GUILTY *INVOCENT?

By AMY BRAZIER.

CHAPTER III.--(Continued.) Uniy George does not tell Barbara of a grim shadow that haunts him abt and day—a shadow so grim and lack even his love for Barbara cannot make him forget it, a trouble so dark dare not face his mother's gentle eyes—a trouble he locks in his own meart, while day by day the end comes meter. Even if he told Barbara she would not understand. Racing debts and promissory notes would be Greek and Latin to her. But by degrees George becomes graver and quieter; ate sunny smile is forced sometimes, and his light-hearted galety seems to have deserted him. And then Mrs. Bouverie falls ill—so ill that any book or worry might be fatal-and George sits and looks at her with a sup in his throat and wet eyes. And now his heart is breaking with his own troubles, a sea of debt is engulfand him. In a month a bill for one hundred pounds falls due, and he has mothing to meet it with, his own allowance anticipated long ago, and the mother who might have helped him he too ill to care now.

"No excitement," the doctors say "The least shock would prove fatal." Mo wonder George Bouverie looks miserable, and his face has a drawn, gray look. Dishonor is an ugly word, and that is what it will mean. The man who had helped him into the mess will not help him out of it. He has left the country, and George has to bear it all alone.

How to get a hundred pounds? That the problem that haunds George Bouverie with a sick agony of uneasihouse that will not be quieted. It is always there—the certainty of ruinand the shame of it is horrible.

Money, borrowed to pay his racing labes. It seemed so easy at the time, and three months seemed such a long way off. He would be sure to have a sum of luck and be able to pay. the man who had lent him his name hos gone, and George has no means of procuring a hundred pounds. With a sinking beart, he remembers with blusk that accrebes his check that his ther's income is very slender. She and given nearly all to him, saying, in her sweet, lovable way:

Mast can an old woman like me want? A young man must have pocket

"Habe had only been harder on ; when I was a little chap," grouns George now, realizing too late that his nwa way has not been a good way Even Barbara cannot comfort him

The winter has worn itself away and March has come-March that has more of the shy witching of April than the menal botaterous month that proverbially enters as a lion.

Still no answer, from Taymanie Does Mr. Saville also mean to Ignore the engagement? It were hard to say,

but it looks like it. Mrs. Bouverie slowly creeps back

from the borders of the shadow land, and George keeps his misery to himalf, while the day of reckoning draws

sak for Mrs. Bouverie, and George walks with her down the avenue. Barpara cannot fall to notice his dejected the look of trouble that ote the sunshine from his face. They stand together in the sunshine

d the light falls on their young and out across the lawn the touch the daffodile. sebare looks at them with a smile.

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have promised to marry!" he says with audden flerceness. "A gambler, and a gambler who cannot meet his engagements! No Bouverie ever disgraced himself like that before. You had better say good-by to me, Barbara. Your aunt was right-I am not fit match for you!"

Barbara's cheeks are pale enough now.

George leans the bicycle against tree, and leads her across the grass to a wood, where the green moss grows in feathery tufts like sofa pillows, and where here and there the celandine is lifting its sparkling, spring-like face, the birds filling the air with song. All the world appears full of hope and promise; hope seems everywhere but in the heart of George Bouverie.

Barbara's eyes are slowly filling with tears, but what is that in woman's love that makes her then more tender to the erring and more lenient to the failures, so ready to forgive?

She and George have seated themselves on a fallen tree, and she is the comforter. His hand is held to her bosom, her face, full of love and pity, is upturned, with the tears quivering on her lashes

"I feel as if I could shoot myself! George cries passionately. "Sweetheart, I have only brought sorrow on

Barbara looks at him bravely. "George, when I promised to marry you, it was to be for better, for worse. It is the same as if we were married now. I am giad you have told me your trouble. It is very dreadful; hardly understand what it means; but, my dearest, I will help you to bear

How sweet are her words, how earnest the pure and lovely face!

George only groans. Barbara does not know of the mire of difficulties that so nearly submerge-

He turns his haggard gaze on her. "Nothing can help me, unless I get a hundred pounds; and what I feel most is what this will mean to my poor

mother." He might have thought of this before, but Barbara does not say so; only leans her cheek against his shoulder, and looks away at the golden sea of daffodils that flutter so gally in the March sunshine.

