

SYNOPSIS.

Lieutenant Holton is detached from his Licutenant Holton is detached from his command in the navy at the outset of the Spanish-American war and assigned to important secret service duty. While dining at a Washington hotel he detects a waiter in the act of robbing a beautiful young lady. She thanks him for his service and gives her name as Miss La Tossa, a Cuban patriot. Later he meets her at a ball. A secret service man warns Holton is the command of the comman a ball. A secret service man warns Holler, that the girl is a spy. Miss La Tossa iesves for her home in Cuba. Holton is ordered to follow her. They meet on the Tampa train. Miss La Tossa teils Holton she is a Cuban spy and expresses doubt regarding the sincerity of the United States. Holton is ordered to remain at Tampa to guard the troop transports. He saves the transports from destruction at the hands of dynamiters and reports to Admiral Sampson for further duty. Holton is sent to General Garcia's command in the guise of a newspaper correspondent to investigate Cuban plots against the American troops and to learn the plans of the Spanish navy. He detects a trusted Cuban leader in the work of 'omenting trouble among the Cubans in the interests of the Spaniards. Holton is saized by friends of the spy and later ordered executed as a spy. He escapes and sives the American troops from falling into a Spanish ambush. He learns from General Garcia that the spy is Jose Cesnola, one of the most trusted leaders. Holton takes part in the battle at San Juan. Disguised as a Spanish soldier he enters Santiago, goes at night to the home of Miss La Tossa, where he overhears a discussion of the Spanish plans by leading army and havy commanders. He learns that the Spanish feet will leave the harbor at Santiago on July 2. Holton escapes and arrives in sight of the American fleet in time to see the admiral's flagship sail away. After frantic signaling he is answered by the Brooklyn. He warns Schley of the intentions of the Snanish fleet and witnesses the destruction and capture of the enemy's vessels. Holton learns that Shafter has received a message from President McKinley declaring that the war was instituted for the sole purpose of freeing Cuba. He learns that a meeting of dissatisfied Cubans is to be held that night to plot against the American army. He gives Miss La Tossa the president's message.

CHAPTER XIV.

Shifting Triumphs. Replying to Holton's warning that

Tossa laughed. "It is nothing, I can assure you," she averred. "This is really a small for my country's freedom. I have almatter."

so, but I shall go with you." "You shall not," she replied em-

phatically. "But-

buts-you cannot, cannot pressed."

"This much I shall do," returned Holton with decision. "I shall ac- | put my personal feelings above my company you to Sevilla and will re- patriotism! So you say! That-that main hidden in a place where I can was merely my beginning. Wait unbear you call if you want me." She laughed.

"My bold cavaller"-her voice was left." gentle-"so you shall. And if I want you I will call."

"Good!" Holton moved to his horse. "Shall we be going?"

At Sevilla, which consists of about of three buildings in those warlike Holton, and Pierre urged their horses out earlier in the evening.

Perhaps fifty yards from this structure rose a thick growth of bushes. and here Miss La Tossa halted. "You will remain here, Mr. Holton,"



Near the Fire Stood Miss La Tossa. she said, "and Pierre will accompany

"You will call me if you need me?"

asked Holton. "Yes, truly. And in any event, 1

spoken to my countrymen." "All right. Good luck."

kissed his hand to her. listening, for perhaps ten minutes, then will these Americans turn to us But hearing nothing, his natural im- and say, Behold, here is your counpatience asserted itself, and crawling try; take it and develop it, and make out of the bushes he disobeyed the it great, and may God be with you. girl's injunctions by working his way So I say prudence. nearer the building. He finally made "But, on the other hand, there are

corner he peered in. And here he

saw things. First there was a fire, and around fifty Cuban officers and soldiers. Their La Tossa talking animatediy to sev- advise prudence, always prudence. eral officers, who were listening to her with bared heads and other marks

of deference. the girl was speaking withdrew their | will put trolley-cars-" attention from her, and as a matter of fact she, herself, appeared to make no effort to hold them.

On the contrary, as soon as the officer clapped his hands, evidently preparatory to speaking, she walked away from the group and gave her entire attention to this man.

"Countrymen," he said, "I think we all recognize that in the event of the success of the Americans, Cuba will receive no benefit whatever. It will be a case merely of changing masters. And as for me, between the Spaniards, from whose stock we sprang, and the Americans, the Yankees, who are utterly alien, give me the Spaniards. We have already felt their heel; we know what their scorn is, and their contempt"-the man was lashing himself to a fury-"I, myself, was shouldered out of the trail by a young pig of an officer not five days ago, and when I drew my sword, a pig of a Yankee private knocked me down with his hand. Is this friendship? I ask you, brothers-is this what we were led to expect from our friends of the north, our saviors, our deliverers?"

