JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Large Affair Will Be Given May 17, in Bellevue-Stratford Ballroom, for Independence Square's Auxiliary of Red Cross Chapter-Other Things

ABOUT the next big affair to raise money for the Red Cross work will be the entertainment given at the Believue-Stratford on May 17, under the auspices of the Independence Square Auxiliary of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Red Cross. Mrs. Henry Brinton Coxe is chairman of the group in charge of the entertainment and Mrs. Tom Reath treasurer. The executive committee includes Mrs. Benjamin Rush, Mrs. George Horace Lorimer, Mrs. Reath and Mrs. Dave Lewis, and on its advisory board are Mrs. Franklin Bache, Mrs. Reed Morgan, Mrs. Rod Griscom, Mrs. Cyrus Curtis and Mrs. George Dallas Dixon.

The entertainment will consist of a play, "The Loan of a Lover," a delightful comedy, the scene of which is laid in Holland. Members of the Plays and Players

> MRS. JOHN PAUL BURLEIGH Mrs. Burleigh before her marriage dur-

> > are in charge of the program.

where they spent several days.

spent a fortnight.

of Miss Mary K. Gibson, at Wynnewood,

Mrs. H. S. Walker and her daughter and son. Miss Gertrude Walker, Mr. Newton Walker, of Washington lane, Chelten Hills, returned last Saturday from Atlantic City.

Dr. Rupert R. Beale, of this city, has re-

turned from Old Point Comfort, where he

Along the Main Line

The Gardeners met at the home of Mrs. Alexander Sellers, of Ardmore, on Tuesday

Miss Anna Harvey, daughter of Mr. and

returned from a visit to her father in Pitts-

Miss Helen Austin, of Rosemont, has been

Along the Reading

The Jenkintown Choral will give its spring

concert on Tuesday evening, May 8, at 8:15 o'clock in the Jenkintown Auditorium, Old York read below Greenwood avenue. The choral will be assisted by the Hahn Quar-

choral will be assisted by the Hahn Quartet and the selections will be universally strong and varied. They will include two Mabel Daniel numbers, W. W. Gilchrist's "Fountain," The Nile," by Eavier Leroux, and arranged by Louis Victor Saar and given with violin obligato and a soprano solo by Mrs. George S. Young. A Cadman number, "The White Dawn is Stealing," will be rendered, with an alto solo by Miss Elsio

be rendered, with an alto solo by Miss Elsie Smith, and Mrs. Mary Noch Malpass at the

Germantown

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Dunning, who

were married on Tuesday, April 17, have returned from their wedding trip and are living at 127 East Tulpehocken street.

Germantown. Mrs. Dunning was formerly Miss Leona M. Kaplan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Kaplan, of Germantown

West Philadelphia

are spending several days with Mr. Mac-gregor's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer T. Macgregor, of 5112 Regent

street, on their way north for a trip through the New England States. Mrs. Macgregor before her recent marriage was Miss Ruth

eventh street, entertained at cards Satur

Mr. George D. Woodside of the St. James

will open his country home. The Crowsnest, at Devon, the latter part of this week. He has added four new paintings to his already beautiful collection there.

Mrs. I. A. Sweigard spent the week-end in Atlantic City with her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Reed.

North Philadelphia

Palmer, of Charleston, Va.

City for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Russell Macgrego

spending a few days in New York.

will take the principal parts, and interpolated therein (I like that word, don't you? sort of highbrow) will be four choruses or ballets in which debutantes and their predecessors of a few years will do the light fantastic in their usual fascinating way.

Sophie Norris is to take the leading part, that of Gretchen in F the play and Katherine Stevens will be Ernestine. Captain Amersfort will be portrayed by Joe Deering, and Edward Longstreth, 2d, who took a leading part in the Mask and Wig this year, will be Peter Spyk. Neall Matsinger will appear in the role of Swyzel (sounds like some kind of cheese, doesn't it?). All considered, it will be some play, I'm thinking.

