

"Now, comrade," said Lance, after he had expressed his surprise at the transformation, "you look like Maux, the turkey, you walk like him, and you talk like him; and so far so good. But you don't know about the ways of the poor wretches in trying to eat through granite walls and iron doors."

"Ha!" growled Maux, "if I had the Czar and all his tools in my watching, they'd hardly get their way out. Curse them, I'd rattle on their doors every ten minutes, so that they could not even sleep."

"Patience, patience, Maux, and don't talk too loud," said Lance, as he took Ivan's hand and left the dingy room.

Through damp, gloomy labyrinths they passed, and at length they ascended a narrow stairs, and stood close to cell three.

Lance, leaving Ivan in the shadows, went to the cell door, and tapping lightly on the bars he whispered:

"Are you awake, my lady?"

"Yes," came the voice from within.

"Is that you, Lance?"

"Aye, my lady, it is Lance, the friend, and not the jailer. I have to-night a friend to see you."

"A friend?"

"Yes, Ivan Berger."

"Is he, too, a prisoner?" she asked, with a gasp.

"Not yet, and he will not be if I can help it. Hist, he comes to talk with you."

"Be very careful," she whispered.

Lance carried a skeleton key that could be used on any cell in the prison.

With this he opened the door, and leaving it open he brought Ivan, ushered him noiselessly into the cell, closed the door, and as noiselessly went away.

It was not till they were alone in the cell that Ivan realized the great danger in which he had placed himself, but what will not a man do to be near the woman he loves, particularly when she is in trouble, and he thinks he can help her.

Another Usurper Gains Wrong.
MERRIDEN, Conn., Oct. 17.—Hugo Crocker, cashier at the Meriden Woollen Mill, who left the city very suddenly, is said to be about \$2,000 short in his accounts. Crocker's downfall is said to be largely due to gambling. It is said also that there is a woman in the case.

England Will Protest.
ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 17.—A sensation has been caused by the publication of a letter in the "Samaracand Gazette," to the effect that the Kain or Khokaid having instigated England to menace Russian authority in the province of Forghiana, Russia had found it necessary, as a measure of protection, to annex the adjacent Khanates. It is known that England will protest against the annexation.

History of Coinage Legislation.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The Treasury Department, in response to numerous requests from various sections of the country, has just issued a pamphlet containing a brief history of the coinage legislation in the United States. It embodies an epitome of coinage legislation from the time of the passage of the law in April, 1792, establishing the United States Mint, up to and including the silver bullion certificate act of July 14, 1890.

Air Heir to \$9,000,000 in a Poorhouse.
BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 19.—Mrs. Ann A. Dodge, an inmate of the poorhouse of this city, and who is 80 years of age, received notice yesterday that she is the heir to an estate worth \$9,000,000 in England. The story dates back two centuries, at which time her great-grandfather on her mother's side owned a vast estate near London. Mrs. Dodge has received letters confirming her right to the estate and has forwarded documents to prove her claim.

Working Women Want the Ballot.
NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—It is just made public that the "Working Women's Society," the central body representing the organized working women of New York, last week pronounced for the first time in favor of suffrage for women, passing unanimously and heartily resolutions suggested by Mr. Hamilton Wilcox of New York making this demand. The society also endorsed Mr. Wilcox's bill enabling all self-supporting women to vote, which has heretofore been approved by several central labor organizations.

Chinamen Entering in Droves.
ST. VINCENT, Minn., Oct. 17.—Within the past few weeks, on account of the strict enforcement of the United States customs regulations in New York State, the tide of Chinese immigration is diverted to the northern frontier of Minnesota and North Dakota. Minnesota, between Lake Superior and Red River, 400 miles, is guarded by only three customs officers, and North Dakota is not in much better plight, consequently the Celestials are coming in in droves in spite of the best efforts of the officers.

Compelled to Apologize to Powderly.
SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 19.—The Executive Board of the Knights of Labor, which has been sitting here for the past three days, has compelled District Master Workman D. J. Campbell and Dr. Haggerty to make public apologies to Master Workman Powderly. Campbell and Haggerty were the largest stockholders in the "Times," which recently assailed Mr. Powderly for accepting the nomination for Constitutional Delegate. Campbell and Haggerty are out in cards disclaiming any intention to injure Mr. Powderly, and say they were not responsible for the article.

