having no officer of my army present, and hence can name no sec-

"Doubtless one of these gentlemen will consent to serve," he said, his face brightening at my rejoinder. Some one hastily pushed a way to

the front, and Lieutenant Caton, pale but determined, stood at my shoulder. "It will afford me pleasure to act for Captain Wayne," he said clearly, "if he will accept my services. Moreover," he added, with a significant glance at Brennan. "I do this as



friend, and with full confidence that I

am upon the right side in the quar-For a moment no one spoke, Bren nan biting his mustache to keep back the words he durst not utter. Then

Wayne, I will arrange this matter with whoever may represent Major Bren-nan."

With a slight formal bow to those present I quitted the room.

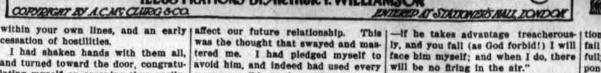
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avoid him, and indeed had used every will be no firing in the air." means possible to that end. The time was none too long, yet my mind once thoroughly settled as to my duty to tending to depart without at least a dent in the outcome. When Caton turned the corner of the great ramfrom what had evidently proven an acrimonious controversy, I greeted him

curiously.

"There was much unnecessary talk," he admitted, "but matters have been came toward us slowly. at last arranged to the satisfaction of far too cumbersome. Lieutenant Starr chances to possess two derringers exactly alike, which we have mutually agreed upon. I hope this is satisfactory to you, Wayne?"

"I am not precisely an expert but



I do not remember that we spoke save once, while we passed out through the orchard field where the her, became calm again, and confi- big tobacco shed stood. Not until we entered, flushed and visibly excited shackle building, which in other and more prosperous days had been dedicated to the curing of the leaf, did we perceive any signs of the presence "You appear to have experienced dif- of our antagonists. They were standficulties in regard to details," I said ing upon the further side, directly opposite the door, and both bowed slightly as we approached. The Captain

"It is to be greatly regretted, gen all concerned. You are to meet at-tlemen," he said, with ceremonious poonce, in the rear of the big tobacco liteness, "that we have no surgeon shed, a spot entirely removed from ob- with us. However, neither contestant servation. I have been compelled to has any advantage in this respect. accept pistols as the weapons, as we Lieutenant Caton, may I ask if the arhave nothing else here at all suitable rangements as already completed have for the purpose—cavalry sabers being proven satisfactory to your princi-

"Entirely so." "Then if you will kindly step this way a moment we will confer as to certain details."



"Brennan Hurled His Yet Smoking Derringer at His Feet With an Oath."

for Brennan?" his will, I think."

"Very well, Caton: I am perfectly satisfied, and am, indeed, greatly obliged to you; yet before we go out I desire to speak a word or two with. the utmost frankness." I stood facing him, my hand resting lightly upon the writing table, my eyes reading his expressive face. 'As my second I wish you to comprehend fully my actions. and the motives that inspire them. If they are in any way unsatisfactory to your mind you may feel at perfect liberty to withhold your services. I am now, and always have been, opposed to dueling: I believe it wrong in principle, and a travesty upon justice; but it is a custem of the South, a requirement among officers of our army, and after what has just occurred between Major Brennan and myself I cannot honorably refuse any longer to go out. Major Brennan has deliberately placed me in a position where I cannot avoid meeting him without losing all standing in my corps. I sought to escape, but was prevented by accident; now simply yield to the inevitable. I eel confident you will not misconstruc these words; you surely know me suf-Sciently well so as not to attribute them to cowardice. I shall face him exactly in accordance with your arrangements, asking nothing upon my part, yielding him every satisfaction he can possibly desire—but I shall

He stared at me incredulously, his face a perfect picture of amazement.
"But, Wayne," he stammered, "are you aware that Major Brennan is an expert with the pistol? that he holds the Sixth Corps trophy? Do you realize that he goes out deliberately intending to kill you?"

"I was not posted as to the first fact you mention, but have never entertained the slightest doubt as to the other. However, they do not in the least affect my decision. Yet I do not desire you to suppose that I am at all quixotic in this—there is a personal reason why I am perfectly willing to risk my life rather than injure Major

that does not greatly matter. Who acts | attitude against the side of the building, his eyes fastened upon the ground. "Captain Moorehouse, rather against the blue smoke of a cigar curied lagily above his head. I glanced toward him, and then sought to amuse myself watching the queer antics of a gray squirrel on the fence rail beyond. I felt no desire for further thought, only an intense anxiety for them to hurry the preliminaries, and have the affair settled as speedily as possible. I was aroused by Moorehouse's rather nasal

"Gentlemen, will you please take your positions. Major Brennan, you will stand three paces to the right of that sapling, facing directly south. Captain Wayne, kindly walk straight west from the shed door until you come opposite the Major's position.

