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## DAUCHTERS OF CAIN

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a right to any other, better or worse,

CHAPTER III. Hoxie's Story.

"What!" cried Fleetwood, dumfound-

· "Yes, sir," repeated Hoxie, "I were one of 'em! Bad luck often forces a he sends his money to in the eastman into strange company. I needn't for he does send it there-and who go into particulars; but I'm a sort of he's writing to-blast his eddication! whipped out a knife and cut me down, the gain of a half-dozen bullets in my Jack of all trades. I've fought Injuns, and what far-away petticoat is at the I've drove cattle through the sage bottom of sich underhand doings, for, mouth, and worked over me, master damsel and pay my respects to her!" brush, I've worked in the mines. Once mind ye, Black Dave never looks and man, till they brought me back to I kept a billiard saloon at Pueblo, and twice at any woman round about hyar. life: and when my wits came again, at another time I had a gambling place Now, see these!' and Texas Jim showat Leadville—'twas at Leadville that ed me two letters—one that had been happened, and felt the marks of the the bit of sheepskin, and returned it

"I needn't tell you how, sir, but owing to a little unpleasantness that happened in my saloon, and the killing his deerskin shirt last night while he Crawford in gamma grass, and made dogs. Hoxie, having ended his story, of a few men, I was forced to leave war sleeping,' sez Jim, but I could see a clean breast of everything, and beg- went out to meet his master, and Leadville sudden like, and directly af- that he war shaking at his own bold- ged him to hide me for a while, and Fleetwood was left alone in the cabin. ter that I found myself casting my ness. 'Here's one that war written to give me honest work. I had got my

rather deal with the reddest Apache he may be when he's awake. He'll that ever run than with him." "Go on," urged Fleetwood, "tell me pocket. something of the true inwardness of

the road-agents." Plainly it was no agreeable subject

Dave for a while-all his gang are an eddication like Black Dave.' deadly afeared of him. He thinks no more of blowing out a man's brains the alphabet, so I, being a trifle better than of pulling off his boots. Tiger off, took the two envelopes, my heart had such power over 'em as I never eastern correspondent. seed equaled. Luck, too, seemed always on his side. He robbed here, 'but there's a letter inside, and it looks there, and everywhere; he came and like a woman's scratching-read it!' he went at his own will, and the law never could lay hold of him, owing, to glance at the other letter-the one hiding places he had scattered about at Red Gulch. His hand was as good ed carelessness: the country. You see, Dave is mighty as a schoolmaster's, and he had put on ree wherever he goes, and so makes mighty queer one, too-and a town-encounter the scoundrel again. himself as welcome to some folks he is unwelcome to others. All things away, in Maine-Maine, that's next rope in the hands of the vigilants will dogs; and not far away, in the shadow put together, he carried matters with door to your own Canada, you know,

Fleetwood, supporting himself on his much out of that, so I passed it to elbow, with his eyes fixed on this ex- Texas Jim, and sez I, 'Break the seal, letter from the girl in Maine. What a face turned upward to the starry twi-

name scratched out.

"''Loud-read it 'loud.' sez Jim;

good looks or my good clothes.'

"I didn't get beyond that, sir; for

"Jim jumped back at sight of the

"Then Dave tore the other letter-

ing the muzzle of the still smoking pis-

tol to my ear, he said, in a voice I'll

never forget this side of the grave:

that I hadn't a chance for my life,

"I reckon I war as much to

"He gave Jim's carcass a kick.

"'Leave the rascal here to the gray

"I would have made a stand for my

"They all mounted their horses.

Dave led the way, and the others fol-

iness in hand. I didn't waste breath

"'The first few lines,' sez L

"'What did you learn from them?"

Texas Jim?"

so I said, doggedly:

thing.'

down the red clay bank, and stood

his real name?"

the same curiosity that possessed me when I cast my fortin with him. I 'fair play, pardner.' hadn't been in the band many days afore I war just mad to larn something border ruffian, that war plain enough. His looks nor his ways warn't of the close on the creamy page. This is know?" everyday kind. I asked myself over what I read right into Texas Jim's ear, and over what war his right name, and and I tell you, sir, the words are fixed ace of strangling me; but that didn't ended his life. Alas! this leaden meswhere did he come from, and what had in my memory, and warranted not to made him a road-agent. Nobody in wash out: the gang knew. The ones that had been with him longest could tell the for your birthday gift. I am glad you white, and a thousand times I've sworn least. He confided in no one, and he remember my birthday, though I am to myself that if ever I should go east Hoxie's blood. had mighty mysterious ways. He so far away from you. The academy I would hunt out that air town and would leave his men and go off for girls are as jealous as cats. They that air woman, and see for myself days together, and nobody the wiser. He wrote letters, and he got letters, which was strange doings for a roadagent, as you'll allow, sir. This much just at that minute somebody slipped was told me by Texas Jim, his lieutenant, who had taken to watching his 'twixt Jim and me-Black Dave him-

