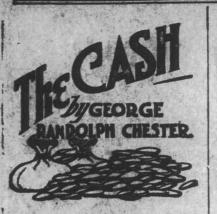
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Henry Breed, master of miltions, who reduces the price of bread, dominates the railways ind corners the cash of the miry; Phillip Kelvin, annihior of the Stock Exchange and reaker of trusts; Elsie White, laughter of the people, who es Kelvin; Lillian Breed, heirand tigress, who would be an empress; Samner Rollins, rail-road king and crampion of liberty; Dr. Zelphan, who believes Il Americans are crazy; George Blags, wireless expert and anarchist these are the leading characters in a remarkable romance that excites the imagination, provokes thought and claims the interest from start to finish.

Breed waved his band. "Much harger." said be. "This is only an incident. I wish you would tell me just what reforms you propose instituting. Mr. Rollins."

"First of all," said Rollins earnestly, reassured. "I would secure for every through line 120 pound open hearth steel rails, made in new mills from larger ingozs. with the cones of impurity cast entirely aside and the com pact residue kneaded into a proper constency by an entirely new system of rolls. There are other things that need to be done-the establishment of perfect block systems, of automatic brakes and other accident preventing devices and the abolition of grade crossings-but the main matter of public safety rests in perfect rails. Ten years ago I tried to fight this ition, and I nearly succeeded. The Tallahassee Iron and Coal company offered to make open hearth rails my specifications. The Unlfied Steel corporation found that to control the stock of the Tallahassee Iron and Coal company was much cheaper and more profitable than to spend the needed millions in re-equipping their plant."

"Your first step, then, I suppose, would be to begin a tight on the Uni fied Steel corporation." observed Breed. "That, in a nutshell, is our problem. declared Rollins.

"Your problem is already solved. Mr. Rollins," said Kelvin, with a smile. "Mr. Breed's control of the railroads has left the Unified Steel corporation high and dry. Moreover, we have secured entire control of the Iroquois Iron range, and, no matter what the Unified Steel corporation does, we shall set up our own rolling mills and make rails by our own process from our own ore."



answer to the jest. "Who knows? men as you.' He has a good start. He has paid a lot of attention to detail too. 'Everything is complete now except for a sec data I asked you to get ready. Nelretary." and idly be touched one of the son?" inquired Rollins. row of buttons along the right hand edge of his desk, the one marked "Secretary."

Instantly the door of the adjoining mom opened, and a sober faced and mittal looking young man, ruddy cheeked and clean eved and towheaded, walked in, notebook in hand. "Heilo!" said Rollins. "Who are TON ?*

long list of railroad officials.

Thus set in the new empire-the em

pire of the iron highway, an empire

which held under its absolute contro

the commercial destinies of the na

tion, an empire more powerful than any

ever conceived by man It was a reign

that began peacefully and quietly as

the stern Rollins. with a smile, dis-

possessed half a thousand men from

their fat sinecures. But as he worked

Henry Breed, attended by Dr. Zelphan

and carrying a bundle of golf sticks.

"By the way. Rollins." said he.

there is only one personal provision

I wish to make, and that must be seen

to from the first. I want my dividends

all in cash-nothing else, understand

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stopped in the door a moment.

-just cash!"

"I am your secretary, sir, I came last night. My name is Jens Nelson." "Swedish, eh?" guessed Rollins. ulfimate hauling resistance. It had "Yes, sir," said Mr Nelson. "I am been a tremendous task. It was neata graduate of the Minnesota Technical ty and perfectly accomplished, yet Nelcollege, founded by Mr. Breed, and am son showed neither elation nor diffione of his scholarship men." Rollins smiled over the naivete of dence.

this admission. "This is splendidly done," observed Rollins after a long interval of careful "All right. Mr. Nelson." said he "You have a telegraph operator here. inspection. I believe, Mr. Kelvin?"

"Thank you," said Nelson quietly, Rollins glanced up at him with puz-"Wireless," amended Phillip. zled curiosity. "That will do just Rollins glanced at his row of buttons and nodded his head "Mr. Nelson. now." said he, with a slight frown, and you may take these marconigrams. Jens walked composedly into his own and without any hesitation be began room a fathomless enigma to Rollins. dictating peremptory discharges to a

CHAPTER XII.

