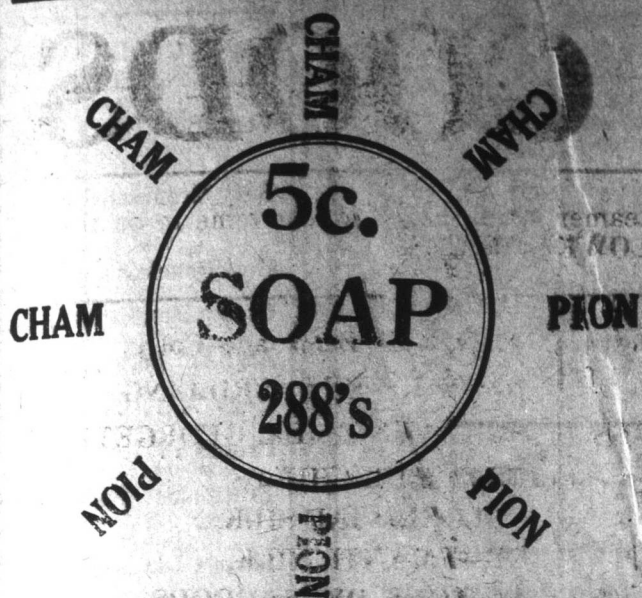
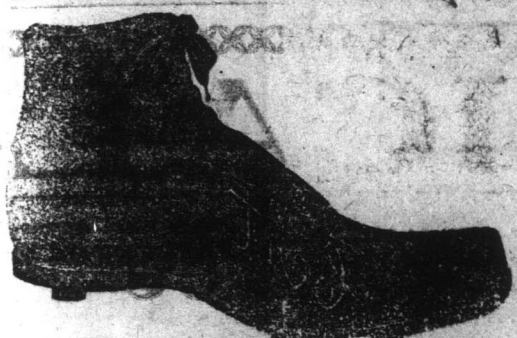


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It must be plain to De Valera that the office which have just been made for him by the British Prime Minister is the last word in the way of continuing to the Sinn Féin demands. He must either accept or composition of parties may hold the reins of power in Britain; there can be no hope of anything from it more than has been volunteered by Mr. Lloyd George. No future British Government will go farther than he has gone to satisfy the Irish demand for self-government. De Valera and his councillors know this. We feel sure therefore that unless they allow themselves to be pushed on by the wild men of the Sinn Féin movement, they will bow to the logic of the situation and accept the statement that has been proffered to them. What alternative have they? There is the arbitrament of arms, but what sane man in De Valera's place would entertain the idea of so deciding the issue, especially when there is so little left to contend for? Nearly everything about the Sinn Féin is a failure. To be sure, the fall of the British Empire is ready to concede to the length of permitting the establishment of an Irish Republic. Government of the Irish Dominion would have to be under the British Crown and on the lines of the constitutional system established in Britain and the overseas Dominions. No succession of Ireland will be allowed either now or in the future. There must be no coercion of Ulster. With these reservations and with the further condition that the waters about Ireland remain under the control of the British navy, everything the Sinn Féin want will be granted to them if they will at once give up their strife, revert to an orderly state of society and contentedly settle down under the new scheme of government. No force that an intransigent Ireland could employ would avail to win more than what Ireland has now the right of. Further resort to futile force would only have the effect of cancelling the large gains scored by negotiation. The Sinn Féin know that though they themselves have resorted to force they had hardly yet begun to take the effects of roused British force. They have surely not the madness to suppose that they can wrest their country from British control and can compel Ulster to submit to Dublin rule. They must know what short work would be made of such an attempt. Having reckoned on the fact that they have carried on negotiations with De Valera, the leader of a rebellion, and yielded very largely to the rebels' terms, British has impressed the rest of the Empire and the United States, where the Sinn Féin agents and their adherents have been doing their best to breed war between this country and Britain, with the desire to please the Irish.

If De Valera does not accept terms that have now been offered to him the result of the conference will be a moral defeat for him and his cause. Sympathy in the United States will fall away. Not only so, but the mass of the peace-loving people in Ireland who have been terrorized into countenancing the murder campaign of the Sinn Féin will turn against the latter as will public opinion everywhere else. De Valera will be a failure if he does not embrace this opportunity of continuing at the head of the Southern Irish people. Therefore we have hopes that the negotiations will not end in failure. In other words, we assume that De Valera has sense enough not deliberately to wreck his own future as well as to frustrate the hopes of his party. If he does not, the British Empire that all eyes are fixed upon him at the present moment. In the United States as well his measure is being taken. If he elects wisely now, he will begin the government of Southern Ireland with the goodwill and confidence of millions of people. If he makes a wrong choice and prefers continued warfare to acceptance of the terms of settlement that are extended to him, he will be condemned everywhere as a reckless and incapable leader, and will in times to come be pointed to as one of the demagogues who have come to grief.

Half an hour after Jim was explaining his timely arrival, when Bill and his gang were being hung by the feet to a hastily erected gallows. "But Jim, dear, I thought you were dead," muttered Sally, smiling down at her husband. "Now, Sally, I fell into a pond and I came to the surface where I found a cave," replied Jim. "I entered it and found it contained a heap of golden bars and what war more to the point, plenty of food and drink. I followed it up and after a long time, (it seemed like years,) I came to an opening near this valley and there I found the boys looking for you. There is no whole lot of gold here, but it is a good start."

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(By the CUB-EDITOR.)

**THE STOLEN BRIDE.**

Last Spasm.

**CHAPTER IV. (Continued)**

All eyes audibly moved in the direction of the speaker. Jacks cracked his stick across them in their efforts to have a look at the unknown. A sudden stillness, broken only by the splashing of the tears which fell from Sally's eyes, lay over all. At last Bill Blood, hardly desperado that he was, found his tongue. (Where had he lost it?—Editor) "Who be yew, he started in the manner usually affected by modern outlaws. The unwelcome stranger turned his piercing gaze on the speaker. "Blood," he said quietly in a husky voice which rang out sharply in the still morning air. (Something wrong here.—Editor) "I am come for my revenge. I am Jim Gunchew."

**CHAPTER V.****THE END OF BILL BLOOD.**

Attended for the moment Bill Blood was at a loss for something to say. Suddenly, recollecting his scattered senses, he drew his gun and fired point blank at where Jim Gunchew stood. But, Jim was not there. Quick as a flash, he ducked, and his head took Bill's full in the solar plexus. With a sickening thud, and an awe inspiring screech, Bill fell heavily and losing consciousness, lay quite still without uttering a word. (How eloquent—Editor) The remainder of the outlaw band, scared to action by their leader's fall, drew their guns and knives which they prepared to level at our hero. Even as they did so, a volley rang out and the leader of the right ear of each bandit disappeared. The hills surrounding the valley were bristling with shining pistol barrels. Jim Gunchew had made his plans well. In the meantime, what of Sally? She had been a silent witness. "I don't believe it," she said. "You weren't asked to." Witness of the whole proceedings. Now that it was over, she felt with a few moments into the surrounding woods of Jim Gunchew. "Has your got a stick of gum?" asked Jim as he smothered her in his embrace.

There's always a lot of folks hanging about when I'm not doing things as I should. But nobody's looking at me, I've found out. The times when I really am good. If I can be near when there's no one so see. Why must all of my business be secret? Why can't I be good when it's proper to be? And clean when the tablecloth's clean?

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By Gene Byrnes

