## THE GREAT K.E.A RAIN ROBBE

BY PACE LEXESTER PORD, Author of The Handeter Stilling Ite.

CHAPTER VII.—Continued,

"I have dismissed the shoriff and
his poses, and I gave thems hundred
dollars for their work, and three botties of pestly good whisky I had on
my car. Unless they get orders from
elsewhers, you will not hear any further from them."
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"We understand that," said Mr. Cullen. "and do not force a recent blems.

"We understand that," said Mr. Cullen, and do not for a moment blame you."

"But," I went on, for the first time looking at Madge, "It is not my duty to take part in a contest for control of the K. & A., and I shall therefore act is this case as I should in any other than the control of the K. & A., and I shall therefore act is this case as I should in any other "And that is—" asked Frederic.

"I am about to telegraph for instructions from Washington," I repiled. "As the O. S. by trickery has dishonestly tied up some of your prosiles, they ought not to object if we do the same by honest means; and I think I can manage so that Uncle Sam will prevent those proxies from being voted at Ash Forks on Friday." Died to the group about the breakfest table, it wouldn't lave made a bigger change. Madge clapped her hands in joy; Mr. Cullen said, "God bless you!" with real feeling; Frederic lumped up and slapped me on the shoulder, crying, "Gordon, you're the biggest old trump breathing;" while Albert and the captain shool that of the control of the con

bilation. Only Lord Railes remained passive.

"Have you breakfasted!" asked Mr. Oullen, when the first joy was over.

"Yee," I said. "I only stopped in on my way to the station to telegraph the postmaster-general."
"May I come with you and see what you say!" cried Fred, jumping up. I nodded, and Miss Guilen said, questioningly, "Me, too!" making me very happy by the question, for It gave an assent quite as eagerly and in a moment we were all walking forwards the platform. Despite Lord Railes, I felt happy, and especially as I had not dreamed that she would ever forgive me.

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I took a toward that she would see the see that I took a toward to the see that I said, wrote:

"Postmaster - General, Washington, D. C. I hold, awaiting your instructions, the three registered letters stolen from No. 3 Overland Missouri Western Express on Monday, October fourteenth, loss of which has already been notified you."

Then I paused and said, "So far, that's routine, Miss Cullen. Now comes the help for you," and I continued—

comes the help for you," and I con-tinued—
The letters may have been tam-pered with, and I recommend a special agent. Reply Flagstaff, Arisona.
"Richard Gordon,
"Buperintendent K. & A. R. R."
"What will that do?" she asked.
"I'm not much at prophecy, and the state of the state of the state of the state of the All that day we lay at Flagstaff, and after a good sleep, as there was be use keeping the party cooped up in their car, I drummed up some ponies and took the Cullens and Ack-land over to the Indian cliff-dwellings. I don't think Lord Railes gained any-thing by staying behind in a sulk, for



"The G. 6.'s dough is cooked."

It was a very joily ride, or at least
that was what it was to me. I had
of course to teil them all how I had
settled on them as the criminals, and
a history of my doings. To hear Miss
Culien talk, one would have inferred
I was the greatest of living detectives.
"The mistake we made." she asserted, "was not securing Mr. Gordon's
help to begin with, for then we should
mover have needed to hold the train
up, or if we had we should never have
been discovered."

What was more to me than this
Ill-deserved admiration were two
tilings she said on the way back, when
we two had paired off and were a bit
belind the rest.

"The sandwiches and the whisky
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I'm so grateful for the trouble yo

took."
"It was a pleasure." I said.
"And, Mr. Gordon." she continued,
and then hesitated for a moment—
"my—Frederic told me that you—you
said you honored me fot—?"
"I do." I exclaimed energetically, as
she paused and colored.
"Do you really?" she cried. "I
thought Fred was only trying to make
me less unhappy by saying that you
did."

"I said it, and I meant it," I told

"I sald it, and I meant it," I told ber.

"I have been so miserable over that lie," she went on: "but I thought if I let you have the letters it would ruln phas. I readly wouldn't mind poverty pride in success that I couldn't be the one to do it. And then, after you told me that train-robbers were hung. I had to lie to save them. I ought to have known you would help us."

