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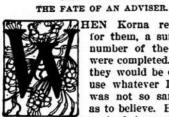
### sibility of re-enforcement, with only Miscellancous Reading. the resources of the city itself to depend upon. A successful retreat would have been your best expectation"-

"Why not terms?" demanded Vera.

BY ASHLEY TOWNE.

THE SPUR OF FATE.

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CHAPTER XIV. "I think he did you no more than jus tice," said Darrell. "It was a tremendous task to buy this armament, and, **DHEN** Korna returned by the way, it must have cost a lot of for them, a sufficient money. I can hardly understand how number of the maps your revolutionary treasury could have were completed. That furnished the amount." they would be of any "When I came down to Stavropol," use whatever Darrell said Vera, "to obtain the funds hidden was not so sanguine

as to believe. He rec. by my father, I chanced upon the seognized, however, the cret of a treasure laid up long ago for courtesy of the Circassian general who the needs of Circassian patriots. That had suggested something for him to do. such a fund had once existed was

Korna viewed them with great re- known, but no one knew what had bespect and put them carefully into his come of it in the disasters following our last struggle, more than thirty years pocket.

ago. The story is long. Suffice it to "The men have been chosen," he said, "subject, of course, to the khan's say that I chanced upon the secret, and approval," and he submitted a list of the treasure was recovered. It was at names. "We can get no word of any that time that I first met Prince Kil-

considerable force of the enemy approaching from the north. Beyond question some obstacle has been encountered. Our scouts hear rumors of a disaster on the railroad, but there seems to be very little basis for the report.'

"These names are good," said Vera. "All your arrangements are approved. Here are my orders in duplicate for the men.'

Korna received the papers and withdrew.

"Would your excellency favor me also with a copy of the order?" asked Darrell, and Vera tossed him a duplicate which lay upon the table rolled up tightly and secured by cord and seal. "What do you intend?" she asked.

"I have passed through their lines once," he said. "It seemed possible that with your permission I might do it again.'

'You will take no such risk," she replied. "When lives are to be staked for Circassia, we shall find Circassians in plenty to do it."

"I surrendered to a German at the fall of Gredskov," said Darrell, "and a mighty good fellow he was too."

"There are mercenaries in every ar my," Vera rejoined. "We have hired a few expert soldiers where we could find them, but most of us fight for the

cause.' "The freedom of Circassia," said Darrell.

"The freedom of Circassia," responded Vera, as if it were a toast. Darrell drew a deep breath and

squared his shoulders with the air of one who meets an emergency.

"Circassia lies some distance to the estward of us." he said. "Is it your

"Do you think our successes rising. would have won us no consideration?" "Not on Russian soil," answered Darrell. "Every success you win outside your own borders is an obstacle in the way of your liberty. You cannot conquer Russia. Your only chance was to persuade her that the reconquest of

much in men and treasure. What does the government in St. Petersburg care about the loss of Gredskov as a military incident? Nothing. But as an act demanding reprisals the taking of that city assumes importance. It is the same with Vladikaukas, and the taking of Stavropol would make your cause hopeless."

"Prince Kilziar does not think so,

said Vera, pale with excitement. "Prince Kilziar has never had any is a soldier, a man of long experience sian governmental policy. Vera, when such a man moved your army beyond the boundary of the country you were fighting to free he proved that he was not a patriot. The soldier of freedom

resents aggression. He takes up arms for the purpose of expelling tyrants; he defends his own land; he stands upon his rights and strives to win the respect of the world. But to rush out of his own country, leaving its strongest fortified places still in the hands of the intruder, to invade the territory of a monstrous power like Russia, with no hope except to inflict a certain amount of injury and then withdraw - this could not be the act of a trained sol-

dier who was also a patriot. To Kilziar the military principles and the policies involved were plain as one plus one makes two. He did not organize this campaign in the interests of Circassia.

"In whose, then?" she cried. "In his own, Vera," replied Darrell, for loot. There was a rich treasure in and now he has it absolutely in his

hands." "Why not?" demanded Vera. "Will not money help our cause?"

"My child," he rejoined, without meaning to use the term which made the princess red with wrath, "is it conceivable that Russia will permit you to hold this sum? It is a mere item in the bill that you must settle. Your whole policy should have been to secure the easiest terms, and this is the way to get the hardest. Your only problem was this: How much can I make it cost Russia to retake Circassia in proportion to

loss of it? The lighter the injury the better for you."

