

CHAPTER XIII-Continued.

"And then at last it came. I didn't ee anything, and I didn't hear anything, but I knew it was there. still remember how frightened and yet how cool I was in that last moment. I held the gun to my shoulder and waited for It to thrust itself against the blanket. In another moment I am sure I should have fired. But before moment I heard my name called, and I knew my husband's voice, and I came out of the nightmare."

"Most extraordinary," the coroner repeated, after a silence. "It seems account for the shooting of Riles, but it leaves us as much as evermore than ever, I should say-in the dark concerning the disappearance of the money, and the part which has implicated the young man Travers in the affair."

The banker gave his evidence. It was not unusual, he said, for considerable sums in bank notes to be han-dled among speculators and land buyers, but the amount withdrawn by Harris was so great that it had left him somewhat ill at ease, and as Sergeant Grey had happened his way he had mentioned the matter to him.

During the hearing of the various witnesses Gardiner had attempted an air of impersonal interest, but with no great success. His demeanor, studied though it was, betrayed a certain anxlety and impatience. He was dressed just as he had dismounted from his horse, having removed only his hat. But he smiled confidently when asked for his evidence, and told his story calmly and collectedly.

It is quite true that he was asso-clated with Riles and Mr. Harris in the coal mine investment. He was acting for the owner of the property, but had seen that a large profit was to be made from the turn-over, and had been glad to place the opportunity in the way of two old friends

"I feel a grave responsibility in this whole matter," Gardiner protested, with some emotion. "I feel that I am, at least indirectly, responsible for the serious loss that has befallen Mr. Harris, and for the injury to his son. But when you have heard the whole circumstances you will agree that the situation was one I could not possibly have foreseen. Let me give them to you in some detail.

"The day before yesterday, in company with Riles, I met Mr. Harris and his son, and found that their money had arrived. The remittance was not as large as they expected, but I be-lieved that I could raise some money privately, and that we would still be able to put the deal through. I advised against losing any time, as 1 knew that if the owner should meet anyone else interested in a proposition of a similar nature we would find it much harder to make a bargain with him. It was arranged that the two Mr. Harrises were to drive ahead, taking the money with them, and that Riles and I would follow. We were to overtake them at the old building where this unfortunate tragedy ocwhere this unfortunate tragedy oc-curred. As it happened, I had a sick horse at the ranch, and, as I was de-layed in getting some medicine for him, Riles suggested that he would ride out to the ranch—that is, where ride out to the ranch—that is, where I live—and wait for me there. Up to that I know, why, I must tell what I know. This man Travers was that time I had no suspicions, and I a farm hand working for Harris on agreed to that.

Well, when I reached the ranch, I could find nothing of Riles, and, on further search, I could find nothing of was working for me. Their riding horses were gone, and so were their saddles and bridles. I found that Travers had taken his re-volver out of the house. I confess my suspicions were then somewhat aroused, but I found myself with the sick horse on my hands, and I could not very well leave the place. Of course, I never thought of anything so bad as has happened, or I would not have considered the horse, but I admit I was at a loss to understand their conduct. But when I heard, early this morning, what had happened, it was all clear to me."

During the latter part of this evidence Travers had fixed his eyes on Gardiner, but the witness had steadily avoided him. Jim was now coniced that he was the victim, not of a coincidence, but a plot. Of course, he could give his evidence, which ould be directly contradictory to that of Gardiner, but he was already under suspicion, and anything he might say would be unconsciously discounted by the jurors. But he began calmly, a quiet smile still playing about his thin lips and clean teeth.

"I am sorry I cannot corroborate all the last witness has said," he com-menced. "I did not leave the ranch with Riles; on the contrary, I was fishing down by the river when I saw Riles and Gardiner ride by. Gardiner talking and I heard him mention was talking and I heard him mention
Mr. Harris name. I worked for Mr.
Harris not long ago, but I did not
know he was in this part of the country. I heard Gardiner say—" Jim
colored a little, and stopped.

"Well, what did you hear him say?"
said the coroner. "That is what we
are anxious to know."

