The Thousandth Chance

in the board-room of his luxurious of that he had been appointed bath his sickening consciousness that all fices in Lombard Street with Colonel room steward on the Cedric Castle was over, and that nothing he could of many companies of which he had take up duty ten days later. been the promoter and was still the moving spirit, eyeing him fixedly

across the table.

The colonel was haggard and des-The colonel was haggard and des-the hue and cry was hot after him. perate, with the desperation of a When it had more or less died down. man who knows that his good name be nould retrieve his plunder from as well as his entire fortune may be blown to the winds in the course of some far-off country James Huzgett a few days. There were deep lines below his eyes, and he looked very old unshaken as he plied Ackroyd with question after question.

Ackroyd, no sign of emotion showing on his bearded face, fenced and

parried as best he might.

He was sorry that there had been

in the the compars of fisch same sheets and duplicated stock certificates-those rumours which, heard by him for the first time to-day, had sent Colonel Danielson rushing frantically round to cross-examine him-well, they had certainly not come to Ackroyd's ears, nor would be have paid any attention to them if they

That lean to him of £89,000 by the National Investment Trust? That was fully secured-had been approved by the directors of the Trust, had been duly entered in the minute book, and had been signed at the next

order; the secretary of the Investment Tru t would have seen to that,

It was nearly seven o'clock in the evening; all the staff had left long before, and Ackroyd felt that he er. He glanced at his watch.

"I am serry, colonel, but I must lea e now: I have a dinner engagement to-night," he said, rising from his chair. "I hope I have set your mind at rest, and convinced you that those absurd rumours have not a vestige of foundation in fact?"

He paused, but Colonel Danielson aslien-faced and grim, maintained a chilling silence. Ackroyd shrugged his shoulders resignedly.
"Would you care to wash your

hands before you leave, colonel?" he asked, leading the way to the elaborate toilet-room, with porcelain hand-basies and marble floor, which was strictly reserved for directors and Colonel Danielson, drying his hands.

mode his final pronouncement.
"I am sorry, Ackroyd," he said,

"but I am still unconvinced, and I am determined to have a searching examination into the affairs of my companies made at once. I am a soldier, ready, sir!" and led the way to on it would perhaps have been wiser for with cold sea-water, and Ackrove me not to have undertaken so many and such grave responsibilities in the City. Your explanations of those intricate transactions between the comprofes are past my comprehension." He paused for a moment, then de-

livered his ultimatum.
"To-morrow," he said firmly. "I

shall call in a firm of independent ac-countants, and give them instructions to condust a drastic audit of the Colonel Danielson directed a glance books of every company of which I of searching inquiry at the side face am either chairman or a director. I of the hath-room steward. His eyes shall expect you, as general manager of the concerns, to have all the books documents ready for inspection, and to be personally in attendance to give any necessary explanations." "Certainly, if you wish it, colonel,"

replied Ackroyd calmly, putting on his finger into the water.

his hat and coat. You will find that your fears are quite groundless, of the bath-room door locked behind him with a sense of jubilant relief. He course; but if it will set your mind with a sense of jubilant relief. He would keep faith with Judah. "And at rest, that is all that matters."

For months past Ackroyd had known that this moment must come and has made all his preparations accordings;

that summer, explaining that he needed a complete rest, and leaving no address. While away he had alterel his appearance completely, and had rendered as a safe with a safe deposit company in a Midland town in the name of James Huggett, paying two years' rent in advance.

In this safe he had stored away the safe the securities in which he had investion in his manner. "I arrest you on the development of cavalry and the development of cavalry and the discount of the development of cavalry and the discount of the development of cavalry and the use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots." But they look not use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots." But they look not use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots." But they look not use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots." But they look not use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots." But they look not use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots." But they look not use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots." But they look not use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots." But they look not use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots." But they look not use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots." But they look not use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots." But they look not use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots." But they look not use of chariots. "But they look not use of chariots." But they look not use of chariots. "But th

the securities in which he had invest-id the proceeds of his extensive defalcations-the £80,000 to which Daniclsor had referred had been a mere fraction of the amount he had drained by fraud from the coffers of his various companies. It was "bearer" stock, which could never be traced back to him, and it represented a luxury for the remainder of his life.

Also, by a little simple forgery, he had acquired a passport in the name of James Huggett, and the photograph on the passport had been taken after his appearance had been altered.

He came back to the City after his holiday looking precisely as before, and used his friendship with the general manager of the famous Black Funnel Line to obtain a post as bathroom steward on one of the liners for pne James Huggett, his batman during the War, who was out of work he's up to mischief!"