And now of the fair damosels who will flit lightly across the Bellevue stage to the tune of -well, whatever tune they choose. In the spring chorus will be Isabel Page, Rachel Fitler, Charlotte Fahnestock, Marion Wurts, Patty Borie, Gertrude Pancoast, Anna Walthour, Sylvia Barnes, Mrs. Harrison Caner, Jr., Lois Jackson, Margaret Cruice and Katharine

In the Dutch chorus will be Corinne Freeman, Mrs. Ralph Earle, Virginia Roberts, Mary Denckla, Sarah Neilson, Mrs. R. G. Wood, Jr., Edith Smythe, Emilie Kennedy, Marjorie Taylor, Edith Earle, Maria de Kosenko and Betty Trotter. Then there will be a Mandarin

ing last week was Miss Margaretta Craig, of Merchantville. chorus in which will be Martha McAllister, Margaretta Myers, Eleanor Pepper, Katherine Hancock, Lorraine Graham, Elizabeth McMichael, Margaret Remak, Elizabeth Adams and Alfreda

And the final chorus will be the brides maids and they are to be Dorothy Newbold, Eugenia Cassatt, Margaret Berwind. Maria Frazer, Jean Thompson, Louisa Davis, Theodora Lillie, Jean Lillie, Katharine Ogden, Barbara Boyd, Alva Sergeant and Charlotte Brown.

Some galaxy of grace and beauty, eh. wot? So be sure to go, I would not miss It for anything.

SPEARING of Red Cross and economy and that sort of thing, I overheard two girls, respectively daughters of two of the members of the committee of fifteen who have been named to look after the by Mrs. Stanford Lewis. welfare of the city during the war time. discussing where they could lunch most economically and a slot effect cafe was outdone in the discussion by a window wherein they sighted a sign, "Scrapple." and leaving the car they headed for the restaurant to eat hot cakes and scrapple to the tune of about fifteen or twenty cents. I fear the Ritz, Bellevue and tays tearness will suffer from these various tearooms will suffer from these sudden attacks of desire for scrapple on of these enterprising maidens One is tall and fair and made her debut last year, while the second is rather dark and was a feted deb of the last season. Both are the daughters of leading financiers of the city. Could you guess? Mind. I'm not laughing. I think it's fine for each to add his or her little quota of sacrifice for the general good. I wonder if many of us realize how much good

will be done in these times to character. So few persons have solid principles these days, and so few who have them live up to them. They forget God and principles and what is there to hold them? Suffering may bring them to. Let us NANCY WYNNE. hope it will.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Hecksher Wetherill entertained a small house party over Sunday at the Brick House in New Jersey. Mr. and Wetherill will entertain at the Mask and Wig at Wilmington on Friday, May 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Meigs are being congratulated on the birth of twin girls on Thursday, April 26. Mrs. Meigs is occu-pying Mrs. William Rotch Wister's house, 1118 Spruce street, but will return to Wash-1118 Spruce street, but will return to Wash-ington the latter part of May, where they have been spending the winter.

Miss Cora Shields, daughter of Mr. and been spending the last week in New York will be one of the bridesmaids this afternoon at the marriage of Miss Lillie Mar-guerite Stehli and Mr. Paul Hyde Bonner in Thomas's Church, Fifth avenue, at 4

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Steel have rented a house at Rydal for the summer and ex-pect to move there about June 1.

Mys. Edward K. Sparks has gone to Baltimore until Wednesday to visit Mrs. George Ewing.

Miss Margaret La Rue, of Pelham road Germantown, has issued cards for bridge on May 2 at the Philadelphia Country Club in honor of Miss Eleanor Edmonds,

whose engagement to Mr. Stanley Ketcham has recently been announced.

Miss Marguerite Burton and Miss Elea-nor Wurden.

nor Wunder, of Indian Queen Lane Manor, have issued invitations for bridge on May 16, in honor of Miss Edmonds.