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I thought this a pretty good time to make a real apology for my conduct on the trail, as well as to tell her how sorry I was at not having been able to repack her bag better, and assures me apology very aweed by and and and wondered who did it. I knew she only said this out of kindness, and told her so, telling also of my struggles over that pink-beribboned and belared affair, in a way that made her laugh. I had thought it was a ball gown, and windered at her taking it to the Cannon; but she explained that it was wat as the called a "throw"—which I had gone through over it. It made me oppen my eyes, thinking that anything so pretty could be used for the same purpose for which I use my crash bath-gow, and while my eyes were open I saw the folly of thinking that a girl who were such things would, or in fact could, ever get along on my salary. In that way the indicated me, and the property having would, or in fact could, ever get along on my salary. In that way the indicated me, and the particular of the assure that the fall who were such things would, or in fact could, ever get along on my salary. In that

have only forgotten the existen Lord Ralles.

## CHAPTER VIII

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hold her hand after she was down, while he said something to her, made we git my tech and look the other way. None of the riders had seen me, so I slipped into my ora and want heak to work. Find came in presen-ity to see if I wan up yet, and to sak me to lunch, but I fell so miserable and down-hearted that I made an excuse of my late breakfast for not joining them.

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After luncheon the party in the other special all came out and walked up and down the platform, the sound of their voices and laughter only making them. The second of their voices and laughter only making the second of their voices and laughter only making the second of their voices and laughter only make not beard a range to be leaded at me. The moment I looked up, she called:

"Won't you make one of us, Mr. Misanthrope?"

I called myself all sorts of a fool, but out I went as eagerly as if there had been some bope. Miss Cullen began to tease me over my sudden access of energy, declaring that she was sure it was a pose for their beneft, or else due to a guilty conscience over having slept so late. If the with us, though explane it wouldn't have paid you. Apparently there is nothing to see in Ash Forks."

"There is something that may interest you all," I suggested, pointing to



"Mr. Gordon, may I ask you a ques-tion!" a special that had been dropped off No. 2 that morning. "What is it?" asked Madge. "It's a G. S. special," I said, "and Mr. Camp and Mr. Baldwin and two G. S. officials came in on it." "What do you think he'd give for those letters?" laughed Free. (To be continued.)

Appearances Don't Deceive.
R. M. Ham, room clerk of the Beltetrue-Stratford in Philadelphia, has an assecellent collection of autographa.
These he solicited orally from his
desk—they are all autographs of the
hotel's patrons.
"You can tell a distinguished man
at a glance," sald Mr. Ham the other
day, "A distinguished man has a look
of distinction. Appearances are never
deceifful.
"A friend of mine has a house in
the country. There came to his gate

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"A friend of mine has a house is the country. There came to his gate one day a tramp of the most disrepatable appearance—matted hair, dusty beard, red nose, mud-caked trousers and so on.

said my friend sternly, "what do you want"

"Please, sir, whised the tramp, "I am lookin' for work. Have you any scrubbla, washio, or cleanin' of any kind that you wish done?"

"My friend smiled."
"How deceitful appearances are, he said. Now no one would ever suspect to look at you, that you would choose that particular sort of work to do."

"Oh, I wouldn't sir, said the tramp, "It's my wife that I'm huntin' work for."

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Practiced What He Preached.
"When Ellison Capers, bishop of South Carolina, was rector of Christ church, in Greenville, he would otten go to other cities to preach, for his powerful eloquence made him much limited to the second of the control of the second of t

course."
"Thanks," said the bishop. Ti seems to have been appreciated, judging from the appearance of the collection plates."—Kansas City Journal.

A Disappointment.

"Such a dreadful disappointment asthe ladies of the Main Street Church
had in the new minister," sighs the
caller.

"Why? What was wrong? Wasn't
he orthodox? saks the hostess.

"O, his principles were sound
enough, but you know they had been
without a pastor all fall, and engaged
this man without seeing him, and—"
"Bless me! What could have been
the matter?"
"I'm coming to that. As he was to
arrive the first of Döcember, they
thought they might as well have his
Christmas presents prepared and out
of the way of other things. And
when he came, he proved to be a man
who had had both legs amputated
atter a railroad wreex, and sow all
the ladies who made carpet slippess
for him are terribly put out over it."

## \* Illinois News

MINISTER IS FOUND QUILTY EISHOP SPALDING IS AT PEORIA SCHOOL TREASURER WELL PAID

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Elders of Nazerine Church of Peoria

Expel the Paster.

Rev. John S. Southey, formerly pastor of the Nazerine church, of Peoria,
has been found guilty of elopement,
abandonment of his family and embestdement. He was tried before the
pestdement. He was tried before the
from the organization with a bitter
censure. The charge-of elopement
was against Miss May Shawpo, a
member of his congregation, who is
said to have left her home for him,
but who cannot be located now. The
trial of Southey was secret. The
preacher refused to be present or
make any defense. He is now under
indictment by the grand jury on the
charge of living unlawfully with Miss
Shawgo.

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Infanticide is Alleged.

