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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 bali. The ticket is made out in the name of Miss Isabel Thorne. Chief Campbell of the scree 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 wonderful experiment. Fifty thousand dollars is stolen from the office of Senor Rodriguez, the minister from Venezuele and while detectives are in thousand dollars is stolen from the office of Senor 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; the money is restored, but a new mystery occurs in the disappearance of Monsieur Boissegur the French ambassador. Elusive Miss Thorne reappears, bearing a letter which states that the ambassador has been kidnaped and demanding ransom. The ambassador returns and again strangely disappears. Later he is rescued from an old house in the suburbs. It is discovered that Pietro Petrozinni shot Senor Alvarez and that he is Prince d'Abruzzi. Grimm figures in a mysterious jail delivery. He orders both Miss Thorne and d'Abruzzi. and that he is Frince d Adviuz. Grimingures in a mysterious jail delivery. He orders both Miss Thorne and d'Abruzzi to leave the country; they are conveyed to New York and placed on a steamer but return. Grimm's coffee is drugged and upon regaining consciousness he finds a sympathetic note from Isabel Thorne. The conspirators against the government a sympathetic note from Isabel Thorne. The conspirators against the government are located and their scheming is overheard. Grimm orders d'Abruzzi to destroy the unsigned compact. Isabel compels him to obey and is termed a traitress by the conspirators. The detective informs high government officers of the scheme. Prince d'Abruzzi leaves the country and the plot is abandoned.

CHAPTER XXVI.

In Which They Both Win.

Mr. Grimm dropped into a chair with his teeth clenched, and his face like chalk. For a moment or more he sat there turning it all over in his mind. Truly the triumph had been robbed of its splendor when the blow fell here-here upon a woman he loved.

"There's no shame in the confession of one who is fairly beaten," Isabel went on softly, after a little. "There are many things that you don't understand. I came to Washington with an authority from my sovereign higher even than that vested in the ambassador; I came as I did and compelled Count di Rosini to obtain an invitation to the state ball for me in order that I might meet a representative of Russia there that night and receive an answer as to whether or not they would join in the compact. I received that answer; its substance is of no consequence now.

"And you remember where I first met you? It was while you were investigating the shooting of Senor Alvarez in the German embassy. That ing of the compact." shooting, as you know, was done by Prince d'Abruzzi, so almost from the cause of the assumption of authority by the prince. The paper he took from Senor Alvarez after the shooting was supposed to bear vitally upon but, as it developed, it was about another matter entirely."

"Yes, I know," said Mr. Grimm.

"The event of that night which you did not learn was that Germany advisory capacity, delivered the an-

"I surmised that much," remarked Mr. Grimm.

same time to identify myself to Mr. Rankin, whom I had never met. You knew him, of course; I didn't."

nally she went on:

"When next I met you it was in the and a friend of my queen." Venezuelan legation; you were investigating the theft of the fifty thousand dollars in gold from the safe. I I was afraid of you; and mercilessly destroyed a woman's name in your eyes to further my plans. made you believe that Senorita Rodriguez stole was necessary to take it to distract adoration he had momentarily forgot until the native who set the cocoanut

sealed packet that contained Vene- dropped beside him. zuela's answer to our plan. I sealed that packet again, and there was opened.

"Only a suspicion," Mr. Grimm cor-

rected. "Then came the abduction of Monsleur Boissegur, the French ambassador. I plunged into that case as I did in the other because I was afraid of you and had to know just how much as an attempt at extortion with details which I carefully supplied. As a matter of fact, Monsieur Boissegur opposed our plans, even endangered duties. That is enough." them; and it was not advisable to have him recalled or even permit a strange fear tearing at his heart,him to resign at the moment. So we abducted him. intending to hold him | timately that I." "No," he said again. until direct orders could reach him from Paris. Understand, please, that ise to be made good upon a condition all these things were made possible by the aid and co-operation of dozens, orders; every person who appeared in ed scarlet, "and that your life is dear hat abduction was working at my di- to me?" rection. The ambassador's unexpected escape disarranged our plans; but he was taken out of the embassy by force the second time under your very eyes. The darkness which made this possible was due to the fact that while you were looking for the switch, and I was apparently aiding, was holding my hand over it all the time to keep you from turning on the light.