Miss Emyin Slaughter, of Germantown, gave a dinnner on Saturday night in honor of Miss Emilyn Shipley and Miss Nancy Hoyt Smyth, two of last season's debutants. The guests were Miss Margaret La Rue, Miss Isabel Miles, Miss Martha Hyslop, Miss Marguertte Burton, Miss Eleanor Winder, Mr. John Beard, Mr. Thomas Miles, Mr. Harold Mejcher, Mr. Russell Robinson, Mr. Monroe Robinson, Mr. Calvin Smyth, Mr. Birger Wallen and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shipley. Mrs. Walter Shipley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Denny, of Lansdowne, have returned to their home from Palm Beach, where they spent the winter.

An interesting surprise entertainment was given for Mr. George Thomas Gravenstine. 2d, on Saturday evening, at his home, 1220 West Aliegheny avenue, to celebrate his birthday anniversary. Among those participating were Mra Gravenstine. Miss Laura Firth, Miss Grace Fulmer, Miss Eleanor Allsop, Miss Helen Datz, Miss Dorothy Young, Miss Edith McDermend, Mr. Edward Graham, Mr. Harry Eckel, Mr. Ralph Thomas, Mr. Lacar Heigen, Mr. Charles Laura, Mr. Laura At the annual meeting of the members of the Y. M. C. A., in Germantown, Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. John D. McIllhenny, Mr. William H. Romitsch, Mr. W. A. Smalley and Mr. Stanley R. Yarnali were respected members of the Board of Managers because for five years. years.

son, Mr. William Mencke and Mr. and Mrs. William Carman,

The marriage of Miss Juliet Berger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Burger, of 1215 West Tloga street, to Mr. Irwin Abrahams will take place on Thursday evening. May 10, at Mosebach's Casino.

A delightful entertainment was given by sixty-five children of the Bayard Taylor School, at Quartet Hall, Germantown ave school, at Quartet Hall, Germantown are nue above Lehigh, on Saturday night. The historical dream presented was written by Miss Miriam C. Strowhouer, and was pro-duced under her direction, with the assistance of Miss Edith Boyer. It included songs, recitations, dances and a colonial

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Herman, of 3404 North Twenty-second street, are being con-gratulated on the birth of a son, Adolph Herman, Jr., on April 2.

Mrs. T. Seifert, of 3401 North Sixteenth street, will spend the early spring and summer at the Laurel Lock farms, in Potts-

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Feldstein, formerly o 2648 North Marvine street, have moved to 2828 North Nineteenth street.

The members of the Tioga Thursday Club The thembers of the Tioga Thursday Club were entertained at juncheon by Mrs. James Thompson at her summer home in Fort Washington on Thursday. Her guests included Mrs. Joseph Kinsley. Mrs. Henry Barry, Mrs. William C. Clark, Mrs. A. L. Thorn, Mrs. James Hogg, Mrs. Charles Edward Hallowell, Mrs. Frederick T. Jennings, Mrs. William Carman and Mrs. Charles Russell.

Mrs. Charles H. Longcope gave a lunch-con, followed by cards, on Thursday at her home, 1643 Diamond street.

Mrs. Hannah Ray Fox, of West Ontarlo and Eighteenth streets, is spending several weeks at Christian Springs, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Fleisher and their fam ily, of 2220 Green street, will spend the late spring and summer in Atlantic City.

