

The Treasure-Chamber.

CHAPTER XVI.

"TIGER'S" men were either dramatic intervention. ery cautious or else very loth Lumps of earth fell from the and Chinese, but that does not ne-

I no desire to lead.

er and yet nearer crawled h my. They were moving very and he could hear birs of of falling in on them nust as bits had almost smothered leading man was almost at

barricade, and Geoffrey's ras in his mouth. Then he bump as a man struck the of the tunnel. Sher Khan' the man striving to move struction, and at last he chamber. to succeed, for a satisfied ras plainly audible, followed sound of crumbling earth.

he with a decided pressure: obviously getting impatient, their gaze. bffrey refused to be hurried. did launch his counter

In fact he felt that one bullion. as actually passing him. On the opposite side were him most of them were.

and the rufflings were in istones in the fourth chest.

and was that after it ficant figures. in the narrowest part.

ch followed were suddenly supply of treasure. entire roof of the tunnel stupendous accumulation.

turned gasping, and hurried to the out of the very foundations of this spot where Phyllis and the mission- mountain which has been held ary stood well nigh petrified with sacred by millions well nigh since horror at this unlooked-for and the memory of man. Who can say? The work seems to be mostly Indian

new the attack, and either ceiling, above them and pattered cessarily mean much, for those were le was easy to understand, on the floor, each breaking up and the most civilised countries at the of them had ever been along sending up its own miniature cloud time when this treasure was in all assage before, and it was of dust. Choking they stumbled probability originally hidden. We bre entirely unknown ground. forward, the torch only serving to know that the Chinese have sent show up the curtain of dust which armies across Asia and Tibet on foot of the way, apparently filled the whole passage. The more than one occasion. It is possible to lead. rumblings behind them continued sible that in some dim period of several minutes Geoffrey not hear a sound. Then he ly recognised Hayde Thompwoice although he could not the words, and he knew that ust be a prelude to another e. He gripped the handle revolver still tighter, as he tly heard the shuffling apoff men crawling up the loss of minutes, recurring the past some great Chinese chief-the past some gr grim silence.

Then the full realisation of their Geoffrey threw himself down ben he shifted his grip on the situation gradually dawned on all side the missionary while Phyllis

of his revolver. It was a four simultaneously.

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They were buried alive '

For several seconds none of them hand over Mr. Merridew's heart and spoke. Geoffrey felt the responsion to the hand always imagined to weapon could nestle so into his hand, but now he into his hand, but now he to tree a comfortable held.

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For several seconds none of them hand over Mr. Merridew's heart and hand over Mr. Merridew's heart and heating He turned him over, and the felt has he caught his shoulder he felt as he caught his shoulder he felt drew her to him and locked her in his hand touch moisture. He held the torch, which was now getting distinctly dim. He put his hand over Mr. Merridew's heart and heating He turned him over, and the street pressure of Phyllis's hand. It is shoulder he felt drew her to him and locked her in his hand touch moisture. He held the torch, which was now getting distinctly dim. He put his hand over Mr. Merridew's heart and heating He turned him over, and the street pressure of Phyllis's hand. It is a heating He turned him over, and the felt of the held drew her to him and locked her in his hand touch moisture. He held the torch, which was now held the put his hand over Mr. Merridew's heart and heating He turned him over, and the turned h

"Well, it is of no use staying with blood. here, sahib. Let us go and see it "Quick, we must rip his clothes there is not some way out. At off. He must have been wounded least we need no longer fear any As Geoffrey spoke he tore the attack from behind, and the Tibetan's lama's cloak away, and Pathan laughed grimly.

Cleoffrey released Phyllis and had been wearing underneath. switched on the light. The passage These had already been cut up when took another sharp bend to the left, he had been stupped for torture, and immediately they rounded it and ma few seconds Geoffrey laid had deposited in the lowest they found themselves contronted his back and shoulders bare and deposited in the lowest with a closed door. There was Then they saw a ballet-wound of the tunnel. Show Khan with a closed door. neither lock nor bolt, only a latch, behind the right shoulder. It had him gently behind as a sign and it gave readily. They passed torn the muscles over the shoulder- back, with soit pads of his discarded "Now" He held it out unprotected but Geoffrey waited. He through and entered a fair sized blade and had blid profusely, but clothing under him so as to relieve the The flame was at once blown out.

