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MAN CRUSHED IN COTTON GIN PRESS AT ROWENA

Wesley McCracken, a young unmarried man, is lying at the point of death with little hopes for his recovery, at Rowena. It was not thought the man would live thru the night Tuesday night following an accident which occurred Tuesday afternoon at the Runnels County Gin Co. gin in Rowena, but the latest report from that place today say he is some better.

Young McCracken was employed at the gin and was helping to bale cotton when the accident occurred. It seems that the press operates on a different principle from other cotton presses, in that the ram operates from the bottom of the press. The young man was in the press, or partly in the press, and was cleaning it, when in some way the ram was run up on him and he was caught in the side of the press in such way that his life was almost crushed out.

The serious injuries sustained consist in a broken back, bruised shoulders, chest and a general smash up of the upper part of the body. He has a slight chance to recover, according to telephone reports received from Rowena Wednesday afternoon.

The young man has been in this county for the past two or three years. His home is in Palestine, Texas, where his parents live. His parents were notified and both his father and mother left at once for Ballinger. They arrived at Ballinger Wednesday afternoon over the A. & S. and were carried to Rowena in a jitney that was waiting for them at the train.

Stop being a slave to your kitchen, let a Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet cut your work in half. A dollar down puts one in your home. T. S. Lankford. Cash or installments. 20-2td 1tw

Mrs. Paul Crews and little daughter of Winters, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route to South Texas to visit relatives.

E. A. Holloway of the Norton country, Joe Oliver of the Hatchel country, and J. E. Davidson of the Valley creek country, were transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

We buy and sell everything, do repairing also. Second Hand Store, Seventh St., A. M. Brown, Mgr. Phone 613. 20-2td 1tw

MAN IN PEN TELLS STORY OF 2 TRAMPS

By United Press
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 20.—Fifteen years ago, two tramps became fast friends in a Memphis, Tennessee saloon.

One of them was Jack London, the author, and the other—Jerry Hogan, Sandusky horse-thief and editorial writer for the Ohio penitentiary weekly newspaper. Jerry talked about it today:

"We were pals—Jack and I. For fifteen years we hoboed together through the South. But he had ambition and I didn't—that's the whole story.

"The tramp life we led didn't kill his ambition. We both wrote articles and sold 'em fifty-fifty. Sometimes Jack signed his name to my articles and sometimes I signed my name to his—it didn't make any difference.

"But ambition for an education carried Jack to South America and we parted as he was climbing on the boat at Pensacola, Fla. I haven't seen him from that day to this.

"Wish you were goin' along, Jerry," he waved good-bye at me, "I feel I'm goin' to make good from now on."

"And his dreams have come true. He went up the ladder while I went down. Today his name is famous and he writes for thousands. The only name I've got now is a number and I write for a poor hundred or so convicts in the pen paper here."

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RAILWAY EMPLOYEES FOR WILSON

By United Press
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 20.—The officials of the four railway brotherhoods who were involved in the nation wide threatened railroads strike of a few weeks ago, issued bulletins to the brotherhood members today urging all members to support the Democratic nominee for president and use their influence to bring about Democratic victory as a reward for the passing of the Adamson eight hour law.

THE BUSY SHOP
is still busy repairing shoes in the hot summer weather. Come and bring your shoes and get prompt repairing. H. L. WENDORE, The Saddle and Harness Man. 11

CONFEDERATES GIVE FLAG TO YANKEES

By United Press
NEWARK, O., Sept. 20.—The battle scarred flag of the seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, lost in a hard fight with the "Johnnies" at Ringgold Gap, Georgia, more than fifty years ago, will be returned by the Confederate veterans to the union survivors of the Ohio regiment at their annual reunion here today.

The seventy-sixth was ambushed at Ringgold Gap by the Confederates and suffered heavy losses before retreating. Every color bearer of the regiment, save one, Sergeant Montgomery, was killed. The flag was captured by the first Alabama regiment which charged the Buckeye soldiers, who, in the face of superior numbers, fled.

The flag will be brought here today by a committee consisting of Governor-elect C. H. Brough of Arkansas and Colonel J. R. Gibbons of Little Rock. Governor-elect Brough is a nephew of John Brough, one of Ohio's wartime governors. His mother was a native of the South while his father was a soldier in the union army.

