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ousands viev GREATEST DEMONSTRATION OF IS KIND EVER WITNESSED MOVES OFF LIKE CLOCK. STREETS THRONGED

Women Faint and Are Pulled From Sidewalks and Streets By Officers, Who Have a Busy Day.

MANY ARE INJURED

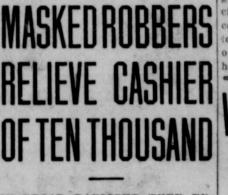
New York, Sept. 30 .- The military parade in New York Thursday was the grandest demonstration of its kind even seen in New York. The maneuvers were like clock work between two walls of humanity. The large crowds were lined up on either side and the long procession of soldiers marched with accurate cadence along the space between the people. The bands were alive with martial notes and the men in khaiki walked in concurence with the music. The long lines of well drilled men exhibited the great efficiency of the IN BROAD DAYLIGHT THEY EN. United States army as regards discipline and qualificaton. The march included ten thousand men from ten warships. These were men who were with the great fleet that traversed the globe and the men who exemplified the material that the U.S. army MAKE GOOD ESCAPE was made of. As the ten thousand came down the streets, there were wild cries of joy and enthusiasm and was really the reincarnation of Xenophens Ten Thousands.

There was a great jam on the streets and many persons were crushed and the field hospitals were ed, but no serious accidents re sulted. Hundreds of women fainted and were pulled from the great mass of people by the policemen. An aeroplane flight by Wright-Curtiss was to be a feature of the day, but wing to the unfavorable weather conditions it was not attempted. There was a heavy fog around the city and me rain about noon. During the afternoon the atmosphere was in such condition that a successful flight ould not be made.



QUEEN MAUD. Queen Maud of Norway is the young est of the four surviving children of King Edward. She was born in 1869 Charles of Denmark, who was chosen district in San Angelo." king of Norway as Haakon VII, when Norway separated from Sweden in

1905.



TER BANK AND AT POINT OF GUN MAKE MAN DIG UP.



Posse Organized and Sheriff is Making Determined Effort to Bring

San Argelo, Texas, Friday, October 1, 1909,

NIGHT AT COURTHOUSE TO **Abol**ish district

For the purpose of launching a campaign that will sweep all over the city, having as its object the abolishment of the houses of ill repute. neeting of the citizens has been called for Friday night at 8 o'clock.

"I expect to see fully 500 people at this gathering,' said Rev. J. L. Tar-1 ter Thursday night. "The pastors of the city are supporting me in ever move, and the church people as we as others seem to be heartily in fa and was married in 1896 to Prince vor of doing away with the redlight

The petition is as follows:

ALL PREVI

Mass Meeting of Citizens.

The undersigned citizens of San An gelo request that the citizens of our A. city, male and female, assemble at the rt house Friday at 8 o'clock p. m. o devise ways and means by which S. R. Park. our fair city shall be ridden of the Wm H. Martin. ouses of prostitution in our mldst:

RECORDS BY FAR DEBA

Wm. E. Foster W. M. Crutchfield. J. P. Sewell. E. C Corn W. Yates C. W H Myers J. C. Rieger Wesley A. Smith. W. B. Wilson J. B. Moore Mack L. Wvatt Sam Crowther. R. P. Smith. Jno. R. Robertson, Jr. E. F. Brown.

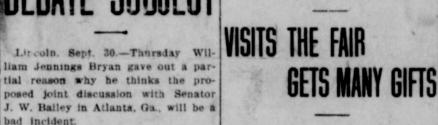
C. C. Kirkpatrick. C. E. Mays. T. F. Owen A. Wynne. E. W. Walker. W. C Kelley And others. WRIGHT BREAKS BRYAN'S REASON



JOHN L. GRIFFITHS. As United States consul general at Liverpool, John L. Griffiths has been Children in Countless Numbers Will in line for a promotion to the position of consul general in London, left vacant by the resignation of Consul General Wynne. Mr. Griffiths' appointment to London is very popular with Americans in England.

IAFT FAVORS SHIP SUBSIDY AND SAYS SO

DENT COMES OUT AND MAKES FLAT-FOOTED STATEMENT.



"Such an action would divert the Everybody Wants to Give Him Something and He is Equally as Anxions to Receive-In-



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KEEPING FOR

KIDS IN SAFE

Be Taken Care of, Entertained. Etc., While Mothers Attend the Races.

Having advanced the idea of having a nursery-a real nursery for bables-out at the fair this year, A. D. West is making every effort to get the Baptist ladies to take charge of the affair and carry it through.

"The idea in a nutshell is this," stated Col. West. "We want to secure a place where the babies brought out to the grounds by their parents may be left with perfect safety-a place where they will be cared for as SPEECH AT SEATTLE PRESI. tenderly as if they were in their mothers' arms.

> "No greater inconvenience is endured by the attendants of the races than to have to look after a baby. The ladies will be allowed to charge the nominal sum of ten cents for keeping the child, and they will net quite a neat sum if they take it up. The Baptist ladies are considering the matter at present and in all probability they will accept the offer of the fair association

"Imagine yourself, excited as could be, at the finish of a nerve-tearing race, to find that baby is trying to

elope to other parts in the throng, to

hand your purse over to a willing



OTTON OPENS AT DECLINE OF THREE TO SEVEN CENTS.

WIDDLE-DAY SHOWS GAIN

Prices Sent Up Five to Eleven Points Later, With Finals Showing Little Change From Yesterday.

