BY MRS. C. N. WILLIAMSON, Author of "The Barn Stormers," "Fortune's Sport," "Lady Mary of the Dark House," "Queen Sweetheart," "The House by the Lock," etc.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS:

The tale opens at the Duke of Clarence's theatre, by the stage-door of which a young man, powerful, and nemarkably handsome, but looking as if he had just come from the Wild West, is waiting to see the manager. He is noticed by Winifred Gray, a rising young actrem, and also by Lionel Macaire, a millionaire and friend of the manager. the manager's, but of repulsive appearance and infamous character. The stranger, whose name is Hope Newcome, introduces himself as a friend of "F. E. Z.," and the initials strangely affect not only the manager, Mr. Anderson, but also Macaire. Newcome, who announces that he has come to England for the purpose of "finding something," asks Anderson for an engagement, but the manager, prompted by the millionaire friend, finds an excuse for had the jewel; Dick had the money; refusing. During the performance that and the "something" which whispered evening Winifred Gray is sent for to the hopefully of luck to come did not add boudoir, where she sees Macaire. The that with the changing hands of the millionaire informs her that he has now a controlling interest in the theatre, and offers her an engagement as Rosalind. Winifred, who has been piaying small parts, is at first dazzled by the offer, but on a declaration of love from Macaire she rejects the millionaire's advances with loathing. Macaire allows her to go for the moment, but declares that he will break her to his will. The same night Hope Newcome, still lounging at the stage door, sees a stranger of powerful physique mount the box of Winifred's cab beside the driver. Newcome orders him down, and a struggle gave you to have repaired. When will takes place. Newcome soon disposes of it be ready?" his opponent, and receives the thanks of the young actress, who, however, hardly the millionaire's look, to his secre- would replace the money he had taken, realizes the danger she has escaped. Next tary's stricken conscience, seemed so since it had not availed his purpose, day Winifred is sent for by Anderson, and, keen, that Dick grew confused, and inevidently with great regret on the part of stead of saying that he had lost the the manager, told that she is not suitable moonstone, and apologizing as he had saying that he had not confessed at for the role she is to assume in a forth- intended, he stammered that the jewel- first, hoping to find it. coming production, and that if she pre- ler could not do the work for a day or fers to leave the company at once she will two. she knows also from what quarter the blow if he can let me have the thing to- room, which was apparently deserted and keep to your room." the theatrical agents and managers in in his breast. vain for weeks, and is aware that strong influences are working against her.

CHAPTER XXXII.-(Continued.)

Macaire had encouraged him to try his luck at the gaming tables, and had pocket, in case of emergencies, and had been too tactful to speak out bluntly. At all events, Dick thought | if he had been to the jeweller's yet. now, in his almost frenzied desire to go on, that he would have "chanced it," had the money still been in his ning his make-up tale concerning the possession. In all probability he would loss of the jewel when the mililonaire have been able to replace it at once | broke in, for the first time in his seccould have gone frankly to Macaire, anger. confessing that he had borrowed some- "By heaven!" he exclaimed. "I can't apart, his eyes stared. thing which he would repay out of his get anybody to remember my wishes.

With the moonstone Sphinx, of to him myself." unfortunate as not to be able to re- | go at once." thing worth more than seven or eight | time they met, if he could not satisfy sovereigns at most.

He was shy of doing what was in his ler's, the millionaire would insist upon might be rebuffed or not; but as he would stand discredited. Something wished to be, gazing doubtfully at the | what? moonstone and calculating its value, Suddenly he thought of the woman a voice addressed him in French. who had bought the jewel. If he could Looking up with a start he saw that offer her the thousand francs she had the speaker was an elderly Parisienne, with bistre under her sunken eyes, self upon her compassion, she might rouge on her haggard cheeks, and a be induced to sell the moonstone back handsome, poppy-red evening dress again. But first he must get the thouemphasising the emaciation of her sand francs, and then he must find the

Dick was not a French scholar, but | Having accomplished no more than he had learnt the language with Wini- evolving this plan, he returned to the fred when they had both been chil- hotel, where Macaire had taken sevdren, and he could understand enough to hold his own in an ordinary conver- his friends, since it had not been con-

"Pardon me, monsieur, but that is a very charming ornament you have there," the lady in popy color was remarking. "Quite unique. Will you allow me to look at it more closely My great fad is uncommon jewels of

Dick held out his hand, and a dyed head, sparkling with diamond co and pins, was bowed over it. The lady stone, as he had feared she might, but peered at it through her lorgnettes as lay in his palm, crying out at its beauty.