"I heard him say something about Mr. Harris losing all his money that

night in the old shanty up the river 'Strange things have happened up there, Riles,' he said. That made me suspicious, and I hurried back to the ranch, determined to follow them I found that my revolver had been taken. I armed myself as best I could, and set out. When I came near the building which Gardiner had mentioned I dismounted and approached it carefully. It was very dark. Suddenly I was attacked from behind. A sack was thrown over my head, and I was overpowered, and bound. I don't know how long I was kept in that condition, but when at last the sack was removed I was in the presence of Sergeant Grey."

With the progress of Travers' narrative all eyes had turned to Gardiner, but, whatever his inward emotions, he outwardly showed no signs of discomfiture. "This seems to be a day of strange tales," he said to the coroner, "and the last we have heard is stranger than the first. Of course, it is quite absurd on the face of it. The suggestion that I would be a party to robbing Mr. Harris of \$20,000, and so balk a transaction in which I stood to make a profit of more than twice that amount, is too ridiculous for discussion. I didn't say so before, because it didn't seem to bear on the case, but I have at home a telegram which I received a few days ago from the New York investors, offering me a personal commission of 20 per cent on the transaction if I was able to get this property for them at the price they had offered. So, from a purely selfish point of view, you see where my interests lay. But there are other reasons for this fine tale which you have just heard. To spare the feelings of some present, I intended



"Have I Got to Die on End, Like a

to say nothing of them, but if I must his farm back in Manitoha. Harris Is -or was-well-to-do, and Travers accordingly mustered up an attachment for his daughter. This the young lady, it seems, was foolish enough to re-"That'll do, Gardiner," interrupted

Travers, in a quiet, vibrant voice. "You are getting away from the sub-

"On the contrary, I'm getting close to the subject-a little too close for your comfort, it seems."

"I am not investigating any family closets," said the coroner. "You will have to show the connection between these matters and the inquiry we are

"I will do that in a moment, sir," Gardiner returned. "But I cannot show the connection until I have shown the events that are connected. Travers had trouble with Harris and had a fight with Allan. Then he and the young lady ran away. They have both been in this part of the country for some time. But Travers' plan to inherit the Harris property was up-set on eccount of the girl quarreling with her parents, and his ardor seems to have cooled off noticeably. But he was as keen for the property as ever. Riles was a weakling in the bands of a man like Travers, and no doubt he etrayed the fact that Harris was taking his money with him into the hills. Then the two of them framed up the plan which has resulted in the death of one and the arrest of the

During these exchanges the sympathies of the jurors seemed to veer from side to side. The theories propounded were so contradictory that opinions wavered with each sentence of evidence. But a new half wee

of evidence. But a new bolt was ready for the shooting. "Mr. Ceroner," said Beulah, rising and pointing at Gardiner, "will you

make that man take his gauntlets

There seemed an instant recession of the blood from Gardiner's face. But it was for the instant only. "My hat is off," he said, with a smile. that sufficient?"

"Make him take them off!" Beulah insisted.

"There is no rule against wearing gauntlets in a coroner's court," said the coroner. "I do not see the point

of your objection." "Make him take them off," said Beulah.

"As the young lady insists," said the coroner, turning to Gardiner, "I suggest that you comply with her re-

"I should be glad to," said Gardi-"but the fact is I have a sore hand. When I was giving the horse medicine the night Travers left me alone the brute nipped me a little, and I have been keeping it covered

up since."
"Make him take them off," said Beulah.

"Why should you be so insistent?" said the coroner, "Surely it makes no difference-

"Only this difference, You have heard my father's evidence of the fight in the old house. The man with whom he fought will have tooth marks in his hand. Make him take them off. Or if you won't-look at these hands." She seized Jim's hands in hers and held them up before the coroner and the jury. "Any tooth marks there? Now make this other man show his."

For a moment all eyes were on Travers' hands. In that moment Gardiner rushed for the open window and in another instant would have been through it, had not the quick arm of the policeman intercepted.

"Not so fast, my man," said Grey. "Now we will see this horse bite of yours." Gardiner made no further resistance, and he drew the glove from his hand. There was a fresh scar on the right thumb.

