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ers." Chapter VI.-McNamara as receiver for Galloway, takes charge of the Midas by order of Judge Stillman. He has already selzed many other claims. Glenister sus-pects Judge Stillman, despite his belief in Helen He prevents one of his men. Slapjack Simms, from shooting McNa-

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woman's pique and lost by a woman's re-morse. Chapter XIV.—Helen Chester attends a society ball with McNamara: is ostradz-ed by the ladies of Nome, who have con-nected her name in scandal with Roy Glenister: receives a proposal from Mc-Namara, but is relieved of the necessity of giving a direct answer by the arrival of Struve, who tells him that the Vigi-lantes are about to take possession of the Midas by force. Scarcely had Mc-Namara and Struve left the home of Helen than Glenister appears and de-mands that she and her uncle, the judge. fiee with him to a place of safety in or-der to save their lives.

Continued from Last Sunday.

CHAPTER XXI. THE HAMMER-LOCK. Day was breaking as Glenister came down the mountain. With the first

light he halted to scan the trail, and having no means of knowing that the fresh tracks he found were not those the two riders he followed, he urged his lathered horse ahead til he be came suddenly conscious that he was very tired and had not slept for two days and nights. The recollection did not reassure the young man, for his body was a weapon which must not fall in the slightest measure now that there was work to do. Even the unwelcome speculation upon his physi-cal handicap offered relief, however, from the agony which fed upon him whenever he thought of Helen in the grambler's hands. Meanwhile, the horse, groaning at his master's violplunged onward towards the ence. roofs of Nome, now growing grey in the first dawn.

It seemed years since Roy had seen the sunlight, for this night, burdened with suspense, had been endlessly long. His body was faint beneath the strain, and yet he rode on and on, tired, dogged, stony, his eyes set to-wards the sea, his mind a storm of formless, whirling thoughts, cheneath which was an undeviating, implacable determination.

He knew now that he had sacrificed all hope of the Midas, and likewise the hope of Helen was gone; in fact, began to realize dimly that from the beginning he had never had the the permitty of winning her, that and possibility of winning her, that and had never been destined for him. and that his love for her had and that his love for her had that his love for her had sent as a light by which was to find himself. He had become failed everywhere, he had become an outlaw, he had fought and gone down, certain only of his rectifude and the mastery of his unruly spirit. Now the hour had come when he would perform his last mission, deriving therefrom that satisfaction which the gods could not deny. He would have

his vengeance.

shed. Chapter XI.-After a flerce encounter with the wind and the waves, Wheaton returns from Frisco with a writ of su-persedens directed against Judge Stillman and McNamara is ordered to turn over the Midas and all the gold. He retures to obey; a riot follows, which the mili-tary suppress, and Glenister is once more baffled. Chapter XIL-Destry's cunning assists

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barous. For heaven's sake, get the soldiers out. Alec."

"Ay, we can use them now." There-upon McNamara roused the com-manding officer at the post and re-quested him to accoutre a troop and have them ready to march at daylight, then bestirred the judge to start the



expresses his views on Local Option

"I do not think it possible to enforce total abstinence. The taste for fermented liquors is common to all races of mankind, and it antedates the beginning of history. This taste the extreme prohibitionist hopes to eradicate by a single stroke of prohibitive legislation. Unless he can eradicate the taste, experience shows he cannot put down. the habit. In the attempt radically and suddenly to change the habits of mankind by law, I have no faith whatever, and I appeal to multiplied and decisive experience as a warrant for my unbelief."

whole left side foul with clay where he had fallen in the darkness. A muddy red streak spread downward from a cut above his temple, beneath his eyes were sagging folds, while-the flicker at his mouth corners betrayed the high nervous pitch to which he was keyed.

"I have come for the last act. Mc-Namara: now we'll have it out, man to man." The politician shrugged his shoul-

ders. "You have the drop on me. A am unarmed." At which the miner's face lighted fiercely and he chuckled. "Ah, that's almost too good to be

now.'

His eyes roved rapidly up and down the other's form, noting the lean the other's form, noting the lean thighs and close-drawn belt which lent the appearance of spareness, belled only by the neck and shoulders. He had beaten better men, and he reasonel that if it came to a physical test in these cramped quarters his owr great weight would more than offset any superior agility the miner might possess. The longer he looked the more he yielded to his hatred of the

man before him, and the more cruelly he longed to satisfy it. "Take off your coat," said Glenis-"Now turn around. All right! I ter. just wanted to see if you were lying

about your gun." "I'll kill you," cried McNamara.

