

self his friendship. He tells me all his love. The father of my charming mees is enraged and forbids my friend to look, to see, to speak with the beautiful child. But she has a heart and loves to distraction the handsome boy, my friend. They meet, they talk, they write the letters, and monsieur the father knows nothing. Then to this pension there comes Monsieur Arton.

'Roger Arton?' said Fanks.
'Yes, truly. You know him? Eh, it is strange,' said Judas inquisitively.

'It is well, I know him,' replied Fanks, waving his hand impatiently; 'go on, Monsieur Guinaud.'

'Very well. This Monsieur Roger has the love for the beautiful Mees Varrlins. You understand? He goes to the house and is a friend of monsieur the father. The poor Sebastian and this monsieur have not the friendship. Monsieur Roger tells the dear Mees Varrlins of the meetings of Mees Marrson and my friend. Mees Marrson is taken away to the Ile de Vite; Monsieur Roger also goes in August. The brave Sebastian, he mocks himself and moves not. When they return Mees Varrlins is the chaperon of the girl and she meets not my friend. This Sebastian insults Monsieur Roger as a spy, a villain, and Monsieur Roger departs in October.'

(To be Continued.)

AN UNLUCKY DIAMOND

Eventful History of a Gem That Brings Misfortune to its Owners.

"One day he shall hold in his hand the treasure of a kingdom."

This was the prophecy of a wise woman of Africa when Miguel Peras was born at Cape Town, under the star Mercury, in January, 1853. Miguel grew up indolent and quarrelsome. The prophecy rang continually in his ears, and he felt no inclination to work. He killed a man and fled to the diamond fields. One day he tripped and fell over the root of a tree. A small stone hurt his hand. He picked it up and saw a large diamond sparkling like fire in the sun. The treasure of a kingdom was in his hand, but at that moment a rifle shot rang through the bushes. Miguel dropped dead, and the stone was dyed with his life's blood.

A Dutch jeweller at Cape Town bought the stone from a man on the verge of delirium tremens. The trembling wretch received \$1,000 for it and drank himself to death. The jeweller, who sent the large yellow stone to Amsterdam to be cut, was robbed of the proceeds of the sale. From Amsterdam the jewel found its way into the hands of a London jeweller. At the time of Queen Victoria's jubilee her maids of honor purchased it for \$66,000. Victoria heard of the history of the stone and declined to accept it as a present. At her request it was sold for the benefit of a charity hospital.

The stone then came into the possession of a rich American named R. S. Lawrence, whose wife wore it on a necklace. Lawrence got into financial difficulties, and the now famous orange diamond was sold to Edward Bruce, formerly secretary of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

Prior to his purchase of the stone Bruce entered into partnership with Chas. Seale, a diamond broker of Broadway, New York. Bruce and Mrs. Seale, an attractive lady of thirty, fell in love with each other. About a year ago they went to Europe on the same vessel. The partnership was dissolved and Bruce and Mrs. Seale (who was divorced) were married in England. They returned to America a few months ago by way of Canada, Mrs. Bruce having the orange diamond in her possession. While they were in Montreal the stone was sold to Joseph W. Carroll, a lithographer of Duane street, New York, for \$4,000, on condition that Mrs. Bruce should retain a three-quarter interest in it. Mr. Carroll was to dispose of the stone and divide the proceeds pro rata with Mrs. Bruce, who in the meantime went with her husband to Seattle, Wash.

In some mysterious way the diamond found temporary lodgment with Simpson, the pawnbroker. Then Mr. Carroll took it to Seale, the diamond broker and former husband of Mrs. Bruce, to negotiate a sale. When he called for it some time later the unlucky gem was not forthcoming, and Seale was arrested for purloining it. This charge was proven groundless, and Mr. J. A. Beall, counsel for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce, denounced the arrest of the jeweller as an outrage. Beall had told Seale to retain the diamond until it was claimed by Mrs. Bruce.

