

BUILD A SPITE HOUSE

ST. LOUIS SALOON KEEPER'S UNIQUE REVENGE.

He Will Erect Ugly Buildings to Get Even with Enemies—No Two Bricks Alike—Hayti May Fight If Italy Becomes Dictatorial.

Vengeance in St. Louis.

Charles Rettilia is preparing to build a "spite house" in St. Louis. Rettilia keeps a saloon and grocery store. He figured in a sensational legal fight with the residents of a fashionable West End neighborhood two years ago. Now he proposes to build the ugliest house ever conceived right where it will be an eyesore to the persons who made trouble for him. Rettilia owns a building at 3101 Chestnut street and a lot adjoining. Two years ago he opened a grocery store in the building on the corner. After running the store a month he opened a saloon in the rear. There was never a saloon in the neighborhood and the fashionable residents of the block made a concerted fight on Rettilia. The neighbors tried every inducement to cause Rettilia to abandon the saloon annex to his grocery. When persuasion failed they resorted to the law and he was forced to close his saloon. He has now let a contract to have two very ugly flats erected on his lots. They will be two stories in height, built of old bricks of all colors, with bay windows of rough boards, and will cost in all about \$600. He will rent to negro tenants.

HAYTI MAY FIGHT.

Belief Prevails That She Will Not Be Coerced This Time.

A Washington dispatch to the New York Herald says that Hayti may once more be submitted to humiliation similar to that inflicted by Germany in the Lend-Lease case. In the present instance Italy is the presumably aggrieved party. The cause is the alleged illegal seizure of an Italian vessel and the killing of an Italian. Should Italy resort to force to collect an indemnity the opinion prevails in administration circles that President Sam will be forced by his people to declare war. Minister Leger and the members of the Haytian legation do not believe Hayti is responsible for either of the matters above alluded to. What this country will do is wholly problematical.

FATAL COLLISION OF TRAINS.

Accident on the Panhandle Railroad at Royal Center.

The north-bound passenger on the Chicago division of the Panhandle collided with a south-bound freight just south of Royal Center at 5 o'clock Tues'ay afternoon. A. Cottner, aged 26, of Royal Center, was instantly killed. Cottner and William Menthon, also of Royal Center, were riding on the blind baggage, and when the accident occurred Menthon jumped, escaping with a bad cut on the hand. Cottner, however, was caught between the car and engine and crushed. Two small children of Mrs. Hardesty of Kewanee were painfully bruised. None of the train men or other passengers was hurt.

White Caps Kill Negroes.

Lamar County, Alabama, has been terrorized for many months past by white caps. A large number of arrests were made and the offenders arraigned before the United States Court at Birmingham. Two negroes, John and Lewis Bonner, gave testimony which was material to the Government and resulted in the conviction of several of the worst members of the gang. The two negroes returned to their homes near Kennedy the other evening. About midnight they were called to their door by some unknown parties and shot down in cold blood.

Hold Up the Entire Village.

The little town of Argusville, ten miles from Fargo, N. D., was the scene of a most desperate robbery one night recently. Three masked men walked into the town, armed to the teeth, and ordered the merchants and business men right and left to stand in line. Then one man went through nearly every store in the town, securing money and valuables amounting to \$1,000. None of the desperadoes were captured.

Business Reverses Caused Suicide.

Charles Birnbaum, aged 55 years, once a wealthy mine owner, shot and killed himself at his home in Kansas City, dependent over business reverses and ill-health. Mrs. Birnbaum, who is blind, was the first to discover her husband after he had shot himself. Birnbaum was a Hebrew. He amassed a fortune in Sonora, old Mexico, and Pueblo, Colo., which had slipped away from him its

Bishop Walden Appointed.

Bishop John M. Walden of Cincinnati has been designated by his associate bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church to preside over the numerous conferences to be held in Europe next year. This is one of the most desirable and measurable assignments within the gift of the episcopal board. The bishop will sail about the end of February and will be absent for the greater part of the year.

La Tournaine Disabled.

The French line steamer La Tournaine, Captain Santelli, from New York Dec. 4 for Havre, stopped off the Lizard, England, when she reached there, and signified that she was not under control.

Suicide of a Traveler.

Charles Danson, a Swede, en route from Chicago to Sweden, was found hanging in the woods near Bernhard's Bay, N. Y.

Chilian Cabinet Resigns.

