## PHILA.-CHICAGO GRAND **OPERA COMPANY MAY** BE REORGANIZED

Promoters in This City Discuss Plans to Finance Concern Which Has Been Forced Into Bankruptcy.

A complete reorganization of the Philadelphia-Chicago Grand Opera Company, which yesterday went into bankruptcy in Chicago, wealthy patrons of the opera in this city intimated today, would probably take place. Dispatches from Chicago received here today announced that promoters of the company were in favor of reorganization if sufficient support is given to a new movement.

Among those who may be asked to join the reorganisation plans is E. T. Stotesbury, who is now in Florida. Mr. Stolesbury is expected to arrive in Philadelphia probably next week. For a long time he has been a patron of the Philadelphia-Chicago Grand Opera Company. The local season of that company would have been financed by him.

The filing of the bankruptcy proceedings. in Chicago is the result of several confer- ago. He is in the wool misiness, having ences held in that city between Cleofonte succeeded his father, John F. Horstmann. ences held in that city between Cleofonte. Campanini, general director of the Philadelphia-Chicago Grand Opera Company, and creditors. He left Philadelphia for Chicago several weeks ago. The liabilities of the opera company as

nied in the courts are \$254.419, and the as-sets are \$61,485. The petition in benk-ruptcy was decided upon after repeated demands had been made upon the com-pany for payment on contracts by opera singers. Many of the claims come from famous artists, who have not given any performances in either this city or Chi-cago. Before the European war the plans as announced called for seven weeks of opera in Philadelphia and a similar period in Chicago. The contention of the attornevs representing the opera company is that owing to the war it was impossible to get the opera singers to this country. From Chicago today the following state ment was sent by Max Pam, one of the attorneys for the opera company: "The future of grand opera in Chicago

will depend largely upon the measure of support which the citizens of the city will offer in response to a canvaes which may be taken among patrons and subscribers for boxes and seats. Should the esult of this canvass indicate a general will be made to re-establish it under a cuaranty against deficit now under con-sideration."

#### MANY SHOTS FIRED AFTER FLEEING BURGLAR

struder in Home of John J. Mcevitt, Mt. Airy, Chased Nearly Mile. A running chase for nearly a mile, in hich a detail of policemen fired a score shots after a fleeing burglar, who had tempted to rob the home of John J. McDevitt, 412 Lincoln Drive, aroused the arhionable section of Mount Airy early is morning. The chase led down the Pennsylvania railroad tracks to Pelham Pennsylvania railroad tracks to Pelham coad and into a clump of woods, where the man succeeded in eluding the police. Mrs. McDevitt and the two children were asleep while William Parker, the hauffeur, was waiting in the hall for Mr. McDevitt, who is an attorney, with offices in the Pennsylvania Building. The ntruder forced the door from the celiar. When he saw Parker he boited out the rear door. Parker notified the Germaniown police and then save chase. The detail of police arrived in a few minutes and saw the man suddenly dart from the rear of the McDevitt home.

Just as the man entered the woods Po-liceman Edwards fired and the man stumbled. Although a search until daybreak failed to reveal the hiding place of the intruder, it is believed he was

rear of the McDevitt home

## CLOSE WATCH ON SHIPPING

Commissioners Guard Against Spies Sailing From American Ports.

American ships going to foreign ports ill be free from foreign spies if the vigilance of shipping commissioners can prevent them from getting on board. Shipping Commissioner Smith at this port has been instructed by Secretary Chamberlain of the Bureau of Navigation to be extremely careful in loking after the personnel of the crews shipped. The instructions are also intended to prevent men of the countries now at war being shipped on American vessels, who could be seized by their enemies on the high sea causing international complications

### SAVED FROM FIERY DEATH

Policeman Rescues Sleeping Famlly From Burning Home.

Attracted by smoke pouring from a cel-tar window at 4 o'clock this morning. Policeman Yeager, of the 19th and Oxford streets police station, forced the front door of the home of Mrs. Lavina Black, a Negro. 305 Sharawood street, and rushed through the house awakening the occu-pants. After arousing three members of the household, Mrs. Black and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harris, the policeman made his way to the back to the second floor where a sleeping boy, Mark Black, 12 years old, had been forgotten. The policeman picked up the boy, who had been overcome by smoke, and rushed him to the street. He was revived after a few

Scholarship Contest Despite War Architectural studies may be pursued in Europe despite the war, in the opinion of the Managing Committee of the John Stewardson Memorial Scholarship in Architecture, which announced today that a competition would be held this v usual. The winner is awarded \$1000 for travel and study in Europe. Residents of the State of Pennsylvania, who are not more than 30 years old, are eligible to

Ank to Grade York Road Section Residents of Fern Rock and Branch-town are agitating for a measure calling for the official grading of York road, north from Olney avenue, in order that aidewalks may be constructed and much of the danger from automobiles eliminated the danger from automobiles eliminated the danger from automobiles aliminated the danger from nated. Many serious accidents have oc-curred in the locality because there is no place for pedestrians to walk except directly along the mad of automobiles.

