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The Riponshire Advocate.

Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1914.

In our report of the Presbyterian children's cantata and concert, published in our last issue, we omitted to include the name of Miss Wetherston as one of the accompanists.

Mr MARCHANT, Consulting Optician, of Geelong, will visit Beaufort on Friday, May 15th (10 till 5), and may be consulted at Welsh Hotel.

On Friday morning, 24th inst., at the 8.30 a.m. mixed train from Stawell to Ballarat was pulling up at the Beaufort platform, a slight breakage of the undercarriage of an empty passenger car occurred.

Mr Miles Nicholson, an old resident of Beaufort and for some years employed by Mr W. P. Schlicht, passed away in his 82nd year, on the 27th inst.

Mr S. J. Goldsmith, P.M., sat as a Licensing Court at Beaufort on Tuesday, Margaret Coulson, executrix in the estate of Isaac Storey, made application for the transfer of the property to the Prince of Wales hotel, Snake Valley, from herself as executrix to herself as owner.

The Rev. Father Coughlin, who for the past three and a half years has labored in the Ararat parish as one of the most successful of our country priests with the temporary charge of the Quambatook parish, and left on Tuesday for his new sphere of duty.

Mr Bert Kirkpatrick, of Stockyard Hill, had the misfortune to break his collar-bone whilst playing football with Ballarat against the Ararat team on Saturday.

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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH, 1914.

(Before Mr S. J. Goldsmith, P.M.)

ALLIED WIDENING DISMISSAL. Two cases in which the extension of the summons were obtained at last court came up for hearing.

Archibald James Black v. Thos. Rogers.—Debt due (£5 12/6) for wages and damages for wrongful dismissal.

Clarence Thompson v. Thos. Rogers.—Debt due (£5 12/6) for wages and damages for wrongful dismissal.

Mr M. Lazarus appeared for complainants, and Mr S. Young for defendant.

Both cases were taken together at the request of counsel.

Mr Lazarus said the ordinary rule of law applied to the event of a breach in the agreement.

Mr Rogers said he was not a party to the agreement, and that the agreement was made under the shed-hand's fault.

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In the P.M.—On the day they stopped in the hut there was no shearing; it was shovelled all day, and he went for a lot of them for another day.

John McNeil deposed that he was secretary of the A.W.U., and prior to that had 15 years' experience shearing.

Mr Lazarus gave evidence to the effect that he was a laborer, residing at Raglan.

James Alwyn Jaensch, sworn, stated that during last shearing he was employed at Pretty Tower, and was a complainant.

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WATERLOO BAND SPORTS.

A very successful sports meeting was held at Waterloo on Wednesday afternoon.

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BAND SPORTS.

Successful sports meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Mechanics' Hall. The weather was fine and the attendance was large. The races were well contested and the prizes were well won.

BEAUFORT FOOTBALL CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Football Club was held at the Fire Station on Thursday night. Cr. R. A. D. Sinclair (president) presided, and there was an attendance of 15 members and townsmen.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY.

On Wednesday morning, at the Police Station, Mr. J. Halpin, Magistrate, presided over a case of assault. The accused was found guilty and sentenced to a month's imprisonment.

STREATHAM.

The new Catholic Church in Streatham is now ready for occupancy. The building is a fine specimen of modern architecture and is well equipped for the needs of the community.

BEAUFORT RACES.

The Beaufort Jockey Club's meeting on Wednesday was the most successful yet. The races were well attended and the prizes were well won. The weather was fine and the day was enjoyable.

MANY A SLEEPLESS NIGHT.

Nothing gives more pleasure than to recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy to my customers. My children were subject to bad colic with difficult breathing, and I had many a sleepless night with them till I tried Chamberlain's Colic Remedy. Now I could not get without a bottle for any money. If my children get a slight cold I give them a dose and the cold is no more. Sold by J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., Beaufort.

THE RAINFALL AT BEAUFORT FOR THE WEEK.

The monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council takes place on Monday. The many friends of Mr. Jno. Parker, of Erambeen, will regret to hear that he is seriously ill, and has been admitted to the Ararat hospital.

THE FRIENDS OF MRS. TOLBER, OF EURAMBEEN, WILL REGRET TO HEAR THAT SHE HAS SUFFERED A VERY SAD BEHAVEMENT BY THE DEATH OF HER ONLY SON JAMES ROBERT CHARLES, AGED 5 YEARS, FROM APPENDICITIS, IN THE ARARAT HOSPITAL, ON THURSDAY, 14TH MAY, 1914.

THE BALANCE-SHEET FOR THE YEAR, AS PRESENTED BY MR. E. LILLY (SECRETARY), SHOWED RECEIPTS AMOUNTING TO £14 1/3 (including a balance of £6 1/3 from the previous year). The expenditure totalled £10 5/6, leaving a credit balance of £3 15/6. Mr. J. B. Straughan (auditor) certified to the correctness of the accounts.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED:—

President, Mr. W. J. Lidgerwood; vice-presidents, Mr. W. H. Halpin and Mr. S. H. Hill; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. B. Straughan (the best thanks of the club being tendered to the retiring secretary, Mr. E. Lilly, for his services, and to the retiring treasurer, Mr. J. B. Straughan, for his services, and to the general and match committee, Messrs. B. Barrett, P. Stevenson, and J. T. Glover).

THE MEMBER'S SUBSCRIPTION WAS FIXED AT 2/6, AND IT WAS RESOLVED TO HAVE 100 MEMBER'S TICKETS PRINTED.

IT WAS DECIDED TO WRITE TO WATERLOO AND BUANGOR CLUBS AND ARARAT JUNIORS, TO BE READY TO FORM AN ASSOCIATION, ON THE MOTION OF MESSRS. J. T. GLOVER AND S. YOUNG.

