A BAFFLING MYSTERY AND BREATHLESS TALE OF ADVENTURE

By WILLIAM HAMILTON OSBORNE Author of "The Red Mouse," "The Running Fight," "Catspaw," Etc.

Europe, Craig Rutherford falls in with a woman, a Mrs. Talcott. She in a woman, a Mrs. Talcott, or may to be troubled by something, but, see his help, and spends most of the tit, ther fivelid husband. Also on boad. Haron Helderman, an unscrupuld ancies, who makes a business proposition as its suspects the Talcotts of somethin droup attention to a bus buckle wo Mrs. Talcott. Later Helderman brit wireless operator, to let him take

of Mrs. Talcott. Later Helderman bribes by Mrs. Talcott. Later Helderman bribes be wireless eperator to let him take a necess.

The message he takes is that a valuable timoned neckince is being emuggled into file country. An elderly man and a young woman are guilty. Again ausnicion is directed against the Talcotts. Later Mrs. Talcott is attacked by a ruffian, who attempts to seatch the shue buckle from her. Craix Rutherrord rescues her. Following the woman he loves he catches a glimpas et hav in Helderman's suite with her arms shout his neck.

At the dock, New York, Mrs. Talcott force her way into Craigs cab and asks alm to drive her home. As they examine the house Craig attempts to declare his love, but Mr. Talcott voice is heard, warning rim of his presence.

Crais then finds that he has been made a tool for the amugglers. In his pockets are the side buckle and the string of diamonds. Rufflar's break into the room, and again, the cole of Mr. Talcott saves the day. Craig keeps the blue buckle for safety and turns the diamonds over to the secret service agents. They tell him that Helderman than been seen at his home every night for the inst two weeks. Craig goes himself to investigate and through the glass wall ef Helderman's house he sees that gentleman parading up and down, Craig calir on him. Helderman exhibits his doss, two bloodhounds, which are sheolately under his control. They talk about the amugsiling incident.

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CHAPTER XXI-(Continued). "No, Mr. Rutherford, but I had reason to believe that you were-and I still do

not understand." "Nor I, fully. Now for the sake of my own peace of mind, did you, or did you

not, telephone for a physician for me, the night I was hurt?"
"I did not. How could I, when I didn't know you were hurt?"

know you were hurt?"
"Did you see Helderman that evening?"
"No, it was the next evening."
"Good God! then you did go!"
Rutherford struggled to his feet, then his face went white, and he relaxed again with a groan. It seemed to him that something essential, something that had held him upright and made a man of him, had been suddenly withdrawn. The girl, divided between her own pique

The girl, divided between her own pique and concern for him, hastened to bring him a glass of water.

"You are not yourself today," she said, softly. "Another time, perhaps—"
"No-now! This is torturing me, killing me! Oh, I don't mean my back!" he added with a wry smile, as she tried to rearrange his cushions. "A broken back is not half so bad as a broken heart!"

A smile struggled for expression, through the intermingled feelings pictured on her face. Craig was jealous!

"I see no reason, Mr. Rutherford," she said, evenly, "why I should explain to you about Mr. Helderman's call, or why m should misunderstand it."
"His call? I thought you went up to

"Mr. Rutherford, have you been in a fever 1 never heard you talk so wildly? Call doon him? Certainly not!"

A single look at the girl standing be-fore him with shining eyes and flushed-cheeks, should have convinced Craig that he was treading upon dangerous ground.

But he blundered on. "Tell me honestly, what is Helderman to you?" he asked hoursely.

Billie looked as straight back into his eyes as she could; but her own eyes were wide with wonder at his question,

wide with wonder at his question.

"Answer me." he cried.

"He has been nothing more to me than the merest speaking acquaintance," she began slowly: then with a touch of malice she couldn't resiet, she added, "until the other night, when he did me the honor to propose to me!"

