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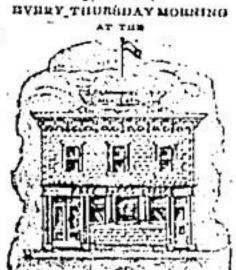
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R. E. Nelson

By Louise Morey Bowman The sunshine was spattering over the flo Hardware In a fruit of golden rain.
And the little green leaves were whisper

THE BOYS' BOOM

And tapping outside the pane Thoro wore their college become and books; And, hung on the plain gray wall, Sir Galahad, shining and tall, Waiting there for his vision, In the dream-filled days of yore.

But now they have som a vision And shall they come back no more ! Through the open dear I heard the stop of the brage little brown And though she smiled on the threshold, In her eyes the hig town gleamed. 'I've been such a happy weman !

That little grandchildren might come sor And got out the old toya. Just as they used There is something greater than

Wo've always droamed

dream ! "Fred writes, 'You taught us to "Follow the gloam. With gay old Galabad there on our wall Cheer up, mother. This life's not all." Think of Fred-our loker-writing that We must go down to lunch dear. There's

Sometimes one almost grows alraid

And so we silently closed the door, and left the room as it was before, With the sunshine spattering over the floor In a frelie of golden rain. And the little green leaves a whispering

And tapping outside the pape. But now when we talk of the war, I son, Above the horrible, doub-filled gloom That rises before me, "the boys' old A vision whose beauty shall never pale ; A temple that still guards the Holy Grail.

The Battle Waged on the

> Valley Belle OSCAR LEWIS

was discovered, it had been evident that the Valley Belle not be saved. The flames, which somehow had started in a shipment of baled hay stowed on the dock amidships, boat was swung about and headed toward

The Valley Belle, a light-draft, schooner Manacheld, the deep water shipping point of the others with a sudden, sharp cry. down the bay. On her trips up from the various towns along the river. Cleremarked that the ship manifest on those up-tripe generally read like a semi-annual stock inventory of a junk shop, the separate items of which might range all the way apparently had put out from that point as from live parrots to farm tractors.

less diverse, for she hold a contract with of a deep feeling of relief in the knowle the oil refinery at Grant's City, and the major portion of her cargo generally consisted either case oil or of benzine or gasethe river from Grant's City they had stopped and taken aboard the shipment of baled hay, stowing it on the deck midships. Hence, late that same evening when they stopped at Baker's Landing in response to be saked, raising his voice to make himself a signal, and discovered that an emergency | heard above the continuous sound of the shipment of bullion from the Empire kilver mines back in the hills awaited them, they had found it nocommry to stack this valuable addition to their cargo in the only sion. "I don't know whether to attempt remaining vacant spot on the dock, which It or not," he confessed. "I'm expected, .was near the steru of the boat and just alt of course, to use every effort to save my of the companionway leading down to the cargo, and I am anxious to do so. Still.

concern of Captain Kimball and his crow. alternative save to turn about and run at ly, still struggling with his problem. top speed for the pearest shore.

forbidding bit of shore line. Clomont at all loaded." the wheel, and the captain who stood heing directly toward the sixt

ste efforts to privout the fire from spread. windward of the fire. ing, now abandoned the attempt as hope-

highly explosive carve, brought each person aboard the craft to a sudden, soher roalization of their danger. They began to measure the distance from abore with increasing anxiety; each acutely conscious of the 300,000 gallons of benzine at the forward end of the vossel, and of the fire that was croseping steadily toward it.

The burning versel's progress toward shore, however, was rapid, and as the line of cliffs each moment drew plocar, those on board became increasingly hopeful that they would reach land and have time to scramble up to safety before the explosion actually occurred. And then, at a moment when they had gained a point scarcely two hundred yards from shore, and just as the race for safety seemed fairly won, therecame the audden muffled sound of a crash, and at the same moment they how of the craft tilted sharply upward. There (ollowed a hosvier, splintering sound forward as the craft grated to a stop. The next moment she rettled back, listed alowly to

starboard and lay still. Everyone on board realized at once procisely what had happened. Making at top speed through the wacharted and un femiliar water closp Inabore, the Valley Belle had run full tilt upon a reef, the top from the surface. From the force of the mpact, it was clear that a bole of considerable size must have been tern in the bottom of the vessel, and there was a moment of suspense as the members of the crow waited for some further move, for they realized that if she were to alide off the reef and into deep water she would sink almost at once. The craft apparently was lodged firmly on the rock, however, and war in no immediate danger of shifting her posi-