"I have heard that the Americans considered money above all things"mittee was formed, and to that body I Vera began, but Darrell interrupted h

DAUGHTER OF THE PRESIDENT. A Dozen Young Fellows Are Follow

ing In Her Train. The suitors for the hand of Miss Alice Roosevelt, the winsome daughter of the president of the United States, bid fair to become as numerous as the choosing her to baptize his imperial yacht, and sent his brother, Prince Henry, over to asist at the ceremony, and incidentally to be particularly gallant to this charming little woman, interest in the young lady has been

> list of admirers of Miss Roosevelt, who have been conspicuous in their atten-

tions to her ladyship this past season the infatuation of Mr. Charles C. other opinion," rejoined Darrell. "He Wauters, counsellor to the Belgiar Legation at Washington and Charge in war, familiarly acquainted with Rus-d'Affaires in the absence of the min ister, has been most noticeable. For not only is he most constant in dancing attendance upon the president's daugh ter in the capital, but he even folloewed her to Cuba when she left for a short visit to the land of her father's tri umph; and in Cuba, as in the capital he nas been a most ardent cavalier. But in the immediate background there lurks a rival, and to many peo ple it looks as if there was a very pretty romance growing out of little Theodore, Jr.'s illness at school, for it was there that Mr. Grafton Cushing, of Boston, who was at Groton during little Miss Roosevelt's vigil by her brother's bedside, met her often, drove with her, and walked with her, and whiled away many of her dreary hours in the cold, bleak place. From this comradeship rare and delightful friendship, if not something deeper, has sprung up. Mr.

Cushing since then has visited Wash ington, been a guest at the White

Roosevelt's propinquity and his ac-

It was at the brilliant charity ball in January that Mr. Charles C. Wauters, the counsellor to the Belgian legation was introduced to Miss Roosevelt, and it was then that his love seems to have

been awakened. The dashing Belgian diplomat came to his post at Washington from Spain, and the appointment was in the nature of a promotion. He is a bright, tactful and in the next move in Belgium's

cneckerboard of state, he is likely to become a minister. During the absence of Baron Monchuer, in Mexico, whither he went to fetch home his bride, and while on his wedding trip to California, Wauters

was Charge d'Affaires of Belgium. He is very intelligent and passion ately fond of music, sings charmingly himself, and has all the little elegan ies of the polished European.

both very much wrapped up in each ton and rum. Imports for 1896 aggre- law and is left at home he ought not other's conversation. \$5 358,000. In the same year the United And he, too, was dined by the Roosevelt's and permitted to call and renew States sent to the island goods worth by thinking that it was the principle his acquaintance with "Sweet Alice" \$1,502,332. This country takes almost he represented and not the man that begun in such a tender sorrow at the nothing from Martinique; but our prod-

sick bed of her little brother. But his ucts, chiefly foods stuffs, are necessary repeal of this law and is elected, let little visit was of necessity brief, while to it. Annual revenues of the island him try to do something to this end. his Belgian rival had all the advantage aggregate \$1,342,000. Of this sum oneof propinquity and the romantic ac- fourth is spent for educational purcompaniment of Washington bursting poses. Martinique is a favored colony ing this law repealed. wooers of Penelope. Ever since the into spring. Now, Mr. Cushing will of France, having been settled by col-Kaiser did her the signal honor of have summer time, with all the aids onists from that country in 1665. Isof fields and woods and seas and four land was taken by England in 1794 and full moons to dim any impression the held till 1816, when France again seardent subject of King Leopold may cured possession of it. St. Pierre was

built on high cliffs overlooking the have left behind him. Grafton Dulany Cushing is a youth harbor. Mont Pelee, the volcanic erupthat Boston has come to be proud of. tion of which destroyed St. Pierre, is He is one of the smartest men in Bos-4.450 feet high. It is often in obscurthe other, and notably so in the cases ton society, and has been famous for ity because of the dense clouds of smoke his dignified and polite indifference to- that have enveloped its summit.

