

EXCELLENCE RETURNS FROM THE CANADIAN WHEAT CROP

United States Settlers Becoming Rich on Western Canada Lands.

The large number of United States settlers coming to the Western provinces of Canada are easily explained by the case of Mr. C. Lacy, late of Wisconsin and later of Alberta.

Mr. Lacy came to Canada from Wisconsin in the summer of 1874 with \$1,500 available cash in his possession. He rented a half-section of partly improved land in Alberta and commenced farming following. He broke 300 acres with oats, 20 with barley, and 200 with wheat.

He has thrashed about 7,000 bushels of No. 1 Northern wheat from two hundred acres, which went from 24 to 54 bushels per acre.

Seven thousand bushels of wheat, all No. 1 Northern, two thousand bushels of oats, 470 bushels of buckwheat, and nine head of good horses, and less than \$500 in cash. I have put \$1,500 worth of improvements on my farm. I have 31 head of cattle, 16 head of horses, debts all paid, a new automobile, and a good stiff buck account.

Intelligent farming pays always according to Alex. Wattie, a prosperous farmer. Some figures to prove his contention that he has "made good."

Books of No Avail. Billy's teacher had written a problem in multiplication on the board and asked: "What table do you use for this?"

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Against Women's High Shoes. There is a great deal of English against the high shoes of fashion, because of the trouble they constitute, unnecessarily.

MOTHERS LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE If cross, feverish, constipated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time for you to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child looks feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has some throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation, poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

One of Them. Dulle—Oh, that's Castle de Poonroy. That's the first place where the young Duke d'Or was killed.

Spain devotes 3,500,000 acres to olives. The less she means if the louder a man can laugh.

IMMORTAL COOL

A tribute to the great war president's labors for the restoration of national unity from Col. Henry Watterson, last of the "old school" editors, distinguished publicist and Confederate veteran

"Would that the spirit of the illustrious dead could speak from the grave in tones which would give to the people of my countrymen! Know you anything of the death of Sumner?"

THE LINES of thought and feeling which led to the reclamation of the old place of Abraham Lincoln and the peaceful success and unity of purpose that attend its transfer from the ownership of an association to the possession of the government of the United States contrast strangely with the passions which flared in the open in which his lot was cast, toward the close breaking into a volcano of blood and flame, his tragic death subsequently the end; for we now know that while he was entertaining the most benevolent intentions toward the beaten party in the strife, his taking of eye to the signal and the pretext for letting loose upon the vanquished a swarm of evil angels, which even worse than those of war itself.

For at least ten years before the secession of the Southern States the two sectional extremes and out of congress talked like madmen, the raving ranging from the abolition orator's melodramatic "My curse be upon the Constitution of these United States" to the domineering of the Southern senator who would not be pacified until he could "roll the master roll of his slaves beneath Bunker Hill monument."

As the sectional pressure tightened in the North, the more the advocates of actual hostilities those conservative men who tried to avert the oncoming conflict, the more they were regarded as traitors. Neither extreme would listen to moderate counsel. The interposition of the border States proved of doubtful result and was of short duration. During the war and after it was over these patriotic men fared no better than the firebrands of the mass and body of the Southern people confounded with the original secessionists. Even those who were devoted to the Union and at least a strong minority were opposed to slavery.

No one understood this better than Abraham Lincoln. He was himself of Southern birth. He and all his tribes were Southerners. Although he left Kentucky when a child, he was an old Kentuckian, he had a very young son, he did go very far, growing to manhood in a Kentucky colony, for what is Illinois, except Chicago, but a Kentucky colony, swollen somewhat out of proportion? He was in no sense what we used to call "a poor white."

In the general rather desultory and in the end, wholly abortive, talk between the three Confederate commissioners and Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Seward, Mr. Lincoln referring to slavery and the Emancipation Proclamation, declared that he would be willing to accept the tax to pay the Southern people a fair valuation for their slaves. It is a matter of fact that he had already prepared a joint resolution to be recommended to the two houses of congress appropriating \$400,000,000 to this purpose, and a proclamation to be issued by himself as president when this had been adopted.

On his return to Washington he held these two papers before the cabinet. Inevitably there was opposition. "Why, gentlemen," he said, "how long is the war going to last? It is not going to end in one hundred days, is it? It is costing you \$400,000,000 a day. There you have the \$400,000,000, not counting the intervening loss of lives and property. But, you are all against me, and I will say no more about it." Both papers still stand in his own handwriting.

The South's True Friend. The death of Lincoln removed from the head of affairs in the North, my friend the Southern people had at court. There came in his stead an old line southern Democrat—a veritable "poor white"—breathing destruction to the ruling classes at the South, yet a constitutionalist of the school of Jefferson and as hostile to the negro equality theories of the radical Republicans as the most ultra Coppenhead of the North. Secession had failed; must it carry with it the failure also of the institutional freedom? Liberating the black man, must it enslave the white?



COL. HENRY WATTERSON

rests upon two imperfect and apparently conflicting narratives—the official and coronal report of the Confederate commissioners and the subsequent oral and personal statement of Mr. Stephens. The disagreement, however, is easily explained, having, with attendant controversy, arisen because Mr. Stephens said was assumed to be an attack upon Mr. Davis, it was never so intended by Mr. Stephens, the aim being solely to throw light upon the character and purposes of Mr. Lincoln.

It should be borne in mind in this connection that Mr. Stephens and Mr. Lincoln were personal friends—old Whig colleagues in congress—Lincoln a warm admirer of Stephens, whom he wanted to ask to become a member of his cabinet when he was elected president. In the little cabin of the river steamer where the conference was being held the two had drawn apart from the rest. "Stephens," said Lincoln, as Mr. Stephens related the conversation to many of his friends, "you know I am a fair man and you know you are one. Both of us understand the situation. Let me write 'Union' at the top of this page and you may write below it whatever else please. I am sure you will write nothing which would not agree to."

