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 A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

HOW DENMARK PROVIDES FOR ITS UNEMPLOYED

Taught and shown the way by trade unionism. England, France, Germany and all the other world powers of the first and second class have recognized the necessity of caring for every citizen who has outlived the age of useful service and productive usefulness; they have decreed and made provision that their declining years will not be haunted by "old age and want, that ill-matched pair." Every one who has rendered service to society is provided for when he reaches a certain age, irrespective of the position he held or the amount of service he rendered. Trade unionism experimented in this direction and demonstrated the validity of the claims it had made. Then the various States mentioned, seeing that it was good, made the laws necessary to put the scheme in operation. In this way and in this instance trade unionism led in the reform.

The man out of work has always been the care of the trade union. To provide for the unemployed and to assure its members at least that they would not starve, has been its primal and principal endeavor. In this it has been successful wherever trade unionism flourishes, and has not only care for and fed those directly afflicted, but during periods of industrial depression has extended a helping hand to the great masses not entitled to its protection. So laudable and wise have its efforts been in this direction that one country at least has given it recognition by assuming a system of unemployment insurance and making it a function of government. The people of Denmark have done this and some years ago enacted a law providing for assistance to be given the unemployed, or rather disemployed, during such periods of industrial depression. By the provisions of this Danish law every parish in Denmark is enabled to care for its unemployed and insure them against actual want. The lines along which this is being done are instructive. In every parish in Denmark a Workman's Association has existed for the purpose of insuring the workers of the nation against the temporary disadvantages of unemployment. Each organization is voluntary, and, as a rule, a club of this kind will comprise either a single trade or a single parish. It receives aid from the State to the extent of one-third of the total premiums paid by the Danish workmen who happen to hold insurance policies against the risks of unemployment. All the rest of the money is provided by the workmen themselves, who subscribe to it in the form of subscriptions. When the non-employment of the workmen is due to a strike or a lockout, no assistance is afforded. That, however, entails no inconvenience, because, under the regulations of the trade union movement, the men's maintenance is secured under other means. In this way the wisdom of the trade union is again recognized. In full recognition of the necessity it has so long foreseen, as well as an appreciation of the fact that while the present system lasts terrible periods of depression are unavoidable, the Government of one country has taken the initiative in giving help to the man out of work. The trade union spirit is humanizing and improving everything as it marches onward.

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The Captives of the Kaid

By B. MARCHANT

Synopsis of Previous Chapter

Thirteen-year-old Lalla was the granddaughter of Squire Trevor of Oakhurst Manor. One day while visiting the picture gallery she came across a picture turned face to the wall. She was told that it was the picture of the Squire's eldest son who had been drowned by his father and had never been heard of since. During a thunder storm Lalla is lost in the woods and is brought home by a young sailor lad who hurriedly leaves without waiting to be thanked. Circumstances lead to the belief that the lad is the son of the Squire's eldest son. Mrs. Trevor's brother accompanied by Lalla and her mother start on a cruise down the African coast. A storm arises and the yacht is wrecked and the crew are taken prisoners.

Sid of Bashir, a native of the harbor of Aden is in charge of burying his wealth in different places. (Once he and his servant Hashem are seen his master killed by the servant and the paper with the plan of where all the wealth is buried taken from him. Lalla goes to a neighboring door. A few years later when the old Kaid dies a rich man who Kaid recognizes as Hashem is made Kaid. Twenty years have passed. A big ship casts anchor at the harbor to inquire for a yacht that is believed to have been wrecked there a short time before. Lalla is found by Ighil, leader of the large vessel, and taken to an audience with the Kaid. Ighil tells the story of the Kaid to Timbuctoo, who decides to hold up the Kaid. Timbuctoo demands information as to the whereabouts of the Squire's survivors.