New York, Sept. 30 .- Reflecting poor cables, the cotton market opened easy at a decline of three to seven During the middle of the points. morning a sharp advance created renewed activity, prices being sent up five to eleven points. Changes from last night's finals were slight in the last hour. The market closed steady, net unchanged to give points higher. Spots were quiet, 13.30. Liverpool was in fair demand and steady; middlings 7.36 d.

Postponed.

Cear of Russia has decided to posthis intended visit to the King of

the Hold-Up Men to Justice.

Glenwood Springs, Sept. 30 .- In. broad daylight and at the ponit of a revolver, the cashier of the Citizens National Bank of this city today was compelled to open up the vault to masked robbers and a haul of \$10,000 was made.

The miscreants cooly made their way to the rear of the building, where they had horses hitched, and drifted away from the city with the speed of the wind.

An immediate alarm was given and the sheriff of the county immediately organized a posse and started in hot pursuit. The trail was picked up at once and seems destined to lead into the foothills.



El Paso, Tex., Sept. 30 .- Plans for the military display of Mexico for the Taft-Diaz meeting have been com- but he is expected to arrive in time temperance parade recently pulled off p eted and the Mexican troops will to do so. begin to move to the border Friday. An addition of a regiment of artillery and infantry has been added to the present force.

Stocks

New York, Sept. 30 .- Attendance on the New York stock exchange was re-

he grave illness of the Czarina, the advance in money caused a downward endency at the close. Governments were firm. Call, 3 3-4 and 4.



THE WRIGHT AIRSHIP.

Berlin, Sept. 30 .- In the presence of the Empress of Germany, Prince Oscar and a gathering of other members Reports From Oklahoma Very Disof the royalty, Orville Wright, the famous aeronaut, broke all . records hitherto attained for heights above the earth's surface in an aeroplane. reaching an elevation of 893 feet with small trouble. The machine worked in the best possible manner and the beholders were struck with admiration for the man who soars at will in the elements.

PEARY'S SHIP

Arrives in New York Ready to Par-

ticipate in Parade.

New York, Sept. 30 .- Peary's ship, Roosevelt, arrived in New York Thursday to take part in the naval parade Friday. . The commander's ship will be one of the most conspicuous in the parade and great care is being taken to have attractive decorations for it. ment in which he maintains that it is It has not been ascertained that perfectly proper that General Fred-Peary himself will be in the parade,

FAST TRAIN.

Rock Island to Put On New Service Between Kanses City and Ft. Worth.

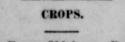
Kansas City, Sept. 30 .- Officials of duced to a minimum today on account the Rock Island announce that a new of the military parade. Dealings were fast train, composed entirely of steel St. Petersburg, Sept. 30 .- Owing to generally of a lifeless character. An cars, will be put on between this city and Fort Worth, November 1. This important move will cut down remained unchanged, while others the time made between these two cities by at least four bours.

moner. After 'Mr. Bryan's speech at El Paso on the tariff question a few days ago, some of the senator's friends urged a joint discussion on the question at some suitable location. The proposal was made to Mr. Bryan Wednesday, but he declined to make any statement as regards the debate, only to say that he thinks it will be objectionable to the people.

minds of the people from the main

issue to individuals," said the Com-

bad incident.



couraging.

Toledo, O., Sept. 30 .- An expert estimates the corn crop of Oklahoma for the month of October to be only 55 per cent of a regular crop, and cotton 54 per cent.

The short crops of this season are due in the main to the protracted drouth extending over the major portion of the state. Rain has not fallen in any considerable quantity for several months and the crops have been

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virtually burnt up.

Secretary of War Dickinson Says Grant is Not to Be Canned.

Washington, Sept. 30 .- Secretary of War Dickinson comes out in a stateerick Grant wore full uniform in the in Chicago.

Considerable criticiam was aroused the largest warship ever constructed in Chicago about General Grant's action in wearing the uniform and it launched from its moorings in the went even so far as to result in a ship docks of this city. complaint to the war department.

New Ambrose Channel in exactly four the British anoshed by the Taft mart



Seattle, Sept. 30 .- In a speech here today President Taft came out flatfooted for ship subsidy. The president believes in lowering of commercial rates as regards the subsidy of foreign enterprise.

"This is an important question, but it is not a subject to which the coming session of congress can devote much time," said Mr. Taft in an after dinner speech.

He favors the government of Alas ka by a bureau. The government is of a substantial nature, but it is under a more specific connection by bureau, as the president believes.

During the day the president visited the fair and was loaded down with gifts. The people were lined up and each one seemed anxious to give him omething. During the afternoon features he paused long enough to be initiated into the Arctic Brotherhood.

CHRISTENED

Portsmouth, Sept. 30 .- The Neptune

St. Louis, Sept. 30 .- James Bryace.

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NEPTUNE IS

withal. Then again, the question of the squalling baby will be eliminated. "This is done in many of the large cities, and, if the ladies take charge of the affair as is expected, the kids will be safe as could be wished. "All kinds of booths from which

every conceivable thing in the eating line will be served are going up out at the grounds and the pink lemonade man will also be in his glory.

"Horses-and then more horses. No excitement is occasioned nowadays by the advent of a horse that has broken a world's record some time in the past. We just have 'passels' of them.'



DAMAGE IN MEXICO SAID HAVE REACHED \$50,000,000

BY DUCHESS COLD WEATHER CAUSE

id to Be the Lowest for This Time of the Year Experienced Since Winter of 1850.

Mexico City, Sept. 30 .- It is estiated that the corn crop of this coun try has suffered an injury amou to at least \$20,000,000 is cold cash as a result of the unprecedented cold ther that is prevailing.

'Old timery accort that it is the coldest seen in this city since the winter

in the history of the world, was today Considerable ceremony attended the occasion. The Duchess of Albany christened the big fighting machine.