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LEFT FOR HILLSBORO
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Good, J. L. and R. B. Hambright, and Mrs. J. M. London of the Winters and Norton country, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday en route for Hillsboro in response to a message telling of the death of the father of the Hambrights and the two ladies.

MILLION DOLLAR MUSEUM BURNS

By United Press
NEW CASTLE, Ind., Sept. 20.—Worth's museum, containing a private collection of curios, valued at one million dollars, was destroyed by fire late last night. The fire was caused by the overturning of an alcohol lamp.

F. M. and S. F. Wood of the Mud Creek country, and W. S. Maddox of the Valley Creek section, prosperous citizens of their respective neighborhoods, were transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

BAPTISTS APPEAL TO WILSON

By United Press
DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 20.—Dr. J. B. Gambrell, corresponding secretary of the General Baptist Convention of Texas, announced today that the Texas Baptists had appealed to administration, officials in an effort to have the order of Gen. Funston concerning religious work among the border troops set aside. Gen. Funston passed an order some time ago against religious revivals among the troops now stationed on the border.

Dr. Gambrell has just returned from San Antonio, where he conferred with Gen. Funston regarding the religious work among the soldiers.

PAYS \$10 TO BECOME AGENT FOR GRAFTER

One of the smoothest pieces of graft ever brought to the attention of Brownwood officers was "put over" one day last week when an "artist" at getting the money appeared at a Brownwood home under the pretense of seeking a local agent for a large clothing establishment which he pretended to represent. He told of the magnitude and splendor of the mythical manufacturing establishment located in one of the northern cities, of the beautiful cloaks and furs and dresses made daily there and of the remarkable ease in which agents could dispose of their stock.

He claimed that a campaign of advertising was to be carried on in the Bulletin, that no soliciting was to be done by the agent, that all the orders would float in, that when it was necessary she make a trip out of the city the company would pay her expenses, that she was to receive \$10 each and every week and a handsome per cent of all the orders placed in the Brownwood district. In addition to all this a handsome tailor-made suit would be given the appointed Brownwood agent.

The offer seemed attractive to the Brownwood lady who listened attentively to the proposition. The only condition the district agent made in the appointment was that the good housewife deposit \$10 to show good faith in the proposition. The suit of clothes would be sent post haste and order blanks would be in her hands within a few days' time—in time for her to fill them out to take care of the mammoth business contemplated from Brownwood people.

The lady paid her \$10 and received in return a receipt of the kind that can be purchased from any drug store. A measurement for the suit was promised within a few hours, as soon as the big agent could go uptown and get his samples. The man left town hurriedly.

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FURTHER FIGHTING IN MEXICO REPORTED

By United Press
EL PASO, Sept. 20.—While messages coming over the wires from Chihuahua City to Juarez last night said that many shots were heard outside of that city, further communications today failed to verify the report of another battle between the Carrancistas and Villistas. Carranza officials at Juarez refuse to believe that there has been another attack by Villa bands, and think that the shooting was done by excited outposts early Tuesday morning.

TWO AMERICANS KILLED WHEN SUB HITS SHIP

ACCUSES LEDGER OF KNOCKING ON MARKET

Concho, 9-11-16.
Editor Banner-Ledger:

I see in your paper of the 8th inst. where a prominent citizen of this county (Runnels), and an experienced cotton man, who has devoted much of his life to a line of business that is closely related and akin to the cotton industry, but who is not a cotton buyer either, sees the possibility of a much larger cotton crop than was at first expected.

Yes, cotton is growing in a hurry and the square leaves are spreading out like a turkey gobbler strutting, but there is the sting of the boll weevil in all of them, not one excepted.

The experienced cotton man said the farmers should play the cotton before the ground bakes. I think they should wait until the cotton is picked and then put four good horses to a turning plow with a heavy weed chain to drag the stalks down and turn them and the boll weevil under so deep that they will never see the light again.

You followed up the experienced cotton man's suggestion with an endorsement of the whole thing, and closed with saying that the farmer who plows his land may drive a six cylinder car while the other fellow will have to drive "old Beek" to a rattle trap buggy.

There will not be any top crop of cotton for two reasons. One is the boll weevil that will not let the cotton make a bale, and the other is it is too late to make lint.

