JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Two Cousins to Be Introduced Today at Large Tea-Many Subscribers to Mrs. Scott's Supper Club-Other Social Matters

Tiwo charming little cousins will be and Mrs. Morgan will return the end of this week to Beverly Farms. Mass., where they have find a cottage for the summer, and will spend several days there before returning to open their home for the winter. se at the Episcopal Hospital, Second street and Lehigh avenue. The two ins are Frances Leiper, daughter of se Commander and Mrs. Leiper, and Mary Ashhurst, daughter of the late illiam Wayne Ashhurst and Mrs. Ashrst, who was Miss Ellen Gaillard, of

Frances looks somewhat like her sister, Mary, who came out several years ago; she has chestnut hair and hazel eyes and s quite small. Mary Ashhurst is also all, but has fair hair and blue eyes. The contrast in coloring is very attrac These two debutantes are nieces of Mrs. Elliston J. Perot, of Salem, N. J., and Mrs. Howard Richards, Jr., of New York, who will receive with Mrs. Leiper. who was Miss Mary Ashhurst.

Miss Sarah Ashhurst, who is at preat in Cubs, is another aunt, and Mr. John Ashhurst and Dr. P. C. Astley Ashhurst uncles. Other women who will receive this afternoon with Mrs. Leiper will be Frank Wirgman, Mrs. Isaac Davis, s. John Scott, Mrs. Stewart Wurts and Mrs. Frederick Jost. Mrs. Albert Stiles, of Washington, will preside at the tea table. The buds who will receive with the little cousins will be Katharine Hancock, Ethel Newbold, Maria Frazer, Gainor Baird, Elianor Longstreth, Nancy Wynne Cook, Marie Louise Faries, Lots Jackson, Alice and Meta Janney, Anna Siter and Margaret LaRue. Harriet Ashhurst, Mary's unger sister, and Elise Klapp, who are et out yet, will also receive, and Mary Leiper, Frances's sister, and Blanche Pat-

The tea is scheduled from 4 until and later the receiving party, together with a number of additional guests, will be entertained at a supper and dance.

As November approaches the truly smart berin to look forward to Mrs. Scott's supper club at the Bellevue-Stratford, which was so successful last year that I am afraid many on the waiting list will be doomed to disappointment this year. There really h now room enough on the floor to admit all who wish to join, though some from last year's waiting list have been added this year, as those few who drop out each year from everything make way for others. Davis and his delightful orchestra will furnish the music as usual, and there are many wonderful new dance tunes this year, you know; so that part of the program will prove de lightful, and of course, the service is all that one could demand. Just some of one who are among the subscribers this year are the Tom Ridgeways, Wal-Thomsons, Charlie Harrison Jrs., Ledyard Heckschers, Jack Masons, Edward Stotesburys, Sydney Hutchinsons, Charlie Penroses, Powell Evanses, Harry Caxes, Louis Rodman Pages, Lyman Biddle, Frank Mauran, Wilson Catherwoods, John Shipley Dixons, Lewis Neilsons, Harry Disstons, Jay Lippincotts, Willis Martins, Yale Dolan, the George Rosenrtens, Gee Heckscher, Stevenson Easbys, Ned Crozers, Alfred Allens, Casper Wistars, Charlie Potters, Wilson Prichett, the Norman MacLeods, Mrs. Harrison mith and the Atterburys, besides many others. The first meeting will be held on

Alva Sergeant has returned after ets Burt's ranch in Wyoming, Bar some thing or other, I understand, though not a sand bar. Anyhow, I hear Alva took to the broncho life as a duck does to water and I hope this winter's gayeties. will not suffer in consequence for her. Alva is an all-round sport, though, whatever she takes up, so I guess, she will enjoy the winter's fun as much as the ner's. She is going down to Baltimore soon to be a bridesmald at the wed ding of Selby Zell and Ransom Rowland, which will take place on the 4th of ovember. NANCY WYNNE.



SAFETY FIRST "Say, dad, can I learn to drive in the chariot races next season?" "Forget it, kid. I ain't goin' to have you riskin' yer life every night."

Personals and Mrs. Ferree Brinton, of St and 1913 Rittenhouse square, an and 1915 Rittenhouse square, and the engagement of their daughter, anna Binney Brinton, to Mr. Joseph by Dulles 4th, son of Dr. and Mrs. Winslow Dulles, of 4101 Walnut Philadelphia.

ations have been received for the chaperoned by Mrs. Edward Troth Germantown Cricket Club. The dates follows: December 1 and 15. Jan-and 15. February 2, March 16, April April 27.

and Mrs. J. Hutchinson Scott, Jr., turned to their home, 2222 Ritten-treet, after spending the summer May.

