

him as chief, had no difficulty in carrying on the vast and important work of the company.

The King of Boravia was waiting at the gangway as the heavily laden boat drew near, and as Da Piera, following Lois and Miss Dodds, was assisted up the ship's side, Dom Francisco affectionately embraced his devoted follower, and, after cordially welcoming the two ladies, he commended them to the care of the captain, who soon had them comfortably settled in the cabin of one of the officers, where a more substantial and elegant meal than the last few days had afforded the half-famished women was set before them. The King took Da Piera into his own state cabin, and when the ex-President had satisfied his hunger, and the stewards had left them alone, Dom Francisco eagerly listened to the story of the late events in Boravia. His astonishment and delight at the immense treasure, which was soon safely bestowed in the strong room on board, may well be imagined, for the King was but slenderly provided with funds, and these ancient stores of wealth, as the valuables were gradually and cautiously realised, would enable him to rehabilitate the finances of his kingdom and to put things on a firm and solid basis.

The mischief done at the Palace by the riotous mob took a crowd of workmen some