

THE TRAITOR

round, and said, in a rather loud, jesting voice to his companion: "Monsieur Tourville is too busy to notice us to-day."

Strange to say, M. Tourville did not seem to hear the remark, as he did not turn and speak to the gentlemen, who evidently were acquainted with him.

He had heard the teller's voice, however, and had handed him the cheque which he had been twisting around his fingers. The cheque read: "Pay to Gustave Tourville two hundred thousand francs." It was signed "Gustave Tourville."

Although for so large an amount, the teller seemed in no wise surprised, and merely said: "As usual, M. Tourville, in small and large bills?"

"As usual, in small and large bills," he answered.

As was customary, the teller handed the cheque to the ledger-keeper to have the signature inspected and the cheque endorsed for payment. Evidently he did so as a mere matter of form, as he at once began to count out the money. It did not take him many seconds to do so, as attached to each of the large packages were slips showing the amount each contained, and he had merely the totals to add up. When the cheque was returned, verified, he was ready to pay it.

"I think you will find the amounts all right," he said, as he handed over the money.

As though not accustomed to count his money, M. Tourville put the packages in a satchel, and without further remark briskly left the bank. When he passed the two gentlemen he did not look in their