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but the end is not yet in sight, and it is more than likely that the trial will continue for two weeks more. Counsel on both sides are fighting every point in the case and this lact has aroused a great deal of interest and there is hardly a session of the court at which the room is not filled with spectators. Some of the strongest testimony which has yet been brought out by the government in the case was made by Earl A. Bixbee, a former employee of the Edward-Wood Company and the Wisconsin Grain & Stock Company. Bixconsin Grain & Stock Com has prolonged the trial. The case has aroused a great deal of interest and there is hardly a session of the

ed and sent out market stories different branch offices of the firm coloring them so as to increase cus tomers' orders without particular re-gard to actual market conditions. In

of pro- ses for the prosecution. He was ent in careful and thoughtful in his statecuring money for investment in stocks, bonds and grain and then converting the same to their own use. This is the charge in effect, but the specific charge on which the defendants were arrainged was in using the United States mails in furthering their schemes.

A large array of witnesses have been examined since the trial has been in progress before Judge Page Morris, in the federal district court, but the end is not yet in sight, and

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sir, not charry sir," replied Joseph. He was very busy attending to the landing of their personal enec and had only time to be respectful. It was Joseph's way to do only one thing at a time, on the principle no doubt that enough for the moment is the evil thereof. His manner implied that when those colored gentlemen had got the baggage safely conveyed out of the oats on to the beach it would be time ough to think about Loango.

It had been arranged by letter that ick Meredith should put up, as his expressed it, at the small bungaoccupied by Maurice Gordon and Ister. Gordon was the local bead after the style of the old East

ore of the glory of a governor than

want his duties partook

f the routine of a trader.
Of Maurice Gordon's past Meredith new nothing beyond the fact that they ere schoolfellows strangely brought gether again on the deck of a coastng steamer. Maurice Gordon was not reserved person, and it was rather om a tack of opportunity than from a excess of caution that he allowed als new found friend to go up the Ogowe river knowing so little of himelf—Maurice Gordon of Loango.

On reaching the bungalow Moredith was pleasantly surprised. It was pretty and homelike, surrounded by a garden wherein grew a strange profus of homely English vegetables and tropical flowers.

Joseph happened to be in front, and

as he neared the veranda he suddenly topped at the salute; moreover, he be an to wonder in which trunk he had acked his master's dress clothes. An English lady was coming out of the drawing room window to meet the travelers. She nodded in answer to the servant's salutation and passed on to greet the master.

or greet the master.

"My brother has been called away suddenly," she said. "One of his subagents has been getting into trouble with the natives. Of course you are "I am." replied Jack, taking the hand

he held out; it was a small white liaphaneus. "And you are Miss Gor-ion, I suppose? I am sorry Gordon is way, but no doubt we shall be able "You need not do that," she said quietly. "This is Africa, you know, You can quite well stay with us, al-

She was tall and fuir, with a cer-

tain stateliness of carriage which har-monized wonderfully with a thought-ful and pale face. She was not exactly pretty, but gracious and womanly, with honest blue eyes that looked on men and women alike. She was probably twenty-eight years of age; her than that of a girl-of one who was in iffe and not on the outskirts.

"We rather pride ourselves," she said, leading the way into the draw become somewhat attached to the drawy ling room, "upon having the best house dreary west African town. The singular roompolitan society was entirely

in Loango. You will, I think, be more comfortable here than anywhere."

"I see you have all the new books."

Iar cosmopolitan society was entirely new to him; the life, taken as a life, almost unique. He knew that he had "Yes, we have books and magazines; but, of course, we live quite out of Gordon had taken care to assure him

paused, leaving the conversation with him as in the hands of one who

higws his business.
"I," he said, filling up the pause, "have hitherto lived in the world-right in it. There is a lot of dust and commotion; the dust gets into people's eyes and blinds them; the commotion wears them; out; and perhaps, after all, "T once met a Sir John Meredith,"

she said suddenly. "My father." He paused, drawing in his legs and apparently studying his neat brown

"Should you meet him again," he went on, "it would not be advisable to mention my name. He might not to mention my name. He might have to mention my name. He might have to hear it. We have had a slight difference of opinion. With me it is difference of opinion. With me it is different. I am always glad to hear different. I am always glad to hear different. I am always glad to hear different of the herse through the about him. I have an immense respect for him."

