The Cash Intrique

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What little color there had been in Elsie's face left it suddenly. Even her lips were as white as paper. "I cannot tell you," she murmured faintly. Kelvin nodded his bead. He surmised that this vast conspiracy had Ben White as one of its weak arms.

"But hurry, Phillip, hurry!" pleaded Elsie, using his familiar name unconsciously. "If you find there what I have told you, you may know that all the rest is true."

"It is probably true enough," replied Phillip calmly. "Herbert, I had wished you to be here when I made my announcement, but you know what it is, as do the others of my cabinet, and what your share in it is to be. I shall excuse you for the time being. Wire at once to every military force under your command to be in readiness for

One of the attendants opened the private door and let Herbert out. Kelvin stooped and opened every drawer of his desk on either side, but found nothing. He turned to Elsie with a slight smile, but she was on her knees now in front of the desk, with her ear applied to it.

"Search further," she insisted. hear something ticking." Again Kelvin looked through the drawers and found nothing unusual. "Pull out the bottom one on this side

Kelvin did so. Under the right hand bottom drawer, in the six inches of nclosed space left beneath it and the floor, he found a wooden box. Applying his ear to it, he detected a faint-ticking. He handed it to the of the

"Have this removed to some safe place at once," he ordered.

"'Deed, no-not me!" protested the quaking voice of Peavey as he very, very gently slid the box on the desk and then sprang away from it. "Ah's suttainly boun' an' 'termined to be planted in mah grave whole, Ah is!"

Sam, though a curious ashen gray with fear, picked up the box, but one of the big officers, a white man, took it quietly from his hands and went out the door with it. Kelvin turned slowly to his cabinet.

"Gentlemen," he began, "the United States is in a condition of absolute

"Wait a minute," suddenly quavered the shrill voice of Henry Breed. "Wait a half hour, Phillip. I wouldn't believe Jens, and I didn't bring that robe

Jens looked at him with a curious smile. Breed had not been invited to this gathering. Jens had brought him

Phillip held up his hand for silence. The country is in a state of absolute anarchy." he repeated. "It is necessary that a radical change in our entire social system be inaugurated at once to save us from riot, bloodshed and starvation." His eyes sought a typewritten sheet lying on the desk before him. "Now, therefore, I, the chief executive of the nation, issue the following proclamation: That all public utilities and private enterprises are hereby confiscated by the government for the benefit of the government and the people; that all present owners and managers of these enterprises shall remain in their present employments and conduct these enterprises for the government; that all factories, mills, stores and establishments of commerce of whatsoever nature which have ceased operation be immediately reopened and all seekers of employ-ment be given work to the full capacity of these plants. The govern-ment will insure the payment of wages, will become responsible for all liabilities and become the holder of all assets. All holdings of cash and of stocks, bonds or other securities, except those reposing in banks, hereby become the property of the government. All banks, whether national or private, are hereby appointed and taken over as branches of the governnental treasury, and no money shall be paid out without official order. All factories, mills and enterprises of whatsoever nature, having started work at once, will issue, until further adjustment, time checks at the previous rates of employment, which time checks shall be taken in payment by all merchandise concerns, the same as legal tender, until the government shall have time for adjustment. Every able bodied man in the United States between the ages of twenty and sixty is nereby ordered to return to his previous employment, or, if previously without employment, to apply at the nearest center of industry. Any ablebodied person, as described, found idle within one week after this proclamation, without valid excuse, shall be arrested and imprisoned. Any citizen found armed within twenty-four hours after this proclamation shall be shot for treason without trial "To all the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal. PHILLIP KELVIN, Emperor.'

(To be continued)

"Dear me," remarked the goodlooking lady visitor to the superintendent of the lunatic asylum, "what a vicious look that woman we just passed in the corridor gave me. Is

she dangerous "Yes, at times," replied the other,

"But why do you allow her such freedom then?" "Can't help it,' was the answer.

"No, she's not under my control;

IMPOSSIBLE TO BUILD SCHOOL

What It Costs at Grandview.

The attendance of city pupils was money. cost for the quarter of \$1,008.07. reduced he thought when their proa small account for county pupils at-Alderson upon his concise and com-

ommittee as instructed had appoint | zens who viewed them. and specifications for the news on Rawdon street, and had called for tenders and they had been received and opened. It was found that these

tenders were away over the estimate of the architects. The architects had been instructed to submit plans for a new ten room school upon the same principal as the Dufferin school with such changes as could be made without getting outside of the demands of the act of the Educational Department. The roof had been changed and the corridors reduced and architects thought the building could be completed within his estimate. When tenders were opened it was found they were: Schults Bros., Limited, \$48,866: Secord and Sons, \$56,619 and Harper Bros., \$52,000, these figures do not include steet sash, sidewalks, city water, architects fees, land or furnishings or extras. Mr. Cutcliffe said it was next to impossible to keep within the amount allotted by the council (\$50,000) and build a school that would be respectable and safe and draw, the government grant. He had interviewed several of the members of the city finance commiftee to see if it would not be possible to persuace them to give the board the amount originally asked, \$00,000.