"But, Juan," interrupted an elderly she must do nothing that would place captain, "that is all personal. I myher in a dangerous position, Miss La self have felt the contempt which the Americans feel for us, but I should be willing to suffer more than contempt ready suffered, as you know, at the Well," grumbled Holton, "I hope hands of our oppressors. Contempt is very mild and easily to be borne when our liberty is the reward for it. If you have nothing more than narratives of personal affronts to give us. "My dear Mr. Holton, there are no I for one shall not be very much im-

"Bah!" The voice of the first speaker rose almost to a shriek. "Itil I have finished and then let me hear your sneers, if sneers you have

"Well, well, go on, I am waiting," answered the older man.

"So," resumed the speaker, "we all know what this generous nation of Yankees, this nation so given to esthree buildings, or rather did consist tablishing freedom throughout the world, intends to do with the Phildays of 1898, Ramon took the road ippine Islands. Their newspapers to his camp, while Miss La Tossa leave us no doubt as to that. Imperialism! That is the cry in the Unitin the direction of the building whose ed States. They have received their roof the young Cuban had pointed taste of aggrandizement-and the taste is good. Have you been deaf to the talk about the American camp? What is the word you hear oftenest among their officers? I'll tell you: 'World-power!' That is what they say: 'World-power!'"

A sort of low cry went the rounds of his hearers, and Holton could see that the speaker was bringing them one and all beneath his spell.

He sat down, looking gloomily at the ground, paying no attention to the round of hand-clapping that attended his peroration.

For a moment no one stirred. It appeared as though all were thinking, digesting the eloquence that had been poured into their ears. Then another man arose. Holton leaned forward

with a gasp. It was the spy, the waiter of the New Willard, come tonight to place the capstone upon the spell he had been weaving among the officers of

the Cuban army. "Brothers," he began, "I came here conight to counsel prudence, and, in

fact, I do so counsel you now." Holton's face filled with amazement. What was he getting at? In

a few moments he found out. "I do most earnestly counsel prudence," he continued. "There are things that must be borne. The soldiers of the United States have come here. Well, good. We brought them here. At least, so it would appear.

"Of course, we believe that these men were sent here because of the shall come to you here after I have great yearning of the United States to see us a free, unshackled country And so they have come down here to She kissed her hand gayly to him, set us free, and then, having done so. or at least Holton so interpreted her to retire with a blessing, and to congesture, but dimly seen in the dark- template with pride the growth of

ness. He was quite certain that he the republic, free and untrammeled. "So much we know. The Spaniards Fastening his horse, he waited will be driven from the island, and

quite certain that there was nothing some of us who may possess well-

beautiful word picture I have painted for you. Yes, there are many who doubt damnably. Has the United States ever been known to talk one way and act another? To those who great nation, I need say no more. To those who do not, I say that governmental policies in the United States are fickle jades, blown willy-nilly by the winds of public opinion-they are valueless as things to depend upon; they are trivial even to consider. And yet"-he raised his hand to still a rising growl of voices-"and yet, still I the elderly captain broke the stillcounsel prudence."

"Why?" roared a hoarse voice from the darkness.

"Why? I can answer you simply Because we are weak. We have been in the field fighting for several years. But we are not soldiers. At least, the Americans say so. You have heard them- One moment," as the murmur arose again. "Oh, no, we are not soldiers. But the Americans are. We know that. They are soldiers who it were gathered, he judged, about have sold cloth and beans and sugar, and perchance may have sold guns! faces were somber and their manner And so they are soldiers-soldiers portentous. Near the fire stood Miss that we do well to fear. So again I

"If they leave us our country, good; but if they elect to retain it as another of their possessions, why, good. As she spoke, however, a man in also. For what can we do? They the uniform of a captain rose and will be kind to us. They will feed clapped his hands. The men to whom us so that we do not starve, and they

> A flerce yell interrupted him, and, although he raised his hand, he could not again regain attention. Nor had he need to. He had done his work. and done it well. One man arose, holding aloft a

"My countrymen," he yelled, "if by tomorrow night I have not plunged



"You Lie, You Hound."

this into the breast of five Americans, I shall plunge it into my own throat." A wild cheer greeted his words. Then came a lull suddenly, as though the men were seeking outlet for their emotions. And Cesnola was there to give it to them.

He held out his hand. All eyes were fastened on him. The first word had fallen from his mouth when the voice of a woman, raised in thrilling cadence, wiped additional utterance from the spy's lips.

