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### FOREIGN NEWS

Latest from Peking.

LONDON, August 30, 4:20 a. m.—Rear-Admiral Bruce cables to the Admiralty from Chee-Foo, August 19th, as follows:  
"Am informed on the authority of the Japanese, that street fighting still continues in Peking, part of which is on fire."  
"Jung Lu prevented the Empress from leaving, and at last stand is now being made in the inner city, which is surrounded by the allies and being bombarded."

**Chinese Troops Surrounded.**  
"CABLE, AUG. 20.—To Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.: Twentieth—Ragsdale reports Chinese troops surrounded in palace grounds."  
"FOWLER."  
Ragsdale is Consul at Tich Tsin.

**Empress Dowager Besieged in Peking.**  
WASHINGTON, August 19.—The Navy Department has received the following cablegram:  
TARU, August 18.—The telegraph line to Peking is interrupted. Information from Japanese sources is to the effect that the Empress Dowager has been detained by Prince Yung in the inner city, which is being bombarded by the allies. Chaffee reports that he entered the legation ground on the evening of the 14th. Eight men were killed during the day's fighting. All are well.

**Peking Taken, Legations Rescued.**  
WASHINGTON, August 19.—The War department has received the following dispatch:  
"CHEE-FOO, August 19.—Peking, Aug. 15.—We entered Legation grounds at 5 o'clock last night with Fourteenth and light battery. Eight wounded during day's fighting. Otherwise all well."  
"CHAFFEE"  
War Department officials think the date Peking, August 15th, is an error in transmission. They believe it should be August 16th.

**Prince Tuan Leaves Peking.**  
SHANGHAI, Aug. 19.—The allies reached Peking August 15th, unopposed all the hostile element having escaped from the city. The allies met a friendly welcome from Prince Ching. The Imperial court, accompanied by Prince Tuan, who is leading the Manchu troops left the capital the previous Saturday for Shanghai, Shoung Kang Yi, formerly Grand Secretary of the Imperial Court, with Generals Tung Fuh Shing, are going toward the southwest, with the object of diverting the allies in their pursuit of the Imperial Court. The telegraph lines are working badly to Taku, while the Phoo cable is not yet ready. If the report that the Empress Dowager is with the fleeing Manchus proves correct the situation of the commanders of the allies at Peking will prove most embarrassing, and it will be useless to negotiate with Li Hung Chang or any other subordinate official, for as long as the Empress is at a safe distance she can issue her own edicts.

**Grave Situation in Yanktse Valley.**  
SHANGHAI, August 18.—The situation in the Yanktse valley is grave. The silk weavers are out of work and are placarding the towns. An outbreak is feared.  
In the face of the vigorous protest of the Consuls, particularly United States Consul-General Goodnow, Vice Admiral Seymour has disembarked, 8,500 Indian troops.  
The French Government is now landing 1,700 troops in the French settlement. A large force of French marines will land later.  
To make the presence of the troops appear responsible, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the largest money institution in the East, controlled by English capital, appealed to Admiral Seymour for protection.  
The Russian and German Consuls are indignant at England's move which they construe as a coup. As they have no troops here, they cannot checkmate the English.  
The Americans today sent an appeal to their Government for troops necessary for defense.

**Russians Kill Americans.**  
New York, Aug. 13.—A special cable dispatch to the Evening World today, dated Che Foo, Aug. 9, via Shanghai, says: A terrible accident occurred at the taking of Yang Tsun. Russian artillery opened fire on the American troops. Before the mistake was discovered many American soldiers had been killed or wounded by the Russian shells. The Fourteenth took part in the attack on the Chinese trenches. As the Chinese had the regiment entered and occupied one of the Chinese positions. A Russian battery some distance off did not see the movement. It opened fire on the position and planted shells among the Americans.