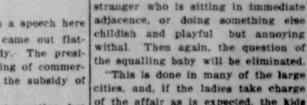
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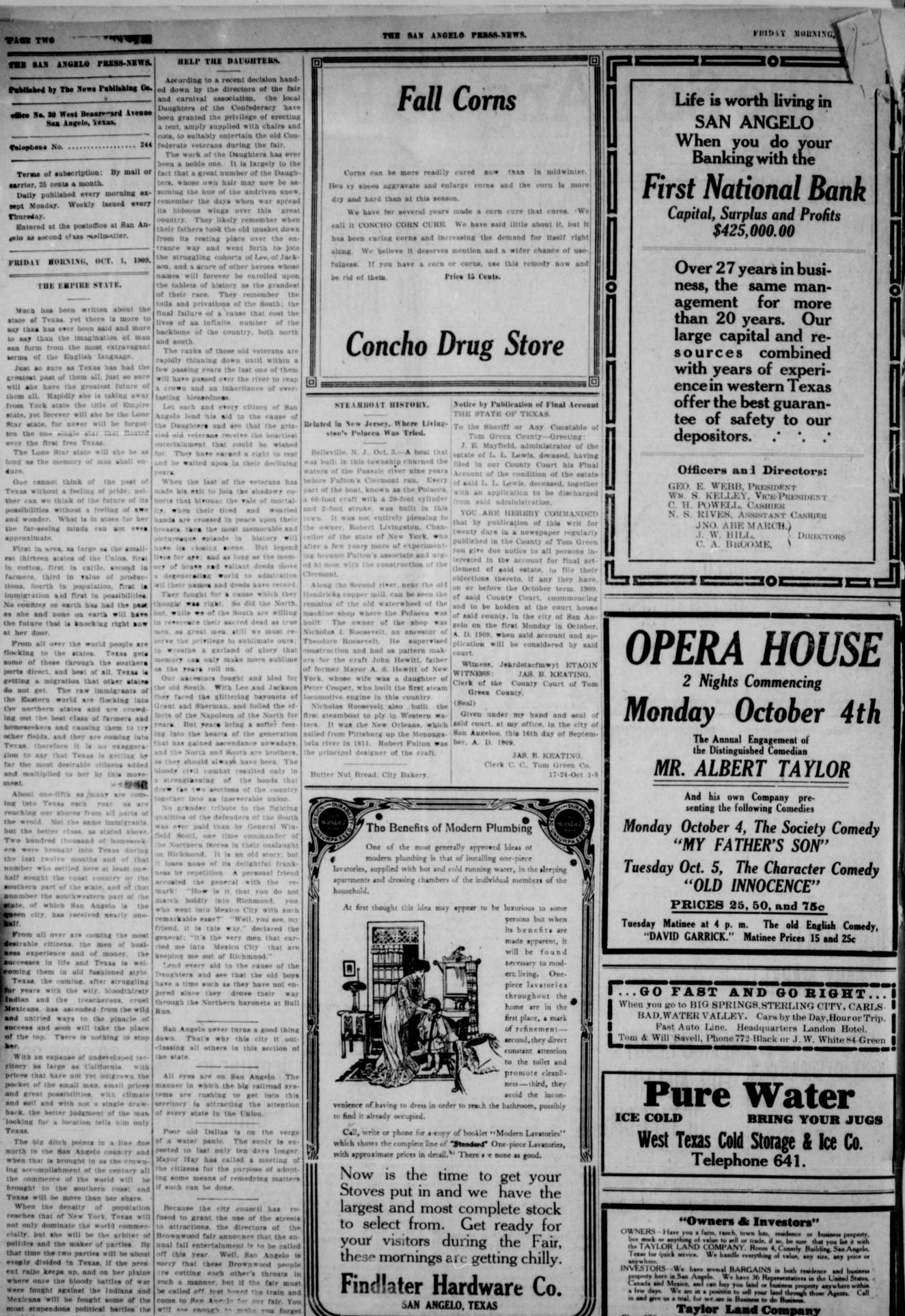
tania, the largest liner afloat, com pleted a trip from Daunt's Rock to Ambrose Changel in exactly four This is forty-four minutes faster than the trip has ever been made

