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CHAPTER IV - (Continued.) But Marley's imagination refused to The theory was plausible ugh, he pointed out respectfully, if assassin had been assured that midnight rambles were a matter stom. The point was a shrewd and Steel had to admit it. He alwished now that he had suggestthat he often took these midnight bles. He regretted the fiction still when Marley asked if he had had

David said, promptly, "I prevaricated without hesitation. adventure in Brunswick square ld not possibly have anything to do h the tragedy, and nothing would gained by betraying that trust. I'll run round to the hospital and me and see you again in the morn-g, sir," Marley said. "Whatever as the nature of the crime, it wasn't bery, or the criminal wouldn't have that cigar case of yours behind. James Lythem had one stolen like at the last races, and he valued it

appointment elsewhere to-night.

'll come as far as the hospital withsaid Steel, t the botom of the flight of steps countered Dr. Cross and the iceman. The former handed over Marley a pocket book and some pa-

together with a watch and verything that we could find upon s the poor fellow dead yet?" David

No." Cross replied. "He was stabtwice in the back in the region of liver. I could not say for sure, but re is just a chance that he may But one thing is pretty cer--it will be a good long time before s in a position to say anything for self. Good-night, Mr. Steel."

David went indoors thoughtfully, a general feeling that something a hand had grasped his brain and squeezing it like a sponge. He from his carking anxiety but it seemed to him that he was ving a heavy price for his liberty. hanically, he counted out the bank es, and almost as mechanically he his initials on the gun metal inside cigar case. He was one of the d of men who like to have their tials everywhere.

He snapped the lights out and went bed at last. But not to sleep. The ne dawn came at length and avid took his bath gratefully. He ould have to tell his mother what d happened, suppressing all referce to the Brunswick square episode. was not a pleasant story, but Mrs. assimilated it at length over her Ty tea and toast.

It might have been you, my dear, said, placidly. "And, indeed, it is dreadful business. But why not phone to the hospital and ask how poor fellow is?" patient was better but was still an Anconscious condition.

CHAPTER V.

"Received With Thanks." el swallowed a hasty breakfast monds." hurried off townwards. He had o packed away in his cigar case, the sooner he was free from Beckthe better he would

at length to the offices of rs. Mossa & Mack whose brass David for a moment, and then realso had a business in London. David strode into the offices of the

you have come to offer terms," he nasally, "I am sorry-"

To hear that I have come to pay office of Mr. Mossa." his aquiline features. He had on the floor of my conservatory last. d to put in execution to-day and | night." David up. In that way quite £200 ght have been added to his legiti- Marley said, cautiously.

e earnings. t appears to be all correct," Mossa attention to it and asked if it was

So I imagined, sir. You will be so od as to indorse the receipt on the sir." ck of the writ. Of course you are "Well, you must make allowances elighted to find that I am not putting for my then frame of mind," David u to painful extremities. Any other laughed. "I rather gather from your firm of solicitors would have given me | manner that somebody else has been time to pay this. But I am like the after the case; if that is so, you are trouble." man who journed from Jericho to to be reticent. Still, it is in your

And fell amongst thieves! You dare All you have to do is to open the case, call me a thief? You dare-" "I didn't," David said, drily. "That S., scratched in the left hand top , discriminating mind of yours corner, then I have lost my property ved me the trouble. I have met | and the other fellow has found his." me tolerably slimy scoundrels in my ne, but never any one of them more proceeded to unlock a safe in the spicable than yourself. Faugh! the corner, and from thence he produced e sight of you sickens me. Let me what appeared to be the identical out of the place so that I can cause of all this talk. He pulled the

avid strode out of the office with remains of his small fortune fully. med into his pocket. In the wild, ning rage that came over him had forgotten his eigar case. And vas some time before Mr. Mossa calm enough to see the diamonds

our friend is in funds," he mut-"Well, he shall have a dance his cigar case. I'll send it up to police station and say that some man or other left it here by ac-And if that Steel comes back say that there is no cigar case and if Steel does not see the advertisement he will lose his toy, and serve him right. Yes,

the way to serve him out." Mossa proceeded to put his e into execution whilst David strolling along the sea front. He too excited for work, though he easier in his mind than he had for months. He turned mechanion to the Palace pier, at the of which an Eastbourne steamer

was blaring and panting. The trip appealed to David in his present frame of mind. Like most of his class, he was given to acting on the spur of the moment. . . It was getting dark as David let bimself into Downend terrace with his latch key, work

