I am satisfied there is a pool of oil here. and I believe your land, or at least a part of it, is on the favored spot.

The Superior Oil Company, by which I am employed, is composed of conscientious men who believe in taking the advantage of no man. When I get out of here and report, I hope to turn in a lease on your land, for my instructions are to lease as well as scout, if I can. To-morrow, when I am not feeling so badly shaken up, I shall explain the terms of our leases, royalties, etc."

The next morning dawned bright and clear and Barnes found his injuries much there should be. Mr. Clark has been hetter, though rather sore. He was unvery kind to me and I think the time able to leave the room and anxiously awaited the coming of the doctor. So he would like to know just how much he was not surprised when a panting auto owes you? Will you state the amount drew up in front of the house and a of the notes and mortgage?" And Mormoment later a loud knock was heard ris, knowing Clark would, named the at the hall door.

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Clark, who had just come in, answered the knock and found it was not the doc- "Day after to-morrow Mr. Clark and I tor, but Dan Morris, the money lender. In a second he knew what his presence meant. The interest on his mortgage must or soon would be due, and he hadn't the money to meet it. Then his high hopes for the future toppled and fell. In a moment his bright dreams were shattered and the old life of toil, skimp and save still faced him. It seemed his bad luck was never to end.

"Clark," said Morris, "I was passing this way and thought I would stop and inform you, thinking perhaps it had slipped your mind, that the interest on your mortgage will be due day after tomorrow. As I am needing a little ready cash, I hope you will meet it promptly, and the man of money rubbed his hands together and beamed on the poor farmer.

"Mr. Morris, I am sorry, but I can't meet it all unless I sell something. 1 have been sick a good while and had to use a part of my savings. I will pay some of it, and if you can wait on the balance a little longer, I will try and sell something and pay the note in full

Morris cleared his throat. "Well now, Clark, I counted on this money sure, when it was due. I don't see how I can grant any extra time; and that's bad business policy anyhow, not meeting your obligations when due. I always do and that is why I have builded myself into the position I now hold," and he seemed to expand by his own self praise.

"That, perhaps, is true, but I would have to sacrifice to meet the demand at once," replied Ben, "and I had hoped leniency would be shown me, taking into account I have been prompt before and would have been this time but for the fact. sickness."

and the two walked into Barnes' room. When they were well inside he turned to them and said, "I couldn't help hearing the conversation between you two. Now I have this to say, Morris, if you happen to have those notes with you, produce them and I think we can arrange for their payment."

Morris' face flushed and he spluttered out, "No, I haven't them here, they are not due until day after to-morrow. I didn't know there was anybody staying

here. "Well, there is, and it seems well that to repay in a measure has arrived. I

"Very good," replied the injured man. will be in town. You come in also and we will meet you at Lawyer Peak's office. Bring the notes and mortgage. That is all, good morning."

"But I don't want to release the mortgage, I merely want the interest," whined Morris.

"Can't help that," replied Barnes, looking him squarely in the eyes. "You would have foreclosed on Clark at once. Now that will not be necessary. Simply do as I say," and Barnes resumed reading some papers he had in his hand.

During this conversation Ben had stood looking at first one and then the other, too surprised to speak. So much so that he did not escort Morris to the door, but when the chug of that gentleman's machine was heard, he turned to Barnes and asked, "What do you mean, don't understand?"

The geologist calmly laid his papers on the table and said, "That old shark ran up against a snag, I think. You have been good to me and I am going to repay you. I am prepared to offer you so much for a lease on a part of your land," naming the part and the amount. "Also, so much as a royalty in case we strike oil. You will have the rest of the land to farm, and if we win out you won't need to farm long."

The result of the conversation was the lease was signed, the notes to Morris paid and the mortgage released. Barnes assuming a part of it. And then Morcis was told of the oil prospects. This did not sweeten his temper. Then to add to its bitterness all the land he now owned was considered entirely out of the oil trend, which was later proven to be a

In less than six months from that day "Well, I am sorry, but I can't help the huge drill bit sank into the oil what has occurred to you," blustered sands, and with a roar the brown liquid Morris. "All I can say is I expect my spouted over the derrick. Then there money when due," and he turned to go. was rejoicing in the Clark home, in Just at this moment a voice came which Barnes, the geologist, joined, feel-from the spare room. "You two come ing almost as happy as they, for he had repaid a good turn and brought pros-

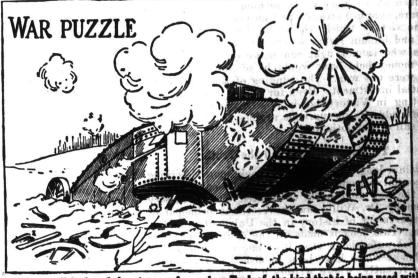
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