

see an involuntary step to him with lifted arms, and the a strong effort, as if strug voice came very low and

is to God I could."

Ye've taked, an' I've listened to Ye've taken my life away from an' made it a little scrap of your life—ye've let us both come to the 'each other more than food an' it in' levath. For me there's no without ye. In all the earth there's in the world a day comes when here's just one man, an' for every 's just one woman. Who

paled both arms and hold them bold by his and the magne illed in them. With a ga elemation that was half surre d half educ of his own triumph

swept into his embrace.

I she looked her fingers carossing whited his dark head she wishes spreaded beyond the y to tell him of her love. But

Then she felt his arms grow s rigid and he was pressing her from raed to peer into the m the tensity of one who is listen not only with his cars, but with

Mary nerve of his being. Monly he drew blick, still tenne and about, and from his eyes the tenand her fingers rested on and felt the strain on his

What is it?" the whispered, but replied only with a warning shake

tly turned her so that his body the words came slowly, and though

long enough to marry ye, but I they're weary of bidin' their

He had closed the door and stood g down at her with a deep hunin his face.

What is it, Anse? What did you ear out there?" Her face had gone allid and she clung to his arms with grip that indicated no intention of

"Nothin' much. Just the crackin' of twig or two; just some steps in the a that was too cautious to sound meet; little noises that wouldn't o mean. They weren't friendly They're after me."

Who? What do you mean?" Her veice came in a low panic of whispering, and even as she spoke the man was listening with his head bent toward the closed floor. He laughed mirrhlessly under his

"I don't know who they've picked et to get me. It don't matter much loss ft? But I know they've picked tonight. I've been lookin' for it, but it seems they might have let me have His lige smiled, and for an instant his eyes softened again to tenderness. "This was my nightour night."

"If they are out there, Anseher eyes flashed suddenly and her grip tightened—"you shan't go. I won't let you go. In this house you are behind walls at least. I can't let you go."

"It's the only way," he told her, and again she read unshakable resolve written in his face. "My best chance s out there. Them mountains 'll take better care of me than any walls-if ! can once get to cover."

Suddenly he wheeled and caught her flercely in his arms holding her very close, and now her heart was beating more wildly than before—beat ing with a sudden and sickening ter

He bent low and covered her tem ples and cheeks and lips and eye with kisses.

"God knows, when I came here to night," he declared, talking fast and nately, 'I didn't aim to ever away again without ye. Now I've g to go, but it t come through, an' there a breath or a drop of blood left L

wie, I'll be back. The comin back dearest, if I live."

Her answer was a low moan. He released her at last and went over to the gun-rack.

Standing before her shrine of guns, in her temple of disarmament, he suid slowly: "Dearest, I was about the last man to leave my rifle here. an' I reckon I've got to be the first to take it out again. I'm sorry. Will you give it to me or must I take it without permission?"

She came slowly over, conscious at her knees were trembling, and that ice-water seemed to have taken the place of hot blood in her veins. "If you need it," she faltered, "take it, dear nothing else matters— Which one shall I give you?"

"My own!" His voice was for the tant imperious. It was almost as someone had asked Ulysses what bow he would draw in battle. skon my own gun's good enough for me. It has been till today."

She withdrew the file from the rack herself, and he took it from her trembling hands, but when he had cepted it she threw her arms about him again and clung to him wildly, her eyes wide with silent suffering

The crushing grasp of his arms hurt her and she felt a wild joy in the pain. Then she resolutely whispered: "Go, dearest, go!" Time is precious

now. God keep you!"
"Juanita," he said slowly, "I have refused to talk to you in good speech. I have clung to the rough phrases and the rough manners of the hills, but want you to know always, most enly flercely, but gently too. No ten-derer worship lives in your own world. If I don't come back, think of that. God knows I love you."

"Don't, Anse!" she cried with a smothered sob. "Don't talk like a softmuscled lowlander! Talk to me in your own speech. It rings of strength, and God knows"—her voice broke, and she added with fierce tenderness, "God knows, dear, eagle-heart, you need all the strength of wing and talon to

Then she opened the back door very cautiously on the shadows that crept into inky blackness, and saw him slip from cisterns. In many instances exaway and meit instantly into the cellent and creditable work was ac-

CHAPTER XXV.

