CHAPTER XIV .- (Continued.) "The secret is not my own," he confinued earnestly after a minute; "you must be satisfied with half confidences.'

I waited. "What I want to tell you, Kitty, is this. I am bringing a visitor here tonight to sleep. I want no one to know that he is here. He is eluding justice. I am sorry to say that I am abetting him."

"John, what has he done?" "Don't be frightened, Kitty. We can sleep in safety without fearing for our lives. He has forged a cheque—a cheque for a large amount. It is not his first offense. Many years ago he was guilty of a similar forgery; then the would-be prosecutor was bought off, the case was never brought into court. This time he has to deal with men who are made of sterner stuff. They will hear no compromise; they insist on save him. I have failed.."

"Is he worth it, John-worth all your work?"

"No, I think not."

"Why are you so anxious, then?" "For old friendship's sake."

"Was he an old triend of yours? Oh, let him come here; we can hide him! "Kitty, you spoke then almost as your old self might have spoken. No. dear, he was never a dear friend of mine. As I said before, Kitty, you must be content with half confidences. A few weeks ago I hoped he had escaped. He could not be found. Then we discovered that he had returned to London and was here in hiding. Today I find, what I feared yesterday, that his hiding place has been discovhe dares not return there tonight. When it is much later and the way is clear, I shall bring him here.

"Don't stand at the window, Meg,"

urged. But Meg did not heed me. She stood between the parted curtains, and looked out across the wet pavement shining in the gaslight.

"Madame Arnaud!" cried Meg sud-

"Madame Arnaud?" I repeated.

"She is coming in with John. She chooses strange hours for calling, Kitty; the clock is just striking nine. Well, I am glad that some one has come to enliven our duliness-even a dull caller is better than no one."

"But not tonight," I said absently. Meg turned away from the window; we both waited for John to bring Madame Arnaud into the drawingroom. We waited in vain. There were steps in the hall, then John's study door closed, and all was silent the house.

Meg and I were silent, too; the rain prosecuting; for weeks past I have beat against the panes; I sat and lisbeen trying to negotiate with them, to | tened to it absently. Presently Meg crossed the room and stood beside my chair, and kissed me caressingly,

"Madame Arnaud must have gone again," I said, almost defiantly, defying Meg's unspoken sympathy, turning and looking up at her.

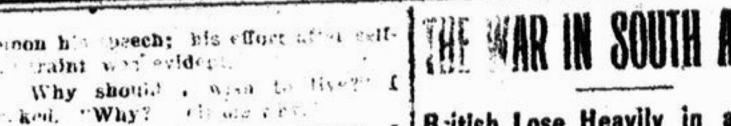
Meg did not answer. Presently she drew a low chair just opposite to mine. An hour dragged by. All through that hour, even while Meg talked, I was listening with a strained atten-

"Go to bed, Meg," I said at last, pleadingly. "Why, Kitty?"

"Do go, Meg," I urged.

Meg glanced at me. Then for once, she rose and kissed me again and

The wind had risen; the rain beat deafeningly against the window. Sounds in the house were lost in the No one need see him, Kitty. I have a sounds of the storm outside, I crossed



John sighed and out 'e de answer, I vent on passionately... "if the wind blows upon me a little,

if the rain touches me, you are sorry. You are not sorry that my heart is b. eaking. It is breaking all day long always. And you-you do not care." Kitty, I think you are mad when

er tolk like this." pushed back my hair, which was falling loosely about my forehead, and

looked at him with an odd little smile a heart-broken half-bitter smile. "I should be happier if I died," I said. "And you-could marry Madame

Arnaud, John." John's gray eyes flashed a quick, startled, scrutinizing glance at my

"That is one of the things, Kitty, that I cannot allow even you to say, he returned at last severely.

There was a long silence. It was John who was the first to break it. He spoke slowly, and his tone was heavy as he spoke.

"You asked me the other day to let you leave me," he said. "I refused. was wrong-and you were right. You may go, Kitty. I will not try to keep you with me."

I was silent. John turned away, with a tired and heavy sigh,

"We will talk of it tomorrow," he added. "It's too late-we are neither of us calm enough—to talk tonight But you shall go. I promise."

I think I murmured a few incoheren words of thanks as I turned away. I might go! The privilege seemed an empty boon, indeed. I had no feeling of elation, no feeling of contentment in having won. Life stretched away blankly before me, bereft of every joy, every hope.