**Take No Prisoners.**  
LONDON, Aug. 23.—The Daily Mail's St. Petersburg correspondent declares that the taking of Aigun has sealed the fate of the rising in North-eastern Manchuria. He says: No prisoners were taken by the Russians. Wholesale massacre was the order of the day, and when the battle was over Cossacks rode over the field, killing all the wounded with the butt ends of their muskets.  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The State Department tonight made public the following:  
New York, Aug. 11.—A special from Managua, Nicaragua, says: The Eyre-Cragin syndicate's canal commission was forfeited today because of the non-payment of money due.  
That leaves the Nicaraguan Government free to act independently with the United States in canal matters.

**Ingalls Dead.**  
East Las Vegas (N. M.) August 14.—Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls, who was elected to the United States Senate, and who at one time was President of that body, died at 2:30 o'clock this morning at the Montezuma Hotel, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

### TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS

Charles H. Tweed may succeed C. P. Huntington.  
Democrats and Populists will effect complete fusion.  
The National party may put a third ticket in the field.  
It is predicted that wheat will soon reach the dollar mark.  
The anti-imperialist convention is in session at Indianapolis.  
France will contest Great Britain's claim to the Yang-tse valley.  
The allies entered Peking and rescued the legations, August 19.  
The losses of the allies since taking the Taku forts are 5000 men.  
The price of admission to the Paris fair has depreciated to six cents.  
The anti-American meat law will soon go into effect in Germany.  
Ex-Senator Ingalls of Kansas died at Las Vegas, N. M., August 16.  
"No quarter" is the rule with the Russians. They take no prisoners.  
Russell Sage estimates the late C. P. Huntington's wealth at \$20,000,000.  
Women and children have been officially notified to leave Port Arthur.  
England is determined to keep the Yang-tse valley open to the world's trade.  
An extradition treaty has been concluded between Spain and the United States.  
All the powers have agreed upon Von Waldersee as commanding officer in China.  
Gold bars worth \$8,000,000 were shipped from New York to Europe on August 15th.  
The terrible heat continues in the eastern cities, and there are hundreds of deaths.  
Lord Alverstone will probably succeed the late Baron Russell as England's Chief Justice.  
The French government hears that 7,000 Christians have been slain at Pao Tieg, east of Peking.  
An attempt was made to murder the Chinese Minister in Paris by sending him poisoned flowers.  
It is reported that 30,000 Filipinos are lepers, and the Government is forming plans to segregate them.  
In spite of the soldiers' lawlessness is rampant at Nome. Robbers chloroform victims asleep in their tents.  
England is planning to raise a vast colonial volunteer army, drawing a large portion from Canada and Australia.  
France declines to order her navy to leave Peking, and holds the Chinese government responsible for his safety.  
The Chinese complain that at Yangtsun the British "poured poison" into their troops. This refers to typhoid.  
Berlin advices are to the effect that the belief is universal that there will be quarrels between the powers before long.  
Emperor William has promoted himself to the rank of field marshal. He was a major general when he came to the throne.  
The Japanese Minister at Washington complains of the treatment of his countrymen at San Francisco during the plague epidemic.  
Famous Westminster Abbey in London is reported to be crumbling to pieces. The cause is supposed to be the hydrochloric acid fumes from Lancashire potteries.  
China officially asks for peace negotiations, but the United States declines to begin conferences until the safety of the Ministers is assured.  
Sung, director general of railroads and telegraphs, according to a Shanghai dispatch to the Standard Expresses grave fears for the members of the legations when the defeated Chinese troops return to the capital.

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Miss Rowena Richardson has been appointed to teach at the Wailuku Grammar School next term.

Mr. Hugh Coke, a brother of Attorney James Coke, arrived on the Claudine, accompanied by his wife. They will both teach at Wailuee.

**WANTED**—To trade a new Kreuger Piano for two of three good horses. Address or telephone Office MAUI NEWS for particulars.

The office of the labor bureau of the Maui Planters' Association will on Monday be removed to Kahului, on account of its more central location.

Dr. John Weddick has been made a full fledged citizen of the United States. We offer congratulations both to the doctor and to the United States.

Mr. J. N. K. Keola has been appointed to fill the vacancy created in the board of registration by the resignation of Mr. Kellin. The board are in session today.