As Holton looked the girl sprang to the speaker's side and held out her hand. And as she stood thus, the naval officer never forgot the picture. "My countrymen," she cried at length, "I have listened to all who have spoken, and I have observed you. I have wondered whether the fever has got into your brains, and whether did he not appear in his true colors? you are children led hither and thither by the idle words of plotters."

Cesnola sprang in front of her and pushed her roughly aside. "I resent this intrusion!" he shouted. "I resent the presence of this

woman-" only be surmised, for the girl, her eyes a bullet from her father's pistol." Mazing, turned to the audience, and, with finger quivering at the spy, she

"That man pushed me, my countrymen. Is there no one to avenge me?" tional, and she looked calmly around the spurious Cuban. the circle. It was plain to see she was beloved of these men; but it was one who was in the house of this girl, equally plain that the spell of the and with you"-he turned and faced spy's words lay about their minds in the officers-"were General Toral and serpent coils. She paused,

"I see! Chivalry has departed from among us. I must myself wipe out tell them who I am. this gross insult."

So saying, and before anyone could move, her riding-whip flashed in her hand, and she struck Cesnola a blinding blow across the face. From the sheer shock he went down as though know the political history of that hit by an ax. But he sprang to his feet on the instant, his face livid with rage, his hand upon a long hunting-

In another second Holton would have been at the girl's side; but before he could move, a half-dozen revolvers flashed in the hands of Cuban officers, and the deep voice of

"Stop, Senor Cesnola, Remember who you are-and remember it well. We have listened to you, and now we will listen to the beautiful and spirited senorita."

Miss La Tossa smiled radiantly. "Thank you," she replied. "I have no burst of eloquence to give you, men of Cuba. I say merely that you have been badly advised, misled, by those whose interest it is to mislead And, further, I do nothing more you. than this."

She flashed aloft President McKinley's dispatch, and then handed it to the Cuban captain, who read it and then in silence passed it around the circle. At length, as it was about to go into Cesnola's hands, Miss La Tossa intercepted the paper and extended it to an officer whom she knew. "I do not wish this to pass into that

man's hands," she said. "Will you read it to him, major?" The officer complied, and then returned the dispatch to the girl with a

"Gentlemen," cried the young woman, "can you ask more than that?" A cheer-not a general cheer-but still fairly satisfactory in its strength, greeted her words. As it died out Cesnola stood forth, raising his hand. He regarded the girl malignantly.

"Let us know one thing," he snarled. Where did you get that message? Are you-

Miss La Tossa stamped her foot. "Silence!" she cried. "To you I shall not speak another word. If any gentleman"-she emphasized the term -"if any true Cuban"-this word she also emphasized-"wishes to question me, I will gladly respond."

"Well," replied an officer, "we ask" you, then, to answer the statement just made by Senor Cesnola."

"It is easily answered," she returned quickly. "I am not in General State er's confidence. He does not give to me his private messages-" "And you received this, then-"

queried the officer. "From an officer who possesses the

confidence of General Shafter not only, but of President McKinley." "He is a Cuban officer?" suggested

the questioner. "He-"

"Ah!" Cesnola sprang forward. Allow me to tell you who he is." Then, without heeding the girl's remonstrating voice, he ran on like a wild man:

"He is an American naval officer who has been spying among us throughout this campaign and before. You know I was in Washington and in Tampa before the Americans declared war, and you know much that I saw and heard there has proved of value to us.

"I declare to you that this man Holton was sent among us to disorganize us, and to prevent any effort on our part to throw off the American yoke once we saw it settling upon our necks. He was in Garcia's camp two days before the Americans landed. and he was there in the guise of a writer for an English newspaper. If he had not designs against us, why Would not Garcia have received him?

"After the battle of July 1st he was in Santiago. He was in this girl's house, unknown to her father, and he was assailing this girl with caresseswhich she accepted until Interrupted by her father's friends-then he What more he would have said may leaped through a window, followed by

"You lie!" The voice fairly drowned out Cesnola's wild tirade; and as he recoiled from the unexpected interruption, Holton appeared from out of the darkness and stood Her voice was quiet, almost unemo- in the firelight, pointing his finger at

"You lie, you hound! You were the Admiral Cervera. You have been telling these men who I am. Well, I'll

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

HIS MESSAGES GIVEN BACK | in Paris. Yours ever." And still later:

And Hubby, Astonished at Their Brevity, Wondered How That Should Be.

A busy English merchant was about to leave his home in Brixton for a trip on the continent, and his wife, knowing his aversion to letter writing, reminded him gently of the fact.

"Now, John, you must be eyes and ears for us at home and drop us an indeed." occasional post card telling us anything of interest. Don't forget, will you, dear?"