Union Veteran Legion.
READING, Pa., Oct. 15.—The National Encampment of the Union Veteran Legion opened here yesterday. The parade was participated in by about 1,200 members of the order. The national convention of the order met in annual session in the afternoon with National Commander G. J. R. Miller of Philadelphia presiding. Over 250 delegates were present. The reports submitted showed that 27 encampments had been organized during the year, and there had been a gain in membership in that time of over 3,500. The order is distributed through 18 States.

Balfour's Selection as Leader.
LONDON, Oct. 17.—The selection of Mr. Balfour as Parliamentary leader is generally hailed with satisfaction by the Conservatives, especially those who believe in an aggressive policy, which Mr. Balfour eminently represents. Mr. Goschen himself is strongly pleased with Balfour's promotion, as Goschen was very reluctant to undertake the task when it was suggested to him. Balfour is described as the only government speaker who has successfully met every attempt of the Liberals to entrap or involve him, and the Liberals are not at all pleased that he has been named.

Suit Begun Against Hoey.
NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Judge Patterson of the Supreme Court, has, upon the application of Henry Sanford, president of the Adams Express Company, granted an attachment against the property of John Hoey, the deposed president of the company, in a suit to recover over half a million dollars. The attachment is granted on the ground of non-residence. Mr. Hoey's home being at Hollywood, N. J. The summons attached to the papers announce to Mr. Hoey that if he defaults in appearing to answer to the suit judgment will be taken against him for \$712,950.27 with interest, together with the costs.

The Delegates Were Poisoned.
BRADFORD, Pa., Oct. 17.—Nearly all the delegates to the Women's Christian Temperance Union—State Convention, who were poisoned Friday afternoon by something they ate or drank at a dinner in Armory Hall, tendered the delegates by the McKean County organization, are out of danger. Shortly after the afternoon session was called to order a large number of delegates fell violently ill, and in half an hour at least 75 were lying limp in their seats or on the floor, all vomiting and extremely sick. Medical aid was summoned and all the physicians in the city had a dozen or more patients on their hands.

MINUS HER FORTUNE
How a Pennsylvania Widow Was Victimized.
A CLEVER CONFIDENCE GAME.

Wheedled Into Believing She Was Her Former Sweetheart's Heiress.

Mrs. Ann Woods Took Stock in a Clairvoyant's Game, and Now Mourns an Imaginary Fortune, Besides \$500 and a Gold Watch—She Had the "Deeds" in Her Possession—A Slick Swindle.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Oct. 19.—Mrs. Ann R. Woods, a respectable widow of this town, recently astonished her friends by telling them that she had come into a fortune of over \$240,000 in a very unexpected and romantic manner.

She has been considered a woman of more than ordinary good sense, and when she told the story of her good luck the neighbors believed her, especially as she exhibited documents which appeared to sustain her statement.

Mrs. Woods's story was that William H. Jasper of Lewistown, Idaho, was her benefactor. Years ago, she said, before her marriage to Woods, Jasper had been her sweetheart.

When she became a widow he renewed his attentions, sent her handsome presents, came East to see her and then capped the climax by sending his attorney here with deeds and checks purporting to convey to Mrs. Woods real estate and cash to the amount of \$240,000.

It has now been discovered that Mrs. Woods never got a cent of the big fortune, and never will. There is not an atom of truth in it all from start to finish. And yet, Mrs. Woods did not lie. She has been made the victim of one of the sharpest confidence games that has been played in Washington County in years.

It appears that she corresponded with a clairvoyant, and who promised her a large fortune from "some one" within a specified time. She began by sending \$10 to a designated place, when her correspondent promised she should receive \$20 in return.

This went all right, for the correspondence resulted in bringing in, in return for letters sent in various directions, numerous sums of money and various pieces of jewelry. Finally a man purporting to be the attorney for William H. Jasper came to town with the checks, deeds, etc., and after leaving the papers with Mrs. Woods and receiving generous treatment at her hands, succeeded in getting \$500 and a gold watch from her.