Mr. E. G. Carrera has resigned his position as manager of the Kihel Plantation Store. He will be succeeded by Mr. Anderson, former assistant bookkeeper at Kihel Plantation.

Dr. Mabel Beers, D. D. S., has secured an office in Chase's Photographic Gallery, where she can be found on and after Tuesday next by those desiring her professional services.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs. Frank Enos, the wife of the foreman in the News office. Tuberculosis, from which she had for some time been a sufferer, was the cause of death.

A special term of the Circuit Court was called on Thursday, and the Court will meet every day next week, for the purpose of naturalizing aliens. No grand jury will be called for this term of Court.

The young gentlemen of Wailuku gave a dance at the Court House on Wednesday evening, which was largely attended by many visitors from Kahului, Spreckelsville and Makawao who came on a special train.

On Wednesday evening, Miss Grace Walker of Kahului was married to V. A. Vetlesen of Wailuku, Rev. W. Ault officiating. They will make their home on Lovers' Lane, Wailuku, opposite Dr. Armitage's residence.

Mr. Joaquin Garcia, the manager of the Wailuku Dramatic & Musical Society has been up to his eyes in business this week, and has brought the entertainment under his management up to a high degree of excellence. Don't miss seeing it.

Bro. Frank, principal of St. Anthony's School, Wailuku, painted and presented to Attorney George Hous a beautiful picture of the Volcano at Mauna Loa in active eruption. As a work of art it is far above the work of an amateur, and marks Brother Frank as an artist of exceptional ability.

On Monday night, the Republican Precinct Club of Wailuku met and selected an election board, consisting of L. M. Baldwin, Charles Lennox and John Silva. The election of delegates to the district convention will be held this afternoon and evening, from three till nine o'clock, at the Wailuku Court House.

Professor John A. Moore of the Wailuku Grammar School has sent in his resignation, to take effect at once. He has been contemplating this step for some time, and feeling unequal to the task of taking up his work in school this term, he has resigned, for the purpose of taking a trip to the Coast, hoping to be benefitted thereby.

Mr. A. T. Hagencamp left for Hana on Wednesday's Claudine to take charge of the Hana store, succeeding Mr. A. Omsted. Mr. Hagencamp is well known on Maui as one of the most popular men, both socially and from a business point of view on the island, and the Hana store is to be sincerely congratulated on having secured his services.

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**A Princely Domain.**

The News is indebted to Prof. John A. Moore, principal of the Wailuku Union School, who has recently been visiting Hawaii, for the following interesting details concerning the Umikoa Stock rancho belonging to the Horners on Hawaii.

This rancho is divided into 26 paddocks or inclosures the entire area of which is about 35,000 acres, varying from 30 to 6000 acres each. Mr. Robert Horner is the manager of this vast enterprise, and the systematic arrangement of details is admirable. Each leading family of running and of trotting stock, of Holstein, of Herefords, and even of thorough bred chickens, has its separate paddock. The dairy cows alone have a paddock of 3000 acres, the general herd being kept in a 6000 acre paddock.

At the head of the stud on this rancho are some of the finest strains of blood procurable in the United States, and the individual representatives of each of these different strains is worthy of his lineage. Sydney, Stacy, Adrian, Hawaiian and Hollywood are the leading stallions. The raising of mules is also an important feature, several paddocks being devoted to this purpose alone. Besides the blooded stock, there are half a dozen draft stallions of approved breed. There are about 300 milk cows at the dairy rancho, and in a smaller paddock are kept a number of very choice milch cows for sale. Among the choice breeds of chickens are white and brown leghorns, Plymouth Rocks, buff Cochins, black Minorcas and light brahmas. Incubators are successfully used.