A free and easy discussion then ensued The members of the board were unauthous that it was necessary to build a ten room school-an eight would not meet the requirements, They considered that they were in a better position to state what was ne cessary in the city's interests than the cessary in the city's interests than the finance committee. To a large exent their hands were tied, The department regulations called for certain things which made the cost absolutely necessary and out of their control if they were to draw the government grant and this was essential. It was a clear case that the council and the a clear case that the country people did not appreciate what the school board was up against. The dischool board was up against. The dischool board was up against. ficulty to-day was the result of shortsightedness on the part of previous poards in not providing proper accom-



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modation and skimping the situation. It was merely a question of where the ferent dentists might clash, He was The law said the board had to provide money was spent. The art exhibitions in favor of the board hiring a man if accomodation. It was pointed out were being held in about a dozen dif- it could be done without antagonizing The arrangement with the Grandiew School board is that the city
creasing at the rate of three rooms a
oard shall pay pro rata cost of board shall pay pro rata cost of year. The trustees thought that once son, Ashton and Bunnell to decide on serious consideration and urged that maintenance, and sinking fund and inwould be no trouble in getting the carefully.

Want Art Exhibition, tending city school, was deducted.

He complimented Secretary George Alderson upon his concise and comwork of art.; the school is used for the race Hill if the township trustees could accommodate them.

That New School Question.

Trustee M. E. B. Cutcliffe gave a verbal report for the Buildings and the company, and they of course from the company, and they of course to be used to buy pictures to the company, and they of course to be used to buy pictures to the company, and they of course to be used to buy pictures to the company, and they of course to be used to take one room at a time plan is to take

that the children should not be al- Doherty largely. The doctor was cerlowed to worry the people with tic- tainly in favor of a dental clinic here kets. It looked like a distinctly com-kets. Some other trustees said hardly knew what to recommend. He it was much the same as the average said the dentists of the city had of-

bazaar held in the schools for similar fered to give some time free to the purposes. All the money obtained work, but this would be unsatisfacfrom these various events were used tory, he thought, as it would be irreto beautify their respective schools. gular at the best, and the ideas of dif-

Re Dental Clinic. 4253 of the total, and the total cost It was finally decided that the Dr. Ballachey reported on his visit made suggestions as to overcoming of maintenance for the three months chairman of the board, Mr. Ryerson; to Toronto where he and Mr. Bunnell the difficulties mentioned. was \$1,752.54; the city's share being the Chairman of the Buildings and went to get information as to how. It was finally arranged that a spec-\$745.35. The city share of the deben-ture debt was \$262.72. Or a torul Mr. D. Lyle and Secretary Bunnell the children's teeth. He reported that Dec 12 and that the dentists of the city sost for the quarter of \$1,008.07.

Secretary Bunnell explained that bis was an extra heavy quarter owthis was an extra heavy quarter ow- before them and ask that the \$60,000 The Board of Control had one clinic come to some arrangement. be granted, as previously asked for, on Yonge street with three chairs in operation and go into the whole situation with operation and with six dentists who took half a day each; a nurse was also in attendance. This was es-Considerable discussion took place tablished largely through the efforts

school the proceeds to be used to buy tal clinics in as many schools in difpleted report and of the business like pictures to beautify the school. It ferent parts of the city. They are not told me the name of the lady seems that an Art Company supplys furnished complete and are run six you've got for a teacher," when she There are over 150 pupils attending the Grandview school and quite a great mesters and of a really superior and a superior and are run six you've got for a teacher," when she he Grandview school and quite a great mesters and of a really superior and a great mesters and of a really superior and a great mesters and of a really superior and a great mesters and of a really superior and a great mesters and of a really superior and a great mesters and of a really superior and a great mesters and of a really superior and a great mesters and of a really superior and a great mesters and of a really superior and a great mesters and of a really superior and a great mesters and a great mes the Grandview school and quite a great masters and of a really superior \$800 a year to start with \$100 a year lady at a'; she's only a lassie."

Grounds committee. He said that his to be allowed to sell pictures to citi- The upkers of the clinic once it was lines of slippers and hockey goods of started was only a matter of \$100 a all kinds. Coles' Shoe Co., 122 with now almost france insistence, ed Taylor and Taylor to draw plans. Some of the trustees thought it was year. Nurses in Toronto do not de borne street.

nmercial enterprise and dental examining, this is done by Dr.

spoke in favor of the scheme, and

ions, received the answer, "Fine." She then said to him, "But you have

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Ladies' Patent Colt Button Shoes \$1.48

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This is a mixed lot, but only about 30 pairs altogether. Any lady who wants to pick up this snap had better be here early to-morrow (Saturday morning, because 30 pairs of shoes selling at a price like this will be snapped up in a jiffy. Mind you, these are no ordinary shoes. They consist of Patent Colt, Tan Calf and Dongola Kid, etc., made by the leading manufacturers—made for the most exclusive trade, shoes that rightly belong up among the BON-TON GRADES—FOR BY RIGHTS THE PRICE OF THESE SHOES SHOULD BE FOUR DOLLARS.

ABOVE OFFER GOOD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, ONLY FOR THE MEN MEN, READ THIS: Do any of you want to own a pair of the most perfect shoes that it is possible to buy? Would you like to own such a shoe? Have you any use for such a shoe? For it you have, here's such a chance that beats nearly anything you ever read about:—

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A Children's Column

Here are a whole column of good things for the smaller folks. Every item is of interest-to the children because of the neat and dressy apeparance of the Temple Shoe Store Shoes for children, and of interest to parents because of the unheard-of prices at which these shoes are being sold during the sale.

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The Temple Shoe Store

JAMES E. GOODSON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER

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