SYNOPSIS.

Count di Rosini, the Italian ambassador, is at dinner with diplomats when a messenger summons him to the embassy, where a beautiful young woman asks for a ticket to the embassy ball. The ticket is made out in the name of Miss Isabel Thorne. Chief Campbell of the secret service, and Mr. Grimm, his head detective, are warned that a plot is brewing in Washington, and Grimm goes to the state ball for information. His attention is called to Miss Isabel Thorne, who with her companion, disappears. A shot is heard and Senor Alvarez of the Mexican legation, is found wounded. Grimm is assured Miss Thorne did it; he visits her, demanding knowledge of the affair, and arrests Pietro Petrozinni. Miss Thorne visits an old bomb-maker and they discuss a wquderful experiment. Fifty thousand dollars is stolen from the office of Serror Rodriguez, the minister from Venezuela, and while detectives are investigating the robbery Miss Thorne appears as a guest of the legation. Grimm accuses her of the theft and threatens her with deportation. her with deportation

#### CHAPTER XI.- (Continued.)

"But if I am innocent?" she protested.

"You must prove it," continued Mr. Grimm mercilessly. "Personally, I am convinced, and Count di Rosini has practically assured me that-"

"It's unjust!" she interrupted pasproved nothing. It's unheard of! It's beyond-!!'

Suddenly she became silent. A minute, two minutes, three minutes passed; Mr. Grimm waited patiently. "Will you give me time and opportunity to prove my innocence?" she posure. demanded finally. "And if I do con-

vince you-?" "I should be delighted to believe that I have made a mistake," Mr. One day? Two days?"

"I will let you know within an hour at your office," she told him.

Mr. Grimm rose. "And meanwhile, in case of accident, I shall look to Count di Rosini for adjustment," he added pointedly. "Good-

morning." One hour and ten minutes later he

received this note, unsigned: "Closed carriage will stop for you at southeast corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Fourteenth Street to-night at one."

He was there; the carriage was on time; and my lady of mystery was inside. He stepped in and they swung



"But If I Am Innocent?"

out into Pennsylvania Avenue, noiselessly over the asphalt.

"Should the gold be placed in your hands now, within the hour," she queried solicitously, "would it be necessary fer you to know who was the -the thief?"

"It would," Mr. Grimm responded without hesitation.

"Even if it destroyed a reputation?" she pleaded.

"The Secret Service rarely destroys a reputation, Miss Thorne, although it holds itself in readiness to do so. I dare say in this case there would be no arrest or prosecution, because ofof reasons which appear to be good."

"There wouldn't?" and there was a note of eagerness in her voice. "The identity of the guilty person would never appear?"

"It would become a matter of record in our Mce, but beyond that I think not- at least in this one instance."

Mass Thorne sat silent for a block or more

"You'll admit, Mr. Grimm, that you have forced me into a most remarkeble position. You seemed convinced of my guilt, and, if you'll pardon me, ness, or necessary absence. without reason; then you made it innocence. The only way for me to desk as usual. He dictated a dozen have done it, and I'm sorry, because er private letter to his sister in it's a little tragedy."

Mr. Grimm waited.

Finally some old family jewels were edge, and ultimately they were lost. One day she awoke to the fact that done. she owed some nine or ten thousand dollars in bridge debts. They were pressing and there was no way to meet them. This meant exposure and utter ruin, and women do strange things, Mr. Grimm, to postpone such an ending to social aspirations. I know this much is true, for she related it all to me herself.

"At last, in some way-a misplaced letter, perhaps, or a word overheardshe learned that fifty thousand dollars would be in the legation bank overnight, and evidently she learned the precise night." She paused a moment. 'Here is the address of a man in Baltimore. Thomas Q. Griswold," and she passed a card to Mr. Grimm, who sat motionless, listening. "About four years ago the combination on the legation safe was changed. This man was sent here to make the change, therefore some one besides Senor Rodriguez does know the combination. I have communicated with this man today, for I saw the possibility of just such a thing as this instead of your stethoscope. By a trick and a forged letter this girl obtained the combination from this man."

Mr. Grimm drew a long breath.

"She intended to take, perhaps, only what she desperately needed-but at sight of it all-do you see what must have been the temptation then? We get out here."