Alle Swallows, of Dequoin, was arrested at Benton by Constable C. E. Morgan on a charge of manalagater. She is alleged to have thrown a minimal infant in a well five weeks ago. The body of the child was recovered. She waived examination at a preliminary hearing and has been placed under an \$500 bond for her appearance before the grand jury.

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The two experts. I. W. Merritt and
J. F. Lawson, appointed some weeks
ago to assertial the exact amount of
indebtedness which is owed by Coles
county, reported their findings at a
special meeting of the county board of
supervisors. The total indebtedness is
\$220,569.14. This includes judgments
and claims of every kind against the
county.

Big Deal in Land.
The largest land deal which has been closed in St. Clair county in a number of years was made by Prank Pudeer for the farm of the late George D, Thomas, which was purchased by John Koch, Sr., for \$20, 145.89. The farm is located on the Shitoh on the Shitoh orad, four miles east of Belleville.

Elks to Build Home.

Members of the Alton lodge of Elks have started a fund for the erection of a handsome home at Alton. At a recent meeting of the lodge the members gave over \$2,000, and a committee was appointed to secure additional subscriptions.

Reduce Waterworks Stock.

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The incorporators of the Alton Waterworks company have reduced the capital stock of the company temporarily from \$400,000 to \$5,000. The capital will be raised after the conclusion of the litigation for possession of the system.

Hospital for Insane Crowded.

Because of the overcowded condition of the hospital for insane at Kankakee, and because Coles county has more than its share of patients confined there, the state authorities have ordered some of them removed to Bartonsville.

Land Selis at \$110.

One of the most valuable tracts of land in White county, an eighty-acre farm in Paillings township, owned by C. E. Brown, was sold to John W. Brown at \$110 an acre. To Build Summer Homes.
W. G. Arpo, of St. Louis, has purchased twelve acres in Okawille from J. J. Nasikamer for 1,800. Mr. Arpe will divide the land into city lots on which he and other St. Louis parties will erect summer cottages.

Former Mayor is Dead.

E. H. Good, who died in Chicago, aged 51, was four times mayor of Bloomington and held other public of fices. He had resided at Bloomington for a half century and was prominent in commercial affairs.

SISHOP SPALDING IS AT PEORIA
Arrives Home Improved in Health After Three Months' Absence.
Bishop John Lancaster Spalding of
the diocese of Peoria has returned to
hardone in Peoria, after an absence of
health. The Peoria after an absence of
health. The bishop has refused to discuss his alleged candidacy for the Cardinalship. 'The prejate, accompanied
by his sister, Mrs. John Silves, left
Peoria early in the winter for St. Anquatine, Fis., but found the climate too
severe for him, "and was removed to
the mountain near Hot Springs, Ark.,
where abe has spent the last eight
weeks. The bishop is greatly improved in health, and is able to walk
long distances. He expects to again
take up active duties in the church.

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Labor of Love Cests Churchman's Life
at Jacksonville.

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dite. Pechloeffel was engaged in a
labor of love with a fellow member of
the church and was fixing the cornice
of the cupola. There are two cupolas
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of the cupola. There are two cupolas
to the role of the lower one, and
there his body was caught by the
gutter ledge. His companion saw him
stagger and fall and went to the rescue. His supported the body. And
call a supposed to have caused
Pechloeffel to fall.

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At Peoria "Jap" Smith was declared not guilty of manslaughter in connection with the wreck of the Santa Fe limited near Chillicothe, Jan. 29. Smith admitted negligence, but the defense produced testimony to show that the conductor of the train. George Wetherwax, had also been shown, was subsequented in the second of the conductor of the train. George Wetherwax, had also been shown, was subsequented in the second of Smith's and the court ruled that it was the direct cause of the wreck and the loss of life incident to the catastrophe. The court ruled that the defense was good and the jury was ordered to find a verdict acquitting the defendant. Four persons were killed in the wreck, which occurred the day before the wreck on the Santa Fé at Laurs, in which several persons were injured.

Bandits Beat and Rob Man.

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Three men called in the home of H. C. Galliger, near Mode, east of Pana, and, under pretense of trying to get a place to stay all night, induced the old man to come to the door, where they slugged him, afterwards riting his clothes of all their continuations of the control of th

Vote for Interurban Line Vote for Interuchan Lina.

At a meeting of promoters at Lincoln it was voted to organia a company to build an interuchan railroad
from Decatur to Lincoln, to be known
as the Decatur & Lincoln lefectric railway. R. B. Starbuck, Mattoon; J. M.
Clokey, Decatur; D. A. Goode, Bearsdale; S. H. Faith, Warrensburg; J. H.
Sallee, Latham; I. H. Snyder and J. C.
England, Mount Pulaski; T. L. Blackburn and W. H. Evans, Lincoln, were
elected directors.