Even now I cannot recall the long hours of that night with an aching pity for that old self of mine who lay sleepless, tearless the whole night through, and heard the hours strike one by one, and waited in a dull, hopeless, unex-

rose slowly above the house tops-a red orb in a copper-colored sky. dressed wearily, and turned with heavy heart to go down stairs,

My hand was on the handle of my door when the door was opened from outside. Meg came in. At the first sight of her face I stepped forward quickly and put my arm around ber Her face was deathly white-white even to the lips, Her lips were tremulous, and yet they were trying in pathetic way to laugh at herself and at me-at herself for her emotion, and at me for my solicitude.

looking at me with a queer, tremulous little smile. "It would be befittingand-and romantic, dear."

had brought her, and gradually the color came back into her cheeks.

here," she said, after a minute, haif lightly, half reproachfully. "Did you see some one, Meg? Were

"Do you know who he was?" she

me. But he told me that he was coming. I wish you hadn't seen him, Meg. He startled you-naturally-when you didn't know that any one was staying here. Would you mind, Meg, not saying to any one that you have seen him?"

old enough just yet. I shan't talk of

"Meg, what do you mean? Who was it you saw? Not Arthur St. John?"

COLLIS' SECRETARY,

How a Raise Was Made to His Salary gives currency to the following story: A few years ago Collis P. Huntington's private secretary, Mr. Miles, asked for an increase of salary. "Do you need any more money?" asked Mr. Huntington, thoughtfully. "No, sir, I don't exactly need it," replied Mr. Miles; little more," "Ah-hum-m-m," mused his employer, "can you get along without the advance for the present?" "Oh, so," and the matter was dropped. A peared at the Miles home and the to renew the application. "Why, my the secretary, in amazement. "Probably not," returned Mr. Huntington; "in fact, I used that money to buy a piece of property for you. I'd just let it stand for a while if I were you." Mr. quick glance of mingled severity and | Miles thanked him warmly and retired, somewhat mystified. Recently Mr. Huntington called him into his private check." The amount was \$50,000. The

> Height of Valgarity. Among the French, formerly, to make even the most casual reference a handkerchief was considered the repeal the bankruptcy law.

British Lose Heavily in a Sortie from Mafeking.

MAKES PROTEST. PORTUGAL

Sends Note to European Powers Decrying Recent Beldures of Vessels in Delagos Bay-Boer Attack on Colesberg Repulsed with Heavy Loss.

Thursday, Jan, 4.

Battle near Ladysmith expected before Sunday. Buller has re-enforcements and is ready for advance, already shelling Boer position.-British search of German mail steamer aroused German people's anger. Reparation demanded by kaiser.-William Waldorf Astor will pay expenses of equipping battery of artillery.-Boer plan of campaign said to have been prepared at Potsdam.-Belgian Peace league will ask President McKinley to mediate. - Re-enforcements French from De Aar.

Friday, Jan. S. British made sortie from Mafeking with armored train, Maxim and Hotch kiss guns, after elaborate preparations. Found Boer position impregnable, and retreated after hard battle, with heavy loss.-Portugal sent note to governments of Europe protesting against Delagoa bay seizures. German indignation growing. Ambassador Choate promised speedy decision by Salisbury. -Boers, trying to reopen communication with Colesberg, attacked British and were driven back; fifty killed .-Reported attempt by Boer spy to assassinate Lord Roberts while passenger on Dunottar Castle.-Heavy firing reported at Colenso. Buller supposed to have made attack.-French traveled declared Kruger has plenty of gold and supplies.

Sunday, Jao. 7. . Boers attacked Ladysmith Saturday on all sides more vigorously than ever before. White sent word he was hard pressed. Buller sent whole of Clery division against Coleaso. -- Four companies of Suffolk regiment, in advance, attacked Boers near Colesberg. British forced to retreat, leaving seventy prisoners.-Kuruman in Bechuanaland surrendered to Boers, after bombardment; 120 British and 70 natives captured,-Officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians say they will do what they laws of the United States. can to help Boers.-Boers took Basuto chiefs to Pretoria and showed them British prisoners.—German press less angry in discussing seizures.