Mrs. Horace E. Smith, Miss Edith Smith and Miss Mary Smith will go November 1 to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., for three

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Steel have re-turned to their home, 274 South Twenty-third street, having spent the summer at

Mr.and Mrs. George K. Crozer have re-turned from Cape May and are occupying their home, 2027 De Lancey place.

Miss Florance Meade is spending several weeks with Mrs. William B. Hart at the ountry place at Radnor.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar T. Scott and their family, of Lansdowns, Pa., are occupying their cottage at Bar Harbor, Me., very late this year on account of the epidemic of infantile paralysis. They will not re-turn till late in November.

Mrs. William Nice, Jr., and her daughter, Miss Mabel Nice, of the Thiatle, Spring ave-nue. Elkins Park, have left for Loon Lake. one of the Rangeley Lakes, where they will join Miss Katherine Nice, who has been spending the summer at her bungalow. They will remain for several weeks. Miss Susan Nice has returned from Colo-rado, where she has been spending several months this summer on a ranch.

Mrs. B. Campbell Madeira, of Old York road, Ogontz, left the first of the week for New York, where she will spend several

Mrs. Ross Walton, of Elkins Park, left this week for Akron, Ohio, where she will spend a fortnight as the guest of friends

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hollingshead, of this city, left Wednesday for Washington, D. C. where they will spend several days. A children's fancy dress party will be

given on Saturday afternoon for the children of the North Hills Country Club at the Clubhouse, Edge Hill. On Tuesday evening the members will give their Halloween bal masque. On account of the unusual number of acceptances only the members and their partners will be

The Omega Mu Club will open its social season with a masked dance on Saturday evening at the Calimont Hall. The patron-cases will be Mrs. William B. Ely, Mrs. Reese H. Hunter, Mrs. William V. Collier, Mrs. William H. Jacques, Mrs. Charles M. Shupert, Mrs. Marshall C. Cloud and Mrs. R. C. Lukena.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Schmidt, of Juniper Hall, Radnor, have been entertain-ing Mrs. Frederick H. Harris, of Washing-ton, wife of Rear Admiral Harris, U. S. N., formerly commandant of League Island.

bibited at the offices of the Philadelphia. Art Alliance, 1709 Chestnut street, until

A private view and tea were given terday afternoon in henor of Mr. and Mrs.

The Dorcas Society of the First Presby-terian Church, Germantown, has resumed its meetings, which are held in the parish house on Tuesdays of each week, from 10 until 4 o'clock. Additional helpers are need-ed to assest in the work for foreign hospitals, as well as home relief.

Mr. and Mrs. John Da Costa Newbold, Miss Ellen D. Newbold, Miss F. Angela Newbold, Mr. Richard S. Newbold and Mr. John Da Costa D. Newbold, Jr., who have been spending the summer at their coun-try place at Port Kennedy, Pa., will open their town house, 2221 St. James place November 1.

Miss Elizabeth McKnight, of Elkins Park, left Wednesday for Reading, Pa.

At the luncheon which Mrs. George E. on Wednesday, November 1, at the White-marsh Valley Country Club the guests will be Mrs. William L. Allen, Mrs. A. J. Allen, Mrs. J. Alfred Miller, Mrs. O. R. Davis, Mrs. Juliet Kanies, Mrs. Frank Stockley, Mrs. Louis J. Kolb, Mrs. Leon Goodman, Mrs. E. A. Hill, Miss Lorraine Hillsley, Miss Emma Bradbury, Miss Gladys Ed-wards, Miss Helen Fry, Miss Mabel Markle, Miss Pearl Alman, Mrs. Lenard Stiles, Mrs. Louis Howell, 3d, Miss Ethel Short, Mrs. Arthur Best, Mrs. E. Elmer Tourisend, Mrs. John Intohards, Mrs. Helen Young, Miss Elizabeth Kolb, Miss May Atburger, Miss Marjorie Thomas, Miss Mary Louise Taylor, Miss Pielen Croskey, Miss Margaret Speese, Miss Clara Jacobus and Miss Helen Bodenstein. Miss Marjorie Thomas, Miss Mary

