By FRED. M. WHITE

CHAPTER I. "Who Speaks?"

David Steel dropped his eyes from graved Florentine glass in a frame of bills would be hung like banners on ep old Flemish oak. The novelist the outward walls, and thenhad purchased it in Bruges, and now against the full red wall over the fire- pring, pring." place. And Steel had glanced at him-

He dropped into a chair with a groan for his own helplessness. Men have born. He was staring in the most abdone that kind of thing before when sent way at his telephone, utterly unthe cartridges are all gone and the bayonets are twisted and broken and the little voice. He saw the quick He had quite ceased to wonder at any the brown waves of the foe come pulsation of the striker and he came snarling over the breastworks. And then they die doggedly with the stones in their hands, and cursing the tardy supports that brought this black shame upon them.

But Steel's was ruin of another kind. man was a fighter to his fingertips. He had dogged determination and splendid physical courage; he had gradually thrust his way into the rank of living novelists, though the taste of poverty was still bitter in his uth. And how good success was now that it had come!

People envied him. Well, that was all in the sweets of the victory. They praised his blue china, they lingered choice pictures on the panelled walls. The whole thing was still a constant pleasure to Steel's artistic mind. The dark walls, the old oak and silver, the red shades and the high artistic fittings soothed him and pleased him, and played upon his tender imagina-tion. And behind there was a study, filled with books and engravings, and beyond that again a conservatory, filled with the choicest blossoms. Steel could work with the passion flowers above his head and the tender grace of the tropical ferns about him, and he could reach his left hand for telephone and call Fleet street to his

It was all unique, delightful, the dream of an artistic soul realized. Three years before David Steel had worked in an attic at a bare deal table, and his mother had £3 per week to pay for everything. Usually there was balm in this recollection.

not to-night! Little grinning demons were dancing on the oak cornices, there were mocking lights gleaming from Cellini tankards that Steel had given far too much money for. ot seemed to matter just at

If all this artistic beauty had

Steel's purse there was a golden stream coming. What mattered it that the local tradesmen were getting a little restless? The great expense of the novelist's life was past. In two years he would be rich. And the pathos of the thing was not lessened by the fact that it was true. In two years' time Steel would be well off. He was terribly short of ready money, but he had just finished a serial story for which he was to be paid £500 within two months of the delivery of the copy; two novels of his were respecn their fourth and fifth editions. But these novels of his he had more or less given away, and he ground his teeth as he thought of it. Still, everything spelt prosperity. If he lived, David Steel was bound to become a rich man.

And yet he was ruined. Within 24 hours everything would pass out of his hands. To all practical purposes it had done so already. And all for the want of £1,000! Steel had earned twice that amount during the past twelve months, and the fruits of his labor were as balm to his soul about him. Within the next twelve months he He would cheerfully have taken the bill and doubled the amount for six months' delay.

And all this because he had become surety for an absconding brother. Steel had put his pride in his pocket and interviewed his creditor, a little. polite, mild-eyed financier, who meant to have his money to the uttermost ered that Steel had debts elsewhere,

every butcher and baker and candle- agreeable?" stick maker would come abusively for a regiment, recoiled fearfully from pleading. that. Within a week his oak and silpassion flower would wither on the

Steel had not told anybody yet; the strong man had grappled with his aware that if you were not on the trouble alone. Had he been a man of verge of social extinction you would business he might have found some refuse my request. It is in your hands way out of the difficulty. Even his to decide. You know that Beckstein, other didn't know. She was asleep upstairs, perhaps dreaming of her son's greatness. What would the dear old mater say when she knew? Well, she had been a good mother to him, the time, at any rate. Your local furnish the house for her as for himself. Perhaps there would be a few tears in those gentle eyes, but no more. Thank God, no reproaches there