Craig writhed in anguish, mental and physical. At sight of his distress the girl laughed a scared little laugh, patted him laughed a scared little laugh, patted him

laughed a scared little laugh, patted him lightly on the head, and then danced across the room, to evade his wide clutch-

"Oh, you Man! you Man!" she teased.
"I should just hate to be so vindictive, so suspicious! Yes, I could use lots of other horrid names—and you would deserve them all! Here we are wasting value. able time in quarreling, and yet you won't see how they have both pulling the wool over your eyes!"

Craig had the grace to feel ashamed of

"Forgive me, Billie," he pleaded.
"Very well," she replied briskly. "All I ask now is that you keep the rest of your doubts to yourself, until we have ended the present trouble—then you can ask me

all the questions you want to-"
"And will you answer them right,
Bille?" he said. He would have given a good deal just then to have had the use of his two good legs to carry him over in the direction of this provoking young

That depends upon how well you be-

"That depends upon how well you behave," she replied demurely, "But, as I
have already remarked, we are losing
some valuable time. Wait a minute,
please, until I call father."

Before Craig had been given many
moments in which to wonder what attitude he should assume toward the older
man, the Ballantynes, father and daughber, entered the room. Mr. Ballantyne ter, entered the room. Mr. Ballantyne was evidently recovered from his illness, and looked much better in fiesh and color than Craig had formerly seen him. He walked straight up to the invalid and ex-

tended his hand.

"Mr. Rutherford, will you accept my profound thanks for all you have done for us?" be said; "and believe how sincerely distressed I am over your mishap?"

Butherford received his proffered courtesy in the spirit in which it was intended—a desire to forget past misunderstandings.

"We must all stand together." he said,
"we I will ask you both to be seated!
"reartemately, my man is out just now,
and I must let my guests wait upon

Mr. Rutherford, my daughter has told yes of the loss of the papers and the other buckle. But we must not sit still mid repine our loss. We must decide upon some pourse of action, and act quickly: for the enemy reems possessed of inufficer energies and resourcefulness. What it be too great an imposition upon your kindness today, if we talk the matter over?"

ier over?"
"Northinly not," replied Craig, with slarify. "I'm right, so long is I sit still. I think it would be the wisest possible ining for us to go ever the ground and uses a campaign. I will only be too giad to assist in say way I dan."
"It will mean a great deal to us," replied Mr. Ballapiyne warmly, "and I like the sound of a plan of campaign. To carry out the military figure, we will lake archers from you as our general—our

out the military figure, we will arders from you as our general-our mandersin-chief."

In ho!" preissed Cruig, "Th be high to in the year ranks."

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beadquarters, is that we talk this thing over freely, for the further enlighten-ment of all concerned. Am I not right?" They agreed; and Rutherford began by narrating the facts connected with the

marraing the facts connected with the nocturnal attack upon him, and ending with the visit of Miss Arany, and her pretensions of being the rightful Miss Ballantyne. Then he told of her admission that she must go South at once, and he showed the two conflicting newspaper items about Helderman. Ballantyne listened intently, and looked grave, but made no comment and asked no questions, beyond requesting Bille to tell of her visit to the lawyer's office and its later results. She told, also, of Helderman's call upon her and his ef-forts to secure her buckle. Rutherford

fancied that she still looked at him somewhat defiantly, as she told this necessary information. necessary information.
"These two visits," began Craig,
thoughtfully, "that of Helderman to you
and Miss Arany to me, prove how
desperately eager they are to get the first buckle, and get it quickly. The fact also proves to me, what I am even now engaged in running down in another way, that Helderman and Miss Arany are in league. Whether they will remain so is yet to be seen. Another thing it proves, is that they are taking immediate steps to seize this property. We must find out what steps, and prevent

They sat there silent for awhile. Billie. looked pale and troubled, but seemed more appealing to the ranking general than he had ever seen her. The confused sense of loss for which she seemed to blame herself, and the lively concern for her father which she always showed, gave her an indescribable but very evident air of dependence usually lacking in her self-

"Anyway, Miss Ballantyne," said Craig, as if in answer to her hopeless mental questions; "they cannot claim the property, as I still have the first buckle. Now if we only knew the rest of that inscription—" of that inscription—"
"Oh!" she exclaimed, and her face brightened, "I have the inscription from

he second buckle." the second buckle."

