## THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE-FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 16, 1897.

## Che Home Reading Circle

With a Tiger Devi

> Combat That Helped Charlie Wallace in His Ambition and His Love.

Darcy Lever in Old and Young.

Charlie Wallace of the Forty-second B. N. I., was in the dumps. Not wholly without cause. Dame Fortune had just dealt him one of those ugly blows she spares none of us-not even the lucklest. An official letter lay open before him, and thus it ran-

"Sir: I have the honor to inform you that I have placed your name on the list of applicants for the vacant post In the waste paper office. As you are one of two hundred and eighteen candidates, I felt it right to warn you against harboring any very sanguine hopes of success. Yours faithfully,

"John Leving." Such was the answer to his twentieth application for a post in that department of the Indian civil service. And he had nothing but his lieutenant's pay to depend on, nor any prospects worth mentioning; and he was head over ears-not in debt-but in love with Lucy Campbell, the only child of the collector of Bungareeopootur, the place where his regiment was then stationed. And albeit she smiled on him and kept other suitors-including rich old Colonel Greybeard-at arm's length for his sake, her parents did not give him any encouragement, though they liked and esteemed him. On the whole, then, he had some reason for being in the dumps, as he sat in his bungalow, "chewing the cud of sweet and bitter fancy.

His meditations were suddenly cut short by the cherry voice of his bosom friend, Captain Finch. "Why, Charlie, what the dickens alls you, that you've cut mess these last three days?" "Oh, I'm a triffe out of sorts-noth-

ing much," replied his friend, "Any "Only that the man-eater has been

made his appearance. making a meal of another post-run-"Why, that's the sixth within the last

nine months!" broke in Charlie Wal-

"I believe you, my boy," replied his friend; "and Collector Campbell has ofsaid his master. "Can we get a bul-lock-cart hereabouts?" fered a reward of 3,000 rupees for said man-cater's skin. And high time, too! Else we shall find no one to carry our Village-not a mile off-where every bullock-cart and bullock will be proudletters."

"Where did it happen?" inquired Wallace, "Why, about ten miles nor'east of this place-just where the road dives into the Serawat jungle after crossing vil- shooter, smiling,

the gully. They found the poor fellow's letter bag and his bells lying in the bed of the gully." of scaring the brute, as intended, acted

the dinner-on-the-table going sounded. Lord Mayo led Mrs. Campbell into the dining room: and Lucy fell to the let of his lordship's aide-de-camp-the gentleman who had pumped our hero frequented path to avoid attracting attention needlessly-always a wise preso skillfully. But he did not feel in-clined to grumble at that arrangement. aution when one goes out for wool at the risk of coming home shorn. He was well content to bring up the

For some four or five milts their road ay through open fields sown with maire and cotton. Then they dived into the jungle. Here the lieuteran-ant bade Ali fall behind and trotted on ahead by himself, lest the tiger should "smell a rat." So on he jogged alone, hoping-though not without a qualm or two-that the beast would mistake him for a post-runner and show himself. To this end he tied the bells in a bunch to his girdle, and a pretty jingle they made as he sped onward. Anon he plunged into a wood of lofty trees. where the underlying brushwood grew thick enough to harbor a hundred hun-

when he fired.

admiration.

destroyed the devil."

work

alongside the tiger, he asked:

Wallace modestly explained, to the

esc of his ability, amid all that din

of tomtoms, horns and human volces.

The horseman looked puzzled for

moment. Then he said: "But you're

"What's agate?"

of a post-runner."

valow.

are artem.

Across the walnuts and the wine after the ladies left the room, his lordgry tigers within easy reach of him. The thought made him blanch a bit; ship and the alde-de-camp between but nevertheless he pushed on till he them drew Charlle out, and discovered reached the very spot where the man-eater had made his last meal of human without much difficulty, and that it was not the three thousand rupees re-ward that induced him to risk his life. flesh. There could be no doubt of it, for traces of the poor fellow's blood were still to be seeen on the white but rather the reckless courage born of that hope deferred which maketh pebbles in the bed of what, during the the heart sick.

rainy season, became a foaming tor-rent. Here Charlie Wallace halted, "I have seen that odiously pollit form so often that I know it by heart. with his rifle at full-cock in his right he said; and he repeated with grim hand, and gazed around him. Naught stirred. All was silent as the I have the honor to inform you,' etc.