David lighted a cigarette and pased restlessly round the dining-room. Never had he appreciated its quiet beauty more than he did now. There were flowers, blood-red flowers, on the table under the graceful electric stand that Steel had designed himself. He snapped off the light as if the sight pained him, and strode into his study For a time he stood moodily gazing at his flowers and ferns. How every leaf there was pregnant with association. There was the Moorish clock droning the midnight hour. When Steel had brought that clock-

"Ting, ting, ting, Pring, pring ping ping. Ting, ting, ting, ting.' But Steel heard nothing. Every

thing seemed as silent as the grave. It was only by a kind of inner consciousness that he knew the hour to be midnight. Midnight meant the the mirror and shuddered as a man coming of the last day. After sunrise who sees his own soul bared for the some greasy lounger pregnant of first time. And yet the mirror was in cheap tobacco would come in and asitself a thing of artistic beauty-en- sume that he represented the sheriff,

"Pring, pring, pring. Ting, ting, it stood as a joy and a thing of beauty ting ting, ting, ting, ting, Pring,

Bells, somewhere. Like the bells in self therein and seen murder in his the valley where the old vicarage used to stand. Steel vaguely wondered who now lived in the house where he was conscious of the shrill impatience of back to earth again.

Jefferies of the Weekly Messenger, of ourse. Jefferies was fond of a late chat on the telephone. Steel wondered grimly, if Jefferies would lend him deep lounge chair and placed the reclang of the wires, a long-distance go away." message, assuredly.

"From London, evidently, Halloa, London! Are you there?" London responded that it was. A clear, soft voice spoke at length.

"Is that you. Mr. Steel? Are you quite alone? Under the circumstances you are not busy to-night?' Steel started. He had never heard before his Oriental dishes and the the voice before. It was clear and soft | Celini tankard, at the pools of light and commanding, and yet there was

just a suspicion of mocking irony in "I'm not very busy to-night," Steel replied. "Who is speaking to me?" "That for the present we need not go into," said the mocking voice. "As yours would say, 'We meet as strang-

alone! "I am quite alone. Indeed, I am the only one up in the house," "Good. I have told the exchange

people not to ring off till I have finished with you. One advantage of teleoning at this hour is that one is tiny diamonds. tolerably free from interruption. So her what is likely to happen to you before many hours have elapsed?"

Steel made no reply for a moment. He was restless and ill at ease tonight, and it seemed just possible that But not to-night, heaven help him, his imagination was playing him strange tricks. But, no. The Moorish clock in its frame of celebrities droned the quarter after twelve; the scent of the purchase. the Dijon roses floated in from the conservatory.

said, hoarsely. "Who in the name of heaven are you?"

"That in good time. But I did not think you were a coward." "No man has ever told me so-face

to face." "Good again. I recognize the fight- your parcel." ing ring in your voice. If you lack certain phases of moral courage, you good. Yes, you are right, it is the are a man of pluck and resource. Now, same cigar case you admired so much somebody who is very dear to me is at | in Lockhart's the other day. Well, we present in Brighton, not very far from have given you an instance of our bona your own house. She is in dire need fides. But £250 is of no use to you at of assistance. You also are in dire present. Beckstein's people would not We can be of mu-

tual advantage to one another." "What do you mean by that?" Steel the poetic phrase goes. It is in whispered.

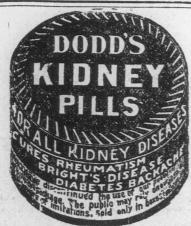
"Let me put the matter on a business footing. I want you to help my or, if you are too proud for that, you friend, and in return I will help you. may regard it as a loan. In which Bear in mind that I am asking you to do nothing wrong. If you will promise such charities as commend themselves me to go to a certain address in to you. Now, are you going to place Brighton to-night and see my friend, I promise that before you sleep the sum of £1,000 in Bank of England notes shall be in your possession.'

