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The Coming of The King.

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"Well mow, wilt thou not promise to b

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CHAPTER XXIX. The court house is not so full today." "Nay. Do you mind when John Bun-yan was tried? Ay, but he answered the justices boldly, and so devenly that they could not gainsay him."

"True, but they clapped him into gaol "Ay, they did; but that did not depend upon the trial. They had made up their minds to do that before he was brought

hither. John was among the first, and people thought much of the trials then. We have had so many since that we be getting used to them." "Well, it makes it pay to be religious."

"Nay, say rather it makes it a paying business to go to church. There's maught of religion in sending godly people to prison for praying, in their own way."

"Hush, man! Men be spying around everywhere, and it takes but little to get fined. I hear there is a lot of paid spies, whose business it is to go around to hear folks talk and to give information to the justices."

and drink your ale in "Why," said the matabout religion till I he preach; them I realized sinner, and that I must and accept Christ as my this such a joy and pe heart, that I longed to good news which had "Ay, but how can an thee be fit to preach?"

"I have often though

"Ay, I suppose so."
All this and much more I heard as I stood in the Chapel of Herne that March morning, for although it was well nighten o'clock as I entered the building, the justices did not come until late. The reason for this was, that although it was only the petty sessions was to be held that day, so great was the interest taken in the Nonconformists that both him Henry Chester present-devilshly and permitiously abstained from guilty of the sin of preaching. For either of these things thou dost deserve to be punished with great severity. But we are inclined to be merciful. If thou wilt promise to of Tilsworth, and the George Blundell, of Cardington Manor, had declared their intension of being present. I have discussed the foreiven. Come now, that is a great mercy." over, that both these worshipful gentlemen mercy."
were very bitter against the dissenters and that he dissenters and that he George Blundell had said that he ise, for I must e'en obey God rather than that Sir George Blundell had said that he would "seil a cow for a shifting" rather than the work against them should not go forward. It was also said that when Sir Matthew Hale visited Bedford, he would have set John Bunyan at liberty but for Sir Henry Chester, who declared that Bunyan was a good-for-nothing fellow, who preferred going around stirring up dissension to working at his proper trade, which was that of a traveling tinker.

It was because they were late that pro-

the Bench with a great show of importance.

I stayed only during the trial of one who was brought thither that morning, but I was told that the other cases were dismissed with great speed, as the justices had some appointment elsewhere which they wished to keep. The man who was tried while I was there was called James I reton, whose name, I was told, went much against him, seeing that Colonel I reton had been hanged by the king only a little time before.

He was only a young man, it may be of twenty-five years of age, and looked a harmless sort of fellow, although I saw by the look of quiet determination in his eyes that he was not one who would be easily turned aside from his purposes. He was a blackmith by trade, and one I judged of tremendous strength of arm and body. The indictment, brought against him was in these words:

"James I reton, you are accused of devil—"

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"Tames I reton, who a man who was the was not one who would be arrested and thrown into prison.

But in this many showed herself, she wild if she in any way showed herself, she this if she id and thrown into prison.

I stayed only the theat morning, and that the whole country side was being was beaud

body. The indictment brought against him was in these words:

"James Ireton, you are accused of devilishly and permiciously abstaining from coming to church to hear divine service, and for being a common upholder of several unlawful meetings and conventicles, to the great disturbance and distraction of the great disturbance and distraction of the grood subjects of this kingdom, and continue where the service were there—as, remembering what she had told me long months before, I believed she was—I should continue?

trary to the laws of our sovereign lord the king."

The man replied that he did sindeed attend a meeting of godly people for praise and prayer, but that it was held in an outhouse nearly half a mile from the king's highway, and that there was not a dwelling house nearly half a mile from the king's highway, and that there was not a dwelling house near it.

But do you know that such a meeting is unlawful?" cried the magistrate.