EVILS OF THE LIEN LAW.

tention of Real Statesmanship.

ward women, although no end of fair Boston belles have found him decidedly

A Problem That Challenges the At-Although very wealthy and very aristocratic he has chosen a life of activity and usefulness, and has just been elected president of the Boston school board, a position which he is filling ading to represent us in the legislature,

to announce their candidacy, and it is Mr. Cusning will be 38 years old next only fair that we should have some ex-August. He was born in Boston, and pression from such candidates on the lives with his parents in Beacon street lien law, because a great many of our at No. 168. He was prepared for Harleading men are attributing the greatvard at a well-known private school. er part of our "hard times to this law." He was graduated from Harvard in I have never seen a copy of it, but I have seen enough of its workings to

To his A. B. degree of 1885 was ad- know that it is ruining the farming inded LL. D, and A. M., in 1888, when Mr. terests of this state. This law, in my Cushing was graduated from the law opinion, is the greatest curse ever put school. Then Mr. Cushing began teachupon the people of this state and allow ing at the Groton academy, and con- ed to remain there by a body of intellitinued there until very recently, when gent men. Its bad effect can be seen he opened an office in Boston at Bar- in almost every business, but more esristers' Hall. pecially in the farming business.

Mr. Cushing is smooth-faced, dresses The present law was passed more plainly, and wears little if any jewelry. than 16 years ago, but has been amend-He is not what would be termed a pol- ed many times and the people for isned public speaker; but what he has whose benefit it was made have been to say he expresses in plain, well-segetting poorer every day since it has lected English.

STORY OF EYE WITNESS.

Shore Was In Flames and the Ocea Like a Caldron.

James Taylor, who was one of the officers of the Roraima, the Quebec line steamship that was destroyed in the harbor of St. Pierre, gives a graphic story of the tragedy of last Thursday, says a dispatch to The Herald from St. Kitts, Island of St. Christopher, B. W. I.

"We experienced the greatest difficulty in getting into port " said he. "Appalling sounds were issuing from the mountains behind the town, which was shrouded in darkness. All the passengers were up and some were trying to obtain photographs.

"Suddenly I heard a tremendous ex plosion. Ashes began to fall thicker upon the deck and I could see a black they expect to plant. cloud sweeping down upon us. I dived

Landowners have lost and are losing below, and dragging with me Samuel homas, a gangway man and fellow

gated about \$5,721,000, and exports were to grunble, but try to nurse his soreness, if he is disposed to be that way, caused his defeat. If he advocates the I have often wondered why our legisiature doesn't do something toward hav-

> No law at all having this kind of a credit system would be better. Then the system of crop and wages could be worked entirely, which would be rather expensive to the landowner, but much better in the course of a few years. It is to be hoped that some member of our next legislature will make some movement to have this law repealed and not rest until this end is gained.-John M. Wise in Chester Lantern

> > FORTUNE THAT NOBODY WANTS.

left by a Gypsy Murderer, Whose Heirs Call It "Blood Money"-and Won't Touch It.

A new phase of the gypsy character It will soon be time for the county has developed in the circuit court at campaign to begin and for men, wish-Evansviile, Indiana, which has put the court in a position where there is nelther law nor precedent for action.

Isaac Harrison, known for many years in the west and south as the Gypsy King, was murdered by one of his sons in Alabama a year ago. He had accumulated some means during his roving life and had invested his money so advantageosly that he possessed a moderate fortune. The murlerer fled to the west and the old man's property was administered by the court, each of the heirs receiving an equal share. The amount due to the fugitive son was paid into court, as he was absent, and passed to the possession of the clerk of the county as

the court's officer.

Several weeks ago young Harrison was injured in a railroad accident and died two days later. Before death he revealed his identity and the authorities been in force. The more amendments at Evansville were notified. None of it has the poorer they, or rather we, the Harrison family showed any interget, for the country generally is getest in the result of the murderer's ting in the same condition, with the leath. When applied to by the court exception of merchants and a few othfor proof of his end all refused to take er men who are able to take advantage any steps in the matter.

of the opportunities the law presents. The clerk finally secured the neces-They, however, are not to be blamed sary proofs and the judge ordered the for making the best of their opportupart of the estate belonging to the murnities. The fault is not with them, and derer to be distributed among the oth-I am not trying to place it there, but er heirs. It then developed that none with this law. It was passed princiof his brothers and sisters would accept pally for the benefit of the farm laborany part of the estate. They said er and the farmer without capital with when questioned that it was "blood which to farm and they are in a far money," and they did not want to touch worse condition today than they have it.

been any day since it has been a law. They do not contend that the father Twenty years ago-before we had such was murdered for the money: but that a law-it was an insult to a white man it came to the son through blood and to ask any kind of a claim on his crop it is the same as though he had killed and almost as much to the Negro, but his father for it. Attempts to argue today how different! They are begging the case bring only shakings of the head, and the often iterated statement, ome one to take a lien on the crop "It's blood money. I don't want it."