IN THE EVENT OF AN ASSOCIATION BEING FORMED, MESSRS. J. T. GLOVER AND J. B. STRAUGHAN WERE APPOINTED TO ACT AS THE LOCAL DELEGATES.

MR. LILLY REPORTED THAT HE HAD THREE PURCHASES ON HAND, AND SAID THE OTHERS WOULD TURN UP AT THE FIRST MATCH.

IT WAS DECIDED TO ARRANGE A MATCH WITH 25 OF THE LOCAL JUNIORS FOR WEDNESDAY WEEK AT THE PARK.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO WRITE TO AVOCA AND ENDEAVOR TO ARRANGE A MATCH.

IN CLOSING THE MEETING, CR. SINCLAIR SAID HE HOPED EVERY MEMBER WOULD DO HIS BEST TO MAKE THE SEASON THE MOST SUCCESSFUL FOR MANY YEARS, NOT ONLY BY TURNING UP AT MATCHES, BUT BY ENDEAVORING TO SET TICKETS.

ALTHOUGH THE NORTHERN HOPE WORKED ONE DAY SHORT THIS FORTNIGHT, THE YIELD WAS 22 1/2, BETTER THAN THE PREVIOUS RETURN.

DURING THIS FORTNIGHT THE HOPE COMPANY LOST FOUR SHIFTS, ON ACCOUNT OF HOLIDAYS, YET THE YIELD IS EQUAL TO THAT OF THE PREVIOUS TERM.

THE MANAGER OF THE HOPE (MR. T. DERRICK) REPORTS:—West branch reef north—One party blocking in east off north No. 3 reef, drive extended 25ft.; total, 187ft.; 4ft. of strong wash; payable. East branch reef drive—One party blocking and truckroading. Lost 4 shifts owing to holidays. Working short-handed. Yield—12 1/2 cwt.

THE MANAGER OF THE NORTHERN HOPE (MR. F. M. RANKIN) REPORTS:—Main bottom level extended 30ft.; total, 151ft. Top level—South-west branch reef drive extended to 360ft. from branch; payable wash 18ins. above back lade. No. 2 north off same to 30ft.; payable. No. 1 north—Repairing about completed; will then extend same. Two parties repairing, truckroading, and blocking. Yield—152 cwt. 10 dwts. One day lost. Eight Hours' day. No. 3 bore—North-west off No. 2 bore down 123ft. in black clay and decayed wood.

THE MANAGER OF THE BEAUFORT DEEP LEADS (MR. A. W. MOORE) REPORTS:—Main east level extended to 322ft. No. 4 bore 12ft. back from face; through at 26ft. over back; fair prospects of fine gold. No. 1 rise—North drive to 43ft.; poor; temporarily stopped. No. 2 east off north out 40ft.; in payable wash. South off east off north to 150ft.; stopped; outside ground. West off north to 130ft.; payable at times. Opened south off west extended 20ft.; fair prospects. Yield—40 cwt. 3 dwts.

THE MANAGER OF THE SOUTHERN HOPE (MR. J. DANIEL) REPORTS:—East cross-cut advanced to level of 21ft., total, 365ft. Commence boring next week. 24 hours lost through holiday.

THE MANAGER OF THE HOPE EXTENDED WEST (MR. F. E. SMITH) REPORTS:—No. 1 shot completed; opened out and driven 8ft. west.

LOCAL MINING YIELDS FOR WEEK WERE AS FOLLOWS:—Northern Hope, 162 cwt. 18 dwts. Hope, 12 1/2 cwt. Beaufort Deep Leads, 40 cwt. 3 dwts.; sundries, 3 cwt. 2 dwts. 18 grs.

MR. W. H. HALPIN, AUCTIONEER, WILL SELL AT HIS OFFICE, BEAUFORT, ON SATURDAY, 16TH INST., AT 2.30 P.M., 537 ACRES AT EURAMBEEN, ON ACCOUNT OF MESSRS HALPIN BROS.

SPECIAL SHOW of the Season's... LATEST APPROVED MILLINERY MODES.

is now being held in our spacious Showrooms. A Cordial Invitation is extended to the Ladies of the district for a visit of inspection. Never before have we exhibited such a variety of the LATEST and BEST PRODUCTIONS of the Millinery Designers' Art. The Exclusiveness, Originality and Refinement are attractive features.



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LADIES! We have the... LATEST STYLES

for the coming season in a most delightful assortment. Our new purchases are now opened, and we cordially invite your inspection, which will reveal all the Newest Novelties Accepted for Popular Wear.

EXCLUSIVE MILLINERY MODES of the Latest Fashion, SMART COSTUMES for all occasions, DAINTY BLOUSES, FASHIONABLE FURS in all Qualities.

LADIES of the district will surely find their ideal outfit our Comprehensive Selection.

NEW GOODS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Warm Wearables for the coming Winter Season. Our Varieties and Values stand incomparable.

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BEAUFORT RACES. WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1914. RECORD ENTRIES.

W. H. HALPIN, Secretary. DANCING. MISS NICKOLS' Class re-opens on Monday night, May 11th, in the Societies' Hall. Terms, etc., at "The Firm," Beaufort.

BEAUFORT BRANCH, A.N.A. DR. BOTTOMLEY (Member of Board of Directors) will deliver a LECTURE on "THE RED PLAGUE," in the SOCIETIES' HALL, on MONDAY, MAY 4TH, at 8 p.m. For men only. Admission: Free. A special invitation is extended to non-members.

FUNERAL NOTICE. THE friends of Mrs. TOLBER are respectfully requested to follow the remains of her dearly beloved son James Robert Charles to the Beaufort Cemetery on Saturday, May 2nd, 1914. The funeral cortege will leave Erambeen at 1.30 p.m.