Then they gasped with amaze bones were broken. From the posi-lible ment All four knew that the pis 'tion and direction of the wound it 'Here is your revolver, salub, sage led to the secret treasure-vault could only have been inflicted when picked it up where you dropped it just all four pointed and shouted with one he stealthy forward crawl Which was the stealthy wealth and prone position. Khan touched him again, power, but even so they were not "My poor, brave dad' And he though this may happen to be our ment of the others. prepared for the sight which met never gave a sign. When could it

have happened?

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MONKS OF BUCKFAST

minutes the Pathan returned

feel very much stronger and do not gut minuted although 72 years of ago." Now in 1831, another vetoran gardener, Mr. Payne

of Epoem writter "I am \$4 years of are and on still at week with excellent health, thanks to Helloway's Pills, which I have taken regularly. By hands which were crippled and best with reconstrien are exits recovered

by using Bolloway Brand Outmont." -

of his hand, and he wished of which the contents were bursting were lying behind the door of the tani. t all the heavier minishment filled with gold and silver coms vard while Sher Khan and I were ever "Hello, where am I? What ed A pile of empty sacks was heaped trying to create a diversion in tear. happened?" at one end. Thompson had already I remember a good many bullets

feeling his way along the dreds of swords, axes, knives and "Just think! And he never uttered way until he reached the daggers heaped in untidy profus on, a sound' I know he did not want to end which would denote the Fvery one carried a highly of nate There was still more and jewelled handle. There were! immediately behind, and weapons of all shapes and from ned by the delay in attack, many countries. Chinese, Indian, h behind began to whoper, and Turkish swords; jewelled dagnel was obviously full of the gers from Alwar: Burmese dhars, men, each close behind simitars and axes which might have seen service in the Crusades. Geoffrey pressed the switch Almost every period of the last ten centuries was represented, and in ight shot out, illuminating spite of the dry air the majority of or and the bend of the the weapons were eaten and crumb ling with rust, although some still

lying face downwards on seemed to be in perfect order. Geoffrey picked up a wonderfully x feet of Geoffrey were two inland Indian sword, and the steel n. They had crawled thus fell away in flakes, leaving the gold be could see their upturned julay standing out in takef. The they blinked, mornentarily handle was of mory, yellow and cracked with age, while the hilt was bother us. Oh. my darling brave Bang! Bang ' Bang ' barked embossed with alternate takes and father' Is it all right, Geoff - Will 's revolver, and the emeralds, which scintillated with will be will be recover." Her automatic, and both unabated brilliance, throwing back voice broke for the first time. n were suddenly stretched the light flashed on them by the He probably fainted from loss of blood

The one corner was neathy stacked and from general shock. Thank God and from general shock. Thank God short stand it the short stand it the half. I dull yellow gleam and which could only be gold. In another corner was a braver man. His plack has been a property of a major balls. an even larger pile of sun'ar bars, wenderful! Wonderful! For it is Sturdy but their paler glint showed them not as if he was a voung man, must be gettin on for sixty

Langing the base of the wa'l opport. "Yes, he is nity-nine but he has site to the door was a row of six always lived a very healthy though st ne chests. Sher Khan litted the hard lite. lid of the first, but it was empty. As they talked they carefully re-The second was heaped almost to and Geoffrey shuddered as he saw the the top with trinkets of every degreet tagged cuts across the loins. scription- rings, bangles, car rings. What fiends those men were' How he nise rings, anklets, buttons, stude, longed to get at them with his maked Healthy youngsters are laste michlairs, a'l fell away in hands! those kept free from ne duson as Geoffrey buried his "I wish he had some more clothes."

constipation. Mother hand in the priceless treasures. Sher Khan, who never spoke ling watches for the first sign Almost all were of gold, and the lish, although he understood it well of trouble and corrects Almost all were of gold, and the timediately rose and vanished out of it with baby's own aperi-majority heavily set with jewels, immediately rose and vanished out of it with baby's own aperi-majority heavily set with jewels, immediately rose and vanished out of it with baby's own aperi-majority heavily set with jewels, immediately rose and vanished out of the door of the treasure chamber ent—Steedman's Pow-Silver ornaments had apparently "Where are you going, Sher Khan-" ders. Steedman's gently been selected for the beauty of workregulate the bowels from manship, for all that were made of inden. teething time to fourteen the cheaper metal were carred with; Phyllis was engaged in stripping her an artistic skill which made even persicoat into bandages and in a few

Sher Khan catch his breath The next chest contained tar | "There, now you can take your Juoises, and as far as Geoffrey could choice," he said, as he held out two tell every one was without a flaw complete sets of Chinese clothes; "I Stell every one was without a flaw complete sets of Clinese Collies, and of the deepest blue. The fourth took them off the two men we shot, salib. I think they will do. Look. This one is of silk."

