

The Times' Daily Short Story.

A DISPLEASING RETURN

When Jack Bowen came home to the little coast town of D, he brought un- easiness to a newly married couple, James and Carrie Roscoe. When Bowen had gone away on a two years' cruise he was engaged to Carrie Nor- tis, now James Roscoe's wife.

Bowen as soon as his ship was docked sauntered ashore and was making straight for the house in which he had left his sweetheart when he met an acquaintance.

"Carrie's all right, I suppose?" re- marked the sailor inquiringly.

"Oh, yes; she's very well."

"I've come back to marry her."

"You can't do that, Jack, for she's married already."

"What?"

"She married Jim Roscoe six months after you went away."

Instead of the pained look in Bow- en's face one might expect in such a case there was an ugly one. Without a word he turned and walked to a tav- ern, where he poured out for himself half a tumbler of whisky and drank it down.

That evening when James Roscoe went home to his wife and informed her that her old lover had come back she turned pale.

"Oh, dear!" she said. "I was in hopes he'd never come back."

"He can't bother you now that you're married."

"The wife made no reply to this, but showed uneasiness in every feature."

"Never mind him, sweetheart, I'm a match for him any day."

The next morning Roscoe had half a mind to leave his day's fishing and stay at home, but he didn't know that his wife would need him or when she would need him, and he couldn't stay at home all the time, so he gave her an extra embrace and told her if Brown appeared to refuse to talk with him; then, promising an earlier return than usual, he went away. His smack and his men were ready, waiting for him, and they sailed to the fishing grounds.

The day seemed never ending. When Roscoe thought it should be noon he glanced at the sun and his compass and saw that it could not be more than 10 o'clock. When he looked again, thinking it should be mid-afternoon, it was barely 2. At last he could endure his uneasiness no longer and gave the order to weigh anchor and start for home. On reaching the beach he turned the smack over to the others and started for his home.

When he passed Bridget Noonan's, she cast an anxious glance at him, re- marking: "I'm glad you're come, Jim Roscoe. I seen Jack Brown goin' your way some time ago, an' he was mighty ugly lookin'."

Roscoe hurried on with a great fear in his heart, instinctively putting his

hand to his hip, where a sailor carries his knife.

Bowen had seen Roscoe go off in his smack and knew that an interview with his old sweetheart without the presence of her husband was possible, but he feared such an interview. He knew the devil had possession of him, and he struggled to keep away. It was about 3 o'clock that his evil passions overcame him, and, thinking Roscoe would not return till evening, he start- ed forth. Carrie saw him coming, running to an upper window, from which she could get a view of the ocean, she cast a quick glance sea- ward, and there within a few furlongs of shore was the smack beating inward. Then she went down to meet Bowen.

"Jack," she said, forcing a welcome smile, "I hope you've come back well and happy."

"I'm well enough, but how do you expect me to be happy with you gone back on me?"

"It's better so, Jack."

"Better so, you Jude! Do you expect me to go away workin' and savin' for two years for you and then come back to find you married?"

For half an hour Carrie kept the man at bay, reasoning with him, mak- ing excuses for her action, begging him to be calm when he became violent. It was sandy about the house and no footfall could be heard, but she hoped at every moment to see her husband appear in the open door. But, oh, how long he was in coming! She did not know that he had been warned and was hurrying toward his home.

As Roscoe came up he heard Bow- en's voice; and it occurred to him to move cautiously, though not less rapid- ly, in order to confront the sailor with- out warning. It was fortunate that he did so, for Bowen was at the time in a state of frenzy that would have led him to strike back had he known the protector was at hand.

"You've killed me," Roscoe heard Bowen say, "and I've a mind to kill you for doin' it. I can put an end to myself afterward."

"Jack, remember that once I loved you," pleaded the terrified Carrie.

"Yes, and I should have stabbed you then before you could have—"

An iron grip from behind clutched about the sailor's windpipe, and, after a few vain efforts to free himself, he sank down, his face black, his eyes starting from his head.

"Take his knife."

Carrie seized the knife and threw it out of the window.

"I'm going to let you up," said Ros- coe, "and we'll have it out with fists, I don't want the blood of such a cur on my hands."

It was a short fight that occurred on the beach near the house, with no witness except the insulted wife. Bowen was full of rna, and Roscoe soon knocked him senseless, then sent him in care of a neighbor to his ship. Bowen sailed soon after and on the voyage was lost overboard.

EDWARD P. MORRIS.

PRESIDENT AT HOME

Arrives at Sagamore Hill Without Untoward Accident.

GOES TO CAPITAL SEPT. 28.