I have been a constant subscriber for the Banner-Ledger in its different names from the time that Huggie issued the first copy in Old Runnels in 1883, and it hurts me to see you fall in line on the side of the cotton speculator and help bare the cotton down and take sides with a visionary man as you have done.

Hoping you will be more careful in the future and not endorse every foolish idea advanced by the speculator. I am a friend to the Banner-Ledger.

R. C. TILLERY.
(Uncle Dick)

Dear Uncle Dick:—Your criticism reminds us of a remark we heard a farmer make on the streets of Ballinger several years ago, when the Santa Fe operated over its road a demonstration train, and sent out men to preach diversified farming, poultry and pork production and dairying. The people were invited to visit the train and see the demonstration and hear the speakers. One farmer declined to go to the depot to see the train, when the long toots of the whistle reminded the people that it had arrived and he charged that the Santa Fe was trying to get the farmers to raise more "stuff" so the railroads would have more "stuff" to haul.

Uncle Dick, you know that any boost we give the cotton crop in this county does not throw one straw in the way of the cotton bulls, and when we advocated late cultivation we did not do so for any benefit to the speculator.

Again, Uncle Dick, we had heard no complaint about the borings of the boll weevils when that article was written, but if the weevils were at work then, do you think that plowing the cotton would have in any way benefited the boll weevil and not the cotton? If you will put on your thinking cap and reflect back over a few of those rocky years you have spent in this county, you will recall that following one of the severest drouths ever to strike this country in the summer, it began raining early in September, and the farmers were picking cotton in the dead days

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Consul General Skinner, representing the American government at London, reported to the state department today that two Americans were killed by a German submarine on Sept. 6th.

According to the official report communicated in code message to the state department, the British steamer Strathay was torpedoed by a German submarine in the English Channel, and the two Americans who were aboard the British steamer went down with the most of the others on the ship.

FAILURE IN SCHOOL CAUSE FOR SUICIDE

The Brownwood Bulletin in giving an account of the death of Miss Helen Terry, the sixteen year old school girl of that city, who shot herself through the heart with a pistol Monday evening, attributes the cause to the fact that the young lady had failed to pass the examination necessary to promote her from the grammar grade to the high school. It was known that the girl was despondent over this trouble, and while her mother was away from home attending a meeting of the missionary society of her church, the girl secured a pistol belonging to her father and ended her life. The mother found the body of her daughter stretched across the bed in an upstairs room when she returned home from the missionary meeting.

How to Give Good Advice.
The best way to give good advice is to set a good example. When others see how quickly you get over your cold by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy they are likely to follow your example. This remedy has been in use for many years and enjoys an excellent reputation. Obtainable everywhere.

TAKE BLIND BOYS TO AUSTIN INSTITUTION

W. H. King and son Elijah, of the Winters country, and Jack Matthews of the Spring Hill neighborhood left from this point Tuesday afternoon for Austin, where the two boys will be placed in the blind asylum.

SEARCHING THE COUNTRY

The manufacturers of Ross' "Dead Quick" Spray are searching the country for an insect it will not kill. Write them if you find one. If insects are in your home, on your plants, shrubbery, vegetables, among your poultry, this spray will destroy them. Sold in Ballinger by the Walker Drug Co.

of winter, long after we had celebrated the birth of Christ.

There is no one who is more eager to take up, endorse and boost for those things that will benefit the farmer than the editor of this paper, and Uncle Dick knows this. The Banner-Ledger is the farmer's paper. What benefits the farmer benefits us, and we are frank to admit that we are selfish a little bit.

But, back to the boll weevil. The farmers of this country must plan now to fight the little bug that is today destroying millions of dollars worth of cotton. The weevils have been increasing from year to year, and if the summer just passing had been anything but a dry one, there would have been a different cotton story to write. We believe that the crop we have, is due to the fact that the light rainfall through the months of July and August made it too uncomfortable for the weevil to get in his work. Uncle Dick's plan of burying him may be a good one, and there are other plans the farmers must work out if they expect to exterminate the weevil tribe in this section.

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REVIVAL AT THE RINK

"The Cry of the Dying Thief"—remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom. True to the merciful loving Christ he responded by saying, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

"The thieves cast the same into his teeth," that is they reviled Christ as the blance of the mob. One of them changes his mind and not only rebukes the other thief, but confesses his own guilt and asks mercy from Christ.

