A Novel, by Anthony Hope Author of "Prisoner of Zenda," "The Intrusions Peggy," Etc.

Matters stood thus — young Alexis having been on the throne in Slavna, and Sophy in Volseni, for one week—when Lepage vetured out from Zerko-vitch's sheltering roof. He had suffered from a chill by no means purely diplomatic; but, apart from that, he had been in no hurry to show himself; he feared to see Rastatz's rat-face

situation.

He walked somewhat forlornly into St. Michael's Square — and as luck would have it—Lepage thought it very bad luck—the first man he ran against was Captain Markart. Uneasy in his conscience, Lepage tried to evade the encounter, but the Captain was of another mind. His head was sound again, and, on cool reflection, he was glad to have slept through the events of what Stenovics's proclamation had styled "the auspicious day." He seized little Lepage by the arm, greeted him with cordiality, and carried him off to drink at the Golden Lion. Without imputing any serious lack of sobriety to his companion, Lepage thought that this refreshment was not the first of which the good-humored Captain had Lartaken that forenon: his manner

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In Kravonia, intervention could not be avoided; troops were on either frontier, ready for such an emergency; a joint occupation would be forced on the Allies, With a great deal of sorrow, no doubt, the General felt himself driven to accept this conclusion.

He at once requested Stafnitz to fetch the guns to Slavyna; he left the Colonel full dispersion in the matter.

which the good-humored Captain had rartaken that forenoon; his manner never become known. He waited till was so very cordial, his talk so very Colonel Stafnitz, who returned a civil and almost effusive reply to his com "What is it?" asked Lepage. "I've been in-doors a week."

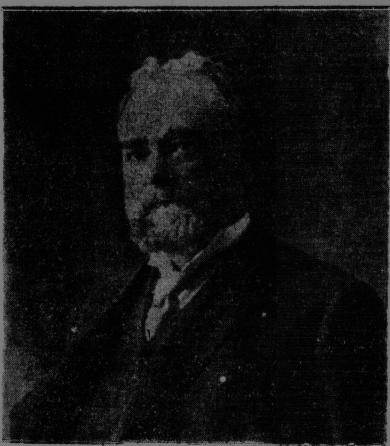
"It's Alexis—still Alexis! Long live Alexis!" said Markart, with a laugh.
"You surely don't take the Baroness

Dobrava into account?"

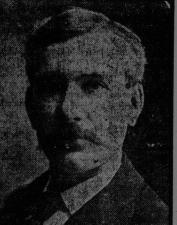
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later the managing director of the The burned buildings were all of deemed favorable later the managing director of the Brockville Recorder. He is a native of Eganville, Ontario, and of Irish descent. While living in Morrisburg he was active in municipal affairs, and since 1898 has represented Brockville in the provincial legislature. When the Hon. J. R. Stratton in November, 1904, resigned the provincial secretaryship, Mr. Graham succeeded him, but went out with the Ross government in the following February.

The buildings were numbered from 90 to 96. The most northerly of the three buildings was occupied by John Davis, coal dealer. In the rear of it was a barn owned by W. H. Charlton and used by C. Chisholm. The building in the friendly exchange of social courtesies between the French and Canadian representatives.

Last night Messrs. Fielding and Brodeur gave a banquet at the Elysee Palace Hotel, when they had as their guests, M. Pichon, minister of foreign affairs; Sir Francis Bertie, British ambassador; Sir Henry Austin-Lee, commercial commissioner at the embassy,

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