"Ay, it seems you know your lesson thoroughly," quoth Lord Mayo, with grave-oppressively silent. Ah! what noise was that which he heard behind a merry twinkle in his eye. "But perhim? the footsteps of his servant? Impossible! All must still be half a mile haps the bird may sometimes change behind him. As this thought flashed Its note.

he for any reflectionos; barely time to

give himself an additional brush-up and reach the collector's bungalow as

rear with her father and sit opposite

to her and side by side with the gov-

I like all thoroughbred gentlemen, Lord Mayo had the art, or "second na-

ture" of setting all persons at their case in his presence, except of course.

sly rogues, who never can feel quite at

case in the presence of an honest man

The dinner might have been that of a

family party for any sense of stiffness or constraint that prevaded it. Nor

did the talk once flag, or turn too much,

but just enough on the event that gave Charlie Wallace his seat at that table

ernor-general.

Next morning, as he sat at breakthrough his mind he faced around just fast. Charlle received a note addressed to him in a peculiarly bold and legible n time to see a pair of gleaminig eyes glarinig at him from the brushwood. Quick as lightning he raised his rifle band. He hastly tore it open and read. and fired, and a huge tiger rolled down "Sir: I have the honor to inform you that I have placed your name on the into the gully, where it lay for a molist of applicants for the vacant post ment as if stunned. But it quickly rein the general supervision department covered itself, and crouched to spring But as your name heads the list, you on its assailant. Had Wallace Waymay chance to find this announcement ered for half a second he must have somewhat better than waste paper shared the fate of the luckless run-Wishing you heartly every success, I ner. But he wipped out his pistol and Mayo. am very faithfully yours, discharged it point-blans in the ani mal's face. One of the slugs entered Up he jumped, snatched up his hat and rushed off at the top of his speed towards Collector Campbell's bunga-Its eye and plerced the brain, and the ruthless creature fell seemingly lifelow, to pour out his thanks to the govless at his feet; then he knew that it ernor-general. But he found the bird must actually have made its spring flown. There was some one, however, to receive him; some one in whos

With the second pistol in his hand bright eyes the kind-hearted nobleman sat down on the brink of the gully had read a certain tale of true love. and mopped the moisture from his whose course he forthwith resolved to drippinig brows. Meanwhile he kept smooth so far as in him lay. And he his eye fixed upon his enemy, half exsucceeded so well, that when a twelvepecting to see it rise and renew the atmonth later Collector Campbell retired tack. But there it lay quite motioniess and was indeed stone dead. sailed with his wife for England, they left Lucy behind them. Only she had He had ample time to admire the beauty of his sleek coat before Ali changed her surname for that of old Scotland's darling hero.

"What a marvel!" exclaimed that DOLLARS AND CENTS. vorthy, almost breathless with wonder "Heaven has en-These Are What Will Bring Freedom

abled sakeeb to shoot the devil!" "The question now is, what are we to to the Cuban People. Walter Wellman's Washington Letter, do with the devil, as you call him?" In two years the Spanish have spent \$200,000,000 in trying to suppress the revolution in Cuba, All the money "Surely!" replied All "At the next which they have had during the last four months was raised at home by popular loan, after London and Paris ly at the beck of the saheeb who has mankers and the Rothschilds had re-"Well, away with you, and fetch one! One will serve our turn," said the defleat the popular loan the idea was encouraged that there was to be war with About half an hour later, a loud the United States. That loan amount-