She drew out the precious bit of paper
Leclere had handed her and brought it
over to Crais. He spread it out upon the
table, with excited fingers, and the three
bent their heads together over it and scanned it intently. Crais rapidly wrote down the strange words of the first buckle, that he knew by heart, and laid that portion down by the second and

still more baffling inscription; ONB IVI ESAF IPSE-DOT ULAP-SINNE KBAN IMMIA. "There's the whole of it, at last!" h

exclaimed. "But what can it mean?" Billie pondered aloud.

"That ipse was the sticker on the first buckle. It's not a Latin word at all; it's plain English. It's part of a word, and dot is the rest. dot-ipse— ipse-dot-dipse—DEPOSIT: That's our word:"

"Oh, it is, it is! How perfectly splendid!" exclaimed the girl, her eyes shin-ing.

Rutherford felt under such encourage nent that he could read the riddle of the

Craig wrote down the words in triump? The girl gazed at them, as if this half-

olution were the greatest of wonders.
"How clever of you!" she exclaimed.
Billie Ballantyne was in that wenderful league with Mother Nature, of which all daughters of Eve are a part. She was Cause to the Effect the man was achieving: and even though this particu-lar man knew he was not displaying ab-normal brilliancy, he was not sorry to have her think so. It inspired him to

oriental looking kban.
"Oh, I see—bank" exclaimed the girl.
"So it is." agreed Crais. "Now we have Box 7, in some bank somewhere, But where could it be? Ulapsinne—Ulap-

"I have been puzzling over that," said

Ballantyne; "and I believe it is 'penin aula. "

It was. They added it to the other words, and had-

BOX 7 SAFE DEPOSIT PENINSULA BANK

"That's the actual name of the bank, I'm sure," said Craig; "now the next I'm sure," said Craig; "now the next question is, Where is the bank?"

"There can't be so many Peninsula Banks, because there aren't so many peninsulas," observed Bille, shrewdly,

"Right-oh!" agreed Rutherford, "'Immia' may be the name of the exact place. It ought to be easy enough to go over all our peninsulas, if we haven't forgotten all our geographies-By Jove!"
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His sudden exclamation was caused by the sight of the two newspaper clippings at his elbow. 'Helderman's going to Florida. Flor-

"Helderman's going to Florida side is a peninsula!" he cried.

Billie did not make a sound; she looked from one man to the other, walting for them to add the final word—too much excited, herself, even to try.

Mr. Ballantyne quietly drew over the paper to him, and added the final word—

"There it is, my child!" he said with pathetic dignity. "Your gold and diamonds-perhaps your old daddy's good name-are locked up in Safe Deposit Box Number 7, in the Peninsula Bank, Miami,

Florida! The girl drew his head to her shoulder, while the quick tears filled her eyes.
"And Helderman is on his way to Florida now-and it's all my fault!"

whispered, Rutherford struggled up from his chair, and pulled the telephone to him. "What are you going to do?" asked

"I'm going to call up Crowder and send him, or have him send a police offi-

"Police: she cried, springing between him and the receiver. "What can you be thinking of? Do you think, after my father has lived all these years away from his own country because he was suspected of a crime he never committed. that I am going to let you spoil it all, by giving him into the hands of the police?"

The slender figure was drawn up to its full height. She spoke with positive flerceness. She faced Rutherford like a lioness trying to protect its young. She had shared years of her father's exile. and she realized the utter hopelessness of establishing his innocence, unless time and consideration were secured for the proofs which might or might not be locked up in the bank in Florida. Rutherford's suggestion, therefore, had filled her with a lively fear.

Her father did not try to stop her outburst, but took her hands in his and gently stroked them. Rutherford secretly admired the picture they made and paid no further attention to the telephone. "Forgive me," she presently said, in a sentler tone; "out anything that affects father always stirs me deeply. If the police were to suspect that Arthur Ballanlioness trying to protect its young.