Auto Ambulance Burned

The automobile ambulance given re-cently to the Jewish Hospital by citizens of Clincy was destroyed by fire in the gazage of the hospital. Otto Korries, the chauffeur, was working us the car last night, when it caught fire. Korries was alightly burned

Found Unconscious With Broken Arm Just how James Campbell, of Glenside, sequired a fractured arm and less lans signal, is interesting the police of Mr. Jampbell's home town. Mr. Campbell was found injured and attended on a lineary result last night, and was taken to the Abungton Memorial Haspital. He



IGNATIUS J. HORSTMANN Appointed inspector of the Eastern Penitentiary by Governor Brumbaugh.

NEW PRISON INSPECTOR

Ignatius J. clorstmann has been apointed inspector of the Eastern Penientlary, to succeed the late Robert A. Balfour. Dispatches from Harrisburg announcing the choice of Governor Brumbaugh were received here today. Mr. Horstman will serve until May 26, 1917.

end was born in the 5d Ward 47 years He is married and fives at 227 Walnut

#### CITIZENS PLAN MARCH ON CITY COUNCILS

Continued from Page One. bury, who has always been regarded as one of the administration's most stanch

supporters. WANTS DIRECTORS TO REPACT In his second telegram Mr. Stotesbury sserts that Mayor Blankenburg should the directors and compel them to retract or accept their views as his own. "It is evident that you have not comprehended or have evaded the point upon which I take issue with you," declared Mr. Stotes-

URGE MEETING ON PLAZA An outdoor mass-meeting on the City Hall Plaza prior to the meeting of Councils is being urged. Several business organizations have offered to bring special speakers to address this protest meeting. Many of the men who led the march on Councils June 1, 1905, the day that the nlamous gas steal was prevented, have become leaders again-

The employes of the League Island lavy Yard, who have stood by Director Caylor in his fight since the beginning, nave arranged to send a delegation of at

least 100 men. Defeat of the Connelly-Seger-Costello "joker" ordinance will be demanded. The prompt passage of a legally drawn ordi-nance providing for the special election to vote on the proposed \$6,000,000 transit loan will be firmly insisted upon. Not since the threatened gas steal in 1905 have the citizens become so aroused, and the same clouds which then foreshadowed defeat for the Councilmanic obstructionists and for the Organization are again gath ering with a foreboding even more omin-

The Committee of 1999 met on the Roof Garden of the Adelphia Flotel at o'clock yesterday afternoon to outline the campaign. The plans for the public dem-onstration before Councils on Thursday were perfected at this time and the call

MAY AMEND ORDINANCE.

John P. Connelly, chairman of the Councils' Finance Committee, has frankly admitted that Councils do not intend to recede from their position of opposition to Director Taylor, It is likely that the ordt. nance reported two weeks ago will be amended in several small particulars to insure its legality; but there has been little indication that the general features of opposition will be eliminated.

Council's Subcommittee on Finance will meet tomorrow to consider transit matthe ters, particularly the "loker" ordinance While the ordinance now is before the Pinance Committee, having been reported, the policy of the Organization toward the measure will be shaped in committee. Charles Seger, chairman of the mittee, would give no indication subcommittee, would give no indication today what might transpire in the com-

mittee theeling.
Chairman Connelly, of the Finance
Committee, indicated that a surprise
would be sprung when Councils met.
There is considerable speculation in City Hall as to what this surprise will be, but no member of the Finance Committee would make a statement. The return of Senator Vare and Senator

McNichal from Florida, nichably tomor-row, will inject new considerations in the transit fight. With Senator McNichol openly committed against the Taylor program and Senator Vare committed to a prompt beginning of the work the friends of the transit plan will await with keen Interest the part they will take in the

MANY CIVIL BODIES TO TAKE PART. The members of many business organizations will take part in the public demonstrations at Councils' meeting Thursday. There follow expressions of opinion by their leaders in regard to the present

CHARLES L. FLUCK, chairman Trans portation Committee, Northwest Business Men's Association—The North-west Business Men's Association organized the march on City Hall on June 1, 1995, on the tay when Coun-cils withdrew the proposed gas lease "steat" ordinance. We led the march at that time and we are ready to jump into the fight next Thursday. Should the delegations from all sections of the city be so numerous that Councils' chamber will not accommodate us, I will advoa public demonstration on City

cate a public demonstration on City Hall plaza.