There were many unanswered questions in Mr. Grimm's mind. He repressed them for the time, stepped out and assisted Miss Thorne to alight. The carriage had turned out of Pennsylvania Avenue, and at the moment he didn't quite place himself. A narrow passageway opened before them

-evidently the rear entrance to a house possibly in the next street. Miss Thorne led the way unhesitatingly, cautiously unlocked the door, and tosionately. "It's - it's - you have gether they entered a hall. Then there was a short flight of stairs, and they stepped into a room, one of a suite. She closed the door and turned on the lights.

"The bags of gold are in the next room," she said with the utmost com-

Mr. Grimm dragged them out of a dark closet, opened one-there were ten-and allowed the coins to dribble through his fingers. Finally he turned Grimm assured her. "How much time? and stared at Miss Thorne, who, pallid and weary, stood looking on. "Where are we?" he asked. "What

house is this?" "The Venezuelan legation," she answered. "We are standing less than

forty feet from the safe that was robbed. You see how easy-!" "And whose room?" inquired Mr. Grimm slowly.

"Must I answer?" she asked appeal-

ingly. "You must!"

"Senorita Rodriguez-my hostess! Don't you see what you've made me She and Mr. Cadwallader made the trip to Baltimore in his automobile, and-and-!" She stopped. "He knows nothing of it," she added.

"Yes, I know," said Mr. Grimm. He stood looking at her in silence for a moment, staring deeply into the pleading eyes; and a certain tense expression about his lips passed. For an instant her hand trembled on his arm, and he caught the fragrance of her hair.

"Where is she now?" he asked. "Playing bridge," replied Miss Thorne, with a sad little smile. "It is always so-at least twice a week, and him since he left his office." she rarely returns before two or halfpast." She extended both hands impetuously. "Please be generous, Mr. Grimm. You have the gold; don't de-

strov her." Senor Rodriguez, the minister from Venezuela, found the gold in his safe on the following morning, with a brief note from Mr. Grimm, in which there was no explanation of how or where it had been found. . . And two hours later Monsieur Boissegur, ambassador from France to the United States, disappeared from the embassy, vanished!

### CHAPTER XII.

The Vanishing Diplomatist.

It was three days after the ambassador's disappearance that Monsieur Rigolet, secretary of the French embassy and temporary charge-d'affaires, reported the matter to Chief Campbell in the Secret Service Bureau, adding thereto a detailed statement of several singular incidents following close upon it. He told it in order, concisely and to the point, while Grimm and his chief listened.

"Monsieur Boissegur, the ambassador, you understand, is a man whose habits are remarkably regular," he began. "He has made it a rule to be at his desk every morning at ten o'clock, and between that time and one o'clock he dictates his correspondence, and clears up whatever routine work there is before him. I have known him for many years, and have been secretary of the embassy under him in Germany and Japan and in this country. I have never known him to vary this general order of work unless because of ill-

compulsory upon me to establish my is Friday-the ambassador was at his

ciety. Her father's position is an hon- the room, closing the door behind orable rather than a lucrative one; him. His stenographer's impression he has no fortune. This girl moves was that some detail of business had in a certain set devoted to bridge, and occurred to him, and he had gone into stakes are high. She played and won, the general office to attend to it. I and played and won, and on and on, may say, Monsieur, that this impresuntil her winnings were about eight sion seemed strengthened by the fact thousand dollars. Then luck turned, that he left a fresh cigarette burning She began to lose. Her money went, in his ash tray, and his pen was bebut she continued to play desperately. hind his ear. It was all as if he had merely stepped out, intending to repawned without her father's knowl- turn immediately-the sort of thing, Monsieur, that any man might have

"It so happened that when he went out he left a sentence of his letter incomplete. I tell you this to show that the impulse to go must have been a sudden one, yet there was nothing in his manner, so his stenographer says, to indicate excitement, or any other than his usual frame of mind. It was about five minutes of twelve o'clock-high noon-when he went When he didn't return immediately the stenographer began transcribing the letters. At one o'clock Monsieur Bolssegur still had not returned and his stenographer went to luncheon."

As he talked, some inbred excitement seemed to be growing upon him, due, perhaps, to his recital of facts, and he paused at last to regain control of himself. Incidentally he wondered if Mr. Grimm was taking the slightest interest in what he was sayng. Certainly there was nothing in his impassive face to indicate it.

"Understand, Monsieur," the secretary continued after a moment, "that knew nothing whatever of all this until late that afternoon-that is, Tuesday afternoon about five o'clock.