"'They're a woman's letters," Jim, 'and they come from the east. I've his eyes. allers suspicioned that Dave was that nobody knows about, it's for them him to open, and gave a sort of cryair letters. He holds reg'lar corres- it war the last sound he ever made, pondence with somebody. Now who? poor fellow! for before you could say knows, is nigh to Maine." I'm a-gwine to find out-I'm a-gwine Jack Robinson, a Derringer cracked, to follow him. Sich things are clean and Jim fell at my feet, with a bullet then he laughed. agin his character as a road-agent. in his brain. He's a playing some danged double game that ought to be stopped, pard-

"I'd been long enough with the gang to answer:

"If ye meddle with Dave, 'twill cost ye yer life.'

"'Pooh!' sez Jim; but I war right. Black Dave wasn't the man to allow prying, and he war great on discipline

"Well, it war down New Mexico as he. way, sir, Black Dave had been doing some bold work, wrecking trains, and robbing passengers, besides walking evil smile. You were curious to find out something of Black Dave's private through the full purses of some rich Mexican rancheros, and he war lying affairs, eh? A little knowledge, my low a spell, till the hue and cry should lad, on some subjects, is a dangerous

"It war the lonliest place under heaven-an old, deserted, tumbledown ranch, in a dreary gulch-Red Gulch 'twas called. The people that you come with me.' had lived there years afore, had all been killed by Apaches, and nobody life, even against him, sir; but the letter for letter. I can read as well as ever came a-nigh it now. Dave had whole gang war round us by this time, sort of fortified the old ruin as a hid- my pistols were snatched from my ing place. We kept a cache of pro- belt, and my arms pinioned to my side. visions there, and a store of ammuni-

tion, and sich like. lowed him out of the gulch, and into a guich when Texas Jim began to make sort of desert place, stony and barren, rose by any other name would smell ing on forbidden ground. signs that he wanted a word with me and only sprinkled here and there with as sweet! Let me copy the mellifluous Now it war mighty curious, patches of mesquite grass. Dave had syllables at once! My mind is made lady. Dave seldom swore at his men-I've a lariat over his arm-I knew what up. I will have nothing to do with allers had it on my mind that he war that meant, even afore we came to a Colorado and sheep raising-I will find winder and leesten to ze music, so? well brought up—but not a soul in blasted tree—the only one in the stony Cinderville and Concordia Tempest or Ze lady with ze white hair?" nodded the gang that didn't feel the chief's waste. All the men clapped their die." eye constantly watching him, follow- masks on, and made ready for the busing about everywhere. So it war some little time afore I could slip away with in asking for mercy-a short shrift

and a long rope war Dave's motto. Texas Jim. can see the cursed spot still. A few he stalks up to me, and sez he: sycamore trees were growing about, and over our heads circled a nasty read?" carrion bird, as, if on the look out for some dead man.

"'Well, pard, began Texas Jim, 'I've sez he.

got Dave now!"

"'Yes,' sez he, sure! He's a man of thinks herself respectable, maybe,' mystery, and I call it an offense agin sez I. good morals,' sez he, 'to be mysterious in a hand of road-agents, where every

'Luckily,' he hissed, 'in the place to which I am going to send you, my Black Dave extend to his female relariend, you will be obliged to keep tives. It's rather queer to discover that he has a daughter, anyway. He's our discovery to yourself.'

the next instant, I war swinging in the eh? How does she come to be at the air, and every man leaped into his other end of the continent, I wonder saddle, and like the wind the whole and has Miss Concordia a sister? has gang went clattering back toward the she a mother? Oh, this grows begulch, and left me to the crows and wildering! Black Dave, during the lit-

"Well, sir, you must know that I did not impress me as being above wasn't hung, from the fact that I'm middle age." a-sitting here by your bunk this blessed minute, alive and hearty-all of and-forty, sir." which happens because Mr. Robert while we all know Dave ain't his name, Crawford went down to New Mexico young-a mere schoolgiri, in fact, as one day, to buy sheep, and on the way was shown by her letter. Bless me! not one of us can tell whether he has home, some of the drove went astray, the tiger-father sends his offspring to and that's what aggravates me. I'm and in searching for 'em with his herda-gwine to know what he goes off on er Mexican Juan, lo and behold! the seeing that Black Dave treated me two came upon what they thought war with such leniency on the watch and journeys for, all by himself, and who a dead man, a swinging from the purse question, and let me off with branch of a tree. Of course, they only the loss of Maud's letters, and and they poured brandy into my inner man, I certainly must find that