N the meantime Dr. Zelphan, crossing the library, paused before the door at the far side of the fireplace and after a moment of frowning hesitation resolutely thrust open the door and entered. To his surprise Henry Breed was not there. In the corner of the room, on the same side as the safe, a door stood

open, and Zelphan, with an angry de termination to see everything here, approached that closet. He put his hand upon the rear wall at the deeper side, and it yielded to his touch, swinging backward into a narrow space from which came a damp odor and a faint gleam of light.

immediately he squeezed back into the One day several months later Dr. narrow space and descended the two Zelphan was very angry. He couldn't flights of narrow stairs to the big vault, the existence of which he had never even suspected. In the center of figure of Dr. Zelphan and chuckled as as you like; go now."

"Incidentally," observed Zelphar Blacg's eyes snapped. "Deeds!" he several hundred thousand people wer eclared "Let inequality and oppresthrown out of work, a thousand or so on go on for but a short time more starved to death, a few hundred com and there will be such a revolt from mitted sulcide and other hundreds de the darker depths of this country as serted their families

"For their iniquities the Lord shail bring suffering upon his people." sol emply declared Breed, and reached down a nervous hand for his Bible. Zelphan looked at him sternly. want you to come out of this place

at once and stay out," he ordered, "No. no!" objected Breed nervously "No! I must come in every day, doc tor-just a little while." "Yes, I suppose you must," admitted

sentable."

to marry.

Zelphan, "I'll give you thirty minutes every day, but some one must be with VOU "I am rather busy as it is," return-"My granddaughter usually come ed Rollins dryly and walked over to

with me," explained Breed. "She is his own office. "Have you prepared the the only one besides myself who knows the combination to these locks. and only we four-Lillian and Kelvin "Yes, sir," replied Nelson. He walkand you and I-know of its existence ed across to a filing cabinet, brought You must guard this secret well, Zel-

from it a drawer, which he set upon phan.' Rollins' desk, and lifted up the spring. "No danger of my telling it," scorn Rollins leafed through the indexed ed the doctor. "I don't want to ruin flaps, beneath which. very carefully arany human soul with the knowledge ranged, were displayed the mileage that all this money is here, guarded only by iron bolts and your handful of distances by various routes between armed guards. There's a curse on the all important points in the United stuff. More than enough to live on States, with the percentage of grade has never done any one any good. resistance figured in units, these, com-Look at yourself." pounded with the mileage, showing the

"What is the matter with me?" asked Breed quickly.

"Oh, nothing," said Zelphan quietly, "only you are losing your mind. that is all. If you don't keep away from this silent brooding you'll be a fibber ing idiot in less than a year. Unless you obey me implicitly I shall leave you. I had a notion to do so this morning, but Mr. Rollins came and I



"Rollins!" exclaimed Breed. "Is he here? Good! I must see him at once." "You'll do nothing of the sort," as serted Zelphan, closing the door after

him "Not see Rollins? Nonsense!" claimed Breed as he threw the bolt and touched the button to turn out the light. "This is important. 1 must see Rollins.'

"Important or not, you are coming out with me for a half hour's walk be-"Then you may go!" declared Breed. turning on him with sudden senile

without surprise toward the familiar fury. "Leave Forest Lakes as soon "I'll not do that either," announced

truest girl in the world. After she is a burden to me. Strangely enough married her little eccentricities, impos- they don't want to be drawn and quar-

sible in a girl, will only enhance her tered. "I hate them, every one," suddenly charm. Let me be perfectly frank with you. This girl, while she thinks snapped Breed. "A dozen times they she has her mind set upon Phillip Kei- tried to gobble me up in the early vin, really wants a husband. I scarce days. I have their photographs, too. ly dare usher her into society unmar- waiting to be checked off.