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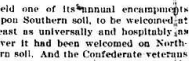
and get rather closely trimmed in the factories. If the original "T" was left on in all its length, the men would run, nay and plebeian, to match the trends that business men wear in magazine stories, the issue of beauty would take care of itself. If the most male footgear is concerned, and the old injunction to put your best foot forward would have a more liberal significance. Shoes also are not to stand for; they are poked and scuffed into all manner of places; they enjoy no human protection.



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PIPE LINE ACROSS OCEAN An Irish manufacturer has prepared a detailed plan for laying an Irish submarine pipe line between the British Isles and America, which, according to estimates, would transmit oil to England at a cost fraction of the present transportation cost. The scheme is described in the Popular Mechanical Magazine. As proposed, the pipe would be made of steel ribbon on the hot-rolled principle, so as to be flexible. The coverings of the ribbon as it winds round and round itself would be packed with asbestos twine. The tube would be able to withstand an internal pressure of 2,000 pounds and an external pressure of 10,000 pounds per square inch. Around it would be woven a cotton casing coated with preservative. To give the pipe longitudinal strength a stranded steel cable would be put inside. Twenty vessels would be employed to lay the pipe, each being assigned a 130-mile section. The scheme calls for an outlay of \$500,000,000. It is estimated that the transportation cost per 1,000 gallons per 1,000 miles would be about 50 cents. By tank steamers it is about \$50.

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BURR
 Miss V. L. Mullins and brother Cecil, left Sunday night for Middletown, Ohio, to spend the summer. — Jack Mullins has sold out and will leave some time this week for Middletown to make his future home. — Ebert Baker has rented the store house of John Stokes and has a nice line of staple and fancy groceries. — Miss Fanny and Zula Lovell returned to the Mt. Vernon graded school Monday. — Messrs. Bob Fields, Cloud and Joe McHague are new students from this part to enter the Mt. Vernon graded school. — You Rockcastle boys and girls who have been thinking of going to school somewhere, but don't know just where would be the best place to go. Let us tell you right here to enter the Mt. Vernon Graded School. It is first class every way, and has the best corps of teachers that has ever been selected and one of the best professors at the head. No trouble to learn there if you try at all. — John Madden has moved in one of Chas. Lovell's houses. — Chas. Lovell sold a cow to Dave Mullins for \$55.00. The latest hog buyers in this part gave the farmers 90c per lb. — Mr. J. T. Wells bought a cow from Chas. Lovell for \$40. — Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson who have been living at Hazel Patch for past year will move back to their old home in Boone's Hollow. Mrs. Anderson is an invalid, and has not walked a step for 8 years. — Mr. Milton Baker is on the sick list this week.

Washington, Feb. 5. — A resolution indorsing President Wilson's action in severing diplomatic relations with Germany, was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relation Committee, emphasizing particularly the President's expressed desire to maintain peace.
 The resolution received the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany and concluded by declaring "that the Senate approves the action taken by the President as set forth in his address to Congress."
 Republican Senate leaders, among them Lodge, Callinger and Simcox, were opposed and the Republican will support the indorsement.
 Senator Stone requests that the resolution go over to a day under the rules for action to-morrow and it was agreed, to without debate.
 The text of the resolutions follows:
 Whereas The President has, for the reasons stated in his address delivered to the Congress in joint session on February 3, 1917, severed diplomatic relations with the Imperial German Government by the recall by the American Ambassador at Berlin and by holding his passports in the German Ambassador at Washington and
 Whereas, notwithstanding this severance of diplomatic intercourse, the President has expressed his desire to avoid conflict with the Imperial German Government; and
 Whereas, the President declared in this address that if in his judgment an occasion should arise for further action in the premises on the part of the Government of the United States he would submit the matter to the Congress and ask the authority of Congress to use such measures as he might deem necessary for protection of American seamen and people in the prosecution of their peaceful and legitimate errands on the high seas; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Senate approve the action taken by the President as set forth in his address delivered before the joint session of the Congress as stated above.
ABOUT CONSTIPATION.
 Certain articles of diet tend to check movement of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea and boiled milk. On the other hand raw fruits especially apples and bananas, also, graham bread and whole wheat bread promote a movement of the bowels. When the bowels are badly constipated, however, the sure way is to take one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper.
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LIVINGSTON

Mrs. Daniel Ponder is very low at this time—R. B. Mullins traveling salesman, of Richmond, Ky. was here Tuesday with his sam p. s. Reubin is a hustler and is making good—Dr. and Mrs. James Sammis left on No. 22 Tuesday. Dr. and Mrs. Sams have been visiting the doctor's mother, Mrs. A. J. Sams, who has been very sick for some time—Bill Odell will move back to Gauley branch in a few days. Bill says there is no place like home.

R. B. Sams, of Paris, has been here several days on account of the serious illness of his mother.—Mrs. C. A. Blanford has returned from Parksville and reports her mother, Mrs. Wil Brown better.—Mrs. Lou Argenbright has returned home to Knoxville after a few days visit with relatives here—Mrs. Bessie McClure, assistant postmistress at this place, was in Mt. Vernon Saturday and Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cox and children have returned from London after a few days visit with relatives.—S. C. Franklin, watch inspector, after several days absence from our town, was here Tuesday. In his absence the old standard clock, which trains have been run by for many years, refused to go. But on S. C.'s arrival had a few moments work, it is o. k. now.—S. C. Hellard, of Mt. Vernon, was here Sunday between trains en route home from Pitsburg, Ky.—Wade Graves has been here a few days overhauling the telephones.—J. A. Oliver, the Winchester salesman, was here between trains Tuesday. Joe seems to be doing well as a knight of the grip.—Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Baker, of Mt. Vernon, were in our town Tuesday. They came down to see Mrs. Daniel Ponder, who is very low. Mr. Baker is one of Mt. Vernon's wide awake merchants, who has made a success in the goods business. Comb again Mr. U. G.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Murphy died Sunday. She was ten days old. She was buried Monday the 5th, in the Ward cemetery. The parents have the sympathy of the entire community. But there is one consolation, we have no doubt as to where she has gone: "Sweet little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."—Dav-

