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MANASSAS, VA., THURSDAY, MAR. 7, 1912.

PURPOSE OF THE RALLY

VOLUMES might be written and more spoken in advocacy of a proposition but without supports. None of anything will be accomplished. It is encouraging to observe that the material phase of the international highway project through Manassas is receiving the attention required.

**HERE IS THE SITUATION EXPRESS-
ED IN PLAIN TERMS:**

**MANASSAS WILL SECURE THE
GREAT HIGHWAY IF THIS MONEY PLEDGED TO AID CON-**

STRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY IS RAISED. OTHERWISE,

THE ROUTE MAY BE DIVERTED TO OCCOQUAN, OR MAY-

ELIMINATE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY ALTOGETHER.

**MANASSAS IS NOW ON THE INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY
MAP. THE DUTY OF EACH CITIZEN IS TO HELP KEEP
MANASSAS THERE. IT IS TIME TO GET BUSY.**

That is the purpose of the Rally today. Some citizens since the

possibility of securing the route of the great highway through Manassas was recognized, have devoted great effort and considerable cash to furthering the movement. BY THEIR PERSONAL EF-
FORTS AND AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE THEY HAVE SUCC-
CEEDED IN PLACING MANASSAS ON THE ROUTE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY. NOW IT IS THE DUTY OF
OTHER CITIZENS TO HELP KEEP MANASSAS THERE.

The Rally today will accomplish its purpose only by impressing

citizens with greater realization of the value of the great highway

and by inspiring them with determination to unite effort to secure it.

The theoretical field has been thoroughly covered. It is now

time to begin practical work. IT IS NOW TIME TO BEGIN
RAISING THE MONEY. Plans no doubt will be formulated this

afternoon, and then there should be no delay in making them

actual. In directing the current of international highway travel

the road will be of incalculable value to Manassas and all Prince

William county, as a channel of commerce.

BONDS FOR GOOD ROADS

This campaign for good roads in Prince William county is to be successful. Witness propositions outlined by four districts for issue of bonds for improvement of the highways.

The issuance of bonds is the only equitable method of financing

an extensive public improvement. Posterior deriving as great a

benefit from a permanent improvement than we of

contemporary time thus assumes a just proportion of liability.

Save where great cash surplus exists, and such precedents are too

isolated and remote as exemplars, notable development of com-

munities has dated from issuance of bonds for public improvements.

The most prosperous communities almost invariably are those carrying the heaviest bonded indebtedness.

The reason is obvious. Improvements secured by bond issue

anticipate the future. MORE THAN THAT, BOND ISSUES

BRING OUT OF THE FUTURE DOWN INTO CONTEMPO-
RARY TIME, FACILITIES THAT IN THE GREATER NUMBER

OF CASES, BY ANY OTHER MEANS, COULD NOT BE SE-
CURED UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF MANY YEARS.

PROGRESS IS MARKED TO THE EXTENT IN WHICH THE
FUTURE IS MATERIALIZED IN THE PRESENT.

A citizen unwilling to build in the present for himself, a bene-

fit to be left as a legacy in which posterity is to earn its share, does

not deserve his heritage from the civilization of the past. MEN

WILLING TO BEAR THEIR SHARE OF THE BURDEN WALK
IN THE PATH OF PROGRESS. EVERY RETROGRESSIVE

MOVEMENT IS ACTUATED BY A SELFISH MOTIVE.

The complaint that issuance of bonds will increase taxation is

unwarranted, as those who have the best interests of his community

at heart employed as an argument the plea is absurd. THE

VALUE OF PROPERTY INCREASES PROPORTIONATELY
WITH PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS. A new stimulus is given

realty values, resulting in substantial growth.

Prince William county needs good roads. Extensive improve-

ments of this kind, enough to be of great immediate service, can

only be secured by issuance of bonds.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Through the Farmers' Institute Manassas attains prestige af-

furnished by no other avenue of publicity. Eminent speakers attrac-

tive by the Institute and Agricultural High School place this town

in conspicuous and enviable prominence and elevates it to high

educational rank. The Farmers' Institute develops potentiali-

ties of our citizens which are the best interests of his community.

