The Free Press' Short Story

"Crystalized" Friendship

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muttered Roy Hatfield as he as possible." saw his classmate, Herbert rather 'high-hat' of me not to 'wait | another hunt remained. . for him," he decided, "only I do wish he wasn't so offish. Just beenuse he tower struck the hour of

The second boy, dressed in a suit | Disappointment awaited him. Herclearly designed for mountain climoprofessional mineralogists.

taken from his bag.

newcomer in a rather condescending pend on us this afternoon." tone "Why not so bad. I found several rather good specimens." WAY----

"If you'll wait a minute we can go on together," suggested Roy. "I was just examining the last thing that I picked up. Looks rather good

"Hurry along then," replied Herbert impatiently. "It's nearly five and I'm too hungry to be late to din for with him ner tonight."

Hastily Roy shipped the specimen into his bag and rapidly followed his classmate. As he caught up with him. Herbert condescendingly asked Rel if he had found anything worthwhile. "But, then, I don't suppose you did." to bring in the big find of this year's mens for himself. mineralogy class

ever, I picked up one that may be and out over the open fields toward interesting."

began to show a bit of interest . call it?" From his bag he produced his what I think of him " off at the top in a deep sea-green at it, all right," he speculated.

found something. Emerald? Aqua- going to give it to him." marine" . What is it?"

Cooper this evening "

Herbert eagerly.

the spot so as to remember it."

"May I see the statch" bines almost in a row. To the left that may be left." as the base of a square, the bushes surprise at his companion's Strange for one side and the bowlder for the attitude, "you've got me all wrong of If you are sure you will be all comparison with those of British other Then let this pile of rocks be 1 " -

gested Herbert

"Be glad to have you .. We'll start good heating"

early in the afternoon "Why not in the morning". "I have to work tomorrow morn- stepping slowly away from his threat-

noon in Doctor Sweet's garden "Then I'll wait for you Can you ... "You said it" bellowed Roy "The "But you saved me " A confe to my room tight after she mistake was that I trusted you Now

"I'll be there agreed Roy Thus you! -discussing their plans for the follow-. In blank amazement Herbert with a smile ing day the two classmates came threw off his coat. It was clear that, "For flying off the handle as I did ing day by was degraded from his back to Avalon as the first bell for he was no coward. He would fight I was too angry thinking that you knighthood. He was executed at dinner was sounding. As Herbert of he must "But, Roy, why do you had put one over to let you explain. Pentonville Prison, London, Aug." talked eagerly about the find, his want to fight?" he persisted "Last" "Oh, that's all right now But did- 1916 air of superiority disappeared. Care inight I thought you and I were going n't you get my note? fully he scanned Roy's sketch as if to be friends. Why can't were to learn it by heart and again and "Don't talk! Fight!" roared Roy again he questioned as to the most as with clenched fists he sprang for- "No I came right here from dindefinite directions for finding the ward

Allen emerge from the bushes, that Professor Sweet's garden, at if Sa. Hously, Roy leaned over the edge the after this," profested Roy. covered the sides of the small bitt, turday noon would never arrive. As Anger had given place to fear, "Bert" locally known as Mount Diamond. the long forenoon were on he smiled "He knew I was coming here to hunt as he pictured the change that had specimens this afternoon but he was been made in his once proud classtoo stuck-up to suggest that we hunt mate by the finding of the crystal. together." Picking up his bag and He was glad that the only, member hammer, Roy started to cross the of the class with whom he had ever happened?" pasture lands lying between the hill been at odds would now he his friend. and the campus of Avalon, two miles All feeling of resentment was for weak voice. "Here I am., I must away. He healtated. "It would be gotten. Only impatience to start on have fallen into some kind of a pit.

At last the clock of the campus is the wealthiest, boy in the class is Roy hastened to the commons. No no reason for his acting so superior. need to go back to his room in South feet But because I'm the poorest is no Hall at the far end of the campus reason for me to ignore him. I'll for he had brought his bag and ham walt." While waiting for Herbert to mer with him. As soon as his hasty come nearer Roy employed his time lunch was finished, he went directly in the study of an object he had to North Hall, the dormitory where Herbert roomed.

bert's door was closed and locked and ing, carried a small burlap bag and no response rewarded his persistent a hammer of the type employed by knocking. "Bert probably isn't so excited about this as I am," Roy specu-"Hello, Bert," called out Roy as lated. "He's taking plenty of time the other approached. "What luck?" for his lunch just as though the "Oh, it's you. Roy," replied the prize discovery of the year didn't de-

A step sounded on the stairs. Joe Blair who occupied the room next to Then, as if indifferent to Roy's suc- Herbert's was coming. "Hello, Hatcess, Herbert continued along his field," he called out. "Waiting for Bert? I'm afraid you won't find him this afternoon."