How good it was to be back again The eye of the artist rested fondly upon the beautiful things around. And but for the sport of chance, the whim of fate, these had all passed from him by this time. It was good to look across the dining table over Venetian glass, to see the pools of light cast by the shaded electric, to note the feathery fall of flowers, and to see that placid, gentle face in its frame of white hair opposite him. Mrs. Steel's simple, unaffected pride in her son was not the least gratifying part of David's

"You have not suffered from the shock, mother?" he asked. "Well, no," Mrs. Steel confessed,

placidly. "You see, I never had what people call nerves, my dear. And, after all, I saw nothing. Still, I am very, very sorry for that poor young man, and I have sent to inquire after him several times.' "He is no worse or I should have

heard of it." "No, and no better. And Inspector Marley has been here to see you twice to-day."

David pitied himself as much as man could pity himself considering his surroundings. It was rather annoying that this should have happened at a time when he was so busy. And Marley would have all sorts of questions to ask at all sorts of inconvenient sea-

Steel passed into his study presently and lighted a cigarette. Despite his determination to put the events yesterday from his mind, he found himself constantly returning to them. What a splendid dramatic story they would make! And what a fascinating mystery could be woven round that gun metal cigar case!

By the way, where was the cigar case? On the whole it would be just as well to lock the case away till he could discover some reasonable excuse for its pessession. His mother would be pretty sure to ask where it came so far as she was concerned. But the cigar case was not to be found, and David was forced to the conclusion

that he had left it in Mossa's office. A little annoyed with himself he took up the evening Argus. There was half a calumn devoted to the strange that a gun metal cigar case had been found and was in the hands of the Walen was right." police awaiting an owner,

caught a 'bus in St. George's road. At the police station he learnt that

nothing to tell. "And now perhaps you can give me some information?" David said. "You gun metal cigar case set with dia-

"Ah," Marley said, eagerly, "can you tell us anything about it?" "Nothing beyond the fact that I hope o satisfy you that the case is mine

Marley stared open-mouthed at bore the legend that the gentry | lapsed into his sapless official manner. estions were solicitors, and that He might have been a detective crossexamining a suspected criminal.

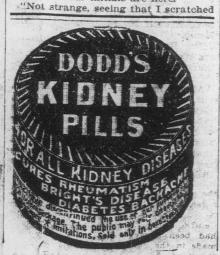
partner that individual looked "I have lost a gun metal cigar case set you!" with a shade of anxiety in his deep, with diamonds, and I see a similar article is noted as found by the police. I lost it this morning, and I shrewdly suspect that I left it behind me at the

in full," David said, grimly; "The case was sent here by 16s. 4d. up to yesterday, which I Mossa himself," Marley admitted. "The case was sent here by Mr. derstand is every penny you can "Then of course, it is mine. I had to give Mr. Mossa my opinion of him opened the cigar case and took this morning, and by way of spiting notes therefrom. Mr. Mossa count-them very carefully indeed. The haps, that I should not recover it. You le of disappointment was still up- know the case, Marley-it was lying

"I did notice a gun metal case there," "As a matter of fact, you called my

"And you said at first that it wasn't, hands to settle the matter on the spot. In the same reticent fashion Marley

proceeded to examine the inside care-"You are quite right," he said, at length. "Your initials are here."



them there last night," said David, drily. "When? Oh, it was after you left my house last night."
"And it has been some time in your possession, sir?"

"Oh, confound it, no. It was-well it was a present from a friend for a little service rendered. So far as I understand, it was purchased at Lockhart's, in North street. No, I'll be hanged if I answer any more of your questions, Marley. I'll be your Aunt Sally so far as you are officially concerned. But as to yonder case, your queries are distinctly impertinent." Marley shook his head gravely, as

"Do I understand that you decline to account for the case?" he asked. "Certainly I do. It is connected with some friends of mine to whom I hesitation you say that you have never rendered a service a little time back. The whole thing is and must remain an absolute secret.' "You are placing yourself in a very you had the same fancy. But you had delicate position, Mr. Steel."