She had been so successful with the clairvoyant and had so often had money sent her and had seen the promised fortune materializing so much quicker than she expected that she was an easy victim when the demand was made upon her bank account, which by the way, was a very comfortable one.

Mrs. Woods is unable to give a very correct description of the fellow who called upon her, but she says he took the deeds back to Lewistown for record. When she deposited the checks and drafts the bank reported that they were worthless.

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STRUNG UP TANDEM
Terrible Vengeance of a Mob Upon Four Negroes.

HANGED AND BULLET-RIDDLED.

The Men Had Resisted a Sheriff's Posses and Killed Two.

So Furious Was the Mob That it Went Back to the Jail, Took Out a Badly Wounded Negro and Lynched Him Also—The Mayor and Sheriff Powerless to Restrain the Excited Crowd—Terrible Scenes.

CLIFTON FORGE, Va., Oct. 19.—After the fight here on Saturday, between officers and colored men, in which P. A. Bowling and Fred Wilkinson, members of the Sheriff's posse, were killed, the excitement in the town became intense. The negroes had come down from the Hill mine with the avowed purpose of creating a disturbance.

The news of the fracas spread like wildfire, and in a short time 50 men were scouring the mountains near by where a colored gang took refuge, hunting them down.

In a few hours all of the colored men were brought here and placed in jail, after a desperate struggle for their lives, and after receiving several wounds.

The prisoners were Charles Miller, a notorious character from Bedford County, shot three times before being captured; William Martin from Madison County, shot twice; Bob Burton, shot in the leg in the first fight and a boy.

Great excitement prevailed all the afternoon, and there was talk of lynching Miller, who was the ringleader, and who is supposed to have shot Bowling. The excitement grew as evening came on and by dark the streets were full of men crying for revenge.

About 11 p. m. a mob of 300 surrounded the jail.

The Mayor and town officers urged the men to let the law take its course, pointing out the danger of mistakes and the bad name a lynching would give the place, but the mob would not listen and made an attack on the prison, a frail structure, easily entered.

Once in possession of the prisoners the mob released the boy and attempted to secure from the other three a confession, but the men stoutly denied having committed any crime.

The lynching was a terrible affair. Three of the colored men were taken to a desolate place known as "Slaughter House Hollow," about a quarter of a mile from the Chesapeake and Ohio depot.

The mob tied them to the same rope and swung them up to the tree.

Before their heels were two feet from the ground the firing began and their bodies were riddled with bullets, the foot of one of them falling off.

The excited crowd now thirsting for blood returned to the jail and took the wounded man to the same place and dispatched him in the same manner.

The boy they held to the spot, and after showing him how a colored man is treated for killing a white they let him go.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

BOSTON, Oct. 19.—William Madden, Herbert Chase, Thomas F. Murphy and Leonard Spry, four prisoners at the Concord Reformatory, escaped from that institution Saturday night. The manner of their escape is unknown.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 15.—The main building of the Hampden Paint and Chemical Company on Armony street was destroyed by fire last evening. Loss \$60,000; fully insured. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp.

BOSTON, Oct. 15.—The officers of the Order of the Red Cross were yesterday enjoined from collecting assessments and from interfering with the assets of the order until further orders of the court by Justice Dunbar in the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The estimates of the Light-house establishment for the coming year, to be presented to Congress at its meeting in December, call for the appropriation of \$2,333,900. The estimates last session called for about \$2,000,000.

ROUNDTOWN, N. Y., Oct. 17.—Theron Lawrence, who decamped from Jewett in the Catskills for unknown parts, left a family behind and numerous creditors. Before going he forged the name of H. A. Turner, his father-in-law, for a considerable amount.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 15.—A special from Cape Charles City, says that Fanny M. Fadden, a storekeeper, was found in bed brutally murdered. An employe named George Dreyer has been arrested charged with the crime and the people threaten to lynch him.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 17.—The Inman Line steamer City of New York, which touched at Queenstown, on October 15, took the Irish pilot on board. The weather was so stormy that she was unable to return the pilot to his boat, and he is now enjoying a free passage to America.

PATERSON, N. J., Oct. 19.—Three-year-old Jane Smith, of this place, is an object of wonder. A couple of days ago a horse kicked her in the head, making a hole, from which the brain matter oozed in considerable quantity. Nevertheless, she is believed to be recovering.