Potatoes Separate Couple.

Mrs. Frank Strong, who lives near Honegap, has gone to Grayville, where she is being cared for by friends. She alleges that her husland abandoned her. Mrs. Strong says the separation is the sequel to a quarrel last spring as to how potatoes should be covered; the wife insisted that a harrow be used and Strong covered them with a plow.

Fiora Geta Senatorial Convention.
The republican senatorial committee for the 42d district decided to hold the senatorial convention at Fiora, May 3. The representation will be one delegate for each 200 votes poiled for Roosevelt.

Drainage Assessment.

The drainage commissioners of Hawthorne township have ordered a second assessmen, The order as passed calls for \$10,000.

Buys Coal Rights. Buys Coal sugnus.
The Deering Coal company has taken 10,000 acres of coal rights in Fillmore township and vicinity in Montgomery county.

Man Dies on Train. Harry Carris, of Chicago, died on a Chicago and Alton train just after leaving Lincoln, Ill.

SCHOOL TREASURER WELL PAID
Official at East St. Louis Receives
Salary of \$2700.

A scandal in the public schools of
East St. Louis has been disclosed
through the action of State Superince
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rerry is ended.

Babe Born on Train.

While's Big Four passenger train was heldiss hour at Muncle, near Urbana, a baby boy was born to Mrs. O. L. Bobyns, a young Rentucky wonan who was traveling from Mayrille, Ky. to joth her husband, Not a passenger grumbled at the wait, affice a big cheer went up from the group outside the coach when the announcement was made that 'mother and child are doing well.' When a physician said it was safe to more the train went on. It was stoped in Urbana near the home of the young mother, where the husband had his first look at his son. The child was christened "William Lour of Conductor William You Willer and Operator Emery Peterson, who signally betriended the mother.

Carlyle Commercial Club.

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The Carlyle Commercial Club.
The Carlyle Commercial club expects to earoll a membership of 200, and is to offer inducements to have more manufacturing plants located in that city. The officers are: Otto Rink, president; J. M. Krebs. treasurer; H. C. Norcross secretary. The committees are as follows: Executive —A. Westerman, F. Schlady and T. E. Ford: manufacturers—A. F. Gross, G. C. Barkley and C. N. Hah; finance—J. S. Patterson, P. W. Brown and J. B. Weller: railford—H. V. Murray, H. C. Norcross and W. H. Hallerman; advertising—John Ruf. W. C. Shoupe and G. Weber; entertainment—J. H. Prerker, David Weisle and F. Puelner.

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Kennedy Zinc Mines on Sale.

Negotiations are under way for the purchase of the Kennedy rinc mines in Jo Daviess county by interests said to be allied with the Standard Oil coupany, the price said to be agreed upon being \$13,000,000. Former Postmaster P. E. Coyne of Chicago has visited the mines several times and it is understood that he is negotiating the deal country of the same of the same

English Pheasants for Preserve.,
Dr. J. A. Wheeler, state game commissioner, has received 150 English
ringneck pheasants for the Illinois commission. Of the 150 birds which were shipped from Liverpool only three died on the passage to New York. These birds will be placed in the game preserves in McLean county.

Three shot in Salcon.

In a shooting afray in a salcon at Diversion, near Springfield, Steve Firof shot and probably fatality wounded Thomas Culosh of Sherman, and injured Frank Barto and Andy Pfo. Culosh and Flpot drew revolvers and commenced firing. Flpof was arrested.

Perry County Physicians.
The physicians of Perry county
elected these officers: President, Dr.
M. C. McCandless, of Pinckneyrille;
vice president, Dr. M. C. Carr, of Daquoin; secretary-ireasurer, Dr. J.
Smith. of Cutler. The next meeting
will be held in Duquoin April 12.

Collects All the Taxes.

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Henry Lunte, collector of Covington
township, established a record for this
county by collecting every cent of real
and personal tax charged against his
county, amounting to \$4,944.02. The
commission on his work netted him
\$83.

New Orphane' Home Trustee.
Governor Deneen has accepted the resignation of Charles W. Hawes of Rock Island as trustee of the Illinois sholders and Sallors' home at Quincy and appointed Charles V. Chandler of Macomb as his successor.

Fall of Coal Kills Miner.

Peter Bohlen aged 30, died at Stamton, from Induries received while rinaring a machine in the Steunton and Mount Olive Coal company's mine at Stauuton. He was caught under a tall of elate.