AUCTION SALE OF LAND AT BEAUFORT. SATURDAY, 16TH MAY, 1914. At 2.30 p.m.

W. H. HALPIN has received instructions from Messrs. HALPIN BROS., Erambeen, to sell, on above date, all those pieces of Land, containing about 637 acres, being allotment 14A, 15E, 15F, 15G, 15H, of section A, and 57A, 57B, 57C, 57D, Parish of Raglan West, County of Ripon.

This is an opportunity seldom offered to obtain a compact Farm, well-fenced, wire-netted, close to markets and good road. A good deal of the land is fit for cultivation, and capable of growing potatoes.

The Sale will take place at the Office of the Auctioneer. Terms at Sale.

BEAUFORT DEEP LEADS G.M. CO. No Liability, Beaufort.—All Shares forfeited for non-payment of the 9th Call of Two pence (2d) per Share will be Sold by public auction, at the Mining Exchange, Ballarat, on Tuesday, 12th May, 1914, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., unless previously redeemed.

A. J. PEACOCK, Manager. Lydiard Street North, Ballarat.

HOPE EXTENDED G.M. CO. No Liability, Traralgon.—All Shares forfeited for non-payment of the 11th Call of Two pence (2d) per Share will be Sold by public auction, at the Mining Exchange, Ballarat, on Tuesday, 12th May, 1914, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., unless previously redeemed.

A. J. PEACOCK, Manager. Lydiard Street North, Ballarat.

HOPE EXTENDED WEST G.M. CO. No Liability, Traralgon.—All Shares forfeited for non-payment of the 11th Call of One penny (1d) per Share will be Sold by public auction, at the Mining Exchange, Ballarat, on Tuesday, 12th May, 1914, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., unless previously redeemed.

A. J. PEACOCK, Manager. Lydiard Street North, Ballarat.

Religious Services. SUNDAY, MAY 3rd, 1914.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Lexton, 11; Raglan, 3; Beaufort, 7.—Rev. J. Spalding, M.A., Beaufort, 11; Waterloo, 3; Mt. Pleasant, 7.—Mr. McDonald.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Raglan, 3.—Rev. W. H. Chapman, Raglan, 7; Mr. G. Boyd, Chute, 3.—Mr. C. Walker, Main Lead, 3; Chute, 7.—Mr. J. Stanger.

NURSE SLATER, MIDWIFE, PRATTS STREET, BEAUFORT. WILL accommodate Ladies or attend them at their own residence: Doctor if required.

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These Premises having recently been renovated, patrons can rely on every civility and attention. MODERATE TARIFF.—FREE STABLING. Only the best brands of Ales, Wines & Spirits sold.

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Tarpaulins, Horse Rugs, Tents, etc., always on hand. On hand, Bags at lowest current rates. CASH BUYER OF WHEAT. Highest Price given.

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AGENT FOR—GEO. HAYES & Co., Geelong; JAMES BELL & Co., Wheat Buyers, Melbourne; FEDERAL MANURES CO., INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO. OF AUSTRALIA; YORKSHIRE INSURANCE CO.

JAS. H. ROBERTSON, PLUMBER, TINSMITH, AND GAS FITTER.

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E. P. PLUMMER, Manager. Mr. Dalzell Hindl, Surgeon-Dentist, of Ballarat, visits the above pharmacy every Friday afternoon. Hours, 12.30-5 p.m.

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—AND—TIMBER MERCHANTS, —BEAUFORT.— Large Stocks always on hand of FENCING WIRE, Black & Galv. BARBED WIRE, WIRE NETTING, DROPPERS.

PLOUGH SHARES, TRACE & PLOUGH CHAINS. FURNITURE, CROCKERY & GLASSWARE SPECIALTIES.

and we invite you to inspect before purchasing.







BEAUFORT RACES.

lengths separating second and third horses.  
A novelty race—walk, trot and gallop, one mile—for a sweepstake of 5, which was privately arranged, brought out a field of seven, and was won by Adamthwaite's Laddie, in 3 min. 40 sec. W. Jaensch's No Hope being second, and Thompson's Jock third. Other starters:

**MOST ENTHUSIASTIC.**  
"I have tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm and found it invaluable for sciatica," says Mrs. E. Burnett, 67 Wicksteed Street, Wanganui, N.Z. "I have also found it a wonderful healer for cuts. I don't think you will find anyone more enthusiastic over Chamberlain's Pain Balm than I am." Sold by J. R. Wetherpoon & Co., Beaufort.  
Mr. J. Hawkin, a local miner, became suddenly ill on Thursday, 24th ult. He

who remarked that being the council had passed, and that was all that was carried.  
pin drew attention to the aterior and Trawalla Trow









ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

The anniversary of the Raglan Press... The Raglan Press was founded in 1841... The anniversary was celebrated on Sunday...

DEATH OF MR GEORGE RUSSELL.

It will be learned with regret that Mr George Russell, owner of Langi-Willi Station, at Linton, died on Friday, 8th inst. at Lissadurn, Co. Wick...

MINING NEWS.

Hope cleaned up on Thursday for 130 oz., which is about equal to the yield of the previous fortnight. According to this week's issue of the Government Gazette, the following applications for gold mining leases have been abandoned in the districts specified...

It's Wonderful the Difference a Few Clothes make



to the personal appearance of a man in these days men of character must have suits of character—suits that perfectly convey the expression of master designers and skilled tailors.

If you order your Suit here you are assured of skilled cutting, because our Cutter is an expert.

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Here you have the choice of the cream of the world's most reputable mills—materials that look good, feel good, and wear with entire satisfaction.

If you order your New Suit here you will get a Suit that will please you in every detail—in fit, make, finish, and, last but not least, in price.

STYLISH SUITS TO ORDER.