tone. That something was radically house, wrong came upon him like a shock. "Perf sion of the cigar case. In any case it was too much to expect that the stolid

one might over a promising but head-

"Well, it's this way, sir," Marley ed out the case to you lying on the you said it wasn't yours. You looked at it with the eyes of a stranger, and then you said you were mistaken. From information given me last night I have been making inquiries about the cigar case. You took it to Mr. Mossa's, and from it you produced notes to the value of nearly £1,000 to pay off a debt. Within eight-andforty hours you had no more prospect of paying that debt than I have at this moment. Of course, you will be able to account for those notes. You

can, of course?" Marley looked eagerly at his visitor. A cold chill was playing up and down Steel's spine. Not to save his life could he account for those notes. 'We will discuss that when the proer time comes," he said, with fine in-

difference. "As you please, sir. From information also received I took the case to Walen's, in West street, and asked Mr. Walen if he had seen the case before. Pressed to identify it, he handed me a glass and asked me to find the figures (say) '1771, x, 3,' in tiny characters on the edge. I did so by the aid of the glass, and Mr. Walen further proceeded to show me an enfrom, and David could not prevaricate try in his purchasing fedger which proved that a cigar case in gun metal and diamonds bearing that legend had been added to the stock quite recently -a few weeks ago, in fact."

"Well, what of that?" David asked. impatiently. "For all I know, the case might have come from Walen's. I case at Downend terrace, and just over said it came from a friend who must it a late advertisement to the effect needs be nameless for services equally nameless. I am not going to deny that

"I have not quite finished," Marley David slipped from the house and said, quietly, "Pressed as to when the case had been sold, Mr. Walen, without hesitation, said: 'Yesterday, Inspector Marley was still on the premises. Marley came forward grave-stranger, whom Mr. Walen is preparly. He had a few questions to ask, but ed to identify. Asked if a formal receipt had been given, Walen said that it had. And now I come to the gist of the whole matter. You saw Dr. Cross are advertising in to-night's Argus a hand me a mass of papers, etc., taken from the person of the gentleman who was nearly killed in your house?"

David nodded. His breath was coming a little faster. His quick mind had run on ahead; he saw the gulf looming before him "Go on," said he, horsely, "go on.

You mean to say that-" "That amongst the papers found in the pocket of the unfortunate stranger was a receipted bill for the very cigar "Why this mystery?" David asked, case that lies here on the table before

CHAPTER VI.

A Policy of Silence. Steel dropped into a chair and gazed at Inspector Marley with mild sur- And yet, simple as the suggestion prise. At the same time he was not in the least alarmed. Not that he failed to recognize the gravity of the situation, only it appealed in the first instance to the professional side of his

character. "Walen is quite sure?" he asked. "No possible doubt about that, eh?" "Not in the least. You see, he recognized his private mark at once, and Brighton is not so prosperous a place that a man could sell at £70 cigar case and forget all about it-that is, a second case, I mean. It's most extra-

"Rather! Make a magnificent story, Marley."

"Very," Marley responded dryly. "It would take all your well-known ingenuity to get your hero out of this Steel nodded gravely. This personal twist brought him to the earth again.

He could clearly see the trap into and if you fail to find my initials, D. which he had placed himself. There before him lay the cigar case which he had positively identified as his own; inside, his initials bore testimony to the fact. And yet the same case had been identified beyond question as one sold by a highly respectable local tradesman to the mysterious individual now lying in the Sussex county hoselectric table lamp over to him and pital. "May I smoke a cigarette?" David

asked. "You may smoke a score if they will of any assistance to you, sir," Marley replied. "I don't want to ask you any questions and I don't want you-well, to commit yourself. But really, sir, you must admit---

The inspector paused significantly. David nodded again. "Pray proceed," he said: "speak from the brief you have before you." "Well, you see it's this way," Marley said, not without hesitation. "You call us up to your house, saying that a murder has been committed there: we find a stranger almost at his last gasp in your conservatory with every signs of a struggle having taken place. You tell us that the injured man as a stranger to you; you go on to say that he must have found his way into your house during a nocturnal ramble of yours. Well, that sounds like common sense on the face of it. The criminal has studied your habits and has taken advantage of them. Then I ask if you

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are in the habit of taking these midnight strolls, and with some signs of done such a thing before. Charles Dickens was very fond of that kind of thing, and I naturally imagined that never done it before. And, the only David started at the gravity of the time, a man is nearly murdered in your

"Perfectly correct," David murmur-And he could see pretty clearly that, ed. "Gaboriau could not have put it without betraying confidence, he could better. You might have been a pupil ed. "Gaboriau could not have put it not logically account for the posses- of my remarkable acquaintance Hatherly Bell."

