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(Continued from last week) smiled, "that I can't well see how we can show independence right now."

"Well, I think I see a way," said Miller, the flush stealing over his face again. "You see, there is no doubt that Wilson is on his high horse simply because he thinks he could call on you for that \$25,000 and put you to some trouble raising it without-without, I say, throwing your land on the market. I can't blame him," Miller went on, smiling, "for it's only what any business man would do who is out for profit, but we must not knuckle to

"Huh, huh!" Bishop grunted in deeper despondency.

"How do you propose to get around the knuckling process?" asked Alan, who had caught the depression influ-

"I'd simply take up that note," said the lawyer. "You know under the contract we are privileged to pay it tomorrow if we wish. It would simply paralyze him. He's so confident that you can't take it up that he has not even written to ask if you want to renew it or not. Yes, he's confident that he'll rake in that security-so confident that he has been, as you know, secretly buying land near yours."

"But," exclaimed Alan, "Ray, you know we-father has invested that money, and the truth is that he and mother have already had so much worry over the business that they would rather let the land go at what was raised on it than to-to run any more risks."

Bishop groaned out his approval of this elucidation of his condition and sat silently nodding his head. The very thought of further risks stunned and chilled him.

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ed on him in run rorce.

"I was not thinking of having your father disturb his investments," he said. "The truth is, I have met with a little financial disappointment in a certain direction. For the last three months I have been raking and scraping among the dry bones of my investments to get up exactly \$25,000 to secure a leading interest in a cotton mill at Darley of which I was to be president. I managed to get the money together, and only yesterday I learned that the northern capital that was to guarantee the thing was only in the corner of a fellow's eye up in Bostona man that had not a dollar on earth. Well, there you are! I've \$25,000 and no place to put it. I thought if you had

him that we are not asking any favors of him. In fact, I have an idea it would scare him out of his skin. He'd think we had another opportunity of selling. I'm dying to do this, and I hope you'll let me work it. Really I think you ought to consent. I'd never drive you to the wall and-well-he might." All eyes were on the speaker. Bishop

just as soon owe me the money as Wil-

son that you'd really be doing me a

fayor to let me take up the note. You

means business, and this would show

had the dazed expression of a bewildered man trying to believe in sudden good luck. Abner Daniel lowered his head and shook with low, subdued

"You are a jim dandy, young man," he said to Miller. "That's all there is about it. You take the rag off the bush. Oh, my Lord! They say in Alf's meeting house that it's a sin to play poker with no stakes, but Alf's in a game with half the earth put up agin another feller's wad as big as a bale o' hay. Play down, Alf. Play down. You've got a full hand an' plenty to draw from."

"We couldn't let you do this, Ray," expostulated Alan.

"But I assure you it is merely a matter of business with me," declared the lawyer. "You know I'm interested myself, and I believe we shall come out all right. I'm simply itching to do

surance that a wise young business man would consider a purchase of his I'd run up to the club with you and of sufficient value to put a large amount of money on pleased him, ban- but I really am rushed, today particuished his fears, thrilled him. "If you feel that way," he said, smil-

are plumb right. It will show Wilson for my clients, the Bishops." that we ain't beholden to him an' will set 'im to work of anything will."

rangement as Miller himself. Adele ter," he said. "All the company think entered the room with the air of one half fearful of intruding, and her three relatives quietly withdrew, leav- over head and ears in operations in ing her to entertain the guest. "I wonder what's the matter with it is?"

your brother," Miller remarked as his eyes followed Alan from the room.

one tries to keep up with his whims and fancies." "But, really," said Miller in a serious

tone, "he has mystified me lately. I wonder if he has had bad news from Dolly. I've tried to get into a confidential chat with him several times of late, but he seems to get around it. Really, it seems to me at times that he treats me rather coldly."

"Oh, if you waste time noticing Al you'll become a beggar." And Adele gave another amused laugh. "Take my advice and let him alone." "I almost believe you know what

ails him," said Miller, eying her "I know what he thinks ails him,"

the girl responded. "And won't you tell me what-what

he thinks ails him?" "No, I couldn't do that," answered our young lady, with a knowing smile. "If you are ever any wiser on the subject, you will have to get your wisdom

She turned to the piano and began to arrange some scattered pieces of music, and he remained on the hearth, his back to the fire, his brow wrinkled in pleased perplexity.

"I'll have to get my wisdom from him," repeated Miller, pronouncing each word with separate distinctness, as if one of them might prove the key to the mystery.