Monday, Jar. S. Attack on Ladysmith lasted seven teen hours, reminding experts of the siege of Plevna. Boers - eaten back three times with heavy loss; repulsed in a bayonet charge. No fear of White's ability to hold position, but medical attention is lacking and ammunition scarce. White may be made a peer.-Detailed account of Buller's defeat at Tugela river proves it was due to failures to support artillery .--Germany claims British seizures exceeded the admitted right of search .-Beigian inquiries proved British unwilling to consider intervention.-British warships near Aden watching for

OTIS SOON TO HAVE 65,000 ME

Boer supply ships,

Arrival of the Transport Grant to Increase the Philippine Forces. With the arrival at Manila of the

transport Grant with the Forty-eighth volunteer infantry (colored) Gen. Otis will have command of an effective force of about 65,000 men. Gen. Marsh is Arraigned.

At Lansing, Mich., Gen. Arthur F. Marsh was arraigned on the grand jury indictment, which charges him with fraud and embezzlement. A plea of not guilty was entered. The court fixed the ball at \$10,000.

Captures an Insurgent Stronghold. Capt, Conhauser, with three companies of the Twenty-fifth regiment, captured the insurgent stronghold Comanche, on Mount Arayat. Three Americans were wounded, but the enemy's loss is not known.

Campaign Planned at Pottsdam. A Russian officer asserts that the whole South African campaign was carefully prepared at Potsdam, as well as the strategy planned for the Boer generals to execute.

Chinesa Defeat the French. In a battle between natives near Wang Chaun, China, and the French forces stationed there, the Chinese routed the French and pursued them for some distance.

Act Might Cause Intervention. If Portugal gives Great Britain a free hand in Delagoa bay the other powers may regard it as a breach of neutrality involving the possibilities of intervention.

Benk Clearings for 1809.

Bradstreet's review of bank clearings for 1899 shows that the total for the United States was \$93,504,932,656, an increase of \$25,904,598,426 over the total of 1898. May Nominate Farmers' Ticket.

Farmers of Michigan may nominate an independent ticket for the state campaign. The grangers are stronger than for many years. Dynamite Explosion Kills Four.

Four men on the Tennessee Central

railroad, eight miles from Rockwood, Tenn., were killed in a dynamite explosion. Would Repeat Sankraptcy Law. Leading merchants of the country rove Congressman Dolliver's bill to

FIGHT IN SOUTHERN LUZON. Burco Under Col. Birkhimer Deleats the

Insurgents. An American force under Col. Birkhimer attacked insurgents at Novaleta, southern Luzon. Sixty-five of the insurgents were killed in their trenches and forty were wounded. The Americans lost three killed, including a lieutenant. Twenty were wounded.

Gen. Sshwan's command, which is now at Binang, also had an engagement with the Filipinos, in which nine of the enemy were killed and twentysix captured. The American losses in this fight were one killed and eleven wounded.

SENATOR GEAR WINS IN IOWA Republican Caucus Makes the Nomina-

tion Unanimous. At a joint caucus of members of the Iowa legislature John H. Gear wa unanimously renominated by the republicans of the assembly for United States senator by aclamation. A. B. Cummins withdrawing his name.

Federation Will He Disrupted.

The Brotherhood of Railway trainmen has served notice on the other railroad organizations that it will retire from the Federation of American Railway Employes Jan. 16. The meaning of this is that the federation will be disrupted.

Move to New York. The general offices of the American Tin Plate company and the National Steel company, at present in Chicago, will be moved to New York because of the recent decision of the Illinois Supreme court regarding "trusts."

Acquitted of Riot Charge. All the defendants in the Lauder riot case were acquitted at Vienna,Ill. Durden, Hicks, Boker and Richie were rearrested on warrants charging them with violating an injunction issued by the United States court.

Opposition to Wall Street. Treasury officials say difficulty concerning public deposits was due to law preventing transfer of money from subtreasuries to banks. Congresional sentiment opposes government aid to Wall street.

Will Observe Neutrality Laws. The national officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians declare that the order sympathizes with the Boers, but will do nothing in violation of the

Increase in Hamburg Shipping.

The statistics of the ocean shipping at Hamburg for 1899 show 13,312 ar rivals, an increase of 789 over the previous year, and 13,336 clearances, an increase of 804 over 1898.

For Short Term Senator. The joint democratic caucus of the Mississippi legislature nominated W. V. Sullivan as the United States senator to fill the short term of one year, ending March 4, 1901.

Smallpox in Normal School. Smallpox is spreading in the Northern Illinois normal school. Thirty-five cases have been reported among the students, over twenty occurring in the college buildings.