Roxborough

The Thursday Night Club gave a musicale on Saturday night at the home of the Rev. and Mrs George N. Makely, on Sunnicliffe. The soloists included Miss Gladys Howe, Mr. James Stott, Mr. Michael Garrity, Mr. Eugene Biair and Miss Mary Fleming. Mrs. Robert Biack, president; Mrs. Archibald McHugh, vice president; Mrs. Archibald McHugh, vice president:
Mrs. Louis Meister, secretary; Mrs. Wilbur
Hilton, treasurer, and Mrs. C. C. A. Baldi,
chairman of the entertainment committee,
and Mrs. Makely, who received the guests,
were assisted by Miss Ella Moore, Mrs.
Robert C. Greer, Mrs. C. S. Wilson, Miss
M. E. Scott, Miss Margaret Hunter, Mrs.
Joseph Ripka, Moss Clara McMaster, Mrs.
R. Rumany Mrs. Vice Clarent Mrs. Joseph Ripka, Mbs Clara McMaster, Mrs. R. Rumsay, Mrs. Mary Glascow, Mrs. Ward R. Rumsay, Mrs. Mrs. Glascow, Mrs. Thomas Stanley, Mrs. J. McClennon, Mrs. Samuel Warren, Mrs. George Floming, Mrs. Frank Wager, Mrs. M. Megonigie, Mrs. Robert Miller, Miss Margaret Brown, Mrs. William J. Hamilton, Mrs. Samuel Taylor, Mrs. John Mullin, Mrs. Maurice Peterman, Miss Bessie, Lyster, Mrs. Arthur, W. Geog. Lyster, Mrs. Arthur, W. Geog. Lyster, Mrs. Arthur, W. Geog. 1 has been postponed until Monday, May 7, as May 2 has been set aside for enter-taining the French commission in this city. Mrs. Henry Miller Watts, Mrs. Charles Ran-dolph Wood and Mrs. Morris L. Clothier Bessie Lyster, Mrs. Arthur W. Greer, Mrs. Frank Eckenroth, Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. Harry Firth.

Camp III, Patriotic Order So .. America, will give a reception tonight in honor of Mr. Charles Helms, State secretary of the order, who, since his election las August, has visited all the camps in Penn sylvania. The musical program will be under the direction of the Glee Club of the camp. Mr. George Warkley, chairman; Mr. camp. Paul McClennens and Mr. Louis G. wine form the committee in charge. .

The Ushers' Association of the First Presbyterian Church, Manayunk, will enter-tain this evening in the assembly hall of the church. The program will include an exhibi-The last meeting of the Twentieth Century Club, of Lansdowne, before closing for the summer, will be held tomorrow afternoon. It will be a "patriotic" meeting. The program will include a falk on "Community Gardens," and patriotic songs led by Mrs. Stanford Lewis. tion of motion pictures illustrating the works of a telephone exchange, several at-tractive musical selections and an illus-trated lecture on "The History of Communi-

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Salmon, of Wissa-ickon, have returned from Atlantic City.

Weddings

ROBINSON-HENSEL

An attractive wedding will take place today at the Rittenhouse at 6:30 o'clock, when Miss Grace Hensel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hensel, of Roumfort avenue, Chestnut Hill, will become the bride of Mr. J. Gorgas Robinson. The Rev. John C. Calhoun, minister of the Mount Airy Presbyterian Church, will perform the cere

Miss Hense! will be given in marriage by her father and will wear a gown of princess lace and net. The veil, formed of princess lace, will fall in graceful folds over a court train, fastened at the shoul-ders. The bridal bouquet will consist of lilles of the valley and orchids.

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Miss Madeline Hensel, a sister of the
bride, who will be maid of honor, will
wear orchid-color charmeuse and silver
cloth. She will carry a basket of white cloth. She will carry a basket of white illacs and pink snapdragons-tied with orchid color ribbon. Miss Katherine Hensel, another sister of the bride, and Miss Sara Erdman will act as bridesmalds and will be gowned in orchid-color tulle over taffeta trimmed with pale blue taffeta. They will carry white Illacs and pink snapdragons. Philip Coleman will be the best man and the ushers include Mr. Howard A. Leh nan, Mr. Ellwood Pipping, Mr. Lewis liams, Mr. Charles Swan. A reception will follow the ceremony. After a wedding journey Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will live in Chestnut Hill.