The ultimate annexation of Mexico to the United States is a

probable in the event protection of American interests requires

the presence of our troops across the border. American interven-

tion in Mexico will be the first step toward annexation. Mexico

has been a republic in name only. The people there are competent

to rule, but have been unable to defend their anarchist principles

that oppose them. Then, too, they have been stirred to revolt by

American monopolies which have extended their operations to Mex-

ico and which would profit vastly by annexation, but threats of

assassination of Americans and threats of the destruction of Amer-

ican life and property in Mexico.

ROOSEVELT would calm the storm of revolt against his declara-

tion that he would accept the Presidential nomination, reversing

the former positive statements to the contrary, by endeavoring to

create an impression that he has discovered a "genuine demand"

for his nomination. If Roosevelt receives the nomination he may

find that the genuineness of the demand is rather doubtful. That

the Colonel has permitted his egotism to warp his judgment is

evident. He says: "It was not until the last three or four months

that I was finally obliged to come to the conclusion that there was

a real demand among the people as a whole for my nomination,

which did not come in any way from personal friends of mine, and

was neither inspired nor engendered by them. When I became

convinced that this popular demand was real and was considerable,

then, I mentioned incidentally, asked me whether I would accept

or unwilling to do this duty in bringing nearer the Kingdom of

Heaven on earth.

NATIONAL MONETARY COMMISSION

A HIGHLY instructive account of how the National Monetary Commission did its work before reporting to Congress, is given in the following by the National Citizens' League:

The National Monetary Commission, composed of nine members from each House of Congress, was authorized by the act of May 20, 1906, "to inquire into and report to Congress at the earliest date practicable, what changes are necessary or desirable in the monetary system of the United States or in the laws relating to banking and currency."

The act of May 30, 1906, known as the Aldrich-Vreeland act, is a makeshift.

Theoretically designed to make less disastrous such a financial upheaval as occurred in 1907, it took practical account of the responsibility of a political party to meet any popular demand; it was the first political response to a need which the panic of 1907 had made acute.

The act has not been proved effective by direct test. Its definition of "commercial paper," which was to become one of the securities on which issues of

bank currency could be based, was held to be excluded from use. The banks were quick to see that the law could not be utilized. In fact, it has never been used and "national banking associations" were never formed under its provisions until the Secretary of the Treasury interpreted it, and pointed the way for its application. Then, in response to his

request, a number of such associations were formed.

N. T. DePauw, of Haymarket, is another example of loyalty. From West Baden, Ind., where he has been spending the winter, he sends assurance of support of the proposed route through Manassas, the county capital.

There is none more loyal than William W. Mackall, a prominent attorney of Atlanta, Ga., who has property interests at Greenwich. Although the proposed route does not

come near his property, Mr. Mackall realizes that the great highway will benefit all sections of the county by passing

through the county capital, and declares that he is prepared

to subscribe \$150 provided the route for the proposed high-

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**BOYS WITNESS FIRST
BATTLE OF MANASSAS**

IN MIDST OF GREAT CONFLICT

James and Daniel Ayres Disobey Father and Walk Miles to See the Battle

Retreat to their home

an article in The Washington Post.

James and Daniel Ayres who spent their boyhood days on their father's farm near Sudley Springs in Prince William County, and who are now conducting a successful restaurant business in Kansas, tell the following story of how their curiosity once placed them in a perilous situation.

"On Sunday morning, July 21, 1861, our father, after a late breakfast, sent us up to the Sudley Sabbath School with the intention of carrying along the way," said Jim Ayres, "and we knew that to disobey our father meant a chastisement beyond the shadow of doubt."

"Dan and myself were hurrying along the road leading to Sudley Mills when we heard a tremendous commotion beyond the big woods, the like of which we had never heard before and which filled us with wonder and curiosi-

"To solve the mystery would take us 6 or 8 miles out of our way to school and would mean a flogging upon our return home.

"What on earth can it be?" said Dan, who started to run away.

"As we listened the rumbling noise and the sounds of the popping of fire crackers gradually died away and we hurried off in the direction of Sudley."

"We had gone only a few hundred yards when the awful commotion was renewed and we were determined, whipping or no whipping, to investigate the great rumpus which had caused us so much concern."