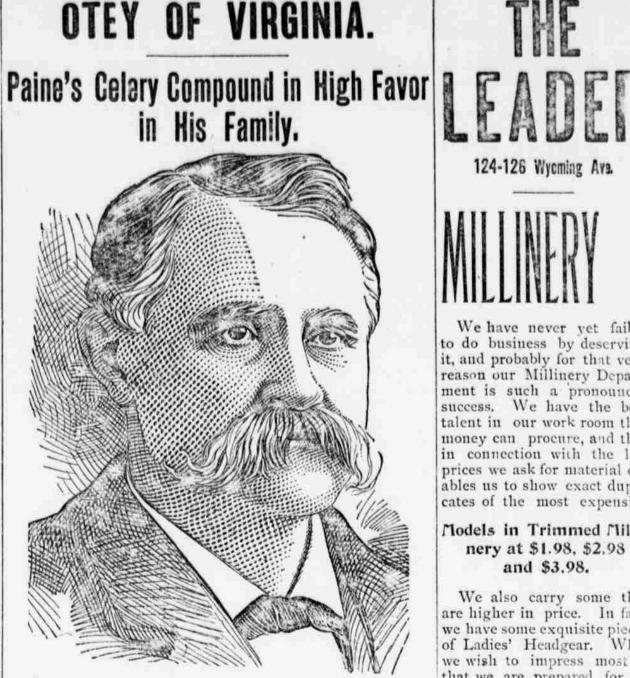
w's letter bag and his bells lying in the bed of the gully," shouting proclaimed the approach of the vehicle and half the village. As the noisy crowd drew near, one oid of the nominal sum of \$72,000,000 accru-Malia Flord Otay. man rushed forward, and, grovelling ing from it, only \$40,000,000 was availlieutenant't feet, excluimed, able cash, the remainder being sub-



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as a signal to make him ready pounce on his prey." "True to you, friend Charlie." "I should dearly like to have a shot

at the brute." "No go, my boy! He's too leery,

Granat and Spurling have both been on his track; but they couldn't even catch sight of the tip of his tail."

After a few minutes' more chat about things in general, the captain left the bungalow; and Charlie Wallace forthwith shouted to the boy on the veranda outside.

"Where's Murreem Adre-This was his factotum-a native of the lowest caste, but faithful as a mastiff.

"Gone to bazaar, saheeb," answered the lad.

"Then go you and buy me a half a dozen small bells such as the post-runners carry on their sticks," said his master, flinging him a couple of rupees, "And be quick about it."

Away speed the boy to do his errand. Meanwhile the lovelorn lieutenant Kall. Finally, they wreathed its neck carefully loaded his rifle and doublebarrelled gun, and then strolled out on the cart, and marched in procession to the verandah to await Murreem All's return.

All soon made his appearance, with the boy at his heels. When he was within earshot, his master called to front of the cart. him. "That brute of a tiger has killed another mail-carrier; and now I'm minded to put a bullet through his hlde.

"Pardon, saheeb. He is no tiger, he devil!" said All; "saheeb no shoot him. He eat saheeb!"

'We shall see about that ," replied the lieutenant. "Are you man enough to come along with me and chance

"If saheeb go, All go with him, and devil-tiger eat both,," replied the nntive calmly.

"Well, then, ust get me a red coat such as the mail carriers wear, and we'll be off at once."

The native took the purse which his master held out to him and retraced his steps towards the bazaar, thinking his master stark mad. But then, in the East madmen are deemed inspired.

When he returned with the red coat he found the lieutenant transformed into a fair imitation of a native by the aid of burnt cork. The lieutenant donned the coat, loaded his pistols. thrust them into his belt, and handed the gun to his servant. The rifle he shouldered himself. The two then stole out of the bungalow by the back door and gained the high road by an un-



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the 'Oh, my Lord, my lord, hast thou yerscribed for by banks to which the govily destroyed the devil that devoured my brother's son?" ernment owed money. On the last day

of the last year Spain's treasury con-Meanwhile the villagers ercwded tained just \$15,000,000. The two wars round the carcass of their fallen foe, and kicked and spat upon it to their are costing \$16,000,000 a month-\$12,000,-000 for Cuba and \$4,000,000 for the Philhearts' content. One fellow pulled out ippines. a tinder-box and struck a light, where-

July 1 next \$50,000.000 of interest upon with he proceeded to singe the animals Spanish bonds will become due. There whiskers. But All checked him with a is no money with which to pay it. To threat that If he spoilt the creature's meet this emergency it is proposed to skin he was like to share its fate. Othfloat another popular loan in \$20 bonds ers, instead of venting their hate on their dead foe, tendered milk and fruit at 6 per cent, selling at 90. The most optimistic Spanish financiers do not and wild honey to the tiger-queller, hope for more than \$30,000,000 or \$10 as they deemed him. And, sure 000,000 from this source-not enough to enough, ere long up came a hoary pay the interest, let alone the enorpriest to lay the spirit of the beast. mous floating debt, and the \$16,000,000 lest it should haunt the village and far more evil than while a month which the two wars cost. Spain's credit, exhausted abroad, will clothed with flesh. They drew a magic soon reach its end at home.