"I am a pupil of Mr. Bells," Marley police officer would listen to so ex-travagant a tale for a moment. said, quietly. Seven years ago he induced me to leave the Huddersfield police to go into his office, where I stayed until Mr. Bell gave up business, when I applied for and gained proceeded to explain. "When I point- present position. Curious you should mention Mr. Bell's name, seeing that floor of your conservatory last night he was here so recently as this after-

"Staying in Brighton?" Steel asked, eagerly. "What is his address?" "No. 219, Brunswick square."

It took all the nerve that David sessed to crush the cry that rose to his lips. It was more than strange at this juncture should be staying in the very house where the novelist had his great adventure. And in the mere that confounded cigar case! fact might be the key to the problem of the cigar case. "I'll certainly see Bell," he mutter-

ed. "Go on, Marley." question was your property. You looked at the case as one does who exproceeded to admit that it was not yours. I am quite prepared to admit that you instantly corrected yourself. But I ask, is it usual thing for a man to forget the ownership of a £70 cigar

case? "A nice point, and I congratulate

you upon it," David said. "Then we will take the matter a little farther. A day or two ago you were in dire need of something like £1,000. Temporarily, at any rate, you were practically at the end of your reruined man. In vulgar parlance, you were determined to make all they ing the outrage at your house you call upon Mr. Mossa and produce the cigar ficient to discharge your debt-Bank possession. The money is produced ing at the Metropole. Mr. Walen."

Marley made a long and significant pause. Steel nodded. There seems to be no way out of it.

he said. "I can see one," Marley suggested. "Of course, it would simplify matters enormously if you merely teld me in confidence whence came those notes. You see, as I have the numbers, I could verify your statement beyond question, and---'

Marley paused again, and shrugged his shoulders. Despite his cold, official manner, he was obviously prompted by a desire to serve his companion. seemed, it was the very last thing with

which Steel could comply. The novelist turned the matter over rapidly in his mind. His quick perceptions flashed along the whole logical line instantaneously. He was like a man who suddenly sees a midnight landscape by the glare of a dazzling

flash of lighting. "I am sorry," he said, slowly, "very sorry, to disappoint you. Were our contract that I should reveal the seyou would decline to believe it; you drop quietly into a sea of oblivion. would say that it was a brilliant effort of a novelist's imagination to get out

of a dangerous position." "I don't know that I should," Marley replied. "I have long since ceased mind whether or not he might venture to wonder at anything that happens in to call at or write, Brunswick square, or connected with Brighton."

ley," Steel said, as he rose. "My lips are absolutely sealed. The point is: with grim bitterness, they would know that he was not romancing. If nothwhat are you going to do?"

"For the present, nothing," Marley replied. "So long as the man in the hospital remains unconscious I can do no more than pursue what Beaconsfield called 'a policy of masterly inactivity.' I have told you a good deal whirl of color. He looked round for more than I had any right to do, but I inspiration, now desperately, as he fredid so in the hope that you could as- quently did when the warp of his delisist me. Perhaps in a day or two you cate fancy tangled. The smallest thing will think better of it. Meanwhile

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"Meanwhile I am in a tight place." Yes, I see that perfectly well. It is just possible that I may scheme some way out of the difficulty, and if so I shall be only too pleased to let you know. Good-night, Marley, and many thanks to you."

But with all his ingenuity and fer-

thity of imagination David could see no way out of the trouble. He sat up far into the night scheming; there was no flavor in his tobacco; his pictures and flowers, his silver and china, jarred upon him. He wished with all his heart now that he had let everything go. It need only have been a temporary matter, and there were other Cellini tankards, and intaglios, and line engravings in the world for the man

He could see no way out of it all. Was it not possible that the whole thing had been deliberately planned so as to hand him and his brains into the hands of some clever gang of swindlers? Had he been tricked and fooled so that he might become the tool of others? It seemed hard to think so when he recalled the sweet voice in the darkness and its passionate plea for help. And yet the very cigar case that he had been told was the one he admired at Lockhart's had proved beyond question to be one purchased from Walen's!

with money in his purse.

If he decided to violate his promise and tell the whole story nobody would believe him. The thing was altogether too wild and improbable for that. And yet, he reflected, things almost as impossible happen in Brighton every day. And what proof had to to offer?