TAKE A KODAK WITH HAWORTH'S

tyne is here in New York he would be

and his repentance to clear the name of that child's father!"
"You think that the confession is locked

arrested and then be unable to clear him-

self. We both feel sure that Geoffrey Ballantyne would never have left a for-

tune to me, never have cared to make

amends to my mother's child, without also leaving some written record of his guilt

"You think that the confession is locked up in the same box with the fortune?" asked Craig, touched by her devotion and seeing the inadvisability of giving this case to the police, however greatly he might desire their help.

"Yes, I do think so. We both think so. But when Mr. Leciere and Mr. Cowen were wishing to put a detective at work I never said a word to give them a clue, although I thought of Miss Arany. I was afraid! You don't think it necessary to tell the police-do you?"

afraid! You don't think it necessary to tell the police—do you?"

The young lioness of a moment ago had become a tenderly beneeching woman.

"Miss Ballantyne!" Craig protested as if her question, with its implied doubt of his devotion to her interests, hurt him:
"don't you know—yet—that I wouldn't do one thing to harm you or yours for any-thing in this world!" Billie put out a trembling hand. He took

it and, with sudden appreciation of what we moderns have lost in abolishing the dignified, confidence-inspiring salute, he kissed it. The act was like a silent compact. He felt as though he had taken an oath. like knight of old, to serve her always. always.

There came a little 'ap at the door.
"What is it?" asked Craig.
"It's me, sor," said the voice of Gooley,

Craig, in military tones in keeping with the council of war. "Watch his et rea-sion, Mies Ballantyne," he added a a quick aside, "when he catches sight of

Mike came briskly into the room, but halted when he caught sight of the visitors; and his expression changed to one of blank amazement as he noted the graceful figure in the gray gown and black hat. Hadn't he been busy trailing ist such a person clear across the city?
"The saints preserve us!" he ejaculated; asking your pardon!

"Didn't you find where the lady went, Gooley?" asked Craig. "I thought I did. sor; but I reckon I vas mistaken Rutherford laughed heartily, and willing

o relieve the man's embarrassment, he but take one good look at this young lady so you will know her the next time.

is not the same one you have in for the day was drawing to a close; and his expression when he saw his mistake was still more comical. But any com-

ments he discreetly kept to himself. "Gooley was sent by me to find out where Alias Arany went, after she left here," explained Craig to his smiling visit-ors. "What did you discover, Mike?" "I followed her, sor, she in one cab and I in the next-and she went straight as an arrow to the very place. It's on the corner of Riverside Drive and — th

"Now we have-BOX 7 SAFE DEes, the big, white marble house."
"No. sor, that's just across the street, the side street. The place where this lady went was to the swell apartment that faces the south side of the marble man

> 'She lives there?" asked Craig, a note of disappointment in his voice "That's what I don't know, sor. I lest her there, though."

"You lost her there!"
"Yes, sor. It's one of them bran spang new kinds of places, sor. Each apartment has its own elevator, and the tenants operates them themselves. I seen has taken taken the services of t have her think so. It has not really such a remarkable clipher. It's just the clever way in which your uncle managed to keep the two buckles apart."

While they talked, Mr. Ballantyne had been quietly studying the remainder of the inscription.

The inscription.

The won't give you ment has its own served ants operates them themselves. I seem the take out her key to unlock the front door, and I gets up near without her seeing me. When she steps it, I reach out and catch hold of the door; it's the kind that's expected to swing shut and lock itself. I holds it, quiet like, and after I thought she might have gone on up. I thought she might have gone on up. 1 sticks my hand in the elevator to see how high she goes—and it wasn't no elevator at all!"

Mike paused to take breath, and a smile went over the faces of his auditors. His framatic recital and its anti-climax were inexpressibly droll.

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"Explain yourself, Mike," said Craig,
"Wby, it's just as I'm telling you, sor.
It was nothing but a little room the
size of an elevator. Just a closet, you

"Didn't you see anything of her?" "Not a sign nor hide nor hair of her!"
"Tirmed Mike solemnly.
"Come now, Gooley, you're wandering!"

raig warned. "Sure I'm telling the Gospel truth, sor. She wasn't there—and there was nothing but white walls and never a chip to hide

There must have been some sliding panel-"Not a bit of it, sor. I siepped in and

felt every inch of wall and floor with my two hands. I did. She went into the closet and evaporated, sor!" "All right, Mike. I may want you again, presently. Are those some even-ing papers?"