Out there the moon was setting. Soon, thank God, it would be dark everywhere. The man she loved needed all the chance that the thickening gloom could give him. It was terribly quiet now, except for an oc- the town's fire department. casional whippoorwill call and the quiness seemed to lie upon her with TWELVE KILLED BY ZEPPELINS. the oppression of something unspeak-

aide and sky was bated.

At last there came to her ears the the brush, but he had been gone ten minutes then. Perhaps they had just awakened to his escape and were casting aside stealth for the fury of open pursuit. She even thought she heard an oath once, and then it was all quiet again; quiet for a while, and at the



Once More ood Listening.

and of the sil tion of an excl far-away snap

She had dr to a chair and sat there tense ning forward, her lips parted and ... r ears straining. Had she heard one shot and its echo. or had there been seve al? Her imagcertain of her senses.

which she had lost count. Each mo- and expensive. They carry plague ment was a century.

It came from out beyond the front

She rose and took a step toward

outstretched toward the latch, and heard a faint rapping. It was seem ingly the rap of very feeble fingers but that might all be part of a ruse. Was it friend or enemy out there, just beyond the thickness of the heavy

panels? At all events, she must see. She braced herself and threw the door open. A figure which had been leaning against it lurched forward. stumbled over the threshold and fell in a heap, half in and half out. It was the figure of Anne Havey.

How far he had hitched himself along, foot by foot, like a mortally wounded animal crawling home to die. she could not tell, but for one horrified instant she stood gasing down on him in stupefaction.

He had gone out a splendid vital creature of resilient strength and power. He had come back the torn and bleeding wreck of a man, literally shot to pieces, as a quail is shattered when it rises close to a quick-shooting

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

FIXED FOR FIGHTING FLAMES

Manning Buys Up-to-date Combination Chemical Engine and Motor Truck.

Manning, March 4.-The town of Manning has just added to its firefighting equipment a splendid combination chemical and hose motor car, fully equipped. This truck earries 1,500 feet of hose, four large ladders, capable of scaling any building ar one, that I have loved you not in Manning, and several chemical fire extinguishers. It is run by a 60-horse power six-cylinder gaseline engine and cost \$4,500.

> With an excellent organisation of enthusiastic firemen and the superior pressure afforded by the new town water works, Manning is now prepared, not only to save property from destruction by fire, but also to secure minimum rates on fire insurance. Heretofore the town has relied on a very serviceable gasoline fire engine drawn by horses and pumping water complished, but it was folt that a more complete equipment should be provided, and it is believed that such has now been done.

> Much credit is due to Chief S. L. Huggins for initiating and pressing to a successful issue this addition to

Penton Raiders Also Enjure More Than Thirty in Raid.

London, March 6,-Twelve person two men, 3 women and five children were killed by Zeppelin raklers Sunday, it was announced today, and 83 were injured. There were three Zeppelins in the squadron. Owing to the zizgag course followed, it is believed that the Germans were also trying to locate the British grand fleet.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

London, March 6 .- The British steamer Masunda, five thousand tons. was sunk in the Mediterranean presumably by a submarine. All aboard Americans were on the ship.

Torpedo Boais Bombard Trebizond. Petrograd, March 6 .- Russian tor-

pedo boats have bombarded Trebiby land batteries.

British on Offensive.

Constantinople, March 6.-Heavy fighting is in progress between the Turks and the British forces trying to relieve Kutelamara. The British have been reinforced and launched an offensive movement the latter part of February.

Expensive Rats. Chicago Journal.