A very novel and interesting method of handling unruly wild cattle has been adopted. Twelve or fourteen large bullocks, known as pin bullocks have been trained for this service. When a wild or unruly animal has been lassoed, it is tied to a tree. Then one of these pin bullocks is driven alongside of it, and the two are fastened neck to neck by a short stout chain and turned loose. The pin bullock understands his business and at once starts for the paddock, sometimes several miles away. If the victim is a willing one they soon arrive at the paddock, but occasionally the wild animal tries to go back to its range and a battle royal of brute strength ensues. The pin bullocks are lusty fellows however and always bring their companions to the paddock, although there are instances where it has taken a bullock two days to land his unwilling victim. No less amusing is the method of taking unruly stock to the slaughter house. When one refuses to be driver, he is lashed to a pin bullock and the two are turned out of the paddock. The pin bullock knows what is expected of him, and marches off alone with his unruly mate, never stopping till they reach the slaughter house, some five or six miles from the paddock.

In connection with the rancho, there is a coffee plantation of 140 acres under the immediate management of Mr. John Horner. This plantation produces some of the finest coffee raised on the Island, and is set to Costa Rica, Mocha and Java plants. On account of the low price of coffee, the crop for the past two years has not yet been marketed. A large sugar plantation, under the management of Albert Horner forms a very important adjunct to this property, and is yielding a large and increasing amount of sugar every year.

**Whom Shall We Send?**

The time for selecting a delegate to congress is drawing near, and with due deference to Attorney Poepee, one is to be elected this fall. Hon. Samuel Parker and Judge Little are spoken of on Hawaii. Mr. Parker is unquestionably the more popular man of the two, but Judge Little would do better work, on account of his familiarity with men and things in the United States. The only thing to be feared is that he would allow his prejudices in favor of Hilo and against Honolulu to influence him unduly.

On Maui, Hon. H. P. Baldwin is the only one mentioned so far, but it is doubtful whether his business would allow him to serve. No better man could be selected, if he would take the nomination. Colonel W. H. Cornwell of Waikapu and Attorney Geo. Hous of Wailuku would either one be an available man, but the latter will be needed in the legislature this session, and with a Republican congress it would probably be wiser to send a republican, in order to get what Hawaii wants from the next congress.

proposition. There are plenty of brainy men in Honolulu, and some who would do yeoman's service for the Islands,—but there are butts. W. O. Smith's name naturally suggests itself, but he, like several other strong men, is handicapped by affiliations which render him unpopular with the newer element of his party. A. V. Gear is a new man and perhaps as unobjectionable as any one who could be named, so far as affiliations and the influence of personal surroundings are concerned. Supt. John McCandless of the Board of Public Works would in many respects make an ideal delegate, in case the toga is placed on his shoulders, being a practical man and well acquainted with the needs of the whole group.

John Holt, John A. Wise and Attorney McClanahan are all strong and influential men, quite worthy of the honor, but the same doubt arises in their case as of other democrats, under present conditions, although some stoutly maintain that a democrat would be quite as useful as a republican in the next congress.

Of course Robert Wilcox is not to be thought of a moment by those who have the good of the Territory at heart, still there is a possibility that Robert may win out over better men.

There are several men in his own party who would be much more helpful in congress than he. In this matter, the News disclaims any desire to influence unduly any selection that may be made, and merely desires to draw the attention of the laity to a very serious and momentous question which will soon engage their careful consideration.

**Open for Business.**

Another new enterprise has been successfully launched in Wailuku. Macfarlane & Co.'s wholesale and retail liquor house is now open for business. The building which they occupy, adjoining the saloon, is a large, airy and commodious structure, the plans for which were especially prepared by Thos. McTighe, of Macfarlane & Co. for the purposes intended.

Seven hundred packages arrived from the Coast on the Watson for this firm, including whiskeys, brandies, beer and an assortment of Inglenook wines, sauterne and claret, and also case clarets from Kohler & Van Bergen. A shipment of foreign liquors arrived on Wednesday's Claudine, including gin, brandy, apollinaris and sadebrunnen.

The prices fixed on these goods by this house are low enough to successfully meet all competition. Mr. W. G. Scott, assisted by Antonio Garcia will have charge of both the saloon and the wholesale house. Mr. Thos. McTighe came over last week to assist in getting things into running order, and will return to Honolulu tonight on the Claudine.

