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A TORPEDO IN FEATHETS.

(Continued from last week.)

As he approached the dim meshes of the net, shimmering vaguely in the bright water, excited his suspicions. He sheered off warily and swam round the seine at a prudent distance. At last he found the opening. There seemed to be no danger anywhere in sight; so after some hesitation he sailed in. The ordered, curving rows of the stakes, the top line of the net, beaded with a few floats, here and there rising above the water-it was all very curious, but it did not seem in any way hostile. He eyed it scornfully For what was neither dangerous nor useful he had a highly practical contempt. Having satisfied his curiosity, and allayed a certain uneasiest with which he had always regarded the great set-net, he turned to swim out again. But at this moment he chanced to look down; then he paused.

parrow space was so crowded with every kind the slim eels and the small fry that could swim through the meshes. It was the chance of a loon's lifetime. Flashing downward, he darted this way and that ecstatically among bounded from the gunwhale and rolled into the frantic prisoners, transfixing half a dozen in succession, to make sure of them, before he seized a big trout for his immediate meal.

Gripping the victim savagely in his bill, he slanted toward the surface—and plunged into a slack bight of the net.

Luckily for him he was within a foot ofthe air pefore he struck the deceitful meshes. Carried on by the impetus of his rush, he into the full sun. In the shock of his sur prise he dropped the fish, and at the same time gulped his lungs full of fresh air. For perhaps half a minute he thrust and flapped and tore furiously, expecting to break through the elusive obstacle, which yielded so freely that he could get no hold upon it yet always thrust him back with suave but inexorable persistence. At lenth, realizing himself foiled in this direction, he sank downward like a stone, thinking to back out of the struggle somewhere else. But, to his horror, the bight of the net came down with

he had completely enmeshed himself. And now, probably for the very first time in a not uneventful life, the great loop lost his head. He began to fight blindly, overwhelmed by panic terror. Plunging, kicking, beating with half fettered wings, strik-

him, refusing to be left. In his struggles he



ing with his beak in semi-paralyzed fashion because he had not room to stretch his neck to its full length, he was soon utterly exhausted. Moreover, he was more than half drowned. At last, a dimness coming over the golden amber light, he gave up in dispair. With a feeble, despairing stroke of his webbed feet, he strove to get back to the surface. Happily for him, the net in this direction was not relentless. It yielded without too much resistance, and the hopelessly entangled prisoner came to the top. Lying there in the meshes, he could at least draw breath.

When, a little later in the day, he saw a boat approaching up the lake, with two of the dreaded man creatures in it, he gave one final, mighty struggle, which lashed the water into foam and sent the imprisoned fish into fresh paroxysms, and then with the stoicism that some of the wild creatures can display in the moment of supreme and hopeless peril, he lay quite still, eyeing the foe defiantly.

One of the beings in the boat was that same lanky youth whose a't mpt to shoot the loon had been such a conspicuous failure. The other was the lanky youth's father, the pioneer himself. At sight of the trussed up captive, the youth shouted exultantly;

"It's that durn loon, what's eatin' all the fish in the lake. I'll fix his fishin'!" and lifting his oar from the thole pins he raised it strike the helpless bird.

Don't be sich a fool, Zab!" interrupted the father. "Ye'll get more money for that bird alive, down to Fredericton, than all the fish in the net's worth. A loon like that ain't common. He's a beauty!"

The youth dropped his oar and leaned over to snatch up the prize. But he jumped back with alacrity as his father snapped. "Look out !"

"What for?" he demanded rather sheep-

"Why," replied the older man, "he'll stick you like a pig, with that knife beek of his'n, If ye don't look sharp. Reach me yer jacket. "We'll wrap up his head till we kin git him clear o' the net."

The youth obeyed. Helplessly swathed in the heavy homespun jacket, whose strong man-smell enraged and daunted him, the great bird was disentangled from the net and lifted into the bost. Laughingly the father passed the bundle along the gun-whale to

The sight that met his eyes was one to stir | But swathing a powerful bird in a jacket the blood of any fisherman. He was just is a more or less inexact undertaking, as over the purse, that fatal chamber whence many have found in experimenting with so few who enter it ever find the exit. The wounded hawks and eagles. By some lucky wriggle the loon got his head free. Instantof fish that frequented the lake, except for | ly, with all the force of his powerful neck, muscles, he drove his beak halfway through the fleshy part of his old enemy's arm. With a startled yell the lad dropped him. He the water. The man snatched at him, and caught a flopping sleeve of his jacket. The jacket promptly and neatly unrolled; and the loon, diving deep, was out of sight in an eyewink, leaving his would be jailers to express themselves according to their mood. When he came to the surface for breath, he was a hundred yards away and on the other side of the boat; and as he thrust little but bore the net upward with him, and emerged his beak and nostrils above water, he was not detected.

> A few minutes more and he was laughing derisively from the other side of the islet, swimming in safety with his mate and his two energetic chicks. Nevertheless, for all his triumph and the discomfiture of his foes the grim experience had put him out of concelt with the lake. That same night, when the white moon rode high over the jagged spruce ridges, a hollow globe of enchantment, he led his little family straight up the river, mile after mile, till they reached another lake. It was a small lake, shut it by brooding hills, with iron shores, and few fish in its inhospitable waters; but it was remote from man and his works. So here the outraged bird was content to establish himself, till the hour should return for migrants i fly south.