As the legal owners of the son's part their lands, and some who were once of his father's fortune are still alive,



"A small matter to me!" ziar, who had sought the treasure vainly. He set my heart on fire with prophecies of my country's freedom. He told

me that my descent from the most noble family of Circassia would win the hearts of the people and make me a queen. Yet you must not think that I was moved by personal ambition."

"I am far from that error," answered Darrell. "Of the two treasures thus discovered you at least were pure gold. ziar's custody?" Vera shook her head.

As to the other, did it pass into Kil- the injury which she has suffered in the

"I did not then trust him to that extent," she said. "A revolutionary com-

# Circassia at this time would cost too

of a dozen or so young men. In the

interesting. mirably.

1885.

House and renewed the charm of Miss

Russian oversight. Kilziar knew of it, quaintance begun in the snows of New

intention to annex this province?" "The men of this region have not ris-

en with us," replied Vera. "They deserve no part in our liberty." "I am imperfectly informed about your early successes," said Darrell.

"You must have made short work of the Russian garrisons in Circassia." "They fled before us like sheep!" cried Vera. "They fled to their forts along the coast and the river."

"And you reduced all those strongholds in so short a time!" he responded. "It is marvelous."

"General Nirrhigi is in command of our army in the west," said Vera. "We have not yet heard of his success. He moved westward, raising levies as he went. We believe that by this time Anapa has fallen before him and that the Black sea coast is ours."

"Anapa is a strong place," said Darrell. "Of course I do not know what strength your general was able to bring against it; but, considering the support of the Russian fleet in the Black sea, I am afraid you are too sanguine.'

"We fear nothing in that quarter." answered Vera. "We have hastened to carry the war into the enemy's country, and you have seen how Russia has felt the weight of our sword."

She laid her hand upon the jeweled weapon beside her. Darrell's heart groaned within him.

"This is a wonderfully efficient force," he said. "Such of your men as I have seen appear to be armed and disciplined as well as the crack regiments of France or Germany. Circassia gained a fighting reputation sixty or seventy years ago, and the world has not forgotten it. Indeed one need not go back so far. And yet I am bound to say that if an angel had come down to tell me that such troops as these could come aut of your country I would have asked for evidence. How could Russia have been blind to your designs?"

him." "The credit belongs to Kilziar," an-"My personal safety is not worth swered Vera. "He has been secretly speaking of," replied Vera, "except as at work for a long time, and it was he It may affect the cause. Yet you are who threw dust in the eyes of the insane to suppose that Kilziar's abczar." surd love for me is in any way a

"Unless I am misinformed," said menace." Darrell, "he was Russia's ranking general in your country and for all practical purposes its governor. Therefore of this war that makes me shudder he is now doubly a traitor in the eyes for you, that forces me to warn you, of the czar." though I have neither right nor au-

"He stakes his life upon the success of our cause," replied Vera.

"And what has been your part in this warlike venture?" asked Darrell.

"You were so good as to speak in praise of the arms of our troops," she answered. "Nearly all our modern weapons, including a large part of the cannon and the ammunition of all Russians out of it?" kinds, were purchased by me in France, and it was I who planned their secret meantime"shipment. That was my mission in Paris."

"And it accounts for the visit of M. Clery."

"He was of great use to me." said Vera. "I think he took an especial interest in the matter because of the novelty of dealing with a woman. He flattered me by saying that I was absolutely a freak of nature in my capacity for understanding the material of war."

revealed the secret. The money has with a groan. been disbursed under the warrant of that committee."

"I commend your prudence," said Darrell. Vera looked at him steadily and with

a scarcely perceptible smile. "Prince Kilzlar is a basty man," she said. "When he had you in his power, his natural impulse-natural as a tiger's-was to put you out of the way. Your methods differ from his. You are the coldest blooded man I ever met, and he is one of the most fiery. But

which is the more unjust?" Darrell's face flushed painfully, yet be still wore an air of calm, still spoke as if the conversation dealt with an abstract problem outside the field of personal interest. of your country."