By HENRY J. FIDLER accommodation address off City Road, Roger Ackroyd, the well-known had come into Ackroyd's hands a financier and company promoter, sat coupse of days before. It notified him Ivor Danielson, D.S.O., chairman of and aust report at Southampton to

> That was all that was necessary a stewardship on a liner was almo the ideal position of obscurity while some far-off country James Huggett would be a rich man for life.

That evening, at his luxurious flat and frail, but his voice was firm and in Bruton Street, the financier proceeded to put off the identity of Poger Achkroyd and assume that of James Huggett.

He first clipped his beard and moustache as close as possible with scissors, then shaved himself clean. such a sudden and catastrophic fall He had prominent, hashy eyebrows, far as he could, but a beard and in the shares of the whole batch of which he trimmed down until they appeared thin and illnourished. He had brows, and a set of artifical teeth loquially in the City as the "Ackroyd been noted for the whiteness and Group," but he really could not be evenness of his teeth, and few susheld responsible for the whims — or pected that they were mainly artifictheneres—of the investing public, all; the removal of a couple of dental of the description of Ackroyd of the removals of first the description of Ackroyd of the removals of first the description of Ackroyd of the removals of first the description of Ackroyd of the removals of first the description of Ackroyd of the removals of first the description of Ackroyd of the removals of first the description of Ackroyd of the removals of first the description of Ackroyd of the removals of first the description of Ackroyd of the removals of the removal of the re nist south the secret of band and moustache and the trimming down of his eyebrows, made an almost unbehevable thange in his appearance.

Lastly, he applied a dye to his greying hair, parted it in the middle instead of on one side as formerly, donned a shabby suit, and contemplat-

ed himself in the glass.
Roger Ackroyed had vanished, an James Huggett had been created in his stead. His appearance now was identically what it had been when he was photographed for the bogus passport and had interviewed the secretary of the safe deposit company.

He put only a few pounds in his be there." meeting of directors by Colonel Dan pocket, but round his neck, suspended islan himself, as chairman of the on a light steel chain, was what he now valued most in the world-the what was the scenrity? He could key of the safe in the safe deposit not remember off-hand, but was quite company's caults, which would place such that excepthing was in reafect an enormous fortune in his grasp immediately he decided that the time was ripe.

Ackroyd travelled third-class to Southampten by a night train took a room in a humble sailors hoste. He reported himself the fol could endure this persistent and lowing day at the Southampton of-merciless cross-examination no long-lice of appointment, and was ordered to return in a week's time to sign on for the Cedric Castle's next voyage to New York.

During this period the papers wer tell of his name; the accountant called in by Colonel Danielson had re ported the misappropriation by Ackroyd of enormous sums of money, warrant had promptly been issued for his arrest, and the police through out the whole country were searching

For several months he carried o his duties as bathroom steward on the liner, unsuspected and almost un noticed. But it was with something of a shock that he found one day, as the vessel ans Caving New York for Southampton, that the rassenger list contained the name of Colonel Ivo Danielson, and that the colonel has been allotted one of the cabins in cluded in Ackroyd's charge.

He tapped on the colonel's door the first morning out, with a brief "Bath rather than a man of business, and of the bath-rooms. The bath was filled dipped into it the steam-pipe from the engine-room, turning the tan so that the steam bubbled up through vater and raised its temperature by rapid stages.

"Temperature as you like it, sir? asked Ackroyd, after a moment, testing the water with his hand.

In that fraction of a second, though Ackroyd was quite unaware of it. narrowed, and his lips pursed as narrowed, and his lips purseum though to whistle; then, in a flash, his B.C. 701.

PLACE.—Jerusalem. Ackroyd looked round. "That will do nicely, thank you,

quite impenetrable.

The Cedric Castle was alongside at Southampton, and the passengers were going ashore, when word was

ion in his manner, " I arrest you on a warrant issued some months ago at he Guildhall Police Court, London on various charges of fraud and

Ackroyd, ashen-faced, gasped for a moment, then collapsed weakly into a chair. For instantaneous change from calm security to knowledge of utter ruin left him momentarily speechless the company of foolish statesmen that are forcing Judah into this baleful Ackroyd, ashen-faced, gasned for a chair. For instantaneous change from very large sum of money indeed, on ruin left him momentarily speechless the interest of which he could live in while the inspector gabbled out the statutory warning.