Well, there was one thing certain. At least three-quarters of those bank notes—the portion he had collected at the house with the crimson blindcould not possibly be traced to the injured man. And, again, it was no fault of Steel's that Marley had obtained possession of the numbers of the notes. the detective chose to ferret out that the man he most desired to see facts for himself no blame could, attach to Steel. If those people had only chosen to leave out of the question

David's train of thought was broken as an idea came to him. It was not so long since he had a facsmile cigar case in his hand at Lockhart's, in "Yes, sir. We now proceed to the North street. Somebody connected eigar case that lies before you. It was with the mystery must have seen him also lying on the floor of your conser- admiring it and reluctantly declining Sister King, song; Bro. Fletcher gave vatory on the night in question. I the purchase, because the voice from suggested that here we might have the telephone told him that the case found a clue, taking the precaution at was a present and that it had come Bro. Kirkendale, recitation; Bro. King, the same time to ask if the article in from the famous North street estab-

able to trace it."

Fairly early the next morning David served. was in North street. For the time be-

ruined man. In vulgar parlance, you that the article had been sold. No out, preceded by speeches by Bros. would have been sold up. Mossa & doubt it would be possible to obtain a Wilkes, Robinson, Rev. J. P. Hicks, Mack had you in their grip, and they facsimile in the course of a few days. Kirkendale, Moore and Cooper, supported could out of your. The morning follow-

was sold and who purchased it?" A junior partner did, and could give ter Rogers, recitation; Bro. Menhennet, case lying on the table before you, some kind of information. Several song; Sister Hardy, reading; Bro. Blackhad been on the point of sale several Bro. Robinson, song. Fraternal greet-

price and inclosed the full amount of ended a very pleasant evening. ten-dollar notes and asked to have the The Victoria West lodge, No. 29, held of money required to be raised for schi we ascertained that the notes were all hall on Wednesday last. Sister E. Lewis, to adjourn the annual meeting for a û right, we natuarly posted the case as chief Templar, presiding. Visitors from days to enable the trustees to prepare

"You don't recollect his name?" "Oh, yes. The name was John Smith. If there is anything wrong -" the Chief Templar retired owing to other Miller, secretary of the retiring boa David gave the desired assurance. He wanted to arouse no suspicion. All assumed office and presided during the last term which was adopted. The fi the same, he left Lockhart's with a remainder of the evening. A short pro- lowing were then nominated for trustee plethora of suspicions of his own. and fairly satisfied so long as the case | song; Bro. Semple, recitation; Bro. Rob- | son. A poll was then taken, which 1 had been paid for, but from the standpoint of David's superior knowledge the whole transaction fairly bristled

with suspicion. Not for one moment did Steel believe in the American at the Metropole. Somebody stayed there doubtless under the name of John Smith, situations reversed, I should take up and that said somebody had paid for your position exactly. But it so hap- the cigar case in dollar notes, the pens that I cannot, dare not, tell you tracing of which might prove a task where I got those notes from. So far of years. Nor was it the slightest use as I am concerned they came honestly to inquire at the Metropole, where into my hands in payment for special practically everybody is identified by a services rendered. It was part of my number, and where scores come and go Amendments Asked to Be Made in the every day. John Smith would only cret to nobody. If I told you the story have to ask for his letters and then

Well, David had got his information, homewards he was debating in his and lay his difficulties before the peo-"All the same I can't tell you, Mar- ple there. At any rate, he reflected, ing turned up in the meantime he would certainly visit Brunswick

> square. He sat in his own room puzzling the matter out till his head ached and the flowers before him reeled in a dazzling sometimes fed the machine again-a patch of sunshine, the chip on a plate, the damaged edge of a frame. Then his eye fell on the telephone and he

"What a fool I am!" he exclaimed. "If I had been plotting this business out as a story, I should have thought of that long ago. . . No, I don't want any number, at least, not in that way. Two nights ago I was called up by somebody from London who held the line for fully half an hour or so. I've-I've forgotten the address of my correspondent, but if you can ascertain . yes, I shall be here if you will ring me up when you have

trilled again. David listened eagerly.

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know the number whence the mysterious message came-0017. Kensington was the number. David muttered his thanks and flew to his big telephone directory. Yes, there it was-"0017, 446 Prince's Gate, Gilead Gates.'