A writer in a farm magazine esti-

certain the pests do at least as much

there is no accounting for tastes. The passage of time was a thing of Rate are dangerous, as well as filthy and doubtless other diseases. They Then, with a violent start, she sat cause many fires by nibbling at in-

mentioning. the door, but halted in doubt. The civilized enough to abolish the rat. that they may be able to handle in Some day the world will become formation as to the amount of stock ways with halting intervals of silence When the campaign for his destructhe near future. between, as though whoever wers tion begins in earnest, will there be If I can be of any service to you, dragging the burden had to pause on societies of soft headed "philorodent- or the organization can serve you in each step to rest. Then there was a ists" to plead for mercy for the orea- any way, don't hesitate to call upon boot-leather on the ture, as similar organizations of to- us. boards and a labored breath outside- day denounce the "cruelty" of maka breath that seemed to be agonized. ing experiments on guinea pigs to find State Agent and Director of Extenthe bent forward with one hand cures for human diseases?

HIGHT TRACK SAYS LONG.

DEMONSTRATION WORK WRITES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ABOUT MILL.

Says That Two of Most Important Matters for Business Men to Provide are Markets for Live Stock and Farm Produce and Mill for Grinding Grain, so That it Can be Kept at Home-Promises His Assistance.

Mr. E. I. Reardon, Sumter, S. C. Dear Mr. Reardon:

your efforts in endeavoring to establish a flour mill and along with it a mill for grinding feed stuff, meal, etc., in Sumter. I don't know of anything that will stimulate the growing of grain in Sumter and adjoining counties as will the establishment of a mill of the character that you are trying to interest your business men its duty and that sufficient time be in. We cannot expect the farmers to adopt a system of diversified agriculture unless markets are provided for the products of their diversified sys-

I want to say here that the establishment of markets is not a problem of the farmer. It is a problem for the business man. The business man has the experience, training, capital, ject to assessment and taxation, and influence, outside connections, and is, therefore, the only agency in a position to provide or develop a scheme for the marketing of the farmer's products. If you could interest your business men and the business men in your dirrounding territory in the establishment of a small plant for the grinding of grain, at the same time be in a position to purchase all surplus grain that might be offered, I am sure that the grain crop of Sumter and the adjoining counties would increase 50 per cent, within the next twelve months.

Again if you could interest your business men in your part of the State in the establishment of a small packing house for the handling of hogs and beef cattle, interest in livestock and especially hogs would not only be Rept alive, but would be greatly enhanced within the next twelve months. There are more hogs in South Caroline this year than there has been in many years. We have been able to market quite a number, but I realize that there have been many who have been disappointed in not being able something is done of a definite character so we can assure the farmers that they will be able to sell their hogs at the market price, why it is going to be impossible for us to keep the interest alive and to make it grow.

The business men of Greenville are going to take up the establishment of a packing house within the next few days. This will in no way interfere with a packing house at Sumter. If the farmers are assured that these two packing houses can be established this fall, I believe that there is and will be a sufficient number of livestock grown in the State to make these packing houses a success. I do not think that we should advise the were saved. It is reported that two building of a large plant. We should make a small beginning and then increase the capacity when it was necessary to de so.

I have made this proposition to the business men of Greenville—that I zond, Turkey's important Black Sea will ascertain through the demonstraport. Several Turkish vessels escap- tion agents of the State the number ed without damage, though fired on of hogs that they have a reason to believe will be in the State next fall, after having made a survey of the situation. We shall also endeavor to have fifty farmers in each county promise to raise so many hogs for the market. This will be something tangible-will give us some idea of the number of livestock that we can reasonably expect next fall. With this information before us we could then decide whether we should establish the plants at this time.

I am working through the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and I like the punctua- mates that rats cost the farmers of shall be only too glad to work with in-mark, came the this country \$60,000,000 a year. It is you in Sumter, for I appreciate the interest that you are taking in the agdamage in cities and villages as in ricultural development of the State the country. Therefore the American and the energy that you are expendpeople are paying \$120,000,000 a year ing in trying to work out some scheme for the privilege of entertaining a fur- for the establishment of markets ination and fears were playing her tive, dirty, disreputable creature, for the products of the farmers in tricks now, and she could hardly be thickly populated with ficas. Verily your section of the State. The establishment of a market is the first step in any system of diversified agriculture. If we can work out the marketing problem before the appearance of the boll weevil we shall have very up. Now she knew she heard a sound sulating and in other ways. Indeed, little trouble in having the farmers there could be no doubt this time. there is a close connection between adopt a diversified system of agriculdoor, and she bent forward, listen- rats and fires. Both can be abolished ture, which is absolutely necessary if by the right sort of construction, and we are to combat successfully the rav-It was a strange sort of sound which a city which builds out one generally ages of this pest. I might add that she could not make out, but in a sub- finds that it has pretty well freed it- they are building a good many packtie way it was more terrifying than self from the other. Since San Fran- ing houses in the boll weevil districts the clatter of rifles. It was as if some cisco's Chinatown was made ratproof in the south. I am fearful, however, heavy, soft thing were being dragged it has had hardly any fires worth that they are building them in too large a scale and without sufficient in-