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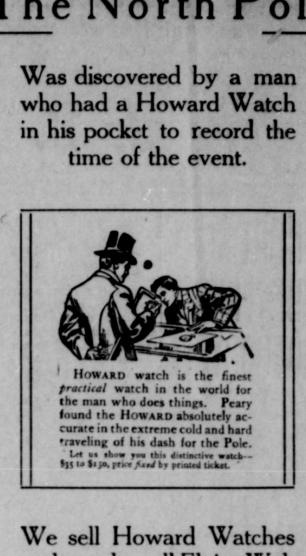
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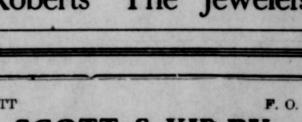
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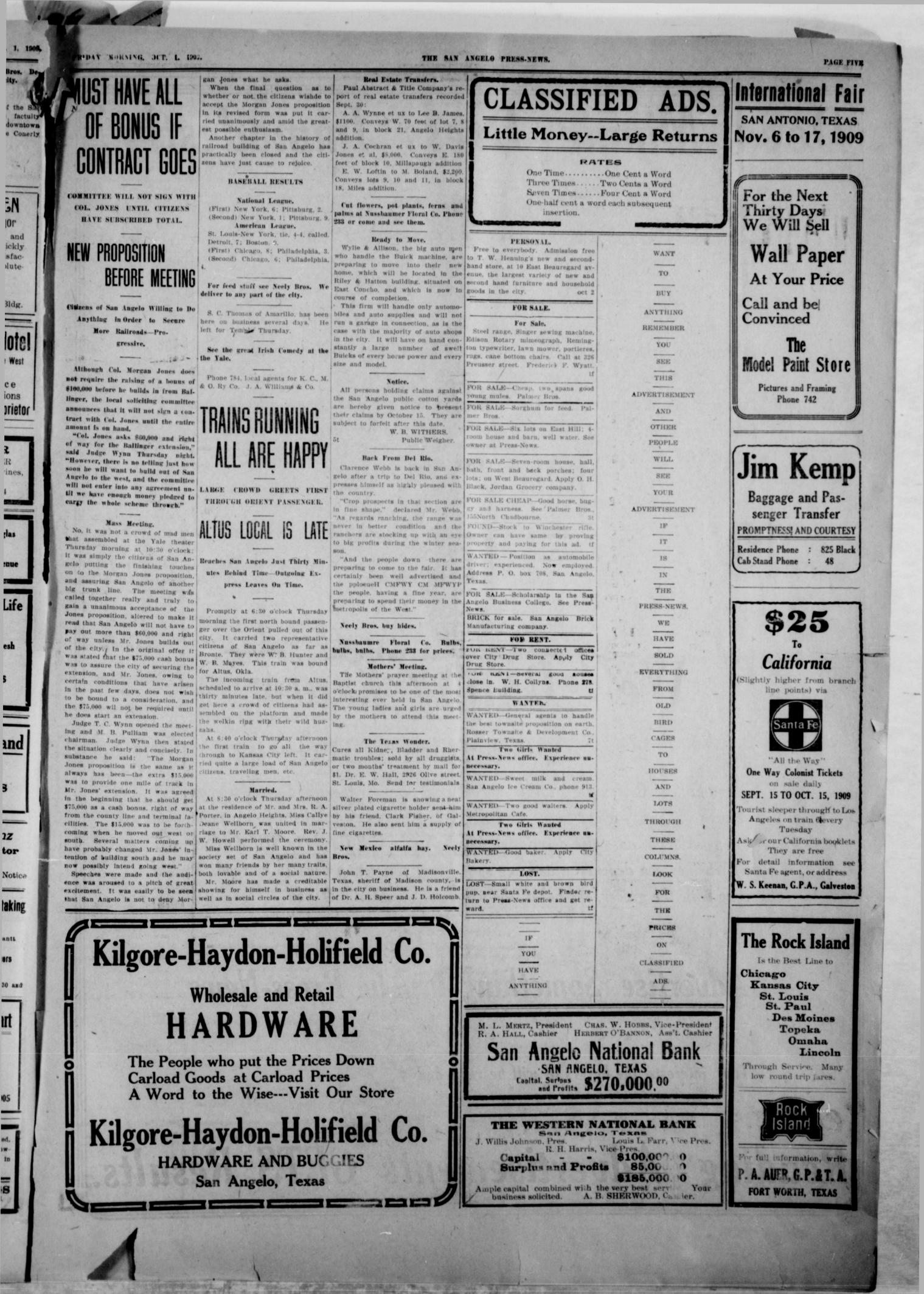
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Does Minnie Dress Immodestly?

When she strives to keep her "Back on Straight" in accordance with the dictates of Fashion? Does she look to you as if she were going backward when she is going forward or does she look to you as if she were going forward when she is going backward? Can the women of one age wear the clothes designed for the women of another?

We Don't Know

These Salome Gowns are startling but women will wear them and every woman seems to be crazy about them---we have come a long way but here is our point ---if merchants advertise description of their new Fall Goods in THE PKESS-NEWS they can depend on its being sufficiently interesting news to be read. It is so with the grocer, the baker, the candlestick maker. If you

Advertise Something in The Press-News

That interests the buyers it will be read and

Reading Advertisements GETS Results.

REDAY MORNING, OCT. 1, 1900.

The Mystery

The Yellow Room

By GASTON LEROUX

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CHAPTER XXI.

On the Watch.

ferring to what we had seen, he gave

he his final instructions for the night.

inner I was to take my stand in the

was necessary-to look out for what

"If you see anything before I do,"

he explained, "you must let me know.

If the man gets into the 'right' gal-

lery by any other way than the 'of

turning' gallery you will see him before

I shall, because you have a view along

the whole length of the 'right' gallery.

while I can only command a view of

the 'off turning' gallery. All you need

do to let me know is to undo the cord

holding the curtain of the 'right' gal-

lery window nearest to the dark clos-

et. The curtain will fall of itself and

immediately leave a square of shadow

where previously there had been a

square of light. To do this you need

but stretch your hand out of the closet.

shall understand your signal per-

"Then you will see me coming round

the corner of the 'off turning' gallery."

me, behind the man, but I shall al-

"So much the better," said Roule-

any way he can. I will let him go-

after I have seen his face. That's all

I want. I shall know afterward what

to do, so that as far as Mile. Stanger-

son is concerned he shall be dead to

her even though he continues to live.

If I took him alive Mile. Stangerson

and Robert Darzac would perhaps

never forgive me. And I wish to re-

Seeing, as I have just now seen,

Mile. Stangerson pour a narcotic into

her father's glass, so that he might

not be awake to interrupt the conver-

sation she is going to have with her

assailant, you can imagine she would

not be grateful to me if I brought the

man of the yellow room and the inex-

plicable gallery bound and gagged to

r father. I realize now that if I

tain their good will and respect.

"What am I to do then?"

