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oner at all. This is the sort of treat-
ment that forces a man to talk to
himself.

"I must bide my time," he thought,
as he gazed seawards, where the blue
sea met the blue sky. "Sooner or
later one of the men will give me a
chance. It is a fine bribe to offer—
the lordship of the world."

Yes, that was his chance, that
sooner or later rogues will fall out,
and that among a body of men actu-
ated by those of greed, there is sure to
be some traitor who will sell his
comrades for gold. Let there be a
quarrel—one of those harsh punish-
ments that the leader meted out at
times to insubordinates—and there
would be a weapon ready to the hand
of the man who was content to wait.
An offer to divulge the secret—to work
hand in hand with the traitor.

"Hi! you come out of that," said
a sharp voice, "we don't want you to
drown yourself."

Lowick looked round and saw a tall
man sauntering slowly across the
sand—a remarkable fine-looking man
with a short-pointed black beard, and
a neatly-trimmed black moustache.
He was clad in a spotless suit of white
duck and a Panama hat. His face and
hands were burnt almost to the color
of mahogany.

"We don't want to lose you," said
Senor Smith, "at least, not yet."

Ralph Lowick rose slowly to his
feet, and though he was a tall man
the other overtopped him by four
inches.

"I was having a bath," he said,
quietly. "I don't intend to commit
suicide—at least, not yet."

"H'm," said the big man, thought-
fully. "We shall have to guard
against that. You have too much free-
dom. Come out of that water."

Ralph Lowick obeyed. He had pass-
ed the stage when he quarrelled with
this man, and gave back insult for
insult. He was content now to wait
his time.

"I live in hopes," said Lowick,
pleasantly.

"So do I," was the grim reply. "We
must try and persuade you."

"Take care you don't carry your—
er—persuasions too far, Mr. Smith.
You might kill the goose that you hope
is going to lay a golden egg for you."

"We shall be careful," said Smith,
stroking his moustache—"I think we
have been careful. Well, I've news
for you, my friend—good news."

Ralph Lowick looked at him in-
quiringly, but without much show of
interest. It pleased Senor Smith to
talk like this at times. He had prob-
ably devised some new form of pun-
ishment.

"There is a vessel in sight," Smith
continued, and he smiled as he saw
the light of hope flash into Lowick's
eyes.

"It is the Vallombrosa," the man
went on, after a pause, and again he
smiled as he saw the sullen look of
despair. "She has signalled to us that
she has a friend of yours on board."

"A friend of mine?" queried Low-
wick, sharply.

"Yes. Miss Joan Endermine."

Lowick's face grew white under the
tan. Then he clenched his fists and
made a spring forward, falling to the
ground as the heavy weight checked
his feet.

Senor Smith laughed.

"You lie!" cried Lowick, rising to
his feet. "You lie, you mongrel!"

The Spaniard's dark eyes glittered
at the insult, but he kept his temper
admirably. "I have read the signals,"
he answered. "Miss Joan Endermine
is on board."

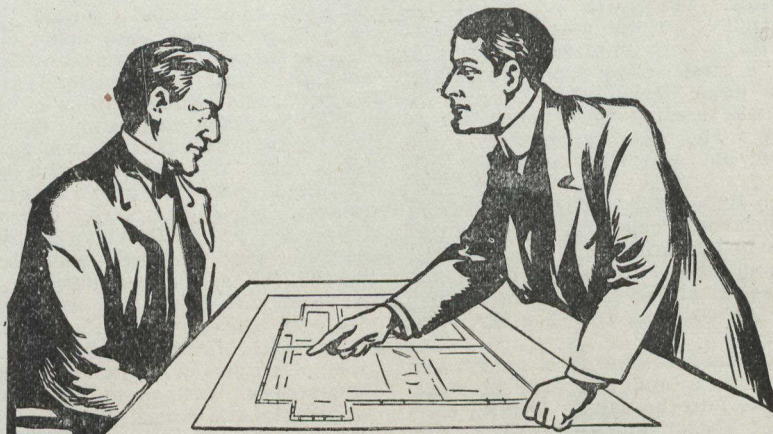
"You—you have dared to carry her
off—to bring her here. You shall pay
for this—I'll have your life. You vile
scoundrel—to bring a woman into this
den of thieves and murderers. Oh, but
you shall pay for it!"

He spoke fiercely, incoherently, and
a slight foam gathered at the corners
of his parched mouth. He had been
for eight hours in the burning sun, and
not one drop of water had passed his
lips.

"She shall come to no harm," said
Smith, quietly. "She will be treated
here with as much respect as if she
were in her own home. And she has
come here for your sake."

"You lie! You forced her to come

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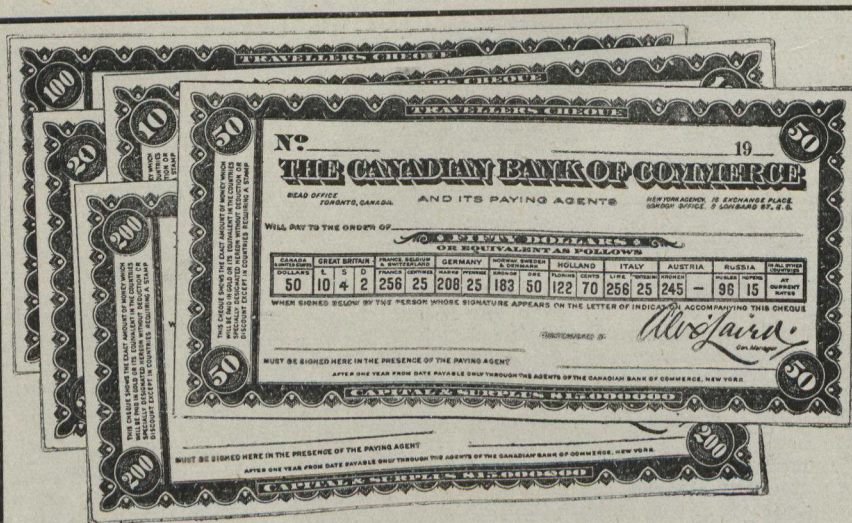
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