



The Battie-Cry by Charles Neville Buck. "You could be friends with a man and keep his secrets?"

sort with murderers, an' hit's me ye've got ter reckon with." Brother Talbot only nodded. "Son," he gently assured him, "we aims ter talk with you, too, but I reckon ye hain't got no call ter hinder us from havin' speech with Anse first."

CHAPTER XIII.

In other years Bad Anse Haverly remembered the days in that house when the voices of woman and children had been raised in song and laughter. Then the family had gathered in the long winter evenings before the roaring hearth, and spinning wheel and quilting frame had not yet gone to the cobwebs of the cockloft.

Several shaggy retainers were lounging on the front porch, but as Good Anse Talbot and Juanita turned in at the gate these henchmen disappeared inside. They would all be there to witness her humbling, thought the girl. It would please him to receive her with his jackal pack yelping derisively about him.

MRS. JENEVA MCCLELLAN DEAD.

Rembert, Dec. 30.—Plenty of news now, and no lack, good and bad. Miss Eva Hatfield, principal of the New Hope school, gave an entertainment there for its benefit on Thursday, December 23.

ACID OBTAINED FROM THE AIR.

New York, Dec. 29.—Nitric acid obtained by extracting nitrogen from the air will be put on the market next Saturday by the Southern Electro-Chemical company, according to a statement made public here today by James B. Duke, one of its officers.

STABLES DESTROYED BY FIRE.

SUMTER TRANSFER COMPANY AGAIN BURNED OUT WITH BIG LOSS.

Buildings Totally Destroyed and Six Mules Lost in the Fire—Buildings Belonged to Pierson Estate—Loss Estimated at About \$7,000 With Insurance of About \$5,000—Fine Work by Fire Department.

GERMANS SAID TO BE DESIROUS OF EARLY ADJUSTMENT OF DISPUTE.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The American Navy should be "equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world" not later than 1925, in the opinion of the Navy General Board, headed by Admiral Dewey.

NAVY EQUAL TO ANY.

The annual report of the board, made public recently, discloses that this naval policy was formulated by the body in July last in answer to the following propositions propounded by Secretary Daniels when the administration arrived at its decision to enter upon a campaign of national preparation:

TO SETTLE LUSITANIA CASE.

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Washington, Dec. 29.—New proposals from Germany for a settlement of the Lusitania controversy which the Berlin foreign office hopes will be acceptable to the United States are expected to be presented to the state department next week.

LANSEING AWAKENS EUROPE.

Washington, Dec. 29.—At practically every session of the many groups into which the Pan-American Scientific Congress is divided, scientific discussion for which the delegates ostensibly assembled was subordinated today to broad general consideration of means for binding all the Americas into a Pan-Americanism, as Secretary Lansing characterized in his address of welcome made as "one for all; all for one."

BERLIN AND VIENNA TOGETHER.

Germany Said to Have Dictated Austrian Reply to First Ancona Note. Geneva (via Paris), Dec. 29.—The latest information received by the Swiss press from Vienna states that the Austrian official circles are opposed to the acceptance of the second American Ancona note unless it is modified, and a rupture of diplomatic relations is believed to be imminent.

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Washington, Dec. 28.—The movement for legislation imposing an embargo on the shipment of war munitions abroad has become so insistent that Chairman Flood, of the house foreign affairs committee has determined to call a meeting of the committee with a view to hearings on the subject soon after Congress reassembles.

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