"We'll let you check them off by and ried-she would disgrace us all. But any strong man, such as you, could by." replied Rollins. "They are crip marry her, master her and make her pied now, but it was a task. Even content, and she would be most pre- with all my experience I didn't appreciate the full extent of the private "But I want to work, to carve out car graft. It was a colossal trick,

my own fortune as Kelvin has done. serving merely as a disguise for ex-I am not so clever as he. I could not cessive and absurd rebates." "Well, you stopped it." Kelvin con-

make a million in five years, as he did. but 1 could try. which, if you only soled him. "Yes. I stopped it." admitted Rollins, knew, is a great satisfaction. Instead

of that you make me stop work. You with a sigh. "and the next thing that give up practically your whole income happened I had all the big packers on to keep me an idler at a few good clubs my neck." "The only way to forget the attacks

in New York. I don't see how you can consistently object. You are yourself of the packers," suggested Kelvin, "is to attack the other monopolies. Hamaccepting a salary."

"Herbert!" she exclaimed. "I am a string them the first stroke." "Good!" said Rollins, with relief. guest here, and the money I receive "It's a pleasure to find that we want from Mr. Breed is the income from inthe same thing without argument. It's restments which he has made for me." simple enough. I've merely to estab-He laughed. "Ten thousand dollars," said he, "and on that Breed pays you lish my flat freight rate without undue dividends of ten thousand a year. It's reduction for quantity and without rebate, thus giving the small shipper an

salary, nothing else." equal chance with the big one. The "How crude you are!" she protested. "How do you know that Mr. Breed interstate commerce law may then go does not make 100 per cent on the out of commission, for we will do the money I gave him? How do I know? same work which it was designed to do, but in which it failed." I tell you. you are ungrateful."

Kelvin and Breed exchanged glances As they neared the house Elsie "Don't misunderstand me," went on White, who had been gathering flow-Rollins. "I consider the trusts as much ers for Lillian's room, went up on the porch, where Rollins met her and stop- a product of natural law as the attraction of gravitation, but where they atped to chat with her for a moment. tain to stupendous fatness merely on "If you must know." Rensselaer abuses they cease to fulfill the need said. "there is an illustration of why which brought them into existence. the thought of Lillian is so distasteful to me. That's the kind of girl I want The greatest abuse of which the mo-

nopolies have been guilty is in transportation. Probably more than half of "Lillian's 10. id!" his aunt exclaimed. the freight carried is shipped by large "Herbert, you are really past belief." corporations, nearly every ton of it be "You needn't worry about her. I don't want that particular one, and if ing subject to a rebate or a drawback I did I couldn't have her. Her eyes of some sort, and this drain on the railroads, amounting to millions every see no one but Phillip." year, must be made up by the small "Do you mean to say that if you shippers. I can lower the present oswent to this girl of no class whatever

tensible cost of transportation on a and offered her the Renssemer name flat rate basis and make more money she would refuse you?" "She certainly would." replied Herfor our stockholders." Breed looked at Kelvin inquiringly. bert promptly. "To her position

means but very little, love means Phillip nodded his head. much, and she is beautiful enough to command love" "She is handsome." reluctantly admitted his aunt, "but rather vulgarly

healthy, don't you think?" "God is vulgar in a good many things he does." replied Herbert wearily. "sunsets and flowers, for instance. Dreadfully loud colors he uses sometimes."

CHAPTER XIII.

REED came out and called Rolother than that, absolutely none. I lins into the library, where Kelvin was already seated. The propose to manage these united rail-old man was almost chiralsh in roads unhampered or I propose to creroads unhampered or I propose to crehis admiration of his two lieutenants. ate such a stench that public opinion

as he chose to call them. "I have been waiting for years for this." said he, rubbing his clawlike hands together as he looked from the one to the other of them. "In all my years of money making my only worry was that when the time came I might not find capable men through which to wield the ultimater power 1 craved. Like most worry, it was wasted. You

"You are quite right in your contention. Mr. Rollins," admitted Kelvin. "But you misunderstand us. We'don't two young men have done wonderful intend to interfere with your absolute work, but it has only just begun." "Precisely my errand." said Rollins.

hirs. White was delighted to be in roduced to Mr. Rollins.