I noted Brennan throw away the stump of his cigar, and then I walked stump of his cigar, and then I walked the worst sermon I ever preached."

slowly forward until I reached the One of his daughters protested that point assigned me. My heart was beat—she had seldom heard him when he ing fast now, for I fully realized the was more energetic. "Oh, yes," was probabilities of the next few minutes, the impatient reply, "When I haven't and felt little doubt that serious in- anything to say I always holier."—The jury, if not death, was to be my por- Outlook.

an oath.

tion. Yet my trained nerves did not fall me, and outwardly I appeared fully as cool and deliberate as my opponent. Years of constant exposure to peril in every form had yielded me a grim philosophy of fatalism that now stood me in most excellent stead. Indeed, I doubt not, had I chosen to put it to the test, my hand would have proven the steadler of the two, for Brennan's face was flushed, and be plainly exhibited the intense animosty with which he confronted me.

How peculiar the mind often op-

erates in such moments of exciting suspense. I recall remarking a very slight stoop in Brennan's shoulders which I had never perceived before, remember wondering where Moorehouse nad ever discovered a tailor to give so shocking a fit to his coat, and finally I grew almost interested in two birds perched upon the limb of a tree opposite where I stood. I even smiled to myself over a jest one of the young officers had made an hour before. Yet with it all I remained keenly observant and fully aware of each movement made by the others on the field. I saw Caton accept the derringer handed him and test it carefully, the long, slim, blue barrel looking deadly enough as he held it up between me and the sky. Then Moorehouse approached Brennan with its fellow in his grasp, and the Lieutenant crossed over, and stood beside me.

"Here is the gun, Wayne," he said, "and I sincerely hope you have changed your decision. There is no mercy in Brennan's eyes."

"So I notice," I answered, taking the derringer from him, and examining it with some curiosity, "but I shall do as I said, nevertheless. It is not any sentiment of mercy I feel which spares him, but a duty that appeals to me even more strongly than hate." "By Heaven, I wish it were other-

"Who gives the word?" I questioned.

"I do; are you ready?" "Perfectly."

I held out my hand, and his fingers closed upon it with warm, friendly grip. The next moment Brennan and stood, seemingly alone, facing each other, as motionless as two statues. His coat was buttoned to the throat, his cap-visor pulled low over his eyes, his pistol hand hanging straight down at his side, his gaze never wavering from me. I knew he was coolly, deliberately measuring the distance be tween us with as deadly a purpose as any murderer. The almost painful stillness was broken by Caton, and I marked the tremor in his voice.

"Are you both ready, gentlemen?" "I am," said Brennan. "Ready," I replied.

"The word will be one, two, threefire; with a slight pause after the three. A report from either pistol before the final word is spoken I shall

take personally. Be prepared now." "Ready!" said the voice once more; and as I saw Brennan's arm slowly rise, I lifted mine also, and covered him, noting, as I did so, almost in wonder, with what steadiness of nerve and wrist I held the slender gauge just beneath the visor of his cap. Deliberately, as though he dreaded the necessity. Caton counted:

"One; two; three-fire!" My pistol exploded, the charge striking the limb above him, and I staggered backward, my bet torn from my head, a white line cut through my hair and a thin trickle of blood upon my temple. I saw Caton rushing toward me, his face filled with anxiety, and then Brennan hurled his yet smoking derringer into the dirt at his feet with

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

When Beecher "Hollered."

Coming home from the morning service one Sunday Dr. Beecher threw himself on a lounge and said, in a tone

Very Rich Never Generous

but Never Thomselves, Says G. K. Chesterton.

There are two other odd and rather important things to be said about them. The first is this: That with this aristocracy we do not have the chance of a lucky variety in types chance of a lucky variety in types which belongs to larger and looser aristocracies. The moderately rich include all kinds of people—even good people. Even priests are sometimes saints; and even soldiers are sometimes heroes. Some doctors have really grown wealthy by curing their patients and not by flattering them; some brewers have been known to aell beer. But among the very rich you will never find a really generous man, even by accident. They may give their money away, but they will never give themselves away; they are egotistic, secretive, dry as old hones. To be smart snough to get all that money, you must be dull enough to want it.

Lastly, the most serious point about

They May Give Away Their Meney, "simple" funeral, are all extelled as if they were creditable i him. They are disgraceful to him, exactly as disgraceful to him, exactly as disgraceful as the tatter: and vermin of the old miser were disgraceful to him. To be in rags for charity would be the condition of a saint; to be in rags for money was that of a flithy old fool. I have more respect for the old miser, gnawing bones in an attic.—G. K. Chesterton in London Dully News.

