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#### AFTER SAVING THE LIFE OF DAINTY CCRONA BALDWIN, SMITH TAKES IT UPON HIMSELF TO SAVE THE COM-PANY'S PROPERTY AT THE RISK OF HIS LIFE

Synopsis ... J. Montague Smith cashler of the Lawrenceville Pank and Trust company, bachelor society leader, engaged to marry Verda Richlander, heiress, is wrongfully accused of dishonesty by Watrous Dunham, his employer, and urged to be the scapegoat for his guilty accuser. Smith strikes Dunham, leaves him for dead and flees the state. He turns up as a tramp sometime later at an irrigation dam construction camp in the Rockies and as John Smith gets a rough job. He soon attracts the attention of his boss by his evidence of superior intelligence; and because the company is in financial straits, is asked to join the office staff and become a sort of financial adviser. About this time Smith saves the fife of Miss Corona Baldwin, daughter of Col. Dexter Baldwin, president of the company.

then: "Are you sure you are not hurt?"

"We won't cross that bridge until

we come to it," he returned. "If we

were back in the country from which

proper for me to ask your permission

to drive you safely home. Since we

are not, I shall assume the permission

"Oh, is that necessary?" she naked

meaning, as he took it, nothing more

"Not absolutely necessary, perhaps

ne opposite the dam, but you'd have

to pass those fellows somewhere on

the way, and they might try to make

She made no further comment, and

he sent the car spinning along over

the hills to the westward. A mile

short of the treatle river crossing they

overtook and passed the wagon. Be-

cause he had the colonel's daughter

with him, Smith put on a burst of

no chance to provoke another battle.

the river. Smith was out of his reck

oning, and was obliged to ask his com-

to say anything any more," she sighed

in mock despair. "Take this road to

wagon at the same time," he told her

twisting the gray car into the road she

had indicated, and he made the asser-

tion good by covering the four remain-

There was a reason, of a sort, for

his silence; two of them, to be exact.

haunting sense of familiarity which

was still trying to tell him that this

was not his first meeting with Colonel

miles in the same preoccupied

one, he was troubled by that

"I can't talk and drive a speed

"I thought you weren't ever going

the little city on the south bank

panion to direct him.

In the maze of crossroads opposite

have lately escaped, it would be

to have you arrested."

and do it anyway."

him to the trouble of it.

t unpleasant for you."

#### CHAPTER VI-Continued.

was born here in Timanyoni, and t haven't been here three weeks: you think I'd be afraid to go any reach their hope of retreat unslain, if in sheer honesty. here that you'll go?"

ralls of the main track, and pulled it ing the circling ruppers. round until it was beaded fairly for the upper switch. Then be put the he had pulled up the freshly driven the inside of one rail.

What in the world are you trying ridge. to do?" questioned the young woman who had said she was not afraid. "Walt," he temporized; "just walt

man, Jocosely, upon taking his place minute and get rendy to hung on His grim death. We're going across "Was that something like the notion and letting her thank you for saving you had in mind?" on that trestle."

He fully expected her to shrick and grab for the steering wheel. That, he id himself, was what the normal roung woman would do. But Miss Co- "Those duffers couldn't hurt mybody. rong disappointed him.

You'll put us both into the river. and smash Colonel-daddy's car, but I west the Baldwin family can stand it if you can," she remarked quite calmly. mith kept on backing until the car and named the switch from which the pur branched off to cross to the matefal yard on the opposite side of the giver. A skillful bit of juggling put the roudster over on the ties of the pur-track. Then he turned to his fel-

milit low and hong on with both made," he directed. "Now!" and he ened the throttle.

The treatle was not much above two unifred feet long, and, happily, the transition were closely spaced. Steered hair, the big car went bumping from and in his innermost recesses was saying to his immediate intor, the well-behaved bank clerk You wwab! You never saw the day when you could do a thing like this you thought you had me tled Min Baldwin were frightened,

an in a bunch of ribbon, didn't you?" alld not show it. Smith lerked the nadater out of the entanglement of the railroad truck and said: "You may as now and tell me which way to and I don't know anything about the roads over here."

She pointed out the way across the hills, and a four-mile dash followed In hill and down the hig rondster raced, devouring the interspaces, and at the topping of the last of the ridges a small, low-lying swale which was Bidden from any point of view in wicinity of the distant dam, they mine upon the interlopers. There three men and two horses and a wad wagon, as Martin's telephone the had catalogued them. were still in the traces, and just id the wagon a legal mining a had been marked out by freshly went stakes. At one end two of the

on a bit of board nailed to one of the Smith sent the gray car rocketing into the swale, brought it to s sand with a thrust of the brakes, and out. Once more the primitive tions Age man in him, which had slept song and so quietly under the Law conventionalities, was joyfy pitching the barriers aside.

were digging perfunctorily, while

bird was tacking the legal notice

moving day for you fellows," he inced cheerfully, picking the bigof the three as the proper subfor the order giving. "You're on Timanyoni Ditch company's had you know it. Pile into the wagon Inde away!"