Blindly and instinctively, however, he passed a couple of fingers between the buttons of his jacket, reassuring himself that his safe deposit key was there, as he had done, although quite unconsciously, hundreds of times before. The inspector noticed and misinterpreted the movement.

"Keep your hands out of your pockets!" he rapped out sharply, gripping Ackroyd by the wrists. "Best

the name and address of the safe deposit company, hopelessly inaccessible to him, though it would inevitably b found and its significance when he was searched.

Words came to him then, despite say would be of any avail. A torren of protests and denials broke from hi parched lips, and the inspector listen ed with rather an uneasy air.

"Call in Colonei Danielson!" told the constable at last; and a mou ent later the colonel entered.

"This is the man, I suppose, sir? asked the inspector. "That is undoubtedly Roger Ack

royd!" returned the colonel. "Well, I hope you're not making a mistake, colonel." said the inspector, coughing rather nervously. "I'm bound to say he's not very like his photographs or the official descrip

tion. "He has altered his appearance a

The inspector consulted a holo graphed form.

"That's right, sir," he confirmed 'A scar just above the left elbow,' the description says." Deftly he pulled up Ackroyd's left

sleeve, revealing an unmistakable scar just above the elbow. The in spector gave a sigh of relief.

"Well, that should about settle it colonel," he said. "Was it the scar that first put you on his track?"
"No; it was not. I have not seen

the scar, though I felt sure it would "It was his general appearan that made you suspicious, then? "Not at all; it was the most triff-ing little thing," said the colonel. "On

the night that Ackroyd disappeared he and I were washing our hands at adjoining lavatory basins, and I noticed idly that he tested the temperature of the water in the basin and by putting the back of his hand in it. He did the same thing when he prepared my bath the first day out from New York: that was the thing that drew my attention to him." "I think I've heard that that is

really the safest way of testing whether water is too hot," said the inspector thoughtfully.
"I believe it is, and for that rea-

on some nurses habitually use it," replied the colonel, "All the same vell, you watch a man about to wash his hands, and see if he doesn't invariably test the water by dipping his finger in it."

He rose to leave the cabin. "That was the starting-point, as have said." he concluded. "Scanning steward closely, I saw that his features well might be those of Ackroyd. So I sent a wirelss message to the Black Funnel head office. When they replied that James Huggett, bath oom steward on the Cedric Castle, had been engaged on the personal reommendation of Roger Ackroyd, and had taken up his duties a few days after Ackroyd's disappearance-well there didn't seem much room left for doubt, did there?"-London Answers

The Sunday School Lesson

Lesson XIII.—September 23. Isaiah Counsels Rulers.— Isaiah, Chap-ters 7, 31, 36 and 37. Golden Text. -Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING TIME—Unsuccessful invasion of Judah by Reziin and Pekah, B.C. 737 Unsuccessful invasion by Sennacherib

"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help." Like all the other steward!" he said calmly, dipping his finger into the water.

Hebrew prophets, Isaiah was a statesman as well as a preacher. He knew would keep faith with Judah. "And had felt fairly secure before; he was convinced now that his disguise was quite impenetrable.

"Would keep faith with Judah. "And rely on horses." Judah was a hilly country. and never could employ horses in warfare. "And trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong." The level plains of Egypt had always prompted that nation to

mendously sarcastic here. "And will bring evil." He will bring evil on those that bring evil upon the world, as Isaiah goes on to say. "And will not call back his words." God will not withdraw his warnings; he can-

connection with Egypt. "And against the help of them that work iniquity." "Now the Egyptians are men, and not God." The Pharaoh of Egypt was worshipped as a god, and the people of Judah were placing their trust in the Egyptian army as if it were God and not a set of weak mortals. "And their horses flesh, and not spirit." The nobles of Judah seemed to rely on the Egyptian horses as if they "Keep your hands out of your pockets!" he rapped out sharply, gripping Ackroyd by the wrists. "Best ship the darbies on, Phillips; I fancy he's up to mischief!"

The constable stepped forward, the property of the property the War, who was out of work through no fault of his own.