**TEACHER'S HEALTH CERTIFICATES.**

The Department of Public Instruction has adopted a rule that all teachers in its employ must, at the commencement of their service and on or before the first of August in each year thereafter, present to the Department a certificate from some regularly licensed practitioner, stating that they are free from tuberculosis or other communicable disease and that they are physically able to discharge the duties of teachers.

Blank forms for certificates will be prepared and forwarded to the School Agents, who will furnish them to teachers as may be needed.

Health certificates as provided for above are to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Department before the beginning of the coming term. C. T. RODGERS, Secretary.

**BY AUTHORITY**

WAILUKU & KAHULUI WATER WORKS.

Mr. William E. Bal has this day been appointed Superintendent of the Wailuku and Kahului Water Works. J. A. McCANDLESS, Superintendent of Public Works. Public Works Office, Honolulu, August 6, 1900.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**

The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Rollo T. Wilbur, late of Kamio, Molokai, deceased intestate, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said estate to present their claims duly authenticated with proper vouchers, if any exist, even if the claim is secured by mortgage upon real estate, to the undersigned at his residence at Na Hiku, Maui, or to his son Geo. W. Wilbur, at Hanakupoko, Maui, within six months from date hereof, or they will be forever barred.

R. T. WILBUR, Administrator Estate of Rollo T. Wilbur, deceased. Aug. 16, 1900.

**NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.**

On September 1st, the following regulations in regard to freight handled by the Kahului Railroad Company, will go into effect.

1. No freight will be received at any of the depots unless accompanied by a Shipping receipt, stamped as the law directs. Blanks may be obtained of any of the Station Agents.
2. No freight will be received unless delivered at depot 30 minutes before departure of trains.
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# THE NECESSARY INSPIRATION

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You and I know very little about great successes. We have deserved them, of course, but we have not had them yet. Therefore it will be extremely difficult for me to describe and for you to understand the feelings of Mr. Roland Blake in the early part of the current month.

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth," was the way he expressed his sentiments to me when I offered my congratulations.

The new heaven must have referred to the winning of Emily Woodruff and the new earth to the fact that she had great possessions. It struck me that this illusion to his fiancée's money was



BLAKE CAME TO THE DOOR.

Very delicate. The young lady is the granddaughter of the late Herbert Woodruff, in whose shop on Broadway the silks of the orient were transferred into crude, unhandsome, accidental greenbacks. Nearly all his wealth was bequeathed to Emily, whose father holds it in trust until she shall be 25 years old, when she will own it as she owns the glove upon her hand.

This father of hers is a man whom she would expect to seek a mate for his daughter among the much maligned aristocrats of Europe or the almost equally unpopular millionaires of our own country. He is a hard headed man of business and one who would have his own way despite obstacles. With Emily is precisely the girl who would flee with favor a handsome, romantic, unpractical writer of stories, her father is the last man to consent to such a folly. All who knew of Roland Blake's infatuation regarded his matrimonial chances to be as bad as possible. It was generally understood that he had been forbidden to call. Then suddenly this engagement was announced.

"It was as much a surprise to me as to any one," said Roland when I ventured to approach that subject. "I can hardly realize it yet. The fact is that Emily is a great girl, a wonder. It seems that she has cared for me all along."

This idea put Roland into a trance, from which I had to wake him somewhat rudely.

"Is Mr. Woodruff cordial?" I inquired.

"Tolerant," said Roland. "I could hardly say cordial. We had a long talk about his business affairs."

"Inexhaustible subject," said I.

"How much do you love, my son?"

"Oh, a thousand dollars or such a matter," he replied. "But there were a few personal debts that I forgot to mention to Mr. Woodruff. He said I had done mighty well considering the miserable business I was in."

Mr. Woodruff has not, I felt, a high opinion of literature.

"But what does all that matter for?" he continued, his eyes lighting up with the glow of energy and hope.

"Look at this, old man! I've made a dozen stories in literature. My stories go into the great magazines, and there are a couple of books of mine which by their sales remunerate the publisher even if I don't get anything out of them, and I've done this against the worst possible odds."