"It is for luck, madame," Dick informed her. "I thought it must be a fetich," she responded. "Intrinsically, perhaps, the jewel may not be worth more than five | roll of English bank notes. hundred francs" (Dick was astonished

at so high an estimate), "yet the began counting it over. workmanship is perfect, and the stone has a rare light. How I wish that There were twenty ten-pound, six five-pound notes-two hundred and your talisman were for sale, monsieur! I would give you—in reason—what you thirty pounds in all. Macaire was certain not to have taken the numbers, he liked to ask, that I might add it to my had never been known to do such a collection and also use it as a rival to my luck pig" (laughing, she held out thing, and money flowed like water through his hands. In all probability a golden pig, with ruby eyes), "which has basely betrayed me to-night."
"I don't see how I could very well he was not aware how much this fat roll contained. If several notes were sell it," stammered Dick, "though I abstracted he would not be the wiser; was just wondering if I could raise or even if he did discover his loss, after leaving the money lying out on his desk, he would not know whom to Perhaps the lady's experienced eyes blame. One of the hotel servants

ad read some such purpose in his before addressing him.

'That would, I fear, be impossible unfair, in such circumstances, to make here," she said. "I know the rules an accusation. well; I confess to being an old habituee. Monsieur, if you will sell me five ten-pound notes, huddled them the moonstone (I do not care for the away in his pocket, and pushed the gold screw with the initials; you could roll back into the place where it had keep that), I would give you, this min- lain. Luckily he had finished the letute, one thousand francs. It is far ters first, for it would now have been more than you could get from a jewel-

Dick's face flushed, and he bit his lip, his eyes travelling wistfully to the the second. And, hurrying out, he pocket book studded with gold and went to the Casino hoping to find there French notes which the lady in red | the purchaser of the jewel, who had s producing from a brocaded silk seemed to be a keen gambler, and had bag that hung at her waist.

Suppose he did sell the moonstone? Monte Carlo."

He could tell Macaire that he had lost it, and Macaire would believe him, especially if he kept the screw, which ed up as he saw on the table beside would be good evidence that the her winnings the Sphinx's head evi-

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dently in use as a fetich

He tried to speak, but she motioned

him away; she was not to be inter-

rupted. Again and again he implored

her attention for a moment, but she flashed out at him in angry French

that she would complain; she would have him removed if he disturbed her.

She was quite capable of keeping her

word, and, fearing a scene, Dick was

but at last madame was satisfied, and

thering up her winnings, which were onsiderable, she turned from the table

and to Dick. She was a different wo-

man now-soft and agreeable in man-

ner as if she had never threatened

wanted? Had he another jewel to sell?

the contrary effect. But at the first

harder. The lady was sorry that mon-

sieur regretted disposing of the fetich,

but she could not think of giving it up.

Already it had brought her great luck.

No, there was no price he could name

The unhappy young man poured

arguments upon her; he had reason to

believe the jewel had been stolen by

the person who gave it to him; there

caused Dick to regret this last sugges-

Nothing that he could say would

move her, and she airily remarked

that if monsieur persecuted her by fol-

lowing to her hotel she would certainly

Dick was in a worse plight than be-

By this time Macaire and his guests

Dick stepped softly into the room,

and groping his way to the desk which

zled and blinking. Dick saw Macaire

standing with a finger and thumb still

appeal to the police.

blue dusk.

for which she would change her mind.

ords the hard, painted face grew

thought, perhaps, of her dinner. Ga-

forced to wait upon her convenience Time dragged on while he despaired

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sphinx's head had come off. Macair would not mind much; he would be sure to forgive, and say: "It doesn't

sed by all who have tried it.

With a thousand francs to stake all the bad luck of this evening could be retrieved. Something told him that it would be so.

"All right, you can have the Sphinx," he said, abruptly. And the deal was closed. The lady moonstone his future, his sister's future, and the future of two others

> CHAPTER XXXIII. What the Light Showed.

would be changed as well.

