O. Henry Stories

VI.—Phoebe

By O. HENRY

[Copyright by Doubleday, Page & Co.] "Kearny did not seek to cast off one dota of the burden of our danger from the shoulders of his fatal horoscope. He weathered every storm on deck, smoking a black pipe, to keep which alight rain and sea water seemed but as oil. And he shook his fist at the black clouds behind which his baleful star winked its unseen eye. When the skies cleared one evening he reviled his

"'On watch, aren't you, you red headed vixen? Out making it hot for tittle Francis Kearny and his friends. according to Hoyle. Twinkle, twinkle, Httle devil! You're a lady, aren't youdogging a man with bad luck just because he happened to be born while

malignant guardian with grim humor.



beat us from our for another.' course. Five days only should have I asked. landed us in Es-

perando. Our Jonah swallowed the bad credit of it with appealing frankness, but that scarcely lessened the

"At last one afternoon we steamed Escondido. Three miles up this we 'I told you how it was,' he said. crept, feeling for the shallow channel crowded to the edge with gigantic trees utes we heard a shout, and Carlos-my cap madly for joy.

camp, where 300 chosen patriots of Es- planet of good fortune.' perando were awaiting our coming. them there in the tactics of war and | best handicap I ever ran.' filling them with the spirit of revolution and liberty.

that you have brought the guns!' "'A thousand good rifles, Carlos,' I

called to him. 'And two Gatlings.' "'Valgame Dios!' he cried, throwing his cap in the air. 'We shall sweep the

"At that moment Kearny tumbled from the steamer's side into the river. He could not swim, so the crew threw to my lips words of tribute to his him a rope and drew him back aboard. greatness, his noble simplicity and his I caught his eye and his look of pathetic but still bright and undaunted He was a traveler, a student of peoconsciousness of his guilty luck. I told ples and governments, a master of scimyself that, although he might be a ences, a poet, an orator, a leader, a man to shun, he was also one to be soldier, a critic of the world's camadmired.

"I gave orders to the sailing master that the arms, ammunition and provisions were to be landed at once. That first turned his mind to the thought was easy in the steamer's boats, ex- that he should leave for his monument cept for the two Gatling guns. For a new Esperando-a country freed their transportation ashore we carried from the rule of unscrupulous tyrants

sos to the camp and made the soldiers When he had consented he threw hima little speech in Spanish, which they received with enthusiasm, and then I | zeal with which he endowed all of his had some wine and a cigarette in Car- acts. The coffers of his great fortune

dready ashore, and the petty officers game. His popularity was already so had squads of men conveying them to great that he had practically forced camp. One Gatling had been safely President Cruz to offer him the portlanded. The other was fust being folio of minister of war. hoisted over the side of the vessel as we arrived. I noticed Kearny darting about on board, seeming to have the was certain. The people were beginambition of ten men and to be doing ning to clamor publicly against Cruz's the work of five. I think his zeal bubbled over when he saw Carlos and me. A rope's end was swinging loose from some part of the tackle. Kearny leaped impetuously and caught it. There was a crackle and a hiss and a smoke of scorching hemp, and the Gatling dropped straight as a plummet through the bottom of the flatboat and buried ttself in twenty feet of water and five feet of river mud.

"I turned my back on the scene. I heard Carlos' loud cries as if from some extreme grief too poignant for words. I heard the complaining murmur of the crew and the maledictions of Torres, the sailing master. I could not bear to look.

been restored in camp. Military rules march to Aguas Frias. In the meanwere not drawn strictly, and the men time Don Rafael remained my good were grouped about the fires of their several messes, playing games of chance, singing their native songs or discussing with voluble animation the gan our march toward the sea follow-

about that gun. She only needed to

you realize that Bad Luck Kearney is ing range of mountains, over the sixty still on deck. It was a shame, now, mile trail to the capital. Our small

"'There are men, Kearny,' said I try. gravely, 'who pass through life blaming upon luck and chance the mistakes that result from their own faults and incompetency. I do not say that you are such a man. But if all your mishaps are traceable to that tiny star the sooner we endow our colleges with chairs of moral astronomy the better.'

feminine once to even things up when it comes to getting their work in. Suppose they had called my star Agamemnon or Bill McCarty or something like that instead of Phoebe. Every time one of those old boys touched their calamity button and sent me down one of their wireless pieces of bad luck I could talk back and tell

marks to a Phoebe.' "'It pleases you to make a joke of it, Kearny,' said I without smiling. But it is no joke to me to think of my your boss was Gatling mired in the river ooze.'