"Now, Monsieur, There Are Only Twe Entrances to the Embassy."

was engaged all day upon some important work in my office, and had had no occasion to see Monsieur Boissegur since a word or so when he ame in at ten o'clock My attention was called to the affair finally by his stenographer, Monsieur Netterville, who came to me for instructions. He had finished the letters and the ambassador had not returned to sign them. At this point I began an investigation, Monsieur, and the further went the more uneasy I grew.

"Now, Monsieur, there are only two entrances to the embassy-the front door, where a servant is in constant attendance from nine in the morning until ten at night, and the rear door, which can only be reached through the kitchen. Neither of the two men who had been stationed at the front door had seen the ambassador since breakfast, therefore he could not have gone out that way. Comprenez? It seemed ridiculous, Monsieur, but then I went to the kitchen. The chef had been there all day, and he had not seen the ambassador at all. I inquired further. No one in the embassy, not a clerk, nor a servant, nor a member of the ambassador's family had seen

Again he paused and ran one hand across his troubled brow.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

How He Timed His Talk.

A successful salesman for a hardware line of goods had a novel way last season of exciting at least a momentary interest in his prospective customers in the new territory he had been given. On entering the office of his prospect his first remark was:

"Mr. Smith, we are both business men with whom time is money. I only ask for three minutes of yours, as I can only give you three minutes of mine. Let's be sure we keep to the limit."

Thereupon he pulled from his pocket quickly and placed on the desk of his hearer, well within his vision and reach, a neat little article of the samo shape as and patterned after the wellknown hour glass, but containing only sand enough to require three minutes for its passage from the upper to the lower compartment.

"You keep tab and don't let me overtalk the limit."-System.

Morgan, Sentimentalist.

The sentimentalist of the world of finance is J. Pierpont Morgan. He gives money widely and recklessly to injury. help men who think they have some wonderful invention or other thing that will be a sensational benefit to the human race. A few years ago an electrical experimenter got some friends to obtain a hearing for him with Morgan. He had plans for the greatest of all inventions. He had no money himself; he had no backing. He went away with a fat check, but returned for more again and again. In the course of time he received "Well, Monsieur, last Tuesday-this \$150,000 to perfect his wonder, but it was not perfected even then. He made a final appeal for \$50,000 more. do that was to find the guilty one. I or more letters, and had begun anoth- Morgan wanted to send it to him, but some of the other members of the Paris. He was well along in this let. firm induced the banker to shut down ter when, without any apparent rea- on the supplies until there should be "It's a girl high in diplomatic so son, he rose from his desk and left more signs of making good.

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# THE NEWS OF PENNSYLVAXIA

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Nesquehoning.-The Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, which owns all the land throughout the Panther Creek Valley, through which runs one of the richest anthracite coal veins in the entire world has announced that it will construct one of the largest coal breakers in the world a short distance from this place, one that will cost several millions of dollars and having an annual output of a million tons of coal. The plan of the company is to drive a tunnel from the top of Nesquehoning Mountain down to a level of several hundred feet below the surface of the main valley, where another shaft will be erected at the breaker and the two shafts will be connected by a tunnel through which coal will be conveyed from great distances. The breaker will be erected midway between this place and Lansford, where for a distance of five miles and a width of several miles no coal has yet been mined, but where it exists in exhaustless quantities. All plans and arrangements have been completed by the company, which expects to have this mammoth colliery in operation in two years.

McKeesport.-City officials to be deprived of office the first Monday in December, by reason of an amendment to the law governing cities of the third-class, will try again for the places they now hold, with the exception of Mayor H. S. Arthur, who is not permitted that privilege. Announcement that the amendment had been signed by Tener came as a thunderbolt to the politicians of Allegheny county, after it had been discovered by W. S. McClatchey, chief clerk of the County Commissioners. It had been passed by the Legislature the latter part of April and signed by the Governor, June 21, without attracting general attention.

Pottsville.-The tax collectors of this county in convention decided to demand an increase in commission for collecting the school taxes under the new school code. Instead of two per cent. commission they demand five per cent., because of the extra labor entailed by the new law which compels them to notify every taxpayer of the taxes due within thirty days after the duplicate is opened. Many of the collectors stated if their demands are not granted they will go on strike and refuse to accept re election.

Tyrone.-Eight employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company were injured in a head-on collision between two locomotives here. Engine No. 620 with Engineer J. G. Hull and Conductor H. R. Harshberger moving west with one car attached and a local engine and cabin with Engineer S. W. Keith and Conductor H. H. Miller going east, collided near the depot.