circle roud the carcass, and smeared its head with dabs of red paint, and Much of the supplies for the armie in Cuba are bought in the Unite 1 States, prostrated themselves before it, by way of soothing the wrath of its pat-But cash is always demanded. Amerlean packers and exporters will not trust Spain. The nation is really at the with wild flowers, and holsted it into mercy of its creditors. The serious juestion for them is whether or not

before it to the music of tomtoms and they will assist Spain to go on in its half a dozen horns. And then, as night work of destroying Cuba. If so, all the came on, scores of torchbearers swelled the throng that marched in security for their loans is dissipated. for the Spanish paper is secured upon the revenues of Cuba.

When they were within two miles distance of the lieutenant's headquar-If the Spaniards are permitted to excute their threat to leave Cuba but a ers, they were overtaken by a stoutsmoking waste when they leave it, ish gentleman riding a powerful and what becomes of the bonds secured with Cuba as a pledge? If Cuba is given her independence the bonds be-come worthless too. spirited horse. Reigning it in alongside the cart, where sat the lieutenant ome worthless, too. So the question

is one for the money changers. The Rothschilds will have to step in and administer upon the bankrupt estate of Spanish Cuba and that means an arrangement by which Cuba may get her independence and the bondholds may

get their money, or a part of R. At this moment up rode three other This is what the Cuban question is semen. He turned to one of them coming to, and coming to very rapidly. nd whispered something which Wal-From the military point of view there ce failed to catch. He then rode off, ollowed by the two other horsemen. is a blockade. Spain can do nothing The one to whom he had spoken acand the insurgents wish to do nothing mpanied the procession, chatting to except hold their own. Time is on their he amateur post-runner, till the cars side. In Havana the paper money is opped at the door of Wallace's bundown to 40 per cent, of its face value, There he abruptly said: The shopkeepers refuse to take it but "A 11 revolr, Lieutenant Wallace," and rode the soldiers are forced to accept it. Un-

der such conditions the Cuban leaders "What on earth does he mean with are not concerned as to the military his au revolr?" muttered the tiger queller as he entered his "diggings." outlook. They are watching the bourse.

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Chat At Pletchers my

"And how the dickens does he know my name and grade?" He had failed L. Wagner, Wholesale Druggist, to observe the diplomatic art with which the horseman had pumped him Richmond, Va., says: "I had a fearful during that chat. Summa ars ost ceattack of Sciatic Rheumatism, was laid up almost two months; was fortunate to get MYSTIC CURE FOR Scarcely had the tiger-hunter doffed ough RHEUMATISM. This cured me after his red cont, washed off his war paint, doctor's prescriptions had failed to

and donned his ordinary "togs" when have any effect. I have also heard of his boy came in with a note which ran: "The governor-general begs me to infine results from others who have used Sold by Carl Lorenz, druggist, 418 vite you to dine with him at my house. Come just as you are. Yours sincere-Lackawanna avenue, Scranton, Hector Campbell,"

A Conscientious Clock. Dinner 8 sharp. The London aquarium people have go hold of a clock "made by a pieus Scotch-man." The peculiarity of the timepieus So the frank, plain-spoken horseman who first accosted him was no less a person than the Viceroy of India, the universally beloved and respected is that at midnight on Saturday it stops short, never to go again until Monday morning. It would be difficult to find a Lord Mayo, who,-like Mr. Gladston more extreme case of opposition to Sun vent here, there and everywhere, findng out things for himself, instead of day work. trusting to hearsay.

But far from the reflection were Charlie Wallace's thoughts. He was thinking of dinner, not so much with CASTORIA the governor-general, but rather with him in the presence of Lucy Campbell. For Infants and Children. whose parents had prudently kept her out of his way for months; in fact, ever since they detected her weakness The facfor the impecunious lieutenant without expectations."

But, indeed, mighty little time had

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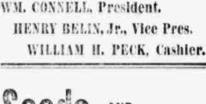
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