sir, and I thought over all that had through the United States mail, and lariat around my swollen and black- to his pocket. At the same moment ened throat, I war a reformed man, and they heard Crawford coming up with "I stole these from the pocket of I went down on my knees to Robert the corrals, whistling to his sheephim, and another that he's been and fill of Black Dave, and of evil courses "So," interrupted Fleetwood, "you've writ to somebody-I suspicioned him generally. And Robert Crawford beseen that man with his mask off, eh?" at it, in the ranch last night, and I ing a merciful gentleman, took pity on to cast his fortunes in this desolate knew he'd be ariding off somewhere me, and disguised me in some of country? Had he what Hoxie called breed, as some folks say. His face is today to post it. So, sez I to myself, Juan's clothes, and he made good speed "sand" for the enterprise? His was as white as yours—a good deal whiter "I'll hev a look at that!" Dave's like away from the vicinity of the gulch; an easy going, self-indulgent nature, than mine; but, by the infernal pit, I'd other men when he sleeps, whatever for if the robbers had caught us there and he had not even the spur of povwe would all have shared one fate, and erty to goad him, for Fleetwood was think he lost these things from his Mr. Crawford brought me along to this not poor. He possessed both gentle

"I felt a queer chill go over me, and I have lived like an honest man ever Then and there he decided that if I ain't a coward either, but I didn't since." Hoxie stopped to take breath. It disinclination to such a future, he like what Jim had done. However, I answered up, quick enough, 'Have you was evident that the narrative had af- would abandon all thought of sheepread 'em, Jim?' 'No,' sez he; 'It's fected him deeply-great drops of raising and return at once to Canada "Well, sir, I kept the right side of for you to do that, pardner. I ain't got sweat stood on his leathery forehead It was with Maud that he left the de--he put his hand unconsciously to his cision, and that very night he wrote "Jim didn't know a single letter of throat, as if he still felt tightening of her a minute account of all that had

ranch with him as a herder, and here blood and a very comfortable fortune.

Black Dave's lariat there. "Ther's one thing more, sir," he said, Chief, they call him, down New Mex- going like a trip-hammer all the while, at last, with slow, solemn emphasis: ico way, and the name suits him well. and what do you think, sir? The one "I've got a conviction that Black Dave to mention was Hoxie's story. He war the boldest fellow in a tussel that had come through the mail was knows I escaped him that day-knows that I ever saw, and though his men scratched as bare as my hand-Black I wasn't hung-knows some body savfeared him more'n anything on the Dave meant to be prepared for acci- ed me, and he'll kill me anywhere, and to the corrals to watch-though not earth, or under it, yet every one of 'em dents. He had just wiped out the any time at sight. If I'd have opened with anything like Crawford's intersir, stood ready to die for him. He name by which he war known to his the door to him the night he dropped est-the stupid sheep, and drink in the you at this threshold, that would have been the last of Hoxie. I've never got thing very unpleasant happened on the "'Blast his cunning!' sez Texas Jim, over my terror of the man, I never shall get over it-perhaps it's because flocks one morning and did not return,

"'So I will,' sez I; but first I had he was born to kill me!" Fleetwood, deeply impressed by the maybe, to the friends and the different Black Dave had writ the night before herder's story, answered, with assum-

"Pooh! the chances are very small, and set forth also, on the trail. generous with his money-spends it the envelope a woman's name-a Hoxie, that either you or I will ever The range the sheep were found nibbling sooner or later put an end to his ex- of a beetling rock, lay the body of Well, nat'rally I couldn't make ploits. But the thing which interests Hoxie in his old canvas coat, with his me deepest in your narrative is that canteen by his side, and his ghastly while I read this t'other one.' That pity that you didn't have the time to light sky. "Who is that man, Hoxie? What is is, meaning the letter that had come to read it all! By Jove! a queer sort of Dave through the mail, and had the person the daughter of such a man must be! It makes one shudder to the grass, round about, Crawford! think of it! Of course Dave must be Black Dave has been this way-the

eastern born himself." "I put in my thumb and finger, and "That's what I allers said, sir." "Look here, Hoxie, do you remember whipped out a sheet of paper, scented of his history. He war no common like a nosegay, and covered with wo- the girl's address? You said Black body. It was plain that he had been manish writing-pretty marks laid Dave had written it on his letter, you dead for some hours. They tore away

"I ream! Dave came within an destroy my memory, sir, and then, to make sure that I'd never forget it, I the lariat had failed to do. From the "'Dear Papa: I write to thank you went and wrote it down in black and

don't know which to envy most, my what both were like." "By Jove! Hoxie, I wonder you its way straight through the name of haven't done it before this time." Hoxie shook his head gloomily.