35- 45- 50- 63- 75-

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Men's Tweed Chesters, good patterns, 21, 27/6, 35/6. Stylish Garbircord Coats, 57/6. Waterproof Canvas Coats, 32/6.

The Store where you always find something new.



Ladies who are thinking new dresses for the coming season will be interested in the new arrivals now being shown at our Dress Counter.

The Finishing Touch

There's character in our Footwear. There's style, quality, and daintiness, too. Just the Footwear that pleases the eye, suits the pocket, and adds the finishing touch to your costume.

Table with 2 columns: FOR LADIES and FOR MEN. Lists various shoe styles and prices.

FOR THE WEE LASSIES AND LADDIES. All the very Latest Styles in Buckle and Strap Shoes. Button and Lace Boots at prices ranging from 5/11 to 12/6.

MILKMAKERS' STOCK MARKET.

Mr. J. J. O'Brien, Chairman of the Milk Producers' Association, has issued a statement regarding the current market conditions for milk in the district.

MIDDLE CREEK.

The monthly meeting of the Middle Creek school committee was held in the schoolroom on Wednesday, 6th inst. In the absence of the president (Mr. Dinn), Mr. J. O'Brien acted as chairman.

WHY YOUR STOMACH HURTS.

A DOCTOR'S COMMON-SENSE ADVICE. Pain in the stomach, variously called indigestion, dyspepsia, flatulence, heartburn, stomach-ache, etc., is usually attributed to some unnatural, abnormal or unwholesome condition of the stomach.

BEAUFORT FIRE BRIGADE.

A MEETING of all persons willing to assist in holding a Bazaar, in aid of the Building and Demonstration Fund of the Beaufort Fire Brigade, will be held at the 19th inst., at 8 p.m.

LOCAL LAND BOARD.

SUPPLEMENTARY Schedule of Applications to be dealt with at the Court House, Beaufort, on Tuesday, 19th May, 1914, at 10 o'clock a.m.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF HAMPDEN—BEAUFORT DIVISION.

THE Special General List for the above-mentioned Division is now printed, and copies may be inspected, free of charge, until the day appointing for revision, viz. Wednesday, 10th June next, at 2 o'clock p.m.

NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS TO PAY RATES.

NOTICE is hereby given that no person will be entitled to be enrolled in respect of any property unless on or before the 10th day of June, 1914, all rates due in respect of such property shall have been paid.

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BEAUFORT PHARMACY.

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CHAPTER XXXV. NEWS FROM THE SEA.

The formality over his introduction to all present, who greeted him warmly, then, at the general request, he told the whole story of his night's adventure. It was eagerly listened to, and won enthusiastic praise.

"We had something of the sort under consideration ourselves," said Volborth; "but we were afraid of the risk. You have done us a good service, my friend. We had planned to send a messenger out to the warships to-morrow night, and we feared lest they would sail away in the meantime. But they will remain, now that they have seen the burning signal-tower."

"You were going to send a man out?" Dick asked, in amazement.

"Yes; a good swimmer."

"Ah, I think I understand! You are going to rise at once within a day or two? You will turn the island over to the English cruisers?"

"Perhaps!" Volborth replied, meaningly. "Have patience. You will learn all in good time."

"The sooner the better," said Dick. "I shall be ready. But tell me how I came to be brought here. What has happened since I fired the tower, captain?"

"The news was all over both towns an hour ago, and was quickly brought here to us, Volborth replied. The man Sheldon, who fired at you twice, ran in from the signal station as quickly as possible. I at once concluded that the incendiary would make for the town by a roundabout route. I suspected why he had done the thing, and I was anxious to know if the daring fellow was one of our own men. I knew he would not enter by the road, so I posted two guards at both sides of the hill. And very fortunately you fell into my hands, for Gore had men watching near by with the same purpose. He is in a terrible rage!"

"I quite believe it," said Dick. "I hope I was not recognised during the fight."

"I can't speak for Montejo," said Volborth, "since he lies unconscious with a broken arm and battered head. But his companions could give you no clue to your identity."

"That's lucky!" exclaimed Dick. "I'm pretty sure that Montejo didn't know me either. And now, with your permission, I will be off. You know what I have to do yet. All depends on getting back to my room."

"If you have not been missed so far you won't be till morning," interrupted Joe Trask.

"Quite right," added Volborth. "There is plenty of time to spare before daylight. In half an hour the excitement will have quieted down a little, and then I will go with you through the town and see you into the house."

Dick was satisfied, for he knew that the Russian's companions would better his chances.

"I will wait, then, if you think it safer," he said. "I don't want anything to go wrong at the last."

"Nor do we," replied Volborth, "for we need your services. I regret, my friend, that I did not enlist you long ago."

"I would have joined willingly," declared Dick. "I could not be sure! You were a deep fellow."

"And so were you," replied Dick. "You seemed perfectly content with your life on the island."

Volborth's face darkened.

"I was but playing a part," he said. "It needed the utmost vigilance to retain Gore's confidence. And so you thought I was satisfied with my lot—that Gore had done me a kind service when he took me from the steamer Golden Horn, of the Californian coast, nearly two years ago? It was not a service, my friend; it was a deadly injury. In America I should have been safe and happy. I was to have joined my wife and child there, and now they doubtless believe me dead. It is for their sake that I have flung honour and faith to the winds—that I am plotting for freedom. And I will be free or die!"

He struck his fist on the table, and this seemed to relieve his emotion. The blaze of anger faded from his eyes, and turning to one of the men who had captured Dick, he said, quietly:

"Carter, go to the doctor's house—you know it—and see if anything is wrong there. Be very careful, and come back and report as soon as you can."

The man left the cellar at once, for the next five or ten minutes Volborth and his companions discussed their interrupted business. Dick only partly understood, but when the conversation turned on the British men-of-war, he asked, eagerly:

"Have their names been ascertained yet?"

