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By Thomas Cobb.)

[Continued from last issue.]

'Or-or mine,' she murmured.

At this point they were interrupted,

and Gilbert did not find an opportuni-

ty to speak to Pauline again. It was

almost impossible not to feel some

faint fluttering of hope; he began to

attach greater importance to Joan's

'Still, she hasn't rejected Water-

You are staying in London, then,"

'It's the only game worth playing.

'Rather serious game!' said Pauline

'The whole of life's a game,' he ex-

the pledge to nye rationally a year

house, don't you know,' Bernard re-

Pauline

be my own fault.'

self in Pauline's way.

and Bernard.

torted, hopefully.

'Oh. yes-

he rejoined.

pieces, Wray.

everything."

said.

our taking up politics.

'No, no,' she protested.

the Queen.' he insisted.

ard.

Amabel.

remarks.

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FRIDAY, March 19, 1509

It was freely said seven years ago that it would be a cold day when Roosevelt voluntarily gave up public office. And it was!

If the National Congress is able to back its resolve by deed, the inauguration day will be changed from furious and fickle fourth of March to the more placid weather of the last week of April. It is calculated that there have been over a hundred and that there will be a thousand deaths from pneumonia caused by exposure to the blizzard on the day of President Taft's inauguration.

President Taft's cabinet is strong on law and it is suspected that he knows some law himself. It is said the new President will make his own policies and that his cabinet will act as general counsel to the administration. It is believed that it will be in a way quite as much a one-man affair as was that of the last President, but on a different about---'

plan. The President knows what he wants to do. He has some very clear ideas as stated in his inaugural address and the eminent legal lights with which he has surround-

ed himself insures as good advice then in one day break out and spoil as the country can afford about the constitutional and legal questions

that are continually arising.

The state of the second st You know I don't care about whatever may be my faults." Amabel's excitement subsided a smiled again. 'Besides,' she Bernard will have ever so much than a thousand a year."

'How is that?' asked Paulin scant interest. "When Mrs. Venables marriknow,' said Amabel mischievo

'I don't think she will marry 'Oh, but indeed she will!' 'I suppose you can tell me the name,' said Pauline skeptical

tation about ner sympatny, and she had never been more in earnest than 'Certainly. tonight--except perhaps during her in-'What is it?' terview with Wray on Monday after-'Waterhouse,' said Amabel. noon. 'You always seemed so exactly can you be so blind?

'I really think that is the m in your place at Horsemere,' said surd idea I ever heard. Of Pauline, and in her statelie. "Then if I am not contented, it will nor she walked to the door.

She passed Mrs. Catheart threshold, and her mother o Pauline's angry expression; w) heard Amabel's gleeful laugh 'What have you been saying noy your sister?' Mrs. Cathe manded.

advice, and at least determined to 'i simply suggested that Mr. spare no opportunity of putting himhouse might marry Mrs. Ve said Anabel He saw her next on Sunday after-The most ridiculous idea; noon. She was walking with Mrs. Catheart Inslited. 'You ha Cathcart near the statue of Achilles right to say much a thing e

in Hyde Park, Amabel following with jest. Why on you imagine Mr. Bernard. But as well as Pauline, mouse is coming here?" "Oh, I suppose he likes to con-Gilbert recognized Wray Waterhouse a yard or two in advance of himself. swered Annubel, rather self. Gilbert saw the flush of recognition ously.

on her face, saw her step away from 'Pauline itas given up an ex-Mrs. Cathcart's side, holding forth her match for his sake,' said Mrs. right hand with every appearance of cart, 'and no wonder she wa cordiality. Gilbert pressed his lips noyed. together, passing on, himself unseen, 'Of course, no one likes to a man doesn't care for her." A whilst Wray walked by Pauline's side, and Mrs. Cathcart fell back to Amabel retorted, 'whether she wants h not. I won't say Pauline docsn'

'I wondered whether she would speak to the Johnny,' whispered Bern-Later that Sunday evening Catheart discussed the matter 'Pauline always keeps her most graher husband. cious manners for the rejected,' said 'We met Mr. Waterhouse this

ncon,' she explained, 'and he h long conversation with Pauline seems on such excellent terms Amabel too. She suggested thi should call.

'H'm,' ejaculated Mr. Cathcart said Pauline, after one or two casual msb There can be no doubt about 'My sister said something about she continued. Pauline got herselt talked about again.

the only possible solution is for o marry the man." 'My dear,' said Mr. Catheart, are an opportunist.

claimed, 'and we are the pawns.' Wray came on Wednesday, when found Bernard Venables and one should have said that you were two other guests in Mrs. Catheadrawing-room. Ilis reception co 'You must remember we are living not have been more cordial. 'I suppose,' said Pauline, 'you

'We might be inanimate for all the renewing many old friendships. influence we have on our destinies.' he ou see much of Mrs. Venables?" 'Her garden is delightfully sha-'I am afraid,' she answered, 'you are these glowing afternoons,' answer: becoming a pessimist. Oh, I know how

