

The Times' Daily Short Story.

The Under Dog

I had been invited to spend a week with Colonel Hampton at Hampton Hall, but on arrival found that he had been called away for a couple of days by urgent business. A note to this effect was handed me, and I was told to make myself very much at home. The bedroom given me was a large room, with a bed against the west wall and a reading table in the center.

When I went up to the room I sat facing the bed. It was a heavy mahogany frame, with a valance hanging down, and just peeping out from under this curtain was the toe of a coarse shoe—a coarse and heavy shoe, with the sole nailed on. I recognized it in an instant as a prison shoe. All convicts wore that make of shoe while serving their time and left them behind when set at liberty.

That there was an escaped convict under the bed I hadn't the slightest doubt. As I looked at that toe I remembered that Colonel Hampton had been governor at Dartmoor for many years, though out of it for the last five, and wondered what the connection could be.

I knew little of the hall and was ignorant of the servants' quarters, while it was a full mile to the nearest house and over three to the police station. However, I had no thought of running away. I grew cooler as the minutes passed, and presently I did the best thing I could have done under the circumstances. Doing my best to steady my voice and speaking as if to one beside me, I said:

"You might as well come out from under the bed, my man."

The man rolled into view and sprang to his feet with a muttered curse. He was a convict in uniform. He was short and thick set and a man of great strength. As for his face, every line of it was evil. In his hand he clutched and flourished a naked knife nearly a foot long. Given a choice, I would rather have been in that room with a Bengal tiger just escaped from his cage.

"Well, what do you want here?" I asked in a voice I tried to make careless as I put away my book.

"I want your life, curse you!" he replied as he came a step nearer.

"I'm here. What is it? Have you just walked out of Dartmoor?"

"Yes, I escaped from prison—from hell—this morning, and no doubt they'll have me back before noon tomorrow, but when they come for me they'll find your dead body. That's why I wanted to give 'em the slip for a few hours, to kill you. As for getting clear off without money or friends, I can't hope to do it. You remember me, governor. I am Bill Watson, No. 4540, in for twenty years."

"You call me governor," I said in reply.

ply as he finished. "You are mistaken in your man, Colonel Hampton used to be governor, but you ought to remember that he resigned five years ago. He is away from home just now."

"Yes, I know he resigned, but I swore revenge on him long ago and am here to get it. No, you are not the governor, curse you. I see the difference now. I've waited ten years for this, and now I'm told that he will escape me. Man, don't lie to me or I'll kill you like a dog! I came here to kill the devil who ordered me to be lashed until I cried and whined like a cur, and no one shall balk me."

I showed him the note that the colonel had left me and then asked him to sit down. There was a bottle of wine in the closet, and I brought it out to him. I offered to tipple down to the sideboard and bring up some biscuit for him. For five minutes he watched me with tigerish glare, seeming to be undecided what to do, but then he took a long drink from the bottle and said:

"I'd willingly hang after killing that man, but I can't hold you responsible. His wife and children are here, however."

"You must have heard that the colonel is an old bachelor?"

"Curse me, but I remember now! Then I'm to get no revenge? I'm to be taken back to that hell on earth and lashed and locked up in darkness and get nothing out of it? Say, I'll do murder and hang for it! I'll—"

"Let's talk a moment," I broke in on him. "What was your crime?"

"I had a fight with a man, and he did two weeks later."

"And how long have you served?"

"Sixteen years—sixteen years—so long that I can hardly look back to the day I entered prison. If I had killed three men the punishment is clear."

"And if you could escape—get clear off—get out of the country?"

"It couldn't be done. I haven't a penny. I'd have to rob some one for over a change of shoes. No, I'll go out and meet the police and—"

"Listen, I'm a bit sorry if they used you roughly in prison. Sixteen years is a long, long time. I have a hundred pounds here. Half of it is yours. There is clothing in that closet to fit you. When you get out of here you can walk past the police without fear. Why not try America? Why not make a new start in life?"

"Do you mean it? God, but do you mean it?" he hoarsely whispered.

"Why did I help the man away? Well, first, on Colonel Hampton's account. I would have leaked out that the convict had come for revenge on a man who had the reputation of running the prison with a strong hand. Next, it seemed to me that his punishment had lasted long enough. Lastly, my friends have always charged me with being soft hearted and taking the part of the under dog in the fight. I knew that the man got away and is working in a factory in America today, and I don't believe the law has any call to feel outraged."