"Elsie has told me all about what a ine man you are, and fine men are scarce enough any place. Are you going to stay long this time?" "He promises us a month at least

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mother. "That's nice," asserted Mrs. White 'It's fine to have a lot of good look. ing men around. My goodness! I tell Elsie she never will have a chance to

get married if she stays here. Rollins was so thankful to Elsie that she laughed from sheer amuseme.) and gave him a chance to join her His amusement and also his repressed embarrassment were beightened when, after Elsie had invited him to sit on the vine clad little front stoop, Mrs. White suddenly and conspicuously ab-

sented berself. The two were silent for a time, when they heard approaching voices. "You had better come in with us." said the voice of Blagg from just beyoud the corner of the house. "The

organization now numbers more than a quarter of a million. all of the downtrodden, sworn to serve the best interests of the poor."

"But if they are all poor people what can they do to help themselves?" objected the voice of Ben White.

"Rise up and overwhelm the existing condition of things by the mere weight of numbers," responded Blagg quickly and tensely. "Moreover, the organization is not so poor as you might think. It has quite a snug little sum in its own treasury, and, besides that, I know where there is \$1,500. 000.000 in cash that we can seize upon the moment we rise. Look here, Mr. White, I want to explain to you the ystem of our organization"-

By the sound of the voices they were slowly walking away. Elsie turned to Rollins with a troubled frown

"I don't like this Mr. Blagg," she declared. "He talks nearly every evening with father about some secret so ciety he wishes him to join, and I am afraid."

Rollins laughed easily. "These socialistic organizations never do anything," he told her.

He thought no more of the matter just then, but he did think more and more frequently of Elsie White as the days wore on. He knew that he had lost caste with Mrs. Reusselaer the first time she saw him with Lillian's maid. but he did not care to hold caste with Mrs. Rensselaer. The Rollins men folk had held it as their right to marry whom they chose, and he began a de liberate courtship of Elsie White.

He avoided Lillian Breed from fastidious choice, but he spent much time "but I want you to understand that in his spare hours with Kelvin and young Rensselaer.

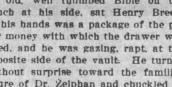
there will be no concession of any sort. One drowsy night he had dropped to One exception I grant you, and that is sleep upon a bench on the porch in the the secret rebate on Mr. Breed's bread, wheat and cereal shipments, which shadow of a climbing rosebush. He was agreed upon in the first place; was awakened by the scrape of chairs and became conscious of low and tense voices quite near him.

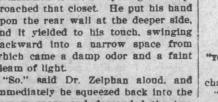
"You, too, could love as I love," said the voice of Blagg, trembling with repressed intensity, "could love with seething brain, with pounding pulses, with a heart the throbs of which would burt and burt and burt!"

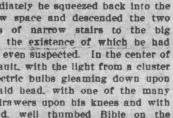
"You are almost poetical in your anatomy of the emotions," drawled the contemptuous voice of Lillian Breed. "I had no idea that the love of money could affect one in that precise way." "You don't mean that slur." he protested angrily. "You know that if you had not a dollar I would still have for you this hunger that starves me, this

changed my mind."

the vault, with the light from a cluster of electric bulbs gleaming down upon his bald head, with one of the many iron drawers upon his knees and with an old, well thumbed Bible on the bench at his side, sat Henry Breed. In his hands was a package of the paper money with which the drawer was fore you see any one." filled, and he was gazing, rapt, at the opposite side of the vault. He turned







But the program will be left entire ly to your own discretion." interrupted "You shall have a contract Breed. for one year. renewable for ten years your preliminary steps meet with my approval"

"Allow me to understand," said Roi-"In that year I am to be absolutely without interference in any way?"

"With two exceptions." replied Breed. "I want a private rebate on all shipments of bread or cereal stuffs. Next, here is a list of names. These men are not to be employed in any capacity nor benefited in any way."

lins looked over the list and smiled. "There isn't a man here whom I would lift a finger to save. There is not a man in that list but has had an interest in car company, a coupler company, a brake company, a locomotive tire company or some other manufacturing convern which furnish-

ed supplies to his own railroad a us prices. There is to be no graft in the new construction."

