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

"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."

himself, so covered and blocked it. The politician spat thru his mashed lips and rushed again, sweeping his opponent from his feet. Again Glenister'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

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"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 the words:

"I beat the traitor and—and—I broke him, with—my hands!"

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