Though Jesus was suffering yet he seems to forget his own condition, lost in love and true sympathy for one who is conscious of his guilt, truly penitent and confesses his guilt and asks for mercy.

The eyes of a loving Savior looking upon him, a sympathetic merciful heart beating in heartfelt sympathy with him coupled with the precious sweet words, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Heb. 9. 16-17. reveals the New Testament was not in force which Jesus was living but became effective after his death.

Everybody invited to attend

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Forget Your Aches

Stiff knees, aching limbs, lame back, make life a burden. If you suffer from rheumatism, gout, lumbago, neuralgia, get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment, the universal remedy for pain.

If your child is pale and sickly, picks at the nose, starts in the sleep and grinds the teeth while sleeping, it is a sure sign of worms.

EXPRESS SHIPMENTS INCLUDE PET BEAR

A little black cub, shipped to Miss Pauline Coffee by her brother from the Davis Mountain country, arrived here Tuesday night and attracted considerable attention at the express office Wednesday morning.

It was amusing to hear those who passed by, and stopped to see the bear, express their choice between the bear, calf and chickens.

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone, toothache, neuralgia, or rheumatism can be relieved by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment.

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone, toothache, neuralgia, or rheumatism can be relieved by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment.

If it is to be had, we have it, everything in housefurnishings. Cash or installments. T. S. Lankford.

Harris Mullin of Winters, passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route home from a business trip.

When you have an achey, stretchy, feeling and you are dull tired and discouraged it is a sign of approaching malaria or chills.

Pays \$10 to Become Agent for Grafter

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riedly and has not been seen since. Brownwood Bulletin.

We have been reliably informed that there is a good widow lady in Ballinger, with little children depending on her for support, who was "fleece" in the same way by this grafter.

WOULD MAKE PEOPLE WORK BY LAW

A man has come out in favor of compulsory industrial service. He believes that all the young men of the nation should be drafted into a grand army hav-

ing for its object not only military service, but that they should be put upon the public works of the nation and be forced to give something like a year's labor to the same.

Such a law would work wonders for some people, just like the compulsory education law is going to do.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First National Bank

At Ballinger in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Sept. 12th, 1916.

RESOURCES.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Total. Includes items like Loans and discounts, U.S. Bonds, Bonds, securities, etc.

LIABILITIES.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Total. Includes items like Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss:

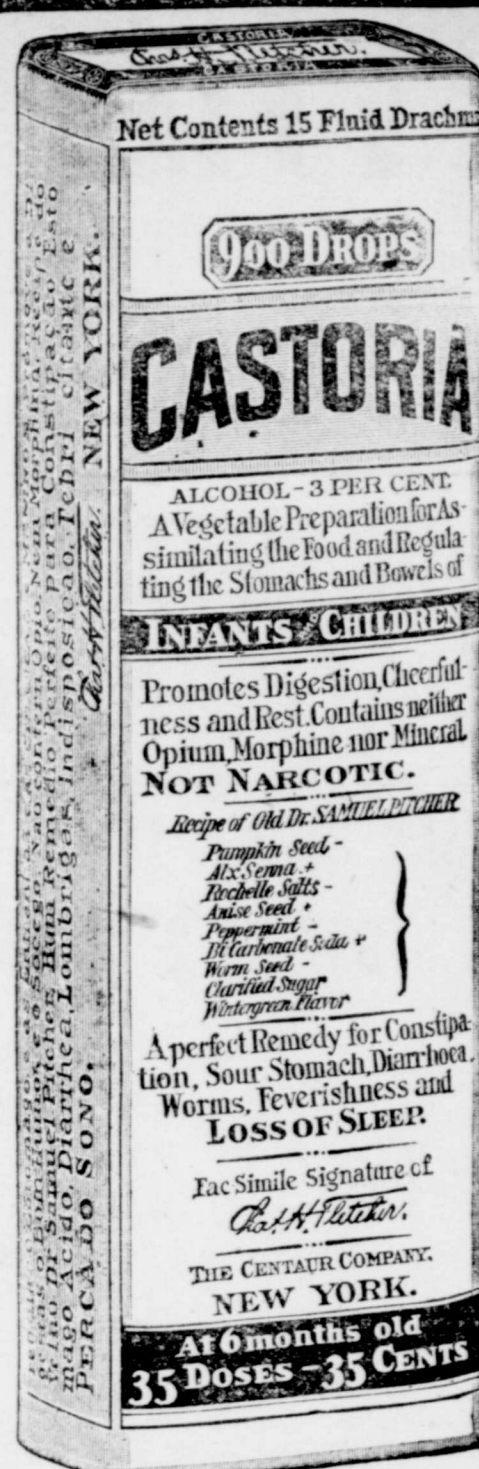
I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Seal) Correct—Attest:

J. Y. PEARCE, J. MCGREGOR, D. M. BAKER, Directors.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary table of Resources and Liabilities with totals.