No reply came from Steel. He could could pay the debt three times over. the fee-simple of Golconda. He could haps, and he could hold up his head only hang gasping to the telephone. Many a strange and weird plot came his desk to-morrow with the passion and went in that versatile brain, but flowers over his head and the scent parently no reply was expected, for the speaker resumed:

"I am asking you to do no wrong, You may naturally desire to know why my friend does not come to you. That farthing. At first he had been suave must remain my secret, our secret. We and sympathetic, until he had discov- are trusting you because we know you to be gentleman, but we have enemies who are ever on the watch All you Well, he had signed judgment, and have to do is to go to a certain place to-morrow he could levy execution. and give a certain woman information. Within a few hours the bottom would You are thinking that this is a strange Old Steine. Stand on the path close fall out of the universe so far as Steel | mystery, Never was anything stranger was concerned. Within a few hours dreamt of in your philosophy. Are you

The mocking tone died out of the his bill. Steel, who could have faced small, clear voice until it was almost

ver would have to be sold and the tage," Steel said. "And you know-" "You have taken me at a disadvan-"Everything. I am trying to save you from ruin. Fortune has played you into my hands. I am perfectly your creditor, is absolutely merciless He will get his money back and more besides. This is his idea of business. creditors will be insolent to you; peo-



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ple will pity you or blame you, as their disposition lies. On the other hand, you have but to say the word and you are saved. You can go and see the Brigton representatives of Beckstein's

Bank of England." "If I was assured of your bona ides," Steel murmured.

A queer little laugh, a laugh of riumph, came over the wires. "I have anticipated that question. Have you Greenwich time about you?" Steel responded that he had. It was five-and-twenty minutes past twelve. questions put to him now. It was all so like one of his brilliant little extravanganzas.

"You can hang up your receiver for five minutes," the voice said. "Precisely at half-past twelve you go and £1,000. He flung himself down in a look on your front doorstep. Then come back and tell me what you have ceiver to his ear. By the deep, hoarse found. You need not fear that I shall

> Steel hung up the receiver, feeling that he needed a little rest. His cigarette was actually scorching his left thumb and forefinger, but he was heedless of the fact. He flicked up the dining-room lights again and rapidly made himself a sparklet soda, which he added to a small whisky. He looked almost lovingly at the gleaming on the fair damask. Was it possible that he was not going to lose all this, after all?

The Moorish clock in the study droned the half-hour. certain old-fashioned contemporaries of feeling on him that he was doing something stealthily. The bolts and Stranger yet, your are quite chain rattled under his trembling fin- twice carefully. He made a mental gers. Outside, the whole world seemed to be sleeping. Under the wide picked out with shining points lay on the white marble breadth of the top step. A gun-metal cigar-case set in

The novelist fastened the front door your mother is asleep? Have you told and stagged to the study. A pretty, artistic thing such as David had fully ntended to purchase for himself. He had seen one exactly like in in a jeweller's window in North street. He had pointed it out to his mother. Why, it was the very one! No doubt whatever

He pressed the spring, and the case lay open before him. Inside were pa-"I have told nobody as yet." Steel pers, soft, crackling papers; the case was crammed with them. They were white and clean, and twenty-five of them in all. Twenty-five Bank of England notes for £10 each-£250! "Are you there?" he whispered, as if fearful of listeners. "I-I have found

> "Containing the notes. So far so accept it on account-they can make far more money by 'selling you up,' as hands to procure the other £750 before you sleep. You can take it as a gift, case you can bestow the money on yourself entirely in my hands?"

Steel hesitated no longer. Under the rircumstances few men would, as he had a definite assurance that there was nothing dishonorable to be done. not have spoken at that moment for A little courage, a little danger, perbefore the world; he could return to never one more wild than this. Ap- groves sweet to his nostrils. And the mater could dream happily, for there would be no sadness or sorrow in the "I will do exactly what you tell me,"

he said. "Spoken like a man," the voice ried. "Nobody will know you have left the house-you can be home in an hour. You will not be missed. Come, time is getting short, and I have my under the shadow of the statue of

George IV. and wait there. Somebody

will say 'Come,' and you will follow, Good-night." Steel would have said more, but the tinkle of his own bell told him that the stranger had rung off. He laid his igar case on the writing table, slipped his cigarette case into his pocket, satsfied himself that he had his latch key, and put on a dark overcoat. Overhead the dear old mater was sleeping peacefully. He closed the front door carefully behind him and strode resolutely

> CHAPTER II. The Crimson Blind.

into the darkness.