Respectfully,

W. W. LONG.

AUDITORS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS.

Tax Commission Calls Attention to Law as to Meetings of Boards.

Columbia, March 5 .- A. W. Jones, chairman of the State tax commission, has sent the following instructions to the county auditors of the State:

"Your attention is called to section 423, code of laws, 1912, which requires that township boards of assessors and special boards of assessors shall meet annually on the first Tuesday in March, being this year, My attention has been called to March 7, or as soon thereafter as practicable. Section 427 of the code requires the county board of equalization to meet annually on the fourth Tuesday in March, being this year, March 28. It is necessary that the boards meet promptly and complete their work in order that the State tax commission can promptly discharge given for the State board of review to perform its duty under the law.

"This is necessary to give sufficient opportunity for the county auditors to complete their tax duplicates in time for the collection of taxes. It is your duty to place before the township and special boards of assessors all returns of personal property suball return of improvements or additions to real esttae, not heretofore sessed, for assessment by above mentioned boards. Upon the convening of the county boards of equalization you should lay before them the work of the township and special boards of assessors.

"The duty of the county board of equalization is to equalize the proprty as between individual taxpayers, and as between local tax districts and townships. In order to expedite the work of the tax department, the county boards of equalization are requested to first assess and equalize the property of banking corporations, textile industries, cotton seed oil mills, fertilizer plants and other corporations equalized by them. Immediately upon the completion of the assessment and equalization of the property of such corporations you should transmit their returns and the action thereon of the county boards of equalization to the South Carolina tax commission, and then take up the assessment and equalization of other classes by Physical Director White, again of personal property. As soon as prac- won from the Dothan High School at to obtain a ready market. Therefore, ticable after the completion of the entire work of the county boards you game being too one-sided to be sewill forward to the tax commission an pecially good. The score at the class abstract of all personal property, of the game was 42 to 12. horses, mules, cattle, etc., by tax dis- The high school has a game with

DUKE PLANS NEW PLANT.

Fifty Engineers Laying Out Site for Hydroelectric Station on Wateree

Winnsboro, March 4.-Though 4 eil of censorship prevails concerning the activities of the Duke interests, which recently purchased large tracts of land in this county, definite information has been received that about 50 civil engineers are at work in the vicinity of Wateree river for the purpose of laying out a site for a new hydroelectric plant and subdividing the big holdings, it is sup-

T. W. Ruff of Rockton, one of the most successful and modern farmers in the upper section of the State, has accepted a position as general manager of the Duke farms in this county. It is rumored that further property will be acquired by these parties

This new enterprise will add to the resources of Fairfield in numerous ways, populating a part of the county which is at present sparsely peopled.

KINGSTREE PREPARES FOR FAIR.

Annual County Event This Year November 8 to 11.

Kingstree, March 4 .- At a recent

meeting of the Williamsburg County Fair association the dates for holding the second annual exhibition were fixed for the first week in November, beginning Wednesday the 8th and continuing through Saturday, 11th. this date being set aside for the colored people as the programme provided last year. The rates of admission are to be the same as last year. President Nesmith, in order to encourage more individual farm exhibits, offered a prize of \$25 in addition to any that might be offered by the association. Last year the only individual exhibition of farm products was that made by Hon. S. A. Graham. of Heinemann, and represented thirtyfour. Mr. Nesmith's offer includes not only agricultural products, but live stock, poultry, horticultural, etc.

SUMTER WINS AGAIN.

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