"I shall never go east, sir-I shall live and die on this ranch; but," smilself, his mask off, his face white as ing a little as a sudden thought struck sez chalk, and a dozen devils glaring in him, "what's to hinder you, sir, from looking up the person? Mr. Crawford sez you won't be content here in Col-When he goes on journeys chief, dropped the letter I had given orado-sez you'll be going back to Canada as soon as you git strong again; and Canada, as every scholar

Fleetwood's blonde face grew

"Hoxie, that is a brilliant idea! have a passion for mysteries, even ae girl's letter-from me, and, hold- when they come in the form of disreputable people. I wonder what 'dear papa' had given the girl on her birthday, and with whose money the gift "'Who robbed me while I slept-you was bought? Hoxie, where is that ad-

"I knew my doom was sealed, and Hoxie thrust a hand into the pocket of his deerskin shirt, fumbled there for a space, and finally from a wrapper of sheepskin, drew forth and unfolded a bit of dirty paper. Fleetwood snatch "There ought to be honor, even ed it with strange eagerness, and read

mong thieves,' he answered, with an these words: "Miss Concordia Tempest, Cinderville Maine."

> "Isn't that a rum sort of name, sir? said Hoxie. "Are you sure you have it right?

said Fleetwood. "After the choking you wolves and coyotes,' he said, 'and do get, Hoxie, your mind might have gone astrav." "No." protested Hoxie. "that's it. sig

> the best of folks, and I swear to you that's the address as Dave had it writ his soft hat in one hand, pointed to the crepe with the other. on the envelope, ready to post when he should get the chance, sir." "Oh, this is too much!" cried Fleetreverence and fear that he was treadwood, gayly. "Concordia Tempest! a

> the organ grinder as though affirming his own words. He little knew, as he spoke the words so lightly, what that quest was the young woman. to cost him; he little knew, as he lay

there on his sheepskins in Bob Craw-We halted under a red clay bank-I While they were adjusting the noose, ford's cabin, the dark tragedy which his hand over his heart as he rewas to grow out of that bit of dirty "'How much of that letter did you paper!

"Do you mean it, sir!" said Hoxie. "Yes, by Jove! I do!" "Well, sir, a man better give Black

Dave's daughter a wide berth. If she's ter, way off in Maine—a girl that say the least, dangerous. When you he said and went away. The package But such wars as the South African to pay you \$4." contained a handsome floral design find her, sir-do the next best thingthat must have cost at least \$10. take the first conveyance out of the

"Tut! Hoxie, don't let your horror of Miscellaneous Reading.

"And then he gave the signal, and scarcely one's ideal of a family man, Snow and Ice Prevailed In June, July and August In 1816. The year 1816 was known through out the United States and Europe as

tle intercourse which I had with him,

"He hasn't seen a day beyond five-

Maud Loftus expressed the smallest

transpired since his arrival in Color-

ado, and of what life on a ranch really

was. The only thing which he omitted

had so far recovered as to wander out

glorious air of the mountains, some

ranch. Hoxie went forth with the

as was his wont, at set of sun. Mexi-

can Juan was dispatched in quest of

him, and then both Crawford and his

Canadian friend mounted good horses

In the loneliest spot of the whole

"Great Heaven!" cried Fleetwood,

"look at the print of horse-hoofs in

poor fellow's presentiments are all ful-

The two men bent over the herder's

the clothing from his breast and found

there the track of the bullet which had

senger had accomplished that which

deerskin shirt, Fleetwood drew out a

slip of dirty paper, drenched now in

"Great God! How strange!" he mut-

tered with a thrill of superstitious hor-

ror, for lo! the deadly bullet had cut

Concordia Tempest, of Cinderville,

(To be Continued)

THE ITALIAN CHARACTER.

gan-Grinder's Act.

gan grinder of the old school has

made almost daily visits to certain

houses in the upper part of this city,

says the New York Times, until now

the people in front of whose homes he

plays know him as they do the butch-

His bandbox like organ is supported

and a stick underneath, and is loaded

with such pieces as "Where is My

on his route and he was about to turn

the organ crank handle when suddenly

his hand dropped to his side and he

stared in open-eyed wonder at the

doorknob on which hung a black crepe

He stood there for a few minutes, his

eyes wandering from window to win-

dow, apparently searching for the fa-

miliar faces as though he would ac-

was no more, but finally, with slow,

hesitating steps and lowered head, he

approached the door and rang the bell.

A lady in mourning opened the door,

"Canna you tell who dead?" he ask-

"My mother is dead," replied

"Ah, ze leetle lady! She sit by

treated down the steps. An hour later

"Gif to ze leetle lady," was all that

"Yes, that was the lady."

"It ees so sad, so sad!"

"Watch on

Wandering Boy Tonight?"

er and the baker.