David walked swiftly along, his mind a perfect whirl. Now that once he had started he was eager to see the adventure through. It was strange, but stranger things had happened. More than one correspondent with queer personal experience had taught him that. Nor was Steel in the least afraid. He was horribly frightened of disgrace or humiliation, but physical courage he had in a high degree. And was he not going to save his home and his good name?

David had not the least doubt on the latter score. Of course he would do nothing wrong, neither would he keep the money. This he preferred to regard as a loan-a loan to be paid off before long. At any rate, money or no money, he would have been sorry to have abandoned the adventure now. His spirits rose as he walked along, great weight had fallen from his shoulders. He smiled as he thought of

his mother peacefully sleeping at WOMEN AWAIT TRIAL What would his mother think if she knew? But, then, nobody was to know. That had been expressly set tled in the bond.

Save for an occasional policeman the streets were deserted. It was a little Evidence of William Peden of This City old and raw for the time of year, and a fog like a pink blanket was creeping in from the sea. Down in the Steine the big arc lights gleamed here and there like nebulous blue globes; it was hardly possible to see across the road. In the half-shadow behind Steel the statue of the First Centleman in Europe glowed gigantic, ghost-like in the

It was marvellously still there, so still that David could hear the tinkle of the pebbles on the beach. He stood back by the gate of the gardens watching the play of the leaf silhouettes on the pavement, quaint patterns of fantastic designs thrown up in high relief lawyers, and pay them in paper of the by the arc light above. From the dark foggy throat of St. James' street came the tinkle of a cycle bell. On so still a night the noise seemed bizarre and out of place. Then the cycle loomed in sight; the rider, muffled and humped over the front wheel, might have been a man or a woman. As the cyclist flashed by something white and gleaming dropped into the road, and the single word "Come" seemed to cut like a knife through the fog. That was all; the rider had looked neither to the right nor to the left, but the word was distinctly uttered. At the same instant an arm dropped and a longer finger pointed to the gleaming white square in the road. It was like an instantaneous photograph-a flash, and the figure had vanished in the fog.

"This grows interesting," Steel muttered. "Evidently my shadowy friend has dropped a book of rules in the road for me. The plot thickens." It was only a plain white card that lay in the road. A few line were typed on the back of it. The words might have been curt, but they were to the point

"Go along the sea front and turn into Brunswick square. Walk along the right side of the square until you reach No. 219. You will read the number over the fanlight. Open the door and it will yield to you; there is no occasion to knock. The first door inside the hall leads to the dining room. David gulped down his whisky and | Walk into there and wait. Drop this ept shakily to the front door with a card down the gutter just opposite

David read the directions once of note of 219. After that he dropped the card down the drain trap nearest at sufficient case had been made out to canopy of stars some black object hand. A little way ahead of him he heard the cycle bell trilling as if in approval of his action. But David had man, known as Jones and afterwards made up his mind to observe every rule of the game. Besides, he might be rigidly watched.

The spirit of adventure was growing upon Steel now. He was no longer holding the solid result before his eyes. He was ready to see the thing through for its own sake. And as he hurried up North street, along Western road, and finally down Preston about it! David had had the case in street, he could hear the purring tinhis hands and had reluctantly declined kle of the cycle bell before him. But not once did he catch sight of the shadowy rider.

All the same his heart was beating a little faster as he turned into Brunswick square. All the houses were in pitchy darkness, as they nautrally would be at one o'clock in the morning, so it was only with great difficulty that Steel could make out a number here and there. As he walked slowly and hesitatingly along the cycle bell drummed impatiently ahead of

(To be continued.)