Dick's spirit of prophecy had been a deceiving spirit. He lost his thousand

Next morning Macaire said: "By the way, that moonstone Sphinx's head I

The question came so abruptly, and

receive salary for the next fortnight. Win: "Next time you're out just step in late. Feeling certain of this he went falls, for, as she leaves the manager's morrow. The fact is, I feel quite lost and in semi-darkness. It was now the room, Macaire enters with an unmistak without it," said Macaire; and Dick last of April, but as it was past 8 stammered. able expression on his face. She visits all felt a sensation of coldness and weight o'clock the night was falling in deep

Last night nothing had seemed of importance, except to get money; and his emyloyer had appeared to care litfifty other valuable odds and ends which he flung recklessly about, or it-he knew exactly where to put his said that he wouldn't "see him come even gave to Dick or his valet, if the hand. But suddenly the room was to grief." Very likely he had meant mood seized him. Dick was very much flooded with electric light; and, dazhis secretary to have plenty in his frightened, and could settle himself to In the afternoon Macaire asked him on the electric button which he had

on board his yacht.

him while he was away.

Dick knew what his employer wish-

vould be suspected; but it would be

Feeling faint and sick, Dick selected

impossible for him to have concentrat-

He had taken the first step; now for

ed his mind upon writing a single line

night.

'No," faltered Dick. "The fact is, On the man's hideous face was a look I---" He was on the point of beginwhich Dick had never seen before-a

look that was fiendish. "I was right, then; you are a thief," he said. "You whom I have made my with his own winnings, and if not, he retary's experience of him showing friend. You have stolen my money." Dick could not speak. His lips fell

"When I went out this afternoon I had been a whipped dog. What jeweller has the stone. I'll go left on this desk a roll of bank notes Turning without another word, he part of the board, and never suggested which I intended to devote to a cer- went to his room, Macaire following the purchase of any securities. course, it was different. If he could Dick grew hot and cold. "No, no, tain purpose," Macaire went on. as far as the first threshold to watch pledge it and obtain a few pounds to Mr. Macaire," he implored. "I haven't "There were two hundred and thirty him down the passage. go on with now, and should be so very forgotten, really. I was busy. I will pounds exactly. I had not been gone In quietness and darkness, with his Mr. Tatlock said, was suggested by an hour when I remembered the door locked, he walked to the window Levi P. Morton and was concurred in North Saanich. deem it to-night, he would not care to He went out into the street, not money, and where I had put it. I that looked out upon the garish by the board. confess what he had done to Macaire. knowing what he should do. He had should have thought it was safe, as I brightness of the rock-set town, blaz-He would get it back when he could, cut the ground away from under his knew you would be writing letters at ing like a triple necklace of pewels

which would certainly be soon, at own feet now, committing himself to the desk, had I not heard while I was against the blue velvet and gauze of Mr. Ryan, Mr. Morton or any other worst, for it did not seem to him a the statement that he had made. Next out a thing which gave me a shock sea and sky. If he chose—and dared and opened my eyes. You told me that he might throw himself headlong out, you had taken my moonstone to a and all would be ended. But no, he Macaire that he had been to the jewelmind to do, not knowing whether he having the man's name, and Dick knew what it was like saw it at the die, leaving such a legacy of shame Casino in the hands of a French wo- to his mother, for whom he longed His company was organized in 1860. stood not far from the table where he must be done at once, but what- man, who was using it for luck. Know- now with a boy's homesick longing. The capital stock is \$200,000. The the woman where she got it, and was all, and there was nothing she could Gray, what have you to say to that?" | right about Macaire, after all. "I-I-" stammered Dick, like a

> meant to tell you. It was done in a ment of impulse." caire. "And it was in a moment of imthe roll of money on my desk, relying on my carelessness, or meaning per-

eral of the best suites for himself and sidered convenient to spend the nights haps to put the theft on a servant." "Who-who dared to say that?" "Well, have you been to the jewel-"No one has said so. But you should ler?" Macaire called from his private have thought of your mother and sissitting room as Dick would have pass-