"F. QUAD."

THINKS "SCOTTY" WAS KILLED.

Brother of Death Valley Croesus Returns from Fruitless Search.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—A letter from William Scott, brother of Walter Scott, the "Death Valley Croesus," holder of the transcendent train record, states that "Scotty" has been missing ten days and efforts to locate him have been unsuccessful. "Scotty" left Bennett's, Death Valley camp, for his mines on December 1. On December 7 his party returned to Wells riders. A bullet hole was found in the saddle and the saddle itself was spotted with blood.

William Scott, accompanied by a scout, immediately started back over the mule trail and followed it for two days, when it became obliterated by a sand storm. They were unable to find any trace of "Scotty."

"Bill" Scott believes that after leaving "Scotty" at Bennett's, Walter had a long-distance rifle duel with an intruder stranger, which resulted disastrously to "Scotty." The latter had with him when he left camp two rifles, two sixshooters, two field glasses and \$1,500 in cash.

EPISCOPAL APPEAL.

Request That Contributions Be Made About Christmas Time.

Burlington, Dec. 21.—Four members of the executive committee of the diocese of Vermont, the Rev. George V. Bliss, rector of St. Paul's church, this city, Henry B. Shaw of this city, treasurer, Charles E. Parker of Vergennes, secretary, and Col. Fred E. Smith of Montpelier, have issued a circular letter to the clergy of the diocese, recommending that the thank offering, voted at the diocesan convention last June, be collected some time near Christmas day, the exact date to be chosen as seems best in each case.

WATCH THE REPORTS

If You Want to Know Which Patent Medicines Are to Be Classed as Liquors, Look for the Reports of the Internal Revenue Department.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided, and justly so, that some patent medicines contain sufficient alcohol to class them as liquors. This ruling has long been looked for by those who have watched conditions. To the careful observer the enormous sales achieved by some of these so-called remedies is due to some other reason than their curative properties.

Physicians and laymen conversant with the subject have long maintained that the demand for certain patent medicines was created by the taste for alcohol thus acquired, and now the United States government has taken notice of this evil. Chemical tests are now being made in the government laboratories at Washington, and these so-called remedies containing a certain percentage of alcohol cannot be sold hereafter without the druggist or dealer procuring a license for the sale of liquors.

Watch as long as you may, and you will see the name of Magee's (Malt) Emulsion on the list. The reason is that this wonderful food builder is a FOOD, and we ever heard of food containing alcohol!

Before taking any remedy it is well to look into its ingredients. If you know that a certain preparation contained a poison, such as strychnine for instance, would you take it? Of course you wouldn't. Why then should you take a mixture the chief ingredient of which is alcohol, a poison?

In claiming the attention of the public for Magee's (Malt) Emulsion, the proprietors offer every bit of information regarding it that there is. It is made of Pure Norwegian Cod Liver Oil, Syrup, Non-Alcoholic Diastase, Malt Extract, Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, and flavored with wintergreen. Nothing else enters into its composition.

This combination is a food—not a medicine. Magee's (Malt) Emulsion is for Colds, Coughs, Pulmonary Affections, weakened systems and thin-blooded people or anemics. It enriches blood and makes fat. Alcohol destroys all this. Which will you take?

It may be procured of E. A. Drown, Druggist, 48 North Main street, Barre.

RICH AFTER ALL

John R. Walsh Securities Are Valuable, Says Eckels.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—James H. Eckels, a member of the clearing house committee which took over the properties of John R. Walsh, said Tuesday night:

"The assets of the Walsh bank, and particularly the National Bank, will liquidate for much more than was anticipated. The eagerness with which many first corporations have sought to obtain first options on certain properties, bonds and stocks has convinced the directors of the Chicago National bank that the Walsh holdings are of immense value."

"I believe that John R. Walsh is a long way from exclusion from active participation in the world of affairs," said Mr. Eckels. "It is surprising that he will be able to re-enter the arena with a comfortable fortune behind him. His holdings are large and varied. Information from private sources makes me certain that a number of important interests are manoeuvring to obtain possession of some of the best of them. I expect these interests are looking for a change in the law, but they are not ready to raise their price, but they will labor for a gradual extension of the strike movement."