IMPORTING AUTOMOBILES. Local Firm Receives Big Shipment

Catherines.

On Saturday evening last a consign-Motor Works, St. Catherines, Ont., arrived in this city. The valuable shipment was consigned to Hutcheson Bros., and will be placed on the local market with a view of partially meeting the demand for those cars when the fine weather sets in next spring. Three are known as the Standard Runabouts, 1906 models, and represent the latest improvements in motor car construction. They are exactly the same model as the cars which raced across the continent from Detroit Michigan to Portland last year. The other three are known as the T cars, and have accommodation for four passengers. They were built last fall by the Olds Motor the family with whom he had lived. Company for 1906 use. Since their construction, however, the company have been experimenting along the lines of the latest European practice, and have been so successful that they have decided to put out an entirely new stock of heavy cars for the coming season. Hutcheson Bros. have a complete line of these new cars on order, but owing to the great demand for them they cannot be delivered until next March One which will be imported to the order of a local merchant will be a twenty-four horse power machine, and will accommodate five or six people. The other ordered will be an eighteenhorse power car.

DIED FROM WOUND.

Row at Dance on Christmas Eve.

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 6.-Alex. Green an Indian, who was shot on Christmas eve at Fairfield Plains by John Hill, another Indian, is dead. Hill will probably be charged with murder.

Hill and Green were at a dance, where they had a scuffle over a girl which resulted in Hill shooting Green. The wound caused blood poisoning, which resulted in Green's death.

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IN PROVINCIAL JAIL

Cut Short at Preliminary Hearing.

In the police court at Vancouver or Wednesday when Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Jackson were committed for trial on a charge of perjury, as recorded in yesterday's Times, William Peden, of Victoria, was called as a witness. His evidence was abruptly cut short, owing to the magistrate upholding a contention of Joseph Martin, says the News-Advertiser

Peden testified that he had lived in Victoria for about 16 years, and had known the Jones family well. There were a son and a daughter. "What did Mr. Jones say to you once

" Mr. Farris began to ask. "Surely you are not going to tender that as evidence?" was Mr. Martin's question, given in a tone of surprise. "I certainly do," the court prose-utor told him. "You would not question the evidence of deceased persons in the matter of pedigree, would you?" "But this is not a pedigree case, it's altogether different," was Mr. Martin's refuge. "But let's hear your authorities. The authorities of my learned

ined." Certain cases were quoted, but Mr. Martin held that they did not apply, as Mr. Jones had not been proved to be the father of Fred Jones, the authority being that the person making the statement must be a blood relation or nusband or wife.

friend generally fall down when exam-

"It's the latter part that I base my point on," Mr. Farris explained, "certainly Mr. Jones was husband of Mrs.

However, the magistrate ruled the question out. Mr. Farris pressed, stating that the matter was a serious one, and to him the authorities seemed very "I may be wrong, but that's my rul-

ng," the magistrate decided. "That's the case," the prosecutor an-

ounced as he resumed his seat. "It's the same story," Mr. Martin remarked, as he rose to his feet, "the crown falls down on its star witness." Then he proceeded to argue that not a send the accused up for trial. The most shown, he said, was that a young as Fisher, called this woman mother. It was the commonest thing in the world for an adopted child to call the people with whom he lived father and nother, and there were many instances in this city, no doubt, where women called their husbands' mothers mother But even the evidence on this point had not been exact, and was of the loosest kind. No one witness had sworn that Fred Jones had called this oman mother. Suppose it were all true, he went on, that Fred Jones was a son of the accused, was sent to the penitentiary, served time, and changed his name after he came out. There is nothing wrong about that. The family, say, decided to adopt the new name he had taken, and it would only be natural for Mrs. Jones, after stating for years that he was her nephew o make the statement at the inquest. Mr. Martin still further insisted that no evidence had been given to show that an attempt was made to mislead. In replying, Mr. Farris said it was only necessary in a preliminary hearmake out a prima facie case