H. A. ZAHN. Navy Yard Improvement Committee—League Island has been in this fight since it began, and we are going to stick until the fight is won. We will attend Councils' Committee on Thursday at least a hundred strong. We will come prepared to take part in the public demonstration on the City Hall plaza prior to the meeting, and we will then be ready to urge our

wishes on Councits.

FRANK I. REISZNER, president Market Street Business Men's Association—We, as one of the leading business men's organizations, will participate in large organizations, will participate in large force in the demonstration to be held Thursday to insist that Councils put through honest legislation. This attempt to foist the Costello loker plan upon the public has aroused the fighting apirit of every citizen who has the interest of the city at heart, and a demonstration of protest is a natural expression. We must be reckoned with; we insist that Councils hear its.

JOHN J. PEDLOW, president Woodland Avenue Hissiness Men's Association. Our organization will be represented by at least 10 members when the Organiza-

at least 50 members when the Organiza-tion attempts to jam through the "joker" State Department ordioance. We are not going to the City Hall to create a muriticular access. flict with any of the purpose in going to the City Hall the United States.

and watching the proceedings in the cilmanic chamber is to express our councilmanic chamber is to express our sentiments against the Costsilo-Seger-Connelly rapid transit plan. Everybody who loves his city and prides himself on being a Philadelphian should attend. At this meeting taxpayers and residents in outlying sections will have an opportunity to see how the city fathers who are elected by the people perform their duty. No true citizen should shirk his duty.

AMES E. SMYTHE, secretary Kensington Business Men's Association-A metion for a march to Councils will be formally passed upon at our regular meeting tenight. There is no doubt but that we will be there with a large delegation, for the transit fight is a matter of vital concern to our association. We may here a band for the occasion and bring along several speakers for an outdoor demonstration on the tity Hall plaza prior to the meeting of

WILLIAM HEWITT, president Lancaster Avenue Business Men's Association—We will have a representation at Councils' meeting on Thursday, but cannot say at this time how large our delegation will

CASPAR WERNER, president Passyunk Business Men's Association—If we can arrange it, every member of our organization will be present in the galleries next Thursday to protest against the "fake" rapid transit ordinance. I shall be there personally. We shall parade through the corridor, and, if necessary, will ask each member of Councils not to vote in favor of the "joker" ordinance. CASPAR WERNER, president Passyunk

EDWARD B. MARTIN, Chairman Transportation Committee, United Business Men's Association.—The Transportation mittee of the United Business Men's Association does not regard this as a political struggle. It is simple that for some reason, unknown to us, the Ffnance Committee of Councils has given undue consideration to the traction com-pany's interests and will not heed the public demand. We shall not attack inv individual member of the Finance Committee or make any aspersions on his honesty or integrity. We simply disagree with the members and intend that traction interests should not be protected at the cost of public convenience. Our committee will attend the meeting of Councils in a body on Thursday to urge our views.

WILLIAM F. DIXON. President 21st Ward Board of Trade.—We shall cer-tainly send representatives to the meet-ing. I don't think Councils will dare take any action on the ordinance presented last Thursday. If they do the Mayor will veto it. Then will follow an uprising of the people. Councilmen know that the sentiment of the people is for the Taylor plan and they cannot atem the tide.

JOHN A. MGORE. Secretary Southwest-ern Business Men's Improvement Asso-ciation.—We will be represented at the meeting of protest to be held Thursday to voice our disapproval of the "fake" transit ordinance which Councils will context to research the research of the context endeavor to press. Our association is hearfily in favor of real rapid transit for all Philadelphia, and we can be de-pended upon to do our share to obtain it. HARLTON V. HOWE, president George's Hill Improvement Association— Our association is unanimously in favor of the Taylor plan. We do not have meeting for nearly a month, but I shall be glad to go to City Hall Thursday as representing the spirit of our associa-

WILLIAM GIBBONS, 40th and Market Streets Business Men's Association-Our association is very much in favor of the Taylor plan and against the plan of Councils. We have not as yet received any letter in regard to the meeting of nells Thursday, but if we do we send a delegation to City Hall to tell Councils what we think of them and their conduct.

tion, and shall ask all my fellow mem-

W. FLANIGAN, president of the Falls. of Schuylkill Business Men's Associa-tion—The association is still in favor of the Taylor plan in its entirety and a protest will be made against the ordinance introduced a week ago last Thursday. The matter has been fully discussed and a meeting of the muni-cipal committee was held has night at which arrangements were made for the association to attend the meeting of 'ouncils Thursday afternoon in a body. We will support the Taylor plan under all circumstances.