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get by. It is just such leeches that a law of this kind would fit.

Are You Looking Old?

Old age comes quick enough without inviting it. Some look old at forty. That is because they neglect the liver and bowels.

We have an expert to do your Furniture Repairing. Phone 81. T. S. Lankford. 20-2td1w

Pine Tar Relieves a Cold

Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey contains all the soothing elements of the pine forest. It heals the irritated membrane, and by its antiseptic properties, loosens the phlegm, you breathe easier, and what promised to be a severe cold has been broken up.

RATES FOR Classified Ads

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WANTED—Extra stenographic and typewriting work. Apply The Ledger. dtfdh

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FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—nicely furnished front room. Phone 572. 19-3d

TRESPASS NOTICES

POSTED—my pasture is posted, and the law governing same will be enforced. No hunting, day or night will be tolerated.

R. B. Creasy left Wednesday at noon for San Angelo on a short business trip.

Diarrhoea Remedy

This is a medicine that every family should be provided with. Colic and diarrhoea often come on suddenly and it is of the greatest importance that they be treated promptly.

Bill Eason and Bob Fowler of the Russell ranch, passed thru Ballinger Wednesday en route to San Angelo on a short visit.

Films developed free, prints 4 cents each at Briggs Photo Studio. 8-wtf

Park Hotel

[Formerly The Royal] \$1.40 PER DAY ROOM AND BOARD Rooms all out side and very pleasant and comfortable. Bath. Some 25c Rooms Room and Board by Month a Specialty. Mrs. B. H. Cavin, Prop.

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PLEASE PUT UP A BOX FOR YOUR DAILY LEDGER

As we approach the winter season we are reminded of the difficulty encountered by the Ledger's carrier boys in getting the paper to the subscriber. It is very seldom a complaint is made where the subscriber has provided a box in which the boys can place the paper. Many yards are open—no fence to catch the paper when the wind is blowing, and the boys throw the paper in the yard and the wind picks it up and carries it into the street, and perhaps a block or two, and of course the subscriber is disappointed, and the boy is blamed for not leaving the paper.

If the subscriber will arrange a cigar box, coffee can, or some kind of a receptacle on a post

convenient for both the carriers and the subscriber, we can perfect our delivery system and save worry and loss of the paper.

We realize that every subscriber wants the paper when they pay for it. We want them to have it, and want them to "kick" if they miss the paper, and in this way we can give better service. Stick up a broom stick and attach a box or can to the end of it and we guarantee that your kicks will be few and far between. During the winter months you can expect to miss many papers if they are thrown loose in the yard.

Mrs. Thos. A. Rape left Wednesday at noon to visit her mother, Mrs. L. C. Jackson of Miles, a few days.

Increase Bread Prices

On account of the advance in flour from \$6.00 to \$8.50 per barrel, we cannot sell six leaves of bread for 25c, and beginning Monday bread will be five cents straight. We will continue to give you the best bread that the best flour can make, and all kinds of fresh groceries on the same basis.

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It Is Economy to Buy the Best

You can't afford to eat inferior groceries. It's poor economy to buy cheap groceries. We carry the best and we can convince you that the best is the cheapest. No substitutes, but the standard line at our store.

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TWO PHONES 66 AND 77



The Secret of the Submarine

Read the story in this paper and see the pictures at the White Cit.

(Continued from Yesterday)

"It's all right, dearest," he answered reassuringly. "There's nothing to be worried about. Stand perfectly still and I'll get you out all right."

But despite his confident tone he was worried, terribly worried, for he appreciated that their plight was a desperate one.

"Don't come any farther, Hook," he called to the seaman who had started after them. "We're in trouble. Get back at once or you'll be in trouble yourself."