The End.

Passing Events.

The men on the Northern Railwey in France went on strike on Tuesday morning, Oct. 11th, causing a complete tie up of the system and enormous loss and inconvenience to the public. The men demand a general increase in wages to meet the higher cost of living; a retroactive application of the em. ployees' pension law; a more equitable division of work; the granting of one day off in seven for all employees; and distinct employment by the month instead of the day. The demand originated with the under trainmen, the baggage handlers and ticket takers, but they were supported by the complete personnel, as every branch of the service has some grievance. The strikers threatened to draw to their support the employees of the state railway lines, To meet the crisis a meeting of the Cabinet was held and it was decided to place the railway on a military basis, and utilize the engineers and firemen of the navy to insure service on Isle.



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the lines tied up by the strikers. M. Briand, the premier, discussing the situation, declared that the strike was not of a political or revolutionary character, but rather was professional.-World Wide,

Bread and Pastry.

From September 22 to October 7, 390 Jews were either expelled summarily from Kieff, Russia, or given notice to leave within a stated period. During the same days 204 Jews were banished from Solomenka and

The cotton mills of Lancashire resumed operations en Monday. George Howe, an Oldham employee, whose discharge caused the strike at the Fern Mill and resulted in a lockout of 130,000 operatives, was given work in another factory. In one week the lockout cost the workers half a million dollars in wages and depleted the union funds by \$200,000.

The foot and mouth disease is epidemic in Germany. It was officially gazetted on Sat urday that the disease had broken out dur ing the week in fourteen districts, extending from Koenigsberg in the north east to Baden in the sotth. Three other centres of infec tion had been reported previously, the larg est of which was adjacent to Frankfort on the Oder. Russian cattle are blamed for the infection.

Official reports show that the cholera in Russia is still raging. The total cases up to date number 205,418, with 95,963 deaths. The disease is causing great mortality in Italy, Naples sti'l being the chief sufferer.

Admiral Sir William Fawkes inspected the Canadian cruiser 'Niobe' at Devonport before she sailed for Halifax. The 'Niobe is expected to reach her destination on No vember 21st, Trafalgar Day. The 'Niobe' is like the 'Rainbow,' has no grog on board, and instead of H M S the crew will have H M C S on their cap ribbons. -World Wide.

W A Avery Killed

Houlton, Me., Oct. 19.—W A Avery, of Houlton, a civil engineer on the Ban_ gor and Aroostook Railway, was almost instantly killed at Fort Fairfield Junction about 9.30 c'clock this morning, being run over by a north bound train just stop ping at the coal sheds. It is supposed Mr Avery slipped while getting off the train. The body was almost cut in two. The train could not be moved off the body for nearly five minutes, but the victim was suill breathing when taken out from under the wheel. Deceased was a member of the Knights of Pythias order, Walter Bernard, of Fort Fairfield, a brother Knight, accompanied the body to Presque

POOR MAN'S PUDDING.

One cup rice, well picked and washed, one half cup sugar, two quarts milk, one teaspoon salt, one half teaspoon cinnamon; bake very slowly for three to four hours, keeping covered as much as possible until the last fifteen minutes, then lift the cover to brown the top. It should be creamy and not dry when done.

LOBSTER FISHERIES.

Ottawa, Ont, Oct 15.-The Canada Gaz ette today promulgates and brings into force the new regulations with reference to lobster fisheries, recommended by a special com mittee and adopted by the house last ses sion. An order in council has been passed prohibiting oyster fishing on the beds in Pownal, Orwell and North Rivers, Prince Edward Island, for ten years from Septem ber 30, 1910, and in Bedeque Bay for three years. It is also to be prohibited in the beds of Vernon and Seal Rivers for two years from September, 1912.

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MISS CAMPBELL IS THE GOLF CHAMPION.

Flossmore, Ill., Oct. 15 .- Miss Dorothy Campbell, of Hamilton, successfully defended her title as national woman golf champion to day, at the Homewood County Club, defeat ing Mrs G M Martin, of Tavistock, Eng., in the finals, 2 up and one to play.

Tact And no Tact.

The difflerence between a man of quick tack and one of no tack at all may be illus trated by an interview which took place be tween Lord Palmerston and Mr Behnes, the sculptor. Rev E J Hardy gives it in his book ent tled "How to be Happy though Civil." At the last sitting which Lord Palmerston gave him, Behnes opened the conversation

"Any news, my Lord, from France? How do we stand with Louis Napoleon?

The foreign secretary raised his eyebrows for an instant, and quietly replied:

"Really Mr Behnes, I dont know. I have not seen the newspapers."

The announcement of the second Lord Lyt ton's appoinment as Viceroy of India at a time when the government was keeping it a secret, was one of the greatest feats of De lane, the famous editor of the Times.

Delane was sitting at dinner next to an eminent physician, who happened to men tion that Lord Lytton had consulted him that morning as to the fitness of his constitu tion to withstand the Indian climate.

Delane wisely asked no questions, but drew his inference from what he heard and the next morning the Times announced the appoinment of Lord Lytton as Vicercy of India.-The Youths Companion

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