"Yes, I should think two wise men could settle a little thing like that. If not, you may call in the third-you know there were three of you, according to the Bible,"

"Oh, so there were," smiled Miller; "but it's hard to tell when we three shall meet again. The last time I saw the other two they were having their sandals half soled for a tramp across the desert. I came this way to build a railroad, and I believe I'm going to do it. That's linking ancient and modern times together with a coupling pin,

She came from the piano and stood by him, looking down into the fire. "Ah," she said seriously, "if you could

only do it!" "Would you like it very much?" "Very, very much. It means the



"Ah," she said seriously, "if you could only do it!" mother and-yes, to me. I hunger for independence." "Then it shall be done," he said fer-

see, it would actually floor him. He vently.

CHAPTER XXVIII. S the elevator in the big building was taking Rayburn Miller up to the offices of the ler up to the offices of the Southern Land and Timber company many reflections passed hurriedly through his mind.

"You are going to get the usual cold shoulder from Wilson," he mused, "but he'll put it up against something about as warm as he's touched in many a day. If you don't make him squirm, it will be only because you don't want

Wilson was busy at his desk looking over bills of lading, receipts and other papers and now and then giving instructions to a typewriter in the corner

"Ah, how are you, Miller?" he said indifferently, giving the caller his hand without rising. "Down to see the city again, eh?"

Rayburn leaned on the top of the desk and knocked the ashes from his cigar with the tip of his little finger. "Partly that and partly business," he returned carelessly.

"Two birds, eh?" "That's about it. I concluded you were not coming up our way soon, and so I decided to drop in on you."

"Yes; glad you did." Wilson glanced Bishop's face was ablaze. The as- at the papers on his desk and frowned. "Wish I had more time at my disposal. show you my Kentucky thoroughbreds, larly."

"Oh, I haven't a bit of time to spare ing at the corners of his mouth, "go myself! I take the afternoon train ahead. I don't know but what you home. The truth is I came to see you

"Ah, I see." Wilson's face clouded over by some mechanical arrangement So it was finally settled, and no one known only to himself. "Well, I can't seemed so well pleased with the ar- really report any progress in that mat-Bishop's figures are away out of reason, and the truth is right now we are other quarters, and-well, you see how

moment. "In fact, I told my clients drawn for it, you know."

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sorbing your aftention, and so they | are on trade with other parties. Are they?"

gave up counting on you." Wilson so far forgot his pose that he looked up in a startled sort of way and began to study Miller's smoke wrapped

profile. "You say they are not-have not been counting on my company to-to buy their land?"

"Why, no," said Miller in accents well resembling those of slow and genuine surprise. "Why, you have not shown the slightest interest in the matter since the day you made the loan, and naturally they ceased to think you wanted the land. The only reason I called was that the note is payable today, and"-

"Oh, yes, by Jove! That was careless of me. The interest is due. I knew it would be all right, and I had no idea you would bother to run down "Yes, I think I do." Miller smoked a for that. Why, my boy, we could have

"Oh, brother?" laughed Adele. "No last month that the matter was not abcalmly and fixedly through his smoke into the unsuspecting visage upturned

to him. "But the note itself is payable today," he said, closely on the alert for a facial collapse, "and, while you or I might take up a paper for \$25,000 through a bank, old fashloned people like Mr. and Mrs. Bishop would feel safer to have it done by an agent.

That's why I came." Miller in silent satisfaction saw the face of his antagonist fall to pieces like an artificial flower suddenly shat-

"Pay the note?" gasped Wilson. "Why"-Miller puffed at his cigar and gazed

at his victim as if slightly surprised over the assumption that his clients had not all along intended to avail themselves of that condition in their contract. "You mean that the Bishops are

ready to"- Wilson began again on another breath-"to pay us the \$25,000?" "And the interest for six months," quietly added Miller, reaching for a match on the desk. "I reckon you've

got the note here. I don't want to miss my train." Wilson was a good business man, but his Puritanical training in New England had not fitted him for wily

"Of course they can take up their note today if they wish," he said, with alarmed frankness. "I was not counting on it, though." He rose to his feet. Miller's watchful eye detected a certain trembling of his lower lip. He thrust his hands into his pockets nervously, and in a tone of open irritation he said to the young man at the typewriter: "Brown, I wish you'd let up on that infernal clicking. Sometimes I can stand it, and then again I can't. You can do those letters in the next

When the young man had gone out, carrying his machine, Wilson turned to Miller. "As I understand it, you personally have no interest in the Bishop

property?" "Oh, not a dollar!" smiled the lawyer.
"I'm only acting for them."

"Then"—Wilson drove his hands in-"I'm only acting for them."

"Then"-Wilson drove his hands into his pockets again-"perhaps you wouldn't mind tell'ng me if the B'chone HALLI LE LE SERVICE DE LA CONTROL DE LA CONT

Miller smiled and shook his head. "As their lawyer, Mr. Wilson, I simply couldn't answer that question."

The blow was well directed, and it struck a vulnerable spot. "I beg your pardon," Wilson stammered. "I did not mean to suggest

that you would betray confidence." He (Continued on Page 4)

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