"I would rather release you," George says huskily. "I shall have to go abroad or somewhere."

"I will go with you," Barbara says, in a sweet, unsteady voice. "You cannot give me up, George, for I won't he given up unless you do not care for me any longer."

"I must love you till I die!" cries poor George, love and remorse making him well-nigh desperate.

The area Harbara cannot raise his spirits. Nothing can lift the gloom from his face. A trouble like this takes his grave, unhappy face down to hers.

think, George Oh, I don't know him in his trouble. how to say it! But do you remember the preacher in the square? He said for," Mrs. Saville says, crossing the God will help people to resist tempta- room in her trailing garments, and

"That is rubbish!" George returns, answering her caress. "My old mother talks that sort of nonsense. I don't believe she buys a new bonnet without asking for guidance as to color of the ribbon," He laughs mirthless laugh. "It stands to reason, darling. I don't look on a mess like mine as what mother calls a chastening of the Lord. I have brought it all on myself, worse luck! and I don't expect a miracle to get me out of the hold. My Barbara, my own love, you've lost your heart to a worthless "t of chap. Byen Sebastian Saville-"of I would hang myself if you

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Mrs. Savitle also receives a letter which is possibly more lengthy, and may contain more information than the communication to Barbara, in which her father only says he is lonely and wants her to manage his household for him.

Mrs. Saville looks keenly at her niece as she sees her reading the letter, while the color forsakes her face. And Sebastian watches Barbara, too.

"Father wants me to go out to him." Barbara says, lifting her great, troubled eyes. In her heart she knows that this command is only to separate her from George.

Mrs. Saville folds up her own letter ."Yes, so your father says. He thinks you are old enough now to be at the head of his house; but we will miss you, dear. And I see he expects you to start at once. He mentions the steamer that some friends of his are going out by. Every thing will be dreadfully hurried. We must go to London in a day or so and get your things."

Barbara sits white and miserable. To leave George, that is her one thought-to put thousands of miles between them! The thought is intolerable; but not till breakfast is over. and Sebastian, with another incomprehensible look, has lounged out of the room, does Barbara speak. Then she looks at her aunt

"Aunt Julia, does father say nothing about George? You know we are engaged."

Mrs. Saville smiles rather provokingly.

"I do not think your father has any objection to your considering yourself engaged. He hardly mentions the sublect. Will have the work to the state of the

.Barbara's color rises. She is to be treated as a child, then, who has set its heart on possessing the moon, and every one knows it is nonsense!

"I will go out to father as he wishes," she says, proudly, "but when I am of age I will marry George Bouverie; so there will only be a year to wait, and then nobody can make any objection. - 12. - Eller

"I was not aware that any one had objected," Mrs. Saville returns, "I have not tried to prevent your engaging yourself to any one.

Barbara's lip quivers. This tacit ignoring of her engagement is hard to

Mrs. Saville, who has no sympathy with her, proceeds to discuss Barbara's clothes. "You will want some gowns," she

says. "I am sure I do not know what kind of things you will want. I believe it in a nice climate; but I fancy some one told me there is always east wind, and that is so trying. But Barbara can take no interest in

her clothes.

most crossly, for this banishment to the other side of the world is very group is south of the Linoti-Chan promhard to endure. Besides, her nerves are on the rack on account of Georga Teng-Chou promontory of province of the rock has gone through the double Bouverie's troubles.

for your expenses," Mrs. Saville says and no more.

and rises from the table.

"I must go and tell Mason to commence packing. Really, it is hardly notice; but the steamer your father

Barbara bursts into tears, stung to a pitch of excitement, and can only realize the one awful fact-she must say good-by to George and leave

"My dear, there is nothing to or: tion even in the little things of every- leaving it as Sebastian enters.

(To be Contintied:)

Origin of Victing Cards.