The entire Chilean cabinet has resigned. The event has caused a sensation. The cabinet was appointed last August, to succeed the ministry formed on Aug. 9, under the premiership of Orrego Huco, which in turn succeeded the Antunez cabinet that retired on June 23 last.

Fatality in a Football Game.

Frank Hunt, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hunt of Akron, O., is the first victim of football in Akron. He died of brain fever, the direct result of injuries received while playing the game.

Vetoed the Football Bill.

The British trooship, Avoca, with about 1,000 men on board, from Jamaica to Cape Town, has arrived safely. A rumor prevailed in Halifax that the Avoca had foundered, but the report was not credited in London.

Invitation on Quartz.

A slab of quartz, with veins of gold prominently showing, will convey California's invitation to President McKinley to attend the golden jubilee of the discovery of gold. The precious rock will have engraved on its face the invitation to the President.

JAPAN EXPECTS INDEMNITY.

Toru Hoshi Gives the Mikado's Position Regarding Hawaii.

Toru Hoshi, Japanese minister to the United States, admitted in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press that the object of his mission to Japan, from whence he has just returned, was to ascertain the views of his Government on the proposed annexation of Hawaii and to procure instructions from the mikado relative to the course he was expected to pursue in case the treaty shall be ratified by Congress. Mr. Hoshi said: "The impression has gone out to the American people that we propose to recall the protest entered by Japan against the acquisition of the Sandwich Islands by the United States Government. This is misleading and untrue. Japan has always maintained amicable relations with the United States, and it is not our purpose now to take any steps that would lead to a breach of mutual good will, but at the same time Japan will stand firmly in the maintenance of its rights and privileges acquired under treaty with the Hawaiian Government. If the United States decided to annex Hawaii, we hope to be able to enforce our demands for indemnity for the violation of treaty rights in the expulsion of Japanese immigrants from the island and their exclusion from the rights acquired under our treaty."

DODGE THE EXCLUSION ACT.

Wholesale Traffic in Bogus Naturalization Papers in Italy.

Commissioner of Immigration Fitch at New York has been notified by Commissioner General Powderly that the State Department at Washington has been informed by the United States ambassador at Rome that a wholesale traffic in fraudulent naturalization papers is being carried on in Italy. The object of these fraudulent methods, Mr. Powderly said, is to effect the entry into the United States under cloak of American citizenship of aliens who otherwise would be subject to exclusion. In view of these facts Commissioner Fitch is ordered to particularly investigate all naturalization papers of immigrants, and especially those from Italy. Commissioner Fitch said the task was an extremely difficult one. From the large number of immigrants recently landed he believed there were agents in Europe who, in furtherance of this fraudulent scheme, had secured steerage passengers under the threat that unless they came at once they would not be admitted at all as Congress was about to pass a restricting law.

FRANCE ACCEPTS SITUATION.

Great Britain Does Not Expect Trouble on Upper Nile.

The St. James' Gazette of London announces authoritatively that the British Government does not expect trouble with France regarding the upper Nile regions.

Advices received at Lagos, West Africa, from the interior say the French troops had five engagements with the natives before effectively occupying Nikki, the capital of Borgu.

The King of Borgu, the chief of the country fled to the bush. Both France and Great Britain claim that the Borgu territory is within the sphere of their influence.

Great Britain claims the whole country of Borgu under the Anglo-French convention of 1890.

Captain Lugard, for Great Britain, outdistanced Commander Decoeur in making a treaty with the King of Borgu, but the French hold that such a treaty is null and void from the fact that France has effectively occupied Dahomey, and is therefore entitled to Hinterland, in accordance with the spirit and letter of the treaty of Berlin.

One Robber Shot Dead.

Peddlers Cripple Small Boy.

The 17-year-old son of Senator Fair of Sterling, Kan., who disappeared from his home six weeks ago, has been located at Guthrie, O. T. The boy had joined a band of peddlers, who had crippled his leg with carbolic acid and forced him to beg. He is now under the care of a physician, and will lose his leg.

Wages of Creede Miners Advanced.

Gov. McCord has telegraphed the Secretary of War from Phoenix, Ariz., protesting against the abandonment of Fort Whipple, suggested in the last report of the War Department.

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Governor Denounces Lynchers.

Gov. Sadler of Nevada denounced the work of the mob at Genoa, in lynching Adam Uber, as an example of fiendish barbarism.