Not Known at Washington.

Nothing is known at Washington of negotiations to secure an arrangement between nations for the protection of neutral trade with neutral ports in South Africa.

Thinks America Will Intervene. Dr. Leyds says he believes the United States will possibly be induced to intervene in the South African war under the influence of public opinion in the country.

Goeria Goes to Prison.

M. Guerin, French conspirator, sentenced to ten years' confinement in a fortified place, has arrived at Clairvaux, where he will undergo his sentence.

Trial Is in March.

The cases of state officers indicted by the grand jury at Lansing, Mich., at the opening of the Ingham County court, were set for trail at the March

Indiana Editor Commits Saletda. J. E. Sutton, editor and proprietor of the Logansport (Ind.) Daily Reporter, committed suicide in St. Paul.

Lawton Fund Reaches \$52,595. The closing of the Lawton fund showed in cash and subscriptions now on the way a total of \$52,595.

Caldwell Not a Candidate. Congressman Caldwell says he is not a candidate for democratic nomination for governor of Illinois.

For Gen. Lawton's Funeral. Public exercises will be held at the burial of Gen. Lawton's body at Arlington national cemetery.

Fresident of Chicago Board of Trade. L. W. Bodman was selected for presi dent of the Chicago board of trade on the "regular" ticket.

Moody's Work Will Continue. W. R. Moody said he father's work will be continued by the institutions he founded.

May Join Anti-British Conlition. Newspapers of the country strongly hint at the possibility of Germany's forming an anti-British coalition with Russia and France.

Say Denmark Will Sell. The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger states that Denmark has decided to accept America's offer of \$3,000,000 for the British Antilles.

President Fis't Has Resigned. President Fisk of the Chicago Theological seminary resigned because of advancing age,

Two Weeks' Treatment Free.

The great blood purifier Zaegel's Swedish Resence of Life is to be

given away tree to readers of this parper. This medicine cures Rheumatism, Stomach, Liver and Bowel Complaints, by removing disease germs from the blood. It tones up the stomach and creates am appetite; works on the liver and has a mild, continuous effect upon the bowels, thus cleaning out the entire system; it makes new, rich blood, regulates the heart and kidneys and rids the body of all waste matter. It also induces a gentle perspiration, thus preventing fevers and congestion. Rheumatism, backache and headache, biliousness and all nervous diseases are rapidly cured, as well as all diseases of women. No one need trouble themselves to doubt whether this remedy will do all these things, for you can have a free trial package first and see

what it does for you. Zaegel's Swedish Essence is so well known that probably quite a number of our readers are already using it, but this makes no difference, as a free trial package will be sent to everyone who writes. Do not neglect to get in your application at once. The best way is to sit down this minute, write a letter to M. R. Zaegel & Co., P. O. Box 831, Sheboygan, Wis., and say that you want a trial package of Swedish Essence of Life. This will be sent you by

mail and is large enough to convince you of the merit of this celebrated household remedy. A 2-cent stamp should be enclosed in your letter to pay the postage on this free sample.



REGISTERED TRADE MARK.

Good Clock. A lady visiting in the south was told a story of an old colored man, who came to a watchmaker with the two hands of a clock. "I want yer to fix up dese hands. Dey ain't kept no correct time for mo' den six munfs." "Well, where is the clock?" responded the watchmaker. "Out at my house," "But I must have the clock." "Didn't I tell yer dar's nuffin de matter wid de clock 'cepting de han's? An' here dey be. You jest want de clock so you kin tinker wid it, and charge me a big price. Gimmee back dem hands." And so saying, he started off to find an honest watchmaker.

Eleanor.

A Novel, by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, begins in the January number of Harper's Magazine. Within a few months Harper's Magazine will complete the first half century of its existence. It is proposed to round out its fifty years of life by making it remarkable in magazine literature of the day. Aside from Mrs. Ward's name, there will be serials by Israel Zangwill and Frank R. Stockton and contributions by Rudyard Kipling, Mark Twain, Gilbert Parker, Hon. Andrew D. White, Julian Ralph, and all of the most famous writers of the day.

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New Orleans, the ports of embarkation

for the countries mentioned. For fold-

ers, etc., write J. K. Ridgely, N. W. P.

A., Chicago, Ill.