You remember that?" Mr. Grimm nodded.

"All the rest of it you know," she concluded wearily. "You compelled me to leave the Venezuelan legation by your espionage, but in the crowded hotel to which I moved I had little difficulty avoiding your Mr. Hastings, your Mr. Blair and your Mr. Johnson, so I came and went freely without your knowledge. The escape of the prince from prison you arranged, so you understand all of that, as well as the meeting and attempted signing of the compact, and the rapid recovery of Senor Alvarez. And, after all, it was my fault that our plans failed, because if I had not been-been uneasy as to your condition and had not made the mistake of going to the deserted little house where you were a prisoner, the plans would have succeeded, the compact been signed."

"I'm beginning to understand," said Mr. Grimm gravely, and a wistful, tender look crept into his eyes. "If it had not been for that act of-consid-

eration and kindness to me-" "We would have succeeded in spite of you," explained Isabel. "We were afraid of you, Mr. Grimm. It was a compliment to you that we considered it necessary to account for your



In a Stride He Was Beside Her.

whereabouts at the time of the sign-

"And if you had succeeded," remarked Mr. Grimm, "the whole civi- they closed. She had fainted. The beginning my plans went wrong be- lized world would have come to war." of it that way," she replied frankly. gently and placed her on a couch, aft-"There is something splendid to me in a battle of brains; there is exalta- room. In a little while there came Mexico's attitude toward our plan, tion, stimulation, excitement in it. It the cheerful ting-a-ling of a telephone has always possessed the greatest bell. fascination for me. I have always won, you know, until now. I failed! And my reward is 'Traitor!'

"Just a word of assurance now." agreed to join the compact upon con- she went on after a moment. "The ditions. Mr. Rankin, who was at Latin compact has been definitely tached to the German embassy in an given up; the plan has been dismissed, thanks to you; the peace of the world swer to me, and I pretended to faint is unbroken. And who am I? I know in order that I might reasonably avoid you have wondered; I know your agents have scoured the world to find out. I am the daughter of a former Italian ambassador to the Court of St. "The telegraphing I did with my James. My mother was an English ing Miss Thorne in his arms. The fan was as much to distract your at- woman. I was born and received my chauffeur cranked the machine and tention as anything else, and at the early education in England, hence my climbed to his seat. perfect knowledge of that tongue. In Rome I am, or have been, alas, the Countess Rosa d'Orsetti; now I am an She was silent a while as her eyes exile with a price on my head. That steadily met those of Mr. Grimm. Fl- is all, except for several years I was a trusted agent of my government,

She rose and extended both hands graciously. Mr. Grimm seized the slender white fingers and stood with are very lazy, though, about gnawing thrust myself into that case, because eyes fixed upon her. Slowly a flush through the outer bark, and will only crept into her pallid cheeks, and she do so when very hungry. The Fill-

bowed her head.

"Wonderful woman!" he said softly. "I shall ask a favor of you now," that fifty thousand dollars, and I re- she went on gently. "Let all this that | turned it to you, presumably, while you have learned take the place of we stood in her room that night. Only | whatever you expected to learn, and inside he gets his hand full of deit was not her room-it was mine! I go. Believe me, there can only be one licious dainty meat, and his hand is stole the fifty thousand dollars! All result if you meet-if you meet the naturally wider when in this act than the details, even to her trip to see inventor of the wireless cap upon when it was thrust through the open-Mr. Griswold in Baltimore in company which so much was staked, and so ing. Finding his hand will not come with Mr. Cadwallader, had been care much lost." She shuddered a little, out, the monkey chatters, and scolds, fully worked out; and she did bring then raised the blue-gray eyes be- and plainly shows his indignation at me the combination of the safe from seechingly to his face. "Please go." the way he has been trapped, but

attention from the thing I did do- ten his purpose here. His eyes lost trap, comes and takes him captive.