It was a moment or more before those on board the Valley Bolle came to realize the conttion they were in. They were still an eighth of a mile from shore, and with no means of covering the distance, for their single small boat which hung on its davits amidships and on the port side of the vessel was already a mass of flames. The fire it self, meantime, had been guining headway steadily, and they were aware that by now it must have advanced very pear to the casks stored on the dock. Luckily the vossel had swang about upon striking the reef so that the breeze no longer swept the fire directly forward toward the explosive fluid but instead blow the smoke and tongues of flame out over the water at the port side of

Captain Kimball by now had given up hope of saving the silver shipment, for he know that when the explosion came the 'vessel would break apart and sink in the gained headway steadily, fanned by the deep water surrounding the roof, from atiff bronze that was blowing down the bay. which the silver could be salvaged, if at And finally, after a hopeless ten minute all, only by means of divers. The chief battle on the part of all hands to stay its concern of all on board now, however, was progress, Captain Kimball turned and to devise an immediate means of abandonshouted a sharp order to the youth at the log the ship and reaching shore. There wheel, and the next moment the little river seemed no alternative save to make an attempt to swim the distance, for remain much longer aboard the burning vossel was clearly a more dangerous course rigged sailing vossel, with auxiliary gase than taking to the water. On the moment line engines plied the length of Mandocine they reached this decision, however, Cla-River, making regular trips between the meat, who had paused for a final glance head of navigation at Grant's City, and up and down the hay, drew the attention

Following the direction of his extended Mansofield, the Valley Belle did a general hand, they discerned a launch making at freight business, carrying a miscellaneous top speed down the bay toward them, and cargo of merchandise to be distributed at scarely half a mile distant. The approach of the launch heretofore had been concoa ment Kingston, the young freight clerk on ed by the clouds of smoke that rolled out the Valley Belle, sometimes laughingly over the water in that direction. The outbreak of the fire aboard the Valley Bello. they now realized, must have been obser od from Mansofield, and this rescue cra soon as their plight was known. Th On the return trip down the river to the launch was approaching rapidly, and those to start on a specific course at the n hay, however, the carge was always much abourd the burning vessel were conscious

that their resous was now only a matter of Cloment, watching the approach of the line in casks. On the present trip the launch, was struck by a sudden thought entire forward portion of ber cargo apace which caused him to glance quickly at the was filled with bundred gallon metal casks | captain, and from the thoughtful, troubled containing benzine. Twenty miles down expression on the other's face he was aware that the same idea had occurred to him. Clement made his was to the captain's side. "Do you think wo'd have time to transfor the silver aboard the launch, Captain ?"

> face expressing his perplexity and indeciwith that bearing on board I hate to hold

the following afternoon, the fire was dis necessary. The fire up forward is probably | casks in fully a half-dozon different apote covered aboard the Valley Belle, this silver at the very edge of the casks by this time. He realized at ence that he would be able shipment immediately became the chief Bosides, I'm afraid that some of them may to keep up the fight only for a short time have been broken open when we went longer ; even now as he regained the flames At noon that day they had crossed the aground, and that would make matters a he expected each second to hear the sound river ber and passed out upon the bay, and | hundred times more dangerous. But if I | of the explosion. they were less than an bear's run distant know just how far the fire has advanced up A quick glance toward the stern told him from Mansofield when the captain came to forward, I'd take the risk. If we were that the process of transferring the silver the reluctant conclusion that the vessel only sure of just five minutes of looway we had not yet been completed. Through must be beached. The stabbornly violent could save the whole shipment ! But- the fog of smoke that swirled between, he progress of the fire and the lack of ade well, I've no means of knowing where the could see the outlines of the launch still quate means to combat it, left him no fire is now, and ." He broke off hopeless- lying alongside, and he caught fleeting

In response to the Captain's orders, the shoul at the flaming dock of the vessel. Valley Helle was awang about at once, and Then suddonly he turned about toward the with the ampke from her burning cargo captain with a quick air of determination. amidables trading after ber to a white "I think I could make my way forward." cloud, also recod at top spood across toward | be said quickly, "and find out if it will be | and crew to put off from the burning vosland. Bhe was approximately half a mile safe to stay long enough to make the transoffshore at the time, and as it happened, for. I hoght be able to beat the fire back directly opposite an especially rough and for a few minutes longer, until you get

And without awaiting a roply Clament to plunge them into the nearby water-bar-The other members of the crew, who rel, started forward at a run, following until this time had continued their despar. close along the edge of the dock and to the upon the stacked row of benzine canks.