"You are mistaken if you suppos that I am trying to do Prince Kilziar an injury," he rejoined. "That he tried to take my life is as small a matter to me as it is to you. I"-

"A small matter to me!" echoed Vera. her hand closing on the hilt of the sword. "If he had succeeded and you had looked down from the stars afterward, I think the wrath of your spirit would have been satisfied. But now that he has failed and you are safe he remains merely Kilziar, Circassia's

but only imbitter your enemy." best soldier and at heart a good patriot.'

the success of the cause to which you

have devoted yourself that I speak of

"And what have you to say of the

thority to do so."

both ashamed and grieved. I hoped "A bad man cannot be a good pafor help and bold counsel from you, triot," answered Darrell. "He cannot and instead you"be a good anything, except perhaps a "I have given you the best counsel I good soldier, as this man is. The trade had," answered Darrell sadly. "Now requires no conscience. I saw Kilziar give me a gun and post me in the front commit a nurder for greed and atrank, and if the march is on to Stavrotempt another for mere anger, and that pol I will cheer the order." stamps him indelibly to my eye. But But Vera did not seem to hear him.

for his own personal merits he is noth-She rapped upon the table with her ing to me. It is only because his charsword, and the orderly appeared. acter affects your personal safety and "See who is there," said the princess

tween two millstones?"

"If your sole thought is for Circas-

sla," said Darrell, "you will avoid a

victory that cannot seriously weaken

"Really," said the princess, "I am

Several officers entered bastily, as if upon important errands. There was with them a man, in the dress of a Russian peasant, who seemed, however, to be a soldier of Circassia. He was much the worse for hard travel and tottered with weariness. Vera gave him a quick glance and acknowledged

his salute. Then she turned to Dar-"I had not that in mind." answered rell, saying coldly: Darrell earnestly. "It is the conduct "We will speak later of your return to Paris."

Darrell bowed most respectfully and retired from the room.

journey, besides the council of the em-

secretary, the empress, the governors of Moscow, Varsovie, Kieff, etc., ad

"you are engaged in an utterly hopehe returns, the same minute notificaless war of invasion. What was your tion performance is gone through. So hope in this campaign? To take Stavropol? I will grant that you might return to St. Petersburg involves an conceivably succeed. Even so, you issue of some 200 notices. There are could not have dreamed of going fur-18 ministers, and taking three journeys ther, and you certainly could not have expected to hold the place indefinitely as the average for each, we have at without anything that could be called the end of the year a grand total of

a line of communications, without pos. some 10,800 official papers.

"Let me hasten to make an end of He is, too, good looking-tall and this," he cried. "I have not forfeited slender-and extremely popular with your regard and suffered the misery his colleagues in the diplomatic corps that torments a gloomy prophet withand in society. out a definite object. You will send an

He wears a monocle and speaks six order to Prince Kilziar. It is not too different languages-French, Russian, late to change your plan. I would Italian, Spanish, German and English have your force and his move west-He sings too, in all of them.

ward, effecting a junction at the earli-Now, a dashing diplomat who car est possible moment. The Russian force speak, sing and make love in six lansouth of you is unprepared for such a guages is a formidable host that rivals movement and is, besides, hampered must needs reckon with. by its own anxieties, due to failure of

His admiration for the little daughthe co-operating force to come down ter of the president developed so sudfrom the north. You will have no diffidenly into an exceeding fondness that culty. You can withdraw into Circashe followed her to Cuba, when chape sia without loss, and then you can use roned by Mrs. Harriet Blaine Beale, the this really admirable army for defense daughter of the late secretary of state.

James G. Blaine, Miss Alice was allow-"It is the policy of cowardice!" exed to make an excursion to the scenes claimed Vera. "Why, you yourself adof her fatner's glories, to atone for her mit that these Russians south of us natural disappointment in not being are caught in a tran. By your own repermitted to attend the coronation of the land came draughts of terrible port they are scarcely equal in number King Edward. Young Wauters, like heat. At last, when I could stand it no to my command in this city. Shall I the daughter of the president, was derun away while they are quaking in lightfully entertained in Cuba-entertheir boots, or shall I crush them betained and shown all the wonders of

he island. Together he and Miss bringing with it cool water. Roosevelt went over the field of the fight at San Juan. And what more propitious situation could a lover ask than that.