MONROESTOWN, N. J., Oct. 19.—Emmett S. Miller, aged 30, a farmer living near Pottersville, died Saturday night from the effects of carbolic acid taken by mistake. He purchased the acid in the village drug store after consulting a physician. It is believed he misunderstood the doctor's prescription.

BOSTON, Oct. 17.—P. F. Finneran, of the Boston Athletic Association, has made a successful attempt to beat the world's record for a 440 yards hurdle race. The record was 59 4/5 seconds. Finneran's run was over ten hurdles, each two feet and six inches high, and was made in 67 2/4 second.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Oct. 15.—Captain Herman Blazier, who shot and killed Thomas Wilson May 11 last, was put on trial yesterday. Wilson was a bystander during a quarrel between Blazier and a neighbor, and was hit by a bullet intended for the other man. Owing to the prisoner's ill health the trial was adjourned till January.

HUFFALO, Oct. 14.—Gov. Hill addressed a large gathering in Music Hall last evening. He spoke on State taxes, the World's Fair and other matters entering into the campaign and then took up tariff reform, dealing with it at considerable length. He closed with an eulogy of the Democratic candidate for Governor and Lieut. Governor.

NEW ELECTRIC DEVICE.
Incorporation of a Company to Use One of Edison's Inventions.

TRENTON, N. J., Oct. 19.—Articles of incorporation have been recorded in the office of the Secretary of State by the Edison Illuminating and Power Company with a capital of \$500,000. It is understood that the capital will be increased to \$1,000,000 at an early date.

The ostensible object of the new corporation is the introduction of an electric light system in the city of Newark. According to the projectors it is proposed to erect an entirely new plant to conduct electricity underground and to furnish incandescent lights and power for small manufacturing plants. It is believed, however, that the company is formed to eventually put on the market a system of electric motion for street and other railroad cars without trolley, invented by Thomas A. Edison.

Gov. Hill OT for Atlanta.
ALBANY, Oct. 19.—Gov. Hill left this city at 2:33 p. m. yesterday for Atlanta, Ga., where he delivers an address at the unveiling of the monument to Henry W. Grady, on Wednesday of this week. The governor was accompanied by a delegation from Georgia, headed by Governor Gordon. Those accompanying the governor are Col. McEwen, Col. Judson, Hon. John A. McCall, Superintendent of State Prisons; Alstin E. Lathrop, Gen. Ferdinand E. Earl, Gen. Henry W. Slocum, and Dr. Henry Pierce.

Shot in a Quarrel.
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 19.—Frank Butler and William G. Jones were shot early yesterday morning near a notorious resort in the town of Hamden, by Elmer A. Thomba, who has recently been employed as a liquor spotter. Thomba claimed that he was set upon by two of the men, and that in self-defense he shot them. Butler's wounds are of a serious nature, but Jones is only slightly wounded. Thomba is under arrest.

Balfour Will Succeed Smith.
LONDON, Oct. 19.—It is officially stated that Chief Secretary Balfour will take the place of the late Right Hon. W. H. Smith as First Lord of the Treasury, carrying with it the Conservative leadership in the House of Commons.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 19.—Catarino E. Garza, the Mexican revolutionary leader, is in the neighborhood of Piedras Negras, Texas, at the head of an armed force of 500 men. He is committing many outrages on the citizens who will not join his standard. The Mexican government is sending regiment after regiment of soldiers to that section, and will make every effort to quell the uprising.

O'BRIEN'S STATEMENT.
He Refutes Certain Charges—Parnell's Letter to Him.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Hon. William O'Brien's statement, refuting the charges made by some of Parnell's followers, that he and Dillon had hounded the Irish leader to death, states that the unreliable basis of all communication with Mr. Parnell at Boulogne was, first and last, his retirement from the leadership.

Mr. O'Brien states that he and his colleagues kept three objects in view: First, that it was impossible that Mr. Parnell continue as chairman of the Parliamentary party Committee; secondly, to soften the memory of Mr. Parnell's fault by every possible palliative and evidence of good will that his devoted colleagues could suggest; thirdly, to avert the calamity which they keenly felt to be irreparable from any disruption of the forces.