The constable stepped forward there was a jingle of steel, and Ackroyd found himself handcuffed, with that is helped (Judah) shall fall. and the key to his secret hoard, bearing they shall be consumed together." The Big News on the World Peace Situation



Both Egypt and Judah will be involv- taskwork." As the young men of the is assured within 16 months-unles mon destruction

God's word follows, in opposition to the foolish and empty words of the Jewish nobles who trust in Egypt. "As the lion and the young lion growling over his prey." Lions were common in Palestnie in ancient days. "If a multitude of shepherds be called forth against him." As the leaders of Judah are summoning in their alarm the multitude of Egyptian horsemen and chariots. "Will not be Egyptian dismayed at their voice, nor abase dismayed at their voice, not achimself for the noise of them." The king of beasts with his roar will put down the weak shouts of men. "So will Jehovah of hosts." Jehovah Sabaoth, the most majestic of God's titles. "Come down to fight upon mount Zion, and upon the hill there-of." Mount Zion was the original Jebusite stronghold captured

"As birds hovering, so will Jehov-ah of hosts protect Jerusalem." Listen to this expansion of the meta-phor of the hovering mother-bird in one of the Psalms: "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust." "He will protect and deliver it, he will pass over and preserve it." As the death angel passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, marked by the blood of the lamb sprinkled on door-posts and lintels,, and did not slay the first-born there, so God spares his children and saves them from their

"Turn ye unto him from whom ye have deeply revolted, O children of Israel." Then, as ever, this was the sum and substance of the prophet's teaching, conversion; with that, all was hope; without it, all was fear.

"For in that day." The day of the fall of the Assyrians at the hand of Jehovah, foretold in the next verse.
"They shall cast away every man his idols of silver, and his idols of gold." In that day the Jews will see how vain was the Assyrian's trust in their idols. "Which your own hands have made unto you for a sin." "For a sin" means "to be to you an abiding cause of guilt and punishment."

"And the Assyrian shall fall by the sword, not of man." The point of this verse is that Assyria was not to young men shall become subject to gressed to a point where completion or eight hours, with a consequent

Jews have been subjected to slavery.

"And his rock shall pass away by reason of terror."

"His rock" is reason of terror."

reason of terror." "His rock" is understood to mean the king of Assyria. "And his princess shall be dismayed at the ensign." Instead of rallying around the flag, the Assyrian leaders will run away. "Saith Jehovah, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem. God is a bright light to his people and a conbright light to his people, and a consuming fire to his foes. "And the angel of Jehovah went

forth." The great angel who in so many Bible scenes stands as the representative of the Almighty. "And smote in the camp of the Assyrians." This may refer to some powerful force which Sennacherib had sent to press the siege of Jerusalem by surrounding the city, preventing ingress and egress. "A hundred and four score and five thousand. This means, of course, that the invading force was very much larger than this very large number. "And when men arose eary in the morning, these were all dead bodies." The cause of the des-truction of the Assyrian host was probably a pestilence infecting the low-lying frontier of Egypt.

"So Sennacherib king of Assyria leparted, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh." Curious, though true it is, that Sennacherib never came to the Westland again, during the next twenty years of his life, pre-ferring to confine his campaigns to more profitable territory and less langerous areas.

16-Hour Air Mail **Across Dominion**

(By A. Grant Dexter in the Financial Post.) With work on landing fields rapid-y progressing it is announced oficially that the transcontinental airways will be ready for operation late in 1935.

For nearly two years a gigantic construction program has been under way, of which the public has heard

little or nothing.

Using unemployed single men the Government, beginning in the Fall of 1932, began to drive the land works this verse is that Assyria was not to fall by the sword of man at all, but by the sword of God. "And the sword, not of men, shall devour through the Martimes, Quebec, him." That is, destroy him. "And Northern Ontario and southern Brihe shall flee from the sword, and his tish Columbia. The work has now pro
ning to Calgary was cut to seven transcontinental service. The latest

Moreover, senior officials of the National Defense and the post-offidepartments have formulated detail. ed plans for the transcontinental airmail service and these plans are now before the Cabinet. No decision is likely to be reached in the immediate future for the reason that the service cannot be launched until struction of the airways is finished.

The plans, however, call for plane with a cruising speed of around 170 miles per hour and a maximum speed of 200 miles per hour. Leaving Mon-treal at about 8 p.m., the west-bound plane will reach Winnipeg in less than seven hours and will arrive at Vancouver some 16 hours after leaving Montreal. As with rail service, a plane will leave Toronto each night and will meet the Montreal plane at North Bay or Sudbury, thus giving a transcontinental service from To onto westrard.

DIFFICULT

ficult construction jobs in modern imes.