against an overturned sloop, to which Then, as the scene changed from the land of palfs to the city of lilacs, I clung. A few minutes later, I was joined by another man, whom I learned somehow or other the lucky diplomat and the president's daughter were was Captain Muggah, of the Roraima. quite constantly thrown together. Alice He was in deadful agony and kept beg-Roosevelt rides horseback, and many ging piteously to be put on board his times is she accompanied on her exship.

cursions in and about the capital by the young Belgian. At none of the tool chest, I and five others who joined musicales at the White House during me, succeeded in forming a rude raft, on which we placed the captain. Seethe season-and there have been several-has he missed a chance of enjoy- ing an upturned boat, I asked one of ing the music and Miss Alice at the the five to swim out to it and bring ' same time. He is invited to the state over so that Captain Muggah might have an opportunity to live. The man dinners at the executive mansion, and is bidden to dine with the president's succeeded in getting the boat righted; family when they are alone. And not only is he intimate with the president's family, but he has many tastes in common with the president's wife, whom he makes no pretence of admiring immensely. During the visit of making for the Roraima, I said goodby Prince Henry, when the pressure was to Captain Muggah and swam to the

or a share of the festivities, Charles burst into flames and put out to sea Wauters was conspicuously noted as I finally reached the Roraima about among those particularly favored, and half past 2 o'clock in the afternoon and when the fair Alice christened the later was taken off by the cruiser Meteor, her Belgian admirer took no Suchet." pains to conceal his delight over

the baptism, and his associates mark- whose life was saved by Taylor, deed it as significant at the time that ev- scribes a woman who was burned to ery detail of the episode was keenly death while she held her baby in her Now, the appearance upon the scene from the fire that filled the air. The of young Grafton Cushing is watched child was alive long after its mother

with much interest by the friends of had ceased to suffer.

ABOUT MARTINIQUE .- Island has an some young Bostonian, who has never area of 381 square miles. Fort de fair to know, not so much for whom It is quite evident that the handbefore paid attention to any one wo- France is the capital. Population is, we are voting, but for what we are man, has been hard hit, for he came to approximately, 192,500. There are 12,000 voting. All candidates say they wish Washington soon after Miss Roose- whites. Others are Negroes or of mixed to do the will of the majority, and that velt left Groton, and did not even make racial types. St. Pierre was the larg- is the proper thing for them to wish to to the father. est and most important city commerwalking in the sunshine of the capital, are sugar, coffee, cocoa, tobacco, cot-pagn? If the candidate advocates this Journal.

andowners have lost all their land an countryman, sprang into a room, shutting the door to keep out the heat that was already unbearable.

"The ship rocked and I expected nevertheless the result of it. every moment that it would sink. Out The evil effect in this direction may side I heard a voice pleading for the door to be opened. It was Scott, the man having land to be worked, not first officer, and I opened the door and having the money or supplies with

dragging him into the room. which to work it, and not wanting to "It soon became unbearably hot and borrow it, waives a practice far worse I went on deck. All about were lying than borrowing-his right to his part the dead and the dying. Little children of the crop that is expected to be made were moaning for water. I did what I and sits quietly by seeming to think could for them. I obtained water; but it is all the merchant's risk while his when it was held to their swollen lips laborer. "cropper" or "renter," "eats they were unable to swallow, because him up." We have all seen enough of of the ashes which clogged their this to know what the result is when throats. One little chap took water in the account is due, some times-and i this method and rinsed out the ashes, was many times last year, the mer but even then could not swallow, so chant find the debt side of the ac badly was his throat burned. He sank count mucu larger than the credit side back unconscious and a few minutes Some lien law defender will say al later was dead. this is due to the failure in crops. I'll

"All aft the ship was afire, and from admit that this has a great deal to do with it, but we have not always had bad crops and cases like this have longer I sprang overboard. The water occurred. And, too, it has driven away was hot enough to parboil me; but a all effort of some to raise grain, corn wave soon swept in from the ocean, hay and fodder sufficient to supply themselves for a year, just simply try-