"We struck out through the big woods, wading streams and stumbling over logs and brush in haste to reach the scene of the disturbance. After a long walk from about ten o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in afternoon, tired and hungry, we emerged from the dense forest into an open field upon which probably recommended that passengers be confined to the institution for indefinite periods, not to exceed two years, and also recommended the establishment of a parole system.

"Boys better get off this field or they are apt to get hurt yelled a Cavalry officer as he flourished his sabre at the rear of the column, and we were not long in acting upon his suggestion."

"We were never so scared in our lives and shall never forget the screaming of shot and shell as we beat a hasty retreat homeward unmindful of the consequences which were likely to be visited upon us through our father's wrath."

You judge a man not by what he promises to do, but by what he has done.

That is the only true test.

General George G. Meade, judge by this standard, was superior. People everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. For sale by all dealers.

FRANCIS E. WILLARD MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday afternoon, March 3d, in the Presbyterian Church, the W. C. T. U. and L. T. L. met to observe "Francis E. Willard Memorial Day." Quite a large audience was present. After the reading of the 15th chapter of St. John (Miss Willard's favorite chapter), by Mr. Prescott, Rev. W. H. Dexter of the Presbyterian church led in prayer. A very interesting program was then rendered. Special features of the meeting was the splendid music by the young people's choir and a beautiful solo by Mrs. Koop Rev. J. K. Eifert of the Lutheran church gave a good talk. He spoke of the "immortal life" of Francis E. Willard and urged the ladies, especially the young ladies, to imitate her life by taking up some good work and carrying it on (and he said there was no greater work than that to which Miss Willard gave her life). The pastor may leave "an immortal life." He gave a good talk to the boys and girls from the running ivy as it clings to the tree, saying the life from it is so will those who let the habit of the wine cup cling to them have their life sapped from them. He closed with some touching farewell words to the Manassas W. C. T. U. After another reading a collection was taken to which there was a liberal response. The meeting closed with the benediction by Mr. Eifert.

Many sufferers from rheumatism have been surprised and delighted with the prompt relief afforded by applying Champer's Liniment. Not one case of rheumatism in treatment and seven cases of rheumatism in treatment without a favorable result. This liniment is for sale by all dealers.

OCEOCQUAN A SUCCESS

The workhouse at Oceocquan is one of the best conducted institutions of its kind in the country, according to George S. Wilson, secretary to the District of Columbia Board of Charities, in an article in The Washington Post.

The workhouse has been in operation only twenty months, and during that time many improvements have been made," said Secretary Wilson. "Oceocquan is now an assured success."

Secretary Wilson said further that 5,225 prisoners had been banished at Oceocquan since its establishment, and that only 48 had escaped. He pointed out that this record is less than 1 percent of those imprisoned, and compares favorably with similar institutions.

Of those who escaped from the work house, 29 were prisoners sentenced to terms of six months to two years.

Mr. Wilson explained that while the buildings of the work house are surrounded by a large stockade, the grounds are not, and that men working in the fields have been able, by drawing away from the guard, to make dashes for liberty. Should they be all started, the escape of all the gang might follow.

