"THE GREAT MOGUL"

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their misery that they had lost all hu-man interest. They looked at Walter and his companion with lack-lustre eyes, like those on the point of death who re-

explain.

"Abdul Aziz is a hard man," he murmured. "He gave his orders and Leould zonly obey."

Mowbray stifled his rage. He must play his part to the end.

"Of course," he said, "there were difficulties. This is no time to tell these unfortunates of the Emperor's regret. Order them to be freed and given good

order them to be freed and given good food. Then let them rest all this day until horses and camels are procured for tomorrow's march."

The stout commander obeyed instantly, with such denunciations of his myrmidons and such appeals to the Prophet that his own men deemed him temporarily insane, while some among the unhappy prisoners lifted their heads to ascertain if they had heard aright.

The plight of the women was not so bad. None save the young and good looking had been brought from Hughli. They were supplied with mules and ponies, and were destined for the zenanas of such court favorites as might take a fancy to them. All the older women had been messeared in cold blood. men had been massacred in cold blood.
There were girls who had lost their mothers, wives who had seen their husbands cut to pieces before their eyes.
Over them, too, brooded a settled despair. Tears had long been dried. There remained only a haunting terror of the future.

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Prominent among them, if only on account of the richness of her soiled garments, was the Countess di Cabota. Although she was, in Eastern eyes, be witching by reason of her fair skinlarge brown eyes and exceedingly plump figure, she was undoubtedly over thirty years of age. Hence, she owed her life to that which many another woman risks her life to avoid, namely, a somewhat too pronounced development of a figure

ity. Her glance no sooner fell on Mow-bray than she cried in Portuguese:

(To be continued.)

Friday, December 21.

HOLIDAY SHO

Brief Description of Displays Made by Merchants

eature of the Trade Thi Lavish Decoration in Principal Establishme

Prosperity is written in face of every Victoria merch Christmas trade reaches its l and all report that money and all report that money is and purchasers are spending a ticipation of the holidays that fore. Probably the most notic ture of the present season is the ubiquitous presence of artist tion both of display windows form. ors. These much enhance tappearance of the city streets der purchasing a pleasure. I garding some of the more imp ail establishments are given

Western Canada's Big

There is a sense of lights the elaborate holiday deco Spencer's that centre in the n rangle. Lattice work of whi entwined with delicate foliathere and there by pink, white the general sche es, is the general scho rainbow, hang in graceful cuthe ceilings, broken here and bell-shaped ornaments that pended at every point of van night, when, in addition to brilliance of the store, a softe shines through hundreds of lanterns the decorations appetheir glory, a fitting climax days of carefully planued wo part of Messrs. W. Spencer a Lawrence. The show windows beautifully arranged, especially Broad street. An allegory in Broad street. An allegory in leaux is presented there. On is shown "the night before Cl Two children are asleep of the visit of Kris Kri mindful of the fact that the king of the street is in the king of the street in the king of the street is in the king of the street in the king of the street is in the king of the street in the king of the street is in the king of the street in the street i leman himself is in the ro-tockings and piling up furni is bountiful stock of presents. net in Victoria, of course. Sin the ground; the painted chur white in the distance. After over there is the Christmas faithfully depicted in the left is dow. The table is spread with drawn damask. Dainty doyleys viettes are near each plate.

all parts and the mistress of is giving the finishing touch to important event of the tabl important event of the table course of the year.

To adequately tell the C story of Spencer's would entain book. The departments are so ous that, without a guide, strat come lost in the maze of mer Yet there is no apparent rush, fully are the details arranged for the sensors self-control. anch appears self-centred,

lery and diamond like glass s

pers, especially the youngster their way. Here for the fir "Teddy," the bear, gracefully in honor of President Roosey elephants, while near by the wonderful collection of dogs f square set bull dog to the lion poodle. Dolls by the thousand on with unseeing away from poodle. Dolls by the thousand ing with unseeing eyes from partment. Whatever will be them the small girl only known adeler's story of the Mormon successful search for presen he was being continually sea fresh family should have made dividual reach a happy haven renment street. Victoria. dividual reach a happy haven ernment street, Victoria. S was what he was looking for But it is not all frivolity or r. The elder members of the far quire attention. For the ladic are, in addition to gorgeous mantles, and furs, a bewilder lety of useful and fancy articluding pillows, manicure sets frames and work and jewel Masculine needs have also be carefully attended to. Slip leather, felt and woolwork w felt and woolwork rders. Bath robes, smokinging jackets in fact every in wants can be obtained in

Apparently the desire for missigns in fumed oak has not we ere are many cabinets, sette ng desks and tabourets e but leasing style. There ity Sheraton pieces; oth len oak. But Morris chairs be the particular favorite. The great range of prices for these fortable articles of carniture, leather bag cushions are side with the most modern ideas holstery. To put it shortly, almothing thought of for good subthing thought of for good sul Christmas gifts can be obta Weiler Bros.

For some weeks past the hapartments of Weiler Bros., ment street store, have been with Christmas buyers. Origina well-known Victoria firm confine almost entirely to the manufact sale of furniture. Now, however the is a comparative incidents stock which may be viewed is a as it is possible to conceive. from the dainty china cup to t mahogany bed-room set.

When a reporter called at the sterday morning and explaine