Phase of It Depicted In An Or

For the past five years an Italian or-

filled!

the coldest ever experienced by any person then living. There are persons in northern New York who have been n the habit of keeping diaries for years, and it is from the pages of an old diary begun in 1810 and kept unbroken until 1840 that the following information regarding this year with-

YEAR WITHOUT A SUMMER.

January was so mild that most per sons allowed their fires to go out and did not burn wood except for cooking There were a few cold days, but they were very few. Most of the time the air was warm and spring-like. February was not cold. Some days were colder than in January, but the weathwas about the same. March, from the 1st to the 6th was inclined to be windy. It came in like a small lion and went out like a very innocent

lays grew longer, the air became colder, and by the first of May there was temperature like that of winter, with plenty of snow and ice. In May the oung buds were frozen dead, ice formed half an inch thick on the ponds and rivers, corn was killed, and the cornwere planted again and again, it became too late to raise a crop. By the last of May in this climate the trees are usually in leaf and birds and flowers are plentiful. When the last of May arrived in 1816 everything had been killed by the cold.

June was the coldest month of rose experienced in this latitude. Frost and ice were as common as buttercups usually are. Almost every green thing was killed; all fruit was destroyed. Snow fell ten inches deep a Vermont. There was a 7-inch fall in the interior of New York state, and the same in Massachusetts. There were only a few moderately warm days. Everybody looked, longed, and waited for warm weather, but warm

veather did not come. It was also very dry; very little rain fell. All summer long the wind blew steadily from the north in blasts, laden with snow and ice. Mothers knit socks of double thickness for their children, and made thick mittens. Planting and shivering were done together, and the farmers who worked out their taxes on the country roads wore overcoats and mittens.

On June 17 there was a heavy fall of snow. A Vermont farmer sent a flock of sheep to pasture on June 16. The morning of the 17th dawned with e owner of the sheep started to look ette and began smoking it. turned to his wife and said, jokingly: "Better start the neighbors soon; it's the middle of June and I may get

lost in the snow." An hour after he had left home errible snow storm came up. The now fell thick and fast, and, as there was so much wind, the fleecy masses piled in great drifts along the windward side of the fences and outbuildngs. Night came and the farmer had

not been heard of. His wife became frightened and alarmed the neighborhood. All the When he came to he could remembe neighbors joined the searching party. On the third day they found him. He was lying in a hollow on the side of half covered with snow, but alive. Most of the sheep were lost.

A farmer near Tewksbury, Vt., owned a large field of corn. He built fires. Nearly every night he and his men he committed the murder. took turns in keeping up the fire and watching that the corn did not freeze. The farmer was rewarded for his tireless labors by having the only crop of corn in the region.

July came in with snow and ice. On the 4th of July ice was as thick as window glass formed throughout New England, New York, and in some parts of the state of Pennsylvania. Indian corn, which in some parts of the east had struggled through May eral years ago and went into the min- well begun, but there will be no halt. states, and in the last instance about and June, gave up, froze and died. To the surprise of everybody, August proved the worst month of all. hunting trip he was induced by an old Our present public land laws were ernment, making a combined maxi-Almost every green thing in this country and Europe was blasted with frost. huana. He found that the sensations Snow fell at Barnet, thirty miles from of the poison were indescribably de- chief desire was to secure settlers several states adopted inheritance tax London, England, on August 30. News- lightful. papers received from England stated that 1816 would be remembered by the more of the cigarettes, in as many lands and lax execution of the laws by a wide strap over his shoulders existing generation as the year in days, when he was suddenly seized which there was no summer. Very lit- with a fit of insanity. He broke away common and little noted. These frauds tle corn ripened in New England. There was great privation, and thouthe Rhine," "The Marseillaise," and sands of persons would have perished other soul-stirring melodies. One day in this country had it not been for when he returned to town. last week the man and his music box the abundance of fish and wild game.stopped in front of one of the houses Danbury, Conn., News.

INDUSTRIAL INJURIES.

Railroad Accidents Head the List

Casualties. We have before us the casualty lists f that greatest of all fields of carnage -the railroads of the United States. Lest the gentle reader should object to our phraseology, calling it sensational, count for the one the crepe told him we ask his attention to the interstate commerce commission statistics of duces a homicidal mania. Many hordeaths and injuries for the last three nonths of 1906, which opens with the and the Italian, nervously clutching following statement: "The number of persons killed in train accidents during the months of October, November and December, 1906, as shown in reed in a voice that suggested mingled ports made by the railroad companies o the interstate commerce commission, under the "accident law" of March 3, 1901, was 474, and of injured 4.940. Accidents of other kinds, including those sustained by employees while at work and by passengers in getting on or off the cars, etc., bring the total number of casualties up to \$4, doesn't it." 26,944 (1,430 killed and 19,514 injured)"