relationship that could be proven was initiation took place and the loddge sels now in service. The fleet open ly in the absence of sworn evidence to the contrary. In giving his decision, Magistrate mentof six automobiles from the Olds | Williams said it was not his duty to weigh the evidence; he had only to consider if it were sufficient to send the prisoner up for trial. A prima facie case had been made out in regard to proving the relationship. He was of the opinion that the statement was what was the object? If she had done so innocently, she could have admitted it afterward. A very suspicious circumstance was that Jones went by that name up to the time of his committal for forgery. If his right name were Fisher that would have been the time to have revealed it, so that he would not have brought the disgrace upon

> until after his discharge from the penitentiary. He committed the prisoner for trial. No more evidence was taken in the case of Mrs. Jackson, and she, too, was sent up. The prisoners were taken over to New Westminster in the after-

> But the name of Jones was clung to

Even should Mrs. Jones choose speedy trial and be acquitted on the charge of perjury, there is a good chance that she will remain in jail till the next Assizes anyhow. On an application made by W. E. Burns in Justice Morrison granted an order Exell, after she was ordered over to the next Assizes to await a second Death of Indian Who Was Shot During trial on the charge of having stolen a receipt from Captain Sprague. It will be remembered that in this case the jury disagreed, and Exell and another person put up bonds to relieve Mrs. Jones from the necessity of spending the winter in jail awainting trial at the Spring Assizes. Since then reports have been current that Exell was by wise advertising to make money. selling the real estate on which his bonds were based, and after an investigation, His Lordship ordered the bail to be withdrawn. It is still open for Mrs. Jones to secure fresh bail on satisfactory securities.

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Besides the glycerine, of itself, pos-

DR. PIERCE'S FAITH.

forests are to be found an abundance of | well known to be objectionable in any most valuable medicinal plants for the medicine to be employed in chronic cure of many distressing and most lingering diseases, where, at best, treatfatal maladies, if we would only seek ment must be continued over a consid them out, test them and learn how erable period of time in order to make and for what diseases to use them. the cure complete and permanent. Furthermore, he believes that the vegetable kingdom is the one to resort to ingredients used in these medicines for the most harmless remedial agents. well as the working formula and peculiar They act most kindly upon the hu-man system and are eliminated or car-employed in their manufacture, are ried out of the body by the natural withheld from publicity that Dr. Pierce' functions without injury, even in cases where it is necessary to make protracted and trespassed upon by unprinciple use of them in order to experience permanent cures. Dr. Pierce's medicines cally inclined. being purely vegetable, are perfectly harmless. In other words, while they are potent to cure, being purely vegestatement of their full compositions. table in composition and containing no giving every ingredient in plain English alcohol, they leave no bad effects behind. This is not generally true when with confidence that the good sense mineral medicines and those containing the afflicted will lead them to apprecilarge percentages of alcohol are taken this honorable manner of confidi into the system and their use protracted them what they are taking into t over considerable periods of time.

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THEY STAND ALONE. The fact that neither Dr. Pierce's

Of Victoria West Templars Lodge, No. 29-Initiation Ceremony.

own. He considered it good, especial deputy, Mrs. Lewis, conducted the ed by the company is a very large on ceremony, Bro. Cooper, L. D., of Triumph Lodge, acting as marshal. During recess New Year resolutions Japan their destination. The Oanfa is were collected from the members, and the second largest that comes to Vic after resuming business were read by toria. As a freighter she is a tremend the secretary and lodge deputy to the lodge. Bro. Wilkes rendered a verbal report concerning the visit to Cedar Hill, speaking highly of its success. He

> Wilkes and Robinson spoke concernthat the members would do their utmost to make the visit a success. the lodge closed at 13.30 p.m.

> > PRETTY VICTORIA.