"Worry? Heavy? And earth? Why, any time in the last five years when an idea has got into my brain I've had to put my hat on to keep the voice of the crowd from chasing it up through the top of my head. The luck has been against me—bad luck in small matters, which is more dire than calamity."

"But your fortune has relented, I've got what I deserve, as Heine remarked when he dreamed that he was the ruler of the universe. Happiness is in my hand, and I am full of it. I'll bet you a hundred dollars to a cent that within this very week I write incomparably the best story of my life—something that will really make a hit."

His eyes flashed and he reached out to clutch my arm and pen, and I rose hastily. "I'll bet you a hundred dollars to a cent that within this very week I write incomparably the best story of my life—something that will really make a hit."

"Speaking of Emily," he said, "of course you understand that we're not to be married for a year or two. She's only 23, and—honestly, old man, there's another living creature like me."

"No, there isn't," said I, and the answer was perfectly frank.

Whatever may be thought of the degree of Miss Woodruff's beauty, she is certainly a perfectly original creation. Nobody looks or speaks or moves in the least like her. When she walks along the street, all the people's heads go round as if they were cogwheels in a piece of machinery.

"Of course, as to her money," said he, "it's very unfortunate."

I laughed.

"You know what I mean," he protested. "People will say that I am seeking money, whereas heaven knows that if she were as poor as—as I am, by Jingo, it wouldn't make the slightest difference."

"People will be, whatever you do," I replied, "so don't let that worry you. Money is a good thing, and I'm glad you're to have some."

"I wonder how it will seem?" he said, and then cautiously, "Hush!"

A shadow appeared upon the ground glass panel of the door. A hand was laid upon the knob vainly and then came a loud, aggressive rap.

"It's Crowley!" whispered Blake. "He's the collector for a confounded tailor! See the villain stand there and wait!"

The shadow fell darkly on the door. Obviously Crowley was a person of magnificent proportions.

"I used to be a good deal afraid of him," whispered Blake. "He's an offensive beggar, with a voice so carefully cultivated that he can dig a man on the ninth floor and make every word audible to the engineer in the subcellar. But those boasts won't bother me much longer. Why, my dear fellow, with this new happiness, this tremendous inspiration, to help me, I'll write enough stuff in the next three months to pay every debt and live like a prince besides."

"Go right ahead and do it, then," said I. "Don't waste precious time talking to me. I'll read a magazine till Crowley's feet get tired, and then I'll slip out."

Presently I heard his pen scratching on the paper, and it was pleasant to think that the words he was writing in the first flush of his happiness might live for centuries in the hearts of men. I felt proud to be present on such an occasion.

It may have been two hours later when I rose to go. Crowley's shadow had vanished. Blake, with the tip of his penholder pressed against his lips, was looking upward to the ceiling and through it to the clouds. There was a fine light in his eyes.

"Written much, old man?" I said.

"No," he replied. "I haven't put anything on paper yet."

"But I thought I heard your pen."

"That was while I was writing a little note to Emily," said he. "I can't go to see her this evening, and there were a few things that I wanted to say."

He folded half a dozen sheets of paper and put them into an envelope, upon which he wrote an address.

"Would you mind handing that to the fellow in the passenger office down stairs?" said he, giving me the envelope and half a dollar to pay for the message. "Thank you. Goodby. I'm going to work now."

The last glimpse I had of him he was still looking aloft, with the expression of a cherub about to sing a new song.

On Thursday I looked in upon Blake again. He was drawing little profiles of Miss Woodruff on a sheet of paper, for Blake is clever with the pencil as well as with the pen.

"How does the story come along?" I asked.

"What story?" he demanded.

"The masterpiece you began when I was here last," I replied.

"Oh, that has languished!" he exclaimed. "It was put, I threw it away."

"Haven't you started another?"

"Well, I've been getting my ideas together," said he. "There are one or two big things that I may start upon when I can get hold of them by the right end."

Then we had a nice long talk about Miss Woodruff, and, having decided in the lapse of about two hours that she was an incomparable angel, we adjourned the meeting and went out to play a game of billiards.