id Jackson, of Louisville, traveling salesman for the Louisville Tin & Stone Co., was here Tuesday. "Uncle Dave" always has a kind word for everybody.—Mrs. G. D. Cook, who has been very sick for some time, is slowly improving.—Mrs. Grant Helton, of LaFollette, Tenn., left for this city Monday after a few days visit with relatives here. Mr. C. E. Rice is in Ravens, Ky., this week visiting her husband, who has a position there.—We have received a communication from our old friend James Maret, who is in the good state of Texas. He claims that his hand organ has gone to squeaking and asks us to sell our second hand set of false teeth and buy one and send to him, so he could still keep the music going. We wish J. M. a good time while in Dixie and a speedy return to old Mt. Vernon.—We are having some of the coldest weather we have had for years and according to the ground hog we will have lots of it. But we do not believe anything in this ground hog business anyway.

We see where we have lost the pike. That is it is given up that it will go over Gauley, such to the disast-fact of the good little town of Livingston, as the pike will come to the edge of our town and then turn off and over Gauley mountain to Parker's creek a distance of about 6 miles, and a terrible grade, when we could have gone to the Laurel county line with one mile. Well, we did all we could. When the voter voted his ballot he voted for the pike and it was to go over Wild C. B. Baker, of London, filed his regular appointment as the Christian Church, Saturday, but did not preach Sunday.—Henry Manthey has gone to Florida on a pleasure trip. He will stay two weeks.—Fred Mullins, of Mullins Station, was here Tuesday.—Albert Hamilton, of Mt. Vernon, was here be-

tween trains Sunday en route home from McKee.—It has been said that the least expected sometimes happens: Several times it has looked like that break would come between Germany and the United States, but has always been bridged over. Not so, this time, for we are now facing the crisis, a while we all stand behind President Wilson and will do his bidding. Yet we see what a terrible thing is war.—We have been informed that Jobiah Baker of Scags creek is very low, and not expected to live but a short time.—L. L. Payne returned Sunday from Tennessee where he has a position.

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Boone-Way Man At Aransas Pass

Accepting an invitation of Jack Conn, an old Rockcastle boy, the writer dropped down from San Antonio, Monday, to this coast town, which, as many of us know is a widely advertised city. The deep water channel is at Port Aransas, six miles across the bay which is reached by a railroad on piles and fills, or was until the big storm of August 1916 when the entire road was virtually destroyed by wind and waves entailing a loss of a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This road has not been re-established, but is now being reconstructed on a more substantial basis. A hundred or more houses were wrecked during this storm, a number of them are yet lying low.

We spent two days on Mustang Island with a fishing party at Port Aransas. Hine Davis and Charlie Rice of Livingston, Joe and Jim Burrows, formerly of Lowell, Garrard county, Kentucky, school mates of the writer, in the long ago, are in the party. They have rented a cottage by the sea, for two months, the fishing grounds are two miles at sea, reached by boat or a walk along the top of one of the jetties. The length of the two jetties is about three miles each with a half mile channel between them. The jetties made by the Government, consists of rough stone piled along with a width of thirty or more feet at bottom and twenty feet at top. Many of the huge boulders weighing from five to fifteen tons. The channel is kept clear of sand by dredge boats which lift the sand, then pumps, and is carried to sea and emptied, something on the order of hopper or drop bottom cars. The "Galveston," one of the largest dredge boats afloat is now on the job here.

At the cottage, Hine Davis is filling the place of chief cook; Charlie Rice dishwasher and assistant to the chief; Jim Burrows dishwasher and driver; Joe Burrows manager of pantry, and suppies including purchase agent of "bait" which consists, usually,

of shrimps, first cousins to the crawfish, and "daddlers," which have a strong resemblance to a cross between a spider and a tar-rapin.

Among the variety of fish caught is the drum, shoemaker, trout, torped, cat shephead, whitley, red and spanish macrelle, the season for the latter begins in February and that for tarpon in the spring. These are the greatest tarpon fishing grounds in the world. Many notables from almost every portion of the globe have enjoyed the exciting sport of capturing this game fish at this point. Tarpon grow to weigh several hundred pounds.

The writer was somewhat taken aback when he caught a good sized cat, upon being told to cast it back into the water. They don't use them here.

The catch for the two days, which the writer was with the "gang" was 25 and 16 pounds. It being impossible to contain more than a fifth the fish caught, the surplus is sold to the market men on the island at three cents per pound.

The writer found the cottage by the sea," was provided with most excellent fare, including varieties of fish, oysters, biscuits, graham bread, fruits, vegetables, milk, coffee, tea, ribbon cake syrup, creamery butter, ect, ect.

Two oil transports arrive each week, at the port, from Tampico, Mexico. Until the six mile track is repaired the oil is pumped into barges and taken across the bay (shallow) and pumped into railroad tank cars at Aransas Pass. This oil is in the crude state and is used for railroad locomotives and other motive purposes. All railroad engines here and from New Orleans to California are oil burners. There are no cinders to get into the passengers eyes.

Conn Brown came down from San Antonio, one of his headquarters. He with the writer will return to San Antonio in his automobile, getting an open view of the landscape and Texas good roads, of which the Aransas Pass and San Antonio highway is a good sample.

We have gathered sufficient data and material since our arrival in the state, from which to write many articles, which we believe will prove interesting to the "snow bird"gers," as these southern people call those from the states lying in the snow regions. These relatives and friends in the Lone Star state are keeping me on the go, sight seeing, to such an extent I have scarcely had time to drop a line or write anything for newspapers.

We have viewed the residence, occupied for a number of years, in this city, by our "good friend" John Watson Brown, who was on the ground floor in the creation of Aransas Pass and in his days of prosperity as well as those of its adversity. Mr. B. yet has valuable holdings here.

Jack Conn is kept busy in his real estate and insurance brokerage affairs and is having some success as a railroad promoter.