"Yes; Montejo read them through a glass this afternoon," replied Hugh Archbold.

"And what are they?"

"The Scorpion and the Malta." Dick half rose in his excitement.

"By Jove, I was right!" he gasped. "A friend of mine, Lieutenant Grenville, is an officer of the Malta." "A friend of yours?" Volborth exclaimed, sharply. "Ah, I remember your speaking of him, when we were playing chess one night." He glanced significantly at his companions.

door opened, and a man entered, tall, thin, bearded man, lightly clad, and with a fresh smell of the sea oozing from his sandy hair. His eyes sparkled with excitement.

"Tidings!" he announced. "The English ships have just come through the reef barriers, and in Lion's they are now lying at anchor, in the deep water close off the rocks!"

"You are not mistaken?" demanded Archbold. "You saw them yourself?"

"It is true," the man replied. "I swam back at once with the news."

"Then they have a pilot who knows the channel—some one who has steered a boat into the channel before!" exclaimed Volborth. "That is the only solution to the mystery!"

A scene of enthusiasm followed. The cellar was filled with the shouts of eager voices, all trying to talk at once. The cruiser have come to stay, and as their latest move has doubtless been seen from the trees on the signal mountain, the news will soon reach town. We will break up our meeting now, for I have other work to do. But, first, I want to suggest that the task of communicating with the vessels, of making terms for us, be offered to our new recruit. He has a friend on the Malta. What do you say?"

There was an instant and unanimous murmur of approval. Captain Volborth turned to Dick.

"Are you a good swimmer?" he asked.

"Yes; fairly good."

"And are you willing to undertake the duty? Will you swim off to the men-of-war to-morrow night?"

"For what purpose?"

"To gain their assistance—to explain how the marines can enter the lagoon in boats, and attack the port from the other side while we attack it from the other."

"I will do it gladly," assented Dick. "But how am I to get out to the vessels?"

"There is a secret way, and a safe one," replied Volborth. "This is not a time for explanations; you will learn all before you start to-morrow. You consent, then?"

"I am at your service," said Dick. "I want to know one thing, though. As I told you a while ago, I have three days of grace."

"Yes; beginning with yesterday," interrupted Volborth. "It is now Tuesday morning, and your time will expire on Thursday. Well, to-night you arrange for the attack, and it will come off on the following night. When Thursday morning dawns the town will be ours."

"I hope so," muttered Dick, thrilled by the Russian's confident words. At that moment Carter appeared.

"The doctor's house is dark and silent," he declared. "There is every reason to believe that the Englishman's absence has not been discovered."

"Good!" cried Volborth. "And is the way clear for us now?"

"Yes, it is safe to venture out," was the reply.

The Russian gave a few hasty but important instructions to his fellow-conspirators. Then he turned to Dick and bade him follow him. A moment later the two had left the cellar, and were out in the gloomy street. They passed quickly through the lower town, where a great many people were astir, and mounted the steps to the upper town without being questioned by the guards. Here, where they were in far more danger, they chose the least frequented streets.

And at last they came safely to the rear of the doctor's house and slipped through the passage into the courtyard. The window above them was dark; not a sound could be heard.

CHAPTER XXXVI. A STARTLING DISCOVERY.

"I am back in time," Dick whispered fervently.

"Yes, you are right—there can be no doubt of it," Volborth replied. "Your good star has been with you to-night, from start to finish; but do not boast of your good fortune, my friend. Up with you at once, and get to bed swiftly and silently. See, the dawn is breaking!"

"One moment," said Dick. "How am I to know?"

"About this evening, you mean? That is very simple. Be ready to join me at any time from darkness to midnight. I will come to the last and the signal will be a low whistle. All depends, of course, on your being able to repeat this trick. If you cannot get away, another will tell you it; place; but you are the best man for it."

"I want to come badly," replied Dick; "and unless something unforeseen occurs, I am confident I can manage it. I am usually alone after supper; but if any one should happen to be with me to-night—you can tell by listening—don't whistle. When the visitor is gone, I will wave my hand. A boom! boom! boom! it will sound like the opening of a brick battle. And so it kept on for long hours—hours that tried Dick's patience and self-control to the utmost. He could only chafe and listen, mentally cursing his hard fate. He might have left the house, it is true, for he was pretty well satisfied that Carlos had gone to the walls; but he was afraid that such an act of disobedience would get him into trouble, and so spelt his plans for the night."

At intervals, through all the morning and part of the afternoon, guns answered guns. Shells flew hissing and screaming, crashing and thundering. The town echoed to hoarse and incessant clamour, to the restless scurrying of feet. Dick could only conjecture what was taking place. He knew nothing of the result of the bombardment. He could not tell whether the ships were trying to enter the lagoon, or whether they were merely storming the fortress from a distance. But he felt certain in either event, that Gore's Krupp guns would have the best of it. He took up the part of the evening that was passed in a heavy case of drawers, where he knew they were not likely to be found, and then he got into bed.

For a long time he tossed sleeplessly, for the long time he tossed sleeplessly, for the long time he tossed sleeplessly.

door more distinct in the grey light of dawn. He was bodily exhausted, but his brain was too active for sleep. What a fearful night it had been! How strange, almost incredible, it all seemed!

Over and over he pondered the events of those few hours—the firing of the signal-tower, the fight and escape, his capture by Volborth's spies and the amazing story of the conspiracy to which he now belonged. And the future! The thought of the coming blow thrilled him with excitement and hope. There was not one chance in a thousand, he reasoned, that the plan could fail.

"It is glorious!" he said to himself. "It is a dream that will prove true! Attacked on two sides, the British marines will be in possession of the island. Mary will be restored to dear old Geoffrey, and Lucille will be mine—mine! We will go back to the world together and begin a new life."