I attempted a feeble smile.

"And if the man escapes?"

a few hours from now."

dark closet and wait there as long as

might happen.

fectly."

his face.'

"And then?"

First we were to go to dinner. After

HE act, which staggered me.

did not appear to affect Roule-

tabille much. We returned to

the room, and, without even re-

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Daddy Jacques showed a stupidly him full in the face, and put my quessorrowful face and with silly lamenta tion suddenly to take him off his guard: tions kept repeating that we were mistaken-the keeper could not be the as-"'An accomplice?'

sailant. We were obliged to compel

him to be quiet. He could not have

shown greater grief had the body been

that of his own son. I noticed, while

all the rest of us were more or less un-

dressed and barefooted, that he was

Rouletabille had not left the body.

Kneeling on the flagstones by the light

of Daddy Jacques' lantern, he removed

blade, had penetrated the heart.

"Two sets of footprints."

"Have they anything to do with the

"Yes; the mystery is no longer a

lowed them from the court toward the

made by neat ones, except that the

"Still following the tracks of the

CHAPTER XXIII.

The Double Scent.

surprise into which this new

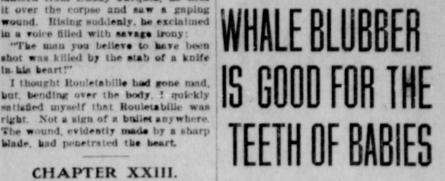
fully clothed.

in his beart!"

" 'How can I tell?' he replied and left me, saying he was off to Epinay."

"Well, what do you make of it?" I asked Rouletabille after he had ended his recital. "Personally I am utterly in the dark. I can't make anything out of It. What do you gather?"

"Everything, everything," he ex-claimed, "But," he said abruptly, "let's find out further about Mile. Stangerson."



New York, Sept. 30 .- Dr. Cook, on his return from the north, was obliged

to spend several days in the dental HAD hardly recovered from the chair having his teeth repaired. The discovery had plunged me hard usage to which they had been when Rouletabille touched me subjected had broken them down Yet the shoulder and asked me to fol- it is safe to say that the Eskimos who lew him into his room to think it over. were his only companions in his last I confess I was in no condition for dash could chew up the frozen fish and tong much thinking. His self control tough dog meat as well as ever. Why?

was too dazed and fell against the was more than I could explain. Closing Dr. Cook when a child was fed on wall. I was already in the gallery, re-wolver in hand, rushing like a mod- to a chair and, seating himself before which he no doubt sucked through a man toward Mile. Stangerson's rocat. me, work out his pipe. We sat there nipple. His Eskimo friends were pro-The moment I arrived at the interesc- isr some time in slience, and then I vided with a piece of tough whale blubber, to get any nourishment from which it was necessary to chew and chew all day long. This chewing kept rese to go out, when the door opened the gums hard and healthy, and as The report from the revolver made a and my friend re-entered. He had evi- each tooth came through it was kept perfectly clean by the constant wear

and tear of the blubber. A clean tooth can not decay.

As the second teeth began to form the roots of the baby teeth were absorbed normally, allowing each permanent tooth to take its rightful place in the mouth. These in turn were kept clean by the same mechanical means, so that the only way for them to give out was by the actual wearing away of the grinding surfaces. Not many people live long enough to wear out their teeth.

In our country whale blubber is not a popular esculent. Our children are fed on soft, starchy foods which require no chewing, hence no mechanical cleansing. The gums become soft and flabby. As the teeth come through particles of this easily decomposed food collect around and upon them and soon become masses of acid forming bacteria. If these were removed at once they would do no great harm. but being allowed to remain, the acid attacks the enamel of the tooth, dis-Man. He was wearing the same cos- behind us, and above our heads, a win- a little path leading to the highroad to solving out some of the lime salts, and

> Once formed, this cavity collects parted at the courtyard. We met ducing more acid, which dissolves out more lime salts. This makes a larger cavity, which collects more food, bacteria, etc., until the pulp or nerve of the chair were wet through and his the tooth is reached and the child is boots very muddy. He certainly did brought with the toothache to the His experience here is not pleasant, as most of us remember, and he leaves the place firmly vowing never to return. This may partly account for the fact that in one of our large cities an examination recently made of children's teeth showed that 96 per into the fresh air, but had gone no cent of them had decayed teeth and almost one-half had suffered with toothache within two weeks. They suffer in silence (?). One tooth after another becomes affected. Some are extracted; others are so hadly decayed that when the permanent teeth begin to form they are deflected from their rightful places, causing crooked teeth, and the services of a specialist are necessary to correct. malformations of the jaws and nasal cavity. The bacteria from the baby teeth are soon transmitted to the second teeth, and very often these are badly decayed before they are quite through the gums. It seems as though the blubber baby has the best of it, doesn't it? It is to be feared, however, that this method of preserving the teeth would never become very popular in our climate. There is another way, and better. I the baby's mouth were wiped out and the gums rubbed with a cloth saturated with mild boracic acid or other antiseptic solution each time his face is washed, then when the teeth begin to come through if they were brushed as frequently with a tiny brush, watching each tooth as it comes into place and keeping it clean, how beautiful they would look, glistening white in a setting of healthy pink gums. will not request you to wi with him so much at night

there's to be any killing!" "Then you think there may be?" "If he wishes it." "Why haven't you brought in Daddy

lacques? Have you made no use of him today?" "No," replied Rouletabille sharply.