A. F. McFarland, After Touring Continent, Says City is Most Attractive.

A. F. McFarland and wife, of Seattle. are in the city, guests at the Driard. Mr. McFarland, after making a trip about Victoria's residental parts and scenic points of vantage, pronounces it the prettiest city he has ever seen. Chambers Wednesday morning, Mr. He is a Kentuckian who has travelled extensively in the east, and for the quashing the bail put up by E. R. past five or six years has resided in various parts of California and Mexico. Previous to seeing this city Mr. Mc-Farland placed Maryville, North Carolina, at the head of the pretty places in the North American continent. After visiting Victoria, however, he

Mr. McFarland says that if he were at liberty he would go into the real estate business in Victoria, and expect

CARGO FOR VICTORIA.

said the contest over the salvage just | On this trip the Oanfa carried no begun will be stoutly contested by the Mohammedans, this being the off sea-

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SUCCESSFUL GATHERING

A large number of visitors attended the meeting of Victoria West Lodge, I. O. G. T., No. 29, on Wednesday evening. The meeting was opened at 8 and best will be used in the round-theand in this instance the only kind of o'clock, Sister S. Lewis presiding. An world business. They will replace ves

also spoke of the progress being made

sworn to with intent to mislead: if not | by the two lodges, Victoria West and Sister Egilson and Bros. Waller. ing the attitude and general work of lodges, with reference to each other. A long discussion followed, during which it was said that the grand chief templar's visit was not far off, and After other business was transacted

puts this city at the top.

With 550 tons of miscellaneous cargo for Victoria and 950 tons for Vancou ver and Sound points, the Liverpool liner Oanfa, Capt. James Riley. reached the ocean wharf at 9 o'clock on Saturday after a stormy but otherwise uneventful voyage across the Pacific, She left Liverpool on October 15th and Yokohama on December 22nd. In passing through Asiatic waters the San Francisco, Jan. 6.-Never in the principal event of interest was the maritime history of the Pacific has meeting of H. M. S. Renown and the such an enormous libel been placed on two cruisers escorting her. The Reany vessel as the suit filed against the nown had the Prince of Wales and his City of Puebla by the owners of the party aboard, and looked magnificent Chehalis, who claim \$100,000 as a re- in her all white coat of paint. The ward for towing the distressed steam- Terrible was waiting at the Suez canal r safely into port. The Puebla is to join the naval procession to Bom-

son in this line of travel. In leaving elsewhere.

Liverpool she was laden deep wit cargo for Singapore and Japan. B this circumstance is nothing unusu for vessels of the line. Officers of the Oanfa say that the business of company is increasing constantly Nir new steamships are building for t company, of which five of the larges Only the best of the line cross to thi continent, while a large number make ous carrier.

A SAANICH WEDDING.

Nuptials of Mr. J. H. Downey an Miss Camp Celebrated at St. Stephen's Church.

At St. Stephen's church, Sout Saanich, on Wednesday last the mar riage of Mr. J. H. Downey of Nort Saanich and Marion Edith, only daughter of the late John and Mr. Camp, of Saanichton. The event too place at 2 o'clock, the church bein handsomely decorated for the occas sion. The building was crowded wi friends of the bride and groom. bride was given away by her und Mr. G. W. Anderson, sr., of Lake d trict. She was beautifully dressed cream cashmere lace and orange b sons, and carried a bouquet of smi while her bridesmaid was attired pale blue nun's veiling, trimmed lace. A repast was partaken of at Prairie hotel, and then the har couple drove to the city to embark the steamer Umatilla for Californi where their honeymoon will be spen The presents were numerous a