"'As to that,' said Kearny, abandoning his light mood at once, 'I have althe ship, you one ready done what I could. I have had some experience in hoisting stone in quarries. Torres and I have already spliced three hawsers and stretched as a milkmaid. them from the steamer's stern to a You can't judge tree on shore. We will rig a tackle and have the gun on terra firma bename. Why fore noon tomorrow.'

"One could not remain long at outs with Bad Luck Kearny. "'Once more,' said I to him, 'we will remarks to Phoe | waive this question of luck. Have you be, you be-blast ever had experience in drilling raw

"For eight days | "'I was first sergeant and drill masgales and squalls ter,' said Kearny, 'in the Chilean army ny's hand. and waterspouts for one year and captain of artillery "'What became of your command?

"'Shot down to a man,' said Kearny, 'during the revolution against Balma-

ceda.' "Somehow the misfortunes of the hardships our cause was made to suf- evil starred one seemed to turn to me their comedy side. I lay back upon per. my goat's hide cot and laughed until into the calm estuary of the little Ric | the woods echoed. Kearny grinned.

between the low banks that were 100 men under your command for manual of arms drill and company evolu- puff. It was my luck. Well, captain, and riotous vegetation. Then our whis- tions. You will rank as lieutenant. tle gave a little toot, and in five min- Now, for God's sake, Kearny.' I urged fight with you over in Aguas Frias. him, 'try to combat this superstition if Success to the cause. Adios!" brave Carlos Quintana - crashed it is one. Bad luck may be like any through the tangled vines waving his other visitor-preferring to stop where it is expected. Get your mind off "A hundred yards away was his stars. Look upon Esperando as your

"'I thank you, captain,' said Kearny For a month Carlos had been drilling | quietly. 'I will try to make it the

"By noon the next day the submerged Gatling was rescued, as Kearny had rocky flanges that overlooked awful "'My captain-compadre mio!' shout- promised. Then Carlos and Manuel ed Carlos, while yet my boat was be- Ortiz and Kearny (my lieutenants) dising lowered. 'You should see them in tributed the rifles among the troops the drill by companies-in the column and put them through an incessant wheel-in the march by four-they are rifle drill. We fired no shots, blank or superb! Also in the manual of arms | solid, for of all coasts Esperando is -but, alas, performed only with sticks | the stillest, and we had no desire to of bamboo. The guns, captain-say sound any warnings in the ear of that corrupt government until they should carry with them the message of liber-

ty and the downfall of oppression. "In the afternoon came a mule rider bearing a written message to me from Don Rafael Valdevia in the capital,

Aguas Frias. "Whenever that man's name comes conspicuous genius follow irrepressibly paigns and the idol of the people of Esperando. I had been honored by and a people made happy and prosper-"In the meantime I walked with Car- ous by wise and impartial legislation. self into the cause with the undivided "The small arms and provisions were were intrusted the secret moves of the us yet."

