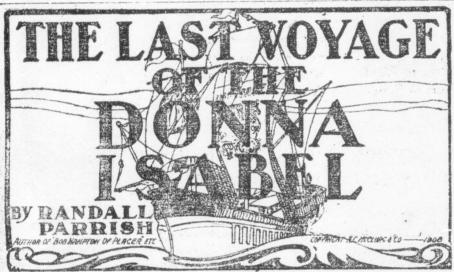
SOME OTHER HATS IN THE RING JUST NOW





In Which I Begin Discovery. Stunned by this abrupt disclosure of the extremely dangerous predicament we were in, I found no immediate voice for reply, merely standing there as if petrified, staring at them both, cap in hand, grasping the edge of the door. Their faces swam before me in the gray light streaming through the stern ports; the maid already attempting a smile, as though her fears had subsided, the mistress viewing me in wondering perplexity. She it was who first succeeded in breaking the embarrassing silence.

whom she must continue to humor. "What vessel is this?" "The steam yacht Sea Queen, of Liv-pool, owned by Lord Darlington," she announced soberly, her face and lips

believe she thought me a crazed man,

"How came you anchored off the Gov-"By special permission of the President. We were towed into that berth early last evening, after the Esmeralda had been hauled up against the quay to ship armament and stores."

I drew a deep breath, clenching and un-

clenching my hands. Could you tell me if it was known to others that you contemplated anchoring

She hesitated, her lips slightly apart, one hand pressed against her temple. "It is most important that I learn the exact truth," I urged earnestly. "I ask from no idle curiosity."

from no idle curiosity."
"I am not generally consulted in such "I am not generally consulted in such matters, senor," she admitted, "but I belleve we had been waiting several days for the opportunity to take that position. We contemplated remaining in Valparaiso some time, and, in that open roadstead, the anchorage off the Government docks is considered especially safe. This is as I have been told. Beyond doubt our purpose was known quite generally among the crew and certain Government officials."

She seemed to be awaiting my explanashe seemed to be awaiting my explana-tion, striving to be courteous, yet with her impatience slightly evidenced by the continual tapping of her foot on the rug. But I was not yet through with my ques-

Were no officers left on board last night?" Her gray eyes widened:

"Certainly yes; the first officer and the engineer were in charge when I retired. The others, with the majority of the crew, had gone ashore at sundown to enjoy tun. But why do you ask, senor. Are these not on board now?"

I regret being compelled to answer no. Only the engineer, three of the harbor watch, and some Kanaka firemen have been found. I have discovered no trace of the first officer.'

She hesitated, her hands clasped on the first succeeded in breaking the embarrassing silence.

"But, senor, what does this all mean?
Why are you here on board the yacht?"

With strong effort at control I brought
my senses together, desperately fronting
the disagreeable situation, feeling mysoft
scarcely less a victim than she if all
that I now dipay suspected proved true,
about no both were being drawn the
cords of treachery.

"I cannot explain, madame," I began,
lamely enough. "At least, not until I
comprehend the situation better myself
then I fin how. It is all dark. I have
feason to believe a most serious mistake
has been made—one it will be very difficult to rectify. Perhaps I could see more
clearly if you would consent to answer a
few questions. May I ask them of you?"
She bent her head slightly, still gazing
directly at me with widely open eyes, in
which I read increasing bewilderment. I
believe she thought me a crazed man,
whom she must continue to humor.

"What received this own steam
lanche alone with cleste. At first
both Lord Darlington and mamma refused to depart without me, but when the
President dispatched his own steam
lanch to convey the party to the wharf,
they decided it would be most discourcous not to attend. Lord Darlington's
membership in the House of Lords gives
him a certain official recognition abroad
which he does not care to have lapse.
The yacht's captain accompanied him,
and no dream of evil befalling those left
behind ever occurred to any one of us.
Oh, senor, tell me, what does it all mean?
What has happened?"

Her growing fear, the depth of emotion
displayed as she held forth her hands of
silence.

"I presume I must explain," I said regretfully, "although it is not an easy task
by any means. You will have confidence
in membership to develode it would be most discourcous not to attend. Lord Darlington's
membership in the House of Lords gives
him a certain official recognition abroad
which he does not care to have lapse.
The yacht's captain accompanied him,
and no dream of evil befalling to he which he does

Her growing fear, the depth of emotion corpses and set fire to them in an endisplayed as she held forth her hands deavor to cover up the traces of their

"I shall endeavor to do so," she returned, an increasing coldness in her voice.
But I am Lady Darlington."

"Your pardon; / I supposed you to be hat gentleman's daughter."

The color swept in a wave of rich crimon into her cheeks, the gray eyes becompagned." ing darker. "Nevertheless, senor, I am Lord Dar-

ington's wife."
Even in that moment of embarrassmen Even in that moment of embarrassment and perplexity, when I was scarcely less agltated than herself, this unexpected announcement of such a relationship came to me as a shock. Why it should, what difference it could possibly make, I did not in the least realize, yet I was instantly conscious of the disappointment of deep regret. The revelation, thus calmly, proudly made, was so unexpected, so destructive of all my previous conceptions, as to seem an impossibility. Could this young, clear-eyed woman be indeed the wife of that grim, inactive, ancient peer of the realm? The very thought caused me to feel sick from sudden disgust at such a mesalliance, and, beyond doubt, something of this inner feeeling exhibited itself plainly enough in the expression of

itself plainly enough in the expression of my face. Her head straightened proudly, though the flush deserted her cheeks, leaving them white as marble.

"You apparently question the truth of my words," she remarked, coldly observant

"It was only the natural surprise of a noment, Lady Darlington," I hastened to pologize. "The thought of your marriage and never before occurred to me."