But there was a reverse side to the picture, and it thrust its ugly face into Dick's bright anticipations. A great deal could happen in the meantime. The cruiser have come to stay, and as their latest move has doubtless been seen from the trees on the signal mountain, the news will soon reach town. We will break up our meeting now, for I have other work to do. But, first, I want to suggest that the task of communicating with the vessels, of making terms for us, be offered to our new recruit. He has a friend on the Malta. What do you say?"

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CHAPTER XXXVII. THE SECRET OF THE CLIFF.

For a single second or two they glared into each other's eyes, standing at arm's length, and in that brief time Dick seemed to see all the consequences of this unexpected interruption. The thought of his danger served him, and he took swift action. He sprang forward, and gripped his throat in both hands.

"You cur," he hissed. "I'll fix you for spying on me!"

The force of the attack brought Carlos to the floor, and in the fall a pistol that he held in one hand was knocked from his grasp. He could only make a gurgling noise, for his throat was still tightly clutched; but he began to struggle desperately with arms and legs, and to such purpose that he speedily overturned his assailant and gained the uppermost position. Dick held on like a bulldog, though he knew that he was over-matched and must speedily succumb.

Help was at hand, however. Captain Volborth had heard the noise, and guessing the cause of it he had scrambled up the wall and in the window. A glance showed him the situation, and his eyes sought the glimmer of light on the floor. He seized the weapon by the barrel, and brought the stock down with crashing force on the Cuban's head. The blow was a settler. The stricken man rolled over to one side, quivering and twitching. Dick rose to his feet, snatching his pistol.

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close when the string grew less frequent, and then stopped altogether. Dick had expected a visit from Lucille, and he began to feel deeply worried by her absence. He did not know what could prevent her from coming, and he feared lest she suspected him of being Leon's assailant. He was angry with her for not coming, but he could not banish it from his mind. He waited and listened for her until an overpowering drowsiness seized him. He threw himself on the bed, and fell asleep almost at once.

"Twilight came, darkness succeeded, and the hours of the early night wore on. Dick woke up to find candles burning in the room, and to see Carlos with the supper tray. He was alarmed to discover that he had slept so long. His first thought was that Volborth's spies might be looked for at any moment; his next was of the events of the day.

"What time is it?" he asked.

"Nearly eleven o'clock, senior," the Cuban replied. "I could not bring you any dinner."

"Hang the dinner!" interrupted Dick. "Tell me about the fighting."

"Ah, it was a superb sight, senior! I was there to see the most of it. I missed the beginning, but I was when we heard the first shot this morning. The English sent a boat full of marines, with a man in the bow holding a white flag. And when it was entering the lagoon, Captain Gore gave the command to fire. Of the boat and her crew, senior, there was scarcely anything left at the second shot. All perished!"

"What foul and cursed treachery!" Dick hissed through his clenched teeth. "But go on, what happened then?"

"There was an interval," Carlos replied, "and next the men-of-war cruised to and fro at a distance from the gates. They fired at us, and we fired at them. So it went on, until late in the afternoon. The ships suffered heavily, and they also did us some damage. The fortress wall was much battered, and three times a shell came through the embrasures and burst, killing in all nine of our men."

"And where are the cruisers now?"

"Behind the cliff," said Carlos. "They will go away to-morrow; but they must see that the island is not to be taken. And to-night the people are in high spirits over the victory."

"Yes, I hear them," muttered Dick. "He listened for a moment to the cheering and shouting that rose from all quarters of the town. Then he sat down and pitched into the supper, meanwhile questioning the Cuban more closely about the fight, and drawing from him the important fact that the doctor was again absent at the council meeting. Finally he rose, rubbing his eyes and yawning.

"I won't want anything more to-night," he said. "I am going to bed at once."

"The senior sleeps much of late," Dick looked at him sharply, half suspiciously.

"I need more sleep since my illness," he answered, in a careless tone.

"Yes, that is true," the Cuban assented.

"I picked up the tray, said good night, and left the room."

Dick gave no further thought to the man. The coast was clear at last and he need wait but a few moments before preparing for action. He moved about for a quarter of an hour, as though making ready to retire. By that time the town was comparatively quiet, and he heard no movement down stairs from Carlos.

He removed his shoes, blew out the candles, and arranged the dummy on the bed as on the previous night. He had just finished when he heard the expected signal, and gliding to the window he saw a dark figure down in the court.

"Is that you?" he whispered.

"Yes," came the reply, in Volborth's familiar voice. "I am waiting."

"All right," Dick answered. "I am ready."

As he spoke there was a creaking noise behind him, and his heart gave a wild throb. Turning instantly, he found himself almost face to face with Carlos.

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Fetch me something to tie him with—"quick!"

Dick took a sheet from the bed and tore it into strips. He lent Volborth a hand, and in two minutes the Cuban's limbs were securely bound and a wad of linen was fastened between his teeth.

"Here's a nice mess!" Dick said, bitterly. "I had no idea that the rascal would do me. What am I to do now?"

"Come with me at once," Volborth replied. "Is there any one else in the house?"

"No; the doctor is at a council meeting."

"Good! And I see you have the dummy arranged. Help me push this fellow under the bed, and then we'll be off."

"You take things decently, Volborth. I'm in an awful hole!"

"Not a bit of it," replied the Russian. "You will not return here, Valentine. When our work is finished we will go to my house, where I can hide you safely until to-morrow night. The chances are ten to one that the Cuban won't be found until morning. There will be a big row of course, but that is all it will amount to. Twenty-four hours more will see the end of Jason Gore's boasted despotism. Are you satisfied?"