The coroner examined it carefully. When he spoke it was in the voice of a judge delivering sentence. "That is not a horse bite," he said, "Those That are the marks of human teeth!" Gardiner smiled a faint smile, "Well,

what are you going to do about it?" he said.

"We are going to put you in Travers' place and tender him our apolo-gles," said the coroner.

But Travers had crowded into the center of the circle. "Gardiner," he said, "if you weren't under arrest I'd thrash you here and now. But you can at least do something to square yourself. Where is that money? "That's right, Jim. Everyone thinks of what is nearest his heart."

"You scoundrel! You know why it is near my heart. You have robbed Mr. Harris of all that he had spent his whole life for. You will have no chance to use that money yourself. You are sure of your living for the next 20 years. Why not show that you are not all bad—that you have some human sentiments in you? It seems as little as you can do.

"There may be something in what you say," said Gardiner. "I have a slip of paper here with the key to the

He reached with his finger and thumb in his vest pocket and drew out a small folded paper. This he un-folded very slowly and deliberately before the eyes of the onlookers. contained a small quantity of white

You'll be scrawny and rheumatic by that time, and the beautiful Beulah will be fat and figureless. Twenty years for you, Jim, but 20 minutes for me—and I wouldn't trade with you, damn you! I beg the pardon of the ladies present. One should never forget to be a gentleman, even when-

But Gardiner's breath was beginning to come fast, and he raised his hands to his throat. A choking spell seized him, and he would have fallen had not the policeman and the coro ner held him on his feet. "Let me lle down," he said, when he got his breath. "Let me lie down, can't you? Have I got to die on end, like a mur-

They led him to the adjoining roo where he fell upon the bed. The mus cles of his great arms and neck were working in contortions, and his tongue seemed to fill his mouth.

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The Fast Age.
"The world never moved so fast before," mused Mr. Simmons. "We have winter ice on the Fourth of July, spring vegetables on Christmas; we buy our straw hats in February and our felt hats in August; we get our Sunday paper on Saturday night, and our magazines a month shead of time If we telephone a man in San Francisco from New York, he hears our voice about four hours before we speak; and if some one in Japan sends us a cablegram tomorrow, we get it

Poverty and Splendor

I saw many poor, whom I supposed to live in affluence, Poverty has, in large cities, very different appearances; it is often concealed in splendor, and often in extravagance. is the care of a great part of manking to conceal their indigence, from the rest; they support themselves by ten porary expedients and every day lest in contriving for the morrow Dr. Samuel Johnson.

The Markets

Latest market report, issued by the Bureau of Markets, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.:

Hay-Prices generally lower. Re-ceipts light, but equal to limited deceipts light, but equal to limited demand. Alfalfa down about \$2 Kansas City. Stock yard buying steadying market at Chicago. Heavy receipts at Cincinnati being absorbed by good buying at the lower prices. Quoted June 8: No. 1 Timothy, New York \$31, Philadelphia \$23, Cincinnati \$18.75, Chicago \$23, Memphis \$26, Minneapolis \$20 Atlanta \$28, No. 1 alneapolis \$20, Atlanta \$28. No. 1 alfalfa, Kansas City nominal at \$19, Omaha \$18, Memphis \$23. No. 1 prairie, Kansas City \$13, Omaha \$13, Minneapolis \$15.

Feed-Wheat feeds continue weak, other feeds fairly steady, though in ample supply. Demand exceedingly light. Brewers grains and cottonseed quoted \$1 lower than a week ago. Lin-seed meal stronger on better export demand. Corn feeds unchanged. Stocks generally remain in excess of require-ments. Quoted, bran \$14.50, middlings \$14.75, Minneapolis; new No. 1 alfalfa meal \$18, gray shorts \$20, bran \$14.50, Kansas City; gluten feed \$27 Chicago; 36 p.c. cottonseed meal \$30.50 Memphis, \$30 Atlanta; linseed meal \$32.50 Buffalo, \$29.50 Minneapolis; white hominy feed \$23 St. Louis, \$25 Chi-