She looked directly into my eyes, her with plants and the control of the cont apologize. own plainly indignant, yet her words strove to overcome the bluntness of my

be any necessity for discussing my private affairs with you at present. Enough that I am Lady Darlington, and that I have patiently answered the rather impudent questions you have seen fit to ask. Now, Senor Estevan, kindly enlighten me as to the cause of your in-

trusion into this apartment, and your presence on board the yacht."

Her tone had changed to imperiousness. een found. I have discovered no trace the first officer."

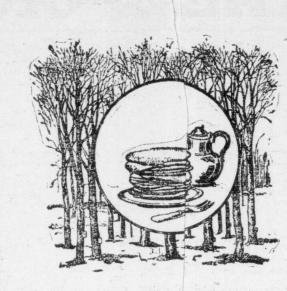
"Then—then he must have rowed ashore the two of the men!" she exclaimed.
"How chanced you to be left here tone had changed to imperiousness. This was plainly a command, and, back of the fair face fronting me, I read strength of character and a proud insistence long accustomed to control. Whatever the lingering sense of gratitude for the services rendered the evening pre-

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on the plane of social equality, it had already largely passed away. I was now an intruder, an adventurer, and to be considered only as such. It was not fear but disdain that darkened her gray eyes. Her manner begged nothing—it pictured dominant command, the attitude of one who addresses a servant expecting im-

who addresses a servant, expecting im-plicit obedience. The very tone of her voice stung me into resistance, into a de-

voice stung me into resistance, into a determination to surmount the situation, and exercise my mastership.

"Lady Darlington," I began, standing directly before her, and reverting to the use of English, so as to be certain of making my meaning sufficiently clear, "whatever explanation I may make cannot be picasant, but it shall be truthful.

the situation we are in—your own perm, as well as my responsibility."

Her expression changed from arbitrary defiance to an amazement not untinged by a sudden development of fear, as her hands grasped the chair back convulsively; but I went on steadily to the end.

(To Be Continued.)

OVERTAKE THEIR PREY

French Officers Run Down Two Murderers

at Liverpool.

London, April 9 .- When the Booth liner

Augustine dropped anchor in the Mersey

a superintendent of the Paris police ar-

rested two well-dressed Parisians-Pierre

Douberthie and Jean Clancier, alias

Champarde-who are charged with a dou

grandson of the murdered maid.

the Augustine at Lisbon. After being

formally charged at Liverpost, they wey

RIDEAU WAS AWAY UP

Only Sudden Drop in Temperture

Saved From Bad Flood.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, April 8.-A sudden dropin tem

perature about midnight last night has probably averted a disastrous flood along

the Rideau River in the neighborhood of

Ottawa. There is, of course, no danger

of floods from the Otttawa River yet, as

high water mark on this stream is never

reached until late in May, when the northern waters come down. A heavy

ain which set in early yesterday caused

a rapid rise in the Rideau, and by night-fall there was a momentary danger of

the Hog's Back dam, a few miles above

the city, being carried away, with disas-

trous results to several settlers located

along the river. Families got ready to

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veteran postmaster, who celebrated his birthday by appearing at the of-

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onveyed to London for extradition.

recently, two Liverpool police officers and

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vaters. This morningthe overff, which had inundated a larg section derritory along the banks, been to rece, and is now believed the there is danger of damage Large fore of men are at work preveting ice jas on the are at work preveting i along the banks, bean to rece, and it

ANOTHER LAUSE FOR HIGER COAL PRICES

Railwayso Advince the Rates Fror Niagara to Points in Canada.

ble murder at Chalus, near Limoges, las On that night M. Demangeon, ex-mayo [Canadan Press.] Ottaw April 8. The advance of rates of Chalus, an octogenarian, and his aged servant, who lived alone in a pretty villa on har coal from the Niagara frontier some distance outside the village of to Can an points by the railreads on Chalus, were murdered in their beds. The May 1,5 the laest cause to develop for neighbors called to the scene the next morning by the postman, who could get an incase in rices. The railway comno reply to his call, found they had been missic will at its next sitting in Ottawa. killed by an axe, and that the assassins Aprilo, hear me protest of the Cinadian had subsequently poured petrol over their Reta Coal Association and others relative o the proposed tariff of the compans embodying the advance. erime. Nearly £500 was missing from the nadian Northern express rate from ouse. Suspicion fell on two young men, ots on the Central Ontario Ralway, assistants at a hairdresser's establishment ar discrimination in the express comin Bordeaux, one of them being the phy's town tariffs will also come up The French police traced the men now ne C. P. R. and G. T. R. will be ask-

arrested from town to town through a to justify their higher rates on corn

Spain and Portugal, until they received han on wheat and oats from Georgian

information that they had embarked on Bay and Lake Huron pots. ANTHRACITE INTUSTRY

Following Conerence on Wedneday.

[Canadian Press.] Philadelphia, Pa., pril 8. - The district presidents and secretaries who, with J. P. White, rational president of the United Workes, comprise the committee which had a further conference with the anthacite operators here on Wednesday, in In endeavor to adopt new wage agreement, will hold a neeting here tom rrow to put in shape heir arguments for presentation at rict headquartes in Scranton, Hazle. ton and Shamkin are in a hopeful mood, and expet an amicable settlenent will be reiched. They look for some concession from the operators

and are prepared to meet thim half The entire hard coal indistry nains as competely tied up as it was ast week. Nore of the coal companies expect to make a move until after the onference of Wednesday.

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Depart for the East—*12:14 a.m., *3:48 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., *12:05 p.m., 2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m.

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m., 11:05 p.m.

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m., *8:10 p.m.

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