While the question of ownership was in contest the diamond was placed in charge of the property clerk of the court. Nothing but misfortune and ill luck seems to follow the possession of the famous gem, whose history began in blood, was continued in exciting incidents, marked the destruction of conjugal felicity and bids fair to continue in turmoil and strife. The adventures surrounding the "moonstone" are insignificant compared with the checkered career of the orange diamond.

At Bisley on Monday the Canadian rifle team defeated the Cambridge riflemen by 28 points.

LABOR AND WAGES.

Cleanings From the Industrial Field of the World

CANADIAN.

Most of the mills at St. John, N. B., are still closed, the notice to introduce the ten hours system not having been withdrawn.

The annual meeting of No. 1 section of the Quebec Ship Laborers' Society was held last Saturday evening, when quite an angry discussion took place over the alleged shortcomings of the officers who had charge of the society's affairs during the recent attempt to take away their charter. The leading officers were impeached for neglect of duty, and all were dismissed from office and rendered ineligible for re-election.

AMERICAN.

The New York Vestmakers' Union contemplate the erection of independent shops. The Concord Co-operative Printing Company has adopted the nine hour working day.

Typographical Union No. 6 decided that no member should work with non union machinists on the Mergenthaler type-setting machines.

At a meeting of the Typotheta, held in New York, it was decided to hold a national convention at Cincinnati, O., in September with a view to resist the printers' demand for lower hours, a demand which the bosses characterize as "impracticable and visionary."

The Illinois Central railroad has begun to discharge passenger and freight conductors on the four sections of the Iowa division, centering in Waterloo. This is the result of the work of spotters.

The Star printing office at Austin, Texas, has been closed up recently by the attorney-general, thereby throwing about fourteen or sixteen men out of employment.

About twenty-five quarrymen left Rising Sun, Md., last week. They were all men who had been out of work since the strike of May 1st.

There are at Seattle, Wash., 2,000 idle laborers standing around the streets, with no prospects of work.

The tenement house cigarmakers' strike against the reduction of wages by \$1 per thousand continues in force in New York.

Thirty workmen in the building trades dropped their tools this week in New York on the Western Union building and on ex-Mayor Hewitt's residence because the wages paid were below the requisite standard.

The employees at four Brooklyn children jackets' tailoring shops were locked out this week for belonging to a union.

All the New York Central and Hudson River employees belonging to the K. of L. who were reinstated after last year's strike were discharged on the 1st of this month.

Delegates from the coal mines of Belmont, Jefferson and Guernsey counties, Ohio, to the number of 100, met June 30th and resolved that they would strike for the nine hour day and what is known as the Columbus scale of prices. About 2,000 miners employed along the Wheeling and Lake Erie, Loraine and Wheeling, and Wheeling and Pittsburg roads went out accordingly, and it is likely that others will soon follow them.

The longshoremen's strike for 25 cents an hour continues in Chicago with a good prospect of victory for the men after the bitterest and longest conflict on record in that city. The Italian laborers have declined to take the places of the strikers. The coal heavers, lumbermen and seamen refuse to serve on vessels under police protection and the shipping is fairly paralyzed. The news that the Milwaukee longshoremen had succeeded in obtaining 35 cents per hour encouraged their Chicago brethren, who can still stand out two weeks without asking for support of any other organization.

The Typotheta has subscribed \$50,000 to defeat the nine hour movement which the International Typographical Union made provision to secure at the recent Boston convention. It behooves the printers to bestir themselves and prepare for the contest which seems inevitable. Practical methods should be devised to enable the different unions to enforce the demand should the legal majority of votes favor such a move. There is no reasonable ground why the demand should not prove successful, providing precautions are taken to secure the necessary means to prosecute the struggle to a finish. It can never be done with an empty treasury; it will take money. The day of sentimental unionism is passed; only business methods will win now.—The Glass-blower.

EUROPEAN.

At Lancashire and Yorkshire there are 42,474 children under 12 years employed at the looms. The mortality among them is great.

Upon motion of the socialist members of the municipal council of Roanne, France, it has been decided that eight hours shall constitute a day's work on the city pavings.

The annual meet of the Montreal Bicycle Club will be held on the M.A.A.A. grounds on August 29, and everything promises well for a most successful gathering of wheelmen.

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