The largest gas well in this world was recently "brought in," in this county a short time since. The force of the well was so great that it threw stones weighing more than a hundred pounds and the dirt and stones formed a pyramid sixty feet wide at the bottom and twenty or thirty feet high all around the well. The well was cased and coperated and a six thousand pound cap placed on the top. When the escape valves were closed the cap sailed off into the air. Dynamite was used to close the well, and engi-

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TOWN OF MT. VERNON

As your Town Clerk for the period of time from Jan. 8, 1916 to Feb. 3, 1917 I beg leave make the following report, viz:—

RECEIPTS

Jan. 8, 1916—Balance	
cash in hands of Treas.	\$53 79
Privilege License	
paid to date	738.63
Taxes collected for 1915-1916	\$1748 38
Fines from Police Judge	\$118 50
Donations to Road Improvement	20.00
Screening sold to M. J. Miller	2.00
Total Receipts	\$2881.30

DISBURSEMENTS

Speed Limit Boards	\$ 3.00
Boxes and Barges engineering	10.00
Explosive sewer pipes and nails	169.69
Street Lighting	
14 months	478.34
Payment on note to W. M. Porsner	500.00
Marshalls Salary 13 months	325.00
Right of way for Richmond Street	25.00
Refund on License to J. E. Thompson	7.00
Salaries of Town Officers	141.00
Printing to Mt. Vernon Signal	20.25
Commission on collecting	
J. W. Rider for balance due for work on Lovell's Lane and Riffmond St.	83.75
Labor and hauling on Clean Up Days	12.30
Crushed Stone from W. J. Sparks Co.	319.50
Freight on crushed stone	65.00
Labor and hauling street improvement	425.88
Janitor fees for Town	
Electric bills	253.65
Interest on notes	44.08
Street Light fixtures	11.55
St. P. R. R.	
Motor fuel	5.50
Telephone services	9.00
Balance cash on hands Feb. 2, 1917	35.02
Total Disbursements	\$2881.30

FRED L. DURHAM, Clerk.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
 Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

A HINT TO THE AGED.
 If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for a day or two they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would be less danger of the cold being followed, by any of the more serious diseases.

FOR SALE OR TRADE TO FARM:
 A fairly good house and lot of 5 1/2 acres, good well in yard, barn, coal house and young orchard, 3 miles from court house, west on Boone Way, good mudramd pike to door, in graded school district, outside corporate limits with all advantages of town. Also storehouse occupied by Chas. L. Davis. If you want to buy or trade, see W. T. DAVIS, 228 1/2 Mt. Vernon, Ky.

CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS
 These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

LINGERING COUGHS ARE DANGEROUS

Get rid of that sickling cough that keeps you awake at night and drains your vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, antiseptic, laxative and promptly effective. It soothes the irritated membrane and kills the cold germs your cough has soon relieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for croup, grip, coughs and colds. Get a bottle to-day at your Druggist.

THICK, GLOSSY HAIR FREE FROM DANDRUFF

Glacial Beauty Your Hair! Make It Soft, Fluffy and Luxuriant—Try the Moist Cloth.

Try as you will, after an application of Danderine, you cannot find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair...

A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scraggy...

Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any store and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—

Katherine's Voice. Mrs. Kae—I don't believe that music teacher can make anything out of Katherine's voice.

YES! MAGICALLY! CORNS LIFT OUT WITH FINGERS

You say to the drug store man, "Give me a small bottle of Frezzone."

A few drops of this new ether compound applied directly upon a tender, aching corn relieves the soreness instantly...

This new way to rid one's feet of corns was introduced by a Cincinnati man, who says that he cured them in a moment...

If your druggist hasn't any Frezzone tell him to order a small bottle from his wholesale drug house for you—adv.

Lightening the Burden. "Do you approve of prohibition?" "Yes," replied Uncle Sam Benbow.

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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMANY SEVERED

President Wilson Makes Announcement In Address To Congress—Ambassador Gerard Ordered Home

PASSPORTS ARE ISSUED TO VON BERNSTORFF

Neutral Governments Invited To Join United States If Their Rights Are Hit—Breaking Off of Relations Comes With Crash—President Calmly Reviews the Negotiations With Berlin and Quietly Gives Decision—Cheers Greet His Words—German Affairs In Hands of Switzerland

Washington—President Wilson has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany and warned the Kaiser that the United States will not tolerate any further German submarine warfare.

Similar action is waiting for Austria, which the Kaiser's Government has also joined in the campaign of an unrestricted submarine warfare.

President Wilson, in taking the momentous step, has declared that the consequences carefully, as have all his advisors.

Passports have been handed to Count von Bernstorff, Ambassador Gerard, with all his staff and all American consuls have been ordered out of Germany.

The United States are expected to withdraw that the severance of relations may be complete.

Two years of diplomatic negotiation, marked with frequent crises and attended with the loss of more than 200 American lives on the high seas...

Every agency of the American Government has been set in motion to protect the country against acts of Germany.

With the notice of severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, the President has demanded for the immediate release of 44 Americans taken from ships captured by German raiders.

The question of conveying American merchant ships through the submarine blockade has been taken up and is being considered as one of the next moves by this Government.

Neutral Governments have been invited to follow its action if the new submarine campaign violates their rights.

The breaking off of relations came with a crash, despite the fact that it had been discussed and practically determined upon the previous night.

It became known that Ambassador Gerard had been ordered home, and that passports had been sent to Count von Bernstorff four hours before the President formally announced it.

President Wilson kept himself in seclusion, except for a brief conference with Secretary Lansing, until he left the White House for the Capitol shortly before meeting with Congress.

The "Imperial German Government" on the thirty-first of January announced to this Government and to the Governments of the other neutral nations that on and after the first day of February, the present month, it would adopt a policy with regard to the use of submarines against all shipping...

AMBASSADOR GERARD



American diplomat who is ordered home from Berlin.

knowing that the Government of the United States has repeatedly declared that it is determined to restore the principle of the freedom of the seas...