ALFRED MERZ, financial secretary of the Brewerytown Business Men's Asso-ciation—The Brewerytown Business Men's Association will be among the first to take any step that will bring rapid traunit for Philadelphia. A demonstration like that in the gas steal in 1905 will meet with our approval in the present campaign. JOHN J. BOWDER, president of the

West Susquebanna Avenue Business Men's Association—Members of the as-sociation are in favor of the Taylor rapid transit plans. They are for them first last and always. The proposition to join the demonstration will be put up to the members at the next meeting. To the EVENING LEDGER should be forthcoming the praise of all business men for its stand in this matter.

A. C. KEELEY, president of the Ken-sington Board of Trade-At the next meeting of our organization plans will be made for parading in force to the centre of the city to indicate our sup-post of the Taylor plan. I am heartily n favor of the transit program. The time has come to consider the rights of the general public.

the general pushes.

EEORGE E. WILLIAMS, secretary of face, the Konsington Business Men's Association—This association is a strong "I am sorry, Beatrice." he said, recitation—This association is a strong gretfully. "I seem just now to be always bringing you reminiscences of the people whom it terrifies you to hear about,"

She shock her head.

EDWARD WEBER, president of the North Front Street Business and Taxpayers' Association-The Taylor plan is necessary for the welfare of the city Further delay on the part of Councils is intolerable. The people of our part of the city will not stand quietly by, Transit facilities are essential to the welfare of the Northeast. We are ready to supply open-air speakers to

ANDREW J. WILSON, president of the North Kensington Business Men's Association-We are seriously aroused by sociation—we are seriously the Connelly substitute plan. It will be bitterly fought by North Kensington followers of the Taylor project. ROBERT L. SHEPHERD, president of Our organization will have representaes at the meeting of protest on City

Hall plaza on Thursday.

FREE LIGHTERAGE HEARING Maritime men of this part will watch with considerable interest the progress of the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission, which begins tomorrow in New York, on the free lighterage privilege granted to exporters and importers there. This, it is contended here, has always been discriminatory against this next. The achedule as fixed called or a charge of 12 cents per ton for lighter-ng shipments. Should the commission scide that the rate must be charged nuch freight which should move in and out of this port, but which was diverted secause of the discrimination, will return the benefit of the local shipping

## URGING SEAMEN'S BILL

President Non-committal After Pleas of Democratic Senators,

WASHINGTON, March 2—President Wilson today was urged to sign the seamen's bill by Senators Kern, James, Fletcher, Thornton and Thomas The President would not commit timest.

State Department experts are studying the bill to ascertain whether it will contain the c

# THE TEMPTING OF TAVERNAKE

By E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

EXNOPSIS.

Leonard Tourmake befriends Beatrice Franklyn, an American girl in distress in London.
He prejects her from committing suicide, and
gives her a position as housekeeper to him.
They proteed to be brother and state. Shortly
after, Mrs. Wenham Gardner, Beatrice's start
tries to make Taccranke cell inher Beatrice is,
but he refuses. Mrs. Gardner is an adventuress, who has married a rich man and is
keeping him prisoner in a desolute part of
Empland. She ofers to finance Tavernake in
a real estate speculation.
Braitice gets a position in a musical comedy.
After the first night Tavernake kisses her for
the first time. He is traubled at the shought
that he biased ker because of her resemblance
to her beautiful stater, Elizabeth, (Mrs.
Gardner).

to her beautiful dister, Elizabeth, (Mrs. Garderr),
An American detective, Pritchard, tells Tavernake that Mrs. Gardner is associating with a number of crooks. Tavernake tells her this, in an effort to warn her. Bhe asks his help Later Tavernake proposes to Beatrice, who has fed from him, and is refused.
Tavernake, attempting to save the life of Pritchard, who has been attacked and invested sire a descried house, follows a desperate clue and finally, through a subterranean guassay, comes upon four associates of Mrs. Gardner, best upon killing the detective. By a 'ucky move he saves Pritchard's life. The next 'aday he feels an irresistible desire to see Mrs. Gardner again.