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Geoffrey and Phyllis bound up her and there was not one which was father's wound as best they could, and not larger than anything which then dressed him in the waimest gar

Geoffrey had ever seen before. ments they could find out of the seleceath, each pierced by two. The last two chests were each tion which Sher Khan had brought ullets, for there was no about one-quarter full of rubies and They had laid him out carefully on hi diamonds respectively, all uncut, followed shouts in the but not nearly of such a size as the

tenfold as the shots roated. Any attempts at computing the e confined space, and humps value of this great hoard staggered! fell down in showers from the mind, and Geoffrey realised loosened by the concus Thompson's shrewdness at keeping it stored in such a safe hiding place. by dropped his revolver and while he only launched the jewels is last two Mille's hombs on the market by driblets. To send whipped from the first and out even a tenth of what was there it as far as he could down into the world at once would merely! ow tunnel. Almost before have produced a slump and reduced ached the end of its range the value to comparatively insigni-

than ever sounded the! For the time being all four forgot clanging explosion. The their terrible predicament and gazed houts of baffled rage and spellbound at this inexhaustible

by an even greater noise. ["How could it all have got here! as a sudden rumbling roar Phyllis whispered, awed by the

"Conjecture is hopeless. This 19" y and Sher Khan were at the collection of centuries. Perhaps ked by the dust thrown out some former Himalayan or Nepalese slide of dry earth. They King discovered this secret cham-



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as far as Geoffrey could tell no pressure on his wounds as far as poss- "Keep the torch on! Watch the

huffling was now almost at dipped heavily into this store of came through the door, but I we are here Phyllis and Geoffrey." a disapointed voice. thought they were all high. I know have fainted. How silly of me-" and tie. "Then where would the draught he made a move to get up.

> have told us before." remember it all now.

'Yes and it was all my fault," said earth.

age to open the secret door -"

currin. Then he felt for a crack in the lay hands on, but only managed to wall. I could see his hand moving break several of the well-nigh priceless plainly. Then he worked straight down semilars plainly. Then he worked straight down semitars. just in case we could not get through the and dig deeper." the ceiling, and after a few tries Il. 'No, wait a second. suddenly felt the door open.'

"It is all right, salub, I have an

was a "Dietz" model hurricane-lamp that.."
and a box of matches. Geoffrey took "Splendid! Good Lord, what an them over to the stone treasure-chests idea! Fancy using gold for such a where Mr. Merriden was still bring, lob and, placing the lamp on one of the' chests struck a match,

was blown out.''

come from? There may be another her. shout "By jove, dear, you're right! possible. What a fool I was not to see at once! "I think we want better tamping Phyllis darling, you're wonderful," than that. Sher Khan bring some Even Sher Khan, who had been sitt. more gold-"

ing apart for the last few minutes and Two more bars of solid gold were who seldom betrayed any great emot- wedged in hard against the bombs, and ion, was filled with excitement.

well alight. All of you watch and see fill it bang with gold. I am positive from which direction it is blown out." that never before has gold been used. The match hissed as he struck it on for tamping a charge! And just think the box, flickered for a moment and what an excitement there is at home then began to burn steadily in the cup new if anyone produces a sovereign!" of his hands.

Mr. Meiridew watched in silence

Il "There! From over there!' They

which was the source of all Hayde the missionary had been lying in a before you threw those last two bombs, accord for the missionary had sat up which was the source of all Hayde the missionary had been lying in a lit would be a pity to lose it even and watched, infected by the excite-

tomb ' he added under his breath so Sher Khan switched his torch, which that Phyllis should not hear. The pre- was not burning so low as the other their gaze.