"I must have been mad. For heaven's sake, have mercy." "Yes," answered the young man, des-"None of that conventional cant, i perately. "He will try to have the Sphinx's head ready by to-morrow ou please. But you speak of your other and sister. On one condition, Ten minutes later Macaire went out, and one only, will I spare you the

having shouted a request that Dick would write three or four letters for inishment you deserve." Dick's eyes, strained and bloodshot his agony, grew bright. "Tell me what it is and I'll do it-I'll do anything."

ed him to write, and sat down at his desk in the sitting room, which Ma-"It's not for you to do. "I'll give you caire had left open. The mililonaire was noted for his careless ways, and me to write home and get an answer by telegraph. If Winifred Gray cares to-day he had left lying on the desk a she can." Dick looked at them, fascinated "You want her to intercede for me? then drew the roll towards him and

"I want her to buy you off."

Dick grew pale. "You mean—" "I mean this. Two weeks from to-

day I intend to be in London. I give dinner on that night at 9 o'clock to friends at my house. If she telegraphs you that she consents to come to that dinner you can go to England with me a free man. No one but ourselves need knew what has happened. If she refuses you go to gaol, and I stay on only long enough to see you through the court, and make sure you get the sentence you merit. Then I go and leave you to think over your ingrati-

"Oh, if that is all," cried Dick, "she would do that, and more, for me, I know-for mother's sake, if not mine.

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But it is so strange that you should vengeance. What was that monsieur Dick explained that his desire was to

"That's my affair and hers," broke in Macaire. "Write now; tell her what you have done, and what I mean to do. Tell her I will only wait to act until she wires her answer. Whether you are disgraced for life, as you richly deserve to be, or whether you are spared, depends entirely upon her decision. Sit down now and write. Make this clear to her. And when you have written your letter I will read it." Dick fell into the chair at the desk tow hich Macaire pointed, and, taking

would be trouble for madame. But up a pen with fingers that shook almadame would risk it, so she replied | most too much to hold it, he began to with a smile, and the glint in her eyes | write. As he wrote, bowing his face over his task, a tear or two fell on the letter, raising round blisters, on the tion: He feared that she might leave thick, creamy paper. He had always had the gift of writing, and now, after the first effort of beginning, he became eloquent, impassioned, in his appeal. He painted a terrible picture of his future as it would be if Winifred failed him, and he strove to show what a small thing, after all, was exacted of fore, for now he was doubly a thief her by the eccentric whim of Lionel and a failure. He determined that he Macaire.

When he had signed himself her repentant and distracted brother, loving could about the loss of the moonstone, verge of madness, he gave the letter to Macaire, who read it slowly.

"That will do," the latter pronouncought to receive her telegram. Meanfred sees she has no option but to go, and and tell him it will be a favor to me straight to the mililonaire's sitting time, I advise you to have an illness "You will allow me to do that?" Dick

"Till the wire comes; then we shall see. But I warn you, there is no use thinking of giving me the slip. The 'invalid' will be watched too carefully was near the window, felt for the roll for that. And an attempt would only tle more for the moonstone than for of bank notes, upon which-if it was make matters worse for you in the in the place he had first seen and left | end.

> "There will be no such attempt," said Dick. "I promise."

Macaire sneered at him. "As though I'd take your word after what's happener! I shall have more than your promise to depend on. I'll post this letter. Now go to your kennel, like the whipped dog you are."

All Dick's blood seemed tingling in his face. His impulse was to strike and avenge this last insult; but his

jeweller's, but a friend of mine who would not do that. He did not wish to Germania Life Insurance Company, a ing that I valued the thing, he asked | She loved him dearly still, in spite of informed that she had bought it last not forgive. That was the way with night of a young Englishman who mothers. And Winifred would rescue.

As he stood gazing miserably out schoolboy arraigned by the master, "I upon the crowds of light-hearted people, whose merriment mocked him, there came a quick knock at the door. "A moment of impulse!" sneered Ma- Dick went to it and listened for a few seconds, expecting he scarcely knew pulse that you took fifty pounds from what; then in a low voice he demanded who was there.

"It's I-von Zellheim," came the answer; and with a hopeful leap of the neart Dick unlocked the door. "Thank heaven you're here!" he exclaimed when Hope Newcome was with him and the key was turned

again. It was dark in the room, but Dick turned on the light, and Newcome utered an ejaculation at sight of the ounger man's face.

