

THE NEW DAWN

PART I

THE WILL FOR POWER

CHAPTER I

WARD STUDIES THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

THE young fellow studied the face of the great capitalist as he had never before studied any face in his life—youth wresting secrets from age; trying to solve the riddles which youth has not yet had the experience to understand.

The elder man stood erect, hands in pockets, behind the wicket of the ship yards' office. Clerks were paying out checks to the long lines of workmen—seven thousand there were in the lines where the boy stood. In the president's appearance there was nothing remarkable. He was slightly bald, and clean-shaven except for a close-cropped mustache. A hard firmness of jaw and massiveness of shoulder power and chest gave evidence of strength and resolution to battle with tasks—perhaps, of sheer delight in the game of life being complex and difficult and baffling. He reminded the young workman of