She listened gravely, with a sympathy that did not attempt to express itself in words. On such dishort acquaintance she had not learned to expect a certain lightness of conversational touch which he always assumed when speaking of himself, as it his own thoughts and feelings were matown thoughts and feelings were mat. Before speaking again he took a pull ters for ridicule.
"Of course," be went on, "I was in

the wrong. I know that. But it some-times happens that a man is not in a position to admit that he is in the wrong-when, for instance, another person would suffer by such an ad-

"Yes," answered Jocelyn, "I under-At this moment a servant came in with lamps and proceeded to close

with lamps and proceeded to close because it only confirms my conviction the windows. She was quite an old that he is very easily led. And supwoman—an English woman—and as she pose my influence, such as it is, was placed the lamps upon the table she withdrawn; suppose that I were to

I have the best motive that a man can have for wanting to make money." He said this meaning and watched

her face all the while.
"A motive which any lady ought to She smiled sympathetically.

"I approve and I admire your spirit." She rose as she spoke and moved toward a side table, where two lighted candles had been placed.

"My motive for talking so bare facedly about myself," he said as they moved toward the door togather, "was a let you know exactly who I am and why I am here. It was only due to you on accepting your hospitality. caped embezzler. There were two on board the steamer coming out and several other shady characters." "Yes," said the girl; "I saw you

They were now in the hall, and the aged servant was waiting to show him

"No one knows," Victor Durnovo was in the habit of saying, "what is "I have a vague idea." he said, "the you are thinking of Durnovo."

In due time the telegram came, via St. Paul de Loand, announcing the

fact that Oscard had agreed to join the expedition and that Durnovo and he

might be expected at Msala in one

month from that time. It was not

without a vague feeling of regret that

Jack Meredith read this telegram. To be at Msala in a month with forty men

Eton, every morning at breakfast.

Jack took a seat on the porch and

the front of the veranda and watched

her brother mount his horse. When she came to the back of the veranda

a little later she was thinking about her brother Maurice, and it never sug-

treating form of the horse through the

tangle of flower and leaf and tendril.

cynical smile,
"Yes," she answered simply.

strongest influence that which is

conscious of its power."

at his cigar.

fold Meredith, "you will find a village "I am," she admitted, with some surprise. "I wonder how you knew? I am afraid of him." "I can reassure you on that score," said Meredith. "For the next two

during the last three weeks.

would appear, was one of those frien

ships between man and woman il

my immediate eye. I did not anticipate much pleasure from his society, "Why?" she asked, rather mystified. "Because I shall have the daily satisfaction of knowing that I am relieving

years or so Durnovo will be in daily

intercourse with me. He will be under

you of an anxiety."
"It is very kind of you to put it in that way," said Jocelyn. "But I should not like you to sacrifice your self to what may be a foolish prefudice

on my part."
"It is not a foolish prejudice Durnovo is not a gentleman, either by birth or inclination. He is not fit to To this Jocelyn answered nothing. Victor Durnovo was one of her brother's closest friends; a friend of the company change of the com elate with you."

his own choosing. "Miss Gordon," said Meredith suddenly, with a gravity that was rare, will you do me a favor?" "I think I should like to."

"You agmit that you are afraid of Durnovo now; if at any time you have reason to be more afraid, will you make use of me? Will you write or come to me and ask my help?"
"Thank you." she said hesitatingly.