"We are fully persuaded," says the statement, "that these objects have been covered. Had the terms we suggested been loyally accepted, the party would have been reunited under the leadership of Mr. McCarthy, leaving Mr. Parnell an honorable place in Irish public life."

In addition a letter is published in which Mr. Parnell's feelings in regard to O'Brien's treatment of him are set forth. Parnell wrote that he appreciated intensely the difficulties which surrounded O'Brien during the negotiations, the constant daily anxiety which would have been overwhelming to anybody possessed of less courage and devotion. He hoped and believed that the prospects of Ireland were not so dark as O'Brien feared, and that after a little time, having passed through clouds of darkness, they should again stand on their former footing, when in happy days they were comrades in arms in behalf of a United Ireland.

THEY HAD A FREE FIGHT.
Women Prisoners in Pittsburg Settle Differences in their Own Peculiar Way.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 19.—It has just leaked out that a free for all fight occurred among the female prisoners of the Clearmont Workhouse, two nights ago. Two women in the knitting department had a quarrel, which resulted in an incident that, friends of both women interfering and taking opposite sides.

For about half an hour the twenty-five infuriated prisoners fought each other fiercely, scratching one another's eyes, tearing each other's clothes nearly off, and pounding an adversary whenever an opening occurred. The three matrons in charge could do nothing with the women, who acted like wild animals.

Half a dozen officers of the prison were finally summoned by the matron who succeeded in escaping from the room and the delinquents were placed in dungeons. During the fight two of the worst prisoners, Maud Hutchinson and Mamie White, escaped from their cell, their door being carelessly left unlocked. They scaled a 20-foot wall to liberty and have not yet been apprehended.

A Bicycle Record Twice Broken.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 19.—The bicycle record between Buffalo and Rochester was broken on Saturday afternoon by William Le Messurier of the West End Club. The best previous record was 5 hours and 45 minutes. Le Messurier's time was 4 hours and 50 minutes. Yesterday P. J. Dukelow rode over the same road to beat the record, accomplishing the 74 miles in 4 hours and 51 minutes, being average per mile of 3 minutes and 56 seconds.

A French Official's Strange Death.
PARIS, Oct. 19.—A great sensation has been caused by the peculiar circumstances of the death of Inspector-General Accolas, of the French Home Office. The General was a married man, and supposed to be a brave man. While visiting a woman of whom he was enamored he was in some way, not yet clearly understood, overdosed with some drug or stimulant, and died suddenly. An investigation is being held.

Twelve Clubs in the Association.
LOUISVILLE, Oct. 17.—There are to be 12 clubs in the American Association next year. This is almost certain, and the scheme which Caris Von der Aha, Zack Phelps and the other magnates have been working on of late. The following cities are those which will next year make up the Association circuit: Louisville, St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, St. Paul, West, and Boston, Baltimore, New York, Brooklyn, Washington and Philadelphia in the East.

THIEVES HAD NO SHOW.
How the Well-Conncocted Robbery in Scranton, Pa., was Frustrated.

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 19.—The arrest of the robbers of the pay office of A. D. & F. M. Spencer, of the Potts colliery in Dunmore, on Saturday, was in accordance with a plan formed two weeks ago, when the police first heard of the scheme. There were five men concerned in the robbery, four of whom were arrested. Charles Engle and Wallace Snow did the actual work.

H. N. Hollister first proposed the scheme. Engle had been long in the employ of the Spencers and was familiar with the premises. He informed Hollister that about this time of the month the Spencers usually had from \$13,000 to \$14,000 in their office. Chief of Police Simpson had prepared thoroughly for the robbery, and everything was in readiness to catch the robbers.

Charles Bowen was arrested in a barnyard with Engle and Wallace as they were dividing the little booty they had obtained. Hollister was arrested soon after. The \$13,000 was so well concealed that the robbers could not have found it without a great deal of trouble.

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS.
The annual Christian International Convention is being held in Allegheny City.

James Little, aged 19 years, was literally ground to death by a train on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Point House Road.

Louis Sebott was killed and John Young and Michael Farley seriously injured by an explosion of gas in the Merriam Colliery near Ashland.

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