I kept silence for awhile; then, anxious to know his thoughts, I asked him point blank:

"Why not tell Arthur Rance? He may be of great assistance to us?" "Oh." said Rouletabile crossly,

"then you want to let everybody into Mile. Stangerson's secrets? Come, let us go to dinner. It is time. This evening we dine in Frederic Larsan's room-at least if he is not on the heels of Darzac. He sticks to him like a leech. But, anyhow, if he is not there knock over!"

At this moment we heard a poise in the room near us.

"It must be he." said Rouletabille. "I forgot to ask you," I said, "if we are to make any allusion to tonight's business when we are with this policeman. I take it we are not. Is that 80 ?"

"Evidently. We are going to operate alone, on our own personal account." "So that all the glory will be ours?"

Rouletabille laughed. We dined with Frederic Larsan in

his room. He told us he had just come in and invited us to be seated at table. We ate our dinner in the best of humors, and I had no diffeulty is appreciating the feelings of certainty which both Rouletabille and Larsan felt. Rouletabille told the great Fred that I had come on a chance visit and that he had asked me to stay and help him in the heavy batch of writing be had to get through for the Epoque. I was going back to Paris, he said, by the 11 o'clock train, taking his copy, which took a story form, recounting the principal episodes in the mysteries of the Glandier. Larsan smiled at the explanation like a man who was not fooled and politely refrained from making the slightest remark on motters

which did not concern him. "You will immediately come toward With infinite procautions as to the words they used and even as to the ready be upon him and shall have seen tones of their volces, Larsan and Rouletabille discussed for a long time Mr. Arthur Rance's appearance at the 'Why do you smile? Well, you may chateau and his past in America, smile while you have the chance, but about which they expressed a desire I swear you'll have no time for that to know more, at any rate so far as

his relations with the Stangersons. At one time Larsan, who appeared to me to be unwell, said, with an effort: tabille coolly. "I don't want to cap-"I think, M. Rouletabille, that we've ture him. He may take himself off

not much more to do at the Glandler and that we shan't sleep here many more nights."

"I think so, too, M. Fred." "Then you think the conclusion of

the matter has been reached?" "I think, indeed, that we have noth ing more to find out," replied Rouleta-

"Have you found your criminal?" asked Larsan.

"Have you?" "Yes.

- "So have I," said Rouletabille.
- "Can it be the same man?"

"I don't know if you have swerved from your original idea," said the young reporter. Then he added with emphasis, "M. Darsac is an honest man!"

ncierge may be useful after, If in his eyes. On the stroke of 10 he took off his boots and signed me to do the same. Standing in our socks, he said in so low a tone that I guessed rather than heard the word: "Revolver." I drew my revolver from my jacket

> pocket. "Cock it," he said, I did as he directed. Then, moving toward the door of his

room, he opened it with infinite precaution; it made no sound. We were in the "off turning" gallery. Rouletabille made another sign to me which I understood to mean that I was to take up my post in the dark closet.

When I was some distance from him he rejoined me and embraced me, and then I saw him, with the same precaution, return to his room. Astonished now I am quite sure he will be to- by his embrace and somewhat disquietnight. He's the one I am going to ed by it, I arrived at the "right" gallery without difficulty, crossing the circumstances to resort to extreme landing place and reaching the dark closet.

Before entering it I examined the curtain cord of the window and found that I had only to release it from its fastening with my fingers for the curtain to fall by its own weight and hide the square of light from Rouletabille, the signal agreed upon. The sound of a footstep made me halt before Arthur Rance's door. He was not yet in bed, then! How was it that, being in the chateau, he had not dined with M. Stangerson and his daughter? I had not seen him at table with them at the moment when we looked in.

I retired into the dark closet. found myself perfectly situated. could see along the whole length of the gallery. Nothing, absolutely nothing, could pass there without my seeing it.

I waited about an hour, and during all that time I saw nothing unusual. The rain, which had begun to come down strongly toward 9 o'clock, had now ceased.

My friend had told me that probably nothing would occur before midnight or 1 o'clock in the morning. It was not more than half past 11, bowever, when I heard the door of Arthur Rance's room open very slowly. The door remained open for a minute, which seemed to me a long time. As it opened into the gallery-that is to say, outward-I could not see what was passing in the room behind the door.

At that moment I noticed a strange sound, three times repeated, coming from the park. Ordinarily I should not have attached any more importance to it than I would to the noise of cats on the roof. But the third time the mew was so sharp and penetrating that I remembered what I had heard about the cry of the Bete du Bon Dieu. As the cry had accompanied all the events at the Glandier I could not refrain from shuddering at the thought. Directly afterward I saw a man appear on the outside of the door and lose it after him. At first I could not recognize him, for his back was toward me, and he was bending over a rather bulky package. When he had closed the door and picked up the package, he turned toward the dark loset, and then I saw who he was He was the forest keeper, the Green tume that he had worn when I first saw him on the road in front of the

healthy sleep that I had seen fall upon Frederic Larsan. He had succumbed to the influence of the same drug that had been mixed with our food. How was it, then, that I also had not been overcome by it? . I reflected that the drug must have been put into our wine, because that would explain my condition. I never drink when eating. Naturally inclined to obesity, I am restricted to a dry diet. I shook Rouletabille, but could not succeed in waking him. This, no doubt, was the work of Mile. Stangerson.

the clothes from the body and laid She had certainly thought it neces bare its breast. Then, snatching the sary to guard herself against this lantern from Daddy Jacques, he held young man as well as her father. I it over the corpse and saw a gaping recalled that the steward in serving us had recommended an excellent in a voice filled with savage irony: Chablis which, no doubt, had come from the professor's table. shot was killed by the stab of a knife

More than a quarter of an hour passed. I resolved under the pressing measures. I threw a pitcher of cold water over Rouletabille's head. He opened his eyes. I beat his face and raised him up. I felt him stiffen in my arms and heard him murmur, "Go on, go on, but don't make any noise.' I pinched him and shook him until he was able to stand up. We were saved! "They sent me to sleep." he said. "Ah, I passed an awful quarter of an hour before giving way. But it is over now. Don't leave me

He had no sooner uttered these words than we were thrilled by a frightful ry that rang through the chateau, a veritable death ery.