'Why, what's the matter?" he ask-'Haven't you heard anything from

"No. I haven't seen him yet. I'm London. I asked for the number of your room, for I wanted a talk with you before I saw anybody else. You ough for her brother to save him, look rather queer. I hope you aren't ill, or have had bad news from home."

dress, that Dick's miserable, homesick down the barriers of shamed vanity the bill. which would have heged around the ing untold save only the condition that Macaire had made. Instinctively he knew what Newcome's feelings would be at having a girl like Winifred dragged in. He was afraid that Newcome might even try to prevent Winifred

from accepting Macaire5s terms. "Macaire threatens to call in the po ice and charge me as a commo hief," he said, "and all for sheer spite He got his money, and as for that wretched bauble, who would have dreamed, with all the jewellery which he throws about, that he cared a rap for it? But oh, von Zellheim, if there was any way of getting the thing again. You used to be friendly with Winnine. You'd take some trouble for her sake still, perhaps, though she's treated you so badly, if only to show that you don't bear malice. You're such a good-looking chap, and have such a way with you, that you can do anything with women. For heaven's sake try to see this old hag who made a fool of me, and get the moonstone

Sphinx's head-" "What!" exclaimed Newcome, with

a sudden start. "Macaire's jewel-tha you sold-is it a blue moonstone carved into a Sphinx's head, with a gold screw underneath, engraved with the initials

"You've seen it, ten?" cried Dick. "No; but I'd give much to see it. Have I described it rightly?" "It's exact. The screw with the initials in little letters at the top is in my pocket. The she-flend didn't care

"Let me look," said Newcome. "And I'll promise you to get that Sphinx's head if I move heaven and earth to do "Heaven bless you!" ejaculated

'I hope it will. But it's a selfish wish. I came to England to find the man who had that Sphinx's head. I came from England to Monte Carlo to see if Lionel Macaire was that man."

FURTHER EVIDENCE AT INSURANCE INQUIR

(To be continued.)

President of the Washington and Germania Life Companies on the Witness Stand.

New York, Dec. 20 .- At the meeting of the insurance inquiry commission to-day Mr. Tatlock, president of the Washington Life Insurance Co., was an important witness. The earnings for nine months of the year, the witness said, as far as could be calculated, were \$226,000, of which \$77,000 was paid on dividends to policy holders and \$149,000 is surplus.

On the subject of apportioning dividends, Mr. Tatlock said his company her, hoping alone in her, while on the kept no individual account with policyholders to show what was coming to them annually, as President Ide of the Home Company testified that company ed as last. "She will get this the day did. Personally witness would favor a would be dining, for Dick was very after to-morrow. The same day you period of surplus earnings distribution every five years, certainly not less than three years. The annual dividend was engrafted on premium life insurance by reason of annual valuation required by states and by competition. The original period of distribution,

> witness said, was five years. Replying to Mr. Hughes, the witness said that if all companies should be compelled to distribute their gains Johnston on the 8th day of September after setting aside a reasonable amount for expenses, it would help the situation materially.

The experience of the witness in handling foreign business was gone into. He was of the opinion that life ed. His main reason was because of be covered by assets deposited in that south to the lake shore, thence follow-

Mr. Tatlock said that no security was more or less. hand fell even as it clenched for lifting. The awful look in Macaire's marned face cowed him as if, indeed, he further said that Mr. Press are at late to security was lifted at Victoria, B. C., 11th Dec., 1905.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., 11th Dec., 1905.

THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF ADVENTURERS OF ENGLAND Further said that Mr. Press are at late to security was lifted at Victoria, B. C., 11th Dec., 1905.

FIG. 1805.

