

JOHN BURT

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CHAPTER XXXI—Continued.
Both accepted the invitation. For some moments after Mr. Hawkins had left no word was spoken between John Burt and James Blake. Each was busy with his thoughts, but John broke the silence.

"When is Miss Carden expected to return?" he asked, quietly.
"I'll try to find out to-night," said Blake, looking his partner full in the eyes. "My head has been so full of stocks that I've thought of nothing else. But I'll know all about it on Jess.

"There is no mystery about it," said Jessie, her eyes flashing with anger. "Mr. Morris saw fit to take advantage of your goodwill, rather than his own possession of our Boston residence. This portrait hung on its walls, and he doubtless had a copy made from it. This is consistent with other acts from which we have suffered at his hands."

"The portrait of Blake and Edith Hancock entered the room. Her eyes rested first on Blake and then on Jessie.

"Pardon this intrusion," she said. "I am looking for a book and did not know that any one was here. You are to be congratulated, Mr. Blake; doubly congratulated."

"There was a tremor in the voice, but a proud flash of the lovely eyes as Edith bowed slightly, and brushing the portieres aside, left the room.

"Don't go, Edith!" cried Jessie.
"There was no response, and Jessie was too wise to follow her fair cousin. For some moments no words were spoken.

"I am going to tell you the story of that portrait," said Jessie. The crimson touched her cheeks and a light such as Blake had never seen, was in her eyes. "Do you remember what you said last night? You said that it seemed as if we had been friends for years, and the same thought has occurred to me. I'm going to prove to you a secret. That portrait belongs to John Burt!"

"John Burt? The John Burt I knew as a boy? What do you mean, Jessie?"

She opened an album and handed it to him. On one page was the faded image of a photograph from which had been painted the portrait he had seen so often in John Burt's study room in San Francisco. Opposite it was another of John Burt. The album opened naturally to



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sweet as she offered her hand and said:

"You have made this the happiest day of my life. Thank you so, so!"
"Not another word," interrupted James Blake. "You must not thank me. Please don't, Jessie. It's the only favor I ask."

"Why not?"
The parted lips and questioning eyes were eloquent with surprise.

"Because I don't want you to," he said, releasing the little hand. "His heart beat fast as he gazed into her face, but in that moment he gained the final victory, and the numbing pain of wounded passion remained.

Less than a day had passed since he had resolved to surrender all hope for the love of Jessie Carden. Why had he done so? James Blake could not answer that question. He had not calmly weighed his chances of success against the odds of failure.

Like a flash it dawned upon him that he could not—that he must not—be disloyal to John Burt. He did not reason it out—it was told to him in that voiceless, wordless language which has no name or key.

"You must not imagine," he said, "that your father is under the slightest obligations to me. On the contrary, our firm is indebted to him. The stock which he held was the key to the situation. It was he who had done nothing. We have simply been able to verify the general's confidence in his value, and he is the one to be congratulated. If it had not been for you, Mr. Morris would have defrauded pap out of all his property."

"Speaking of Morris reminds me of something which has often puzzled me," said Blake, changing the subject. "It's about that portrait. The first time I ever met Arthur Morris I saw your portrait in his library room. It has always puzzled me. Some time I'll tell you why."

"My portrait in Mr. Morris' room?" exclaimed Jessie, the color mounting to her cheeks. "Surely you are jesting, Mr. Blake!"

"It was probably a copy, though he certainly was angry with you," she told me in the or 'flat' and 'pat' for him in Berlin, and that you resented it to him. The first time I came here I saw this one and thought it a remarkable coincidence."

a moment he was the careless, happy Blake, chatting lightly on trivial subjects.
"I must keep an engagement," he said, looking at his watch. "A friend of mine is here from California, and I'm to take dinner with him. He's a royal good fellow, rich, handsome, cultivated, and—and everything which a good fellow should be. I'd like to introduce him. May I call with him tomorrow evening?"

"Any friend of yours is welcome, especially a paragon with such bewitching attractions," laughed Jessie. "Good-bye, until to-morrow evening."