"What's the matter, lieutenant?" shouted Hook, as, obeying Hope's order, he regained the bank. "Are you in quicksand?"

"I'm afraid so," Hope answered. "We can't move and we seem to be slowly sinking."

"What shall I do?" the sailor shouted. "Shall I get some branches?"

"I don't think they will do any good, Hook," came the answer. "We're in too deep. The only way to get us out is with a rope. You'd better hurry down the valley and see if you can find help. You may run across a cowboy with a lariat. But you'll have to hurry or you'll be too late . . . we're steadily sinking."

But to himself Hope said: "He can never make it. We will have sunk long before he can get back with help. God—what a death—to die in quicksand."

"Keep cheered up, Miss Cleo, and you, too, lieutenant," called Hook, as he started off on a lumbering run. "I'll be back with a rope before you know I've started."

Suddenly Cleo's young voice rang out. "Hook, Hook!" she called. "Wait a minute. I have an idea," for all at once there had come to her the recollection of how the day before she had saved herself from Mahlin and Satsuma.

"Listen to me, Hook," she commanded. "There is no time to find a rope—we would be dead before you could get back with one. But you can get a grapevine—a long one, such as I swung across the gulch on—there are lots of them in the forest—I saw them this morning. But you must hurry, Hook . . . hurry . . . or you will be too late."

"It is a splendid idea, dear," said Hope. "It never occurred to me. If we are saved it will be due to you."

"I hope that he will get back in time," she remarked, as matter-of-factly as though there depended upon his return nothing more important than a social engagement, but terror was gnawing at her heart, for she could feel herself slowly sinking.

The time dragged by. The seconds passed like minutes, and the minutes seemed like hours. Though tormented by myriads of insects, they dared not stir for fear of hastening the end. Already the black ooze was above their hips and was slowly, inexorably creeping higher.

"Dear heart," said Cleo, after a long pause. "If—if Hook should not get back in time, I want to go down holding your hand. I shall not be frightened of death, then."

"You dear, brave girl," groaned Hope; "this is all my fault. I seem to have brought you nothing but misery and trouble."

"You have brought me nothing but happiness, dear," said Cleo. "And death holds few terrors so long as you are beside me."

"But we're not going to die," she exclaimed a moment later. "There's Hook and he has the grapevine."

Her quick eye had detected the seaman as he emerged from the forest, and he had, as she said, the grapevine: A monster creeper, as thick as a cable and almost as strong. Venturing as far into the marsh as he could with safety, Hook coiled the giant vine and threw it as a cowboy throws a lariat. The first time it missed them, and the second, but the third attempt was more successful and it fell within Hope's reach.

"Take hold of it, Cleo," he directed, "and hang tight. When I count three Hook is to pull for all he is worth and you must kick, struggle, do everything you can to loosen yourself."

The seaman, wrapping the vine around him like the anchor in a tug-

of-war, spat on his single hand, and when Hope gave the signal, threw every ounce of his three hundred pounds into his pull, while at the same time Cleo struggled frantically to free herself. Slowly, sullenly, reluctantly the marsh monster released its prey and Hook dragged her to the banks and to safety. To extract Hope was

not so easy, for, owing to his greater weight, he had sunk into the bog almost to his armpits, but at last, after repeated attempts, Hook and Cleo succeeded in effecting his rescue.

Late that afternoon a mob of cheering townsmen surged up the main street of Santa Eulalia bearing on its shoulders a weary, very mud-stained but very beautiful girl and two equally weary and mud-stained men. Cleo Burke, whose mysterious disappearance had aroused the whole countryside, whose pictures and description were on the walls of every police station and post office in the state, had been found.

The repeated and utter failures of Mahlin and Satsuma to gain possession of the secret of the submarine finally drove their employers to exasperation, and harsh measures were decided upon. The spies were summoned before the black council, the executive body of the secret service of their government. The meeting was held in the council chamber amid black trappings and ghastly reminders of the fate that awaited treachery or failure. A grave assembly of masked figures listened coldly while their chief, the only one whose identity was not hidden behind a black mask, questioned Mahlin and Satsuma regarding their activities in pursuit of the much-desired secret. Their explanation failed to satisfy. The decision of the council was announced coldbloodedly and emphatically by the chief. They must secure the secret within the next four weeks or death would be the penalty!