"Certaioly not." agreed Breed. These rouds must be conducted for gitimate profit and public safety. If there is any graft I want it myself. and I am content to take dividends for mine. For one year you are the absolute dictator of the largest empire in the world-the combined , rail-

made of the United States." From his desk he took a contract. confined to one sheet of paper. which be banded to Rollins

That gentleman took the paper, read it over and caught his breath. "It is a generous salary." be admitted. "more erous than I should have dared to ask for

"Buh! I am saving money on it." declared Breed. "It's only a portion of a thousand fancy salaries that I erpect you to stop at once" lins nodded his head in compresion. "I will take great pleasure in stopping a few of them."

Kelvin conducted Rollins to a room text to bis own. that had been fitted with a commodious desk and all that should go with it. Rollins sat upon the desk and looked about him smil-

Ingiv "Looks fairly complete, doesn't it? Did you have a hand in this?" "No," said Kelvin, puzzled and siqued as well. "It has been arrangof for a long time, i think. Mr. Breed has probably been planning to make Forest Lakes the capital of New York

"Perhaps the capital of the United States," retorted Rollins, smiling in be rejoined.



"IN VIOLENCE," RETURNED BLAGG. and Breed While be was searching for the millionaire Sumner Rollins aphalf! peared. cried

"I came down rather unexpectedly." be said. "I suppose Kelvin's in his office?"

"No," said the doctor, rather shortly "Mr. Kelvin is not in his office. He is out with Mrs. Rensselaer and young Rensseiaer and Miss Breed fishingfishing in a private lake for pet fish

that come up to be fed when they are called!"

"It doesn't sound much like sport," confessed Rollins, "but, after all, I envy them. Where is Mr. Breed?" Again the frown returned that all the moruing had crossed Dr. Zelphan's brow. "I don't know," he snapped. "but he is some place about the house. I'll find him for you."

He stepped into Henry Breed's dim old library, slamming the door behind

Going back through the upper hall. Rollins stopped for a moment in Blagg's room, where the wireless operator sat idly at his instrument, the greenish light giving to his gaunt features a particularly deathlike ghastli-

ness. He handed Rollins two wireless messages, which the latter read with a passing frown. One was signed by the head of an immense packing house in Chicago, the other by the president of the largest fruit shipping company |

on the western coast. To both he dictated the same curt reply: "Discussion positively closed."

Blagg read the answers with a grim smile. "Allow me to congratulate you," said he. "You may not know it, but you are doing splendid preliminary work for the social equity cause." "The preliminary work?" repeated

"How do you think it will Rollins. be finished?" "In violence," returned Blagg, with a

darkening brow Rollins shrugged his shoulders. "Violent conversation largely, I guess,"

"This is the first row on all that side to be filled." said he. "I began at the lower corner there. All the other rows are empty, but they'll fill upthey'll fill up." and he nodded his bead in satisfaction. "Those other sides were filled by the bread business, but this is railroad dividends in cash, solid cash!" Dr Zelphan was looking about him in amazement. "There must be millions here!" he gasped.

e patted the drawer.

"Millions," cackled Breed, his wrinkled old face breaking into a leathery. smile; "there's over a billion and a How did you come here?" he "You were told that that little coom upstairs was my strictly private study-that I wished no one to come

into it." "Exactly," agreed Zelphan dryly. But now that I have found the way am coming whenever you do or am not going to stay at Forest Lakes. "Don't go away, doctor!" pleaded

Breed in sudden fright, "Don't leave When you arrived I was a nervous wreck, but since you came I have been able to do a lot of work-good

work, splendid work!" "That's because you at first did what I told you. But of late you've grown careless. You give me the slip every morning now, and I can't find

When you should be out in the fresh air you are down here in this unhealthy atmosphere with unhealthy thoughts, counting money-not the money that you have, but the money

you expect to make. I hadn't the slightest idea that you were a mere miser." "A miser, doctor," Breed smilingly

expostulated, "is a man who hoards his money for its own sake. He never uses it for pleasure or comfort; he never even puts it to work. But this money of mine by the mere fact of its being here is a tremendous dynamo, by the mighty current of which I can sway almost the entire social and

its own good." he hastily added. "With it. when duly increased, I can right great wrongs, change unjust laws. destroy and build anew entire civilizations, shatter and recreate gov-

ernments! Think, doctor! Handled, with my experience and the genius of young Kelvin, this money has already bankrupted nearly every enemy I had in the world, destroyed the iniquity of the New York Stock Exchange and

that."

given me absolute control of every mile of railroad in the United States. No miser's money could have done

ferent."