"Yes; your plan seems all right," Dick assented. "I will put myself in your hands. But there is one thing, Volborth. At all hazards I must save those two women, and now they—"

"I will see to that," the Russian broke in. "I will get them both to my house to-morrow night before the hour fixed for the attack. You promise, captain," said Dick. "That's all. We had better be starting."

"Give me a hand first," replied Volborth.

It was the work of a moment to push the unconscious body of the Cuban far under the low bed. Then Dick picked up his cap and descended to the court. His shoes were on by the time Volborth joined him, and after making sure that the coast was clear, they struck boldly across the town. They were not recognised or accosted by the few persons whom they met; most of the populace had been attracted to the fortress, which was naturally a centre of interest after the events of the day.

Of course the Russian had witnessed the fight, and as they went along he gave his companion a vivid account of it. It was quite true, he declared, that a boat bearing a white flag had been fired on and sunk; moreover, the crew had escaped.

"It was a dastardly act," said Dick. "and one that puts Gore beyond the pale of mercy. But who was at the guns?" he added; and there was a sudden change in his voice.

"You suspect me," Volborth answered quietly; "but you are mistaken. I trained none of the Krupps—Gore relieved me from that duty. His manner was cool and curt to me all day."

"By Jove, do you think he suspected anything?"

"It's possible," Volborth admitted. "That is the only explanation. But I hope I am wrong. It might spoil our plot if I was arrested to-morrow."

"Why, this is serious," said Dick. "Perhaps you are under surveillance now?"

"I don't think so. Hush! We are at the gate, Valentine."

They walked by the sentry, and descended the stair. They pushed on at a quick pace through the lower town, bearing to the right until they reached the brow of the hill on the east side. They scrambled down the bushy slope, and at the base they turned to the right again. They followed this course for half a mile through trees and tall grass, gradually going deeper into a dark and narrow valley. Then they emerged from the thickets, and Dick knew at once that he was in.

Almost at his feet lay the silvery lagoon, stretching across to the cliff that shut out the sea. On the left rose a thickly-wooded hill, and close on the right towered the wall of rock that dropped sheer from the north side of the upper town. On the summit, in the angle formed by this side and by the eastern front, were the gardens.

Volborth called Dick's attention to the dizzy staircase above the feet wide, and out of the solid rock that zigzagged up the face of the wall.

"That was made many years ago," he explained, "when there was no lower town. It leads up to what is known as the North Gate, which is so old and rickety that the pressure of six men would burst it from its hinges. I know this, for I have made several examinations lately. And by yonder gate your British tars will enter the town."

"Where will it bring them?"

"To the corner of the gardens, within easy distance of Government House."

"That is simple enough, but how will the marines get here? And how am I to reach the men-of-war to-night?"

"You will see presently," Volborth replied. "Come; this way now."

He turned to the left, and guided Dick along a precarious path that skirted the base of the hill and the edge of the lagoon. A trap of a quarter of a mile brought them to a little inlet, where Volborth stopped and whistled. In answer to the signal a canoe glided from under the bushes, with Joel Trask sitting in the stern.

Dick and the Russian seated themselves, and Trask paddled swiftly and quietly across the lagoon. The canoe entered a narrow passage in the towering cliff on the farther side, and rippled on for a dozen yards or more in pitch darkness, and then swung broadside and scraped against a rocky wall.

"Look down," said Volborth. Dick, obeyed, and under the canoe he saw a faint glow of light.

"We have passed through the heart of the cliff," Volborth continued, "and only a thin slat of rock separates us from the sea. It extends but a few feet below the surface. You can see it under it, and when you

come up on the other side you will find the men-of-war anchored close by. You need not be afraid of sharks; they all stay in the lagoon."

"By Jove, this is a secret worth knowing!" Dick exclaimed. "I understand now how you kept watch on the ships. But you surely don't expect the marines to dive under here one by one?"

"No diving will be necessary," replied Volborth. "Listen carefully; I am going to give you your instructions." (To be Continued.)

THE POULTRY FARM. SOME USEFUL HINTS.

FOOD FOR LAYERS.

Mr. D. S. Thompson who conducts the Hawkesbury egg-laying competitions, says that cut-up liver used to be fed to the fowls at different times of the day, and by itself, in the earlier competitions. It has now been found that by mixing the liver into a fine meal it can easily be mixed with the morning mash. In this form it adds a zest to the food that the hens greatly appreciate.

Mr. Thompson adds that the laying tests have demonstrated the absolute necessity of furnishing green food, and the best of this is undoubtedly lucerne.

CHOOSING A BROODER.

In selecting a brooder, preference should be given to those makes that provide three compartments, though the two-compartment type proves successful during the latter part of the season. After using practically every form of individual outdoor brooder, I have come to the conclusion that there is very little to choose between the hot-air and the hot-water pipes. Perhaps if there is any difference it is that the former maintains rather a higher temperature in very cold weather; but on the other hand, the latter is less subject to sudden changes in atmospheric heat. I have made a practice during many seasons of rearing chickens in hot-air machines for the first two or three weeks, then removing them to a tank brooder. I have found in practice that the best results are obtained in a three-compartment machine with a very high temperature in the warmest part.

HATCHING DUCK EGGS.

In order to have ducklings ready in time to participate in the high prices procurable during the spring months early hatching is, of course, necessary. If there are no broody hens, which often happens, then an incubator must be employed. For some reason, however, the natural method of hatching is preferable, and whenever a broody hen can be obtained, she should be used rather than a machine. When an incubator is used it requires to be worked at a slightly lower temperature than in the case of hens' eggs. The egg-drawing of a tank machine should be maintained at 102deg., and that of a hot-air machine at 103deg. and the moisture must be supplied to the eggs; otherwise the two thin skins next to the shell become thick and tough, causing considerable difficulty to the duckling to pierce, especially as its bill is quite soft and blunt. It is a good plan to damp them with a wet cloth once a day during the first three weeks of incubation. This should be done immediately before the drawer is replaced. During the last seven days the eggs should be dipped bodily into water heated to about 100deg. to 103deg., and again this should be done just before closing the drawer. In other respect the hatching of ducks' eggs is similar to that of hens' eggs.

