

A HYMN TO TO-MORROW.

"If it wasn't for hope we should die with fear."
Runs the dear old adage we used to hear
When we needed no hope to borrow;
And ever the sweetest thing in life
Through storm or sorrow, or bitterest strife,
Is the hope that enshrines to-morrow.

THE MISTRESS of the Mine.

Or a Woman Intervenes.
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CHAPTER XXII.—CONTINUED.

Miss Longworth left the office, and getting into her cab, was driven to her father's place of business.
"Hello, my girl," said the old man, showing his spectacles up on his brow and gazing at her, "what is it now, some new extravagance?"

I have said if I do not get that money I shall never enter our house again.
"£30,000 is a tremendous amount."
Remember that I have given my word, too, that I would not give you the money unless you tell me what it was for.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Edith Longworth, with that precious bit of paper in her pocket, once more got into her hansom and drove to Wentworth's office.
"Have you telegraphed to Mr. Kenyon?" she asked.

penny as his share. So I trust you will never let him know I am the person who gave the money to buy the mine.
"Perhaps not. But if he is to know, I am the person to tell him."
"Very well, father, I will tell you what it is for when you ask me, and I would advise you to give me the money. It will all be returned to you if you want it."



"Don't spare money on it," said the young lady. "Be sure and make it plain to him."

I shall be doing everything I can in London, and he may have a faint expectation that I shall be able to accomplish something.
"Quite. If that message does not reach him none will."
"Ah, but that is the one thing he must not know. As to losing the money, neither you nor Mr. Kenyon are to lose a penny. If the mine is all you think it is, then it will be a very profitable investment, and I intend that we shall each take our third, just as if you had contributed one-third of the money and Mr. Kenyon the other."

among the mines, and see if he could not get something to do in the management of one of them. This would enable him to make some money and to help pay off the indebtedness which he and Wentworth would owe in London as a result of their disastrous speculation.
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Tales of Honry Old Egypt.

Many centuries before recorded history begins the old Egyptians had developed a religion, an architecture and a mode of life of which imperishable traces are found to-day.
"Ah, I see. I have not my check book here, but perhaps you can send this check to the bank and I will return. There will be time enough, I suppose, before the closing hour of the bank."

An Irishman's Reply.
Judge Morton, of Virginia, used to tell a story of an Irishman who was brought before him for pommeling one of his friends in a fit of rage.
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"Inspector" himself in the glass after the operation. "You didn't take that smudge of coal soot off my cheek."

Anxious to Oblige.
Barber—Hair's getting a little thin, sir. Shall I—
Tasty Customer—I prefer it that way. "Yes, sir. Shampoo?"

The Three Friends Violated No Law.
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 19.—The Three Friends has violated no law and she will be released unless new libel is filed in ten days.

Bubonic Scare in Naples.
LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Daily News Tuesday publishes a dispatch from Rome saying that a panic exists in Naples and Sicily, caused by fears that the Indian plague will be introduced there by steamers arriving from Indian ports.

Well Ahead.
"Your wife seems anxious to be up to date, Tubgy."
"Up to date? She's way ahead; she's got a lot of trouble borrowed for year after next."—Chicago Record.

SPANISH GUNBOAT SUNK

By a Torpedo, and Those Not Injured Jumped Onboard—Insurgents Fire Upon the Drowning Men.

HAVANA, Jan. 19.—Though the insurgents have no navy they do not hesitate when the opportunity offers to attack the Spanish war ships. The latest instance of this kind occurred Sunday morning when a Spanish gunboat was sunk by means of a torpedo and many of her crew killed.
"Ah, that, as I said before, no one can tell."

When the Centinelli's boats attempted to rescue the men struggling in the water the rebels fired upon them, but the Spaniards bravely persisted in their work of rescue until all the men had been taken from the water.

The condition of the survivors was such that it was impossible for the Centinelli to proceed to Guamo and she therefore returned to Manzanillo where the news of the disaster caused intense excitement.

The official report of the affair states that the commander, second engineer and three sailors of the Relampago were killed and her boatswain, quartermaster, chief engineer, pilot and four sailors wounded. The boatswain of the Centinelli was killed and her pilot, second engineer, gunner and six sailors were wounded.

Both gunboats were small vessels intended principally for river service and they did not carry large crews.

Louisville Bank Closed.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 19.—The German national bank was closed Monday by order of the controller of the currency. Examiner Escott is in charge. He refuses to make a statement of the bank's condition, but the assets and liabilities will probably not exceed \$100,000.

Newport Bank Fails.
NEWPORT, Ky., Jan. 19.—The First national bank, of this city, at the northwest corner of Fifth and York streets, did not open its doors Monday. The news spread with great rapidity, and before long there was a crowd of excited depositors assembled in front of the bank, clamoring for an explanation.

Minister Willis' Funeral.
HONOLULU, Jan. 19.—Correspondence of the United Associated Presses per steamer City of Rio de Janeiro, via San Francisco, January 18. The funeral of Minister Willis took place on the 8th inst. The body lay in state in the large throne hall and was visited by a large number of citizens.

Minnesota Savings Bank Fails.
ST. PAUL, Jan. 19.—The Minnesota Savings bank has made an assignment to Wm. Bickel, Sr., vice president of the defunct Germania bank, and father of Wm. Bickel, jr., president of the Minnesota Savings bank. Assets \$250,000; liabilities \$210,000.