CHAPTER XX-(Continued.)

A few minutes past 11 o'clock, he found limself once more in that dark thoroughfare at the back of the theatre. The lamp over the stage-door was flickering In the state uncertain manner, the same motorcars were there, the same crowd of young men, except that each night they seemed to grow larger. This time he had a few minutes only to wait. Beatrice came out among the earliest. At the sight of her he was suddenly conscious that he and, after all, no excuse for coming, that she would probably cross-

xamine him about Elizabeth, would probably guess the secret of his forments. He shrank back, but he was a moment too late for she had seen him. With a He shrank back, but he was a moment too late for she had seen him. With a few words of excuse to the others with whom she was talking, she picked up her skirts and came swiftly across the muddy street. Tavernake had no time to escape. He remained there until she came, but his checks were hot, and he had an uncomfortable feeling that his presence, that their meeting like this, was an embarrassment to both of them. "My dear Leonard," she exclaimed, "why do you hide over there?" "I don't know," he answered simply.

'I don't know," he answered simply.

"It looks as though you didn't want to see me," she remarked. "If you didn't, why are you here""
"I suppose I did want to see you." he replied. "Anyhow, I was lonely, I wanted to talk to some one. I walked all the way up here from Chelses."

"You have something to tell me?" she There was something," he admitted. "I thought perhaps you aught to know. I had supper with your father last night. We talked about you."

She started as though he had struck her face was suddenly pale and anxlous. "Are you serious, Leonard?" she asked.

'I am sorry," he said. "I ought not to ave blundered it out like that. I forgot hat you-you were not seeing anything

"How did you meet him?"
"By accident," he answered, "I was sitting alone up in the balcony at Imano's. and he wanted my table because he could see you from there, so we shared it, and then we began talking. I knew who he was, of course: I had seen him in your eister's room. He told me that he had engaged the table for every night this

week."
She looked across the road. "I can't go out with those people now." she declared. "Walt here for me,"
She went back to her friends and talked to them for a moment or two. Tayertake could hear Grier's protesting voice and Beatrice's light hough. Evidently they were trying uselessly to persuade

"I am sorry." he said rejuctantly. "I am afraid that I have spoiled your evening.

taking his arm. "Do you believe that my father will be up in the balcony at mano's tonight

Tavernake nodded.

We will go and sit up there," she decided. "He knows where I am to be found now so it doesn't matter. I should like to see him

They walked off together. Though she was evidently absent and distressed. Tavernake felt once more that sense of pleasant companionship which her near presence always brought him. There is something else I must ask

you," she began presently. "I want know if you have seen Pritchard lately "I was with him last night," Tavernake

"He was asking questions?"

"Not about you." Tavernake assured her quickly. "It is your sister in whom he is interested." Beatrice nodded, but she seemed very

little relieved. Tavernake could see that the old look of fear was back in her

She shook her head.
"It isn't your fault, Leonard," she de-clared, "only it is rather strange that you should be mixed up with them in any way, lan't it." I suppose some day you'll find out everything about me. Perhaps you'll be sorry then that you ever called ourself my brotler." They turned into the Strand.

"Tell me about my father, Leonard,"

He healtated; it was hard to know ex-actly how to speak of the professor. active how in speak of the professor.

"Perhaps if you have talked with him at all." she went on, "it will help you to understand one of the difficulties I had to face in life."

"He is. I should imagine a little weak."

Tavernake suggested, healtatingly, "Very," she answered. "My mother left him in my charge, but I cannot keep him."

"Your slater-" he began.

She nodded.
"My sister has more influence than I.
be makes life easier for him." They reached the restaurant and made their way unstairs. Tavernake appropriated the same table and once more

the head waiter protested.
"If the gentleman comes again lonisht."
Tavernake said, "you will find that he will be only too glad to have supper with

Then the professor came. He made his sual somewhat theatrical entrance, arrying his broad-brimmed hat in his and, brandishing his silver-topped cans. When he saw Tavernake and Beatrice, he stopped short. Then he held out both hands, which Reatrice immediately seized. There were tears in his cycs, tears running down his cheeks. He sat down heavily in the chair which Tavernake was holding for him. "Reatrice." he exclaimed "why this "Reatrice." he exclaimed "why this

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sad feasts. Tonight we will be cheerful, Some qualis, I think, qualis and some Clicquot for you, my dear. You need it. Ab, this is a happiness indeed." "You know Mr. Tavernake, father," she

remarked, after he had given a some-what lengthy order to the walter. "I met and talked with Mr. Tavernake here the other night," the professor ad-

mitted, with condescension. "Mr. Tavernake was very good to me time when I needed help," Heatrice told him.