FIG. 1 further said that Mr. Ryan never attempted to influence any action on the

The purchase of American Tobacco, that came up in yesterday's testimony,

Witness said the Washington Life had never bought any securities from SCHOOL TEACHER WANTED-At New officer, but had bought some from the

Morton Trust Company. Cornelius Doremous, president of he stock company, followed Mr. Tatlock. charter of the company was put in which gave policy-holders a voice in money. the affairs of the company. For each, policy-holders is accorded one vote. force. It has never made political con as a share in legislative work on the lien bill. The company also paid \$500

about \$35,000,000 assets. Germany, and the company's business in Germany was in every respect better than any business it did in Am-

Rebating, he said, was unknown in Germany. Witness said his company took no notes from policy-holders for premiums. Competition had not forced this system upon the company because it was too risky. The Germani Company does business in all of the states, about 8 per cent. of its business being done in New York state. E. C. Potter, a New York real estate agent, took the stand and testified that he received the \$250 contributed by the Germania Company in May, 1904, in connection with the passage of the lien I, or have had bad news from home." bill. Others contributed to the legal fund for this purpose, Mr. Heath said, dependanble in the personality of this and in all he received about \$2,000, tall, dark young man in travelling which was paid to William H. Buckley, an Albany lawyer. Mr. Potter exheart went out to him. The need of plained that his reason for employing confession, the desperate longing for an attorney was because he was insomeone to stand his friend, broke formed that there was opposition to

Chairman Armstrong suggested there secret of his guilt; he blurted out the story of his own folly, leaving nothmight have been, but so long as the bill passed it was \$2,000 well invested. Mr. Potter said Mr. Buckley did not want to take the money, but Mr. Potter insisted, because the passing of the bill was of great benefit to witness and

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S. Y. WOOTTON. Registrar-General. Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., 19th December, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that, sixty days into. He was of the opinion that life after date, we intend to apply to the insurance business should be done in Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the country in which they are domicil- to purchase the following described land: Commencing at the southeast corner post on Dease Lake, Cassiar, near Porter's the requirements of foreign countries Landing, of Lot 206, thence north 40 that the liabilities of a company must chains, thence east 40 chains, thence ing the lake shore to the point of commencement, and containing 160 acres

TRADING INTO HUDSON'S BAY.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intend to apply to His Honor the Lleutenant-Governor in Council for the incorporation of North Saanich District by Letters Patent under the Public Seal into a District Municipality to be known as the Corporation of the District of

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evidence and a provision was read the gentlemen who subscribed the

Mr. Doremous then resumed the wanted money for the game. Now, him-Winifred who had been partly \$100 interest in the legal reserve to stand. He presented a scale of commissions paid on policies by the Ger-The company has about \$110,000,000 in mania Life, and a statement of legal expenses expended during the last ten tributions. In May, 1904, \$250 was paid | years. According to his statement, no payments were made to Andrew Hamilton, A. C. Shields or William H. The London Times Weekly for counsel fees in connection with the Buckley and nothing has ever been

mortgage tax law. The company has paid for legislative engineering. The salaries of the officers of the Mr. Doremous said about one-third Germania Life are: President, \$18,000; of the company's business was done in vice-president, \$12,000; second vice-Europe. The headquarters were in president, \$10,000; actuary, \$6,000; secretary, \$5,000.

reased on January 1st last from \$15,-000 to \$18,000. Witness said it was impossible to get the expenses within the earnings without reducing commissions to agents, and this has not been F. S. Wright, Canadian Agent, the done because of competition. "Almost any good agent," he said, "could get more almost anywhere else than he

could with us." John Fuhrer, actuary of the Germania, said that the gain for the year is distributed either in annual or deferred dividends with the exception of 10 per cent., which is retained for contingency. This, witness said, had been No. 313. the custom for a number of years. It was brought out that the company annually makes up a report for the German government separately from the insurance department. The report to complete and covers the entire business of the company in all countries. The Germania Life also keeps an in dividual account with its policy holders, so that at any time the amount the State of New York. of dividends due or accrued may be the company began to do business in Germany, the company has never had any controversy with the government nor experienced any hindrance or interruption of its business.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.-Government in- office at Victoria, province of British spectors have just returned from the Columbia, this 21st day of November Doukhobor communities and report ex- one thousand nine hundred and five. cellent agricultural progress in all of them. Their wheat by actual measurement of land and bins yielded nearly 45 bushels per acre. The Doukhobors are on the highway to success. Owing to the phenomenal excusion traffic east, baggage express and mail taining thereto or connected therewil had to be sent on a special train yes- and to grant, purchase or dispose terday, and the transcontinental went annuities. in two sections, carrying 900 passen-

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