Hazleton.-Mayor Charles Bruch and the other city officials of Hazleton expressed no fear that they come under the provisions of the "ripper" features of the new third-class city law. The Mayor, City Treasurer and City Comptroller here were elected in 1910, and their terms will expire in 1913, the year of the next municipal election after that of 1911.

South Bethlehem .- More than two hundred members of the Clauss family attended the ninth annual reunion at Waldheim Park. The Clausses, who came from the Bethlehems, Philadelphia, Limeport, Saegersville, East Greenville, Raubsville and various Lehigh county towns, are descendants of Nathan and Daniel Clauss.

Lebanon. - Grant, seven-year-old son of Grant Wagner, of Palmyra, was perhaps fatally injured, and Mrs. John Lettich, of near Palmyra, seriously hurt, when the team occupied by them was struck by a Lebanon Valley Street Railway car at Bomgardner's Lane, two miles east of Palmyra.

Lancaster .- Mrs. Samuel Warner, a member of a prominent family. committed suicide by hanging herself in the attic of her home at White House. Her body was found by her husband. Mrs. Warner has been in ill health for some time. Hazleton.-While picking huckel-

berries in the woods, Bernard Wisske, a ten-year-old West Hazleton boy, was struck by a bolt of lightning during a short thunderstorm and instantly killed. Andrew Kowalki, a boy with him, was knocked down by the same bolt, but escaped

Marietta.-A mad dog was killed on the Duffy farm, just north of town, after it had bitten several dogs, and gave several men a chase.

Temple.-While Edwin M. Becker, an employee at the Muhlenberg Brewing plant, at Hyde Park, near here, was working on the third floor he was stricken with paralysis and fell a distance of twenty feet from a window to the roof of the boiler house, sustaining a compound fracture of the skull, resulting in death.

Carlisle. - Contention among the directors of the Shippensburg Table & Manufacturing Company caused application to be made for a receiver. The hearing is to be held on August 5. The capital stock is \$25,000.

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DEMOCRATIC.

FOR SHERIFF. We are authorized to announce that Arthur B. Lee, of Potter township, is a candidate for the office of Sheriff, subject to the rules and regulations of the Dem cratic primaries to be held september 30.

We are suthorized to announce that D. Gingery, of Huston township, is a candidate for the office of Sheriff subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries to be held on September 80

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

We are authorized to announce that John R Lemon of Ferguson township is a candidate for the office of Commissioner, subject to the usages of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce et... John H. Runkle, of Potter township, is a candidate for the office of County Commissioner subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.

We are requested to announce t at John L Dunlap will be a candidate for Cou ty Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Dem c atto voters of the county as expressed at the trimaries to be held September 30, 1911 paid

We are authorized to announce that William A. Stover, of Penn township, is a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the primaries of the Democratic party on September 30.

H. Noll, of Plessant Gap, in Spring township, is a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decisions of the Democratic pri-maries to be held September 39. paid

POR COUNTY TREASURER. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries to be held S-p-tember 80. J. MITCHEL CUNNINGHAM.

We are authorized to announce that John D. Miller, of Walker township, is a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the usages of the

Democratic party. We are authorized to announce that Frank W. Grebe, of Philipsburg Borough, is a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries to be held September 80.

FOR REGISTER.

We are authorized to aunounce that I. Frank Smith, of Centre Hall borough, is a canuidate for Register, subject to the usages of the Democratic paid FOR RECORDER

We are authorized to amounce that D. A Deitrich, of Walker township, will be a caudidate for the office of Recorder of Centre country ubject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the country as expressed at the general primaries to be held Saturday, September 30. paid

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY. We are authorized to announce that J. M. Ketchline is a candidate for the office of Distric Attorney, subject to the usages of the Den

We are sutherised to annou that D. Paul Fortney of Belletonte, is a candidate for the office of District Attorney, subject to the usages of the Democratic party. paid

We are authorized to announce that J. Kennedy Johnston, of Beliefonte, is a candidate for the office of District Attorney, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the primary election to be held September 30.

FOR PROTHONOTARY.

We are authorised to announce that D. R. Foreman, of the Borough of Bell-fonte, is a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject, to the usages of the Democratic party. Paid. the usages of the Democratic party.

REPUBLICAN.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

TO EDITOR RRPORTER—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries to be held Sept 30, 1911, JACOB WOODRING Port Matilda, Pa.

TO EDITOR REPORTER—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries to be held Sept. 30, 1911. HARRY E. ZIMMERMAN, Springtownship.

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