"The use of yisiting cards dates back to quite an antiquity," explains Mrs. Van Koert Schuyler, in the Ladies' Home Journal. "Formerly the porter at the lodge or door of great houses kept a visitors' book, in which he scrawled his idea of the names of those who called upon the master and his family, and to whose inspection it was submitted from time to "me. One fine gentleman, a scion of the nobin the Faubourg St. German, was shocked to find that his porfer kept pool a register of the fames of those who had called upon him. The hamed bedly written with spluttering fell kill fale of mitady ink, suggested cardinate in strance of faith apon greatler of Mexico, san

day's much was over and their their day's ment was over and they see face is as and as his as abe wheels the various cities of the United States away in the mulights and deergo, which they had visited in the country threating his hands in his profites and of their business departures. New Michigan Bis hand on his classic walks which the last to the house which was last to the life of the undeclar who had been reading a Mr. Skyllie's answer has come. It newspaper during the discussion. "You is not fir the least what Burbara on know the country pretty well, I guess, pected. If is a very short letter, and major?" said the New Yorker. "Pairly, out of it falls a choque for two hun- I should my," was the reply. "I've dred pounds. And shows in authing: been traveling over it for thirty should be supplement at all, groups a room. Well, what would you say drive sakosa the track. Miss Wilcox t Moor college. Mr. For had just so beed the treebness class. A soroner

Record of the Last Six Days the Front

CONDENSED FORM

Suller Occupied Standerton, Capturing Railway Rolling Stock - Heldelberg Taken, and Hoors Chased Seven Miller -Boer Defeat at Wynberg.

Wednesday, June 27.

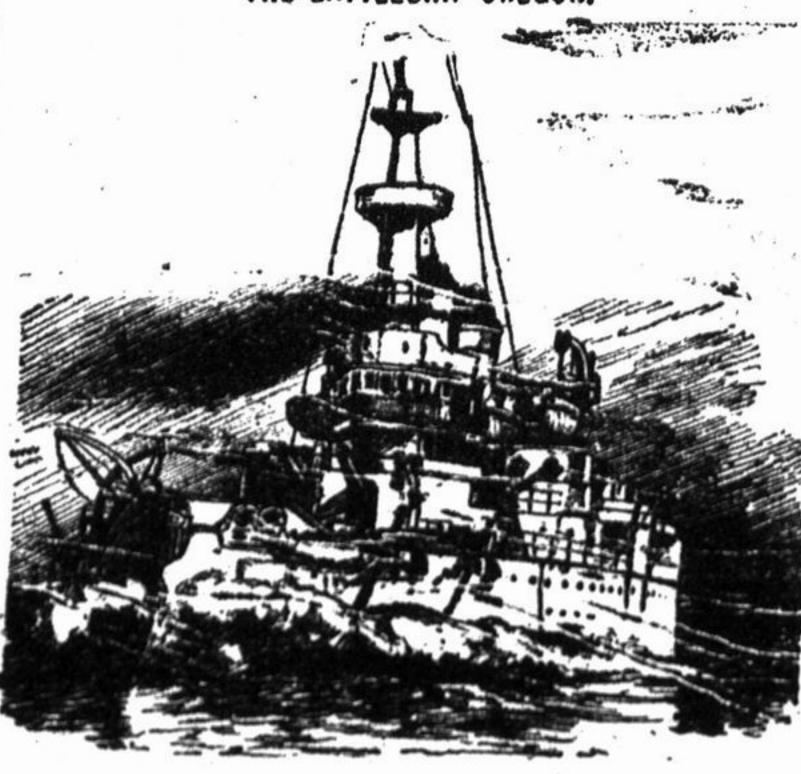
The Boers still fight. It is stated an agreement exists between the forces of the two republics not to submit Individually while both of them have an army in the field. It is rumored that President Steyn has forced his way through Gen. Rundle's lines south-Thursday, June 28.

Boers are said to be urging President Kruger to surrender on promise of parole. Fighting continues in South Africa. Within four days Boers surrendered 4,000 rifles. British won two small fights.

Roady for the Hig Convention. Delegates to the Kansas City convention of the Democrats of the nation are hard at work preparing for the big convention. The hall is receiving its finishing touches in haste, and all will be in readiness by Wednesday morning. There is plenty of vicepresidential timber scattered around in Kansas City, Shively, Towne, Rose, Lewis, and Sulzer parade the hotels, but in no case is their coming or going attended with any visible interest, except possibly in the case of Shively, who appears to be the second choice of a significant number of delegates from various parts of the country. It Hill and Bryan split on the platform question, the New Yorker will be out of the question as a running mate for

Mysterious Loses on a Foul.