The big volume dropped with a crash on the floor. David looked down at the crumpled volume with dim, misty amazement. "Gilhead Gates," he murmured prevailed there during the rece

Quaker millionaire, and philanthrop- strike, but that now with the arri ist. One of the most highly-esteemed and popular men in England. And from his house came the message which has been the source of all the mischief. And yet there are critics who say the plots of my novels are too fantastic!

(To be continued.) LODGES FRATERNIZE.

Interesting Gatherings of the I. O. G. T. During the Week.

A very successful meeting was held in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home by Triumph Todge, No. 16, I. O. G. T., on Monday evening last, when the officers and members of Perseverance lodge, who were paying a visit, took charge and entertained. In addition to these, numerous members from the Victoria West, Nanaimo, Duncans and Vancouver lodges were present. During the evening three candidates were initiated. After recess, the business was brought to a close, and the following programme carried out: Bro. Mortimer, song; Bro. Gleason, reading; "Weary Willie's Will": Sister Macdonaid. recitation; Master Erney Wilkes, solo; reading. Speeches were made by several officers and members. Fraternal greet-"By Jove!" David cried. "I'll go to ings were also tendered, and received in amines an object for the first time, and Lockhart's to-morrow and see if the the usual manner. A vote of thanks was case is still there. If so, I may be passed and accorded to the visitors. The revolutionary government, and exact lodge then closed and refreshments were

ing he had put his work aside alto-gether. He could not have written a lodges, including visitors from Somenos, A fraternal visit was paid by the memdozen consecutive lines to save the Nanaimo and Vancouver lodges, to the situation. The mere effort to preserve Perseverance lodge, on Tuesday evening a cheerful face before his mother was last. The officers of Victoria West and a torture. And at any time he might
find himself forced to meet a criminal
Sister Rogers, of Nanaimo lodge, taking the Vice-Templar's chair. The general The gentlemanly assistant at Lock- business was then dealt with by Bro. sources. If this money were not forth-coming in a few hours you were a case perfectly well, but he was afarid after which a programme was carried "Only I required that particular one," by remarks from Sisters Jenkins and Hall. The programme was given in the following order: Bro. Cooper, song; Sis-From that case you produce notes suf- people had admired the case, and it man, song; Bro. Cook, recitation; and of England notes, the numbers of times. Finally, it had passed into the ings were tendered by Sister Macdonald, which, I needly hardly say, are in my hands of an American gentleman stayand who spoke highly concerning memfrom the case yonder, which case we know was sold to the injured man by asked, "or describe him?"

"Can you tell me his name?" David bers' attitude during her visit. A vote of thanks was then accorded to the visitors." thanks was then accorded to the visitors "Well, I can't, sir," the junior part- for their kindness and the able manner ner said, frankly. "I haven't the in which so many Good Templars had two years, and W. A. Stewart for slightest recollection of the gentleman. been brought together in the united efwrote from the Metropole on the fort to forward temperance work in Vichotel paper describing the case and its toria. The lodge then closed, and so

case sent by post to the hotel. When their usual weekly meeting in Semple's expenses during the year, it was decid desired, and there, so far as we are Triumph and Perseverance lodges attend- estimate for the approval of the voters concerned, was an end of the matter." ed. Three candidates for admission as associates were proposed and the usual amended School Act was held in Ced lodge business dealt with, after which Hill school house last Thursday. Mun immediate business. Bro. Andrews then of trustees, presented the report for t gramme was arranged as follows: Bro. W. W. Moore, Munro Miller, R. McRa Doubtless the jewellers would be well Mortimer, piano solo; Bro, Blackman, Chas. E. King, J. Russell and J. Davl inson, song; Bro. Cook, recitation; Bro. sulted in the election of Messrs. Kir. Menhennet, song; Bro. Cooper, recitation. | Moore and Miller respectively for thr Speeches were then made by Bro. Mobre, years' term, two years and one year. N of Perseverance lodge, and Sister Vesper | Palmer was appointed auditor. from Vancouver. Sister Hardy, S. J. H., At the election for school trustees gave notice that the services of a lec- the Rocky Point district yesterday t turer had been arranged to visit the Ris- old members of the board, namely, Jo ing Star Juvenile Temple shortly. The Wallace, T. Piper and Harry Piper, we lodge was then brought to a close at 10 re-elected. J. D. Reid was appoint p. m. by Bro. G. Andrews, chief Tem- auditor for the district. At a meeting plar pro tem.

TIMBER REGULATIONS.