break a lock inside the safe to get a their ardor; his nerveless hands "No." he said

"You must-you must," she urged never a suspicion that it had been gently. "I know what it means to you. You feel it your duty to unravel the secret of the percussion cap? You can't; no man can. No one knows the inventor more intimately than I, and even I couldn't get it from him. There are no plans for it in existence. and even if there were he would no more sell them than you would have you knew. It was explained to you accepted a fortune at the hands of Prince d'Abruzzi to remain silem. The compact has failed; you did that. The agents have scattered-gone to other

"No," said Mr. Grimm. There was "No one knows the inventor more in-"I won from my government a prom--I must fulfill that condition."

"Won't you go if you know you will scores, of agents who were under my be killed," and suddenly her face turn-"No.

Isabel dropped upon her knees be-

fore him. "This inventor-this man whom you insist on seeing-is half insane with disappointment and anger," she rushed on desperately. "Remember that a vast fortune, honor, fame were at his finger tips when you-you placed them beyond his reach by the destruction of the compact. He has sworn to kill you."

"I can't go!" "If I tell you that of the two human beings in this world whom I love institution. this man is one?"

"No. A shuffling step sounded in the hallway just outside. Mr. Grimm stepped back from the kneeling figure, and turned to face the door with his revolver ready.

"Great God!" It was a scream of agony. "He is my brother! Don't you see?"

She came to her feet and went staggering across to the door. The key licked in the lock.

"Your brother!" "He wouldn't listen to me-you wouldn't listen to me, and now-and now! God have mercy!"

There was a sharp rattling, a clamor at the door, and Isabel turned to Mr. Grimm mutely, with arms outstretched. The revolver barrel clicked under his hand, then, after a moment, he replaced the weapon in his pocket. "Please open the door," he requested quietly.

"He'll kill you!" she screamed. Exhausted, helpless, she leaned against a chair with her face in her hands. Mr. Grimm went to her suddenly, tore the hands from her face, and met the tear-stained eyes.

"I love you," he said. "I want you to know that!"

"And I love you-that's why it matters so."

Leaving her there, Mr. Grimm strode straight to the door and threw it open. He saw only the outline of a thin little man of indeterminate age, then came a blinding flash under his eyes, and he leaped forward. There was a short, sharp struggle, and both went down. The revolver! He must get that! He reached for it with the one idea of disarming this madman The muzzle was thrust toward him, he threw up his arm to protect his head, and then came a second flash. Instantly he felt the figure in his arms grow limp; and after a moment he rose. The face of the man on the floor was pearly gray; and a thin, scarlet thread flowed from his temple.

He turned toward Isabel. She lay near the chair, a little crumpled heap. In a stride he was beside her, and lifted her head to his knee. The bluegray eyes opened into his once, then first bullet had pierced her arm; it "I never permitted myself to think was only a flesh wound. He lifted her er which he disappeared into another

"Is this the county constable's office?" he inquired. "Well, there's been a little shooting accident at the Murdock Williams' place, five miles out from Alexandria on the old Baltimore Road. Please send some of your men over to take charge. Two hours from now call up Mr. Grimm at Secret Service headquarters in Wash-

ington and he will explain. Good-by." And a few minutes later Mr. Grimm walked along the road toward an automobile a hundred yards away, bear-

"Washington!" directed Mr. Grimm. "Never mind the speed laws." THE END.

How Filipinos Capture Monkeys. The Filipinos catch monkeys in a very funny way. Monkeys are very fond of the meat of cocoanuts. They pino takes advantage of this greed and indolence by cutting a small opening through the shells, just large enough for Mr. Monkey's long thin hand to penetrate. When he once gets Mr. Griswold on the strength of a Go! The word straightened Mr. never thinking of loosening his hold forged letter. But she didn't know it. Grimm in his tracks and he allowed on the cocoanut meat and withdraw-There was no theft, of course. I had her hands to fall limply. Suddenly ing his hand as easily as he put it in no intention of keeping the money. It his face grew hard. In the ecstasy of There he stands, an angry monkey,

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

Certify Election Ballot.