MAXWELL-CREIGHTON A very pretty wedding will take place tonight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Creighton, 2437 Fairmount avenue, when their daughter. Miss Elsie M. Creighton, will be married to Mr. James R. Maxwell, by the Rev. Dr. L. Y. Graham, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Matthew J. Hyndman, of the Olivet Covenant Church, Twenty-according to the Rev. Dr. Matthew J. Hyndman, of the Olivet-Covenant Church, Twenty-second and Wallace streets. Mr. Creighton will give his daughter in marriage and she will be attended by Miss Edith Bryan. Mr. Eli stratton will be the bridegroom's best man. The ceremony will be followed by a reception. Mr. Maxwell and his bride will leave on an extended trip and will be at home after July 1 at 111 La Clede place. Chelsea, N. J.

KULP-ROBINSON

Mrs. Frank Pierce Mogridge, of the Brighton, entertained in honor of Miss Helen Loehman, of Logan, who is the fiancee of Mr. Frank Mogridge Graff. The wedding of Miss Marguerite S. Rob-inson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson, of 4180 Germantown avenue, and Mr. William J. Kulp took place at noon today in the Baptist Church at Dalton, Pa. The pastor, the Rev. Charles Kulp, uncle St. Paul, Minn., and spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Samuel J. Levy, at the Brighton, Fifty-first and Locust streets. The pastor, the Rev. Charles Kulp, uncle of the bridegroom, performed the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was unattended. A reception will be held on Tuesday evening. May 8, at the home of the bride's parents. Upon their return from their wedding trip, Mr. Kulp and his bride will be at home after July 1, at 723 Northeast Boulevard. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hannum and their family, of 5044 Larchwood avenue, have closed their house and gone to Atlantic

MURRAY-YOUNG

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth V. Young, daughter of Mr. John J. Young, of 3430 North Twenty-second street, to Mr. Erwin R. Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Murray, on Wednesday, April 25. The ceremony was a quiet one and the announcement was a a quiet one and the announcement was a surprise to the many friends of the couple, who expected an early June wedding. Af-ter an extended honeymoon trip through the West, Mr. Murray and his bride will be at home at 3430 North Twenty-second street, Tioga.

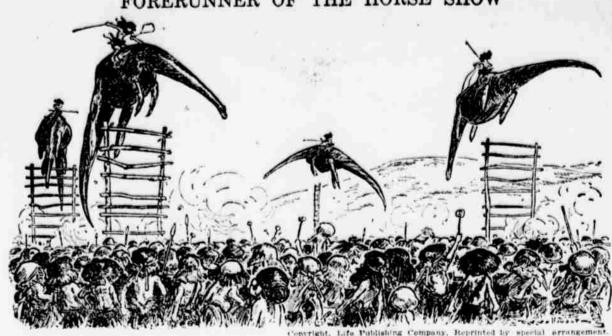
PROCTOR-ADAMS

A pretty wedding was solemnized on Sat-urday at noon when Miss Ellen Hearl Adams became the bride of Mr. Donald Brasington Proctor.

Brasington Proctor.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev.
Percy R. Stockman. The bride was given
in marriage by her father and was attended by Miss Mary Jarvis Doyle as maid of

FORERUNNER OF THE HORSE SHOW



CONTRABAND A Romance of the North Atlantic

By RANDALL PARRISH

THE STORY THUS FAR CAPTAIN RICHARD HOLLIS, of the

the craft is one day out to sea, when the stri is to disclose her identity to Carrings.

FERGIS McCANN, a millionaire, silghtly known to Hollis, is another great.

The second might out a tram steamer wrecast the yacid. All but Hollis, Vera and Mexima are saved and picked up by the beat. Hollis forces McCann to help him liberate the girl locked in a staterous. The three then escape in the light dory trailing front the stern of the yacid.

The third night out they sight a craft, the Indian Chief, of Philadelpila, which takes them on heard, when it is learned that Holls can navigate the beat. The Indian Chief is in a pittable condition, having been wrecked in a storm. The cassel is leaded to the hatches with a carge of munitions of war consigned to Hamburg.