Law.

There is in the city H. R. Robertson, and a lot of use it was likely to prove of Portland, the patentee of a system of to him. As he walked thoughtfully rafting. A company is being formed in British Columbia, to be known as the Robertson Lumber & Transportation Company, with a capital of \$200,000, which is to use the Robertson patent raft for transporting logs, small timber and sawed lumber from British Columbia t Southern Californian and other foreign

Those interested are asking the legislature to remove the present export tax on logs and piling which may be shipped by J. D. McArthur, of Winnipeg, fro foreign by means of these rafts. company proposes to construct these rafts in the Fraser river. They will be was president of the Venture Co. The 1,000 feet in length, 75 feet in breadth, and draw 23 feet of water. 'The logs used \$150,000. will be from 8 inches to 2 feet in diameter at the top. A deck load of 3,000,000 about \$100,000 on mill and stream in or 4,000,000 feet of sawed lumber will be Lumbermen representing the Coast industry waited on the members of the government this morning asking altera-

FUGITIVE PRESIDENT.

Legation at San Domingo.

tions in the present act. 4

San Domingo, Jan. 12.-The fugitive President Morales has sought refuge in ting of some logs which were on har the American legation here. Negotia- at the time of the close down. Before got it. . Thanks." tions are in progress with the object of the mill ceased running as many a Half an hour passed before the bell inducing Gen. Morales to resign the presidency and leave Santo Domingo.

RELIABLE TROOPS

AND SITUATION IS REPORTED IMPROVI

For Several Days Number of Tov Were in the Hands of the Revolutionists.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 13.-1.40 a. n The first advices received by the gi ernment from Siberia after the rest ation of telegraphic communicati was that the most critical condition of reliable troops from Manchuria, worst, happily, is over. Owing to interruption of communication local government was unable to clare martial law by the Empere ukase. The paltry military forces their disposal were in sympathy w the strikers and many of them w revolutionaries and this prevented ergetic measures being taken to store the authority of the Emper which was practically non-existent

many days. Divisions under General Sukho now have arrived and taken possess of Irkutsk, Omsk, Krasnoyarsk a other towns and are arresting leaders of the insurgents and disar

ing the unreliable troops. The first telegram arriving fn Irkutsk was a frantic appeal from i financial agent there for take over the administration of I city, the vice-governor, the chief police and all his other superiors hi ing been killed or wounded during I insurrection. He reports that for sa eral days the revolutionists were control of the entire town except ! administration building and that t was only held because of the devot of the cadets of the military scho who swore on the colors to fight to I death against the revolutionists. K nayarsk also was for several days the hands of insurgents, who electe; an oath of allegiance from all citize

A Pacific Strike. St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The wol men's council, after consultation we the leaders of the other proletariat ganizations to-day, decided that celebration of the anniversary of Jan ary 22nd (Red Sunday) should take form of a general pacific strike for single day. Delegates were appoin to go to France, Germany and Ea land, as well as other places abro; for the purpose of thanking the wor ers of those countries who propose join in a general observance of t

anniversary

TRUSTEES ELECTED. At the annual meeting of the Esquim school district held Thursday at t

school house, Lampson street, there v a very good attendance. John Jardine presided, and in openi desired, yet the citizens should see th The following trustees were elected: Finmore for three years, F. Guest 1

As the new School Act requires ti the voters shall decide upon the amount The first annual meeting under t

residents of the district it was decided levy an assessment to pay the teacher salary, and at the same time a resoluti was passed condemning the new Scho

In Metchosin the new trustees electwere: William Stoddart, Henry Helges and Mrs. Fisher. The auditor for the di trict is Geo. Pears.

MILL SOLD.

Interests of Moyie Lumber & Millin Co. Purchased by J. D. Mc-Arthur of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Jan. 12.-The interests . the Moyie Lumber & Milling Compar at Moyie, B. C., have been purchase The Donald Grant, of Fairbault, Minn., tl well-known railroad contractor, wl price paid was in the neighborhood

the very best of order, and later on l will turn his purchase over to th Porto Rico Lumber Co., in which I has now a large and controlling inte est. The limits are estimated to cor tain upwards of 200,000,000 feet of lun ber, which is pine, birch and fir, wit Morales Has Taken Refuge in American be worth in the heighborhood of quarter million dollars. The mill : Moyie has not been operated for tw years, with the exception of the cu season.