"But I had an appointment with m!" protested Roy

"I don't know where he went," said Blair. "He drove off in his roadster this morning. Said he would not be back until dinner time."

"Did he take his mineralogy out

"Now you mention it, I think

saw him throw n bag and hammer into his car just before he drove off." Roy's dreams of the new companionship suddenly vanished. Herbert had gone ahead. That was the reason he had been so interested in the plan. he added. "It's too had you don't He must have been intending all the have a regular mineralogist's outfit. time to go out alone, while Roy was With this one Dad gave me I hope working, and clean up the best_speci-

Hot with resentment, Roy strode "That's fine," agreed Roy "How down the stairs, across the campus Mount Diamond. "To think I trust-"What was it"" Heroert at last ed him," he muttered: "He even considers himself too good to go with "I'm quite sure myself admitted me Drives out alone and leaves me "Here it is. What do you! to walk When I find him I'll tell

crystal about three inches! As Roy tramped along his air lone. At the base it was clear as mounted, reaching its climax as he water but a short distance up it came upon a well-known roadster turned into a delicate green, tapering parked at the foot of the slope. "He's

Herbert whistled as he took the As he climbed the side of Mount crystal in his hand. In the light of Diamond his plans for dealing with the setting sun it radiated a warm his classmate began to take definite glow of color as by turned it from shape. "No use talking to a fellow of that kind;" he concluded. "What "Say!" he exclaimed. "You have he needs is a good beating, and I'm; pit were straight and slippery with services as investigator of conditions

Fully determined upon his course, he soon reached the bottom. "That's what I'll have to find lovt and angered to the highest pitch, Roy I'm going to show it to Professor broke through the shrubbery into the lopen square that he had indicated "Where did you find it" asked on his sketch "Oh, there you are," Herbert. called out-Herbert glancing up from "Right up near the top," explained a large rock which he was examin-

hunt farther but I made a sketch of "Yes, I'm here," replied Roy coldly, Cooper and I will-pull you-out in nor ment, at the last minute, advised restraining his resentment as much "as possible. "You expected me, did-"Sure. See. It's about a hundred n't you". Now that you've had half vards from the brow of the bill Here a day to yourself I suppose you are. are a big bowlder and three small willing for me to pick up anything

a clump of bushes. Take the pines. "But, Roy," exclaimed Herbert in

the top". As he spoke Roy pointed "No," declared Roy, "I think I have "I think I'll take a look into that hon. The British casualties totalled out each of the points as he had you just right. You put one over on hole while you are resting." Tossing 377, including 106 killed sketched them ."There in the center me last night when you got me to the tope once more into the opening. Within a month after the rebellion of the square is where I picked it up , tell where I found the crystal. But the professor disappeared while the 15 tebels had been executed and There must be others. I'm 'going von won't get out of it so easily back tomorrow to hunt for them. You've been a prig. an unbearable ing his return "Wish I might go with you ' sug- upstart, and you're going to be taken." For a few minutes neither spoke were Patrick's H. Pearse, named presi-

clared Herbert rising to his feet and silence "Roy"

mistake Didn't you ". I stand up and take what's coming to ed Roy

splot: Unsuspectingly Roy explained Herbert, stepping aside to avoid, "Then I don't wonder you were the details, so carefully that even a the impact of the blow, tripped over angry," conceded Herbert. "You stranger might have found the place a dead log and fell headlong into the thought I had been here all the unguided. As they reached the col- clump of hushes that marked one morning. As a matter of fact, I had lege they parted with a final word side of the square. Roy stood men- just arrived when you came. I wrote from Herbert. "Be sure to come to acingly at the edge of the 'bushes you that I had to go home for the

hlle Herbert struggled to his feet. Come out and take it!" he threaten- about two."

"I'm coming," replied the now thoroughly aroused Herbert. Then, ns, he took a step forward, he vanished completely from sight. . .