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ABE HUMMEL GUILTY.

New York Lawyer Sentenced to a Year in the Penitentiary.

New York, Dec. 21.—Lawyer Abe Hummel was found guilty of conspiracy yesterday and sentenced by Justice Rogers to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary and \$500 fine. This is the maximum penalty.

Hummel is one of the most widely known of New York's lawyers. He had been connected with a number of celebrated cases. His partner, Howe, was one of the attorneys for the defense in the Guildebrand murder case. Hummel had a large practice in theatrical litigation as well as divorce litigation.

He entered a law office in which he now the senior partner, the many years ago as an office boy and worked his way to the prominent place he has held for some time past in the city's legal circles.

The charge upon which he was convicted was conspiracy in the Dodge-Morse divorce litigation, in which he sought to show that Mrs. Morse's divorce from Dodge was invalid. The object of this was to upset her marriage to Morse, who is a very wealthy banker and owner of steamship companies.

After sentence Hummel was taken to the Tombs, preparatory to being taken to the penitentiary.

District Attorney Jerome appeared in court and moved that sentence be passed at once. He said that Hummel had been a menace to the public for twenty years.

SHUTS OUT OUR HOGS.

Canada to Enforce Order Against Live Shipments.

Ottawa, Ont., Sunday, Fisher, minister of agriculture, after consultation with his colleagues, has decided that the order-in-council prohibiting the importation and slaughter in band of hogs from the United States must go into force. The order takes effect on Jan. 1. The minister of agriculture has reached this decision after hearing the views of the park packers and pork raisers. Two reasons chiefly have influenced him in the policy he has adopted. One is the necessity for preserving the health of Canadian hogs. The second reason is the importance of maintaining the high reputation of Canadian hogs in the markets of the United Kingdom.

MOSCOW HAS BEGUN STRIKE

Russia's Ancient Capital Inaugurates Great Tie-Up.

WORKMEN ARE ARMED.

Moscow Inaugurates What is Possibly Last Struggle—Cut Car from Line—Operators Refuse to Send Messages to Army.

Moscow, Dec. 21.—The strike was inaugurated here promptly at noon. All the men walked out of the factories and mills, and the trains on the six railroads were left standing in the stations. Shortly afterward an incoming train on the Kursk road was fired into by armed strikers. The engineer and several passengers were wounded. The strikers seem generally to be provided with arms. There is great excitement in this city.

RUSSIA SITUATION HAS BECOME GRAVE, INDEED

Telegraphers Refuse the Czar's Messages For Reinforcements—Curland Laid Waste—Much Anarchy.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—The proclamation of a general strike for today at noon has created the most intense excitement. If it can be successfully inaugurated and maintained, the revolutionaries are confident that it will break the government's back.

In government circles, however, confidence is expressed that the proletarian organizations cannot effect a complete tie-up and that the strike must be of short duration. This hope seems to be based on the theory that the extreme programme of the Reds has alienated the sympathy of a large proportion of the real workmen and also upon what they claim to be absolute knowledge that the organizations are without funds.

The government's calculations, however, have proved to be deplorably at variance with the true situation in the past, and the strike leaders declare the government is again hopelessly ignorant of the magnitude of the struggle confronting it. Their plans are exceedingly ambitious. From the nature of the appeals of the leaders to the troops it is evident that they expect to precipitate a crisis in the army.

The central committee of the railroad men of Moscow, which determined the issue Tuesday night by voting in favor of a strike, has telegraphed over the railroad lines that the employees of 22 lines are ready to stop all traffic.

The decision is to close everything in the empire—railroads, manufactories, wholesale and retail stores and all government works, except the water works. The bakeries in the cities, however, will not be closed so long as they do not raise their prices. If they do raise the price of bread, even the bakeries will be closed. It was proposed in Moscow to exempt the electric light plants, but this was defeated.

Although the blow is timed for noon today, the strike leaders do not hope to bring the life of the empire to a standstill by a single strike, but they will labor for a gradual extension of the strike movement.

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Trust to Nature.