Wheat Went to \$1.00.

December wheat was carried up to \$1.00 at Chicago the other day, the highest figure since the famous corner of 1801.

President's Mother Dead.

Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of President Wm. McKinley, died at her home in Canton, Ohio.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime,

\$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades,

\$2.00 to \$3.50; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.02 to \$1.04; corn, No. 2, 25c to 26c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 47c; butter, choice creamy, 22c to 24c; eggs, fresh, 10c to 21c; new potatoes, 50c to 65c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 91c to 92c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 45c to 47c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs,

\$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75;

wheat, No. 2, \$1.02 to \$1.04; corn, No. 2 yellow, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 47c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs,

\$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25;

wheat, No. 2, 95c to 96c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 47c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs,

\$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25;

wheat, No. 2, 91c to 93c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 28c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 45c to 47c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 95c to 97c;

corn, No. 2 mixed, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 48c; clover seed, \$3.05 to \$3.15.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 85c to 87c; corn, No. 3, 26c to 27c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 46c to 48c.

Chicago—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs,

\$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.25;

wheat, No. 2, 91c to 96c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c.

Buffalo—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs,

\$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.25;

wheat, No. 2 red, 93c to 99c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs,

\$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.25;

wheat, No. 2 red, 93c to 99c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c.

Registered Mail Stolen.

Investigation is now being made of what is supposed to be one of the biggest

robberies in the history of the New York postoffice. The robbery is said to be in the railway mail service and confined exclusively to registered letters. The exact amount taken cannot be learned, but it is stated unofficially to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

This figure is thought to be excessive by some who are investigating the case, but all agree that it is the largest amount ever taken at any one time in the registry department. The robbery is confined, so far as investigation has shown, to that section of the Central Railroad of New Jersey which is known as the New York, Somerville and Eastern branch. The discovery was made on Nov. 9, but the secret was kept by the postoffice authorities until now. It is known, however, that the statement is made that \$30,000, the total amount carried in two bags, was taken. This sum was missing on Nov. 9. How long the defalcation had gone on prior to that time has not been ascertained. On the day the robbery was discovered Robert E. Lang, a clerk employed on the New York, Somerville and Eastern branch, disappeared, and has not been found. In addition to Lang were employed W. J. McLaren, P. S. Tooker and J. D'Arcy. Since Nov. 7 hundreds of complaints have reached postoffices making inquiries after registered letters that never reached their destination. The chief inspector and his staff at the postoffice in New York have several files filled with these complaints.



CHAPTER XVII.

Meanwhile Sir Wilfrid was very unhappy. The mere fact of his favorite sister being driven from his home by the unkindness of his wife would have been sufficient to poison his existence; but when Rosie's departure from Lambcote was followed by her actual flight and disappearance from them all, he became miserably anxious and self-reproachful. Even the letter he received from Wales was no more than a passing drop of comfort. It told him she was alive, and he never doubted that fact; but it left him completely in the dark concerning her address or her surroundings, and held out no hope of their ever meeting again.

He had several quarrels with his wife, naturally on the subject of Rosie's departure. Lena was at first so positive that her own behavior had had nothing whatever to do with the resolution of her sister-in-law, and afterward, when news of Rosie's flight from Surbiton had reached them, and became an assured fact, she launched out in such cruel invectives against the absent girl—such cruel insinuations and doubts of the purity of her conduct and motives—that Sir Wilfrid would not listen to her, and ordered her sternly to hold her tongue.

"You can be unwomanly enough," he said, "to arouse my suspicions respecting a poor girl who is not here to defend herself. But mind you, Lena! Rosie will not be lost to us forever. I shall not cease to search for her until she is found. It is my duty. And when we meet again, I will have the whole story from her own lips, that I may judge how far you have deceived me."

"And who will believe her in preference to me?" cried Lady Ewell angrily. "You will take the word of a child, whose aim it will be to make you think the best of her behavior, before that of your own wife!"

"Oh, Lena, my dearest, it is the last thing in the world I wish to do! But the side you have taken in this sad affair has made me miserable—perhaps unjust. Since you are my own wife, why cannot you believe as I do, instead of being a mere echo of Lady Otto's sentiments? Sometimes you make me fear there is an end of it—an end of everything—love, hope and happiness. But it is a sorry end for such a bright beginning, Lena."

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