"To this the Government of the United States replied on the eighth of May, accepting, of course, the assurances given, but adding:

"The Government of the United States is not prepared to accept the principle of the freedom of the seas, which it is determined to restore...

"If it is still the purpose of the Imperial Government to prosecute relentless and indiscriminate warfare against vessels of commerce by the use of submarines without regard to the Government of the United States...

"No reply from Germany. To this note of the eighth of May the Imperial German Government made no answer.

"On the thirty-first of January, Wednesday of the present week, the German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, accompanied by the Secretary of State, along with a formal note...

"The Imperial Government, therefore, does not doubt that the Government of the United States will understand the situation forced upon Germany by the Entente Allies' brutal methods of war...

"Under these circumstances German officials are urged to abstain from her enemies by forcibly preventing after February 1, 1917, in a zone around Great Britain, France, Italy and in the Eastern Mediterranean all navigation, that of neutrals included, from and to England and from and to France, etc.

"No Alternative Left Open. "I think that you will agree with me that, in view of this declaration, which suddenly and without prior intimation of any kind deliberately withdrew the German Government's note of the 4th of May, 1916, this Government has no alternative but to declare that it will honor of the United States but to take the course which, in its note of the 4th of April, 1916, it announced...

"I have, therefore, directed the Secretary of State to announce to His Excellency the German Ambassador that all assurance relations between the United States and the German Empire are severed and that the American Ambassador in Berlin will be immediately withdrawn and, in accordance with this decision, to hand to the German Government the passports of the United States consuls in Berlin.

"Notwithstanding this, unexpected action of the German Government, this sudden and deeply deplorable renunciation of its assurances, given in the name of the United States Government at one of the most critical moments of tension in the relations of the two Governments, I refuse to believe that it is the intention of the German authorities to do in fact what they have warned us they will feel at liberty to do.

They have warned us they will feel at liberty to do. I can not bring myself to believe that they will indeed pay no regard to the ancient friendship between their people and our own...

"We do not desire any hostile conflict with Imperial Germany. We are the sincere friends of the German people and earnestly wish to remain at peace with the Government which speaks for them. We shall not believe that they are hostile to us unless and until we are obliged to believe that they are purging nothing more than the reasonable defense of the undoubted rights of our people...

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Nerves All On Edge?

Just as a nerve-wracked is a kidney-wracked, so a kidney-wracked is a kidney-wracked. Doan's Kidney Pills. This sale, relative remedy is recommended by those who have had relief from just such troubles.



Doan's Kidney Pills. POSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

TO KILL COCKROACHES ALWAYS USE STEARNS' ELECTRIC PASTE

Sunk by Icterus. Admittedly the worst danger menacing transatlantic travelers in modern days, with streams of such speed as are plying on the Atlantic, is that of collision with Icterus in a dense fog.

"My singing teacher told me to begin with 'do'."

Children Who Are Sticky

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. "When your child cries at night, tones restlessness, with streams of such speed as are plying on the Atlantic, is that of collision with Icterus in a dense fog."

Relieves and Remedies CONSTIPATION. They keep the intestines clear of bowels, and the pasting bowels are so full that it is a natural, humane way. They are so simple and so easy to use that they can be used by all.

ASTHMA. DR. J. D. KELLOGG'S ASTHMA REMEDY. "The most rapid relief of Asthma and Hay Fever. Ask your druggist for it. It costs only one dollar. Write for FREE SAMPLE. Kellogg & Co., Inc., Buffalo, N. Y."

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FOR SHERIFF.

Mose McNew, of Wildie, Ky.

FOR JAILER.

"Little" Tom Taylor, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOR MAGISTRATE.

PLANT DIRECTOR.

W. M. Sower, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

FOR CONSTABLE.

FIRST DISTRICT.

J. A. Jones, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Governor Statler has called a special session of the Legislature to convene Feb. 14th.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE MOUNTAIN COUNTIES.

We are anxious that our people know that the Federal Aid that has been appropriated to our State by the Federal government for construction and improvement of public roads...

Our people must know that the Dixie Highway laid off by the government in our state is either completed or provided for from Chicago, Ill., to Miami, Fla.

It would be a public calamity not to complete this stretch and thereby not connect the North and South who have their portion practically completed.

BRODHEAD

K. J. Smith recently purchased the E. C. Jones farm in the Hiatt section for \$2150.00.

THE LIVING ON GRADUATED SCHOOL.

Supv. V. O. Gilbert says in a recent article: "Life has become too complex to intrust any part of the training of our future citizenship to ignorance and inexperience."

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IT WILL BE WAR. Reports come from Berlin that Germany does not intend to modify her unrestricted submarine warfare on account of the action of the United States in terminating diplomatic relations with her.

FOR SALE: 2000 acres of nice clover hay at 75 cts per bale. This is good clover hay, and has been well cared for.

QUAIL

Mr. J. J. Todd is numbered with the sick - Jon Major sold his stock of goods to Mr. Dillingham of Quail. Mr. Major will return to his home in Pulaski.

WINTER BRINGS COLD TO CHILDREN. A child rarely goes through the winter without a cold, and every mother should have a reliable remedy.

CONSTIPATION MAKES YOU DULL. That druggist, if pressed, oppressed feeling generally results from constipation.

Mothers use Frey's Vermifuge For the Children. A safe, old fashioned remedy for worms.

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MT. VERNON SIGNAL

MT. VERNON KY, Feb 9, 1917

79 UP "No. 79" WHEN YOU WANT TO COMMUNICATE WITH SIGNAL



TIME TABLE

Table with 2 columns: Direction (North/South) and Time (5:10 p.m., 8:50 a.m., etc.)

JAS. LANDRUM, Agent. Phone No. 8.

Entered at the Mt. Vernon, Ky. Postoffice as second-class mail matter.

PERSONAL

J Fish was in London yesterday on business. Geo. Ferguson was here today from Junction City. A small child of J. J. Stokes is very sick with pneumonia.