"The time, Don Rafael said in his letter, was ripe. Success, he prophesied, tal were even going about of nights hurling stones at public buildings and expressing their dissatisfaction. A bronze statue of President Cruz in the botanical gardens had been lassoed about the neck and everthrown. It only remained for me to arrive with my force and my thousand rifles and for himesif to come forward and proclaim himself the people's savior to overthrow Cruz in a single day. There would be but a half hearted resistance from the 600 government troops stationed in the capital. The country was ours. He presumed that by this time my steamer had arrived at Quintana's camp. He proposed the 18th of July for the attack. That would give us six "By night some degree of order had days in which to strike camp and friend and compadre en la causa de la

libertad. "On the morning of the 14th we be-

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be slewed two inches to clear the rail, arms and provisions were laden on and that's why I grabbed that rope's pack mules. Twenty men harnessed to end. Who'd have thought that a saileach Gatling gun rolled them smoothly or, even a Sicilian lubber on a banana along the flat, alluvial lowlands. Our coaster, would have fastened a line in a bowknot Don't think I'm trying to with alacrity and heartiness. I and dodge the responsibility, captain. It's my three lieutenants were mounted on the tough mountain ponies of the coun-

"A mile out of camp one of the pack mules, becoming stubborn, broke away from the train and plunged from the path into the thicket. The alert Kearny spurred quickly after it and inter-cepted its flight. Rising in his stirrups, he released one foot and bestowed upon the mutinous animal a hearty kick.

Just the way it is with women. That's why they gave the biggest planets masculine names and the biggest planets but worse to our minds was the concomitant disaster. Part of the mule's burden had been 100 pounds of the finest coffee to be had in the tropics. The bag burst and spilled the priceless brown mass of the ground berries among the dense vines and weeds of the swampy land. Mala suerte! When you take away from an Esperandon 'em what I thought of 'em in suitable his coffee you abstract his patriotism terms. But you can't address such re- and 50 per cent of his value as a soldier. The men began to rake up the precious stuff, but I beckoned Kearny

back along the trail where they would not hear. The limit had been reached. "I took from my pocket a wallet of money and drew out some bills.
"'Mr. Kearny,' said I, 'here are some funds belonging to Don Rafael Valdevia, which I am expending in his

cause. I know of no better service it can buy for him than this. Here is \$100. Luck or no luck, we part company here. Star or no star, calamity seems to travel by your side. You will return to the steamer. She touches at Amotapa to discharge her lumber and iron and then puts back to New Orleans. Hand this note to the sailing master, who will give you passage.' I wrote on a leaf torn from my book and placed it and the money in Kear-

" 'Goodby,' I said, extending my own It is not that I am displeased with you, but there is no place in this expedition for-let us say, the Senorita Phoebe.' I said this with a smile, trying to smooth the thing for him. 'May you have better luck, compa-

"Kearny took the money and the pa

"'It was just a little touch,' said he, 'just a little lift with the toe of my boot. But what's the odds? That "Tomorrow,' I said, 'I shall detail blamed mule would have died if I had I would have liked to be in that little

"He turned around and set off down the trail without looking back. The unfortunate mule's pack saddle was transferred to Kearny's pony, and we again took up the march.

"Four days we journeyed over the foothills and mountains, fording icy torrents, winding around the crumbling brows of ragged peaks, creeping along precipices, crawling breathlessly over tottering bridges that crossed bottom-

"On the evening of the 17th we camped by a little stream on the bare hills break we were to take up march again. "At midnight I was standing outside

my tent inhaling the fresh cold air. The stars were shining bright in the cloudless sky, giving the heavens their proper aspect of illimitable depth and distance when viewed from the vague darkness of the blotted earth. Almost at its zenith was the planet Saturn, and with a half smile I observed the sinister red sparkle of his malignan attendant—the demon star of Kearny's Ill luck. And then my thoughts strayed across the hills to the scene of ou coming triumph, where the heroic and to set a new and shining star in the

firmament of nations. "I heard a slight rustling in the deep grass to my right. I turned and saw Kearny coming toward me. He was ragged and dew drenched and limping. His hat and one boot were gone. About one foot he had tied some makeshift of cloth and grass. But his manner as he approached was that of a man who knows his own virtues well enough to be superior to rebuffs.