Stepping forward, Roy suddenly brought himself up with a start. At l'his feet gaped a large hole. Looself usked Roy bewildered. NOBBY. That's what he is." my room just as soon after dinner remained unnoticed until Herbert "Don't you think we can hit it off , had stepped directly over the open-; Roy felt, as he steadily worked in ing and had been swallowed up, Cau

> Bert!" he called loudly. At first there was no response; then faintly, came the sound of a moan as from some a loud shout from the mouth of the "Rent! Where are you? What has

Another grown was followed by a It quite stunned me but I guess I'm all right now."

"I can't see you," explained Roy as firmed Herbert happily. he stared into the blackness at his

ting used to it." "How far down are you?" "About fifteen feet. I should think It's like being at the bottom of a

"Are you hurt?" "Afraid my shoulder is sprained

My left arm seems helpless. How am I going to get out?" "I'll find some way," Roy assured

him. "Do you think I could climb "No. The sides are too smooth You'll have to get a rope."

"But there's no rope nearer than the campus." "Then take my car and drive u for one. I'll be allright." y

"Sure?"

Roy's descent of the hill was little more than one continuous slide. His driving would have caused conterrnation to the traffic police had any been present. As the car swung into the campus it barely missed collision with Professor Cooper who was driving slowly out. With a jert, Roy brought the roadster, to a stop "Oh, professor," he' cried, "Herbert Allen is caught in a hole up on the mountain!"

"How did that happen?" asked the perplexed professor.

Rapidly Roy explained the accident, omitting any reference to the affray. . Impatiently be demanded a "There's a long coil in the labora-

tory," advised the professor, "You go for it while I get a flash light nearly two years; on the battle-

the rays of the flash light he could arms and ammunition from a Gersee Herbert hing at the bottom. "Okeh!" responded Herbert as he land

rose stiffly to his feet. "My arm is On that Fateful Good Friday toe out of commission but otherwise I'm notorious Sir Roger Casement landed

the rope securely to the trunk of a off the const. Casement, former small tree and, flash light in hand. British consular official who had started the descent. The sides of the keen knighted in recognition of his moss, but with the help of the rope, on rubber stations in Peru, was, a "What a fall you had," he We dependence.

claimed with a shullder. "It was rather sudden," admitted

"Well, we're going to get you ou let me tie this rope round you

Soon, by the united efforts of the professor and the now thoroughly repentant Roy, Herbert was safely. The revolt broke out on Easter raised to the surface. "Just let me Sunday and continued for a week test a few minutes," he requested with fighting chiefly in the streets of as he once more stood on solld Dublin Some 2,000 rebels partici-

ground "Then I'll be ready." right," spoke up Professor Cooper troops brought in to quell the rebel; ...

down a peg. You're going to take a It seemed hard for either to Begin dent of the "provisional government." the explanations which must be of the republic of Ireland," and "Why, Hatfield, you're 'crazy' de smade. At last, Herbert, broke, the James Connolly, a sformer, Labor

"Can you ever forgive me " pleads rest of After a three-day trial before

"The one I left in your room" her Without going to my room"

forenoon and would meet you here

Shamefacedly Roy held out hi hand. "Forgive me, Bert. I certain-

ly misjudged you." "This time, yes. But you have not misjudged me all the fall term. You Roy gasped as his foe disappeared. have thought that I was swell-head-Was this some trick? Slowly and ed. That if just what I have been. cautiously he peered into the bushes Why. I haven't had a real friend he Was Herbert hiding, only to spring the whole class: I don't even have out_as soon as Roy should be off his a roommate. Last night, when you guard? Herbert was powhere to be agreed to let me work with you, I decided to have both. How about

"What have I to do about covered with fallen branches it had "You're it," laughed Herbert.

"I shouldn't think you would wan

"But I do," I'll heed a friend more

mantever now. How about it Before the decision could be made hole interrupted the discussion "Boys!" called out the excited voice of a very much excited professor. "Do you know what you've found" You've tumbled into the greatest

."I know I have, professor. I've tumbled into awfully good luck," af

The professor shook his head as though falling to comprehend the re-"I can see you," replied Herbert, mark; then his scientific enthus-"It's fairly light now that I am get- lasm drove all other thoughts from his mind. "You boys have found a deposit of turmaline crystals that is marvelous. Look here." From hispocket- he pulled out a collection of many-Colored crystals that were actunlly dazzling. -"Just a few of them," he explained, "That hole is fairly lined with them."

"Don't you think the discovery can wait a bit, professor?" asked Herbert. "Roy and I want to get back to the college. He's going to move. We have a lot of important things.to attend to."