FIHLIP BANCOM, the owner of the ship, has slacked his entire fortune in the venture. Inom its success depends his future, and that of his mother. In Philadelphia, when Vera recognizes Hasseim as an old Paim Heach acountaintoe she urges Hollis to take command of the ship and run it into Homburg. Hosseen is a cripic as the result of a shooting affair in which McCann, in a jealous rase, fired at him. Hassem, however, was innocent of any completity with the woman.

Hollis takes command and chooses Leavyor as his first mate and Gason as according mother and glorious monthes among the result of the first hard for an another and glorious monthes among the result of the first hard for an another and glorious monthes among the result of the first hard for an another and the woman. He then bear of the war, and is spread ing mother and glorious monthes among at the wheel, for further information.

CHAPTER XIII—(Continued)

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Wal, sah, there's two or three who has a lot ter say, but I sorter reckon as how de real boss is a white pusson call' Liverpool Red-he dun started ter knife me night afore last, and if I hadn't done got outer thar right lively I reckon I'd bin a dead nigger sure." "What objection does this fellow and the

others with him have to finishing the voy-"Wal, mostly at first it was just ord nary

"Wal, mostly at first it was just ord nary cassidness, sah. Ya see that ain't mor'n a half-dozen deep-rea sailors aboard; all the rest are jist coasters, and sich truck. Dem others was mostly shipped drunk, and want ter git back ter Baltimore. That waz how it all started; but now they got the war ter harp about, dat Liverpool is a playin' it up ter beat hell, sah. He says this ship is loaded with war stuff, and bound ter be sunk or captured; an dat so, sah?"

ter beat leaf, sand bound ter be loaded with war stuff, and bound ter be sunk or captured; am dat so, sah."

"We have a miscellaneous cargo." I answered, "and some of it might be contraband. But it was shipped before war was declared, and we have ample time to reach port before the establishment of a blockade. There will be no trouble. Watson, if the men only do their duty."

"Yas, sah."

"Lakely so, the way you, sir, I'd have a talk with Olson when he comes on deck again. He'll tell you mor'n I can."

"I will. Mr. Leayord and then I'll attend to this fellow McCann. I've got his number already: that black eye he's carrying about I gave him in the boat."

Leayord chuckled.

"So I heard, sir; 'taint the kind o' treatment a millionaire is likely to ferget, but

ou go forward."
"Yas, sah." He was far from being satisfied, yet there He was far from being satisfied, yet there was nothing more I could say in explanation. I left him and walked over to the rail, remizing keenly the position of peril into which I had drifted. With a loyal crew my task would prove no easy one, but with a crippled ship, and the men already on the verge of mutiny, the situation was almost desperate. desperate.

CHAPTER XIV

The Crew Grow Ugly FOR a moment I remained forgetful of the presence of the girl on deck. The dusk of night had already enveloped us in its somber folds. Lanterns were being used forward, and the lamp was lighted in the cabin, its glow streaming out through the I could hear the sturdy rush of skylight. I could hear the sturdy rush of water past the ship's side and feel the heaviness of the swell, but the clinging vapor still in the atmosphere rendered the night opaque. There was but one course to pursue—at the very first evidence of dispobedience I must assert full authority. There must be no hesitation, no sign of weakness. And whether this method would exceed or fail depended entirely on the succeed or fail depended entirely on the loyalty of my officers. I must depend on unknown men, and the test would come suddenly. Even as this knowledge crystal-lized in my mind the girl's hand touched the sleeve of my jacket.

"Supper is ready, Mr. Hollis," she said. "Are you not coming down?"
"Very shortly. I will have the men knock off work and leave the mate in charge of e deck."
"What were you thinking about so

estly? You actually forgot me."
I glanced aside into her eyes.

"Not guilty, Miss Vera; I was thinking you, and of how I could get you safely out of this scrape."
"You wish I were not aboard?"

"The problem might be much more easily olved. Frankly, I anticipate the necessity for some rough work before many hours, "The men, you mean? The wheelsmat old you they were mutinous?"

told you they were mutinous?"
"It has hardly gone that far as yet, but they are dissatisfied and threatening. Most of them were brought aboard drunk; they have liquor still in their possession, and have not been at sea long enough to be given a proper taste of discipline. The loss of their officers served to increase the trouble, while they haven't taken my caliber yet. They are bound to try me out. ber yet. They are bound to try me out sconer or later."
"To see how far they can go?"

