

A MASTER OF MEN

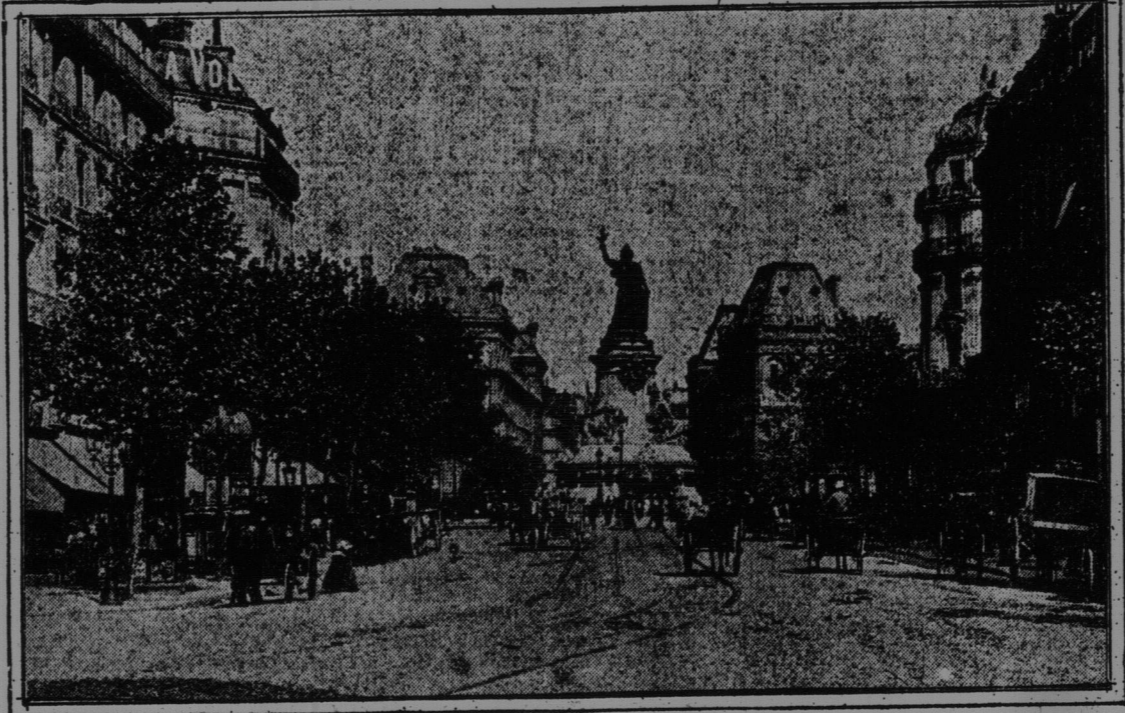
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CHAPTER XIX.

Once more Strone pushed his bicycle up the long, flat-strewn hill, paused at the bend to wipe the moisture from his streaming forehead, and sought for a moment the shade of the over-hanging trees.

He told me. What in God's name have you done here for me? She smiled at him. "Don't you know why I came?" she said. "John wrote that things were going ill with you. You looked thin and miserable, he said. You would not see him; he had met you wandering about like a man in torment. I am a selfish, idle woman, Enoch. I have no future, and I'm drifting down the broad stream of what we call pleasure, because there is nothing else for me to do. But with you it is so different. You have a great future—you are a man, and you have power. I want you to rouse yourself—I want to hear you make a man of yourself. This is what I have come to say to you—to preach a very simple doctrine. Make the best of things."

Paris Square Where Workingmen's Demonstration Proved a Fiasco



PLACE DE LA REPUBLIQUE

Such is the determination of Paris workers to rest on Sunday that they keep the police authorities, troops and journalists working at double pace. This is about the sole practical result achieved by the government and forecasting trouble in a procession of several thousand men, probably excited by the insidious harangues of professional agitators, forbade the demonstration and placed at the disposal of all the troops necessary to enforce the prohibition. Furthermore, in order to deprive the leaders of any rallying point, he ordered the labor exchange to be closed. This measure exasperated the labor agitators to fury, but it contributed very notably to maintain order.

CHAPTER XXI.

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were the first living person who had interested me for many months." His eyes were looking into vacancy. His words were spoken in the slightest of whispers. Yet she heard. "And afterwards you sang to us. It was wonderful." Then the talk buzzed round them, but they were silent.

He was aroused from his abstraction by a word from her, and found himself apologizing to his left-hand neighbor for a two-minute absence. "I am sorry, but I have become political a moment later he was gravely discussing the prospects of the 'Better Housing of the Poor' Bill. Amidst a rustling of lace and swirl of silk, which sounded to him like the winged flight of many tropical birds, the woman passed out. Strone noticed that Lady Malingcourt avoided his eager gaze as she followed her hostess from the room.

CHAPTER XXII.

Strone was treated with much deference for he was without doubt in the political eye a person of some importance. The balance of parties being fairly even, the Government was dependent upon the support of the Labor men in the Commons. The Irish fraction. And of late Strone had been pushing his claims with calm but significant persistence. The Government were pledged to his 'Better Housing of the Poor' Bill, and he had firmly refused to have it shelved any longer. "You are ready for Thursday night, Strone?" Lady Sydenham asked. "I have been ready for four months," Strone answered, smiling. "I am so ready now that I am afraid Thursday is the limit of my patience."

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REBALLOTS MAY CHANGE GERMAN ELECTIONS

Socialists Have Lost Nineteen Seats, But Increased Their Total Vote Considerably.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—According to the latest returns of the Reichstag election held yesterday received by the Wolff Bureau, the Socialists have gained one and lost 19 seats. The two Conservative parties have gained nine and lost six seats. The Clericals have gained two and lost four, the National Liberals have gained nine and lost one, and the Radicals have gained five and lost three, and the Agarian and anti-Semite groups have gained two and lost five each.

AMERICANS SEND TENTS TO KINGSTON AGAIN

Santiago De Cuba, Jan. 25.—The tentage of the Eleventh Infantry, which was ordered to Kingston (Cuba), and after being there was again sent to Kingston, today on board the steamer Otero, to care of Casaba Mat.