Sunday forenoon Blake and I took a bicycle ride together. I had never seen him so happy or so full of the fancies. He told me that he had begun a story and asked me to call to him the next day and see what I thought of the introductory chapter.

I couldn't call on Monday, but I found the time Tuesday afternoon. Blake had written about 1,000 words substantially as they were to stand in the finished story, and I want to say here in strict confidence that they were far from good.

The style was quite different from Blake's ordinary. As a rule, when he attacks literature he cuts off a piece with a battle-axe and presents it to the public on the end of a spear. That's what I have always liked about his work.

I told him frankly that if the beginning of the new story gave any idea of what it was to be like throughout he had made a mistake.

"Sentimentalism isn't your forte," said I.

"This isn't sentimentality. It's good—the feeling," said he. "And it is goodly expressed, because I've taken time with it. I've cut it down and worked it over, and I've viewed it always in the new light that has come to me. Bless the dear girl! Let's talk of her for awhile and let criticism rest. As for your opinion, I pity and forgive you. Let that suffice."

So we talked about the dear girl and, as before, wound up with a game of billiards. And, by the way, Blake made a Roman holiday of me. His billiards had improved a hundred per cent within the week.

It was agreed that I should drop in upon him at his lodgings after dinner. Miss Woodruff was not to be at home, and an evening in his bachelor quarters was the best that Blake could hope for.

It may have been 8 o'clock when I arrived. Blake came to the door of his little parlor in response to my rap. He had on an old red "sweater" with a faded H on the front of it. An old pair of trousers and a straw hat with no brown in it completed his visible attire.

I had seen Blake wear this hat before, when he had to work late at night. The brim shaded his eyes, and the absence of the crown, in his opinion, prevented an injurious effect upon the hair such as is said to come from wearing one's hat in the house.

Blake has plenty of hair, and in moments of excitement it stands out from his head at all sorts of angles. On the occasion in question it streamed up through that broken hat as if the circle of straw had been a funnel supplied with a mighty draft of air.

"Everything has gone to the devil!" was his greeting to me.

"What do you mean?" I cried. "Has Miss Woodruff—"

"Oh, no; she's all right, but that infernal villain Hatfield, to whom I've owed a couple of hundred dollars for a year or two, is going to make trouble."

"What trouble can he make?" I demanded.

"Why, he'll tell Mr. Woodruff, and then my cake is dough," said Blake. "You see, I neglected to mention the Hatfield matter in my talk with Woodruff, and he'll remember that. I tell you it would ruin my life."

"But there's nothing disgraceful about this debt."

"No, except that I didn't tell Woodruff about it. There's the pinch. I've got to raise the money for Hatfield to-morrow."

"How in blue blazes are you going to do it?" I demanded. "I haven't it, and—"

"I've seen Harper," said Blake. "If I'll finish that Porto Rican romance for him, he'll pay spot cash. There's about 8,000 words to write, and I can't do it—except that I've got to. Why, old man, fancy my trying to write to-night. I'm so worried, so totally upset, that my brains are mush. I can't think of my own name. Yet I must do it. But, oh," he groaned, "it will be awful rot!"

He rather staggered than walked to his chair beside the big table in the center of the room.

"Sit down and keep still," he said, "but don't leave me. Just stay by through this night, and maybe I can turn the trick. If I'm left alone, I shall either go crazy or go to sleep, and one's as bad as the other tonight."

Three seconds later his pen was digging holes in the paper. At first it went heavily onward, and frequently he stopped and paced the floor, assuring me that no man so miserable as he was could possibly write.

Presently, however, he began to go more steadily. His eyes took on a glare. He no longer addressed any remarks to me, but he said things about Porto Rico and the character of his story to the air.

Meanwhile he smoked long black cigars, the ends of which he chewed savagely.

This continued for hours. About 1 o'clock he slowed up, and several times



HIS PEN WAS DIGGING HOLES IN THE PAPER.

