

**FOR EIGN AFFAIRS
LEADING ISSUE**

For First Time Almost in
History Domestic Politics
in U. S. Are Forgotten.

London, March 9.—A great feature of the present American situation, says the Times editorially, is that for almost the first time, foreign af-

fairs have become the leading issue in American politics. Though students in Europe of American affairs have long foreseen that this result was inevitable, they anticipated, however, that the process might be slow, and even now foreign affairs may again subside into the background. But the fact remains that for the present, both Republicans and Democrats are making foreign affairs the chief subject of their appeal to the people, and that both approach them in a spirit of elevated idealism.

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**The Diamond
From the Sky**

By ROY L. McCARDELL

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A game of grapes attracted Santley's attention after he had made a mental calculation that after all the horse was a foundered old bit of crow bait and



The Crowning Hit Was La Belle, the Lady of Lions.

the wagon a rickety affair that could be replaced at slight cost.

"A hundred dollars at the outside is the loss," thought Santley to himself. He always had been lucky at dice. The critical idea occurred to him that he might here in a brief moment recoup this loss. He drew a roll of bills from his pocket, tossed a \$100 note on the crap table and growled, "Why shoot for chicken feed?"

Ragged, unkempt, with a dollar in his pocket, and realizing Santley would absolve himself from any wages that might be due him, owing to the loss of the horse and wagon, the miserable billposter eyed the hundred dollar bill and searched his clothes, and in his anxiety and as if drawn by fate the wretched man brought forth the diamond from the sky.

Santley eyed the chain and looked curiously. He thought how it would adorn the fair throat of the coquette La Belle, the Lady of Lions.

"I shoot a hundred bucks against the junk," he growled and tossed the dice to Williams.

The necklace with the great diamond clattered to the table. Williams seized the dice with trembling hand and rolled them along the table top. "Come seven," he gasped and snatched the thumb and finger of the casting hand.

The dice rolled, paused, spun, rocked and settled. Two aces were uppermost. A losing first throw!

Santley chuckled, swept the stakes up in his hairy paw and laughed hoarsely at the chalky faced, trembling wretch who had lost the guerdon that he had reached up from the knees of murder for—the diamond from the sky!

"That night it blazed upon the breast of a false woman. That night Splinters, the clown, crept in the cage of Lancelot, the lion, and whispered into his ears the secret, and the lion nodded as though he understood.

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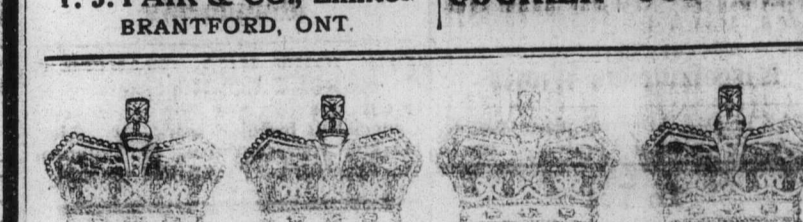
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IS UNCERTAIN

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self With Small Group
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London, March 9.—The London papers continue to comment on the return of Col. Winston Churchill to his discussion with Arthur J. Balfour, his successor as First Lord of the Admiralty, of the condition of readiness of the British navy. The Daily Graphic thinks that the wail of the debate by Mr. Balfour only increase regret that the discussion ever arose. It says: "The spectacle of a former head of Admiralty bandying charges with a successor, can have no other result than to discredit our naval position. Col. Churchill has done a grave service to his country. If this were had been to strengthen the navy, he would have been content to use his private use of his information, in close personal touch with the cabinet ministers and has a right to deal plainly with the public. There is nothing to be gained from Churchill's attack which can compensate for the mischief it causes."

"Exit Churchill," says the Morning Post under the headline. "By a kind of reflex action Mr. Churchill's wild attack has had the effect of increasing and confirming confidence in the admiralty. It is right to deal plainly with irresponsible politicians who endeavor to shake suspicion. Mr. Churchill is a politician. His value to the former government consisted entirely in his rhetorical ability, which means power to persuade mobs. Mr. Churchill's behavior in the present instance is an illustration of the curious mental disability which afflicts our politicians—appear constitutionally unable to appreciate the nature of the warfare we have a former cabinet minister who incidentally is ornamented with the title of colonel, leaving the rank at the front to deliver in the House of Commons statements which spoken outside that privileged assembly, would render the speaker liable to the operation of the Defence of the Realm act. In time of peace such a spectacle would have been unthinkable, but in time of war it is a disgrace to the Commons and yet were there some members who were ashamed to cheer Mr. Churchill."

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