"I do not mean the word of God against it," replied the magistrate. "I'd not mean the word of God, of which you are ignorant," replied the magistrate. "I'd not mean the word of God against it," replied the magistrate. "I'd not mean the word of God against it," replied the magistrate. "I'd a mot mean the word of God above every law." replied the blacksmith, "and there I do find I am commanded to continue in prayer."

"Ay, and the law hath provided the chirch for you to pray. Do you go to night."

"Ay, I do go to the Church of God," reIt must have been nine by the clock as
plied the man.

"A church composed of those who meet together in Christ's name," replied he.

"Ah, some conventicle! That is no church. How can you call that a church?"

"I have Christ's own words," replied the man. "He said, 'Wheresoever two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them,' and it is Christ that makes the church?"

"I cannot allow this blasphemy," said "No," replied Ireton, "I do not."
"And why?"

Because I do not find the Scriptures I get no good to my soul."
"Thou art a naughty, law-breaking var-

let!" said the justice.
"Nay, that is not so. In truth there

out and waltch," said a voice, "for the magistrates be very bitter against us. John Ireton and many others have been sent to gaol today, and I do hear that orders have been given to watch some of us, and especial mention hath been made of you, Master Day."

"I do not fear," said the old clergyman; "the Lord hath called me to preach this Gospel, and I may not hold my peace. Still, seeing we live in evil times, and it may be as you say, therefore do one of you watch while we seek to eat of the

Bread of Life." I had come up to the cottage unheeded by the worshippers. As far as I could gather there were not a dozen in all, who were evidently laboring men and their "But didst thou go to church when thou wives. Standing where I was, however, I could see the cottage plainly, and I noticed that one of their number went "Ay, that I did. I was one of the bellout, and stood at a place where he could take note of any that might come.

After Master John Day had prayed, he a decent fellow again? A man who can ring one of a peal of bells is a useful man,

began to speak to the people. First of all he expounded the Scriptures to them, and and no man can say to the contrary. Now, then he sought to enforce his teaching concerning God's providence by example. "You know, my friends," he said, "how I have been put to great straits for bread. You have helped me all you could; but you have had barely enough for your own necessities. I have tried to obtain service at the hands of those who employ lebor but fow would him me. In truth in the right way, go to church regularly, and drink your ale in moderation?"
"Why," said the man, "I knew naught about religion till I heard John Bunyan preach; them I realized that I had been a sinner and their I must repeat of my sins. sinner, and that I must repent of my sins, and accept Christ as my Saviour. On doing labor, but few would hire me. In truth, I should have starved, but for one dear this such a joy and peace came into my heart, that I longed to tell others of the

time came when even she was powerless, good news which had come to me."
"Ay, but how can an ignorant man like "Ay, I suppose so. And yet these dissenters pray and preach more than ever. I sm told that they be increasing in number every week."

"And yet I hear that the king and the clergy say they'll never stop until there's not a dissenter left in the land."

"Ay, I suppose so."

"There be fit to preach?"

"I have often thought of that myself, and truly I have tried not to. But I have felt what I think the Apostle must have felt when he said, 'Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel.' Besides, God hath blessed me wonderfully, and hath used me in leading many to conversion."

After this many other questions were asked, which the man answered in the land." forbidden to take religious exercises together, yet hath the Lord watched over us, ay, and He will watch over us, even to the last."

Three days' fighting, and this comparatively small casualty list is due to the excessive care used by the Japanese in making their preparation for the advance.

Russian sources, however claim to the last."

asked, which the man answered in a like fashion. the man who had been appointed as a times the number mentioned above.

them, but we be wiser than hey. We must The control of this water supply is now

them this time, but we will pounce upon them unawares another time. You know that Parson Gilloch told us we should have a crown apiece and a gallon of strong

determined to remain where I was until which I would try and have speech with

tage again, and I heard the low murmur of voices. The night had become perfecthe bare tree branches. I thought I smolt the breath of spring in the air, the thought from Goodlands, even although there be a short cut across the fields." This thought there in hope, my eyes hungering for a sight of her face. How long I stayed I know not, but presently I thought the voices grew louder, whereupon I crept silently forward, until I could hear more plainty.

that you have come to me, my child," the old clergyman said, "and we thank you beyond all telling. Yet do I wish you had not come. The way is long to your hiding place, and the night is dark. Besides, God hath mmistered to our necessities. He heavy fighting for that day although thath sent a friend to help us."