Before Leaving For There He Will Attend the Dedication of New Jersey Monument on the Battlefield of Antietam.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Arrange- ments have been made for the return of President Roosevelt and family to Washington on Monday, Sept. 28. Prior to that time the president will make one more trip, attending the dedication of the New Jersey monument on the battlefield of Antietam. He will leave Oyster Bay on Wednesday, Sept. 16, on the naval yacht Sylph, devoting the greater part of the day to a visit of inspection to the immigrant station on Ellis Island, New York bay. At mid- night he will leave Jersey City on a special train for Antietam in company with Governor Murphy of New Jersey and other persons of prominence in that state, who will participate the next day in the ceremonies attending the dedication of the monument erected on the field in memory of the New Jersey soldiers who fell in that battle.

President Roosevelt arrived at Oyster Bay from Syracuse in good condition. He was met at the station by his son Kermit and in an open road wagon was driven direct to Sagamore Hill. The journey from Syracuse was with- out unjovard incident.

The special train reached Richmond Hill from Long Island City. All the Sunday school children of the villages, each carrying an American flag, repre- sentatives of the Twentieth Century club and the Richmond Hill Repub- lican club and a big gathering of towns- people joined in the welcome to the president when the train pulled in at the station. Flags, hats and handker- chiefs were waved.

The president and Mr. Jacob Rife ap- peared on the rear platform of the last car, where Mr. Rife bade goodby to the president and then alighted from the car. Dr. Kimball, president of the Twentieth Century club, then advanced and made a short speech of welcome to the president.

The President's Speech. The president replied by saying: "Dr. Kimball and you men, women and children of Richmond Hill, I wish

I could talk better to all of you, but I will ask you to have a little patience for one moment while I thank you for having come out to greet me. I am glad to see all of you, and allow me to say that I am most glad to see those who carry small flags in their arms.

"You know I am very fond of Mr. Rife, and the reason why is because when I preach about decent citizenship I can turn to him and think he has practiced just what I have been preach- ing about. The worth of any ser- mon lies in the way in which that ser- mon can be and is applied in practice. Of course I am glad to have the chance of being with a man who shows by his life that he knows how practically to apply the spirit of decency unac- companied by mournfulness or false pretences of any kind or any weak- ness. I want to see men decent, I want to see them act square. I want to see them work. That does not mean I want to see them have sour faces. I want to see every one enjoy themselves, men, women and children. I believe in play, I believe in happiness and in the joy of living, but I do not believe in the life that is nothing but play. I be- lieve that you have a thousandfold more enjoyment if work comes first but make your time to play also. I be- lieve in cheerfulness as well as in de- cency and honesty. And, in the next place, I believe in strength with the sweetness. Dr. Kimball, I believe in the good man who can fight if it is necessary, as you fought in the civil war."

"Now, Jake Rife never could have been of any use in the police depart- ment if he had always carried on a rosewater revolution. Unless a man has the stuff in him the fact that he is a decent fellow does not count. If he is not decent, then the stronger he is the worse he is as a citizen. I want to say how deeply touched I am at your com- ing out to greet me, and I want you to understand that you give me strength of heart when you come in this way I greet you all. I am glad to see the grown up people of Richmond Hill, and I am even more glad to see the chil- dren."

Postoffice Inspector Jacobs, who has been with the president to Syracuse, said that the man John Miller, arrested at Syracuse on the charge of having threatened to kill the president, was undoubtedly a degenerate. Miller is thirty-three and a molder by trade.

Gray Horses. As a rule gray horses attain a greater age than those of any other color.

Signatures. No man can write his signature twice exactly alike, and it is declared by some experts that if two signatures are precisely alike one is certain to be a forgery.

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COOTLY FIRE IN PITTSBURG.

One Hundred Horses Burned In Stable—Storage House Destroyed.

Pittsburg, Sept. 9.—Fire which broke out in the large stables of the Allegheny Transfer company at Sixteenth and Liberty streets resulted in a loss of at least \$300,000, distributed over a greater portion of the block bounded by Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets and Liberty avenue and Spring alley. The blaze originated in the stables sup- posedly from the overturning of a lan- tern, setting fire to some hay.

There were 128 horses in the stables, and fully 100 of them were either burned to death or so badly hurt that they will have to be killed. James Sands, the foreman of the barn, who discovered the fire, was overcome by the heat and smoke and carried out in an unconscious condition, but will probably recover. Between fifty and sixty wagons and other property in the building were destroyed, and the property is a complete loss. From the stable the fire quickly spread to adjoin- ing property, and for a time the entire block seemed doomed. By hard work the firemen succeeded in getting control of the flames. In addition to the loss of the stables the four story brick storage house of the Pittsburg Plate Glass company was partially destroyed, three two story dwellings on Spring alley occupied by foreigners were com- pletely wrecked by fire and water and considerable damage was done by water and smoke to the Constock Brass Manufacturing company, the Theum- ber Manufacturing company and sev- eral small storage houses.