"'Well, sir,' I said, staring at him coldly, 'if there is anything in persistence I see no reason why you should were opened to those of us to whom not succeed in wrecking and ruining

> Admiral Jellicoe Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, whos report on the Jutland fight has just been made public, is head of Britain's fighting forces on the sea and is regarded as one of the world's ables naval officers. He has spent nearly forty-four years at sea, working his way up from a minor position to the head of the world's mightiest navy. Jellicoe is a small, clean-shaven, softspoken man with a quiet manner who gives one the impression thoroughness and efficiency. knows the naval business from stem to stern. Jellicoe served in the Egyptian War, where he won the Khedive Star for bravery, wounded in China during the Boxer uprising, and has seen service in every part of the British Empire For nearly two years he has had the German navy bottled up and her commerce driven from the seas.

It is expected that important measures wil be adopted by the Italian Government with a view to better regulation of the sale of home procucts while the war lasts, chiefly

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Difficulties Arise Because of Pecular Relations of Britain to India

By Special Wire to the Courier London, July 22 .- David Lloyd ertson, chief of the Imperio staff, Indian Government supplied the forces and the commander-in-chief in India was responsible for the sup kinds, and arrangements had been light was to put things right, and the selling the condition of a light condition of a light and the construction of a light condition of a light c directed the military operations, the

Council in regard to matters of per-sonnel and supplies, and would be assisted by such officers as the army ouncil felt it desirable to appoint.

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Place of the Improvious control of the Impr Orders, he said, had been given in contagion.

New Arrangement Made

A new arrangement had been made with the Indian Government, Mr. Lloyd-George said, by which India would remain the main base of the forces, which would continue to be administered by the commander-in-chief and by which in India, the latter would now receive instructions form and he arrangement with the second to shield himself, had agreed with the army council, that it was against public interest to publish papers dealing with the campaign. There ought to be, Mr. Lloyd-George said he hoped the House would carry the bill, sanctioning the inquiry, through all its stages on Monday.

Defended Indian Government J. Austin Chamberlain, secretary for India, also spoke, mainly to defend the Indian Government from the Charge of having financially starved ing four or five men who could be latter would now receive instructions form, and be responsible to the Army trusted with the most confidential information.

Action Before Enquiry

NEWS NOTES

The Rev. E. A. Farchman, B.A. B.D., has been invited to accept a call to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church at Port Hope.

An electric storm which swep ver Douro district carried consider able destruction and loss of valuable herds and damage to buildings in its path.

Andrew L. Anderson, aged seventysix, an old-time Toronto newsparer-man, is dead in Ottawa. He entered the civil service at Ottawa fifteen

vears ago. Norval Lajoie, aged ten, of Belle River, was drowned in the village yesterday when he stepped into a deep hole while wading in the river

close to shore. Theodore Banks and Elizabeth Ted ford, both of Harwich Township, appeared in the County Police Court to reappear again when free from

war office for aid for the sick and railway along the a portion of the wounded and for transport had been honored, the secretary asserted.

New Arrangement Med.

made for the construction of a light any negligence or incaparity. It was important, he stated, that the inquiry should not delay action, and Mr. Lloyd-George said he hoped the

charge, he said, was unfounded. Mr. Chamberlain also reminded House of India's valuable contibutions and air in the war, quite apart The first duty, the speaker said, from the Mesopotamia expedition



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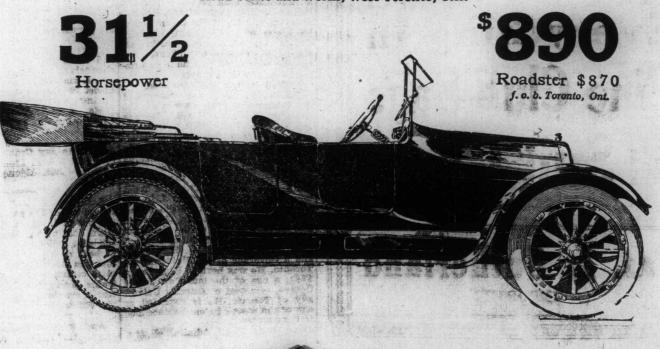
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