CHAPTER XXXII.
Through the heart.

It lacked several minutes of the hour fixed for dinner when Blake strolled through the hotel safe and thence into the lobby. The babble of voices, the gesticulations and the nervous energy which pervaded the atmosphere, struck him as being in harmony with Blake's feelings.

"Jessie was afraid I was going to say something to-night, and so she told me," she loved John, he mused, throwing away a half-smoked cigar. "Dear old John! Lucky old John! Hello, what's the row? That sounds like Morris! I suppose he's drunk. If he had a spark of decency he'd be with his father. Here he comes!"

Morris pushed his way through the crowd and was followed by young Kingsley. Not until he was within a few feet of Blake did he recognize his rival. Though anxious to avoid a meeting, Blake scorned to retreat or to turn his back.

Morris stopped squarely in front of him. His lip just touched with a small walking stick. Blake leaned carelessly against a marble column, his eyes fixed on the man who counted him. Had Blake been in a Western mining camp his fingers would have reached for the feel of a gun, but in a metropolitan hotel he had no sense of danger. The incident was trivial, but disagreeable.

"Lend me a thousand, Blake," demanded Morris.
A whisper passed around the room and many turned to watch these two men, whose names had filled the public prints of the day.

"Certainly," said Blake, a strange smile lighting up his handsome face. "Is a thousand enough, Morris?"

Blake took a wallet from his inner pocket and handed Morris a bill.
"And a match," ordered Morris, advancing a step nearer.

(To be continued.)

Ice Made in Open Air.
Dr. Wells, a London physician, in 1851 in his published essays on dew, was the first to draw attention to the curious artificial production of ice in India. Shallow pits are dug, which are partially filled with straw. On the straw board, flat pans containing water are exposed to the clear sky. The water, being a wonderful radiator, sends off its heat abundantly into space.

The heat thus lost cannot be replaced from the earth, for this source is excluded by the straw. Before sunrise a cake of ice is formed in each vessel. To produce this ice in quantities clear nights are advantageous, and particularly those on which practically no dew falls.

Should the straw get wet, it becomes more matted and compact, and produces a better conducting surface, for the vapor acts as a screen over the pans, checks the cold, and retards freezing.—Pearson's Weekly.

Indians of Jewish Strain.
Sir Alexander Mackenzie had an idea that the Indians of the far Northwest were partly Jewish in origin. From Lake Athabasca in 1791 he set out at the head of an expedition in a birch-bark canoe, 25 feet long, 4 1/2 feet beam and 26 inches hold, with 2,000 pounds of baggage and provision and a crew of nine French Canadians. He reached the Pacific coast and returned. The aborigines he met were in the most part possessed of strongly religious instincts. "I said in his report. 'With regard to their origin all we are prepared to state, after a careful survey of their language, manners and customs, is that they are undoubtedly of a mixed origin: some from the Northwest and had commingled in their early history, perhaps, through intermarriage with people of Jewish persuasion or origin.'"

Had Fun With the Umpire.
William Hayes acted as umpire at a ball game near Washington, Pa. last Monday. In his decisions, he was seen to give unmixed satisfaction. Toward the close of the game he gave one decision which evidently gave great pain to the players on both sides. Half a dozen of them seized and carried him to a nearby river and tossed him in. Umpire Hayes scrambled in a hurry, whereupon the indignant athletes threw him back and held him under water until he was nearly drowned. Then they rolled him on a beer keg until he recovered, when they volunteered the information that he was not out for an umpire. On reflection Mr. Hayes is prepared to agree with this idea. However, he means to sue a dozen of his assailants.

German Empress Studies Medicine.
One of the most studious queens in Europe is the German empress, who cares very little indeed for pomp and ceremony. Her chief hobby is the study of medicine and she has instructed herself so well in the art of healing that she is regarded as quite an efficient adviser in cases of ordinary illness.

Illinois News

Choice items from over the state, specially selected for our readers.