At the above rate, the total number of people killed on the railroads in twelve months would be 5,720, and the in her handbag and then placed a five-Italian, bowing his head and placing total number injured 78,056, or a total of 83,776 casualties in a single year. If we remember rightly, this is more he was again at the door. The colored than twice as many as were killed on through paying bills." maid answered his summons and he the British side during all the years of handed her a big parcel wrapped in the Boer war; while the total number of injured exceeds the total number didn't understand the check.

they be, represent after all but a fraction of the total number of casualties occurring every year in the prosecution of the so-called arts of peace. The mine, the quarry, the smelting furnace, the mill, the machine shop, all present an annual death and casualty roll which, according to the most eminen authority on the subject in this country, Dr. Josiah Strong, is placed at the stupendous figure of 525,000. The railway accidents and their appalling results are more in the public eye than practically every citizen travels on the tion than to the former. railroads, and that the government collects and publishes the statistics of deaths and injuries. But the grim papers and periodicals, the president the others will in the end avail us very

The deaths and injuries on our rail-

roads, appalling in number though

facts regarding the frequency of deaths said: and injuries in pursuits other than those identified with railroading are just as real, just as shocking, and every whit as disgraceful to our national good name as those relating to the Now, on the basis of over half a

be stated that one person out of every awakened to the realization of the strengthen, the statement of truth. disgrace which such a condition of figures represent; and secondly, they nust be taught that by the enactthe safety of life and limb, and the provision of proper devices of a mea very few years, to reduce the cas-

WAR ON MARIHUANA.

Mexican Government Wants to Exter minate a Weed That Crazes.

per cent.-Scientific American.

The effects of smoking the marihuana weed are so harmful that an effort leaders. is to be made under direction of the hroughout Mexico, writes a New York Sun correspondent from Mexico City. The war department issued orders extended to apply to all classes.

other day. A friend gave Malquiades Mireles, a Mexican laborer, a small supply of the weed as a joke, and told

He made a murderous assault upon his

policeman. Mireles then ran, pursued by a force several blocks and then turned and atbound and shut up in room, where he remained until the effects of the marihuana had worn off

nothing about his actions. A report has been received here from Tuxtla Gutlerrez, State of Chiapas, a hill with both feet frozen; he was that Jose Solas, a deserter from the lem which underlies almost every oth-Fifteenth battalion of the army, while ed Maxima Salazar, a citizen of that

place. Solas was violently insane when He learned to use marihuana while in murder was done with a knife, Solas have permitted the reckless waste and walking up to his victim and without destruction of much of our natural a word burying the blade in his body. It is a rare thing for an American to become addicted to the use of mari-

huana. One instance of this kind is reported from the city of Oaxaca. A young American located there sev ing business. He prospered and became wealthy. One day while on a

He had smoked perhaps a dozen or from his home and ran into the mounhours. The insanity fit had worn off the law.

By that time he had become addicted frequently, and in order to prevent symptoms of the attack. His downfall was rapid. Marihuana brought him to his end in a few months.

It is stated by local physicians tha the use of marihuana invariably promen under its influence.

DIDN'T UNDERSTAND CHECKS .- A WOcently and pushed a check through the grating. It was for \$4. "Put your name on the back, please, said the teller. She did so.

"Is that your name?" he asked. The woman sighed. "Yes," she re- ernment. plied, "that's my name. It calls for "It does," said the teller While the man in the cage was look

ing the check over the woman fumbled dollar bill before him. "Take it out of that, please," said. "It seems to me I'll never get

For a moment the teller was puzzled

it was a bill and that I had to pay it." points of view of all users of streams, lows."

ROOSEVELT TO THE EDITORS. Conserve Our Natural Resource

Adopt Inheritance Tax. In addressing the members of the National Editorial association last Monday, President Roosevelt devoted himself almost wholly to the discussion streams to the conservation and use of of two questions-the reshaping of our all other natural resources. system of taxation so as to make it bear most heavily on those capable of supporting the strain, and the utilization of the natural resources of the nation in the way that will be of most and the control of corporations are in benefit to the nation as a whole. He other disasters, for the reason that gave more attention to the latter ques-

Referring in his opening remarks to the power wielded by writers for news-

Be Open-Eyed and Impartial. "It is essential that the man in pub-

lic life and the man who writes in the public press shall both of them, if they are really good servants of the people, be prompt to assail wrong-doing and wickedness. But in thus asnillion industrial accidents in the sailing wrong-doing and wickedness United States in a single year, it may there are two conditions to be fulfilled, because if unfulfilled, harm and not 150 is sacrificed in a greater or less good will result. In the first place, degree, ranging from a slight injury to be sure of your facts and avoid everydeath itself, in the task of carrying on thing like hysteria or exaggeration; our great industrial works. And the for to assail a decent man for some pity and shame of it all is that a large thing of which he is innocent is to give proportion of this pain and death is aid and comfort to every scoundrel easily preventable. Two things are while indulgence in hysterical exagnecessary: First, the public must be geration serves to weaken, not