"I was caught in the receding wave ing to raise cotton with which to pay which was of tidal velocity, and was a debt obtained by giving a lien for carried out to sea. Then on the return the provisions that should be raised in-

of the second wave I was washed stead of so much cotton. It has driven nearly all the white people, who not being as fortunate as some others, have to depend on their actual labor for support, away from the country to the factories. It is driving our labor from us. Some will say this is the best

thing for us. With a certain kind of "Picking up some wreckage and labor I will admit that it is, but this

depends upon who has controlled it. I attribute all this restlessness of labor about which we read, direct to the negligence of the land owners and this in turn direct to this law. This law, like all others, has been abused, and all this I'll admit is not a direct fault of the law, but I do say it is a direct

but instead of returning he picked up result of it. I have talked with but two of his countrymen and went a way few defenders of this law and about in the direction of Fort de France. the only thing I have heard advanced "Seeing the Roddam, which had ar as an argument was this: "What will rived in port soon after we anchored, the people do without it?" I will ask what have they done with it? Nothing to advance the interest of the peoso great upon the presidential family Roddam. Before I could reach her she ple for whose benefit it was intended. Without this law labor could be con-

Samuel Thomas, the gangway man,

arms, protecting it with her own body people enjoy.

Now, as I have already said, let us have the opinion of each one of our

candidates on this subject. It is only do; but how will they ever know the

He was a guest at the White House, ciaity, having a population of about will of the majority on this thing un- for sympathy." replied the father, "I and he and Miss Roosevelt went often 26,000. Principal products of the island less they make it an issue in the cam- have troubles of my own."-Ohio State

the court cannot declare it escheated to even their homes on account of this the state and it will probably remain in iniquitous law. In some cases it may the clerk's hands indefinitely. The dihave been only the indirect result, but rect heirs of the old gypsy chief say that none of their children will ever lay

claim to the money, because its posseseasily be seen in this one illustration: A sion would be certain to bring misfortune upon any one who takes it.

> A STREET CAR INCIDENT .-- A conductor on a Broadway car had refused to take a transfer the other day on the ground that it was too long after the hour punched, says the New York Times. The passenger was politely told that under the rules he could not accept the transfer, and that he would have to pay the fare or leave the car.

"I'll not pay and I'll not leave the car," said the passenger, savagely. "I'll pay for you, then," said the con-

ductor, ringing up the fare. "I'd rather lose 5 cents than wrangle with a passenger."

This would doubtless have closed the incident had not the irate passenger seen "Abe" Hummel sitting opposite him. To him the irate one appealed to know if he was right or wrong in refusing to pay his fare.

"Do you wish my legal advice?" asked Mr. Hummel, with a show of gravity.

"I do."

"I never give legal advice without a fee.

"Well, here's a five dollar bill," said tne passenger, peeling off a bill from a big roll, and handing it to Mr. Hummel, who promptly accepted it.

"My advice is-pay your fare or get off the car.'

"Is that all?"

"No," replied Mr. Hummel. Then, calling the conductor and handing him the bill, he remarked, "It is certainly worth that much money to find and reward a gentlemanly conductor."

ISLAND OF ST. VINCENT .- St. Vincent is a British possession. Island is about 17 miles long and 10 miles broad. Population, approximately, 45,000, of which there are 30,000 Negroes, 3,000 whites and 12,000 of mixed races. Whole northern part of the island swept by lake of lava from the crater of Soufriere and Morne Garon, the latter being the peak of the volcanic ridge that divides the island east and west. trolled better, not better for the per-Lava flooded district lies between Besonal advantage of the landowners on lair and Georgetown. Capital of the ly, but for the advantage of the laborisland is Kingstown, with a populaer as well. Both of these working at tion of about 8,000, chiefly Negroes. an advantage would advance every This town is 12 miles distant from the other interest in the country, for as volcanoes now in eruption. St. Vincent every one knows, the greater part of was once prosperous by reason of sugar the prosperity of the town depends on cultivation; but this industry has fallthe degree of prosperity the farming en into decay. The chief product now is arrowroot. The whole island is of

volcanic creation. This is the second devastating flood of lava that has swept the island, the other occuring in 1812.

> 10" "I am going to marry your daughter sir," said the positive young man

"Well, you don't need to come to me

interesting to him.

TO BE CONTINUED. Red Tape In Russia.

Every time a Russian minister leaves town his colleagues are notified of the

pire, the cabinet of the emperor, the

"In the meantime," said Darrell, infinitum, to all appearance. When

## conduct of the war?" she asked. "Have we not met with success?" "Vera," he said, "what is the object of this struggle?" "To free my country."

"Is it free? Have you driven the

"We shall," she cried, "and in the

empire's controleur and secretary, the sacred synod, the emperor's military

Miss Roosevelt.

each ministerial departure from and