Glenister laid his six-shooter upon the safe and slipped off his own wet

garment. The difference was more marked now and the advantage more strongly with the receiver. Tho they had avoided allusion to it, each knew that this fight had nothing to do with the Midas and each realized whence sprang their fierce enmity. And it was meet that they should come together thus. It had been the one cer-tain and logical event which they had felt inevitably approaching from long back. And it was fitting, moreover, that they should fight alone and un-witnessed, armed only with the weapwitnessed, armed only with the weap-ons of the wilderness, for they were both of the far, free lands, were both of the fighter's type, and had both warred for the first, great prize.

They met feroclously. McNamara aimed a fearful blow, but Glenister met him squarely, beating him off cleverly, stepping in and out, his arms swinging loosely from his shoulders like whalebone withes tipped with lead. He moved lightly, his footing lead. He moved lightly, his footing made doubly secure by reason of his soft-soled mukluks. Recognizing hit opponent's greater weight, he under-took merely to stop the headlong rushes and remain out of reach as long as possible. He struck the poll-tician fairly in the mouth so that the man's head snapped back and his fists went wild, then, before the arms could grasp him, the miner had broken ground and whipped another blow across: but McNamara was a boxer himself, so covered and blocked it. The politician spat thru his mashed lips and rushed again, sweeping his opponent from his feet. Again Glen-ister's fist shot forward like a lump of granite, but the other came on head down and the blow finished too high, landing on the big man's brow A sudden, darting agony paralyzed Roy's hand, and he realized that he had broken the metacarpal bones and that henceforth it would be useless.

asked, but on hearing Glenister's name bounded after the judge, leaving one of his companions to free the rider. They could hear the fight now, and all crowded towards the door. Helen with her brother, in spite of his warning to stay behind.

She never remembered how she clumbed those stairs, for she was borne along by that hypnotic power which drags one to behold a catas-



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fingers encirling his wrist were like gyves weighted with the strength of the hills and the irresistible vigor of youth which knew no defeat. Slow-pular on account of their sympathy

ly, inch by inch, the great man's arm was dragged back, down past his side, while the strangling labor of his breath showed at what awful cost. The muzzle of the gun described a semi-circle and the knotted hands be-

gan to travel towards the left, more rapidly now. across his broad ! Still he struggled and wrenched, but uselessly. He strove to fire the weapon, but his fingers were woven about it so that the hammer would not work. Then the miner began forcing

ur ward. The white skin beneath the men's strips of clothing was stretched over great knots and ridges which sunk and swelled and quivered. Helen, watching in silent terror, felt her bro-ther sinking his fingers into her shoulder and heard him panting. his face abiaze with excitement, while she became conscious that he had repeated time and again:

"It's the hammer-lock-the hammer-

By now McNamara's arm was bent and cramped upon his back, and then they saw Glenister's shoulder dip, his elbow come closer to his side, his body heave in one final terrific and effort as the pushing a heavy weight In the silence something snapped like a stick. There came a deafening report and the scream of a strong man overcome with agony. McNamara went to his knees and sagged forward went to his knees and sagged forward on his face as the every bone in his huge bulk had turned to water, while his master reeled back against the opposite wall, his heels dragging in the litter, bringing up with outflung arms as the fearful of falling, sway-ing blird expansion big force block arins as the learner of failing, sway-ing, blind, exhausted, his face black-ened by the explosion of the revolver, yei grim with the light of victory. Judge Stillman should, hysteri-

cally: "Arrest that man, quick! Don't let

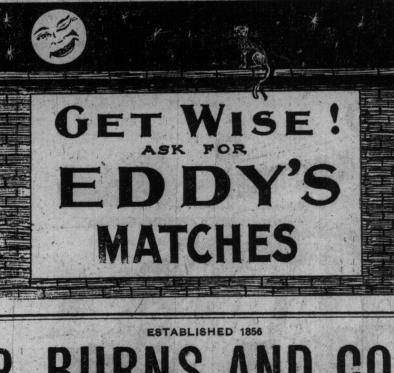
him go!" It was the miner's first realization that others were there. Raising his head he stared at the faces close against the partition, then groaned Front St., near Bathurst... Tel. M. 449 304 Queen East..... Tel. M. 134 the words: "I beat the traitor and—and—I broke

hin. with-my hands!" Continued Next Sunday.





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