POULTRY FARMING V. FARM POULTRY KEEPING.

A writer in a contemporary does good service once again to call attention to the fact that there is a great difference between farm poultry-keeping and what is usually termed poultry farming. In so far as the last named are primarily for the production and sale of stock birds, eggs for hatching, and day-old chickens, they occupy an important place, and are indispensable to the development of the poultry industry in this or any country. To that end they should be encouraged, and there is abundance of room for extension. Many people are making a fair living, or adding to their returns in this manner, and as farm poultry-keeping advances the number and scope of such establishments must be increased. The contribution to the food supply of the country, at least during the non-hatching season is unquestionable, but that we can look either to them or to specialist plants for meeting the requirements of our great populations cannot be conceded. Such is the duty of the ordinary farmer. An American contemporary has termed the former—poultry-keeping, as they have a designation, as they have an important place to fill, though not what is generally assumed.

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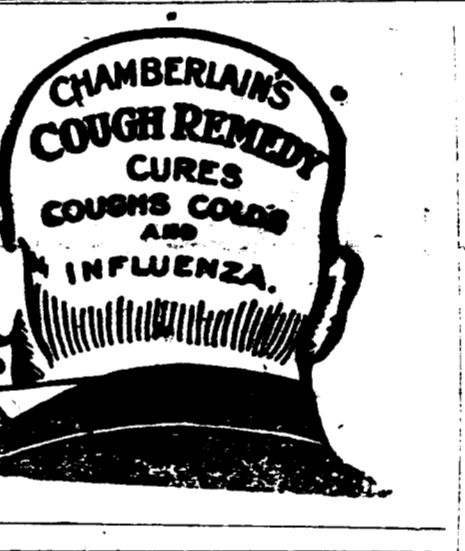


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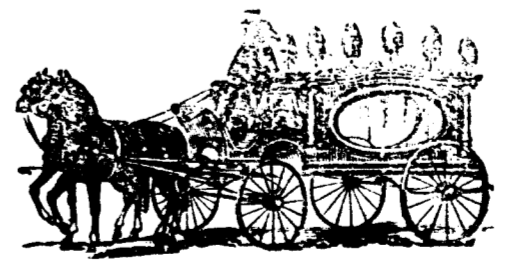
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Secret Island. A Story of a Strange and Exciting Adventure.

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PART I. CHAPTER XXVIII. A THRILLING MEETING.

The Russian was brief and to the point, explaining what he had to say very clearly. Dick was to swim out to the Malta, and through Grenville obtain an interview with the commanders of the two cruisers.

But in return for the service rendered by Volborth and his men, two things were to be exacted. In the first place, the British commanders were to guarantee freedom to the conspirators, and land some of them at New York, others at an English seaport.

"The whole thing is admirably and skilfully planned," Dick replied. "It is bound to succeed, unless some unforeseen hitch occurs. And your demands are not unreasonable."

"No; far from it," said Trask. "But remember that you must have a positive promise from the captains on those points. That the arrangements for the attack will meet with their full approval, I do not doubt. You can satisfy them as to the numbers and trustworthiness of our band and the certainty of their acting in concert with their mates."

"Quite so," assented Dick. "There will be no difficulty about that. But it is impossible for the boats to slip into the lagoon by the gateway?"

"They will be destroyed instantly," declared Volborth. "A watch is kept from the fortress day and night and a dozen Krupps are trained on the gateway, ready to be fired. The only way to enter is by this passage—make that clear to the captains. The torpedo will make a wide gap."

"And a tremendous explosion," broke in Dick. "Yes; but before the cause can be ascertained or suspected the marines will be in by the North Gate," said Volborth. "And now, get ready for the plunge. Our time is valuable, for you must be hidden away in my house within two hours."

from the portholes, and shot dancing reflections on the sea. The water was cool and refreshing, and Dick felt equal to a far longer swim than the one before him.

Through the hour was late, Geoffrey Grenville had not retired. He sat in his lighted cabin, staring with haggard and grief-stricken face at a photograph that lay on the table before him.

"Dear old fellow!" said Dick. "A jolly meeting this. And so you knew I was on the island?"

"Yes, I knew it. And where is she, Dick? Tell me. Let me know the worst."

"She is well and as happy as can be expected. You will soon see her. I will see her," cried Grenville. "Thank God! But what do you mean, Dick? This is madness!"

"Well done, Baskin!" he cried. "We've got Volborth, and this fellow was with him. At least, he was followed. Grenville stepped up to his commander."

"Sir, I ask a favour," he said. "I beg that you will allow me to lead the attacking force to-morrow night, if it pleases you."

"This is a night to be remembered," said Volborth. "May Heaven reward you, my friend. And now to be off. Put out the lantern, Trask."

the shoulder, and drew him to one side. Dick waited in some alarm, while the two held a brief and whispered conversation.

"It is bad news," he announced, gravely. "There is a warrant out for my arrest, and a lot of Gore's men have been quietly searching for me. They are in the neighbourhood now, Valentine."

"Then all is lost," Dick said. "How much do you suppose Gore knows?"

"I don't believe he knows anything but I merely suspect that I am playing him false. It was a mistake to report that no disaffection existed in the lower town, as I have been doing. But I think we can outwit our crafty friend, Jason. I don't intend to be caught if I can help it."

"Well, hear into the first street on the right of it, looking this way. The house is on the left, and you will find Trask, Archbold, and others there. Do you understand?"

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