WIPED OUT BY STORM.

San Miguel, Mexico, Established by Cortes, Destroyed.

New Orleans, Sept. 9.—Steamship ad- vices of the destruction by a hurricane of San Miguel, a town on the east coast of Yucatan, have been received here. Not a building was left standing. The steamer Breakwater, which passed San Miguel on her way from New Or- leans to Belize, found the place in ruins, not a living creature being in sight.

San Miguel was the oldest town in Mexico. It was the place where Cortes landed when he discovered Mexico, and there he established his headquar- ters. The hurricane caused immense damage along the Mexican coast, and many lives are reported to be lost.

A Fatal Shooting Accident.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 9.—There was a dance at a hotel in Solville in the hop picking region. Herbert Curtis, the village constable, entered the kitchen of the hotel to place his revolver on the pantry shelf. Several women were in the kitchen and among them Minnie Montana, the sixteen-year-old daughter of the proprietor. They heard a shot, and the constable ran out of the room, supposing it had been fired in the hall. Just then Miss Montana sank to the floor. The constable's revolver had fallen from the shelf, was discharged and the girl wounded in the back. She was brought to a hospital here, but it is feared she cannot live.

Shot by Husband's Assault.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Rushing in front of her husband to protect him from an at- tack by an armed man, a young wife received a bullet in her right side, and physicians say she will die. Mrs. Ida Rockstein, thirty-three years old, is the victim, and after shooting her husband, a saloon keeper, was set upon by a crowd of union corking workers, who knocked him down and were beating him over the head when the police appeared. Not until the police had drawn their revolvers and charged on the crowd did the union men release Hoppe. He was then unconscious, but later recovered.

Arbitration Ends Lockout.

Swansea, Wales, Sept. 9.—The lock- out in the tin plate industry in south Wales, due to a long standing wages dispute, which began Aug. 29, termi- nated as the result of a decision to refer all the questions in dispute to arbi- tration. Forty-one works will reopen this week.

Shot at Camp Meeting.

Dover, Del., Sept. 9.—John Dickson, a negro, shot and killed Thomas Green, another negro, at the Willow Grove camp meeting.

IN BOSTON MARKETS.

Quotations on the Leading Products That Are in Demand.

Boston, Sept. 9.—Butter is firm, with no change in prices. Northern cream- ery, round lots, 21 1/2@22 1/4c; western, 21 1/2@22c; Vermont dairy, 15 1/2@16 1/4c; renovated butter, 16 1/2@18c; Jobbing, 6 1/2@7c more.

The market for cheese is firm at un- changed quotations. Round lots, Ver- mont twins, 10 1/2@10 3/4c; New York twins, 11 1/2@11 3/4c; Jobbing, 1/4c higher.

Eggs are in good demand, with prices holding firm. Western fresh, 18 1/2@19c; eastern, 21 1/2@22c; nearby, 25 1/2@26c; Job- bing, 1 1/2@1 1/4c more.

Beans are very firm. Carload lots, pea, \$2.30@2.35; medium, \$2.20@2.25; yellow eye, \$3.10@3.15; red kidney, \$3.45@3.55; California small white, \$2.00@2.05; foreign pea and medium, \$2.20@2.25; Jobbing, 1/4c more.

There is a good demand for apples, with the market firm. Maine Astra- chan, \$3 1/2@3.50; Duchess, \$2.20@2.25; sweet bough, \$2.20@2.25; Williams, \$2.50@2.55 per bbl and 75c@81.25 per bu; maiden's blush, \$2.20@2.25; Maine gra- venstein, \$3 1/2@3.75; Maine porters, \$2@2.50.

Blueberries are still in the market in limited quantities, and are selling at 13@15c.

Western New York peaches are sell- ing at 90c@81 per bkt and 90c@81.50 per crt. Michigan peaches bring \$2 1/2@2.25 per bu.

Watermelons are in fair supply at 15@25c each, by the load.

Cokorado Rocky Ford melons sell at \$1.

Cranberries are quoted at \$2.50@2.75 per bx.

Grapes are in good supply and are quoted at: Moore's early, 75c@85c; Delaware, 75c@90c; Niagara, 75c@90c; champion, 12 1/2c bskt; Tokay, \$2.20@2.50; Malaga, \$2.