The western airmail service inauguarated in the Spring of 1930. The contract for flying passengers and mail was awarded to Western Canada Airways, which has since been absorbed by the Canadian Air-

turns north to Cochrane and then westerly along the transcontinental to Winnipeg. The route from Win-nipeg to Lethbridge is complete. From Lethbridge the route was plot-

Transcontinental airmail, how-ever, will be made possible by the completion of one of the most dif-

Seven years ago, when a transcontinental service was first en-dorsed, the Federal Government chose the Prairie Provinces as the first link and began construction on an airway from Winnipeg west, through Regina and Moose Jaw to Lethbridge and north to Calgary and Edmonton. This airways was completely equipped in every respect. There were emergency landing fields. equipped with boundary lights and gas beacons, every 10 miles. Larger airdromes were built every few hun-dred miles. Three milion candle settlements. The company, apparentpower beacons were installed at terminal points such as Winnipeg, Reg-ina. Calgary. Radio direction beams and a telytype weather servic? facilitated night flying.

ted through the Crows Nest Pass to Vancouver, touching at Coleman, Yank, Kitchener, Salmo, Rock Creek,

Princeton and Hope.

saving in mail carriage time

Winnipeg west to Vancouver.

But in 1931, the Bennett Govern-

ment cancelled the contract, for rea-

sons of economy. The airway has been maintained and can be made

ready for flying on short notice.

While cancelling the Prairie air-

abandon the idea of a transcontinent

al service. And one year later an op-portunity of advancing the project presented itself. The Government

seized this opportunity with the re

suit that a truly transcontinental air-mail service is nearer reality today

than ever before. To Major General A. G. L. McNaughton must be given

NEW POLICY

The Government had met with failure in its first effort to cope with

the unemployment problem. The \$20,000,000, voted for relief works in

September, 1930, demonstrated that

this was too costly a policy to be con-tinued. In 1932 the Dominion adopt-

ed the policy of direct relief. General McNaughton hit on the plan of con-

centrating single unemployed men at work camps, paying them \$5 per month and their keep; and of build-

ing in this way, taleable and neces-sary public works.

The policy was adopted and the work began in the Fall of 1932. But

it did not begin to function at full power until 1933, since when there

have been, always, many scores of these camps in operation. About half of them are directly connected

with the airways project. The Civil Aviation branch of the National

Defence department charted the

It runs from Halifax and Saint

John in the Martimes across the tip

of Maine, on through Montreal and Ottawa to North Bay. Thence it

complete transcontinental

route.

chief credit for what occurred.

mail the Government did

The task was to construct landing fields at intervals of from 10 to 30 miles from Lethbridge west and from Winnipeg east. This involved cutting away forest, pulling out and burning stumps. levelling ground, blasting rock and so on. From 60 to 70 camps have been constantly in operation and such rapid headway has been achieved that the end is definitely in sight.

GIGANTIC TASK

Expenditures on all of these con-struction camps in the last fiscal year were \$4,829,100 and about one half this total is applicable to the transcontinental airway. Approxi-mately 10,000 men have been steadily employed.

Once the landing fields are in existence the next step will be to equip them with boundary lights and bea-cons. Searchlights and radio beams and teletype apparatus will then be installed and this will be one of the largest contracts for this equipment ever awarded in Canada.

Then the route will be ready for operation and the Government v to be carried. On this point there has been acute controversy in re-

cent months.

When the western airmail was shut down, Canadian Airways, Ltd., continued in business, living off air services maintained, with and without Government subsidies settlements. The company, apparent-ly, decided to hold on. In the belief that within a few years the transcontinental service would be started.

This company, of which J. A.
Richardson, of Winnipeg, is president, it the strongest organization of its kind in Canada. Both rail companies are large stockholders and the company is, in every way,

national one. LATEST PROPOSITION

proposition is that public tenders be not called for. If the contract is awarded on this basis (and American companies excluded, as in past), Canadian Airways would be bound to obtain it. But it is just possible that the Government will decide to fly the transcontinental airways with a state or semi-state owned or-ganization. Such an organization would be independent of, but closely affiliated with, the Royal Canadian Air Force.
The decision in this regard will

rest with the Government. But it is apparent that the influence of the nigher officers of the army is being thrown into the scales in favor of a state operated mail service. Private companies, such as the Canadian Airways, Ltd., are emphatically in op position to the plan.

While a transcontinental airmail service is probably not more than 16 months distant, the air-carriage of passengers is father away. It has been decided not to permit passengers to travel the transcontinental airway for at least a year after the airmai

The reason is that the flying across Northern Ontario is regarded as hazardous and a year's experience will not only add to the safety of the service, but will indicate, by the number of accidents that occur, th degree of danger involved.

English City Elects Woman Mayor

Halifax, England.—Councillor Miriam Lightowler, a Conservative member of the Town Council for ten years, was unanimously elected. Mayor. the first woman to hold that position in Halifax.