Master Hill Reinken has been very sick this week with tonsillitis. Mrs. E. S. Abright has been very sick since Monday with tonsillitis.

Lum Kinsel of the Wilde section is reported very sick with pneumonia. W. J. Sparks and family who have been in Louisville for the past two weeks, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Baker were in Livingston Tuesday to see Mrs. D. H. Ponder, who was reported very low on that day. She is suffering with pneumonia. We unintentionally omitted the item last week of the arrival of another boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pennington.

This makes five boys and one girl. Mrs. Alice Tate fell last Friday striking her side against a chair and broke a rib, which has caused her very great pain for the past week. She is getting along as well as could be expected.

LOCAL

Mrs. Tom Mink of the Brindle Ridge section died Tuesday. Mrs. Dave Robinson died Thursday, after an illness of several weeks. The skating rink which opened last Friday night is attracting big crowds.

Mrs. Walter N. Saunders of Stanford died in that city Monday afternoon. Luther Mannis has sold out his store and will leave in a few days for Harlan County. Mr. Ransie Coffey, of near Wilde, one of the oldest citizens of the county died last night.

This is pneumonia weather keep your feet dry in a pair of Fish's Ball Band Rubbers and stay well. Round trip Lexington \$2.55 Feb. 18-19—no limited to Feb. 21st. Account Laymen Missionary Movement Southern Presbyterian Church.

SALESMEN WANTED To sell orders for lubrication, oil, greases and paints. Salary or Commission, Address THE HARVEY OIL CO., Cleveland, Ohio. Claude Frederick is reported in a very serious condition at the home of his uncle Geo. Frederick near town. Young Frederick which was working in Bell County for some time using cement and it seems that he got some of this in a pore or cut on his leg and blood poison is feared.

New shirts and new collars at Fish's. Riding pants for young men at Fish's. Pneumonia seems to be raging in the Hanford section.

Toilet soap 9 bars for 10c U. G. BAKER & SON. W. M. McFarquar and Albert Cromer of Pipe Hill, sold to J. T. Wells of Crab Orchard a bunch of hogs at 9 cts per lb.

Road trip Bowling Green \$7.50, Feb. 18-19 limited to Feb. 28 Account The Rural Life School and Conference. FOR RENT: I desire to rent by the month my property on West Main street Address ROY BRITTON Bond, Ky.

FOR SALE:—1 heating stove, 1 roll-top office desk, and 1 table desk. All in fair condition. Inquire at Langdon School, Jan. 1917. P. Q. Griffin has purchased from F. L. Thompson Sr. the property now occupied by D. C. Price as a restaurant. This is a very desirable location for grocery and restaurant.

The stockholders of the Mt. Vernon Power Co held their regular annual meeting Tuesday evening, re-electing the same board of directors and officers as heretofore. A six per cent dividend was declared which will be paid in semi-annual payments.

On Saturday the 17th at 1 p. m. the stockholders of the Mt. Vernon Fair Assn. will meet at the Court House. We hope to be able to have cent stock sold by that time to assure the new Grand Stand for this year. If you have not taken that share of stock yet, get it and help save the Mt. Vernon Fair.

Hon. E. Bullock, Rockca tle's and Laurel's representative in the lower house of the Kentucky Legislature will go to Frankfort on Wednesday next week to attend the special session of the Legislature which has been called by Gov. A. O. Stanley for the sole purpose of considering a revenue and taxation bill. Some years ago the Legislature went wild and added so many expenses to the state that it has since been impossible to make both ends meet. Two normal schools were established at great cost; another big appropriation was made annually to the State College; the free primary law was adopted which costs the state annually a huge sum; the Confederate pension law was adopted and this class a fabulous sum annually; the salary of members of the Legislature was increased from \$5 to \$10 a day and a score of other lesser expenses were added. These expenses must be met, and the only way to meet them is to increase taxes in some form and thus raise the money. Gov. McCreary was blamed but he was as innocent as the angels, and Gov. Stanley will doubtless be blamed, although he was a member of Congress in Washington when the people sent the legislatures to Frankfort that put the State into such a hole. This is the first time in twelve years that the Kentucky legislature has been convened in special session. The session automatically is limited to sixty days and the expense will easily total \$100,000. The senate and house employes, clerks, sergeant at arms, doorkeepers, pages, cloak room keepers and janitors, elected at the 1916 session, will hold their places through the special session. With only one question before the house, which must originate and pass first, the senators will have ample time to acquaint themselves with all the details of the proposed legislation by listening to the debates in the house and the employes will enjoy a session of comparative ease until the house begins sending bills to the senate and even then they will have very little work to do.

DRUMMOND'S SPECIALS

Brooms, a good one 30c cane handle. RED OX TWIST Tobacco Special Saturday and Monday next, per lb 37c 10 5c Twists 37c 5 10c Twists 37c Worth Wholesale 42c pound. HONEY MEAT, each 5c MEDIUM WEIGHT Men's Union Suits All sizes, one week Suit 79c Men's Heavy Shoes Full Length Lace, all sizes, \$8.00 values, Pair \$2.19 Bring us your Produce and get these and other Bargains

DRUMMOND'S STORES

THE PASSING OF A USEFUL MAN The death of Mr. J. W. Van Winkle, on Tuesday afternoon, came as a shock to the many who knew and loved him. It is true that he had been failing in strength for some weeks. The weight of his more than eighty years was resting heavily upon his body otherwise none so strong. But his will to do gave him an activity beyond his strength. Only a few hours before his death, he sat in his chair, before the fire. The end coming so swiftly was a severe shock to his devoted wife who has been ill for several weeks and is still confined to her bed. He was the father of ten living children, all of whom have reached, or passed, maturity. Six of these four sons and two daughters were here. After funeral services at the Christian church, on Wednesday morning, they took the body to Berea, where they hoped to be joined by the other children before the interment. Mr. Van Winkle, as a citizen, was an asset to any community. He was interested in every betterment. He was a very active man, having finished his last, of many schools in his eightieth year. Few men are closer students than he was. Unlike many who pass the allotted years of man he did not live in the past, but was keenly alive to the world of to-day. As a Christian gentleman, he was at his best. Living, with him, was serving. His happiest hours were when he was bringing his best and placing it unselfishly on the altar of service. His life was clean. The good man loved and trusted him. The bad man respected him. His love sought "The Trail That Leads to the Hearts of Men" and his faith found the "Paths that Lead to the City of God."