California plums are quoted at \$1.50@2.25 per bx; peaches, \$1.50@1.85; Bartlett pears, \$1.50@2 per bu and \$3.50@4 per bbl; daisies, 50c; native plums, 15c@30c per bskt.

Potatoes are steady and unchanged. Aroostook hebrons and Green moun- tains, 55c@58c; Jersey hebrons and round white, 60c@65c; bbl stock, \$1.75@2; yellow sweets, \$2.25@3.

Native celery brings \$1 per doz bchs.

Onions are quoted at: Spanish, 65c, and crts, \$2.75; native, 50c per bx and 90c@81 per bu; bunch onions, 50c per bx.

Hothouse tomatoes are easier at 87 1/2c per lb; native, per bx, 75c@81.

Cucumbers sell at \$1.50@4 per bx, all sizes.

Yellow turnips are selling at \$2 per bbl; white, 50c@75c per bu; beets, 80c per bu; bunch beets, 1 1/2c; carrots, 80c per bu; bunch carrots, 2c; bunch parsnips, 50c per doz; parsnips, \$1.25 per bu.

Marrow squashes are quoted at \$1 1/2@1.25 per bbl for native and \$1 per bbl for southern; crookneck, 25c per doz; Bay state, \$2.50 per 100.

Cabbages sell at 87 1/2c each for native; southern, \$1.25 per crt; Savoy, \$1.50 per bbl; red, \$1 per bx.

Lettuce is quoted at 85c@90c per bu for radishes, 50c bx; mlst, 25c per doz; cross, 50c per doz; heels, 40c per doz.

String beans sell at 75c@81 for green and 75c for wax. Green peas bring \$1.50@2 per bu.

Spinach is quoted at 25c per bu for native; parsley, horseradish, 10c@15c per bu; peppers, 50c@75c per pkz.

Green corn is selling at 75c@81 per bx. Shell beans bring \$1.50@2.25 per bu; lima beans, \$2.25@3 per bu; eggplant, \$1@1.50 per doz for native; cauliflower, Montreal, \$1.50@2 per doz.

The market for pork provisions is very firm. There has been some gain in the supply of hogs compared with the preceding week, but the movement was not large, although considerably ex- ceeding the moderate offerings a year ago.

Fresh beef is in quiet request for all grades except extra choice, and prices are steady and unchanged.

Lambs and muttons are steady at unchanged prices. Western fall lambs, 87c@90c; spring lambs, 10c@11c; yearlings, 67c@8c; muttons, 67c@8c; veals, 9c@11c.

Poultry is in small supply, with the market well cleaned up at nominal prices. Quotations are about: Tur- keys, fresh spring, 20c; frozen, 17c@18c; western fowls, 16c, 12c@13c@14c; western chickens, 16c, 13c@14c; northern fowls, 12c@14c; chickens, 13c@14c; ducks, 15c@16c; pigeons, \$1.50@1.75 per doz; squabs, \$2.25 per doz.

Hay and straw are quiet but steady at unchanged prices; millfeed is very steady. Hay, No. 1, \$20@21; lower grades, \$14@19; rye straw, \$16@20; oat straw, \$10@11.

Wheat markets are, in general, 10c@12c higher than a year ago. Foreign markets have shared a tendency to easi- ness. Heavy rains and reported losses in fields have influenced the spring wheat markets toward better prices, and winter wheat has been strengthened by a small stock and brisk milling de- mand.

The Minneapolis flour output last week was increased about 2000 bbls. The quantity of flour made was 242,515 bbls, against 305,095 bbls in 1902 and 316,485 bbls in 1901, says the North- western Miller. This week 15 out of the 22 mills are in operation, and they are turning out about 40,000 bbls per 24 hours.

Much improvement was shown in the flour trade. Orders came in freely and the sales about equalled the output. Prices have remained strong and the millers, confident as to the prospects for a better market, showed but little inclination to concede to buyers. Pre- dictions are freely made that this week's export trade will show an increase, as export trade will show an increase.

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National Prohibition Convention.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Oliver W. Start, the chairman of the national prohibition committee, has issued a call for that committee to meet at the Auditorium hotel, Chicago, at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, for the purpose of fixing the time and place of the next national prohibition convention. The committee consists of two mem- bers from each state and territory, and it is expected that all will have at least one representative present, while a large majority of them will have two representatives. Considerable rivalry has already developed for the conven- tion. Applications have been filed of notice given that they will be filed by Buffalo, Detroit, Indianapolis, Colum- bus, Kansas City and Minneapolis.

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