"You see." he went on in a lighter tone," I am not afraid of Durnovo. I have met Durnovo before. You may have observed that my locks no longer quite a respectable house there, esemble the raven's wing. There is n wants. When you have fixed things up little gray, just here, above the temple I am getting on in life, and I know how to deal with Durnovos." at Loango and have arranged for the dhows to meet my steamer, take up all your men to this village—Msala is the name—and send the boats back. Wait there till we come." "Do you know," she said, after a

little silence "that I was actually thinking of warning you against air. rnovo? Now I stand ughast at my

and a vast load of provisions meant leaving Loango almost at once. And HE short equatorial twilight was drawing to an end, and all nature stood in slience, while DOCTORS USING. night crept up to claim the land where her reign is more autocratic than elsewhere on earth. There was a black night above the trees, and a beneath blacker of that in his boisterous, hearty man-ner, savoring more of Harrow than of

A sportsman was abroad. He was creeping up the right hand bank of a stream, his only chance lying in the noise of the waters which might serve to deaden the sound of broken twig or rustling leaf.

began to search for his clear in the pocket of his jacket. Jocelyn went to This sportsman was Jack Meredith, and it was evident that he was bring-ing to bear upon the matter in hand that intelligence and keepness of per-ception which had made him a person of some prominence in other, scenes gested itself to her that she should not speak her thoughts to Meredith, whom she had not seen until three weeks ago. She had never spoken of Maurice behind his back to any man "Does it ever strike you," she said to Jack, "that Maurice is the sort of man to be led astray by evil influence?"

"I am afraid," said the girl, "that my influence is not of much account." "Do you really believe that?" asked Meredith, turning upon her with a half "Your influence," he said, "appears o me to be the making of Maurice

Gordon. I frequently see serious flaws in the policy of Providence, but I suppose there is wisdom in making the

of the river. When Jack Meredith came to this he stepped out of the "I am glad you think I have some power over him," said Jocelyn, "but at the same time it makes me uneasy, thicket and stood in the open awaiting the approach of his stealthy prey. The sound of its footfall was just perceptible, slowly diminishing the distance that divided them. Then the trees were parted and a tall, fair man stepthat divided them. Then the trees were parted and a tall, fair man stepped forward on to the opposite bank.

Jack Meredith bowed gravely, and the other sportsman, seeing the absurdity of the situation, burst into hearty laughter. In a moment or two he had leaped from rock to rock and come to Meredith.

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occasionally set the world agog wiscouriosity and skepticism. But there (Lethbridge Herald.) ...
The aftermath of the Christma seemed to be no doubt about it. He was over thirty, she verging on that prosaic age. Both had lived and moved in the world. To both life was an open book, and they had probably discovered, as most of us do, that the larger number of the leaves are blank. He had almost told her that he was engaged to be married, and she had quite understood. There could not possibly be any misapprehension; there was no room for one of those little mistakes about which people write novels and fondly hope that some youthful reader may be carried away by a very faint resemblance to that which they hold to be life. Moreover, at thirty one leaves the first romance of youth behind. seemed to be no doubt about it. He

itor Conybeare have a hand in the satter and referred the letters of lessrs. Harris and Johnstone to him

The by-election in Centre York was teld on Monday Dec. 23, and result-ed in a win for Dr. McLean, the Libral candidate, by a majority of 19. Independent thinkers will have a cood idea of how the Laurier gov rnment stands before the people of lanada by reading the following omments from the two great Indeendent Canadian newspapers:-From the Toronto News.

"The result in Centre York is the most damaging blow the Liberal government has sustained since 1896. The constituency has a normal Liberal majority of 300. It was admitted that Senator Campbell was a weak candidate. Liberals were rejoicing that in Dr. McLean they had a man who could unite the Liberals of the Riding and poli the full strength of the party. He is as good a candidate as his friends said he was, and certainly he should have nad from 200 to 300 of a majority. But he comes out with an advantage of only nineteen. This result, com-bined with the loss of Colchester in Nova Scotia, with the collapse in London, the reduction of the Liberal majority in North Wellington and the increase of the Conservative maj-ority in East Northumberland, must have very distinct significance Ministers at Ottawa. When a Canadian government shows loss of streng-th in by-elections, it is not for from

its downfall." tts downfall."
From the Winnipeg Tribune,
"The Laurier government had too
close a squeeze to be comfortable in
Centre York constituency. Monday own presumption."