THE BATTLESHIP OREGON.



The United States battleship Oregod smooth, Shall charter a steamer i channel, which is between the How- ship. Rock passed through side of Ki, or Hau-Ki, and Tahi-Shan is- ship above her double bottom about lands, in what is known as the Mido- frame No. 19, Small holes are also Tao, or Pagoda islands group, which through bottom of ship. lies between the guif of Pe-Chi-Li and only get a deck chair," she says, al- She lies three and two-thirds miles through side of ship above double botsouth of the How-Ki islands. This tom about frame 19," in his report of ontory and Port Arthur and north of "Your father has sent you a check is fifty miles west northwest of Chethree cables.

fair to make you start at a minute's graphers office may there is a great rise which holds the ship might be easily and fall of tide at this point (about ten blasted or riven away from the side, the life out of a man. The girl puts pames sails in a few days, and we feet), and it is possible that the Ore- leaving the ship still affoat and free have to meet these people who are to gon may be lifted off in this way and to return to port for repairs, take care of you." set affort without assistance. It is understood that the holes

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Friday June 26.

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Attack on a British convoy by Boers

Sunday, July 1.

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Prench committee organized to aid

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Monday, July 9.

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Miss Sine Wilcox, daughter of Fred

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"I have plenty of things. I shall the Yellow sea, on the coast of China, by Capt, Wilde's expression, "Rock in the Oregon disaster.

They do not know whether he means Shantung. The scene of the disaster bottom and is projecting above it of whether it has torn through the side Foo and 150 miles east of Taku. Pin- of the ship above the point where the presently. And Barbara says "Yea," nacle rock, on which the Oregon ran double bottom ends, about ten feet beaground, which is about twenty-five low the water line. They incline to the Mrs. Saville gathers up her letters feet high, is encircled by a shoal and first theory, though such a wound should not be approached nearer than is much more serious and would make the chances of saving the ship much The officials of the naval hydro- less. In the other case the rock

Capt. Wilde in his dispatch explains through the bottom of the ship, also referred to by Capt. Wilde, are only Chee-Foo, June 29, Secretary Navy: through the outer skin, have perhaps Anchored yesterday in dense fog in only filled the double bottom and have seventeen fathoms, three miles south not swamped the compartments withof How-Re light, Gulf of Pe-Chee-Lee. in. If the Oregon is held fast by a Sent out two Wats and sounded; least rock projecting through the double water five and one-half fathoms, bollom, then her condition is very sim-Weather clear; got under way and ilar to that of the great American liner struck Pinnacle rock; much water in Paris when she lay on the Manacles in

Birtistin Might Overrun the World.

willish official in the house of com-Lord Wolseley, in an interview put? mons simits soldiers in South Africa lished in London, says: "China possuffered safere hardehip and ascribes sesses every requisite for overrunning the world. She has a population of 400,000,000, all speaking the same repulsed, the English losing fourteen language or dialect, readily understood from one end of the empire to the other. She has enormously developed wealth and still more enormous satural wealth awaiting develepisent. Her men, if property drilled and led, are admirable soldiers. They afe plucky and able to live on next to nothing. Moreover, they are absolutely feetless of death. Begin with the foundation of millions upon millions of such soldiers as these men are capable of being made and tell me if you can where the end will be."

> Brought fit a Desperado. A some affired at Globe, Aria. ironed Mexican in believed to be one of the gang of four Which killed two station keepers at New Biver Wells, robbed a stage coach and committed numerous other depredations two weeks ago. officers refuse to talk, but there is con to believe they came upon the and killed three.

whose him. Clark was carried out in a ns to Work in Vineyards. 'adian chief, in conference entative of California Wilcox of Gelesburg, Ill., and Otis with therewall reed to permit seven Pimas to leave the Fox, som of J. Fox, a resident fruit graverent in the vineyards of Hailey, Idake, were killed in hundred steading stantly by a Chicago, Burlington & reservation a waterwork Quincy fast train northeast of Gales- at Fresno, Cal.