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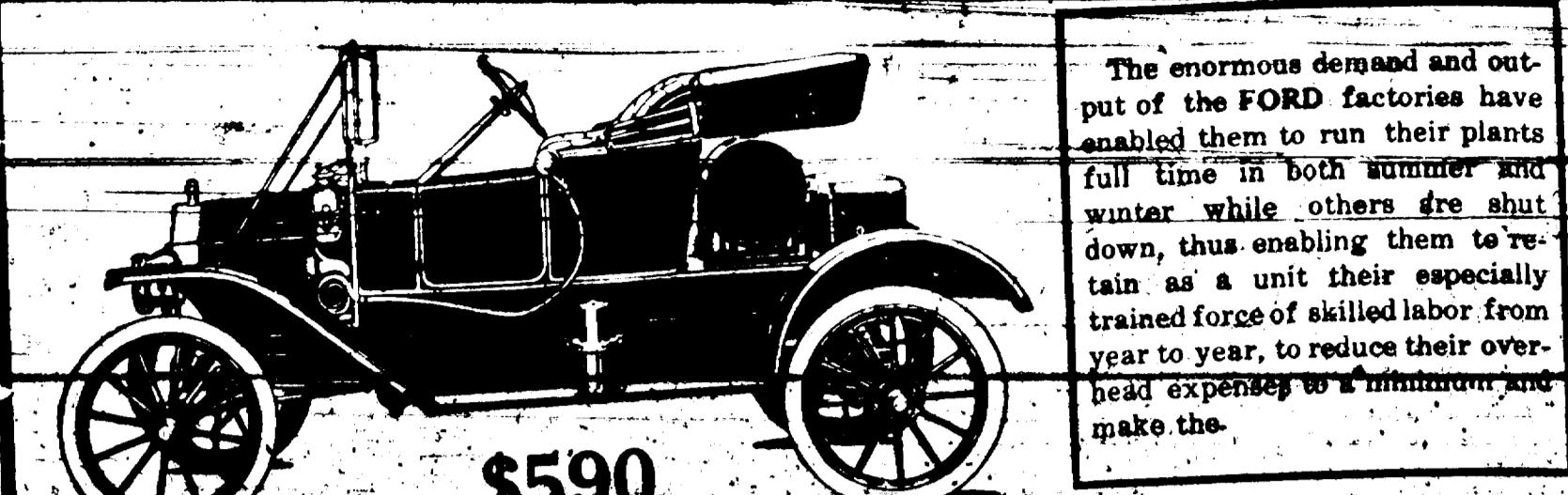
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Southern Commercial Congress, Nash-

ville, Tenn., April 8th-10th, 1912.

Account the above mentioned Southern Commercial Congress, held in Nashville, Tenn., April 8th-10th, 1912, will be given in full in the next issue.

For detailed schedule information, fares, etc., call on nearest Agent, or write L. S. Brown, General Agent, 1016 St. N. W. Washington, D. C.

Higher Than Niagara.

Up the Potowmack River in British Guiana are the Kaieteur Falls, among the most wonderful in the world, and among the least known. Though discovered in 1865, the falls have remained unknown to science, having been visited very seldom by white men, yet they are five times as high as Niagara.

Children are much more likely to contract pneumonia and disease when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities advise you to keep colds from your children.

Nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is the best medicine.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Eugene Davis, of Warrenton, visited relatives in town Sunday.

H. W. Morris, of Nokesville, was in Manassas on business yesterday.

Miss Ruth Watkins, of Alexandria, visited friends in Manassas Sunday.

Attention is called to the "ad" of the Virginia Nursery to be found in this issue.

Are you in need of any nursery stock? If so, the Virginia Nursery can supply you.

Chas. Flannigan, of Washington, visited at the home of Mrs. Jessie Eloff the first of the week.

Miss Annie Adams, of Washington, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Larkin this week.

Miss Jessie Merchant is a competitor in the European tour contest conducted by The Alexandria Gazette.

We regret to learn that John R. Tillett is confined to his home on Fairview avenue, by a severe attack of grippe.

Miss Flora Lion received a painful scald on the foot last week which confined her to the house for several days.

The Virginia Nursery, at Purcellville, Loudoun county, can supply you with anything in their line at reasonable prices.

There will be an ice cream social held at Buckhall on next Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Buckhall M. E. Church, South.

Miss Mary E. Beckwith, formerly Miss Chamberlain, of the county, now of Binghamton, N. Y., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Round.

Will Russell, of Marshall, has entered Eastern College for the spring term. Russell will undoubtedly be the mainstay of the backstop department on the baseball team.

There was a numerous signed petition in circulation here this week requesting Judge Thornton to order an election to determine the proposed bond issue for public highway improvement.

Mr. U. G. Shane, who formerly resided in Manassas and vicinity, and who removed from Manassas to Orange, two years ago, has purchased a farm near Ryegateburg and is now located on same.

Richard Haydon, who has been undergoing treatment for appendicitis, in a Washington hospital, for the past few weeks, has recovered and returned to his home, near Manassas, Monday.

Paul Taylor and Mr. Richard of Washington, and Miss Ruth Watkins and Mrs. Thomas Warkim and Frank Devers, of Alexandria, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Warren at "Breezy Hill."