"It was kind of you to give the matter any thought whatever."

He rose and threw away the end of the was carried last election his cigar. Joseph was already before by a saug majority, can soarcely be the door, leading the horse which said to be a victory. When it is remainded to be a victory when it is readled that for years and years by dections in Canada have invariable. elections in Canada have invariably one with the government, and wher

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Since sunset he had been crawling, scrambling, stumbling up the bank of this stream in relentless pursuit of some large animal which persistently kept hidden in the tangle across the bed of the river. The strange part of it was that when he stopped to peep through the branches the animal stopped, too, and he found no way of discovering its whereabouts.

Once Meredith was able to decide approximately the whereabouts of his prey by the momentary shaking of a twig. He raised his rifle and covered that twig steadily; his forefinger played tentatively on the trigger, but on second thought he refrained. He was keenly conscious of the fact that the beast was doing its work with skill superior to his own. In comparison to his, its movements were almost noiseless.

It was terrifically hot and all the while night was stalking westward on the summits of the trees with stealthy tread.

At last he came to an open space made by a slip of the land into the bed of the river. When Jack Meredith of the triver, when Jack Meredith of the river when Jack Meredith of the river, when Jack Meredith of the river. When Jack Meredith of the river bears as under the states of the year before; it settled on my lungs were in a terrible state, that is recording were work were almost noise less. receiving a great deal of attention,

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"At the age of 25 my iungs were in a terrible state. I had is grippe the year before; it settled on my lungs and I tept steadily growing wors till I got down so low I was in bed for six weeks. I had a consultation of doctors, and they said the could do nothing more for me. Then I sizered it use Psychine. I took the medicine for more than a year. It certainly did wonders for me, I am now as strong as I was before my sickness.

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ment prestige in a by-election borne in mind, the slimness of

leaves the first romance of youth behind.

There was something in her smile that suggested that she did not quite believe in his cynicism.

"Alsog" she said gravely, "some stronger influence might appear—an in fluence which I could not counteract.

Jack Meredith turned in his long chair and looked at her searchingly.

"The best friends of the government must that it has received that the must a demonstration might take place as a result of the evening efore. On behalf of his clients he aid that they had committed no grown or had been accused of any were ratepayers, and that the assault was the unprovoked result of a call hatred.

The best friends of the government must be suffered on the serious bamps the last two or three years. A Government cannot lose such men as Blair. Tarte, Fitzpatrick, Sifton, et al. (whose organizing capacity everyone dmits) without suffering severely. To be sure, other men have been taken in, but in an case (with the exception of Oliver) have they measured up to the stature of their prenormal for the city had been advised that the must be a number of serious bamps the last two or three years. A Government cannot lose such men as Blair. Tarte, Fitzpatrick, Sifton, et al. (whose organizing capacity everyone dmits) without suffering severely. To be sure, other men have been treated that the must be must be a number of serious bamps the last two or three years. A Government cannot lose such men as Blair. Tarte, Fitzpatrick, Sifton, et al. (whose organizing capacity everyone dmits) without suffering severely. To be sure, other men to a number of serious bamps the s

In addition to this the government must have weakened itself in Western Canada and especially in our ndependent Press on the Bye-Election.

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The Bye-Election and especially in our own North West by the gratuitous imposition of separate schools on the new provinces. Added to the sins of omission and commission, there has been altogether too much scandal not to interest too much scandal not to interest.

The strong likelihood is that a genal election will be held immediately after the close of the present session. To those that might argue that it is unwise to bring on an elecreply would be that things may later on, and that it is better to get to the country now than

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