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Isn't that so the police will refuse to believe anything he may say and re-turn him to the death cell for the sentence to be executed upon him? The law will call these things attempted murder, Avery."

The blind man heard Avery pacing the floor, and then heard him stop in front of him. "What is it you want of me, Mr. Santoine?"

The little information I still re-

quire. "You mean you want me to sell the crowd out?

"Not that; because I offer you nothing. A number of men are going to the gallows or the penitentiary for nothing. to the gallows of the pententiary for this, Avery, and you—I suspect— among them; though I also suspect— from what I have learned about your character in the last few days—that you'll take any means open to you to avoid sharing their fate."

"I suppose you mean by that I'll turn State's evidence if I get a chance, and that I might as well begin now." "That, I should say, is entirely up to you. The charge of what I know— with the simultaneous arrest of a cer-tain number of men in different places whom I know must be impli-cated—will be made to-morrow. You, perhaps, are a better judge than I of cated—will be made to-morrow. You, perhaps, are a better judge than I of the cohesion of your group in the con-tingencies which it will face to-morrow morning. I offer you nothing now, Avery—no recommendation of clemency—nothing. If you prefer to have me learn the full facts from the first of another who breaks very first of another who breaks, well." very

Santoine waited. He heard Avery take a few more steps up and down; then he halted; now he walked again; they were uneven steps as Santoine heard them; then Avery stopped once more.

"What is it you want to know, sir?" "Who killed Warden?" "John Yarrow is his name; he was a sort of hanger-on of Latron's. I don't know where Latron picked him

up." "Was it he who also made the at-tack on the train?" "Yes."

"Who was the other man on the train—the one that claimed the tele-gram addressed to Lawrence Hillward?

ward?" "His name's Hollock. He's the titular owner of the place on the Michi-gan shore where Latron has been liv-ing. The telegram I sent night before last was addressed to his place, you know. He's been a sort of go-between for Latron and the men—those who knew—who were managing the proper-ties. I'd never met him, though, Mr. Santoine, and I didn't know either him or Hollock on the train. As I said, I wasn't in the know about killing Warden." "When did you learn who Eaton was,

"When did you learn who Eaton was, Avery?

Avery?" "The day after we got back here from the West I got word from Latron; they didn't tell me till they needed to use me." Avery hesitated; then he went on—he was eager now to tell all he knew in his belief that by doing so he was helping his own case. "You understand, sir, about Latron's pre-tended death—a guide at the shooting lodge had been killed by a chance shot in the woods; purely accidental; some one of the party had fired at a deer, missed, and never knew he'd killed a man with the waste shot. When the guide didn't come back to camp, they looked for him and found his body. He looked for him and found his body. He was a man who never would be missed or inquired for, and was very nearly Latron's size; and that gave Latron the idea."

(To be Continued.)

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