"Malheur!" roared Rouletabille, "We shall be too late!"

He tried to rush to the door, but he tion of the "off turning" gallery and the fail actorp. "right" gallery I saw a figure leaving

had reached the landing place. I was not master of myself. I fired. deafening noise, but the man continued his flight down the stairs. I ran behind him, shouting: "Stop! Stop, or 1 will kill you!" As I rushed after him down the stairs I came face to face ing, is not desperate." with Arthur Rance coming from the left wing of the chateau, yeiling: "What is it? What is it?" We arrived almost at the same time at the foot of the staircase. The window of

the vestibule was open. We distinctly mystery of the keeper's body?" saw the form of a man running away. Instinctively we fired our revolvers in mystery. This morning, walking round his direction. He was not more than the chateau, I found two distinct set: ten paces in front of us. He stag- of footprints made at the same tim: gered, and we thought he was going to last night. They were made by two fall. We had sprung out of the win- persons walking side by side. I foldow, but the man dashed off with renewed vigor. I was in my socks, and oak grove. Larsan joined me. They the American was barefooted. There were the same kind of footprints as being no hope of overtaking him, we were made at the time of the assault fired our last cartridges at bim. But in the yellow room. One set was he still kept on running, going along from clumsy boots and the other was the right side of the court toward the end of the right wing of the chateau. big toe of one of the sets was of a which had no other outlet than the different size from the one measured door of the little chamber occupied by in the yellow room incident.

the forest keeper. The man, though he was evidently prints, Larsan and I passed out of the wounded by our bullets, was now oak grove and reached the border of twenty yards ahead of us. Suddenly, the lake. There they turned off to dow in the gallery opened and we Epinay, where we lost the traces in a cavity is formed. heard the voice of Rouletabille crying the newly macadamized highway. out desperately:

When I awoke it was daylight. It her apartment, which in a few strides was \$ o'clock by my watch. Rouleta-

bille was no longer in the room, I dently lost no time. "How about Mille. Stangerson?" I asked him. "Her condition, though very alarm-When did you leave this room?" "Toward dawn." "Have you found out anything?"

am to save the unhappy lady I must silence the man and not capture him. To kill a human being is no small thing. Besides, that's not my business unless the man himself makes it my business. On the other hand, to render him forever silent without the lady's assent and confidence is to act on one's own initiative and assume a knowledge of everything with nothing for a basis. Fortunately, my friend, I have guessed -no, I have reasoned it all out. All that I ask of the man who is coming tonight is to bring me his face so that it may enter"-

"Into the circle?"

"Exactly! And his face won't surprise me!

But I thought you saw his face on the night when you sprang into the chamber?"

"Only imperfectly. The candle was on the floor, and his beard"-

Will be wear his beard this ing?"

"I think I can say for certain that he will. But the gallery is light and now I know-or at least my brain knowsand my eyes will see."

"If we are here only to see him and let him escape, why are we armed ?"

"Because, if the man of the yellow room and the inexplicable gallery knows that I know, he is capable of doing anything! We should then have to defend ourselves."

"And you are sure he will come tonight?"

"As sure as that you are standing there! This morning, at half past 10 o'clock, Mile. Stangerson, in the cleverest way in the world, arranged to have no nurses tonight. She gave them leave of absence for twenty-four hours, under some plausible pretexts, and did not desire anybody to be with her but her father, while they are away. Her father, who is to sleep in the boudoir, has gladly consented to the arrange-Darzac's departure and what ment. he told me, as well as the extraordinary precautions Mile. Stangerson is be alone tonight, leaves me no room for doubt. She has prepared the way for the coming of the man whom Darmac dreads."

And what we saw her do was done to send her father to sleep?"

"Then there are but two of us for deht's work?"

"Four: the concierge and his wife till watch at all hasards. I don't set much value on them before, but the

"Are you sure of that?" asked Larsan. "Well, I am sure he is not. So it's a fight, then ?"

"Yes, it is a fight. But I shall beat ou, M. Frederic Larsan."

'Youth never doubts anything." said the great Fred laughingly and held out his hand to me by way of conclusion. Rouletabille's answer came like an echo:

"Not anything!

Suddenly Larsan, who had risen to wish us good night, pressed both his hands to his chest and staggered. He was obliged to lean on Rouletabille for support and to save himself from falling

"Oh, oh!" he cried. "What is the matter with me? Have I been poisoned?

He looked at us with haggard eyes We questioned him vainly. He did not answer us. He had sunk into an armchair, and we could not get a word from him. We were extremely distressed, both on his account and on our own, for we had partsken of all the dishes he had eaten. He seemed to be out of pain, but his heavy head had fallen on his shoulder and his eyelids were tightly closed. Rouletabille bent over him, listening for the beatings of the heart.

My friend's face, however, when he stood up, was as calm as it had been a moment before agitated.

"He is asleep," he said.

He led me to his chamber, after closing Larsan's room.

"The drug?" I asked. "Does Mile. Stangerson wish to put everybody to sleep tonight?"

"Perhaps," replied Rouletabille. But I could see he was thinking of something else.

"But what about us?" I exclaimed. How do we know that we have not been drugged?"