pretty, a partial list being as follow

Mr. and Mrs. Downey, sr., che

and dinner service: A. L. Downey. tension dining table, G. W. Anders sr., cheque; Miss Fernie, cheque enclyclopedia: Mr. E. John, sr., chee Mr. Sanderson, Revelstoke, set sil and pearl dessert knives and for Normal school chums, faith, hope charity; Mr. and Miss G. W. Ande son, silver cake basket; Miss A Downey, brass lamp; Mrs. and Mi Loat, set Bretby ware; Mrs. and M H. Connor, oak butter dish; Mr. Mrs. A. J. Dallain, 2 pictures; Mrs Monk, silver dessert spoons; Mr. a Mrs. Duncan, carving set, Quin Cl tea set; G. S. Simons, parlor Mrs. P. Halloway, marble clock; Mi Luscomb, silver spoons; Miss L. Carter, tea spoons; Mr. Ferguson family, brass clock; Mr. and M Crawford, table linen; Stanley Este and Elsie Anderson, breakfast crue Miss F. Struckan, cut glass vase; fancy cushions from England; Camp, eiderdown quilt; Mrs. Offerhau one-half dozen China cups, sauce and plates; Marian Offerhaus, silv bon-bon dish; Herman Offerhaus, o'clock tea stand; Mrs. I. Walker, pair vases; Mrs. and Miss Mouat, j diniere; Mrs. Martindale and fam silver syrup jur and tray; B. Butle

Trinity College, Dublin, is now gra ing degrees in arts to women educated VOL 53.

H. H. ROGERS DECLY TO ANSWE

Thomas W. Lawson Will -The Irrepressible P Again at Wo

New York, Jan. 8.-H vice-president of the Company of New Jersey of the Standard Oil C diana, was a witness hearing before Commi ick H. H. Sanborn in the proceedings brought by eral Hadley of Missou Missouri the Standard of Indiana, the Waterspany of Missouri and t Company. Mr. Roger Saturday that he is a Stan lard Oil Company Hadley is seeking to is no real competition ness of Missouri and t other two companies d Missouri are controlled ard Oil Company of I be the western branch Oil Company of New Je

Mr. Hadley took up two points-whether Oil Company of Indian at No. 26 Broadway, t the Standard Oil Con Jersey has its offices a Standard Oil Company owns or controls a stock of the Indiana Waters-Pierce Oil Co souri and the Republi

of New York. Mr. Rogers said that know that the Indiana offices at No. 26 Broad supposed its affairs are he imagined that Jan president of the Standa f India, has an office a but that he (Rogers) wa Mr. . Rogers declined

question whether the Company of New Jer stock of the other con Mr. Hadley alleges hav stifle competition in Hadley pressed the que insistence, demanded a evasion. "Do you mean to say t know where the offices

of which you are a dir ed?" demanded Mr. Ha "It is immaterial to Supreme court of Misse When Mr. Rogers wer this forenoon a zealo temporarily broke up and drove him out of burning a flashlight to g him. It filled the roo and Mr. Rogers was e

later hour. H. W. Hardicastle, was employed in the All the Standard Oil Compa witness to-day. He stances in which he from the Standard Oil ploy to that of the Rep pany at Cleveland, Oh Atlantic Refining Com delphia. These transfer made by officers or Er Standard Oil Company them told him he must in Cleveland as having by the Standard Oil C ness had some letters. Standard Oil men which duced to surrender to ' of the Standard Oil C hope of a better position ceived a ticket for Eur

return coupon. Mr. Rogers was testif court adjourned to-day.

After the adjournm General Hadley's attento some published advi the proceedings from T son of Boston, and he you want Mr. Lawson here and testify in the 'Certainly, if Mr. L anything, I should like come down," said Mr.

THE MOROCCAN CO. Head of the French De Paris Accompanied ous Suit

Paris, Jan. 9.-M. F governor of Algiers an French delegation at conference at Algeciras by a numerous suite, le to-day for Spain. His the occasion of a notabl officials including repr remier Rouvier and Ininisters, M. Streme T was French envoy to Mo out the controversy, military and civilian offi nault, the second Fre leaves to-morrow. The at Madrid in order to pa wedding of the Infanta on January 12th to Pr Bavaria, reaching January 15th.