HUNGRY YOUTH HAS BREAKFAST

Policeman's Offer to Settle is Refused by Restaurant Man.

After spending thirty hours without food, while making a fruitless search for work in Chicago, Paul Schaefer, 19 years of age, stole a breakfast from S. Rothschild, a restaurant keeper. Policeman James Meyers, who after a chase, arrested the boy, offered to pay the bill, 20 cents, but Rothschild is said to have refused. Schaefer arrived in Chicago from Kansas City penniless, tired and hungry. He spent the entire day searching for work. He left a farm near Kansas City in the hope that he might secure employment in Chicago. At night, neither food nor money had been secured, and he slept in a box in an alley. Next day he again attempted to find employment, but with the same result. At last in desperation, he entered Rothschild's restaurant, and ordered a breakfast.

QUAIL HUNTER LOSES HIS LEG

Surgeon Resorts to Amputation in Endeavor to Save Life.

In an effort to save the life of Albert Blome of Belleville, who was accidentally shot in the calves of both legs, near Summerfield, by George Krug, a West Belleville saloonist, while the latter was quail hunting, Dr. A. M. Kohl amputated the right leg at the hip. Blome was very weak after the operation, and but slight hope for his recovery is held. At the time of the accident Krug was on the opposite side of a small ravine from Blome, who called him. Krug started across the ravine with the game, but his gun raised, when the triggers became caught in some shrubbery and the gun was discharged, the contents entering Blome's leg. Blome is a young business man and has a wife and several children.

Brotherhood of St. Paul.

The Brotherhood of St. Paul has been organized in the First M. E. church, East St. Louis, with the following officers: F. L. Hinton, president; John Douglas, vice president; Frank Miller, secretary; Charles Stief, treasurer. Executive committee—F. L. Hinton, E. C. Kramer, A. Harper, H. V. Chase, D. W. Caughlan, Dr. Hertel, C. S. Smith, L. M. Keough and Chas. Evans.

Increase Size of Trains.

The Illinois Central has increased the size of the south-bound trains out of Centralia. The tonnage for a load of train is 1,550 tons, or eighty-five empty cars. The average car measure forty feet from coupling to coupling, making a train of empties 3,400 feet, or nearly three-fourths of a mile long.

Musicians Organize.

A local union of the American Federation of Musicians was organized in Carbonate, by A. G. Purdy, secretary. John Bataco; treasurer, Herbert Hays. The new union is known as Carbonate No. 397.

Cuts Off City Printing.

The printing committee of the Alton city council has decided to suspend the printing of the proceedings of the council, the newspapers having refused to take the work at the price the city was willing to pay.

Come From England to Vote.

Charles N. Daniels, United States consul at Sheffield, England, is visiting here with his family. He is having made the trip to vote for Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

Child Burns to Death.

A 9-year-old daughter of W. J. Farrow of Olney had her clothing ignited by coming in contact with a stove. Death resulted from her burns several hours afterward.

City Marshal is Fined.

City Marshal Michael Alberts was fined \$50 and costs at Belleville by Judge Burroughs on conviction of having attacked a prisoner with a deadly weapon.

Centralia Coal Output.

Since the settlement of the strike the coal mines at Centralia are holding 3,000 tons per day, most of which is shipped by the Illinois Central railroad.

Man Hunt Falls.

The "man hunt" on Rochester road for the lone highwayman who has been terrorizing the farmers has been unproductive.

Corn Show at Taylorville.

A corn show will be given at the armory at Taylorville Dec. 6 to 9 by the Christian County Farmers' association.

Jacksonville Choral Club.

The Jacksonville Choral club is now a permanent organization. The officers are: Director, Prof. W. B. Olds; president, Mrs. Sarah H. Tilden; secretary, C. W. Taylor; treasurer, G. W. White; librarian, Miss Downs.

Death of Blood Poets.

Robert Hoebler of Cowden died of blood poisoning, resulting from an injury sustained in a runaway accident. He was 45 years of age and leaves a widow and three children.