The Beechwood School at Jenkintown has issued invitations for a recital by Dean and Madam Jensen this evening, at 8:15 Dean and Madam Jensen have jus

be given at the Philomusian Club, November 17. These dances are to be held monthly, and their membership includes some of the most popular West Philadelphia set. A partial list of the members includes: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sneller, Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Tuttle Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McDowoll, Mr. and Mrs. W J. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bernent, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lindback, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Breyer, Mr. and Mrs. T. Huseba, Mr. and Mrs. T. Huseba, Mr. and Mrs. T. Huseba, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Breyer, Mr. and Mrs T. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Harrie E. Copeland, Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Faught, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dickison, Dr and Mrs. J. V. C. Roberts, Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Wagers, Dr. P. S. Stout, Dr. Gordon J. Saxon, Mr. George Pratt, Mr. Howard Bacon, Mr. Charles French, Mr. R. V. Phillips, Mr. Mitchell Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Elsasser, Mr. John Mc-Chesney, Mr. Joseph Kelly, Mr. C. Leighton Morris, Mr. Harold C. Pressel, Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Guckes, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Strong and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hart, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunkel, of 6146 Spruce arrest, announces the engagement of their daughter, Miss Huberta May Alexander, to Mr. Edward Carlisle Bernhardt, of this city. Miss Alexander is a grandaughter of the Rev. James P. Hughes, of Beliefonte Academy. The marriage will take place early in Precenting.

Pour productions of "American Boys in France." a film showing the activities of the American Ambulance Hospital Service, will be given in this city next month. The first will be held at the home of

The first will be held at the home of Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury on the afternoon of Sunday, November 19, and will be a purely private function. On the afternoon and evening of November 26, however, at the Merion Cricket Club, the film will be exhibited for the benefit of the Ambulance Service, and likewise at the Forrest Theater on the night of November 21. The entertainments will, in each case be given under the auspices of the French committee of the Emergency Ald.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. J. Reed. of Hill-crest avenue. Oakmont, gave a family din-ner at their home last night in honor of the golden wadding of Mrs. Reed's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Johnson, of West Philadelphia. The fifty and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Johnson, of West Philadelphia. The fifty years of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's married life have been spent almost entirely in Philadelphia. On the same occasion a daughter of the family and her husband, Dr. and tra. R. K. Edridge, celebrated their tenth aminiversary. Dr. and Mrs. Eldridge came here recornly from the West, and will make their bottle in South Ardrorra when

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



a returning home after a week at a country boarding house.

FARMERS' SHREWDNESS ONE CAUSE OF HIGH LIVING COSTS

Prices Nearly Double in |-100 Per Cent Increases Wissahickon - Roxborough Neighborhood, Which Is Directly Supplied

Question your grocer, Madame House ceper, upon the responsibility for the prices se charges you for the wares that daily go upon your table, and if you will pardon he introduction of a gambling phrase, it is ten to one" that he puts the blame, vigrously and perhaps none too politely, upon the broad shoulders of the "man with the ow." This depositing of the onus of high prices and food scarcity on the back of the farmer and producer seems unanimous to day in the Wissahickon and Rozborough section, whose grocers supply the tables of a vastly useful portion of Philadelphia's population, ranging in social standing from the millionaire textile manufacturer to the humblest laborer in the mill or foundry. All must be fed and, remote from the city's center, it develves upon the neighborhood grocer to supply the food. admitted. The dance is in charge of the en-

Continuing its investigation of Philadel-phia's "high cost of living" in its sectional aspects, the Evenino Labour today asked the grocers of Wissahickon and Roxbor-ough to furnish their views for the infor-mation of the housewives who deal with them. Almost without exception those approached presented the same line of argument, which if not consoling to themselves or to the wife whose household expenses are limited by her husband's wage envelope is none the less positive in its indictment of the vegetable grower, stock raiser and first handler of food products. Money-mad-ness on the parts of the once-guilible goldness on the parts of the once-guilible gold-brick purchaser is insinuated, and fully-sophisticated, the farmer is alleged to be practicing upon the grain manipulator the same process which that individual erst-white employed upon the lowly tiller of the soil.