The happened have happened happened have happened happened have happened happene sacks, notting with age, from many all probability he was hit when you a time to have learnt much Hindus-lable crevice ran vertically down between two of the great stone slabs with as many of them on, so as an ability cours which led into the court | Just then Mr. Merridew opened his which the wall of the chamber was lin-

"I believe it's only the joint between "It's all right, father, keep quiet, two of the old stones," said Phyllis in "Oh ves I remember now. I must! But Geoffrey refused to be pessimis-

the coming from? There must be anot-"No no. Keep still sir. We have her room or passage beyond that crack dressed your wounds. You ought to which is someway connected with the topen air. But we must not waste the WATER CUTS STEEL. shire, has a barber whose resolution "My wounds' Yes, yes. One of torches anymore. I will light the lamp. the men in the courtvard hit me. 1 A careful investigation showed that there was a distinct on the whole way round the large stone. In the case of 'Why didn't you tell us father " all the other joins the stones were ab-'Oh, well. I knew it was nothing solutely touching, in fact, so closely serious. And I didn't want to cause did they fit that they might have been a delay. Besides, things have been devetailed together. But this stone moving pretty fast. There wasn't was separate, althouh on two sides the much time for any personal conversa- gap between it and its neighbours was tion, was there?" He smiled and lay filled with dust and dirt, its bottom still. "I teel much better already but, edge was within a few inches of the

Phyllis; "It was I who opened the sec-1 very carefully desired and started off down that Khan scraped away all the dust they not all to be tested are whirled found ing glory. No bobs or shingles ever hourible passage. I have brought you could from the crevices with the points of their knives, Geoffrey having picked at a speed of 20,000 will be executed in this shep." And revolutions a second, equal to 131 miles then, what perhaps infuriated some soothe her, 'von were splendid. We ted with a brilliantly-jewelled handle would have been shot down and over- from the heap in the room. Phyllis whelmed if we had staved in the room, held the lamp up for them as they

the stone and proceeded to dig this "When we were hiding under the out, but they soon reached another Tiger's bed I could see out through stone slab which defied their utmost a hole in the hangings. I saw the efforts. They tried to lever the main

for about an inches and pressed, and | For a moment or two they stared at suddenly a bit of the wall opened and each other in silent disappointment. swung back. While you and Sher! It almost seemed as if they were to be Khan were trying to reach the skylight beaten just when their hopes ran high. I thought I'd try and open the door "Well, sahib. I think we had better

have had a brain-wave. I am going to sorts I am sure that the Tiger' must won't act, but I think it is worth try-have kept one down here. Let's look ing. Now look here. have kept one down here. Let's look ing. Non look here. First we must tie them down to something heavy so Yes, and he probably kept it out that they will not move when the pins side the door or either just inside all are pulled, and there must also be ready for him when he came to get plenty of room for the levers to swing fround and hit the strikers."

Sure enough, on a little shelf in the What is heavier than gold, sahib? passage immediately outside the door and Allah knows there is plenty of

. The Pathan brought a heavy bar of

solid gold, and Geoffrey tied the two It flickered for an instant and then bombs were down tightly a to be strips of cloth obtained by cutting up He was about to strike another when Mr. Merriden's discarded garments. Phyllis called out excitedly. Didn't Then he placed this in the hollow they you see Didn't you see The match had made underneath the loose stone, shoving it as far as it would go. Next "Well, deat, I know. I will light he threaded a long strip of fabric through both the ends of the safety-"But don't you understand? There provof the bombs so that when he pullmust be a draught. Where does it ed it both pins would be drawn toget-

He then replaced all the earth, press-Geoffrey leapt to his feet with a ling it round the bomb as tightly as

finally the empty stone treasure-chest 'The miss-sahib is right and we meni was placed against the wall to hold are slow fools. We will escape set, my everything in position, with only the colonel-sahib, and cheat those Chinese fabric cord passing out into the room. "We must run no risks. There "Now." said Geoffrey. "I am going is not much explosive in those bombs, to strike another match. I will shelter and we must make this chest as heavy it carefully with my hands until it is as possible. Come on, Sher Khan, let's

while Phyllis, Geoffrey and Sher Khan carried great lumps of gold and filled the empty chest.

"There, now"—Geoffrey surveyed his handswork with professional pride when the chest was half full-"I don't think anything will be able to shift that. If the explosion functions at all and moves anything, it really should be the stone. I wonder what they would say to this at Chatam! I only hope the cord won't break."

He picked the ends of the cord up

and held them firmly. "Now keep right back, all of you. Mr. Merridew, I think you will be all right where you are, but keep your face turned away and your eyes shut.