We are glad to note that the condition of Irving Moran, who has been undergoing treatment in Johns Hopkins hospital for an affection of the eyes, and who is now at his home near this place, is somewhat improved.

Attend Asbury Methodist Church tonight and hear Rev. Dr. Sunwalt, of Washington. Dr. Sunwalt has been actively engaged in the Men and Boys' Movement in Washington and his sermon tonight will be the winding up of the Manassas campaign.

Hon. C. J. Metze returned to his home, at Milford, from the Virginia Legislature, this morning. "Chris" says that one can learn most anything he wants to know and greatest many things he doesn't care to know, in the Virginia Legislature, and that what he has learned about some things he knows as well as anyone.

At the conclusion today of the first period of the European tour, being conducted by The Alexandria Gazette, the Roll of Honor includes: First district, Miss Nellie Under, 29; second district, Miss Esther Heisley, 40; third district, Miss Julia W. Lewis, 38; Miss Irene Palmer, 11, 885, resulting in a tie.

J. S. Huff, who, for several years, has resided upon his farm near Bristol, which he recently sold, will soon remove with his family to Gordonsville, where he will make his future home. During Mr. Huff's residence in Prince William County he has made many warm friends. In his change of residence this country will lose one of its best citizens. The Deacon, however, had abundant success in his new field.

Miss Tillie De Bellis, of Centerville, visited friends in town this week.

Mrs. Laura V. Free, of Nokesville, is visiting friends and relatives in Manassas.

Miss Kate Strother, of Markham, was the guest of Mrs. L. Frank Pattie, a few days this week.

Mrs. W. J. Adamson left last Friday for Charlestown, Maryland, where she will visit her parents.

Eastern College will report to the field this week to coaches Hill and Curry, if the weather remains fair.

Miss Leon Davis, of Bristow, returned last week from an extended visit to Miss Marion Jones, of Front Royal.

On account of the monthly meeting of the Farmers Institute tomorrow, there will be no meeting of the W. C. T. U. until next Friday.

Mr. F. A. Hutchinson, who is teaching school at North View, is spending the next day or two with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Hutchinson.

Miss Elizabeth Warren Merchant, who has been spending the winter in Baltimore with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Dunnington, returned to her home Saturday.

Rev. Dr. Quarles left here yesterday, to attend the funeral, at Orange, of his uncle, Rev. Powell H. Lowther, who died in Richmond, Monday, after a long illness.

Sixteen major league baseball clubs are now preparing for the coming season at their various Southern training grounds. Spring training is one of the most interesting phases of the great national game, and the Washington Star gives special attention to this news.

A delegation consisting of Messrs. R. S. Hyson, I. E. Cannon, R. H. and H. P. Davis, R. Conner, R. L. Gaither, G. E. Nash, R. A. Hutchinson, H. W. Herring and Robert Wilson, will represent the upper section of the Prince William county at the meeting in Richmond at noon to day to determine the route of the Quebec-Miami public highway.

Col. John E. Reid, of Haymarket, that grand old Confederate who followed the fortunes of Lee and Jackson in many hard fought battles, was in town Monday. Although the Captain is far past the youth limit his step is yet elastic and his chances are still good for many more years of usefulness.

We call attention of our readers to the advertisement of "The Famous Sunlight System" of this issue. Mr. Leachman's present vitality promises to make him a centenarian.

New and Mrs. J. K. Elford left here Monday morning for Sedalia, Mo., where they will make their future home and where Mr. Elford has accepted the pastorate of Sedalia Creek German Lutheran Church. His friends in Manassas regret his leaving here, but congratulate him upon his good fortune in securing a large circle of friends who sincerely regret their departure from their midst. No arrangements have yet been made for Mr. Elford's successor to be installed.

Most disgusting skin eruptions, such as blisters, rashes, etc., are due to impure blood. Burdock Blood Detoxifying Salve, made with pure, all-natural, clear-oil, clear-skinning.

Louis E. Shinerland, who has been associated with THE MANASSAS DEMOCRAT as associate editor, has been appointed by Mr. C. W. Vetter & Co., Proprietors, to succeed Mr. Elford in the office of the paper.