A great many Americans, both men and women, are thin, pale and puny, with poor circulation, because they have ill-treated their stomachs by hasty eating or too much eating, by consuming alcoholic beverages, or by too close confinement to home, office or factory, and consequently the stomach must be treated in a natural way before they can rectify their earlier mistakes. The muscles in many such people, in fact in every such person, do their work with great difficulty. As a result fatigue comes early, is extreme and lasts long. The demand for nutritive aid is ahead of the supply. To insure perfect health every tissue, bone, nerve and muscle should take from the blood certain elements which are not naturally present in the food. It is necessary to prepare the stomach for the work of taking up from the food what is necessary to make good, rich blood. We must go to nature for the remedy. There were certain roots known to the Indians of this country before the advent of the whites which later came to be known as the settlers and which are now growing rapidly in professional favor for the cure of obstinate stomach and liver troubles. These are Golden Seal, Quercus, and other roots. These roots are not only a tonic, but they are also a purgative, and they are also a blood purifier. They are also a tonic, and they are also a purgative, and they are also a blood purifier. They are also a tonic, and they are also a purgative, and they are also a blood purifier.

LOSS FULLY HALF MILLION

Ferry Houses in New York Are Burned.

NEARBY DOCKS IN DANGER

Many Narrow Escapes for Crowds of Passengers Who Were Landed Near the Fire—Lives Reported Lost.

New York, Dec. 21.—Fire yesterday destroyed half of the immense Union Railroad ferry terminal buildings at the foot of West Third street on the Hudson River. The loss was estimated at \$500,000. Several employees of the railroads were severely burned and five men were reported to be missing after the fire was under control. The new ferry houses of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and of the Central Railroad of New Jersey were almost total losses. One small freight shed belonging to the Erie and part of its docks were damaged.

The fire started in a paint shop in the Lackawanna Building, presumably from a defective electric wire. So rapidly did the flames spread that when the firemen had got to work the intense heat was already melting the copper sheathing on the walls of the building. A 140-foot tower of the Lackawanna Building, burning from top to bottom, fell into the Hudson River, carrying a three-ton clock with it. The roof of this building fell, leaving little except walls standing, and the Jersey Central Building was nearly as badly wrecked. The rescue of \$200,000 worth of tickets and cash from a safe in the Jersey Central office was a feature of the fire. Hundreds of trunks are reported to have been completely destroyed in the two burned terminals.

Two painters, employed in the ferry houses, are missing. A search is being made in the ruins.

The fire was extremely spectacular. The fronts of the two buildings were sheathed in copper in ornate designs. This melted and ran in streams in liquid pools.

No intense was the heat that the firemen were unable to get close to the burning building for some time after they reached the fire. Three alarms were sent in, and scores of streams of water were poured into the blazing furnace with no apparent effect.

AGNATH SAYS LIBERALS WILL OPPOSE IRISH HOME RULE.

London, Dec. 21.—Herbert H. Asquith, chancellor of the exchequer, the first member of the new government to appear on a public platform since the ministry was formed, in addressing a mass meeting at Queen's Hall Tuesday night, said he could speak authoritatively in announcing that the main issue of the campaign would be free trade against protection. With regard to home rule for Ireland, Mr. Asquith said the Liberals in the next Parliament would be as absolutely approved as he was himself to be advancing along any path leading to separation, and would resolutely maintain the paramount authority of the imperial Parliament.

PEACE FOOTING AGAIN.

Japan Dissolves Big Fleet and Army Headquarters.

Tokyo, Dec. 21.—The combined Japanese fleet has been dissolved. Admiral Togo has been appointed president of the general staff of the navy.

The Manchurian army headquarters were dissolved. Field Marshal Oyama resumes the presidency of the general staff.

The regulations governing the newly organized office of resident general of Japan in Korea passed the privy council yesterday, and will be published today. The resident general will be under the direct control of the Japanese emperor and not under the direction of the government. The Marquis Ito will be appointed resident general, principally a compliance with the wish of the Korean emperor. The marquis' tenure of office, however, will, it is believed, be short.

There is every indication that Marquis Saionji, leader of the constitutionists, is forming a new cabinet.

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CHAMPIONS SPECULATION.

Washington Life's President Believes Stock Market Safer Than Real Estate.