"Who hath He sent?"

an instant it seemed to me as though my full strength had come back again. My

"It was yester eve," said the old clergyman. "I was in despair because I had no
food for my wife and children, and beand Anshu mountain forts. pointed out to me, but although it was dark, I had but little difficulty in following the path. In truth it seemed like a much trodden road, and one on which many people had lately passed. I had not gone far before I saw a tiny twinkling light, after which I heard the sound of

I could hear what they were singing.

did not think that the voices were very that his coming will be good news to you. His name is Roland Rasheliffe." musical, nevertheless, there was a plain-tiveness of tone mingled with triumph that I could not help being moved. Probate Court.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?
"The Lord is the strength of of whom shall I be afraid? James Inch. R. G. Murray acted as proc-"When evildoers come upon me up my flesh, even mine my foes, they stumbled and fell.

"Though an host should encamp against

was a time when this was true of me; for I was a drunkard, and I treated my wife with great cruelty. For this I was not punished; but now that I am trying to Lord all the days of my life."

That I may dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life."

After this I heard the voice of John who had been the minister.

Day, the man who had been the minister of the parish church of St. Martin's.

"My friends," he said, "I feel constrainope to you, for truly the Lord hath done word, let us ask Him for wisdom and light, so that I may speak His words with

use has this brand you

ARTHUR WATER SUPPLY

Desperate Hand to Hand Fight

Russians Make a Gallant The emperor is personally convinced that the political as well as the military S'ard, But it Was Useless, and Several More Forts Are Taken--Fall of Stronghold Seems Near.

stranger along the road, who, hath given by threatened. Chinese information places and the talk is that five more corps will the Javanese level and the talk is that five more corps will the Javanese level and the talk is that five more corps will the Javanese level and the talk is that five more corps will the Javanese level and the talk is that five more corps will the Javanese level and the talk is that five more corps will the Javanese level and the talk is that five more corps will the Javanese level and the talk is that five more corps will the Javanese level and the talk is that five more corps will the Javanese level and the talk is that five more corps will be a second and the talk is that the second and the talk is that the second and the talk is that the second and the talk is that t days. Shall we doubt the Lord, dear the Japanese losses under 3,000 for the firiends? It is true we have been driven three days' fighting, and this comparatively

to the last."

He had scarcely said these words than unusually severe, amounting to fully three watcher rushed in. ;

"The constables!" he cried; "they will be here in a minute more."

Possibly the most important capture during the three days' fighting was that of fort Kuropatkin, while of minor value be here in a minute more."

"Shall we stay and meet them boldly?"
said Master John Day.

"What good will at do?" one cried. "I constructed for the purpose of protecting the constructed for the purpose of protecting alry, will attain this high command, occurrence of the garrison's water supply know that the Quakers take no note of the source of the garrison's water supply.

them, but we be wiser than hely.

e'en disband."

"Nay, but I will gladly suffer for Christ's sake," said John Day. "Still, I must remember my wife, and my dear little ones."

Upon this the light was extinguished, and a few seconds later I heard hurrying footsteps.

In the hands of the Japanese.

As was announced in these despatches of Sept. 20, the battle began before day-break on Sept. 19. At this hour the citizens and the garrison of Port Arthur, after the enjoyment of weeks of comparative security, awoke to the thunderous security, awoke to the thunderous security. Tootsteps.