"Important!" gasped the professor. What can be more important that this?" Sending the glow of new formed friendship-in the faces of his two pupils, he added, "Well, perhaps you're right. Let's go."

WAR 25 Years Ago-

Irish Rebellion Brought-Into The Open When Sir Roger Casement Tried to Land Arms from German Ship

> BY H. H. GORDON Canadian Press Staff Writer

World attention, focussed for grounds of Europe, Africa and Asia, ' In an incredibly short time, Boy was suddenly diverted to Ireland, 25 and the professor stood at the edge years ago in the First Great War. of the mysterious opening in the. The rebellious activities of Irish exground. "Are you all right?" called tremists flared into the open April Roy as he leaned over the edge. By 21, 1916, with an attempt to land! man ship on the west coast of Ire-

Barna County Kerry from an "I'll be with you in a minute," Roy Jenemy submarine, but the German assured him hopefully as he fastened arms transport "Aud" was captured leader in the movement for Irish in

Three days later he was arrested l in a ruined fort, which afterwards; became a place of pilgrimage for Sinn Fein Irishmen. But the inciof here nearly as suddenly. Here, dent provided the spark that led to the Easter (rebellion, although Case-) postponement of the uprising.

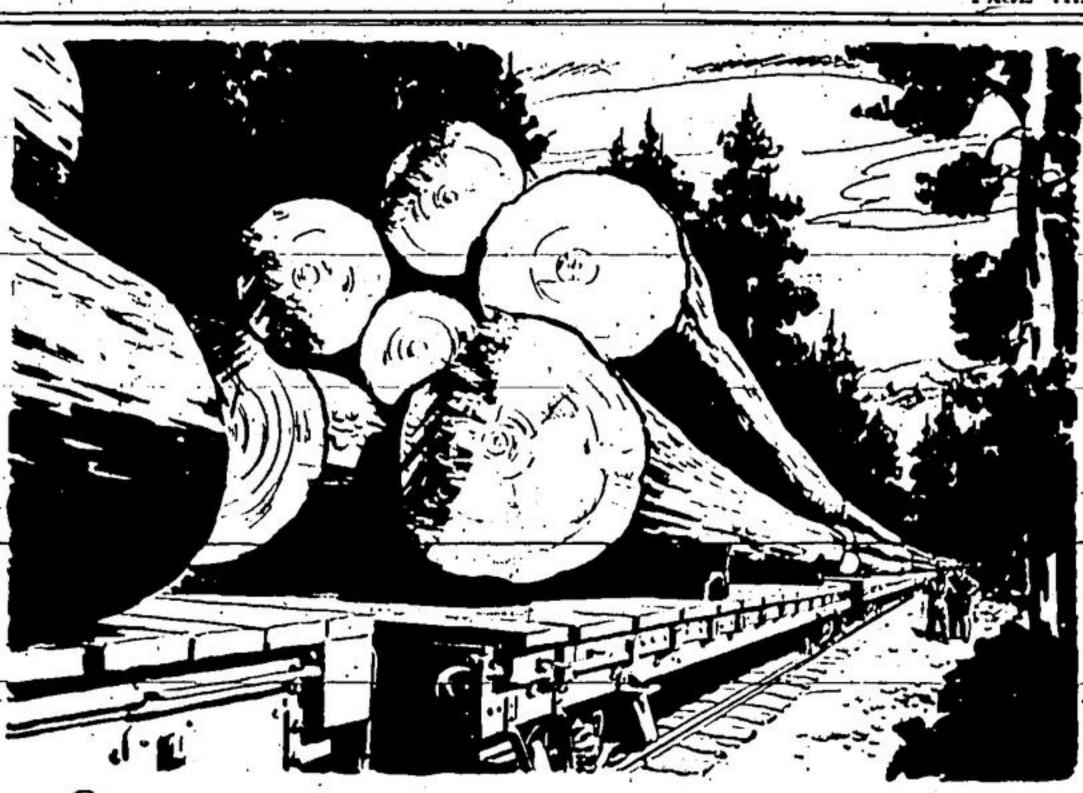
Fighting in Dublin

pated, but their losses were slight in

of imprisonment. Among those shot

"Herbert" responded Roy "What Casement will following his retire; ing 'I always put in Saturday force ening antagonist "There's been some an idiot I was! You might have been, ment to Ireland in 1914 had developed a hatted for England, was taken . . to London immediately after his ar-Lord Chier Justice, and two other "For saving me?" Herbert teplieds judges, he was convicted on June '29 and sentenced to death. The follow-

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