Zelnhan fistly "I'm interested now and I intend to remain." Kelvin, in the bow of the boat, look-

ed at his watch and began reeling in his line. "I am sorry, but I shall have to leave you," said he. "I must be back at the office in fifteen minutes." support." His hook caught on the oar lock, and

he leaned forward to disengage it. Lillian. sitting just in front of him, deliberately leaned back, though with a pretense of helping him. until her lins?"

rounded shoulder touched his cheek. "Don't go," she said, sinking her voice ever so little below its ordinary conversational tone.

Phillip suddenly drew his cheek away from that insidious touch, angry with himself that, until reason

came to his aid, his blood had leaped to the unspoken call. Herbert offered his hand to Lillian. who, barely touching it, poised herself

apon the gunwale and sprang with a splendid muscular effort far up the

bank. As Kelvin stepped out he once more looked at his watch. "You will pardon me if I hurry on?"

he said. "Oh, we are all going." returned Lillian. "It's too late for the fish to bite any more anyhow."

bank was very steep at this point. Ine failures. It's success that brings Near the top she slipped, and he was dreams. I have dreams of my own compelled to throw his arm hastily I have done a little thinking about about her. She let her shoulders rest these dreams of late."

ed him to drag her dead weight up lins. "Somebody has been doing a over the little rise, and Kelvin almost great deal of thinking around here. At

cursed himself aloud, for again he had first I thought it was Mr. Breed, but now found that contact more than pleas- I know that he hires his thinking." urable. "After all"- Phillip brought Breed himself was the first to achimself back to the future with a knowledge by a chuckle the truth of jerk. "No entanglements with wom- this remark.

en." That had been the one warning must observe it if he would accom- is not the way to success. You can't Mrs. Rensselaer, puffing from the ex. can by performing all your own manplish his bound.ess ambitions. economic universe-to its own good, to

by Herbert, turned to that young man usual ability to discover men who can with severity. "Herbert," she admon- think for me. But you two go ahead

lecting your opportunities most shame terested." fully. It is within your reach to make the name of Rensselaer precisely what said Kelvin. "I want to do a little

it used to be." mented Herbert with ill concealed dis- bere." laughed Rollins. "Trust bustdain. "If I loved her or if she herself ing, with absolute control of every were capable of love it would be dif-

"You are perfectly absurd, Her mer, Speed, Melton Sears & Co. and bert," she insisted. "Lillian is the all the others have been making life

with a rather wan smile. I ran down here for moral support." "You've come to the right place," laughed Kelvin. "At Forest Lakes we are dealing almost exclusively in moral

"Backed by the dead weight of more cash than was ever in one man's control since time began." chuckled Breed. "What are your difficulties, Mr. Rol-

"Well," said Rollins, "I have practically put the Unified Steel corporation out of husiness as a monopoly. Here is a communication I had from Mac-Dougal. If ever a big man made a whine in a letter MacDougal is the man. and here is this whine." And

with huge contempt he tossed down a three page missive which Kelvin read. with a smile. "The answer." went on Rollins, "is open hearth steel and the control of

transportation. I have put them in direct competition with our own plants. and they are underbidding us. 1 intend to let them have some large contracts at a price we cannot touch. Now

I begin to have dreams." "I don't see any dimculty in that." laughed Kelvin. "A man doesn't Kelvin was already passing ber. The dream many dreams in the face of

"I know you have." interposed Rol-

"I used to have to do it myself when motto he had set for himself, and he I was poor." he admitted. "but that get rich that way any more than you ertion of being dragged up the bank ual labor. My success is built on an un-

ished him, "really I think you are neg. and exchange your dreams; I am in-"I have no objection to telling mine,"