I waited hidden behind a thick bush, and presently I heard stealthy footsteps approaching.

tive security, awoke to the chanderous reports of artillery along the line extending from the west of Itz mountains to Rihlung and Kikwan mountains. This was "All is dark," said a voice.
"Ay, but they have been here."
"Yes, but they have gone. Let us go in and see if Master Day is there."
"That will be no use. If we go in it forts lying between Shushiyen and Rib-

"Ay, that is so. Well, we had better either in mounting many heavy guns in new positions, or in strengthening their libeard them creep away as silently as old positions. The infantry fighting duratively trival all was still. The worshippers had evidently gone to their homes, and not a sound could I hear disturbing the stillness of the night.

At noon on Sept. 20, the Japanese right and center, the former being to the west and the latter to the east of the railroad, Still I waited. I telt that here was my opportunity of finding out the truth conterning the whereabouts of Constance, and I determined to remain and in frequent.

The small fortest to the case of the truth and in their way.

yen resisted their advance but briefly as bardment the artillery fire from Fort Kuropatkin had been growing steadily weaker, and it having become apparen

Fort Kuropatkin is situated to the south of Palichuang and to the northeast of the parade grounds, on a low hill. It derives by the (

My heart almost stood still! It was the voice of Constance which I heard, and in weakness I felt not, and my weariness had the Japanese fire being directed with par-

cause I was afraid harm had happened to them. While I was waiting for them, a youth came along riding a raven black horse. We fell to speaking together, and the Lord touched his heaut."

The next day, and animal forts:

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The next day, the having pounded this speaking together, and their assault. They met with stubborn resistance. Exposed to the fire of machine "Did he tell you his name?"

"Ay, my child, and although you have to reach the crest of the sope. They teld me naught, I cannot help believing leaped over trenches and embankments, path, until at length they entered the fort. The Russian troops there refused to de admitted to probate Friday and testamentary letters were obtained by Dr.

James Inch. R. G. Murray actal as 2000. superior numbers which confronted then

that if the Japanese capture either Rih-

information left Port Arthur the night of Sept. 21, he is unable to say whether the battle was renewed on the 22nd or not, foring reports of a light bombardment on

A steamer which has arrived here from

Port Dalny confirms previous reports that there was heavy fighting at Port Arthur on Sept. 24. Russia to Send 300,000 More

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26, 2.30 a. m-The division and recrganization of the Man-churian army regarding which there have been rumors ever since the battle of Liao an imperial rescript appointing General Grippenberg, commander of the third army corps in the province of Vilna, as commader of the second army now be the far east, leaving General Kuropatkin in command of the first army.

Russia. The reorganization amounts to ormal notice to the world, as the em-peror frankly explains in his rescript, that he intends to vastly increase the number of troops at the theatre of war, in order o force the struggle to a successful issue

in the shortest possible time.

It is intended to silence definitely all talk of foreign intervention by the anout the issue with Japan in the field of battle: Probably 300,000 additional men will be placed in the field. Five corps— the third, fourth, fifth, eighth and sixthe same footing as General Grippenberg.
In the best informed circles there is cupying in the war with Japan the postion held by his father in the war wit

N. S. MANSLAUGHTER CASE

Trefry, Who Killed a Boy for Bothering Him Last Hallow Eve, Given One Year in Jail.

Trefry has been in jail since last hallow-e'en for shooting a boy dead for throwing

Queens-Sunbury Convention October 4.

The Liberal convention for Queens and Oct. 4 at 2 p. m. An erroneous statement has appeared mentioning Oct. 3 as the

that it had been practically silenced, the Japanese assaulted the fort.

Conservative Candidate Retires.

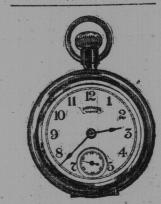
Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 24—James Clenminated for the house of commons parade grounds, on a low hill. It derives by the Conservatives of South Oxford, has the name from the time when General decided to retire from the contest. Mr. Clendonning states that he finds his other

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