Wray. sorely you have been tried. But you "To say nothing of Amaryllis," mu mustn't let it spoil you, Wray. There mured Amabel. are things it is difficult to talk 'But,' Wray continued, 'I have no

taken advantage of it since I m

'Oh. I can tell you how to win his

ternal gratitude!' cried Amabel. 'Would the game be worth the candle? 'A matter of taste,' said Amabel

'Was Sir Gilbert at Mrs. Porche ter's?' asked Joan. 'Yes,' unswered Bernard, and he ast mustered a smile

my dear boy

Bernard

He shock his head decidedly. 'How did Pauline treat him?' I have done, he said. 'Onlyac shine as

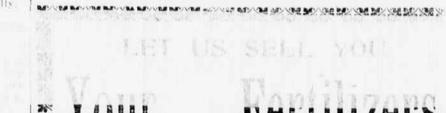
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"Ah. Bernard told you!" said Gilhert.

'Bernoud's was a very different 'aterhouse,' he said. situry," she answered. "Acording to game, only worse, 116's him, it was with Anneled that Wray made himself well-a little conspicthe house without ment-

"Perhaps he did." Gilbert admitted. s to wee Pauline, day That you is now what Arrabel is: w does she receive him? Still, Wrny solves a certain facility

in adapting hisself to her moods," "The fact is,' maki Gilbert, 'I don' abol would show the fancy the fellow is very keenoming on disposition to 'thow happy could he be with either!' cried Joan, rather wistfully,



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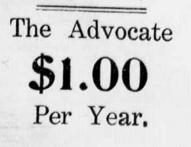




THAT CARMACK JURY

A few weeks ago Senator Carmack one of the ablest and most brilliant men of Tennessee-yea of the South-was ruthlessly shot down on a street of Nashville by the Coopers. The trial of the slayers is now in progress. In selecting a jury over 3,000 jurors from several counties were examined before the panel was complete. The jury as it stands now is composed of 12 of the most ignorant men in Tennessee. Four of them can not even read, two can scarcely understand English and not one of them has read a newspaper since before the killing. "The jury of his peers"what a mockery! A case requiring the best trained minds and the clearest knowledge in order to be able to sift out the nuggets of the truth from the mass of evidence to be passed upon by a jury, the only recommendation of which is that it is composed of ignorant and illiterate men, is a travesty upon intelligent justice!

A few cases like this and our much boasted jury system will fall and rightly so. If the selection of this jury is lawful-and it is-then the law is at fault and if it be not speedily remedied our jury system will fall .- Branchville Jury.



'The breaking out must be an im mense relief,' he answered. ,Ah, but when one returns to he ou have only to marry his aunt, you enses again, think of the and the mischief may be irrevocable. 'You have not allowed anything you have done to be irrevocable,' said Wray, and they were brought to a standstill by the throng. 'Good afternoon, Mr. Waterhouse, family cried Amabel, offering her hand, whilst Bernard curtly nodded. 'We meet in a crowd,' she added. 'It's pleasant to meet anywhere,' Wray answered, lowering his voice. 'I shouldn't have imagined you thought that!' 'Why not?' he demanded. You never come to see us,' she said. stealth. 'You forget I was at your house on Monday,' Wray suggested. 'Well, 1 didn't see you,' she retorted. urned, with a laugh. 'Shall I come?' he asked. 'Why, of course,' Amabel answered. whilst Bernard gnawed his lower lip and walked on with Pauline. On reaching home, Pauline accompanied Amabel to the drawing-room. 'Why did you bother Wray to come here?' she asked. ie nsked 'I didn't know you could hear me, said Amabel. 'Bernard heard too. Amabel. 'Anyhow, Mr. Waterhouse didn't require much persuasion,' Amabel retorted. 'I don't understand you, unless---'We are mutually mysterious, my dear. I certainly don't understand

you,' said Amabel. 'I suppose you are playing with Wray to torment Bernard,' Pauline suggested. 'What pleasure can it ality. give you to make the poor fellow mis-Amabel laughed aloud. nificantly.

'If it comes to poor fellows,' she said, 'how about Gilbert?' 'No one is more sorry for him than answered Pauline. 'Are you sorry for Wray Water-

house too?' asked Amabel. 'I am sincerely sorry for him.' 'Oh, this is wicked waste!' Amabe! exclaimed. 'You should cultivate a judicious parsimony. Nobody can say that Mr. Waterhouse needs much

pity. 'He looked melancholy enough,' said Pauline, gravely.

erable?

'A man can't always be grinning like a Cheshire cat!'

'We were talking about Bernard,' Pauline continued. 'I used to admire your solitary discretion when Bernard had nothing but his pay." 'Now he has found salvation on

thousand pounds a year.' 'Isn't it sufficient?' asked Pauline. Amabel's face flushed vividly, "That isn't foir'' she exclaimed.

You discuss serious matters with shocking flippancy,' Wray reforted. 'I'm bound to do that,' she said. 'Why?