> trust busting." "I've tried it, and that's why I'm

mile of railroad in the United States, is the easiest thing in the world. Ray-

control. We do hope, however, to have you see that our way of planning is is only just begun, and at the outset right. Until then we shall not even burns me, this agony that makes me I have found so much opposition that bother you with advice. In the meantime promulgate your flat rate sheet

bead.

and we'll stand behind you." Rollins studied the matter over for

think that I shall remain at Forest Lakes for a month or so. I had just as lief have the avalanche of protests come to me here as in New York. 1 understand by this that you will neither promise nor attempt to make any

"I have been over some of the fig-

ures," said Breed. "The aggregate is

appulling, but I am afraid that, after

all, we shall be compelled to allow cer-

Rollins turned slightly pale. "I have

been waiting for that remark," he said,

will revolt at the next stockholders'

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able to secure proxies. Without prox-

ies you have no railroad domination."

Again Breed and Kelvin exchanged

glances. Again Phillip nodded his

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concessions to these people." "Absolutely none." declared Kelvin. "We'll give you our bond on that." "Your word is enough at present," replied Rollins dryly. "If you will stick to the letter of that I am per-

fectly satisfied." After Rollins had left the room Kelvin turned inquiringly to Breed. "Will be come in?" he asked anxiously.

"When the time is ripe, yes," asserted Breed confidently. "It is in his blood, and when the time comes he'll

listen.' That evening Rollins met Elsie White coming down the kitchen steps and joined her. She was so frank, so

wholesome, that he always had an indefinable impression of being the better for having talked with her, even though nothing of moment had been said.

"How the country agrees with you!" he observed as he joined her. "You were looking rather pale when I first saw you here, but you have found some marvelous rouge among these trees."

"I like it very much," she admitted. turning his compliment with a smile. "I have already grown to have a cer tain amount of supercilious pity for city dwellers."

"They really need it," he agreed. with a laugh. "and to prove that I am sincere in that remark I am going to stop with you for a month or so." "Good!" she exclaimed. "More people to enjoy Forest Lakes is all that we need."

"Do they never have any visitors," Rollins luquired. "week end parties and the like?"

"Never," she replied, "For festivities of that sort they go down occasionally to Mr. Breed's other place in Virginia, but Mr. Breed is very jealous

of having any social life whatever bere." Rollins strolled by her side until they reached the cottage, where the

garrulous Mrs. White met them at the door.

thirst that parches me, this flame that cry out in the night."

"You ought not to encourage yourself in that attitude." she said, with less coutempt. "You are making a some time. "Very well." said he. "I brench in the confidence that is placed in you here."

"I would make a breach in the wall of heaven." he retorted passionately, "I would break and destroy it utterly, would grind it to atoms, would scatter its dust to the four winds, if by that I might win you. And you could love, I tell you, as madiy as I do." "Yes," she admitted slowly, "but not

you.'

"I know," he responded bitterly. "but you are wasting your affections. Relvin cares for no one but himself."

"Who told you to speak his name? Don't make me hate you.' "I'd rather that than indifference."

he declared. "so hate me, for hate at least is an emotion. As for Kelvin, I will not be silent about him, for I think you're mistaken about even yourself. It is not Kelvin to whom you are attracted, but the force he represents. The power to achieve, that is what you worship, but in your dreams of the power he might acquire you are blind to other possibilities. 1, too, can give you power. Join with me and future historians will acclaim us as the great liberators of the chained and manacled American public." "Splendid!" she exclaimed, laughing

lightly. "I didn't even know they needed liberation. "You have much to learn." he return-

ed. "Do you know that the army of the unemployed now numbers nearly a million? Do you know that there is au organization among them and their more fortunate brothers, aggregating a quarter of a million, which is sworn to change the existing order of things so that every man shall have an equal opportunity? Listen a moment. I could gain control of this organization

and increase it to 10.000.000 if I had your opportunities to command a billion and a half dollars of cash."

"Of what are you talking?" Her tone now was a frightened one. "The possibilities of a new and glorious order of things, a new social sys-

tem, a new form of government which shall guarantee to every man an equal distribution of earning capacity. need to rally 10,000,000 men to the new cause. It will cost \$150 per man. hat amounts to a billion and a half

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