"In the second place, be sure that you things puts upon the nation, and to a base your judgment on conduct and realization of the vast amount of per- not on the social or economic position sonal loss and suffering which these of the individual with whom you are dealing. There are good and bad men in every walk of life, and their being nent of proper ordinances governing good or bad does not depend upon whether they have or do not have large bank accounts. Yet this elemental chanical kind, it would be possible, in fact, this fact which we all accept as self-evident, when we think each of ualty list by probably not less than 50 the people whom he himself knows in his business and social relations, is often completely ignored by certain public men and certain public writers. The men who thus ignore it and who attack wickedness only when found in a particular class are always unsafe and are sometimes very dangerous

"Distrust equally the man who i government to exterminate the plant never able to discover any vices of rich men to attack and the man who confines himself to attacking the sins and shortcomings of rich men. It is some time ago prohibiting soldiers a sure sign of moral and mental disfrom smoking the herb. The law honesty in any man if in his public against gathering or selling it has been assaults upon iniquity he is never able to see any iniquity save that of a par-The consequences of smoking mari- ticular class; and this whether he is huana were shown at Monterey the able only to see the crimes of arrogance and oppression in the rich or the crimes of envy and violence in the the thermometer below the freezing him to smoke it. Mireles rolled the a respecter of persons where right and point. About 9 o'clock in the morning broken leaf into the form of a cigar- wrong are concerned and if he fails to denounce the demagogue no less than ed over him. He had hardly finished crimes of organized greed and crimes smoking the cigarette when he was of brutal violence. There is equal suddenly seized with a fit of insanity. need to denounce the wealthy man who windles investors or buys legislators wife with a knife and then stabbed a or oppresses wage-workers, and the needy man who inflames class hatred or incites mob violence. We need to of police and other men. He ran for hold the scales of justice even, and to weigh them down on one side is as bad tacked his pursuers. He was knocked as to weigh them down on the other."

Conserving Our Natural Resources. Taking up then the two great movenents in public life which he had selected for discussion, President Roosevelt declared that the conservation of our natural resources and their proper use constitute the fundamental probunder the influence of marihuana kill- this work the one characteristic which ceeds two hundred and fifty thousand foresight. But unfortunately foresight is taxed at the rate of about 25 per is not usually a characteristic of a cent. young and vigorous people and hitherthe army, and his uncontrollable desire to as a nation we have tended to live for the weed led to his desertion. The with an eye single to the present and tax an imperial measure, while allot-

wealth. The president then reviewed the work of the reclamation service, begun in 1902, in rendering fertile and means of irrigation. This work is only should be utilized in similar fashion. Mexican to smoke a cigarette of mari- passed when there was a vast surplus mum rate, in some cases as high as thereon. Little attention was paid to laws for the first time while the nathe detail affecting the disposal of the tional law was still in force and unrebecame the rule. Land frauds were are now being stamped out and vigortains, where he remained for several ous efforts are being made to enforce

Public Lands Belong to Public. impossible to give it up. The insane men was pointed out, and the necessiare at present some 300 mill'on acres of public domain, open to the free This land is now being skinned by men give control of this range to the gov-

> Waterways Needed The inability of the railroads of the

ipon them has drawn public attention forcibly to the use of our waterways them. Such a tax would be one of the uses, and that a planned and orderly portunity for the people of the generdevelopment is impossible except by ation growing to manhood. As Lintaking into account all the services coin pointed out, there are some resthey are capable of rendering. It was pects in which men are obviously not Then he realized that the woman upon this ground that the inland wa- equal; but there is no reason why there "You terways commission was recently apthat were wounded by bullet and shell. don't have to pay me," he said, "I have pointed. Their duty is to propose a pect and of mutual respect, an equal-He pushed back her five-dollar bill ment and utilization of those great least an approximate equality in the decreasing frequency, whereas the cas- and gave her \$4 in silver. The woman waterways which are the great poten- conditions under which each man obualties of peace are with us always was very much surprised. "You have tial highways of the country. Their tains the chance to show the stuff that and increase with the passing of the to pay me?" she said. "Why, I thought duty is also to bring together the is in him when compared with his fel-

and to submit a general plan for the ways of the United States. Clearly it s impossible for the waterways commission to accomplish its great task without considering the relation of

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As illustrative of the importance which he attaches to this subject, the president declared that even such questions as the regulation of railway rates reality subsidiary to the primal problem of the preservation in the interests of the whole people of the resources that nature has given us. If we fail to solve this problem no skill in solving

An Inheritance Tax.