FARMER NOW AN "ECONOMIST" Economically speaking, the farmer has mastered the problem of supply and de-mand greatly to his own penuniary profit and with serious and alarming enroads into the restricted means of the majority of ultimate consumers. So say the Wissa-hicken and Roxborough merchants, many

"What is the cause? Well, it looks to as if the farmers are holding back, claim there is a scarcity of help, but every-body appears to be money-mad these days. and the farmers seem to have become infected. We pay more and yet we cannot get the goods. Now, where are they? We hear the crops are good and give our orders, but cannot get the stuff. Our customers grumble, but they still are willing to pay the price we have to ask. This section may be somewhat different from other parts of the city. Our working classes in Manayunk and its vicinity have been steadily employed this year and everybody seems to have money. So they are able to stand for the little 'squeeze' in prices, and do so, even if they do complain a bit now

"We have the trade," t he grocer con- don't increase with them."

in Roxborough District

HOW food staples have increased in price in the Wissahickon-Roxborough district since October, 1915, as furnished to the EVENING LEIGER by Thomas Martin, Ridge avenue near Kalos street:

Eggs 10 cents a dozen Butter 10 cents a pound Flour 75 per cent Potatoes 100 per cent Canned goods 100 per cent

tinued, 'but we haven't the profits that should go with it. Prices are up, but we have to sell too close to what we pay. Eggs are ten cents a dozen higher than they were a year ago. Butter is up about the same rate. Flour is seventy-five per cent higher, and potatoes are one hundred per cent above the price this time last year. The difference, so far as I can see, is going to the farmer. We buy most of our farm products direct, so there is no middleman to consider. The farmer is getting the whole profit himself, and he sees that he sets it. There's where the trouble lies, and if there is any move to set it right there is whose it should begin. where it should begin,

"With canned goods it is about the same with camed goods it is about the same story. Prices are doubled for the same grade of goods, and we have to wait so long for our orders. I ordered corn and tomatoes four or five months ago, and I haven't got them yet. The wholesalers tell us they cannot get the goods from the pack-ers in quantities sufficient to make deliv-sites and the packers out the blame in eries, and the packers put the blame up to the farmers." MORE DEMOCRATIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Mrs. Lewis Clayton was behind the counter of her husband's store at Ridge avenue and Markle street. The appearance of this lower Rexborough region indicates a more democratic if no less numerous population than its immediate neighbors to the southward. She unburdened herself to her sentiments

upon the subject that is most interesting to housekeepers today the while "Dad" Brooks, patriarch of Roxborough, stroked his white beard or chuckled approbation as he sat pedestaled upon an apple barrel nearby.

nearby.

It is seems that everybody is money mad ficken and Roxborough merchants, many of whom have dealt for years with the agriculturists of the nearby country.

The housewives of that district have only to their grocer.

Thomas Martin has recently moved into a new store at 5144 Ridge avenue. For nearly twenty-seven years he has done business in the same block, which extends from Kalos to Osborne street.

"Ye seen this place grow from a woods to a thickly-built-up neighborhood." he extends from Kalos to Osborne street.

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Alaire watched her guest until he had disappeared into the shadows, then she heard him talking to the mare. Benito's words at the rodeo recurred to her, and she decided swiftly not have a way with women.

"Senora! A terrible forth. "God snows, I a grief. It is about my starting till he can get the figure he wants."

"The middleman with his diamonds is another thing that ought to be done away with if they want to bring down prices. What good is he, except to come around all togged up, and get a big salary that we have to pay for? He ought to be cut out altogether. The farmer after all is the man who works the hardest and he should be the control of the control o get the most out of the profits of his labor. But like all the rest he is trying to get it

NO CHANCE TO SAVE

"We have many millworkers in this reighborhood," Mrs. Clayton added. "They are working every day and all of them ap pear to have work, but they don't seen get any more money except in a few special lines; in fact, they appear to be worse off, going up and wages

The first of a series of Friday dances will IMPORTANT WEDDING, FROM SOCIAL STANDPOINT, OUT ON MAIN LINE

One of the most fashionable weddings of Mrs. Burroughs will be at home at the autumn took place this afternoon in Old St. David's Church, when Miss Sydney Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Struthers Ellis, became the bride of Mr. Radcliffe Cheston, Jr., at 4 o'clock. It was Radeliffe Cheston, Jr., at 4 o'clock. It was a small wedding, as only the immediate relatives were present. The Rev. James H. Lamb, D. D., rector of the church, performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Charies Townsend, of the Episcopal church at Rosemont. The church was beautifully decorated with white chrysanthenums, cosmos, lilies, ferns, palms and smilax. The bride was given in marriage by her

father, and wore a handsome gown of white satin, with a train of sliver brocaded

Miss Helen Ellia, a sister of the bride, was her only attendant. She wore a beautiful gown of pale blue brocaded slik, veiled in tulle and silver lace. Her large picture hat was of brown tulle, and she carried a bouquet of pink roses. Mr. Cheston had his second brother, Mr. ames Cheston, as best man, as Mr.