Grain—July wheat sold at a new high point on the 3rd, encouraged by bullish crop reports and estimates and large export business. Export demand was then cut off on account of the continued advance and a further deline in sterling exchange and prices dropped until the 8th when there was a sharp upturn on fears that heavy rains in Southwest would delay harvest and damage quality. September wheat showed considerable firmness on the 6th and 7th, caused by exportselling July and buying Septembe to change hedges. The market ad-vanced on the 9th as result excessive rains in Southwest and floods in Kansas. In Chicago cash market No. 2 red winter wheat \$1.58, No. 2 hard \$1.61; No. 3 mixed corn 61c, No. 3 yellow corn 61c; No. 3 white oats 36c. For the week Chicago July wheat down 6c at \$1.34\%, July corn down 5c at 62c. Minneapolis July wheat down 3\%c at \$1.35. Kansas City July 6\%c at \$1.27. Winnipeg July 4c at \$1.74. Chicago September wheat \$1.17 3.8; September corn 634c. Fruits and Vegetables-South Caro-

lina Irish cobbler potatoes down 25c per barrel. New York under increas-ing receipts reaching \$3.50@3.75; eastshore of Virginia stock \$4.00@ Shipments from South Carolina have been decreasing rapidly, the heaviest movement of the past week coming from the eastern shore of Virginia. Texas and Louisiana sacked ginia. Texas and Louisiana sacked Bliss triumphs up 25@50c per 100 pounds. St. Louis and Kansas City closing \$3.25@3.75. Texas yellow Ber-muda onions nearly steady in consum-ing markets at \$1.15@1.75 per stand-ard crate. California stock steady to firm in consuming centers, ranging firm in consuming centers, ranging \$1.25@1.85. Florida tomatoes in moderate demand in New York City at \$5.00@5.50 per six-basket carrier. Pittsburg market strong for good stock at \$5.50@5.75. Mississippi four-basket carriers steady in Fastern markets at carriers steady in Eastern markets at \$2.00@2.50. Texas tomatoes \$1.75@1.90 Chicago. California salmon tint cantaloupes down at shipping points under heavy haulings, closing \$1.75@ 2.00 per standard crate of 45 melons, carloads f.o.b. cash track. Prices down \$2.50@3.25 per crate in consuming markets, closing at \$3.75@6.50. Shipments have been increasing rapidly. Georgia carman peaches in six-basket him he had thrown his head back and swallowed it.

"Too late!" he cried, as Grey snatched the empty paper from his fingers. "Too late! Well, I guess I beat you all out, eh? And, as I said before, what are you going to do about it? Twenty years, eh, Jim? You'll be scrawny and rheumatic by

Dairy Products—Active storing demand has kept butter markets firm with price tendency upward. Receipts continue heavy. Fancy grades especially in demand. Closing prices 92 score: New York 32½; Chicago 31; Philadelphia 33; Boston 33. Cheese markets steady to firm. Current pro-duction not yet showing quality necesduction not yet showing quality necessary for active storing demand and movement of all medium grade goods into consumptive channels has had some tendency to keep prices down. Prices at Wisconsin primary markets average: Twins 13%; daisles 14½; double daisles 14; longhorns 14; young

Americas 14½.

Live Stock and Meats—Hog prices at Chicago declined 5@30c per 100 pounds the past week. Beef steers steady, butcher cows and heifers down 25c. Veal calves up 50c. Spring lambs down 50c; aged lambs 50@75c; yearlings and fat ewes 25@50c. June 9 Chicago prices: Hogs, bulk of sales \$8.00 @8.20; medium and good beef steers \$7.50@8.65; butcher cows and heifers \$4.25@8.50; feeder steers \$6.25@7.75; light and medium weight veal calves \$8.00@10.25; fat lambs \$8.00@12.00; \$8.00@10.25; fat lamps \$8.00@12.00; spring lambs \$10.50@13.00; yearlings \$6.50@10.00; fat ewes \$3.00@5.00. Stocker and feeder shipments from 11 important markets for the week ending June 3rd were: Cattle and calves 24. June 3rd were: Cattle and calves 24,926; hogs 5,657; sheep 10,009. Eastern wholesale prices on beef, veal and
lamb advanced, while mutton and pork
loins were steady to lower.
Cotton—Spot cotton prices, lost 16
points during the week, closing at
11.32c per pound. New York July futures down 12 points at 12.55c.