"Yes, sor, all the latest extras." And Mike deposited a large bundle of them upon the table and left the room.
"Wait a few moments longer," said Craig to his visitors, seeing them about to rise. "As commander-in-chief, I have a few more orders to issue, and the first one is that you help me glance through these papers and see if you can discover the name of Helderman."
They needed no second urgins but fell.

They needed no second urging, but fell to the task with a will. In a few moments Miss Ballantyne gave a little

"Here it is," she cried.

There it was on the fourth page of the paper—a mere item among a muss of items.

HELDERMAN POSTPONES HIS TRIP. "Mr. J. Baron Helderman-at the present time perhaps the most spectacutar

ent time perhaps the most spectacular figure on the Street—said he was not going South, as reported.

"Too many irons in the fire up here," he said, pointing to the pile of documents on his desk, 'to think of going away from New York for some time yet. When I do go I go to catch tarpon. Ever catch tarpon?' he asked of the reporter. And for haif an hour he entertained this paper's representative with the habits of this huge gamy fish of Southern waters.

"For further particulars of this interesting interview see the Sunday supple-

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ment next Sunday. Whether Helderman knows Wall Street or not, he certainly knows tarpon."

"That's just like Helderman," commented Craig, "trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the reporter."

"You think he is going at once then?" asked Ballantyne.

asked Ballantyne.
"Undoubtedly. He is simply shamming, because of the other report that crept into the financial sheet." "What is our best move?"
"I am coming to that," said Craig. It thrilled him to realize that these people

thrilled him to realize that these people were actually puting this completely in his hands. For the first time he felt that Miss Ballantyne was paying tribute to such intelligence as he possessed.

"In due time we will go South," he said. "That is our best move. But our first move is something else. It is a move for you to make, Miss Ballantyne."

"What move is that?" she asked, expectantly.

pectantly "Dismiss your servant Sophie."
"Dismiss Sophie?"

"Precisely,"
"But why? She is all I have." "But why? She is all I have."

"She is a bit too much for you, Miss Ballantyne," said Craig "Somebody at some time gave away your secret of your Paris dressmaker and your Paris gowns. Somebody knows too much about your movements. That somebody is Sophie. Out she goes. We can't take any chances. ow. As for your comfort, Miss Ballan-yne, I'm going to send you an old maid ousin of mine-a good old soul- who will be a second mother to you, and we'll get colored maid of all work, black as the

ace of spades, who never saw Helderman and never saw Mademoiselle Arary-but no more French maids, if you please." (CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

JAPANESE ELECTIONS UPHOLD CHINA POLICY

Triumph of Militarists May Cause Complications-Determined to Force Chinese Demands.

WASHINGTON, March 29. With the Okuma Government overwhelmingly indorsed by the Japanese, the Far Eastern situation has become the real problem for the United States

to solve. Official figures given out by the Jananese Embassy here showed today that Count Okuma can figure on 213 votes in the new House, against 167 in opposition. Of the latter, 31 are independents, who will vote with the Government on many

vital issues, Officials here realize that the result is a triumph of militarism. Under the constitution, the Emperor must call the parliamentary session before May 25, but officials here say it probably will assemble within a fortnight.

Despite reports that Japan has made additional demands on China designed

dditional demands on China, designed still further to interfere with the "open door," there has been no reply to Amerrepresentations made a fortnight Ambassador Guthrie has been assured by the Japanese Foreign Minister that Japan's intentions toward China were friendly, but official assurances are

It is believed by officials here that Japan will reopen the California land problem, so that it will have something o trade on as negotiations progress.

