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riage and thin white hair stirred by the searching wind, took his way along the Thames Embankment in the direction of Westminster. He looked neither to right nor to left, and his bright eyes, with a suspicion of wildness in them, did not seem to see what was before them, neither the river, with its early morning barges, nor the straggling wayfarers. His step was uncertain in its tread, but the most distant suspicion of intoxication was forbidden by the wholesomeness of the clear-cut face, even in the deadly pallor which struggled with the bronze of the complexion, and showed through it in the ashen-grey hue of a stricken man. A few of the passers-by remarked something out of the common, they could not tell what, in the old man's bearing, and looked inquiringly after him.

At last an astonished acquaintance stopped him when he would have passed on unseeing, like one who walks in his sleep, and insisted on the interchange of customary greetings. 'Hullo! Dixon, where are you off to so fast in this weather. What about your rheumatism?'

'How do you do, Abdy?' answered the man addressed, pulling himself up by an effort. Then he darted to the heart of his trouble. 'Have you heard of the failure of the Travendrum Bank? My money is in it. What is more, I am a shareholder; I'm ruined to the door.'

'Bless my soul! you don't say so? I'm awfully sorry,' stammered the listener standing aghast, for he had been reading in the morning paper the disastrous failure of the Indian bank, and was aware it was a bad business. 'Still, my dear fellow, there are the assets to be realised.' He tried to conjure up some crumb of comfort.

'Never,' said Captain Dixon, with his set face. 'I've sown the wind only that my wife and daughter may reap the whirlwind. There has been some infernal swindling, which

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an old idiot of a soldier could not see through. You'll excuse strong language this morning, Abdy,' with a wan, wintry smile.

'Excuse! man. I would excuse anything and anybody but these rascally speculators! Where are you bound for, may I ask?' with an uneasy sense that Dixon was not in circumstances or in a condition to be left alone.

'Where many more will be going one of these days, if they have not yet got the start of me. I am not worse off than my neighbors, not by a long chalk,' said Dixon, with a gallant effort to pull himself together. 'My boy and girl can do for themselves; my liver does not trouble me to speak of; I'm a month or two off seventy; I can still keep a station or a toll, or whatever I can get to maintain a roof over my wife's head and my own; we ain't hard to put up. Ah! Where am I going? Straight to a man of business, to ask him to find a new tenant for my house, and to put up my furniture for sale.'

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