"Do you feel indisposed ?" Rouletabille asked me coolly.

"Not in the least."

"Do you feel any inclination to go to leep?"

"None whatever."

"Well, then, my friend, smoke this excellent cigar."

And he handed me a choice Havana, one M. Darzac had given him, while he lit his brierwood-his eternal brier-

We remained in his room until about 10 o'clock without a word passing betabille sat and smoked steadily, his brow in thought and a faraway look

inn. about his being the keeper. As the cry of the Bete du Bon Dieu came for the third time he put down the package and went to the second window, counting from the dark closet. I dared

not risk making any movement, fearing I might betray my presence.

Arrived at the window, he peered out on to the park. The night was now light, the moon showing at intervals. The Green Man raised his arms twice, making signs which I did not under stand; then, leaving the window, he again took up his package and moved along the gallery toward the landing place.

Rouietabille had instructed me to undo the curtain cord when I saw anything. Was Rouletabille expecting this? It was not my business to question. All I had to do was obey instructions. I unfastened the window cord, my heart beating the while as if it would burst. The man reached the landing place, but, to my utter surprise-I had expected to see him continue to pass along the gallery-I saw him descend the stairs leading to the vestibule.

What was I to do? I looked stupidly at the heavy curtain which had shut the light from the window. The signal had been given, and I did not see Rouletabille appear at the corner of the "off turning" gallery. Nobody appeared. 1 was exceedingly perplexed. Half an hour passed, an age to me. What was I to do now, even if I saw something? The signal once given, I could not give it a second time. To venture into the gallery might upset all Rouletabille's plans. After all, I had nothing to reproach myself with, and if something had happened that my friend had not expected he could only blame himself. Unable to be of any further assistance to him by means of a signal, I left the dark closet and, still in my socks, picked my steps and made my way to the "off turning" gallery.

There was no one there. I went to the door of Rouletabille's room and listened. I could hear nothing. I knocked gently. There was no answer. turned the door handle and the door opened. I entered. Rouletabille lay extended at full length on the floor.

CHAPTER XXII.

BENT in great anxiety over the body of the reporter and had the joy to find that he was deeply sleeping, the same un-

"Fire, Bernier! Fire!" At that moment the clear moonlight night was further lif by a broad flash.

By its light we saw Daddy Bernier with his gun on the threshold of the donjon door. He had taken good alm. The shadow

fell. But as it had reached the end of the right wing of the chateau, it fell on the other side of the angle of the building-that is to say, we saw it about to fall, but not the actual sinking to the ground. Bernier, Arthur Rance and myself reached the other side twenty seconds later. The shadow was lying dead at our feet.

Aroused from his lethargy by the cries and reports, Larsan opened the window of his chamber and called out to us. Rouletabille, quite awake now, joined us at the same moment, and I cried out to him

"He is dead-is dead!"

"So much the better," he said. "Take him into the vestibule of the chateau." Then as if on second thought, he said: "No-no! Let us put him in his own room."

Rouletabille knocked at the door Nobody answered. Naturally, this did not surprise me.

"He is evidently not there, otherwise he would have come out," said the reporter. "Let us carry him-to the vestibule then."

Since reaching the dead shadow, thick cloud had covered the moon and darkened the night, so that we were unable to make out the features. Daddy Jacques, who had now joined us, helped us to carry the body into the vestibule, where we laid it down on the lower step of the stairs. On the way, I had felt my hands wet from the warm blood flowing from the wounds

Daddy Jacques flew to the kitchen and returned with a lantern. He held it close to the face of the dead shadow, and we recognized the keeper, the Larsan. man called by the landlord of the Donjon inn the Green Man, whom an hour earlier I had seen come out of

Arthur Rance's chamber carrying a parcel. But what I had seen I could only tell Rouletabille later when we were alone.

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Rouletabille and Frederic Larsan experienced a cruel disappointment at the result of the night's adventure. They could only look in consternation and stupefaction at the body of the Green

back to the chateau and again, however, in Daddy Jacques' room, to which our separate trains of thinking had led us both. We found the old servant in bed. His clothes on not get into that state in helping us dentist. to carry the body of the keeper. It was not raining then. Then his face showed extreme fatigue, and he looked at us out of terror stricken eves.

"On pressing him he confessed that he had been away from the chateau. He explained his absence by saying that he had a headache and went out farther than the oak grove. When we then described to him the whole route he had followed he sat up in bed trembling.

"'And you were not alone!' cried Larsan.

"'Did you see it, then?' gasped Daddy Jacques.

'What?' I asked.

" "The phantom-the black phantom!" "Then he told us that for several nights he had seen what he called the black phantom. It came into the park at the stroke of midnight and glided stealthily through the trees. It appeared to him to pass through the trunks of the trees. Twice he had seen it from his window by the light of the moon and had risen and followed the strange apparition. The night before last he had almost overtaken it, but it had vanished at the corner of the donjon. Last night, however, he had not left the chateau, his mind being disturbed by a presentiment that some new crime would be attempted. Sud denly he saw the black phantom rush out from somewhere in the middle of the court. He followed it to the lake and to the highroad to Epinay, where the phantom suddenly disappeared. 'Did you see his face?' demanded

'No. I saw nothing but black vells.' "'Did you go out after what passed on the gallery?

'I could not. I was terrified.' " 'Daddy Jacques,' I said in a threatening voice, 'you did not follow it. You and the phantom walked to Epinay together, arm in arm."

"'No,' he cried, turning his eyes away; 'I did not. It came on to pour. and I turned back. I don't know what came of the black phantom.' "We loft him, and when we were

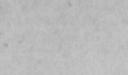
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