Cast Iron Pipe Prices.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 21.—The National Cast Iron Pipe Manufacturers' association held its second day's session here Wednesday, and reaffirmed the prices of last year. No other business of public importance was transacted, and adjournment was taken until next year.

Senator Vest Formally Re-Elected.
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 21.—Both branches of the legislature met in joint session on noon Wednesday and George Graham Vest, of Sedalia, was formally re-elected to represent Missouri in the United States senate.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

Second Session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—SENATE.—The house bill for free homesteads on the public lands in Oklahoma Territory, which has been unfinished business in the senate, came to a vote Thursday after three hours' debate and was passed—yeas 38, nays 11. It was first amended a very important particular by striking out the words "in the territory of Oklahoma," thus making it apply to all public lands acquired from the various Indian tribes. It provides that all settlers on these lands shall be entitled to patents, or payment of the usual and customary fees and that no further charge of any kind shall be required. It also provides, by another senate amendment, that all sums of money so released, which if not released would belong to any Indian tribe, shall be paid to such tribe by the United States. The bill now goes back to the house for action on the same amendments. An effort was then made by Mr. Morgan to get up the Nicaragua canal bill and to make it the unfinished business; but there was no quorum voting on his motion and the senate at 4:30 p. m. adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE.—The oleomargarine bill was passed Thursday. Considerable opposition was developed, but it did not prove formidable on the yeas and nays vote of the reading, which the opponents of the measure accepted as final. The yeas were 126 and the nays 96. Some amendments to perfect the measure were agreed to without opposition. The bill makes oleomargarine and other imitation dairy products subject to the laws of the state or territory into which they are transported. The remainder of the day was spent by the house in transacting routine business under the unanimous consent rule.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—SENATE.—Not in session.

HOUSE.—Five hours were spent Friday in disposing of routine business, principally private pension bills. A number of them were passed. A senate bill granting an increase to the widow of Gen. John Smith, which had been in committee, but it went through in its original shape which, with the president's approval, will give Mrs. Gibbon \$100 a month. Mr. Gillett (rep. Mass.) introduced in the house Friday a bill fixing the age for retirement from the classified service of the United States at 65 years. All officers are to become vacant when the person holding them becomes 65 years old, and no person more than 65 years old is to be eligible to appointment. The act, however, does not apply to union veterans of the late war or their widows. At the night session of the house a round dozen of pension bills were passed.

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HOUSE.—No business of importance was transacted in the house Saturday. Most of the day was spent in delivering eulogies upon the late ex-speaker, Charles F. Crisp.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—SENATE.—Senator Murphy's bill for a new custom house in New York was reported back favorably placed on the calendar. The present custom house site is to be used, and the limit of cost is \$5,000,000. The bill to provide for a representation of the United States by commissioners at any international monetary conference was introduced and is to be taken up Tuesday without reference to a committee. The army appropriation bill appropriating over \$55,000,000, was passed without question or remark. There was a few minor amendments which will probably be considered in the house without the formality of a conference. The Nicaragua canal bill was taken up and made the unfinished business (38 to 14), and after a two hours' speech in support of it by Mr. Morgan (dem. Ala.) the senate at 5:15 adjourned until Tuesday.

HOUSE.—The house spent Monday in consideration of miscellaneous matters, business of the District of Columbia occupying the greater portion of the session. Aside from these measures of purely local interest, bills were passed: To prohibit and punish the sale of liquors to the Indians over whom the interior department exercises guardian ship; extending for two years the time for the completion of the Kansas, Oklahoma Central and Southern railway; throwing Indian territory and Oklahoma; amending the patent laws, along the lines proposed by the American Bar association; to give to the United States the benefit of devices, patents or naval officers; authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande at El Paso Tex.; also of a bridge across the Monongahela from Braddock to Millif, Pa.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—SENATE.—The legislative appropriation bill was taken up after the Nicaragua measure had been laid aside and was completed with the passage of provisions in relation to the library of congress which went over without action till Wednesday. Earlier in the day's proceedings Mr. Hill (dem. N. Y.) spoke for an hour and a half on a joint resolution relating to the bill sub-way in the District of Columbia. The resolution offered by Mr. Morgan (dem. Ala.) last week as to default in the Pacific Railroad Co.'s, and the one offered Tuesday by Mr. Pettigrew (silver, S. D.) as to the Venezuela and Guiana boundary agreement, were taken up in the senate, but went over, the first indefinitely and the other until Wednesday. Senate bill appropriating \$15,000 for a public building at Altoona, Pa., was passed. At 5:45 the senate adjourned until Tuesday.

HOUSE.—The house spent the whole of Tuesday's session in committee of the whole considering private pension bills. Favorable action was taken upon 32 of them, one being the senate bill to increase to \$100 a month the pension of Maj. Gen. Julius H. Steen.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—SENATE.—Wednesday the bill for the erection of a new custom house building in New York on the site of the present building at a cost not exceeding \$5,000,000, appropriating \$20,000 for one year's rent of temporary premises, and providing for a salary of \$5,000 each a board of five building commissioners passed. It now goes to the house. The legislative appropriation bill was taken up and finished and a house bill of last session relieving the United States from tonnage charges was taken up and passed. Mr. Chandler (rep. N. H.) asked and obtained unanimous consent to have the bill for representation of the United States by any monetary conference with other nations taken up after the routine business on Tuesday next. The joint resolution as to the electric conduits in the city of Washington was discussed during the morning hour.

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