I saw him sway in his chair. I knew what that meant, and I hastened out to an all night restaurant, whence I returned with some sandwiches and a quart of black coffee. This simple refreshment supplied the strength which had been exhausted. For a long time thereafter the pen made its noise like a loose shingle on a tarp in a gale of wind.

About 4 o'clock I began to doze. A little later I awoke with a start. The gas had been turned low, but there was light enough to see Blake stretched across the threshold of the bedroom door, his head upon a pillow that he had dragged to the bed.

"Don't disturb me, old man," he murmured as I bent over him. "The cursed thing is done."

I waited till he had sunk into a stupor and then lifted him upon the bed. At 10 the next morning I waked him, and we went to see Harper. The story passed through the mill, and Hatfield's claim was met in time to avert a calamity.

The Porto Rican story is out, and it has caught on hard. On that Tuesday night Blake kept his word, given to me a week ago Monday, that within ten days, having found the necessary inspiration, he would write something that would really make a hit.

## COTTAGE VIOLIN MAKING.

In a letter to Music Trades, Mr. F. W. Kirk gives some very interesting facts concerning the cheap violin trade of Markneukirchen, Saxony. He says the violins are really made in Schienbach, a little village of 2,000 inhabitants several miles away from Markneukirchen, but as the latter place puts the finishing touches to the instruments it has come to have the fame for their production, while Schienbach struggles on unknown.

In Schienbach the student of sociology has a most important contemporary example of the cottage industry, the stage of industrial development that everywhere preceded the factory system, such as we are today familiar with. According to our writer the condition of the work people is deplorable, and if there be any philosopher en-route for Schienbach with purpose of substantiating a high ideal of the social state in the regime of the cottage industry, he had best turn back before that ideal is hopelessly shattered.

In the manufacture of the violins, not only is all the work done in the home, but every member of the family has some share in it. Children as young as ten years are very generally employed in polishing the "corpus" as the glued violins are called in sandpapering corner blocks, etc., while older children and women are assigned more difficult work, and this in addition to the usual household work. Workmen sleep next their work, and rising early take up the work of the previous night before breakfast. The drudgery goes on day after day with only the shortest possible intermissions for eating and necessary chores.

With all this hard continuous labor it is difficult for many families to earn a bare subsistence. The price of an unfinished "corpus"—that is in the white, with neck uncarved, and without trimmings—is about 40 cents and the average family can earn at this price about \$170.00 a year. Even this amount is not received in cash, but in trade at the grocery and material store. Fortunately most families supplement their earning by the product of a small garden patch and perhaps a cow also. A single case was noted where a violin-maker aided by his family made something over \$300 in one year, but he has looked up to as a great exception and had a reputation of making "good" violins.

When the "corpus" are ready for delivery to the exporter or finisher they are usually packed in large wicker baskets arranged to be strapped on to the back. The women shoulder these burdens, make the sales, and bring back the materials, for the men being usually the more skilled cannot be spared from the work bench. So it is everybody must work, from the dog dragging the little cart loaded with wood, up everything that eats, must earn food.

Under these conditions the people are submerged and degraded, not that work does this, for that is an element of contentment always, but because of the too constant drudgery and the lack of opportunity for self-improvement, and recreation. Violins from Markneukirchen go to all parts of the world, the United States taking a large proportion of them. One American dealer recently placed an order for 10,000.

### A Novel Newspaper.

The most up-to-date of all modern newspapers is the Stereo-Revue published at Paris. This extraordinary newspaper gives the news of the day (or rather week), not in type, but in instantaneous photographs on a film, like that of a cinematograph. A roll of this film is the journal, and the subscriber puts it through a portable stereoscope like a field glass, and looks at the pictures, thereby reading the news.—Youth Estate.

### A New Explosive.

An Italian named Carrara claims to have discovered a way to utilize electrically decomposed water as a high explosive. The Italian government is now experimenting with this new explosive, which its inventor has styled "cosmos." Tests have shown that the power developed is nearly 30 times as great as that of dynamite.

The Sultan of Turkey has appointed Prof. D. A. Kent, a member of the faculty of the Iowa State Agricultural College, to be instructor in the use of the Turkish Government.

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