The distance was hardly twenty foot, loss and retreated to the extreme stern of yet as Clement, grouching low and with the versel. The flames, famed furiously dripping sacks bold up about his head and TRUE UNION IN THE FAMILY -17 .

There is no sadder eight than a family of growing boys and girls or grown up young men and women, accepting coully and careleasly every form of sacrifice and favor from luving anxious parentewho are wearing agt their lives in their service and reaping only ingratitude and indifference in return.

Lot overy parent guard against such a state of things by the far more real kindness of training the children from first to last to share with them in the tesponsibilities, the labors, the sacrifices, the econotnice, as well as in the pleasures and comforts of the

filial sympathy and gratitude be thoroughly develop-

he discovered the progress the fire had made. One glance at the line of benzine pressive, suffecating sense of heat : casks and at the flames which were then beginning to curl about them, warned him of the acuteness of the situation and of the

occessity for immediate action. For tense second he stood regarding the flan as they leaped up before the cnake; it ar peared impossible that any effort of could delay the explosion that seemed impending. A quick glance backward told him that the launch was just drawing up alongside the stern of the Valley Belle, and he knew that for the next five minutes all hands would be at work transferring the shipment of ailver. He know also that if no efforts were made to stay the progress of the fire, the explosion would surely occur before the task could be com-

Thus confronted by the fact that not mly his own safety, but that of everyor aboard, depended upon his success in beat ing back the fire, Clement set to work, grimly determined to do his best. In leading the cargo a four-foot passageway had bee left, extending athwart-ship, and separat ing the now solidly burning mass of ha tank, Clement realized, was to prevent the fismes from entirely crossing this passage he was, nevertheless, conscious of the Although the wind carried the flames

the pert side and for the most part prevent xi them from jumping across the space yet the fire in many places had already reached the very side of the casks. He realized at once that not a second must be lost in extinguishing those advanced flames and he accordingly pulled his hat close down over his eyes to ward off the heat, and made a quick deah down the narrow smoke-filled passageway. As he advanced be kept close to the stacked casks and as far from the fire as possible, yet the heat from the dry, closely packed mass of hay which now was burning solidly was great that it required his utmost strongth to force himself to continue.

At places the flames, burning their way acress the passage, had reached the canks and at each of these the youth, donnite the boat and the sparks and smoke that swirled about him, paused and the dripping sacks in his hands rose and decended steadily until the flames were beaten out. The task preved far more difficult than he imagined t would be. The Valley Belle had been last week as successor to Mr. James Mo. dock in consequence were naturated with ling house here. it. Upon this and upon the pitch-filled scars botween, the flames fed with sur prising stubbornoss. Because of this abundance of oil he did not dare use the fire buckets which the crew had abandoned nearby, for he know that throwing water

on it in all probability would morely puroad For some moments the battle continued flarcoly, Cloment remaining grimly at his post until the outpost flames at each dan-The captain turned about slowly, his | yer point had been stamped out. And when this was accomplished he returned gasping and exhausted, to the end of the peasage and loaned. out over the side cargorly broathing in the cool air that blow across to him. But when he turned about only a few seconds later, he discovered And when, shortly before three o'clock, anyone here longer than is absolutely that the fire had eaten its way across to the

glimpees of a half-dozon tigures working at Cloment was silent for a moment, gazing a desperate speed. At least three minutes he know, had passed since the launch had swung alongoide; at that rate it would require another two minutes for the transpo tipo to be completed and the launch and

Two minutes ! That amount of time sound like an age to Clement as be surned ! once more upon the flame-filled passage- going on. way. He realized how difficult it would side him, anxiously searched the rocky line at once made ready for his dash past the to hold the flames back for that length of of the cliffs ahead for some sign of a leach fire to the bow of the craft. The wind, time; it seemed almost like a unclear wante upon which to run agreed. They discov. fortunately, still continued blowing the of energy to make the attempt. He was ared such a spot presently; a narrow flamos for the most part over the pure side, already near unbauation from his previous stretch of sand occupying a break in the and Clement, pausing only long enough to efforts; why not admit defeat? He could ragged walls of the chiffs, and Clement at possess himself of two empty grain sacks save himself by diving overheard now, duce altered her course until she was boad. from the little storehouse on the dock and though if he waited a few seconds langer.