James Cheston, as best man, as Mr. Charles Cheston is with the First City Troop on the border. For the same reason there were no ushers. A reception followed the ceremony at "Fox Hill Farm," the home of the bride's parents in Bryn Mawr.

After an extended wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Cheston will spend the winter at 124 south Van Pelt street.

BURROUGHS-YEAGER

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A home wedding will take place this evening at 6:30 o'clock in Oak Lane, when Miss Irens Levering Yeager, daughter of Mrs. Howard Malcolm Yeager, of 6625 North Twelfth street, will become the bride of Mr. William Wallace Burroughs, of Lafayetts, Ind. The veremony will be performed by the Rev. William S. Callett, of the Oak Lane Baptist Church, assisted by Dr. David Spence, pastor emeritus of the Lehigh Baptist Church. Miss Yeager will wear a gown of white satin and tulic emproidered in pearls and made with a court train. The vell will be fastened with illies of the valley and pearls. Orchids and illies of the valley and pearls. Orchids and illies of the valley will form the bridal bouquet. Miss Marguerite Yeager will attend her slater as maid of honor. Miss Dorothy Mahel Yeager will be the flower girl. Mr. Burroughs will have Mr. William Lorraine Batt, of Cleveland, O., as best man. The unberg are Mr. Properick Mautich and Mr. Albert Forden.

HOCHREIDER-BELL The marriage of Miss Katherine De R. Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Bell, of 6045 North Eleventh street. Oak Lane, and Mr. Wilson W. Hochreider will be solemnized this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride, by the Rev. B. S. the home of the bride, by the Rev. B. S. Stull. Miss Eel: will wear a white satin gown, made with a court train. The tulle rell will be arranged with orange ble She will carry Bride roses and lilles of the valley. Miss Mary Bell, who will at-tend her sister as maid of honor, will be gowned in blue satin and carry pink mr. Hochreider will have Mr. Walter Bachmann as best man. A reception will follow the ceremony. After a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Hochreider will live in Glen-

GORGAS-BESEMER

GORGAS—PRESEMER

A pretty wedding toot place last evening at the home of the bride's mother. Mrs. C. Besemer, 436 West Norris street, when Miss Elsie Besemer was married to Mr. Walter Gorgas, of 2045 Woodstook street. The bride wore a heautiful gown of white natin and carried orchide. She was attended by Miss Katherine Palmer, of Atlantic City, who wore a crepe meteor frock and carried lavender orchids. A delightful wedding supper followed the ceremony.

Mr. Frank Gorgas, brother of the bride-groom, was best man. The guests present included Mrs. Bertha Gorgas, Miss Florence Gorgas, Miss Mary Doser, Mr. Martin Loh-

Gorgas, Miss Mary Dosor, Mr. Martin Loh-mulier, Mr. William Wells, Mr. William Brumback, Mrs. Fred Sauers, Mr. and Mrs. William Gorgas and Mr. and Mrs. William

After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Gorgas will live at 1919 West Susquehanns

What's Doing Tonight

United Business Men's Association meets

pro. "Same Effects of High Pensure." by discon. Franklin Institute. or. "Sqrikers Africa." by H. C. Cutran-

HEART OF THE SUNSET

Ricardo Guzman Is Killed While in the Mexican Town of Romero and a Party of Friends Is Made Up to Bring Back the Body to American Soil

By REX BEACH

CopprigNt. 1816. by
ALAIRE AUSTIN. Metrees of Las
Fairman, one of the fivest ranches on the
Texas side of the five tranches on the
Texas side of the Moulean border, is lost
among the mesquite bushes when her force
falls and breaks a leg. After a terrific
struggle she finally successed in reaching a
water hole which she bad passed earlier
in the day.

BAVID LAW, a forest ranger and former
mull at the water hole whos Alaire arrives.
She is on the verse of collapse lin being
from his messor supply.

SLI, AUSTIN, Alaire's hundrach has disfrom his fortune and wealth. Alaire,
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Mexican Federal troops is a tall, susceptible Latin who immediately falls head of the
first arvance of the Mexicans on her LaFerla estate. This he gushingly premises,
and more, too, and Alaire finds it difficult
to ward off his advances without insulfine
BLAZE JONES lives with his daughter.

Perta estate. This he gushingly promises, and more too, and Alsire finds it difficult to ward off his advances without insulting him.

BLAZE JONES lives with his daughter Palema near Las Palmas, and when Dave arrives in the vicinity to investigate cattle thefts he makes his home there.