RAILROADS TO REPAIR BRIDGE

Alton Structure, Damaged by Floods, Is to Be Put in Good Shape.

The ten railroad owning the Alton bridge property have awarded a contract to the Illinois Terminal Railway company to make repairs of the tracks of the company leading from the Missouri end of the bridge to West Alton, which were washed out in 1903 by high water and, pending the sale of the bridge, were not repaired. Work will be started at once, in order to get the tracks in readiness for use in the shortest time possible. Only one of the double tracks will be rebuilt before spring. The earth to make the fill will be hauled from near Cotter's station, on the Illinois Terminal, where a short line is being built from Cotter to the Clover Leaf road. Extensive repairs will be made to the Alton approach, which is in bad condition. On Dec. 1 an arrangement will go into effect whereby the Clover Leaf will be made to make extensive use of the Alton bridge property.

No Freight Car Shortage.

Telegrams from all the east reporting a shortage in cars on all trunk lines are denied by railroad men at Chicago. The Baltimore & Ohio reports freight moving freely both ways. The Freight Superintendent Johns says that Chicago, Burlington & Quincy said it was true that many freight cars were held up just now because there had been a great rush of freight into the west just prior to the national election, and cars were not yet unloaded. After a month's visit in California he has plenty of freight cars and we happen to know that the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific is similarly favored; said Superintendent Agent Guthrie. The Chicago & Northwestern has plenty of freight cars.

Burlington Man Weds.

Miss Lillian Ruth Pierce, daughter of John H. Pierce, president of the Illinois State Manufacturers' association, was married at Keosauqua to Robert Rice, assistant superintendent of the Galesburg division of the Burlington. Three hundred guests attended. After a month's visit in California the couple will be at home in Galesburg.

On Eight-Hour Basis.

The Illinois Central shop force at Centralia has been put on the eight-hour basis. It has been the custom of the company at this season in former years to shorten the hours and reduce the force, but there is so much work in hand it is not likely that any men will be laid off this year.

Narrowly Escapes Death.

Section Foreman Pat McCarthy had a miraculous escape from death at Pana. In avoiding one train he stopped in front of another, which was backing up at a lively rate. He was thrown into the air about fifteen feet, falling just outside of the track and was not badly hurt.

Restaurant Man Seeks Relief.

George W. Gutwiler, restaurant keeper of Springfield, has filed a bankruptcy petition, and gives his liabilities as \$1,455 and his assets as \$160. He formerly did a flourishing business.

Danville Grocer Bankrupt.

Irving Carter, a grocer of Danville, has filed his petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court at Springfield. He says he owes \$3,956 and has assets amounting to \$352.

Speculate in Turkeys.

Alton dealers say that all of the turkeys in the surrounding country are being bought up, and that a very firm market will have been established before Thanksgiving day.

Miners Adjust Trouble.

Two hundred miners who have been on a strike at the Peabody Coal company's mine at Pawnee, have entered into an agreement with the operators and resumed work.

Pays Fine for Trespass.

The Quincey Hunting and Fishing club caused the arrest of Charles Schwigeler for trespassing on the club grounds. He was fined \$3 and costs.

Macon County Poultry Show.

The members of the Macon County Poultry and Pet Stock association have made plans to hold a big exhibition in Decatur Dec. 12 to 17.

Militia Officer Resigns.

Dwight Parish of Taylorville has resigned as second lieutenant of company B, Fifth Infantry, I. N. G.

Bangamon County Farmers.

The Bangamon county farmers' institute will be held at Auburn December 6-8.

Masons Honor Officer.

J. E. Reese, worshipful master of the Pana Masonic lodge, was given a surprise by his brother Masons when Mrs. Reese was a rocking chair, with his name inscribed thereon, in honor of his fifty-first birthday.

Nine-Foot Coal Veins.

Coal has been struck at both the new shafts of Ward and Eaton and Forester at Duquoin at a depth of 400 to 450 feet. The veins are about 9 feet thick—nine feet—and of fine quality.

GARPHAN GIRL FINDS RELATIVES

Letter to Childless Friend Leads to Happy Family Reunion.