The form of the November election ballot as it relates to the election of Judges will be certified to the commissioners of each county together with the nominations made for judge. The ballot contains five party squares, Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, Socialist and Keystone in the order named and the spaces are for election of Judges of Common Pleas, Orphans' and County Courts and Associate Judges. The two constitutional amendments are placed beneath the judicial election spaces, and "yes" and "no" spaces are to the right of the sections quoted for amendment.

Urge Grangers To Aid.

The Executive and Co-operative Committees of the State Grange adjourned their session preliminary to the meetings of the State organization at Scranton in December by adopting resolutions urging that all subordinate granges in Pennsylvania contribute to the relief of the members of Costello lodge, who lost their property in the Austin flood. Resolutions were also adopted demanding that the new Western Penitentiary be located on State forestry lands and that no purchases of farm land be made for the

More Seek State Road Aid.

Harrisburg .- Four counties of Pennsylvania have asked for State aid in the construction of highways under the terms of the Sproul road building law. Beaver County alone has requested help in building 50,000 feet and Delaware in construction of 33,000 feet. The applications are as follows: Delaware County, Middletown Township, 13,200, 10,560, 5,000 and 5,000. Beaver County, Independent Township, 11,516; Greene, 20,000; Harmony, 8,000; Daugherty, 10,000. Montgomery, Upper Hanover, 9,000; Abington, 10,381; Westmoreland, Penn Township, 26,400, and Franklin, 8,920.

Loses Fight For His Life.

The State Board of Pardons refused to commute the death sentence of William Cunningham, Philadelphia, sentenced to be hanged October 26, and held under advisement pending examination by lunacy experts the cases of George Lee and Frank Endrukat, Philadelphia, and Antonio Rizzi, Northumberland, who also ask commutation. Joseph Beingo, Luzerne, serving eighteen years in prison for second degree murder, was recommended for pardon. He has been in prison since 1906.

Increases Fruit Growers' Receipts.

State Zoologist Surface has summoned the orchard inspectors and demonstrators, who have been handling the State's educational campaign for the extermination of fruit tree pests, to a conference here on November 1. The conference will probably last for three days. Dr. Surface says that from reports which he has received he is satisfied that the work of the orchard men this year has resulted in a gain of thousands of dollars for the fruit growers.

Attack Fair Appropriation.

The York Ministerial Association sent a protest to Auditor General A. E. Sisson against payment of any State appropriation to the York County Fair in case the County Commissioners certify to the State the usual payment in aid of fairs. The protest, signed by Adam Stump, president, declares that the management permitted "offensive and immoral dancing girl shows," and allowed games of chance and gambling on horse racing.

High School Inspectors.

The appointments of Dr. W. S. Denison, of Troy, Bradford county, and Dr. Thomas S. March, Greensburg, by State Superintendent Schaeffer will increase the State's high school inspectors to four.

The two new inspectors are wellknown educators, having been in service for years. Dr. March having been principal of the high schools of Clearfield and Honesdale before he became superintendent of the Greensburg schools.

After Sausage Makers.

Prosecution of a number of butchers and provision dealers who have been selling sausage containing flour and substances other than meat have been ordered by the Dairy and Food Division. Numerous samples have been taken by agents of the department in various sections of the State.

Withdraw Troopers From Austin.

The State Police Department issued orders for the withdrawal of all but four men from Austin. The Health and Highway Departments have engineers in Austin.

Larger Wheat Acreage. Reports received by officials of the State Department of Agriculture indicate that in some of the southern counties of the State farmers are still sowing wheat. They were somewhat retarded by the rain, but have taken advantage of the fine weather the last

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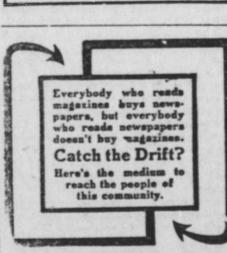
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