> But Cloment's gaze at that moment fell to rise outinously. . Mis eyes travelled forward toward the bow, regarding the other to their the sorid smoke; he reached the cool air sub determined to make a last desperate or in quiet."

Only in this way can a family be truly united and,

beyond, he was conscious of a deep feeling attempt to delay the advance of the flames The events of the tense moments that followed impressed themselves only in a To the Editor : satisfaction was changed to one of alarm as | blurred and indistinct fashion upon Clem ent's mind. He was conscious of an opstrangely stubborn and persistent flame that aprang up and were stamped out only to spring up again. He grew weak and dizzy fram the heat and from his own con tinuous exertions. A dozen times he fals that at last he had over-stepped the limits of his strongth and must give up, but oach time the thought of the benzine tanks at

> his aboulders and the crow laboring at the stern of the versel, came to his mind a so forced himself to continue the battle. And then at last, above the crackling of the fire, a sharp sound intruded itself upon his clouding consciousness. For a few sounds the sound puzzled him and he trice mavailingly to identify it. The next noment he know it was the whietle of the launch, which at last had completed its loading and had awang clear of the burning ship. With steps weak and halting, Clom at made his way back to the end of the passage, and he expended the last atom stoongth as he throw himself over the side. He was conscious only of a restless sensation of coolness as he stru. " the water. and he know no more until the lannel which had rescued him, was warping up boside the landing float at Mansofield, half an hour later. Yot, as he was belood up on the dock, Clement amiled. For though suffering from minor burns about the hands opened in the Denver Savings Bank in and face, and inexpressibly tired and weary.

exchanged with his follow survivors of the Valley Belle, which fact filled him with contentment. - Young People's Wookly. TWENTY YEARS AGO From the Issue of the Free Press

Thursday, Nov. 25th, 1897 A few days this week bore a remarkable recomblance to Indian Summer. The fine weather has enabled the farmer to finish hirvestion their turnin cron.

Thanksgiving Day. All good citizen will make an effort to observe it. Thanksgiving evening in Knox Church to-night. Bocial tea, to be followed by's locture delivered by Rav. Mr. Rae on "Great Britain ; Her elements of Power and Permanence." The Church Choir will supply the musical part of the programma A friendly exchange of pulpits was made on Sunday evening between the pasters of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. Board. Mr. Day, late of Stratford, took his place

carrying oil for years and the planks of her | Lennan as ongineer at the G. T. R. pump Georgetown has found the five per cen discount to prompt paying tax payers a

> Snow sterms and Cowers, sunshine and showers have all been on dock this week. Acton Roller Mills shipped another car of their popular flour to Glasgow this wook. An invitation is extended to all doubters and acientists to attend the Disciples' Church next Sunday morning when the pastor will preach on the "Origin of Man; or the Destrine of Evolution."

SNYDER-DENNY-At the residence of the bride's mother, Caledon, by Rev. A Langford, on Nov. 10th, David W. Bayder, of Erin, to Miss Sarah P. Denny. "NUMBER ONE"

"He is a number One boy," said grandbooks. Indeed, he would rather read than liable to being last by the owners. Under play, and that is saying a good deal for a the privilege now given by the Finance "It is, certainly," returned Upole John

"but what a pity it is that he is blind !" "Blind t" exclaimed grandmother. And the Number One boy looked up, too, in placed after preper cyldence bas been "Yos, blind, and a little deaf, also, I

foar," answered Uncle John.

"Why, John, what put that into you head Y' saked grandmother, looking per-'Why, the Number One boy himself," said Uncle John. "He has been occupying the one easy-chair in the room all forenoon, never seeing you, nor his mother when she came in for a few moments' rost. Thou when your glasses were talslaid, and you had to climb upstairs for thom, be

neither saw nor hourd anything that was "Oh, he is so busy reading," apologized

or." replied Uncle John smillag. be selfish, indeed, to occupy the best seat in the room, and let older people run up and down stairs while he takes his sass."