The cat came back, so do the people that buy groceries from U. G. BAKER & SON. DADDY OF BOONE WAY HIGHWAY VISITING S. J. CONN.

James Maret, of Mt. Vernon, Ky., was the guest this week of S. J. Conn. Incidentally Mr. Maret is a very unassuming newspaper man, but particularly he is quite distinguished, being a good roads man of national repute. He is the "daddy" of the Boone Way movement which is now a part of the national highway system. Originally the route extended from Crab Orchard, Ky., to Cumberland Gap, Tenn., a distance of 85 miles. Today the highway covers more than 1,000 miles. In 1913 he conceived the idea of a great national highway over the route traveled by the immortal Daniel Boone, intrepid hunter, explorer, and he has been on the job ever since, encouraging, aiding and pushing the work to completion. It was his first visit to Aransas Pass and the coast country and he has gratified to note that a start had been made here on permanent highways. "You have made a good start," he said, "now keep it going." Your community can not have too many good roads and you must have them if you keep up with other progressive cities. Extend them and make them still better whenever possible, and it will not be long until everyone realizes their immense value and will wonder why they did not build them long ago."—Aransas Pass (Texas) Progress.

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THE LAUGHING MASK BY ARTHUR STRINGER

AUTHOR OF "THE OCCASIONAL OFFENDER," "THE WIRE TAPPERS," "GUN RUNNERS," ETC. NOVELIZED FROM THE PATHE PHOTO PLAY OF THE SAME NAME.

SYNOPSIS.

On Windward Island Pathologist Intergene Mrs. Golden told the appearance of evil... The Italian by branding his face and... Golden's little daughter... Golden's house is dynamited during the attack... Espino is crushed in the ruins.

NINTH EPISODE

ARROWS OF HATE.

Doctor Ansett stared down at the bundle of delicately carved arrows. They were as slender as a bistoury blade and scarcely longer than a darning needle. Then he looked up at his visitor.

"So you really object to telling me your name," he said as he carefully restored the fragile darts to their receptacle of capped bamboo.

"Unless it's essential, I'd prefer not to be the stranger's quiet-toned reply.

"Then why did you bring these things to me?" asked the doctor.

"Because I understood you were the most eminent toxicologist in America. And I was anxious to know whether or not those innocent-looking arrows in your hand were really poisoned."

"The doctor's smile was a grim one. 'Well, they were poisoned, all right! It is difficult, of course, to say just what the nature of the venom is. But that does not interest me as much as the question of where you obtained possession of such remarkably deadly little missiles.'

"For a moment or two the stranger remained silent.

"To be quite candid, doctor, these arrows were stolen."

"From whom?"

"From the foreign servant of a man who has unwittingly proved himself an enemy to society."

"And is that why you have asked me to clean and neutralize them with such scientific exactitude?"

"It is."

"And now that their fangs have been drawn, so to speak, what do you propose to do with them?"

"Return them to their owner."

"To what end?"

"To the end that any nefarious plan which he may be about to execute will not bring death where that criminal desires to bring it!"

The abstract-eyed doctor watched his visitor as the latter prepared to take his departure.

Had Doctor Ansett been less interested in remarkable poisons and more interested in remarkable persons, he might have kept on the trail of this mysterious stranger, and in doing so he might have discovered that these venomous arrows of mystery were the rightful property of one unrighteous Mask, the personal servant of that elusive master criminal known as Jules Legar.

Legar's campaign to discredit the Laughing Mask was a characteristic of his.

"We've got him!" gasped one of his captors as Lieutenant Kibby confronted him.

"What'll we do with him?" asked his other captor.

"First thing, tear that fool mask off!" commanded the lieutenant.

But that command was not carried into execution. For Margery Golden, catching sight of the Laughing Mask's alien revolver, ran to where he lay and took possession of it. The next moment it was leveled straight at the heart of the detective whose hand had been lifted to the yellow domino covering his prisoner's face.

"Stop!" commanded the girl.

"Put a American!" promptly commanded Kibby, purple with indignation.

"Not until your men release that prisoner," was her deliberate response.

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"I hope you understand now why you're here," said the doctor. "The Mask!" was the first officer's cry as he swung the grate open as to face her equally frail father.

"Well, well, I get him," thundered the grim-willed old millionaire, "or he'll never walk out of this house alive!"

Even as he spoke the renewed sound of shouts came to them from above. It was Wilson the butler who called to Golden and the group at his heels as he went floundering up the stairs.

"He's gone into Manley's room, sir!" cried that vastly disturbed old servant. "And he locked the door as he went!"

"Well, Manley himself is there," panted the owner of the house as he hurried on to his secretary's door. "He's typing, my international director's reports."

But the sounds that came from within the room in no way suggested such sedentary pursuits as typewriting.

"They're fighting, sir!" called out Wilson, with his old ear cocked close to the door panel. "My word, sir, but they're at it, 'nd 'savy!"

By the time one of Kibby's detectives had caught up a chair and battered in that door all sounds of combat had ceased. And the astonished note which she opened and read in a somewhat disturbing message to her was only too evident. And whatever that message it was equally evident she intended to keep it to herself.

"No bad news, I hope?" remarked Golden, rather dejectedly studying her face.

"Not altogether," was the girl's evasive reply.

Margery Golden smiled a little as she folded up the note. She was still smiling as she tore the paper in two, again and still again. One small piece of that paper fluttered from her fingers and fell half way between her and the still frowning young secretary.

Helping hands soon released the unhappy prisoner.