Florence Ball, who recently took her from her foster mother, Mrs. William Ball of North Alton, because of inhuman treatment, to which Mrs. Ball pleaded guilty when hauled in the police court by the humane society, has discovered that she is really Mrs. Ornelias Oleson, and that her mother and mother are living. The girl has been taken possession of by her uncle, Samuel Ornelias of Jacksonville. She believed that all of her relatives were dead, as she was very young when her sick mother placed her two children in an orphanage. After being taken from the Ball family the girl thought she could remember the name of a childhood acquaintance in Jacksonville. She had the name of Mrs. Ornelias but her time in the orphanage had been so long that she could not remember the name of the childhood acquaintance in Jacksonville. She had the name of Mrs. Ornelias but her time in the orphanage had been so long that she could not remember the name of the childhood acquaintance in Jacksonville. She had the name of Mrs. Ornelias but her time in the orphanage had been so long that she could not remember the name of the childhood acquaintance in Jacksonville.

Dedicate Society Hall.

Fraternity hall, one of the best structures of its kind in the section, devoted exclusively to the members of the societies of Makanda, has been dedicated, with appropriate ceremony. Addresses were delivered by D. L. Lence, Mrs. Effie L. Robert, Mrs. Margaret R. Ford of Great Springs and Frank Hopkins. The oration was delivered by Rev. J. N. Edmundson of Jonesboro.

To Sink Coal Shaft.

The Leabon Coal Company has been incorporated for the purpose of sinking another coal mine south of Lebanon. The work of boring has been started on the Kestel farm, where the shaft will be sunk if the conditions are found favorable. The incorporators of the new company are J. Eisenmayer, William Kolb, H. C. Eisenmayer and R. H. Horner.

Life Sues Bailon Men.

Before Judge Moore, in the Perry county circuit court, was the case of the damage case of Mrs. Julia Corgan and her two minor children against the life insurance company of Chicago, husband of plaintiff, shot and killed Charles E. Smith on Dec. 14, 1902, while on a drunken spree, and was later sent to the Chester penitentiary for fourteen years.

Old-Tidal Voters.

William Edwin Fawcett, his seventeenth presidential vote Nov. 8. He was formerly a Whig, and has been connected with the Republican party since its organization in 1854. Elias Weddie, a Democrat, has voted for thirteen Presidents in Pana township. He cast his first vote when there was only eight voters in the township.

To Transfer Public Utilities.

Announcement is made that the property of the Alton, Randolph and St. Louis Traction Company, comprising the street railway, public lighting and heating utilities in Alton, will be normally transferred December 1 to the Alton Gas and Electric Company, which was organized to take charge of the property.

Ren Farmer of \$150.

Ford Braunenberg, a farmer residing near Weaver Chapel, five miles northwest of Casey, was paid up at his home by three masked men, who made a demand for his money, obtaining \$150. The remainder of the family were away at church.

Federal Court Session.

Judge Humphrey has ordered the November term of the United States district and circuit courts to convene in East St. Louis, Monday, Nov. 21, and the grand and petit juries are summoned to appear at that place on that date at 10 a. m.

Youth's Leg Is Injured.

Harry Novak, aged 14, suffered a severe injury to his right leg during a collision between a street car upon which he was a passenger and an engine on the Valley railroad at East St. Louis. He was taken to the Hurst hospital.

United Mine Workers' Finances.

The quarterly report of the United Mine Workers of Illinois shows that on October 31 there was a balance of cash on hand of \$770,516, a surplus of \$11,922 for the report for the quarter ending July 31.

Organizes Sons of Veterans.

Maj. George Goss of New York city, who is visiting friends in East St. Louis, will organize a camp of the Sons of Veterans before he returns to his home. Horace Bergmann and others are assisting him in the work.

Ministers Elect.

The Ministerial Association of Jacksonville has elected these officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. H. H. Ouel; vice-president, Rev. H. Marsh; secretary, Rev. Roger F. Cressy.