PEKIN, China, March 29. - President Yuan has consulted certain advisers re-garding the Japanese demands, which the Japanese are again pressing. The ne-

gotiations have reached clauses that the Chinese deem perilous ground. In Chinese official circles it is asserted that the Japanese have intimated that they will bring up two subjects not in the 21 original demands. Japan, it is said, wants a substantial measure of participation in the Chinese customs ad-ministration, now controlled by Britain under loan agreements guaranteed by the

because Japan's trade outside of that with Hongkong, a British colony, is greater than that of any other country, the Japsnese should have a large, as well as in-fluential, representation on the customs

Hungry, Kills Rabbit; Jailed

SOMMERVILLE, N. J. March 29.— Another rabbit-killing case was up be-fore Justice Peter D. Lane at Far Hills vesterday afternoon, and as the prisoner had not the money to pay his fine he was sent to the county jail for 30 days, notwithstanding his protest that he was out of work and hungry, and killed the rabbit for food only. The prisoner was Jasper Svarka, 24 years of age, a former farmhand who has been out of work for

Stork Again Visits Homers NEW YORK, March 29 .- A sixth child, a daughter, was born to Mme, Louise Homer, the American controlto of the Metropolitan Opera House last evening. Mme. Homer's husband, Sidney Homer, at their home at Rye, N. Y., in notifying the Metropolitan management of the arrival of the powers member of the Homer's last the second statement of the powers member of the Homer's last the powers member of the Homer's last the second statement of the powers member of the Homer's last the second statement of the powers member of the Homer's last the second statement of the power member of the Homer's last the second statement of the last the second statement of the second statement of the last the second statement of the s rival of the newest member of the Hon family, said that the stranger weighed

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over, will begin at sunset today and

continue for eight days. It is also known

as the "Feast of the Matzoth," or unleav-

ened bread. During the entire holiday,

could ferment.

The word "Pesach" means to pass over, and applies to the last of the ten plagues visited on Pharoah and all the Egyptians; The Angel of Death was commanded to

slay all the first-born sons of the Egyp-

the table, reclining freely in their chairs as become those who have only a Divine Master.

Jerusalem. There will also be dishes con-taining bitter herbs, commemorating the trials of the slaves in Egypt, and a mix-

ture of apples, nuts and wine, the color of which resembles that of the mortar and clay used in the making of bricks for the haughty Pharach. The "matzoth" will be eaten tonight for the first time. All bread, cereals, candy and other leaven artices will be cleared away before 19 clock this morning. Frand new dishes.

o'clock this morning. Brand new dishes, linens and tableware will be used to in-sure against contamination with anything

After the herbs and other articles have

been partaken of, the youngest boy pres-ent will ask four stereotyped questions

concerning the reasons for the Passover observance. The master will answer his son, grandson and often great-grandson,

with a detailed history of the Jews taker from the Book of Exedus. During the service, no less than four cups of wine will be emptied, to signify freedom and

independence, but a debauch is forbidden

All will recline in their chairs and eat drink and sing merrily. This ceremony

St. Ignatius' Home Asks Aid

St. Ignatius' Home for the Unemployed is holding its donation day at the home, 2111 Vine street, today. Officers say that

the home is more in need of assistance than it ever has been in the past. The average number of men being fed, bedded

and clothed daily amounts to 448, and all

will be repeated tomorrow night.

of this in an ordinary building.

leaven.

ould ferment.

Mr. Hamilton's Birthday Surprise for Wife Has Unexpected Climax.

William Hamilton, of Cleveland, who is guest of the Bellevuc-Stratford Hotel, devised a novel method of giving his wife bration Marking Liberation a \$1000 pearl as a birthday gift, but his originality cost them several hours of trepldation and half an hour of poking about a barrel of oyster shells in the cellar of the hotel.

lar of the hotel.

Mr. Hamilton arranged with Rudolph
Lazar, a head walter in the hotel, to
have the gift hidden under one of the
oysters of a cocktall served to Mrs. Hamllton at dinner last night. When her husband was called to a telephone Mrs. Hamllton sent away her piate without having ordinary or leavened bread containing yeast and sait is forbidden, and the "matzeth" or unleavened cakes are substituted. These are a reminder of the Israelites' hasty departure from Egypt, when the dough, carried in troughs, was baked by the hot desert sun before it could forment. eaten the blue point under which the birthday gift was concealed. The shells were tossed away when the dish went back to the pantry, and by the sme the husband had returned and told his wife of the undiscovered present the debris

was in a barrel in the cellar.