"To see how far they can go?"

"Yes, it will come to a show-down presently. I do not say this to frighten you, Miss Vera, only, perhaps, it is best for you to know the situation. The first thing necessary on this voyage is to show those fellows forward who is master aboard. But we've talked about it long enough now. I do not anticipate any locking of horns tonight, for those lads will need to discuss plans among themselves first. Bascom will tonight.

John samong themselves first. Bascom will be waiting for you in the cabin, and I will join you presently."

I walked with her as far as the ladder

and watched until she disappeared. For-ward I could perceive little outside the glow ward I could perceive little outside the glow of the lanterns in the radius of which black, grotesque figures constantly passed and repassed. Occasionally a voice sung out some command, the words scarcely distinguishable. Judging from the plunging of the planks underfoot and the rattling of the missen rigging overhead the volume of wind was steadily increasing.

"Ir. Leayord!" I sang out.

down for supper. You will take the deck, and it will be better to have another hand aff here at the wheel."

"Very well, sir."
I waited until he clambered heavily up the ladder and joined me, his huge figure outlined against the gleam of the binnacle

Wind seems to be rising, sir," he said, lifting one hand to feel its weight, "and has shifted into the nor west." "Yes, the glass promises us a storm, and I look for a dirty night. How are matters

progressing forward? "Most of the heavy stuff is overboard, sir, and there is room now to get around."
"We'll put the men at the job again after they've esten; there is nothing like a clean deck on a stormy night."

"Right enough, sir, and the beggars are better kept at work." "I was pleased to see the way in which they took hold, Mr. Leayord," I said quietly, "and that Olson set them so good an ex-ample."

He crossed over to the rail and came back wiping his lips on his sleeve.
"Olson is a good man, Mr. Hollis; you made no mistake when you chose him for second officer, but I never saw a worse bunch of sea scum in any focastle than we've got aboard here, str." "They took hold, all right."

"Aye, for the once; they're a bit dazed yet, an' have had no time to talk it over among themselves. Besides, there are sailors enough among them who know that that riffle had to be cleaned away whatever port they sailed for."
"We'll hear from them later on, you

Tomorrow, sir, or perhaps tonight, as soon as they learn for sure the course we're

steering. The nigger will tell them that when his trick is up, an' then the rumpus is likely to begin. They are dead set against Hamburg."

"Why Hamburg, Mr. Leayord?"
"Well, sir, I don't just know myself, for was the bosun, and the lads never talked

to me very freely. I thought I would ques-tion Olson a bit as soon as I got him alone. From all I've heard, bowever, it's largely caused by what that fat bloke yer brought aboard with yer had to say about this damn war breakin' out. I don't know the duffer's name, sir; but I hear he claims to be a millionaire, an' is willin' ter spend a lot o' coln just to be took back ter New York. Cookies told me that he and the guy that goes by the

name of Liverpool had quite a talk."
"Liverpool Red—yes, I've heard of him; he's the men's leader forward." "Likely so; but there's others of the same

nent a millionaire is likely to ferget, but guess it wasn't a lick amiss at that." I stood silent a moment, starting out into

the black void. I presume, Mr. Leayord, I can confidenty rely on your loyalty in case trouble

develops?"
"You sure can, sir."
"And Olson?"
"He'A face it like a man; and although

Masterr is a bit of a fool, I'm guessing he can be counted on in a pinch." "Are there any others?

"Are there any others?"
"That's hard to say, sir, off hand. I haven't been shipmates with them, or with any o' this crew long enough yet to size 'em up, but there are a few men forward who don't chum none with Liyerpool's crowd, Olson would know 'em better than I."
"Well, the sooner we learn exactly how we stand in this matter the better relieve you as soon as I have a bite to eat."
"Yes, sir, and the course?"