New Orleans, La.-A fairly good business was done in the rice market Saturday, with clean rice steady and in somewhat better demand than was the case Friday. In some quarters it is claimed that at present prices there is a demand for pretty nearly everything held here or in the interior of sacks rough and 1,000 pockets clean. Sales 6.827 pockets clean Blue Rose at 2 1-8@3.55c and 208 pockets Japan at 3@3 5-8c. Bran, \$15.00. Polish

BILL TO EXPEDITE AID TO SOLDIERS

House Votes Unanimous For the Creation of Veterans' Bureau.

Washington.-The house Friday passed the Sweet bill, under which government agencies dealing with former service men would be consolidated. The measure now goes to the senate.

The bill was passed by a vote of 335

The house spent more than a week considering the bill and adopted a few minor amendments, but the measure was approved practically as it was re ported by the house commerce commit-

Provision is made in the bill for the creation of a veterans' bureau in the SUFFERED ALL treasury department, in which would be placed the war risk insurance board, the federal board for vocational education and functions of the public health service relating to war veterans. Fourteen regional offices would be

created for expeditious handling of the claims of former service men for compensation, hospital and medical care and vocational training. The director of the new bureau would have power to determine the extent of authority of regional branches to make final settlement of all claims.

Provision is made for the establishment of 140 offices at which war veterans could apply for relief. These would replace 137 soldier relief bureaus now maintained by the government throughout the country. The location of the new offices would be determined by the director of the veterans' bureau.

An amendment was added to the bill providing that the regional bureau and sub-offices created by it must automatically cease to exist July 1, 1926

The house also approved an amendment by Representative Elliott of Indiana, authorizing the payment of government insurance to beneficiaries of war veterans who permitted their policles to lapse while suffering from wounds or disease incurred in line of duty, from which they died.

BERGDOLLS PAY \$23,000 IN FINES UNDER PROTEST

Philadelphia.-Mrs. Emma C. Berg doll, mother of the Bergdoll brothers convicted army deserters, saved her self and her four co-defendants charged with conspiracy to aid Grover C. and Erwin R. Bergdoll to evade army service, from going to jail by paying Friday \$23,000 in fines recently im posed by the United States District Court here.

A certified check drawn by Charles A. Braun, one of Mrs. Bergdoll's sons, who changed his name, was given to the clerk of the court "under protest." It is understood an appeal from the conviction will be taken.

Mrs. Bergdoll, Braun and James E. Romig, a friend of the family, were sentenced on May 17 to a year and a day in prison and fined \$7,000 each, and Harry S. Schuh and Albert S. Mitchell, an automobile salesman, were sentenced to six months and \$1,000 The court, however, announced that if the fines were paid before June 13 the prison sentences would be remitted.

with the Texas-Oklahoma boundary controversy now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, announced that taking of testimony in the new points and issues involved in the case must begin not later than August 15 and be concluded by October 29. Frederick S. Tyler of Washington was appointed special commissioner by the court in this case and before him testimony is to be taken.

Death of Baptist Leader.

Dallas, Texas.—Dr. James Bruton Gambrell, retired president of the Southern Baptist convention and nationally known Baptist leader, preacher and educator, died at his home Fri day following an illness of several months. He would have been 80 years old next July.

Bodies of Flood Victims Found. Pueblo, Colo.—Six more bodies

flood victims were found Friday in the receding Arkansas River here and near here. Four of the bodies found were those of adults and two were in-

Auto Confiscation Bill Passed.

Washington.-Owners of automo biles and other vehicles would be pro tected against confiscation of their property in event of its use without their knowledge in the illegal transportation of liquor under a bill passed Friday by the senate.

To Abolish Celibacy.

Scranton, Pa.-The synod of the Polish National Catholic Church in session Friday decided to abolish telibacy among its 150 clergymen.

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