New York, Dec. 21.—John Tatlock, president of the Washington Life Insurance Company, who Tuesday evening before the insurance investigating committee made numerous interesting disclosures regarding that concern's business methods under the recent domination of Thomas F. Ryan, came out flat-footed yesterday on the witness stand in defense of Wall Street speculation by insurance companies. He was the first witness in the pending inquiry to assume this attitude.

His emphatic advocacy of speculation in stock market securities was based upon his expressive belief that real estate and mortgage investments are far more liable to fluctuation. He said he believed absolutely in industrial securities as a means of insurance company profit, but admitted that speculation should be entered upon with great care and only by officers of proved honesty and financial judgment. He denied that Ryan sought to influence the company's investments.

The witness also advocated a periodical distribution of surplus, the period to be a maximum of five and a minimum of three years.

Following Mr. Tatlock on the stand, President Borowick of the Germania Life unqualifiedly denounced stock speculation by insurance companies as perilously unstable and announced that the best business of his company was in Germany, because "our wild methods" are not in vogue there. He declared also that the practice of rebating by agents is a necessity in this country to obtain a fair share of business.

Following the disclosure of yesterday considerable solicitude was shown by Mr. Ryan's counsel, Paul D. Cravath. Tuesday Mr. Tatlock was unsupported by legal advice. Yesterday, however, Mr. Cravath arrived early and held a long consultation with Mr. Hughes. Later he conferred for several minutes with Mr. Tatlock.

W. N. Amory, who about three years ago brought sensational charges against Mr. Ryan in connection with the Metropolitan State Railway Company, which he said had been improperly managed with the knowledge of Messrs. Ryan, Whitney, and Vreeland was a spectator during the testimony of Mr. Tatlock.

Mr. Vreeland, subsequent to the charge against himself and Messrs. Ryan and Whitney, denounced Amory in an interview, and the latter had him arrested on a charge of criminal libel, which charge was dismissed after a sensational hearing before Magistrate Barlow.

It is said that Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life, will be called soon as a witness.

PERNICIOUS ACTIVITY.

Charge Against Mr. Wilcox of the Royal Arcanum.

Rome, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Howard C. Wiggin of this city, supreme regent of the Royal Arcanum, has appointed Supreme Representative William E. McConnell of New York. Past Grand Regent and Supreme Representative W. A. Griffith of Brooklyn and Supreme Representative Charles E. Cornell of Ithaca to hear testimony in the trial of F. Z. Wilcox of Syracuse.

Wilcox is a member of the national executive committee of allied Royal Arcanum councils, and also of the law committee of five which has charge of the litigation against the supreme council to prevent the enforcement of the new rate of assessment.

In addition to the law cases being presented by the national committee, a campaign is being carried on to displace the present officers, both in the grand and supreme councils, and subordinate councils are being urged to elect representatives that will carry out this intention.

Supreme Regent Wiggins says that Wilcox is charged with "pernicious activity" in these matters. The charges against the Supreme Representative Frank Collins of Syracuse was dismissed by Wilcox's council as having no foundation. Collins then took them to the supreme council. Wilcox will be tried in Syracuse Dec. 28.

BRAVE GENERAL DEAD.

Saussier, Former Commander of French Army, Passes on.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Gen. Felix Gustave Saussier, former commander-in-chief of the French army, several times military governor of Paris, and one with a career of the most conspicuous gallantry, is dead.

COMPANY MUST PAY.

Escaping Gas Killed 45 Trees in Lowell Streets.

Lowell, Dec. 21.—The suit brought by the city of Lowell, through Charles M. Whitte, superintendent of parks, against the Lowell Gaslight company to recover damages for the death of 45 shade trees in Middlesex street, which was alleged to have been due to poisoning by gas escaping from the company's mains, was heard before Judge Frederick A. Fisher, associate police court justice, Tuesday afternoon.

A decision has been rendered in favor of the city, and the company is assessed \$50 for each tree killed, that being the amount necessary to remove the trees and replace them.

City Fish Market.

Oranges, both Navels and Floridas, 30c, 35c and 40c per dozen; Malaga Grapes, 12 1-2c and 15c per pound; Bananas, 25c per dozen; Figs, 12 1-2c, 15c and 18c per pound; best Walnuts, 18c per pound; best Mixed Nuts, 15c per pound; Dates, three pounds for 25c.

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