"Nobody asked me to give up my seat nor to run on errands," said Number Osa. "That should not have been uccossary," over which the flames were now beginning urged Uncle John. "What are a boy's Principality have passed resolutions to eyes and cars for, if not to keep him post- favor of war-time probibition. ed on what is going on around him? I am rows of cashs behind the tiret, stacked three glad to see you fond of books; but if a by the wind, had begun to spread to the aboulders for protection against the intense deep upon the deck. If they were to as pretty story makes you forget all things oil-seaked planks of the deck, and they heat, plunged forward, the passage seemed plode, no one on heard, he know, was like except amuning Number One, he had better were now approaching perilously near the a great deal longer than that. And when Iy to survive the violence of the detonation. run out and play with other boys, and let first line of the stacked beaxing casks gasping, and with his eyes amarting from On the instant he realized this fact. Clem- grandmuther anjay the comfort of her rook-

BRITAIN'S SONS

God of our fathers, at whose call We now before thy foojstool fall; Whose grace hath made our Empire atrong Through love of right and hate of wrong: In this dark hour we plead with Thee,

For Britain's cause on land and sea. Not for the last of war we fight But for the triumph of the right The strife we hate is on us thrust Our aims are pure, our cause is just; So, strong in faith, we plead with Thee For Britain's cause on land and sea.

Asleep beneath Thine ample dome With many a tender dream of home; Or charging in the dust and glare, With war-bolts curling through the air; In this dark hour we plead with Thee, Por Britain's sons on land and sea.

If wounded in the dreadful fray, Be Thou their comfort and their stay; If dying, may they in their pain . Behold the Lamb for sinners slain; In this dark hour we plead with Thee For Britain's sons on land and sea.

And soon, O blessed Prince of Peace, Bring in the days when war shall cease, And men and brothers shall unite To fill the world with love and light : Meanwhile, O Lord, we plead with Thee For Britain's cause on land and sea.

WHAT PROHIBITION DOKS

ttested by the Governors of the various States, it is difficult to understand why any one could doubt the immense value of a prohibitory law even fairly well enforced: Gov. Hatfield, of West Virginia, says "Rentals and other necessary items of expense are being paid promptly by hundreds of men who formerly drank and gambled away their carnings while wives and children went hungry."

Gov. Brower, of Mississippl, says: "The effect of the law has been to reduce crime and to cause money which formerly went for whiskey to be spent in the purchase of nocensities and some of the luxuries." Gov. Cruce, of Oklahoma, says that

prohibition has reduced crime and given

better clothing and more wholesome foed

to themsands of women and children of the State. From every standpoint it pays. Goy, Craig, of North Carolina, mays Prohibition has been of immense benefit to North Carolina. Real estate has greatly ncreased in value and every line of busi-

ness has prospered."

has nover been a time since 1858, when there has been any doubt that the people were in favor of what is popularly known as the Maine Law." Gov. Carlson, of Colorado, says: "Two thousand and fifty savings accounts were

Gov. Haines, of Maine, says : "There

salers show amazing gains in sales to merfriendly, grateful handclasps be had just chants in smaller towns and cities." Gov. Capper, of Kansas, says : "Prohibition has been one of the greatest bleesings ever bestowed on this State. Our people have lived under prohibition for years and would not think for one moment

January, 1916. Donver jobbers and whole-

of going back to the saloons." Gov. Rye, of Tannessoo, says : 'To has abolished the most degrading of social centres and loafing places and is giving children a chance to be better bred, better born, and better learned."

Gov. Hanna, of North Dakots, says :

"After twenty-five years' trial, prohibition

is here to stay for all time. It has been

such a succes that I am satisfied that t the people were to vote on it to-day. reventy-five per cent. of them would be in favor of prohibition." It might be added that reports of the regults of prohibitory laws in Canada are

satisfactory boyond all expectation. - H.

Arnott, M. R., M. C. P. S., Social Service

A NEW PRIVILEGE Finance Minister Announces that all Victory Bonds may be Registered

The fellowing announcement has been made from Ottowa : The Finance Minister. of Canada has issued a new instruction in connection with the Victory Bonds, which will be of much benefit and importance to many small investors. He has decided to grant the privilege of the registration of all bonds, that is to say, that bonds of all denominations, including the \$50 bend. may be registered as to principal and as to principal and interest.

In provious loans the privilege of registration was necessarily confined to bonds of the larger denomination, such as \$1,000 boads or more. Boods of lower demoninstions were issued as bearer bonds, with coupons attached, and while carrying equal other, proudly. "A great boy for his benefits as to principal and interest were Minister, the buyer of any bond (whatever the denomination), may have it registered, in which case the interest will be paid by cheque, and the bond, if lost, may be re-

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