ELISWORTH, Alaire's attorney and have kood friend, makes the rangur promise never to marry before first speaking to him about it.

The minor characters include Jose, who cousts. Panello Banches, killed by Dave in an affair with a Mexican outlies to Delores, Alaire's maid; Tad Lawis, in Ed' Austingious neighbor and partner of Ed' Austingious neighbor has the superstite facts been stolen from his fruitless the to be all the search of Urbics, illars Jones tells him of Strange, the fortunetiller in Jonesvible, who has the superstitious Mexicans trembling with fear. Dave determines to call upon Strange as soon as possible.

Dave pays a visit to Las Palmas and Alaire presents him with Montroa, a beautiful horse, to take the place of the dead Besie Belle. After dinner Alaire and Dave again discuss the death of Panillo Sanchez.

CHAPTER XV-(Continued)

"TM SORRY I killed the fellow. I shouldn' I have done it, but, one sees things differently out in the rough and here in the settled country. Laws don't work alike inall places; they depend a good deal upongeography. There are times when the theft of a crust of bread would warrant the punishment I gave Panfilo. I can't help but feel that his conduct, under the circumstances, called for-what he got. He wasn't a good man, in spite of what Jose says; Anto confessed to me that they were planning all sorts of deviltry together."
"That is hardly an excuse." Alaire smiled fairstly

"That is hardly an excuse." Aftaire imiled faintly. "Oh, I know!" Dave agreed. "But. you

"Oh, I know!" Dave agreed. "But, you see, I don't feel the need of one. The sentimental side of the affair, which bothers you, doesn't affect me in the least."

Alaire nodded. "You have made me understand how you look at things, and I must confess that I tolerate actions that would have shocked me before I came to know this country. Panfilo is dead and gone—rightly or wrongly, I don't know. What I dread now is further consequences."
"Don't weaken on my account."
"No! I'm not thinking of the consequences to you or to me. You are the kind of man who can protect himself, I'm sure;

of man who can protect himself, I'm sure; your very ability in that direction frightens me a little on Jose's account. But," she sighed and lifted her round shoulders in a shrug, "perhaps time will decide this ques-

Dave laughed with some relief. "I think Dave laughed with some relief. "I think you've worried yourself enough over it, ma'am," he said; "splitting hairs as to what's right and what's wrong, when it doesn't matter much, in either case. Suppose you continue to think it over at your leisure."
"Perhaps I'd better. And now," Alaire extended her hand, "won't you and Montrosa come to see me once in a while? I'm yery lonesome."

"We'd love to," Dave declared. He had it on his lips to say more, but at that mo-ment an eager whinny and an impatient rattle of a bridle bit came from the drive-

THE GUZMAN INCIDENT

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ICARDO GUZMAN did not return from
Romero. When two days had passed
with no word from him, his sons became
alarmed and started an investigation, but
without the slightest result. Even Colonel
Blanco himself could not hazard a guess
as to Guzman's fate; the man had disappeared, it seemed, completely and mysterlously. Meanwhile, from other quarters of
the Mexican town came rumors that set

the Mexican town came rumors that set the border afire.

Readers of this story may remember the famous "Guzman incident," so called, and the complications that resulted from it, for at the time it raised a storm of indigna-tion as the crowning atrocity of the Mexican revolution, serving further to disturb the troubled waters of diplomacy and threatening for a moment to upset the pre-carlously balanced relations of the two

At first the facts appeared plain: s citizen of the United States had been lured across the border and done to death by Mexican soldiers—for it soon became evident that Bicardo was dead. The outrage was a casus belli such as no self-respect-ing people could ignore; so ran the popular verdict. Then when that ominous mailed serpent which lay coiled along the Rio Grande stirred itself, warlike Americans prepared themselves to hear of big events.

A motive for Ricardo Guzman's murder was not lacking, for it was generally known that President Potosi had long re-sented Yankee emitty, particularly as that enmity was directed at him personally. A succession of irritating diplomatic skir-mishes, an unsatisfactory series of verbal sparring matches, had roused the old Indian's anger, and it was considered likely that he had adopted this means of per-manently severing his relations with Wash-

Of course, the people of Texas were de-lighted that the long-delayed hour had struck; accordingly, when the State De-partment seemed strangely loath to invespartment seemed strangely loath to investigate the matter, when, in fact, it manifested a willingness to allow Don Ricardo ample time in which to come to life in preference to putling a further strain upon international relations, they were both surprised and snraged. Telegraph wires began to buzz; the Governor of the State seed a crimic surprised. began to busz; the Governor of the State sent a crisply sarcastic message to the national capital, offering to dispatch a company of Rangers after Gusman's body just to prove that he was indeed dead and that the Mexican authorities were lying when they professed ignorance of the fact.