Upon their return to San Francisco, Hope found awaiting him at his hotel an official envelope bearing the familiar heading of the navy department. The letter it contained, which was marked "Strictly Confidential," was signed by an official high in the bureau of naval intelligence.

"As you are perhaps aware," the letter concluded, "there exists at the moment between the United States and a certain power whose name it is unnecessary to mention, a situation of the utmost gravity. This power is convinced that we have permitted our navy to deteriorate to such an extent that hostilities could be inaugurated against us with a reasonable chance of success. It is no exaggeration, therefore, to assert that the discovery of Doctor Burke's formula may save this nation from invasion. Under these circumstances there is no need for me to urge you to prosecute the search with the utmost energy. The safety of the United States may well depend upon your success."

"We mustn't lose a minute in continuing the search," said Cleo decisively when Hope showed her the letter.

"But I thought we were to be married this week, dearest," he demurred.

"The wedding can wait for a few days," she answered. "There is too much at stake for us to think of anything but the discovery of the secret."

"But it will only take a few hours for us to obtain a license and find a clergyman," urged Hope. "Surely we can wait that long."

"You don't think that I'm going to be married without a wedding gown and a trousseau, do you?" she demanded. "Because if you do you are sadly mistaken. I only expect to be married once and I've set my heart on having the things that other girls have. Our happiness can wait for a few days, dearest," she added persuasively. "Our country comes first."

"You're perfectly right, dear," agreed Hope, secretly applauding her patriotic stand. "We will take up the search again at once. There are only five books still to find and the missing philosophy must be one of them."

"Whose name is next on the list?" she asked.

"Joaquin Romero," he answered.

"Not the poet and naturalist?" she eagerly inquired.

"The same."

"The man who writes those wonderful poems about the forest and the flowers and the birds?"

"That's the man."

"He has a cabin, I understand, in the High Sierras. He lives there so that he can study nature at first hand."

"We will pay a visit to Mr. Romero," she announced. "I love his poems and I've always wanted to meet him."

To reach Romero's Sierran home took them a day by the train and another day on horseback, but when at last they reached it they understood why the famous poet-naturalist had chosen such a remote location, for the long, low building of logs which he modestly referred to as his "cabin" was shaded by a magnificent group of giant redwoods, and its flower-smothered veranda commanded a panorama of forest, mountain and stream unequalled in all the world. Nor did they need to be assured of the identity of the tall, eagle-faced old man with the keen blue eyes and the mane of snowy hair who greeted them on the veranda, for his features had long been familiar to them through newspapers and magazines.

"Mr. Romero," said Hope, "I am Lieutenant Hope of the navy and this is my friend, Miss Cleo Burke."

"No relation, I suppose to Dr. Ralph Burke, the inventor, who died recently?" inquired the naturalist.

"He was my father, sir," said Cleo proudly.

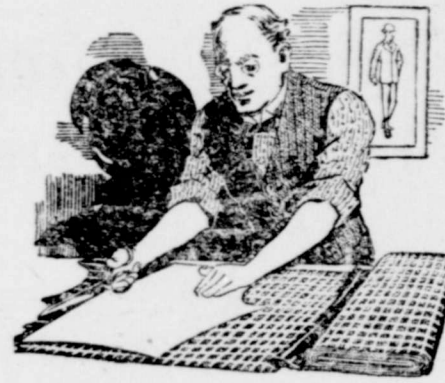
"Bless my soul," exclaimed Romero. "I knew your father well, Miss Burke, and admired him deeply. If I can be of service to his daughter I shall consider it a privilege."

"I have reason to believe, Mr. Romero," said Cleo, "that you can be of very great service, indeed," and she proceeded to tell him the story of her

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father's mysterious death, of the lost formula and of how much depended on its recovery, of the clue given in the letter which she discovered in her father's desk, of the discouragements and perils which they had encountered in their search for the book which she had found in the cabin on the ledge.

"So I have my father's word for it," she concluded, "that the formula is hidden in the philosophy and that it can be deciphered by reading every seventh word on page sixty-two. And I believe, Mr. Romero, that the philosophy which you bought at Dawson's auction rooms contains the secret."