ILLINOIS DEMOCRATS. Alschuler at the Head of the State Ticket. Chlengo Platform Renfirmed-Object to

Mr. Bryan, and in that case Shively

would be in a position of vantage. At the Broadway Athletic Club, New York, Jimmy Handler of Newark was awarded the decision on a foul over "Mysterious Billy" Smith of New York in the fifteenth round. It was a vicious battle, and another punch by either man would have brought it to a conclusion without the referee's interfer-

the Currency Laws Passed by Present Congress-Sympathy for Boors-Want Direct Legislation. The democratic state convention

completed its work at Springfield, after adopting a platform and naming the state ticket, which follows: For governor, Samuel Alschuler; for lieutenant governor, Elmer Perry; for secretary of state, James F. O'Donnell; for state auditor, George P. Parsons; for state treasurer, M. F. Dunlap: for attorney general, James Todd; for univertity trustees, Mrs. Julia Holmes Smith, Charles Bliss, Joseph Schwartz. Four of the nominees-Alschuler, flo'Donnell, Perry and Parsons-have served in the lower house of the general assembly. Dunlap headed the democratic state ticket in 1898 and carried Chicago, losing Cook county by a small margin. Alsohuler, Perry, O'Donnell and Todd are young menall under 40 years of age-and all of them are known as good public speakera and lively campaigners.

THE PLATFORM.

The following were selected as delegates at large to the national convention: C. H. Harrison, A. S. Trude, Ben T. Cable, J. R. Williams. They, with the district delegates, were introduced for Bryan at Kansas City.

The platform in part is as follows: "The democracy of Illinois in convention assembled do hereby reaffirm and indoffe in whole and in all its parts in letter and in spirit, the platform adopted by the democratic national convention held in Chicago in

"We denounce the currency law passed by the present congress, which proposes to establish permanently the gold standard in this country in place of the bimetallie standard of the constitution and which transfers to the national banks the entire control of the paper currency, thus laying the foundation for a money trust which will have power to control the prices of all property and to stimulate or strangle business.

"We express our horror at the attempt of England to reduce the South African reguliles to subjection as crown colonies, and we declare our heartfelt sympathy with the Boers in their heroic struggle for independ-

"We believe, with Jefferson, in peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations and entangling alliances with none, add we regard with apprehension the doctrine advocated by the republican admiffletra-

toward or enter into entangling alliances with any European nations. "We are in favor of the immediate construction, operation, fortification and defense of an American interoceanic canaf by the United States.

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dealings or diplomacy show partiality

"We favor the right of trial by jury in contempt cases in federal courts for contempts committed out of the province of the courts, and declare our opposition to government by injunc-

"We are unalterably opposed to militarism as exercised in the Entted States arsenals by the commandents toward the employes from civil life.

"We favor the general principle of the initiative and referendum as comducive to securing an expression and enforcement of the people's will.

"We rejoice with the citizens of Chieago in the completion of the great drainage canal from Lake Michigan to Lockport, and invite attention to the conspicuous part which democratic trustees have taken in the consummatten of the greater engineering triamph of the age. We are in fayor of compressional legislation to extend this chunnel watti it shall become a great navigable waterway connecting the lakes of the north with the Misalssippi river shut the Gulf of Mexico

Louisiana's Woman's Hithit!

Opelouses La., bookts the shique distinction of possessing one of the very few, if not the only, woman's brass hand in the South. The organfration is known as the Opelousas Academy Ladies' Brass Band, and was organized one year ago, with an accomplished male musician as leader. There are eighteen members, and ther are leading society mile of the town After a year's training the band, it is stated, has attained great proficiency In April it appeared before the Opelousas public for the first time in-s concert. So successful was this entire tainment, and so enthusiastic were the many friends of the organization that it has been decided to give other concerts. The leader has been generally complimented for his success in training the roung ladies in the use of brass. instruments.

Will Study Japan's Oysters. Prof. Bashford, dean of the depart-" ment of zoology of Columbia university, accompanied by his wife, has started to spend a year in Asia, chiefly in Japan, where he will be the guest of the Imperial university at Tokyo, and of the Japanese commission of fisheries. Her restands also to deal with the development of a number of fishes, which can best be obtained near Misaki, where the soological station of a Imperial university is situated