The husband promised. The next all right. Yours aff."

Though somewhat disappointed, she thought her husband must have been pressed for time, Two days later, how ever, another card arrived, with the isn't it?" "Yes, and he's afraid she'll on that side of it, and crawling to the formed doubts as to the truth of the startling announcement: "Here I am | break him."

"I am indeed in Paris. Yours."

Then the wife decided to have a little fun and selzed her pen and wrote: "Dear husband, the children and I are at Brixton. Yours." A few days later she wrote again:

'We are still in Brixton." In her last communictaion she grew more enthusiastic. "Dear husband. here we are in Brixton. I repeat it, sir, we art in Brixton. P. S .- We are

In due time her husband reached rome, fearing that his poor wife had temporarily lost her senses, and hastened to ask the meaning of her morning his wife received a postal strange messages. With a winning "Dear wife, I reached Dover smile she handed him his own three postal cards.

Or Change Him. "Maud's husband's name is Bill

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Norristown.--Unable to oust the Rev. F. S. Ballentine, as rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, Evansburg, although the Court granted the ouster injunction sought by Bishop Rhinelander and the vestry of the church, the Rev. Henry M. G. Huff, of Philadelphia, who had been appointed rector of the Evansburg church, but whom Rector Ballentine would not recognize or permit to serve, will start and Episcopal mission in Collegeville. Collegeville is a little more than a mile from the Evansburg church, and a number of residents of Collegeville have been communicants of the Evansburg church, as it is the nearest Episcopal church in that section.. It is to serve these persons, some of whom are officially connected with the church-that is compose the vestrythat the mission will be established. The Rev. Mr. Huff announces that the mission is authorized by the Norristown Convocation and under the direction of Bishop Garland. The Rev. Mr. Ballentine did not know of the counter move on the part of his opponents. He appeared surprised when informed of the purpose to open an Episcopal mission in Collegeville. He made no comment upon the move, but said he would expect a different decision when his case should be reviewed by the Supreme Court than that which was handed down by Judge Henry K. Weand, of the Montgomery County Court, before whom testimony in the equity action was taken.

Killed Going to Funeral.

York .- On his way to York to attend a funeral Eli Bortner, 73 years old, of Codorus township, was killed in front of the Northern Central Railroad station at Glen Rock, in full view of a large gathering, among whom was his daughter-in-law, Mrs. H. A. Bortner. The aged man's defective sense of hearing caused his death. He was crossing the tracks slowly behind his daughter-in-law, who had gone ahead to get tickets. He failed to notice the approach of a pusher engine or to hear the warning shouts of bystanders. The engine threw him violently into a snowbank, causing injuries from which he died in about a half-hour.

Almost Perishes After Fall.

Doylestown .- Driving along a road near Quakertown an automobilist found a boy lying unconscious by the wayside, amid the wreckage of his hay wagon. He took the boy to the office of Dr. O. H. Fretz, Quakertown, where it was found that several ribs were fractured. The injured boy was the son of John S. Schulberger, of Haycock township, and he and his father had taken two loads of hay to Wentz's press, and were returning home, when the team driven by the son became frightened and upset the wagon near the Bearn farm.

Freed of Boss's Murder.

Easton .- The jury in the case of Clinton D. Steinmetz, charged with murdering his empolyer, Lewis F. Snyder, of Howerton, on December 16, brought in a verdict acquitting the defendant. Snyder and Steinmetz had taken a business trip, and on their return drank heavily. They had a quarrel, Snyder discharged Steinmetz, the latter gathered together his possessions, including his shotgun, and left the house. In a quarrel that followed in the yard Snyder was fatally injured. Steinmetz claimed that the shooting was accidental.

Glenolden.-A few days after his father and mother celebrated their sixty-second anniversary David W. Caskey, Jr., and his wife, of Glenolden, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their wedding at their home. Mr. and Mrs. David Caskey, Sr., both of whom are octogenarians, were pres-

ent and entered into the festivities.

Parents Wedded 62 Years, Son 20.

Examines Revolver, May Die. Shamokin,-While George and John Snyder, cousins, were examining a revolver at George's home the weapon was discharged, a bullet passing through George's body. He was taken

to the State Hospital here in a sup-

posedly dying condition. Ducks Enjoy Story Swim.

Ogontz.-When Chief Jensen, of the Cheltenham Department, received a message that a number of ducks (pedigreed) had been stolen from the Ostrander estate, near here, he detailed Patrolman Goehring to investigate. That officer made the trip under trying weather conditions; and his feelings weren't improved a little when within 10 minutes he had located the supposedly stolen ducks, quietly swimming on the surface of a lake on the estate. No arrests were made in the

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