"Nor east by east. There has been no observation taken for three days, Masters tells me, but that ought to keep us outside the regular steamer lines. Half-speed, and a good lookout forward." In spite of its general dinginess of paint

and furnishings, the main cabin had a and furnishings, the main cabin had a look of coziness and comfort as I entered from the black gloom of the decks. The table had been set for four, the swinging light above gleaming over a white table cloth, and an abundance of food. Bascom and Miss Vera occupied seats on one side, while Olson, washed and brushed into a state of rare discomfort, sat alone opposite. No doubt the fellow would have greatly preferred being forward, and was so embar-rassed as to scarcely glance up at my en-trance. A slim narrow-chested man, his weak mouth partially concealed by a straggling moustache, and who answered to the name of Dade, acted as steward; but the boy, Moon, was doing most of the work. drew out the single vacant chair and sat

"Well." I said pleasantly, breaking the rather awkward silence, "I do not exactly know where we are going, but we are on Olson's eyes wandered to the telltale

compass overhead, but his mouth was full and he made no attempt to speak. Bascom glanced from the girl's face across at me "You have chosen our course then, Mr.

"You have chosen our course then, Mr. Hollis?" he asked.
"Hardly; at least only for temporary purposes. Yes, milk and sugar, Dade—one is enough. You see I have no observations yet, and I must find what charts are left on board. Remain after supper, Mr. Olson, and we will examine Captain Hadley's stateroom together."
"Yes, sir," he mumbled gruffly.
"But surely we are under way," Bascom insisted.

"Half-speed, and heading nor east by east, which should take us out of the usua course of ships in these seas. By tomorrow noon I hope to know our exact position, and

noon I hope to know our exact position, and also the disposition of the crew."

"The sea is rising. I judge."

"There is every promise of a rough night, but nothing to worry over. Dade, why did you set the table only for four? There is another passenger aboard?"

"He has refused to mess aft, sir."

"Oh, he has! Well, possibly, I may have something to say as to that. Did he give any reason?"

Dade endeavored to hide a grin. "Not exactly a reason, sir," he answered softly.

Dade endeavoren in mos grin. Not exactly a reason, sir," he answered softly, "but I took it from what he said that he was not overly proud o' the way he wus marked up, sir. He didn't appear to me to be in the very heat o' humor, should be in the very heat o' humor, should be a likely to be in the very heat o' humor, should be a likely to be in the very heat o' humor, should be a likely to be in the very heat o' humor, should be a likely to be a likely

but when Dade departed on an errand forward, decided I might just as well discuss the situation frankly.

"I am beginning to fear," I said quietly, "that Mr. Fergus McCann intends to make us all the trouble possible, and is even now behind most of the dissatisfaction on board. Do you know anything definite, Mr.

The mate paused in his enting, with knife and fork uplifted. "You mean the man who came aboard along with you and the lady, sir?"

"Exactly; his name is McCann."
"I had not heard, sir. May I ask if he

"Quite so; he was a guest on the yacht Esmeralda. Now that I have answered these question, Mr. Olson," and I stared into his rather emotionless face intently. "perhaps you will be kind enough to answer mine."
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"I would know what I talk," he returned stubbornly. "This man never speaks to me at all, sir. The only time I see him was when he come over the side, but I hear plenty talk among the men. That was before I was made officer, sir; no one say a word to me since. He, this Mister McCann, he offers \$10,000 to be put back in New York."

"So, that's his game! Who brought the word forward?"

"Cookle, I think, sir. Anyhow he be-gun to talk first, and then Liverpool Red. and a fellow called Jim White slipped into the galley to make sure of things." "And McCann satisfied them that he actually had the money?"

"He sure did, sir. I overheard 3lm White say that he had a belt on him with more money in it than they'd ever seen before in all their lives. The damned fool-I beg your pardon, Miss-didn't know no more than show it to 'en. Why, the sight of it fairly drove them two wharf-rats

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