"My dear child," said Romero, who had listened to the long recital with the utmost sympathy and interest. "You must prepare yourself for a great disappointment. It is true that I bought a philosophical work at the sale of your father's library—but, unfortunately I have lost it."

Hope and Cleo, their high hopes thus suddenly destroyed, uttered exclamations of discouragement and despair.

"It was a small book," continued the naturalist, "so last week, just as I was starting on a camping trip, I slipped it into my pocket, intending to read it that night in camp. But when night came it was gone. It had evidently fallen out of my pocket somewhere on the trail. To have searched for it in the mountains would have been a hopeless task, even had I realized its value, which, of course, I did not."

"Do you remember the title of the book?" Hope asked eagerly. "Who was the author? Or the publisher?"

"It sounds absurd, I know," confessed the naturalist, "but I don't know the title of the book or who wrote it. Indeed, my chief reason for bidding it in was because it had belonged to my old friend, Doctor Burke. They wrapped it up for me at the auction rooms and I did not take the trouble to unwrap it before slipping it into my pocket when I started on the trip. All that I can tell you about it is that it was quite a small book and, from its condition, evidently an old one. It is indeed a great sorrow to me, Miss Burke, that you should have suffered so great loss through my carelessness."

"I'm afraid, dear," said Hope, as, having taken leave of Romero, they were riding down the trail which led to the railway, "that this puts an end to our hope of finding the secret, at least for the present. If we only knew the title of the book that Romero lost we could obtain a duplicate copy, but, as we don't know it, the only alternative we have left is to apply the key to all the philosophical works we can find in the hope that we may eventually strike the right one. It may take us a long time, though."

"I won't have you worry any more about that old book," said Cleo. "You told me the other day that I would be very rich when the secret was found . . . but I am already very rich in having your love, dear heart. Believe me, Jarvis, secret or no secret, I am perfectly content."

"If you count my love as wealth," said Hope, "then you are quite the

richest person in the world, for I know no one ever loved a woman as much as I love you. And if I can't give you many luxuries, dear, I can at least make you very, very happy."

"I'm the happiest girl in the world, already," Cleo told him.

It was with singing hearts, therefore, that, the loss of the book already forgotten, they boarded the train for San Francisco.

As they entered the hotel Cleo was chatting gaily about her plans for the wedding, which was to take place the first of the following week.

"Of course," she was saying, "now that the secret of the submarine is probably lost forever, we will have to live on your pay, Jarvis, so we must have a very simple wedding. . . . I'm going to be married in a dove-gray suit . . . do you think you will like me in a dove-gray suit, Jarvis?"

"Like you?" he repeated; "why, dearest, you're the world and the sun and the moon and the stars to me; you're—"

"Beg pardon, Lieutenant Hope," interrupted the clerk, "but here's a special delivery letter for you. It came in this morning."

Glancing with some surprise at the superscription, which was in a dashing hand, Hope tore open the envelope and drew out the sheet of crested and scented note paper. At first he glanced curiously at the closely written sheet; then, as though he could not credit the evidence of his eyes, he read it again. As the significance of the message dawned upon him he turned deathly pale; the hand holding the letter dropped lifelessly to his side; a hoarse exclamation escaped him. Motionless, as though carved from stone, he stared before him with unseeing eyes, the image of a man completely crushed.

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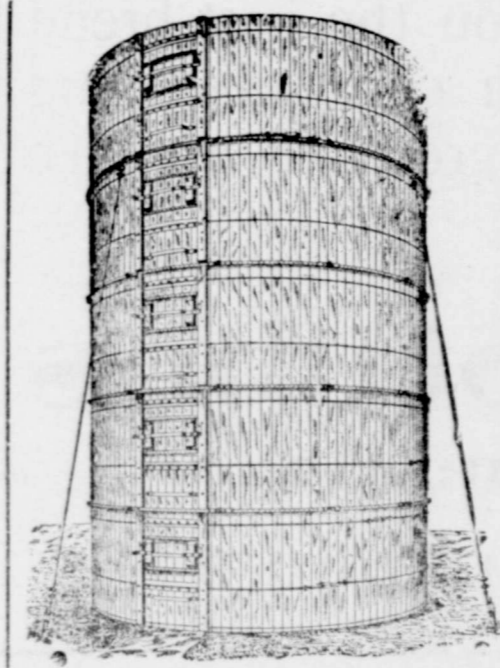
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