Savings Banks of the World. The present volume and extent of savings banks' business, though marvelous, is but little known generally. Some idea may be had of the enormous sum that is now held by the savings banks of the world when it is stated that the deposits of these institutions at the beginning of the present year were reckoned to have almost reached the sum of \$7,000,000,000, while the individual depositors number just about 4,600,000.

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"Ah! Angelica, if you only knew how I loved you, you would not be so formal with me. Call me Fred, dariing; call me dearest!"

"I am sorry, Mr. Softly, replied she, "but the best I can do for you is to call you down."-Baltimore News.

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nine. The January Century, Year's number, with a cover by Will Bradley, is an especially attractive in sue, containing complete stories, the begining of a new novelette, a poem by Rudyard Kipling, and richly like trated articles, including one on "The New Antarctic Discoveries."

The best illustrated record of every thing worth recording is Here Weekly. The Weekly for 1960 maintain the high position has held for over 10 years. I A CORY: 14 a Year.



I LOOKED STRAIGHT AT HIM.

disguise prepared for him. Tomorrow, | the room, took up my stand at the when he leaves here, he will, I hope, be unrecognizable. His berth has been taken for him in another name in a ship for South America. Once there, he will be beyond the law."

John stood talking to me for some time longer, arranging the details of our plot. "Shall I see him, John?" I saked,

"I think not, Kitty." I rose at last to go. John detained me a minute longer. "Not a word to Meg," he warned

"No," I promised. "One would not willingly trust state secrets to Mag," he added, with a slight mile. "Try to keep her with you all the evening, Elthy. As for the serve, ants, I will tell them to build up the

take Meg beck to the drawing-room and keep her there." "You will not be at dinner, John?" "Ma," he snewered abstractedly, "I

study are and then not to disturb me

gain tonight. When dinner is over,

un going out now." Where?" I saked. The guestion escaped me before I had me to think; it was not often that toned him about his goings. He

shed a little vexed at the question "To Madame Arnaud's," he answered

I turned toward the door; he opened Thank you, Kitty," he said in a tatul tope. "You have helped me

A wifely duty!" I returned, with a ter little smile. "Don't thank me, was bound to help you;" and d away from him with the sound own litter mocking voice ring-

> CHAPTER XV. nt a long evening this

window, where Meg had been standing, and closed the curtains behind me to

> Minutes went by, minutes that seemed like hours. At last the house door opened, shut softly, and John and Madame Arnaud came out together, and passed the window where I stood. I waited. Ten minutes passed. The

shut out the light of the room.

clock struck eleven slowly, and John passed the window again—this time He let himself in silently; he went

back to his study, and for an hour longer I waited. The fire had gone out, the room had grown cold; but my head was hot and throbbing. I threw open the window and knelt beside it, welcoming the cold wind that swept in, even welcoming the rain that best against my burning cheek. After a minute shivered. But even then I did not Physical cold seemed to deaden for a minute all the passionate burning tumult of thoughts that were

surging through my brain. The wind caught the curtains and made them sway to and fro. Suddenly, as the door was opened, I turned to see John coming in with a firm quick step across the room. He drew down the window sharply before he spoke a word. Then he turned to me, with a gentleness. He tried to speak patiently, but there was something of

anger in his self-controlled tone, Do you try to make yourself Ill. Kitty?" he saked.

I had risen from my knees, and I stood leaning against the shutter, my hands held down before me. I looked traight at him, all the agony, all the opelessness of the past two hours thining in my eyes. "I try to die," I said calmly, with the

pectant way for the dawn to break. The dawn came at last. The sun

"I ought to faint, Kitty," she said,

She pushed away the eau de Cologne "You should have told me he was

you startled? A-a friend of John's came last night to stay. I didn't tell

asked, "No. I don't know-John didn't tell

Meg laughed harshly. "I am not likely to mention it, Kitty," she said drily. "It is not often, dear, that I boast of that early escapade of mine. When I am an old woman and very dull I may weave a romance out of those ices and love letters and jam puffs; but I am not

it, dear; don't fear."

(To be continued.)

The Chicago News of a late date "but still I'd be glad to be getting a yea," answered the secretary, "I guess couple of years later a new boy apsecretary thought the time propitious dear sir," said Mr. Huntington, when he heard him through, "I raised your salary when you asked me before." "? never heard anything about it," said office. "By the way, Miles," he said, "I have sold that real estate of yours at a pretty good advance. Here is the property was part of a large section purchased by the railway king as an investment for his wife.