Taackeray's First Poom.

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Latest General News That Has Been Collected From Many Towns and Counties of the State.

Raleigh.-In Barton's Creek town ship there was an election held in District No. 6 in the matter of a special tax for schools. The issue was defeated by a vote of 30 to 15.

Wilson.-Joe Whitley, a white man was before Mayor Dickinson charges with violating the prohibtion law and bound over in the sum of one hundred dollars for his appearance at the May term of Wilson superior court.

Raleigh.-Gov. Kitchin is spending few days in eastern Carolina on combination education and political mission. He delivered an educational address at Vanceboro and at Lumber ton a political address.

High Point.—Some interesting facts about the general freight situation in the Carolinas were brought out in the hearing at High Point before a special examiner of the interstate commerce commission.

Raleigh.-It is sad and significant fact that there have been 24 deaths of ex-Confederate soldiers out at the Soldiers' Home here since the new year. Four have died within the past week. This illustrates how rapidly the old soldiers are passing away. Murphy.-Judge Lane concluded the

criminal docket of Cherokee county here. Joe Tate, who has been on thial for the alleged murder of Bob Thompson last August, was found guilty by the jury. The case was hard fought, able counsel appearing for both sides.

Monroe.-At the formation of the Kitchin Club here, 183 members were enrolled and many more will enlist at the next meeting. T. J. W. Broom was eelcted president, and Ney Mc-Neely, secretary. A vice resident was elected at each of the voting precincts.

Statesville.-As a result of his operations in Statesville and Charlotte with bogus checks, the Bankers' Association has put detectives on the trail of "Francisco Alvarez, Habana, Cuba," and his arrest is expected at any time. If taken by the officers he will be brought to Statesville for trial.

Statesville. - At the Democratic mass meeting held here in the interest of the movement to place the county officers on salaries, Hon, W. D. Turner of Statesville was named for the Senate, and Messrs. Tilden Williams, of North Iredell, and Dr. Frontis, of Mooresville for the House.

Elizabeth City.—Raymond Harney, the young seaman who was shot here on board of cruiser Elfrida by Hugh Robinson, died at the naval hospital in Norfolk, where he had been carried for treatment after being shot. Robinson, who was out under bond, has been rearrested and placed in jail and will have to answer to the charge of murder at the next term of court.

Kinston.-The second detachment of the hospital crops, North Carolina National Guard, was inspected in the armory here by Captain Pridgen of the medical service. The ten men and the equipment of the detachment were accorded a good percentage on every point of the inspection. The local hos pital men are attached to the Second Regiment of Infantry.

Raleigh -That Charles B. Avcock's hold upon the affections of the people of North Carolina was that of its best loved citizen has been given expreson to from every part of the mingham brought a shock to all, for it was felt that in his death the state had lost a man whose life had been devoted to the uplift of humanity.

Salisbury.-The second annual con vention of the Tri-State Water and Light Association of the Carolinas and Georgia will be held at Salisbury, April 16 and 17. The principal addresses will be made by Engineer J. L. Ludlow Winston-Salem; Chief Engineer A. M. Schoen, of the S. E. Underwriters, Atlanta; T. C. Linn, Salisbury, and Superintendent A. J. Sproles of the Greenwood waterworks.

Asheboro.-Isreal Luther, an escaped convict was captured by Deputy Sheriffs Lucas and Luther. When approached by the officers he made an attempt to draw his revolver and was shot in the leg, but succeeding in getting away. He was tracked by the officers by a trail of blood from the wound and was finally captured about a mile away and brought to Asheboro, where he was lodged in jajil.

sidering the needs of the Children's Home, the executive committee, in session here, decided that the next most pressing need of the home is a hospital, where the sick children of the institution may be adequately Cared for. Lexington.—Supt. P. S. Vann, head

of the county school system, announced that 23 boys have entered the boys' corn contest for 1912. He is expecting to have more than twice that number before the entry books close. Last year there were 61 in the ntest and the rivalry was intense. Raleigh.—Reports made to the an ual meeting of the Meredith College here show an enrolment of 433 and a surplus in cash to the credit of the institution from the operations of the past year. The trustees filled a num-

eradication of hookworm disease will be inaugurated in Wake county in the here. Joe Tate, who has been on trial will be opened at Apex. Dr. C. L. Pridgen, of the Hookworm Commis-sion, of the state board of health, will

be in charge of the campaign, assisted by Mrs. Pridgen. Elizabeth City.—Lying is its cradic. aconscious of danger, the 5-months id child of Mr. and Mrs. Ulyaser

old child of Mr. and Mrs. Ulyases Pritchard met a horrible death here. The child was burned alive, together with the entire household effects and home on Bell atreet.