The professor grasped Tavernake's You were good to my child," he said, you were good to me. Watter, three schialls immediately," he ordered, turning round. "I must drink your health, Mr. Tavernake-I must drink your health

Tavernake leaned forward toward Bentrice I wonder," he suggested, "whether you would not rather be alone with

father. She shook her head. You know so much," she replied, "and really doesn't seem to matter. Tell me, father, how do you spend your time? "I must confess, dear," the profess must confess, dear," the professor "that I have little to do. Your unid.

slater Elliabeth is quite generous.' Beatrice sat back in her cha though she had been struck. "Father," she exclaimed, 'listen! You are living on that money! Doesn't it seem terrible to you? Oh, how can you

with an expression of mained surprise.
"My dear," he explained, "your sister Elizabeth has always been the moneyed one of the family. She has brains and I trust her, it is not for me to inquire as to the source of the comforts she provides for me. I feel myself entitled to receive them, and so I accept." 'But, father," she went on, "can't you see-don't you know that it it's his money-Wennam's?"

"It is not a matter, this, my child," the professor observed, sharply, "which we can discuss before strangers. Some day we will speak of it, you and L." 'Has he-been heard of?" she asked,

n a whisper. The professor frowned. "A hot-tempered young man, my dear," he declared uneasily, "a hot-tempered young man, indeed. Elizabeth gives me

to understand that it was just an ordenary quarrel and away he went." Beatrice was white to the lips. "An ordinary quarrelt" she muttered. She sat quite still. Tavernake unconclously found himself watching he

here were things in her eyes which frightened him. It seemed as though she were looking out of the gay little restau-rant, with its lights and music and air of comfort, out into some distant quarter of the world, some other and very differ thing which chilled her heart, something terrifying. Tavernake saw those things in her face and his eyes spelt them out mercileasty.

"Father," she whispered, leaning to-ward him, "do you believe what you have just been saying to me?" It was the professor's turn to be dis-turbed. He concealed his discomfiture, lowever, with a gesture of annoyance

"That is scarcely a prope" question, Beatrice," he answered sharply. "Ah," he added, with more geniality, "the cocktails! My young friend Tavernake, I drink to our better acquaintance re English, as I can see, a real Britisher Some day you must come out to our own great country-my daughter, of course nas told you that we are Americans. A great country, sir-the greatest I have ever lived in-room to breathe, room to grow, room for a young man like you to plant his ambitions and watch them blossom. To our better acquaintance, Mr. Tavernake, and may we meet some day in the United States!" Tavernake drank the first cocktail in

its life and wiped the tears from his eyes. The professor found safety in conversation.

Tavernake was embarrassed. He saw that Beatrice was auxious to talk to her father; he saw, also, that her father was Don't be foolish, please," she replied little sigh, however, she resigned herself to the inevitable.

"You are doing no work over here, father, are you?" she asked.
"None, my dear," he answered, with a faint note of regret in his tone. "Your sire it. Her movements are very uncertain and she likes to have me constantly et hand. My daughter Elizabeth," he co tinued, turning to Tavernake, "is a very beautiful young woman, left in my charge under peculiar circumstances. I feel it my duty, therefore, to be constantly at

Again there was a flash of that strange look in the girl's face. She leaned for-ward, but her father declined to meet

"May I ask one or two personal ques-tions?" she faltered. "Bemember, I have not seen or heard anything from either of you for seven months."

"By all means, my dear," the professor declared, "Your sister, I am glad to say, is well. I myself am as you see me. We have had a pleasant time and we have met some dear old friends from the other side. Our greatest trouble is that you are temporarily lost to us."
"Elizabeth doesn't guess—"

"My child," the professor interrupted. "My child," the professor interrupted, "I have been loyal to you. Still, my child," the professor continued, disposing of his account cocktail. "I see no reason why your very laudable desire to remain independent should be incompatible with a life under your sister's reof and my protection. Mr. Tavernake here with his British instincts, will, I am sure agree with me that it is not well for a young lady-my own daughter, sir, but I may say it-of conalderable personal attraction, to live slone or under the chaperonage increly of these other young ladies of the theatre.