The best managers all over the country are realizing that the safest and most comfortable way to invest money is in building and improving right at home.

In this connection, it is time we went to consider the actual value of the new dollar amount for lumber, mill work and building supplies.

We believe that it pays well to compare our prices and grades, as we are carrying large and carefully selected stocks of lumber, shingles, lathe, planing, sailing, ceiling, doors, windows, etc., which we buy direct from the biggest producers in large quantities and handle at the lowest cost to our customers.

We will complete a large addition to our new mill about April 1st, which with a number of new machines and an increased force of men will enable us to turn out a much larger quantity and a better class of special mill work.

We can save you money. We can ship you satisfactory material. We can ship it promptly. You can prove this to your own satisfaction by writing to us and comparing our prices, and we would greatly appreciate your doing this.

If you haven't the time to exercise regularly, Don's Reports will give you a complete account of the hours without charge. Any question you may have, we will answer it.

W. A. SMOOT & CO., Inc.
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Messrs. E. R. Conner and Joe Lewis were in Fairfax county Tuesday, on business. We presume upon their return, meat will be lower.

Miss Evelyn Wenrich left here Monday morning for Baltimore where she will spend a week before returning to her position in Washington, D. C.

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Miss Anna Hettlinger and Miss Maggie Schwartz, of Reading, Pa., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wenrich in Grant Avenue.

The last quarterly meeting of the Asbury M. E. Church will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

D. R. Lewis, of The Journal force, is still confined to his home in Front Royal.

C. M. Newman, of Bridgeport, Conn., brother of Acting Mayor Conn, now with the engineering corps of the Du Pont Powder Company, was here Sunday as the guest of Will Taverer.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Griffith and their daughter, Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Hutchinson.

Mrs. Zirkle suffered a slight stroke of paralysis Monday morning, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Wine on Grant Avenue. It was reported this morning that her condition is improved.

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Miss Evelyn Wenrich left here Monday morning for Baltimore where she will spend a week before returning to her position in Washington, D. C.

Miss Kate Strother, of Markham, was the guest of Mrs. L. Frank Pattie, a few days this week.

Mrs. W. J. Adamson left last Friday for Charlestown, Maryland, where she will visit her parents.

Miss Anna Hettlinger and Miss Maggie Schwartz, of Reading, Pa., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wenrich in Grant Avenue.

The last quarterly meeting of the Asbury M. E. Church will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

D. R. Lewis, of The Journal force, is still confined to his home in Front Royal.

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The Pool of Flame

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CHAPTER XXVII.

upset to be dealt with as it turns up. Tenny: "There's only forty miles between the two places, and if there's no train, we'll charter a steamer."

A boat down the Hughl.

The latter expedient O'Rourke had

already adopted, although he could have afforded to let his ghost have a ride to Calcutta, had he deemed it wise

to do so. "Aww!"—incredulously.

O'Rourke frowned impatiently. "Tenny," he explained,

"I have a right to make arrangements."

"Stop it, you parrot! Stop it, I say!

"Have no word in the dark lexicon of your ignorance other than 'Aww'!"

"Get me no amanuensis, and take me

against him to the surgeon, and ask him

to make me a man again."

"I am not permitted to be seen and

recognised in Calcutta, or even to lie

on the soil of India, an instant

longer than absolutely necessary."

Within an hour of his arrival

at Howrah, he had, by dint of per-

severance and dexterousness,

arranged for the steamer to be

transhipped, bag and baggage, to the

steamship *Promah*, which

was to anchor in midstream.

Toward eight o'clock of the white

forenoon that followed, O'Rourke

in the shadow of long-horn on the

Promah's promenade deck, stood

making a maulstick cigar and watching

narrowly a tender ferry out of

the mouth of the river, from the east

bank.

Slowly the tender forced toward the

steamer's side; and as it drew near,

O'Rourke forgot to smoke and bent

over the rail to inspect with unrelenting interest those who were to be

transhipped, bag and baggage, to the

steamship *Promah*, which

was to anchor in midstream.

The latter was a mere handful;

half a dozen common laborers,

from London, Paris, Berlin, the

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a half a dozen English missionaries

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