Charlotte.—That the Roosevelt forces were victorious in the republican primaries in this county, is conceded by the manager of the Taft heandquarters, Mr. E. M. Bell, by about 8 to 6 of the delegated vote while County Phairman Jake Newell chains that the toosevelt forces will control 10 of the 4 delegates from this county.

COLLIDED WITH ICEBURG ON MAIDEN TRIP OFF CAPE RACE. EAST OF HALIFAX.

CARRIED MANY PASSENGERS

Major Archibald Butt, Military Aide to President Taft; Col. John Jacob Astor and Wife, and Many Other Prominent Americans.

Montreal, P. Q .- The new Whit Star liner Titanic is reported, in ad vices received here to have struck as iceburg. The new swas received at the Allen Line offices here in a wire less message, from the captain of the steamer, Virginian, of that line. It was stated that the Virginian had beer in wireless communication with the Titanic, that she had reported being in collision with an iceberg and asked for assistance.

The Virginian reported that she was on her way to the Titanic.

Montreal, - The Virginian, sailing from Halifax said at the time the wireless was sent she is reckoned to have been about a beam off Cape Race. She has 900 passengers on board, but can accommodate 900 of the Titanic's passengers should their removal be neces

The message from the Virginian's captain was sent by wireless to Cape Race and relayed to Montreat.

Cape Race, N. F .- The steamship Titanic called "C. Q. D." and reported having struck an iceburg. The steamer said that immediate assistance was Half an hour afterwards another

were sinking by the head and that women were being put off in the life The weather was calm and clear, the Titanic's wirelss operator, gave the

message came reporting that they

position of the vessel as 41.46 north latitude and 50.14 west longitude. The Marconi station at Cape Race, notified the Allen liner Virginian, the captain of which immediately advised that he was proceeding for the scene

of the disaster.

Warning Issued to Rebel Forces. Washington.-Warning was issued by the United States to the Mexican government, as well as to Jen. Pescual Orozco, chief of the revolutionary forces, that "It expects and must demand that American life and property, within the republic of Mexico, be justly and adequately protected, and that this government must hold Mexico au l the Mexican people responsible for all wanton or illegal acts, sacrificing or endangering American life or damaging American interests. The attitude of the United States as expressed to both the Federal and rebel authorities is that any maltreatment of American the American government and people.

Lunatic Invade White House. Washington,-Michael Winter, the man who was arrested at the White House after he had succeeded in forcing an entrance to the private part of the executive mansion, was declared to be harmless by officials of the Washington asylum, where he was taken for observation. Winter insists that he meant no harm to the President, and officials declare he has showed no signs of insanity.

Disclosures in Lynn Mystery. Lynn, Mass.-An amazing disclosure in the great Lynn tragedy came. Amos Potter, a railway gate keeper, whose station is near the spot where the body of George Marsh, the wealthy manufacturer, was found, furnished it. Potter declared he saw an automobile at that point; that it contained three men, one of them holding the third in the car. "I believe the third man was Marsh and that he was dead," said Potter, with great positiveness.

Strike Situation Not Settled. New York.—James C. Stuart, chair-man of the committee of fifty railroad managers, said that pending the previously announced meeting of the committee here there would be no action taken by the managers in answer to the strike vote, which has been cast by the engineers of practically all roads east of Chicago and north of the Potomac. Mr. Stuart was saked if the reply to be made would be final—one way or another, or whether negotiations might be expected to continue. He declined to say.

Hundred Thousand Are Homeless.

New Orleans.—One hundred thousand people are homeless in floodswept southern Arkansus and northern Louisiana. Three breaks in the ern Louisiana. Three breaks in the Mississippi levee occurred and through them the water is rushing in torrents and inundating vast stretches of territory. The breaks occurred at Salem, La., Lake Village, Ark., and Panther Forest, Ark. The three thousand inhabitants of Lake Village have fled the town and scores of houses have al-ready been washed away. The total destruction of the town is inevitable.

Church Floor Collapsed, Two Killed. Harrington Park, N. J.-Two perons were killed and more than a score infured, several seriously, when the collapse of the floor of the Church of collapse of the floor of the Church of Our Lady of Victory precipitated near-ly 300 persons into the basement. The church was only partly completed, and the assemblage there was in connec-tion with the formal extended ut laying the coronantos. Collapse of the floor came while an address was being delivered by Pather Deleganty, paster of the church.