Taking up the matter of taxation, Mr. Roosevelt stated that most great, civilized countries have an income tax and an inheritance tax, and declared that, in his judgment, both should be part of our system of Federal taxation. As to the first he spoke briefly and diffidently, in view of the decision of the upreme court declaring unconstituand because of its difficulties in the way of administration. As to the latter he declared that it would serve the purpose of having the swollen forunes of the country bear in proportion to their size a constantly increasng burden of taxation. "These fortunes," he continued, "ex-

ist solely because of the protection givn the owners of the public. They are that they should be forced to pay heavily for the protection given them. It is, of course, elementary that the nation has the absolute right to decide as to the terms upon which any man shall receive a bequest or devise from another. We have repeatedly placed such laws on our own statute books, and they have repeatedly been declared constitutional by the courts. I beieve that the tax should contain the progressive principle. Whatever any ndividual receives, whether by gift, equest, or devise, in life or in death, hould, after a certain amount is eached, be increasingly burdened; and the rate of taxation should be increased in proportion to the remoteness of of this progressive taxation of inheriances has not only been authoritativeadopted in the leading civilized nations of the world-in, for instance Great Britain, France and Germany. Switzerland led off with the imposition of high progressive rates. Great Britain was the first of the great nations to follow suit, and within the last few years both France and Germany dollars or less are practically exempt from death duties, while the increase is such that when an estate exceeds five millions of dollars in value and

ger in blood the government receives nearly 13 per cent. As It Is In France.

passes to a distant kinsman or stran-

"In France, under the progressive system, so much of an inheritance as xceeds ten millions of dollars pays over 20 per cent to the state if it passes to a distant relative, and 5 per cent if it passes to a direct heir. In Germany very small inheritances are exempt, but the tax is so sharply er problem of our national life. For agricultural or forest lands, which exis more essential than any other is dollars, if it goes to distant relatives,

"The German law is of special interest, because it makes the inheritance ting to the individual states of the empire a portion of the proceeds and pernitting them to impose taxes in addition to those imposed by the imperial government. In the United States the national government has more habitable many parts of the west by than once imposed inheritance taxes in addition to those imposed by the The public lands of the United States one-half of the states levied such taxes concurrently with the national govvacant public land and when the 25 per cent; and, as a matter of fact,

> pealed. A Commendable Feature.

"The French law has one feature which is to be heartily commended. The progressive principle is so applied that each higher rate is imposed only on the excess above the amount sub-The danger of allowing the public ject to the next lower rate. This plan o the use of the poison and found it lands to pass into the hands of a few is peculiarly adapted to the working out of the theory of using the inherispells came upon him more and more ty for the conservation of the forests tance tax for the purpose of limiting stressed. The mineral fuels of the the size of inheritable fortunes, since himself from doing violence to some eastern states are already in the hands the progressive increase in the rates, one he always had his servant lock him of large private owners. Steps should according to this mode, may be carin a strong room when he felt the first be taken to see that the same thing ried to its logical conclusion in a maxdoes not follow in the west. The min- imum rate of nearly 100 per cent for eral fuels should be conserved, not the amount in excess of a specified wasted, as is the case under private sum, without being confiscatory as to ownership very often, and enough of the rest of the inheritance; for each them should remain in the hands of increase in rate would apply only to the government to protect the people the amount above a certain maximum. rible crimes have been committed by against unjust or extortionate prices so I do not believe that any advantage far as that can still be done. There comes either to the country as a whole or to the individuals inheriting the money by permitting the transmission man stepped up to the window of the grazing of cattle, sheep, horses and in their entirety of such enormous forpaying teller in a Denver bank re- goats without restriction or regulation. tunes as have been accumulated in America. The tax could be made to whose only concern is to get what they bear more heavily upon persons residcan out of it at the moment, careless ing out of the country than upon those as to whether or not it is ruined in residing within it. Such a heavy prothe process. The only remedy is to gressive tax is, of course, in no shape or way a tax on thrift or industry,

for thrift and industry have ceased to possess any measurable importance in the acquisition of the swollen fortunes United States to meet the demands of which I speak long before the tax would in any way seriously affect for transportation. But it is obvious methods by which we would try to that this is only one of their many, preserve a measurable equality of opshould not be an equality of self-resomprehensive plan for the improve- ity of rights before the law, and at

town called Cinderville." "These words made him b'iling mad, 25 Som people cry loudly for jus-Fleetwood laughed, the gay mocking I could see by the flash of his laugh of youth and courage. thing is expected to be common. Now, wicked eyes.