"To go back to what you were saying just now." Tavernake remarked, "I quite agree with you about Beatrice's living alone. I am very anxious for her to

The professor set down his knife and His appearance was one of po ous theatricality.
"Sir," he declared, "this is indeed a

most momentous statement. Am I to take it as a serious offer for my daughter's hand?" Beatrice leaned over and laid her fingers "Pather," she said. "It doesn't matter,

I am not willing to marry Mr. The professor looked from one to the other and coughed.
"Are Mr. Tavernake's means," he asked,

of sufficient importance to warrant his entering into matrimony? "I have no money at all to speak of," Tavernake answered. "That really lan't important. I shall very soon make all that your daughter can spend." "I agree with my daughter, sir," the professor declared. "The subject might

well be left until such time as you have improved your position. We will dismiss it, therefore—dismiss it at once. We

If she is still away, I shall spend an hop-or two, I think, with my friends at the Hue Room Club. Beatrice, this has been a joy to me, a joy soon, I hope, to be repeated." will talk-"Father," Beatrice interrupted, "let us talk about yourself. Don't you think you would be more contented, happier, if you were to try to arrange for a few-a few demonstrations or lectures over here, as you at first intended? I know that you

must find having nothing to do such a strain upon you," she added. It was perhaps by accident that her

yes were fixed upon the glass which the professor was carrying to his lips. He set it down at once. "My child," he said, in a low tone, "I

understand you."
"No, no," she insisted, "I didn't mean
that, but you are always better when you
are working. A man like you," she went
on, a little wistfully, "should not waste is talents.

"You are perhaps right, my child," he imitted. "I will go and see my agents tomorrow. Up till now," he went on, "I have refused all offers. I have felt that Elizabeth, the care of Elizabeth in her secullar position, demanded my attention. Perhaps you are right. Per-haps I have overestimated the necessity being constantly at her right hand She is a very clever woman—Elizabeth," he concluded, "very clever indeed," "Where is she now, father?" Beatrice asked.

She motored into the country early this morning with some friends," the pro-fessor said, "They went to a party last night with Walter Crease, London cor-respondent to the New York Gazette," he explained, turning a little away from Tayernake. "They were all home very Tavernake. "They were all home very late, I understand, and Elizabeth complained of a headache this morning conally, I regret to say that I was not up when they left."

beatrice leaned quite close to her father. "Do you see anything of that man Pritchard?" she inquired.

The professor was suddenly flabby. He set down his glass, spliling half its contents. He stole a quick glance at Taver-

"My child," he exclaimed, "you ought to consider my nerves! You know very well that the sudden mention of any one whom I dislike so intensely is bad for me. I am surprised at you, Beatrice. You show a culpable lack of consideration or my infirmities,

"I am sorry, father," she whispered, but is he here?"
"He is." the professor admitted. "Beween ourselves," he added, a white, street between ourselves." ween ourselves," he added, a white, cared look upon his pale face. "he is spoiling my whole peace of mind. My enjoyment of the comforts which Eliza-beth is able to provide for me is interored with by that man's constant resence. He seldom speaks, and yet be fered with seems always to be watching. I do not trust him, Beatrice. I am a judge of men nd I tell you that I do not trust him.

erious has perhaps ever happened. And think that she should stay here in London with Pritchard close at hand." The professor raised his glass with

I wish that Elizabeth would go away,

shaking fingers, "Elizabeth knows what is hest!" he delared. "I am sure that Elizabeth knows what is best, but I, too, am beginning to wish that she would go away. Last night we met him at Walter Crease's." Once more he turned a little nervously oward Tavernake, who was looking lown into the body of the restaurant

with immovable face. "We tried to persuade him then to go away. He is really in rather a dangerous position here. Jimmy Post has sworn that he will not be taken back to New York and the control of the contro York, and there are one or two otherspretty desperate crew. We to

"It was no good?" she whispered.
"No good at all:" the professor answered, drily. "Perhaps, if we had not seen interrupted, we might have con-

Tell me about it." she begged. The professor shook his head. till had that air of paying no attention whatever to their conversation "It is not for you to know about, my dear," he concluded. "You have chosen very wisely to keep out of these mat-Elizabeth has such wonderful e. My own nerve, I regret to say. is not quite what it was. Waiter, I will take a liqueur of the old brandy in a large glass."

until the lights were turned down and Tayernake had paid the bill, did he partially recover his former manner.
"Dear child." he said, as they stood up

logether. "I cannot tell you what the pleasure has been of this brief reunion." She rested her figures upon his shoulders and looked up into his face. "Father," she begged, softly, "come to

me. I can keep you, if you don't mind for a short time being poor. You shall have all my salary except just enough for my clothes, and anything will do for me to wear. I will try so hard to make you comfortable." He looked at her with an air of offended