"I tried to stop him," he said, a little thickly. "And this is what I got for it!"

But Lieutenant Kibby was no longer interested in Manley.

"Two of you men go out through this window," he commanded, "and round up that man before he gets away!"

Then called for her hat and coat. He had time to say, however, once he saw that silence was golden.

The moment he was alone, however, he quickly crossed to the fireplace, dropped down on his hands and knees, and there peered closely at the charred remnants of the note which he saw to be a memorandum.

Three or four of the fragments he again rescued with the help of a brass fire shovel. He turned them about delicately and studied them patiently. On one he deciphered the words "you will come." On another he managed to make out "am ill." The only remaining portion of incriminated carbon on which he could discover any trace of writing was that of the letter. But on what remained of it he could read "63 Wash-ington Square!"

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He was really the best friend I have ever had," said the girl. "I could have said 'Friendship, don't you see, is hardly enough,' he declared as she turned quickly away.

"But friendship, perhaps, it may even be something more," she called softly back to him before slipping out through the open door.

"The Deadly Desoy!"

It was David Manley who blurted and unreasonably happy, all that day and the next, he succeeded in keeping his happiness to himself. It was not a prophetic time, he knew, for the territory of emotions he essentially personal. There was still a shadow over the house of Gold and Manley which gave small promise of passing away until fate or accident ended the activities of one Jules Legar. There was, too, a shadow in Manley's heart, a shadow of doubt as to how far he was justified in accepting Margery Golden's words as he had accepted them.

So as he talked with her the following day he was conscious of a vague constraint which rendered him there still reservations to be respected and confidences to be withheld.

This was brought keenly home to Manley as Wilson carried in to the girl sitting so close to him a sealed note which she opened and read in a somewhat disturbing message to her was only too evident. And whatever that message it was equally evident she intended to keep it to herself.

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He had just crossed Fourteenth street, swooping south, when he caught sight of the Golden limousine, empty with the exception of Train at the wheel, sweeping northwest.

The girl's discovery, once he had reached the square, took him up the stone steps of a ruinous mansion long given over to artists' studios and workshops of a minor order. And when he had climbed three flights of stairs, and climbed them with all the firmness of a fat toiler, when he reached a door which he had not more than touched with the toe of his boot, he could distinctly hear the sound of voices and the low droning and peering through the keyhole he heard a girl's muffled scream followed by a woman's and even more distressing discovery. This was that a ponderous and burly-armed woman, advancing toward the door, was shouting out shrill calls of warning as she came. Manley for one brief second turned



Levelled Straight at the Heart of the Detective.

The delusion that those warnings were intended for his own ear. It was not until the huge and slatternly figure flung itself upon his still crouching shoulder that he was aware of the fact that he was being attacked, the startled eavesdropper found himself swung bodily through the suddenly opened door, even before he could draw his revolver. For he knew now that he was in the territory of the enemy. He knew that still another trap had been set for the unwary. He knew it, even before he caught sight of Legar himself and Margery Golden shrinking close to the wall at his side.

It was Legar that he fixed his eye as he whipped out his firearm and steadied himself with one hand against the broken wall.

Legar saw that revolver leveled at his body. He saw the look on Manley's colorless face. He knew what was coming.

He did not stop to argue; he did not even turn to flee. But as he stood there, he saw the look on Manley's face, his right arm raised and terminated in the claw of iron shot out and caught at the arm of the girl still crouching so close to the wall beside him. But even quicker was Manley's discovery of Legar's intentions.

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He lay there watching as the water from the overflowing tub trickled to the floor, pooled in the worn undulations of the boards, and crawled on again in search of some avenue of escape. And he watched it as it moved, for on its sinuous back, he remembered, it carries his message of deliverance, his hope of life. Finding an unused ventilator flue, the water found its way down on the head of a long-haired artist hard at work on a canvas.

That artist, after speechlessly contemplating the deluge, ran shouting to the hallway, where he was joined by his model and by fellow artists from neighboring studios.

When they found their investigations barred by a locked door, they broke it in. While they were sniffing suspiciously about the water, however, their efforts to reach the source of that deluge were being anticipated by a more stealthy figure which, clambering monkeylike up the narrow iron fire escape, climbed still higher to the small window and swung round to look at the intruder.

Manley, rousing himself at the sharp sound of the breaking glass, turned about to behold the face of a narrow-eyed and dark-skinned stranger in the square of light above him. Even as he stared up at this exotic face he saw the look on Manley's face, his right arm raised and terminated in the claw of iron shot out and caught at the arm of the girl still crouching so close to the wall beside him. But even quicker was Manley's discovery of Legar's intentions.

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The Huge Slatternly Figure Hurled Itself Upon Him.

tically audacious one. It even embraced a number of artfully forged letters, duly signed by the Laughing Mask and let in surroundings which caused both perplexity and alarm to the city police.

One note, found beside the body of a murdered miser, briefly explained that crime by the declaration that the dead man had always robbed the poor and so earned the end which overtook him—though it included the robbery carrying away of a not inconsiderable portion of his worldly wealth. A gambler and a government inspector met



He Knew Even Before She Spoke That It Was Margery Golden.

away! The rest of you people get a cordon round this block before it's too late!"

They were of again like a pack of beagles striking a new scent, leaving the dilapidated and somewhat disconsolate Manley to his own thoughts and devices. As he sat there, feeling about his bruised body with a giddy interrogative finger, Margery Golden stepped timidly in through his still open door.

"Don't get up," she said quietly as she crossed to his side. But before she could speak again the two detectives came clambering and putting in through the open window. Their mission, it was plain to see, had been a fruitless one.

"You can be thanked for this," cried the heavier of the two men. "You flash a gun on officers of the law, and then you try to do their dirty!"

"And you're going to pay for getting in with firearms, young woman, or I'll eat my hat if you don't get out of here before I'm through with you!"

But David Manley suddenly stammered that how of accusatory denunciation.

"You get out of here," commanded that irate and somewhat dispirited youth, "and get out quick!"