This offer not only caught the popular fancy north of the Rio Grando, but it likewise had an effect on the other side of the river, for on the very next day General Luis Longorio set out for Romero to investigate personally the rancher's disappearance.

of the well, and few even of Ricardo's closest friends suspected the real reason closest friends suspected the real reason for his murder.

Jonesville, of course, could think or talk of little cise than this outrage, and Blaze Jones, as befitted its leading citizen, was loudest in his criticism of the Government's

weak-kneed policy.
"It makes me right sore to think I'm an American," he confided to Dave. "Why, if Hicardo had been an Englishman the British Consul at Mexico City would have called on Potest the mirate the news carm.

"feed have such a six shorter under the

Ricardo, or pay an indemnity and kiss the Union Jack," Blaze's conception of diplomacy was peculiar. "If Petosi didn't talk straight that British Consul would have bent a gun bar! over the old rufflan's bean and telephoned for a couple hundred battle-ships. England protects her sons. But we ships. England protects her some. But we Americans are cussed with notions of brotherly love and universal peace. Bah! We're bound to have war. Pave, some day or other. Why not start it now?"

Dave nodded his agreement. "Yes. We'll have to step in and take the country over, sooner or later. But—everybody has the wrong idea of this Guzman killing. The Federal officers in Romero didn't frame it up."

"No? Who did?" Jones started, "What makes you think that?" "Listen! Tad was afraid to let Urbins come to trial—you remember one of his men boasted that the case would never be heard? Well, it won't. Ricardo's dead and the other witness is gone. Now draw your

own conclusions." "Gone? You mean the fellow who saw Urbina and Garza together?"
"Yes. He has disappeared, too—evidently frightened away."

Jones was amazed. "Say, Dave." he cried, "that means your case has blown up, ch?" "Absolutely. Lewis has been selling 'wet'

stock to Federals, and he probably arranged with some of them to murder Ricardo. At any rate, that's my theory." Blaze cursed eloquently. "I'd like to hang it on to Tad; I'd sure clean house down his way if I was positive."

"I sent a man over to Romero," Dave explained further. "He tells me Ricardo is dead, all right; but nobody knows how he died, or why. There's a new grave in the little cemetery above the town, but no body knows who's buried in it. There hasn't been a death in Romero lately." The speaker watched his friend closely. "Ricardo's family would like to have his body, and I'd like to see it myself. Wouldn't you? We could tell just what happened to him. If he really faced a firing squad, for instance—I recken Washington would have "What are you aimin' at?" Blaze in-

"If we had Ricardo's body on this side it would put an end to all the lies, and perhaps force Colonel Blanco to make known the real facts. It might even mean a case against Tad Lewis. What do you think of my reasoning?"

"It's eighteen karat. What d'you say we go over there and get Ricardo?" Dave smiled. "That's what I've been Dave smiled. "That's what I've be ading up to. Will you take a chance?" "Hell, yes!"

"I knew you would. All we need is a pair of Mexicans to—do the work. I liked Ricardo; I owe him something."

"Suppose we're caught?"
"In that case we'll have to run for R, and
I presume I'll be discharged from the Ranger service." "I ain't very good at runnin'-Mexicans." Blaze's eyes were b

Mexicans." Blaze's eyes were bright and hard at the thought. "It's more'n possible that, if they discover us, we can start a nice little war of our own." That evening Dave managed to get his Ranger captain by long-distance telephone, and for some time the two talked guarded-ly. When Dave rang off they had come to

a thorough understanding.

It had been an easy matter for Jose Sarchez to secure a leave of absence from Las Palmas, especially since Benito was not a little interested in the unexplained discreparance of Panillo and work was disappearance of Panfilo and work was

Benito dil not think it necessary to mention the horse breaker's journey to his employer; so that Alaire knew nothing what ver about the matter until Jose himself asked permission to see her on a matter of

The man had ridden hard most of the previous night, and his excitement was patent. Eyon before he spoke Alaire realized that Paofilo's fate was known to him, and she decided swiftly that there must be "Senora! A terrible thing!" Jose burst

grief. It is about my sainted cousin. It is strange, unfelievable! My head whiris---" strange, unl'elievable! My head whiris—"
Alaire qu'eted him, saying in Spanish,
"Calm yourself, Jose, and tell me everything from the beginning."
"But how can I be calm? Oh, what a
crime! What a misfortune! Well, then,
panfilo is completely dead. I rode to that
tanque where you saw him last, and what
do you think? But—you know?"
Alaire nodded. "I—suspected."
Jose's dark face blazed; he bent forward
eagerly. "What did you suspect, and why?
Tell me all. There is something black and
hellish here, and I must know about it

nellish here, and I must know about it quickly." "Suppose you tell me your story first."