"My child," he replied, "you must not talk to me like that, If I did not feel that my duty lay with Elizabeth, I should nsist upon your coming to me, and under those conditions it would be I who should provide, not you. But for the moment I cannot leave your elder sister alto-

They all three descended the stairs



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professor added, taking Tavernake's hand and holding it for a minute in his. while he looked impressively in his face. "
will not say too much, but I will say
this: so much as I have seen of you, I like. Good-night!" He turned and strode away. Both Beatrice and Tavernake watched him until he disappeared. Then, with a sig ha picked up her skirts with her right hand and took Tavernake's arm.

He took both her hands. She smiled at

"And to you, sir, also, good-night?" the

"Good-night, father!" she said.

Tavarnake, to excert you to your home

"Do you mind walking home?" she asked. "My head aches."
Tavernake looked for a moment wistfully across the road toward the Milks Reatrice's hand, however, only

held his arm the tighter.
"I am going to make you come with me every step of the way," she declared, so you can just as well make the best of it. Afterward-"What about afterward?" he inter-

'Afterward," she continued, with decision, "you are to go straight home!"

CHAPTER XXI. SOME EXCELLENT ADVICE

Tavernake, in response to a somewhat urgent message, walked into his solicitor's office almost as soon as they opened on the following morning. The junior partner of the firm, who took an interest in him, and was anxious, indeed, to inve a small amount in the Marston Riss Building Company, received him cordially but with some concern.

"Look here, Tavernake," he said, "I thought I'd better write a line and ask you to come down. You haven't forgotten, have you, that our option of chase lasts only three days longer? Tavernake nodded

Well, what of it?" he asked. "It's just as well that you should understand the situation," the lawyer continued. "Your old people are hard upon our heels in this matter, and there will be no chance of any extension-not even for an hour. Mr. Dowling has already but in an offer a thousand pounds better than yours; I heard that incident-ally yesterday afternoon; so you may be sure that the second your option has legally expired the thing will be off altogether so far as you're concerned. "That's all very well," Tavernake remarked, "but what about the plats that already belong to me?"

"They have some sort of scheme for leaving those high and dry," the solicitor explained. "You see, the drainage and lighting will be largely influenced by the purchaser of the whole estate. If Dowiing gets it, he means to treat your plots Beatrice said in a low tone. 'Of course, I have no right-to say things. Nothing so that they will become practically valueless. It's rather a mean sort of thing, but then he's a mean little man. Well," he announced, "I was coming

to see you, anyhow, this morning, to talk to you about the money." Your friend isn't backing out?" tha lawyer asked quickly.
"My friend has not said anything about

backing out yet," Tavernake replied, "but circumstances have arisen during the last few days which have altered my own views as to the expediency of business relations with this person. I haven't any reason to suppose that the money won't The solicitor looked blank.

"Of course," he said, "I'll do what I can, if you like, but I may as well tell

you at once that I don't think I should have a ghost of a chance of raising the

suppose," Tavernake inquired, thoughtfully, "your firm couldn't do any-"We could do something, certainly," the

solicitor answered, "on account of our own clients. We might, perhaps, manage up to five thousand pounds. That would us wanting seven, however and I scarcely see where we could get

Tavernake was allent for a few mo-"You haven't quarreled with your friend, have you?" the solicitor asked. "No, there has been no quarrel," Taver-nake replied. "I have another reason." The brandy was brought, but the pro-fessor seemed haunted by memories and his, spirits never wholly returned. Not until the lights were thread. Not about this affair. It's a big thing, yeu know, and the profit is as sure as the dividend one Consols. I should hate to have that little bounder Dowling get in and second true.

and scoop it up. "It's a fine investment," admitted Tavernake, "and, as you say, there iso't the slightest risk. That's why I was hoping you might have been able to nanage it without my calling upon my

Mr. Martin shook his head. Mr. Martin shook his head.
"It isn't so easy to convince other
people. All the same, I don't want to
get left. If you'll take my advice, you'll
go and call on your friend at once, and see exactly how matters stand. If every thing's O. K. and you can induce him to part a few hours before it is absolutely necessary I must confess that it would take a load off my mind. I don't like these segies that have to be concluded. these affairs that have to be concluded at the last possible moment. "Well," Tavernake agreed, "I must try what I can do, then. There is nothing else fresh, I suppose?"

CONTINUED TOMORROW.