It had been an anxious and exciting night, and it had been no small relief to those on board the "City of Bristol," when, just before dawn, they came the welcome sight of a bright upspringing blaze on shore, in token that the work was done and the boat ready to return. Then, as soon as the darkness lifted, the boat came off with the first load: two of the "City of Bristol's" crew, a part of the crew of the "Sybil," Mrs. Trevor, Lalla, and the stewardess, together with a wild, unkempt figure, clad in a strip of sackcloth, who wept like a child, and fell on his knees upon the deck of the steamer to thank God for his deliverance out of the hand of his enemies. But the boat had to make two more journeys after that; and despite the strenuous endeavours of every one concerned, it was past noon before the anchor was lifted and the engine set going.

As he had been the last to leave the yacht when she was sinking, so Sir Basil was the last to leave the shore when the deliverance was effected. Coming off in the boat with Timbuctoo, Davidson, Ighil, and Boom, which worthy animal, despite its severe flesh wounds, had played no inconsiderable part in the exciting events of the previous night.

Ighil accompanied the party, because his life would not have been worth many hours' purchase had he remained in his den after the part he had taken in the rescue of the white strangers, cast away on that inhospitable shore. He brought with him as the sum total of his worldly possessions, a humped sack so heavy, that even with his great strength he staggered as he lifted it. But his delight at being on the big ship, when, with throbbing engines and churning paddles, she started on her course, was a sight to see; for he danced, and skipped, and curvettled like a gypsy at a country fair, whilst Lalla, who was seated on a big tub upon the lower deck tuning her mandoline, laughed at his antics and Boom sniffed inquiringly at his heels, as if eager to discover the cause of

All the rejoicing. The mandoline had been brought on board for Captain Davidson, when he returned to his ship after leaving Timbuctoo on shore, and Lalla had at once espied it when she was ushered into the cabin set aside for the use of her mother and herself. How funny that a thing like that should be saved, when everything else was lost; but I am very glad to have it again, because it was my dear father's," she had exclaimed at the sight of it; and then had taken it with her on deck, where she settled down to make the best of things on the rather dirty, evil-smelling freight steamer, just as she had done in the argan forest, when they were all the captives of the Kaid.

Mrs. Trevor and the stewardess were busy in ministering to the necessities of Jackdaw, who, when first found by the party returning from the argan forest, was supposed to be dead. He had been found lying under the body of the Kaid, whose muscular black hands were still clutching at the young man's throat, though happily death had weakened their grasp somewhat.

But Hashem, the Kaid of Igder, had died, if not by his own hand, yet by his own fault; for, in his endeavour to strangle Jackdaw, he had apparently knocked against one of the pistols in such a way as to cause it to go off, the bullet entering his heart and killing him in the moment of his triumph. The part Boom had played in the business was fairly easy to understand, for the poor animal, finding itself enough recovered from its hurts to move about, had tracked Timbuctoo and Ighil to the house of the Kaid, arriving to scare Jackdaw nearly into a fit, but its slow, crawling walk, and wheezy snuffling. Then, recognizing in the Kaid the cruel tyrant who had lashed him so cruelly, the dog had taken his own way of retaliation, until the pistol going off put an end to that fight in the dark, when he then mounted guard over the body, until Timbuctoo arrived with Ighil to relieve Jackdaw from his watch.

Naturally, it was at first supposed that Jackdaw had shot the Kaid in self defence; but on coming back to

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consciousness, the young man had died, this, he having been unaware even that the pistol had gone off. There was no doctor on board to attend to him; so Mrs. Trevor and the stewardess had volunteered to do their best until port was reached. That was why Lalla was left so long to her own devices on deck, and she was still thrumming softly on her mandoline, when Timbuctoo came slowly up from below, leading on deck the poor fellow who had been captive so long to the cruel and tyrannical Kaid. Timbuctoo had been acting as barber and valet to the poor director, and, although his method of hair-cutting savoured rather of what is known in certain circles as "the country crop," the reformation in his client's appearance was so marked as to elicit a spout of delight from Lalla. "Why, Uncle Edward, you look just beautiful!" she exclaimed, jumping down from her tub and coming to examine into the details of his toilet, fingering the suit of white duck with an air of solemn approval, and lifting the worn brown hands to note how clean they were. (Continued Next Week.)

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