'To maintain a happy medium in my 'Anyhow,' he suggested, 'your advice is hardly disinterested."

'Indeed it is.' He looked at her with a smile--'Isn't Venables engaged in the vain exercise of kicking against Fate?'

'I daresay you haven't heard,' said Amabel. 'Mrs. Venables does by good. Well, I think that's the fact, he re-

'She has endowed her nephew with a thousand pounds a year. 'Let me hasten to telicitate you, said Wray, leaning towards her, not unobserved by Bernard. 'What a mean return for my conddence!' she exclaimed.

"Isn't it a matter of congratulation? 'Oh, I don't know. I think thingare immensely nice as they are,' said

'But, you see, they won't continue as they are. The world moves on, and even you will grow old some day. 'Please don't suggest anything horrid.' she pleaded.

'It points a moral,' he answered. 'I detest stories with a moral. Though,' Amabel added, 'one may perceive a moral in Mrs. Venables' liber-'Her object no doubt is to facilitate Venables' marriage,' said Wray, sig-

'But it seems to remove all probability of her own marriage. You see, if she intended to marry, all her property would pass to Bernard as a matter of course, and the allowance would be quite unnecessary CHAPTER XX.

Although Joan had paid the piper, she found that she could not call the tune. This counded rather discordant

and it required an effort to take any thing like a cheerful view of life. She had on her hands two melan choly, discontented, hopeless men. whilst the third held studiously above Bernard afforded a fine study in him. jealousy. There was nothing of the man of the world about Bernard Venables save his clothes. His experiences were of the narrowest order. for he had never bestowed an amaiory. thought on any woman but Amabel. Upon her he bestowed a great many such thoughts, but once more the fruit

of his love was bitter in the mouth. 'You know, Bernard,' said Joan about a fortnight after Wray's second

he eried. Tr services to no that every woman can drive a cam. 'Pon my word, I shouldn's know which to back. They're running neck and neck.

MERCE.

"Well," said Joan, "If that's the case, it's a little more difficult to see why vortex, she cried, with a laugh. you should be jealous. 'Anyhow, I can't stand her going on

as she did last night. Every one noticed it. I'm not going to put up turn to Horsemere? with it. It's just a little too thick 'You have only yourself to please

I don't please at self, he protored I haven't exactly asked her,' said

Wouldn't it be as well before your final connelation?" Joan sugge

Take my advice; ask her plainly whether she will be your wife. You see I've tries ever so many times,' he answored recruity,

"Fridd?" 'She won't let me get it out, you

'How can she prevent you?' asked Ioan: Sometimes she begins to play the

dano. Last time she put her hand ver my lips." 'What a curious method!' said Joan, ery solemnly

'I can't make Amabel out,' he exclaimed. She's immensely nice to me one hour, and she treats me like a eriminal the next. Besides, she's ust as nice to other fellows." 'It is to be hoped she doesn't sh

lence them all the same way. Joan 'I can't stand it,' cried Bernard,

hall chuck the regiment and try to get in some fighting somewhere." Well, make an effort and take you more easily in the meantime

ald Joan, 'If it's only for my sake, And you may accept it is a fact that Wray intends to ask Pauline to be his wife

'I wish he'd harry up then,' Bernard retorted. 'But,' he added, 'Amabel says he won't '

'Amabel is a charming girl,' said Joan, but she doesn't possess all the fac uters profit. You can make tion is whether Pauline will accept

The following afternoon Joan received a visit from Gilbert, whom she had not seen for more than a week. He looked quite as disconsolate as he had done that evening when she summoned him to her presence; and he and been used over 35 te rs. and has nounced that he had called to say decorated more than two million good-bye

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about thing Yes, there is' she admitted.

'Will you take my advice?' she cried

a little excitedly, 'Will you forestall

You have found that out too? he New York 'Oh, please don't bring me into the

"I can't understand what the women he the fellow, muttered Gilbert, buttoning his coat and rising. Then you have quite decided to re-

Tensorrow mornings I have been neglecting my affairs. It's time I

On his way to the gate, Gilbert net Bernard, and stopping, explained that he was returning to Horsemere

"By the by," he added, 'you might can down. My mother will be very pleased. Why not come on Fri-

"The day after tomorrow?" asked Bernard

Yes, stay till Tuesday, or as much longer as you can. There's a good train at six o'clock,

Bernard promised to go, and having ccompanied Gilbert to the gate, he is entered the house to tell Joan, who in fact, felt rather pleased at the

prospect of a few days' relief from ishe had not seen Wray since the Wille Jones, afternoon when he had heard of Giloff's dismissal by Pauline. Until hos. Taylor that day, he had been frequently at hur home, but he had held persistent ly about over since.

No doubt Joan could easily have not him, she could easily have trend herselt in his way. But his new annoved her; and far from pling to group his path, she as of herself that she would go on her course to avoid him, and she dded that from every point of view

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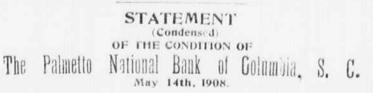
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