There may be some dust flying about.
Ready, Phyllis dear? All right, Sher
Khan? Good. Eyes shut! Now!" He turned away and pulled the cord.
There was a muffled bang. No stones or bits of dust were flung into the room and there was remarkably little dust. But when they looked at the loose stone all four gave a shout of triumph. It was now really loose, for

it had dropped a good two inches! "Now then, Sher Khan. Let's have the chest away again. But we must take out the gold first." Feverishly they worked and soon had cleared all the tamping away from the hole under the stone. But although the stone had sunk appreciably, they were still unable to get any hold on it. For a few minutes, Geoffrey gazed at it in minutes Geoffrey gazed at it in thought..

"Look here what I've found' Won't this help?" Phyllis was holding out an ankus, or elephant-goad. It was made of steel inlaid with gold. The handle was of carved ivory, and above and below the grip were double rings of sapphires.

"The very thing. I only hope it is trong enough." Geoffrey pushed the end through the gap above the stone, and the point met with no resistance. He turned it round so that the book caught on the far side of the stone. The end of the ankus was through the stone wall'

on the stone It was obviously wedged very tight. "Come on, Sher Khan," he panted, 'put your arms round me and pull! when I give the word. That's right, lamation came as a complete surprise Are you ready? Now!

but still he could make no impression

Together they heaved with all their follows :might. For a second nothing moved, and then something gave suddenly and they fell over backwards.

broken. Then he dared to look at the that a specified association is, in the wall. The stone had revolved about opinion of the Executive Council, an its lower end, where it was still jam- unlawful association shall be conclusive med, and was now sticking out into the evidence for all purposes that such Above the stone there was a black

Geoffrey's hand shook as he turned every and any other power them in the beam of light through the gap and this behalf enabling, do hereby declars looked bevond. Jovs of jovs! He saw a flight of steps!

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wears away stone; to-day it is easily half century of work, he proudly demonstrated that a jet of water can boasts that never has he cut a make the hardest metal seem as soft woman's hair. Women have begged,

determine the wear on aeroplane pro- able determination, I fear that we are in a desperate pre- floor-line, and the space between it and ing, or the blades of a steam turbine tions, has been "What was good dicament shut off in this chamber." | the flloor seemed filled with natural revolving in orean water. It is a sure enough for God Almighty ought to Thylis; "It was I who opened the sec- Very carefully Geoffrey and Sher such purposes. Two plugs made of the hair on their heads as a crown-

It is entirely owing to your quickness worked away in silence, the rubies and thicker than the lead in a pencil. The treeses." and presence of mind that we are still emeralds in the handle of Geoffrey's amazing result is that plugs of staintogether and safe from those fiends. knife flashing with every movement. less non or nickel wear half-way an intimation that only the barber But tell me," he added, in order to try . When they had freed the crevices as through in two or three minutes. Stell 'prevents men's ham from rivaland turn her thoughts into another far as possible they turned their at ite and non nitride, which is almost ling women's in quantity is not dischannel. "how on earth did you man- tention to the earth at the bottom of diamond hard, hold out for only 15 or closed



Blue Shirts Banned.

SENSATIONAL ACTION BY GOVERNMENT.

Then he pulled with all his strength. The Young Ireland Association, a To his relief the ankus did not break, section of Fine Gael which has section of Fine Gael which has become known as the Blueshirts, has been banned by Government Proclamation.

Issued yesterday evening, the procand created a sensation. It is as

TEXT OF PROCLAMATION. WHEREAS it is provided by subsection (2) of section 19 of Article 2A Without attempting to get up Geoff- of the Constitution that an order made rev looked at the ankus. No it was not by the Executive Council declaring association is an unlawful association,

NOW, the Executive Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them "Your torch, Sher Khan- Quick! by sub-section (2) of section 19 of Article 2A of the Constitution and of and order as follows :--

1 The association styling itself and generally known as the Young Ireland (also known as the Blue Shirts) is, in the opinion of the Executive Council, an unlawful association,

2. The Interpretation Act, 1923 (No. 16 of 1923) applies to the interpretation of this Order in like manner as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Oireachtas, 3, This Order may be cited for all purposes as the Constitution (Declara-

Order, 1933. DUBLIN. This 8th Day of December, 1933,

tion of Unlawful Association) (No. 2)

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