Alaire answered, "and remember that you are excited."

The Mexican lowered his voice. "Bueno!

Forgive me if I seem half crazed. Well, I rode to that water hole and found—nothing. It is a lonely place; only the brush cattle use it; but I said to myself, Panfile drank here. He was alive. Beyond there is noth-ing. So I will begin. God was my helper, senora. I found him—his tones as naked and clean as pebbles. Caramba! You should have heard me then! I was like a demon! I couldn't think, I couldn't reason. I rode from that accursed spot as if Panfilo's ghost pursued me and—I am here. I shall rouse the country; the people shall demand the Licod of my cousin's assassin. It is the crime of a century."

"Wait! When you spoke to me last I didn't drear: that Panfilo was dead, but since then I have learned the truth, and why he was killed. You must let me tell you everything, Jose, just as it happened; then—you may do whatever you think best. And you shall have the whole truth." And you shall have the whole truth."

It was a trying situation; in spite of her brave beginning. Alaire was tempted to send the Mexican on to Jonesville, there to receive an explanation directly from David Law himself; but such a course she dared not tisk. Jose was indeed half crazed, and at this moment quite irresponsible; if he met Dave, terrible consequences would surely tollow. Accordingly, it was with a peculiar, apprehensive flutter in her with a peculiar, apprehensive flutter in her breast that A'aire realized the crisis had come. Heretofore she had blamed Law, but now, oddly enough, she found herself interested in defending him. As calmiy as she could she related all that had led up to the tragedy, while Jose listened with eyes wide and mouth open.

"You see, I had no suspicion of the truth," she concluded. "It was a terrible thing, and Mr. Law regrets it deeply. He would have made a report to the authorities, only—he feared it might embarrass me. He will repeat to you all that I have said, and he is ready to meet the donse-quences."

Jose was forn with rane, yet plainly a prey to indecision; he rolled his eyes and cursed under his breath. "These Rangers!" he muttered. "That is the kind of men they he muttered. That is the kind of men they are. They runder honest people."
"This was not murder, Alaire cried, sharply. "Fanfilo was aiding a felon to secape. The courts will not punish Mr.

sharply. "Panfilo was alding a felon to secape. The courts will not punish Mr. Law."

"Bah! Who cares for the courts! This man is a Gringo, and these are Gringo laws. But I am a Mexican, and Panfile was my cousin. We shall see."

Alaire's eyes darkened. "Don't be rash, Jose," she exclaimed, warningly. "Mr. Law bears you no ill-will, but—he is a danger-ous man. You would so well to make some inquiries about him. You are a good man! you have a long life before you." Reading the fellow's black look, she argued: "You think I am taking his part because he is my country, see. but he made as a constitution."



"Dear me! I hope the lightning doesn't strike those railroad spikes I had for lunch."

you, and I don't wish to see you come to a worse end than your cousin Panfilo." Jose continued to glower. Then, turning away, he said, without meeting his em-ployer's eyes. "I would like to draw my

money."
"Very well. I am sorry to have you leave Las Palmas, for I have regarded you as one of my gente." Jose's face remained stony. "What do you intend to do? Where are you going?"
The fellow shrugged. "Quien sabe!

Perhaps I shall go to my General Longorio. He is in Romero, just across the river; he knows a brave man when he sees one, and he needs fellows like me to kill rebels. Well, you shall hear of me. People will tell you about that demon of a Jose whose cousin was murdered by the Rangers. Yes, I have the heart of a bandle.

I have the heart of a bandit."
Alaire smiled faintly. "You will be shot."
she told him. "Those soldiers have little to
eat and no money at all."

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But Jose's bright eyes remained hostile
and his expression baffling. It was plain
to Alaire that her explanation of his
cousin's death had carried not the slightest conviction, and she even began to fear
that her part in the affair had caused him
to look upon her as an accessory. to look upon her as an accessory. Nevertheless, when she paid him his wages she gave him a good horse, which love accepted with thanks but without gratitude. As Alaire watched him ride away with raver a backward glance she decided that she must ose no time in appriaing the Ranger of this

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