Thoughts of dinner were forgotten as the husband, dressed in evening clothes, and his wife, in a dinner gown, rummaged through the oyster shells until the pearl came to light.

tains. That the Angel of Death might dis-tinguish the dwellings of the Israelites from the others. God commanded Moses to tell his followers to mark their portals McCORMICK NOT A CANDIDATE with the blood of a sacrificial lamb.

The death of his son caused Pharoah to
liberate the slaves. The entire history
of the Israelites from the time they en-Vance C. McCormick, Democratic candidate for Governor at the last election, who has been mentioned as the logical of the Israelites from the time they entered Egypt to their arrival in Canaan will be narrated tonight and tomorrow night at the seder or home service.

Upon his return from the synagogue, where brief services will be held late this afternoon, the master of the house will begin the "seder." He will seat himself in a chair uphelstered with a down pillow, for he is king of his little domain. Then all his subjects, the wife, children and domestics will seat themselves about the table, reclining freely in their chairs successor to former Representative A. Mitchell Palmer on the Democratic Na-tional Committee, has announced to State Chairman Morris that he would not be a candidate for the place. Mr. Paimer will resign within a few weeks

to accept the Judgeship on the Federal Court of Claims.

A conference of the Democratic State legislators and Congressmen has been suggested to determine upon a national committeeman, but this plan, it is understood, is not regarded with favor by the reorganization faction of the party. It is not likely that any decision will be reached until Mr. Morris, who is sall-ing for Germany tomorrow to bring back his mother and sister, returns.

Vacant Lot Cultivation

Master.

The door will be opened and an invitation will be issued to any wanderer to enter and join in the celebration. For him there will be an extra gobiet of wine, called Elijah's cup. On the table will be articles symbolizing some epoch in the history of their ancestors. Beside the candelabra will rest a reasted egg and a burned shank bone of a lamb, substitutes for the sacrifice, a custom which ended with the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There will also be dishes con-The Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation Association will make its first assignment for the season of vacant garden lots this afternoon on the Haddington farm, 66th street, below Haverford ave-nue. The distribution will begin at 1:30 o'clock, under the supervision of James H. Dix, the secretary and superintendent of the organization. All poor families which are able and willing to cultivate one of the plots are invited to be present.

EGGS AND BULLETS FLY IN TENDERLOIN

Four Suspicious Characters Give Battle to Police, Who Capture Three.

Four well-known Tenderloin characters, caught in the act of ransacking Carlo's restaurant, at 13th and Cuthbert streets today, had the temerity to stop and rain eggs on two policemen, who emptied their revolvers at the fugitives when they made a break for liberty. Three of the burglars who displayed so much courage because they were 'loaded up' with cos caine, according to the police, were caught, the third escaping, although a trail of blood left on a fence at 13th and Cherry streets over which he disappeared showed that a bullet found lodgment in his body.

The prisoners, who were held in \$1000 hall for a further hearing next Monday, are James Carson, 19. Brandywine street near 21st; Joseph Hutchinson, 21. Fountain street near 6th, and William Marti.

tain street near 8th, and William Martinett, 22. Mount Vernon street near 19th,
All are cocaine users, according to the
police of the 19th and Winter streets station, where they were arraigned.
Four figures creeping around the restaurant attracted the attention of Policeman Clark shortly after midnight. He
summoned Policeman Jackson, but when
the two bluecoats crept up on the intruders they dashed up 13th street te the two bluecoats crept up on the in-truders they dashed up 13th street to Cherry. Both policemen sent a revolver load of bullets after the fugitives, who halted and bombarded their pursuers with eggs stolen from the eating place. Clark and Jackson dodged the eggs and had no difficulty catching the housebreakers. The men gained entrance to the restaurant by means of a trap door on the



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