The big man's answer was a laugh. doubtless, by the fact that order giver was patpably unarmed he right arm shot out, and when blow landed there were only two close in on him. In such sud-Hitles the advantages are all the beginner. Having superior and a good bit more skill than of the two tacklers, Smith held until he could get in a few of the smashing right-handers. planting them he took punishough to make him Berserk- Baldwin's daughter; and the other, practically invincible, much bigger and more depressing, was ferce mingling of arms, the realization that in breaking with hodies, sufficiently terrifying, his past, he had broken also with the

vigor, and at the end of lng back to the other one the puzzle spassers were knecked of familiarity - when Miss Baldwin was dragging the third pointed to a transplanted Missouri agen, into which he pres- farm mansion, with a columned por- his grizzled hair. the man as if he had tico, standing in a grove of cottonmr, saw her ally dive road, telling him it was Hillcrest, wagon and come out | There was a massive stone portal Pansing only fronting the road, and when he got

calmiy in an automobile a hun- of ever asking one of them to marry

and said so.

camp?" she asked. "I have my two legs yet, and the to their newly alienated grant in the

walking isn't bad." "No; but you might meet those

wo men again." "That is the least of my troubles," Miss Corona Baldwin, like the Missours colonel, her father, came upon

moments now and then when she had the ultimate courage of her impulses. "I should have said you hadn't a trouble in the world," she asserted, meeting his gaze level-eyed.

The polite paraphrases of the coffined period were slipping to the end of his tongue, but he set his teeth upon them and said, instead; "That's all them!" you know about it. What if I should tell you that you've been driving this morning with an escaped convict?" he started back after the two other "I shouldn't believe it," she said

men. They were not waiting to be calmly, carried to the wagon; they were up | "Well, you haven't-not quite," he and running in a wide semicircle to returned, adding the qualifying phrase

that might be. It was all very brutal | She had unfied her vell and was We'll see about that," he chuckled, and barbarous, no doubt, but the asking him hospitably if he wouldn't stehing the laugh; and with that he colonel's daughter was Western born come in and meet her mother. Somelet the clutch take hold, sent the cur and bred, and she clapped her hands thing in the way she said it, some little rolling gently up to the level of the and laughed in sheer enthusiasm when twist of the lips or look of the eyes, raffroad embankment and across the she saw Smith make a show of chast touched the spring of complete recogaution, and the familiarity puzzle van-He did not return to her until after island instantly.

"You forget that I am a workingtor in the reverse and began to stakes and thrown them away, and by man," he smiled. "My gang in the the ear on the siding, steering that time the wagon, with the horses quarry will think I've found a bottle so that the wheels on one side hugged lashed to a keen gullop, was disap- somewhere." And then: "Did you ever poaring over the crest of the northern lose a glove, Miss Baidwin-u white kid with a little hole in one finger?"

"That's one way to get rid of them. "Dozens of them," she admitted; isn't it?" said the emancipated bank | "and most of them had holes, I'm afruid. But what has that to do with in the car to crump it for the turn. your coming in and meeting mamma my life?"

"Mercy, no!" she rejoined. And "Nothing at all, of course," he hastened to say; and with that he "They Looked Like a Bunch of Hired "Not worth mentioning," he evaded. bade her good-by rather abruptly, and turned his back upon the transplanted so long as they couldn't get to their Missouri mansion, muttering to himself as he closed the portal gutes be-"But you have saved the company at | hind him; "'Haldwin,' of course! What your own expense. They will be sure an aw I was not to remember the name! And now I've got the other half of it, too; it's 'Corous.'"

#### CHAPTER VII.

Timanyoni Ditch. Smith had his vote of thanks from Colonel Dexter Baldwin in Williams' sheet-iron office at the dam, the colonel having driven out to the camp

for the express purpose; and the chief

of construction bluself was not presthan comradely deprecation at putting "Yon've loaded us up with a tolerably beavy obligation, Smith-Corry's but decently prudent. You night drop mother and me," was the way the colonel summed up. "If you hadn't been on deck and strictly on the job

at that railroad crossing yesterday

morning-" "Don't mention it, colonel," Smith broke in. "I did nothing more than any man would have done for any woman. You know it, and I know it. Let's leave it that way and forget it." The tall Missourian's laugh was en-

tirely approbative. speed and so gave the claim jumpers "I like that," he said "It's a good, man-fashioned way of looking at it, saw much of General Funston in the You know how I feel about it-how Philippines say half a dozen years ony father would feel; and that's ago that the general was a fatalist

> "Plenty," was the brief reloinder, that neither of us can cross out; rou'll writer.

of their lives. By George, I wish I'd related the incident. been there to see!" and the colonel A comple of years before Pepper'

enough prospectors?" "They looked like a bunch of hired sophical society. assassins," said Smith, with a grin.

he fighting angle.

"How much do you know about this ousiness mix-up of ours, Smith?" he

"All that Williams could tell me in little heart-to-heart talk we had the other day."

"You agreed with him that there was a tolerably big nigger in the wood-

pile, didn't son?" "I had already gathered that much from the camp gossip,"

"Well, it's so. We're just about as helpless as a hunch of cattle in a sinkrole," was the ranchman president's onfirmation of the camp guesses. What in the name of the great horn spoon can we do-more than we have

done?" "There are a number of things that might be done," said Smith, falling back reflectively upon the presumably dead and buried bank-cashler part of him. "And if you can manage to stay in the game and play it out, there is big money in it for all of you; enough to make it well worth while for you to and suppose, to a young woman world of women, at least to the extent put up the fight of your lives,"

"Big money?-you mean in saving our investment?"

"Oh, no; not at all; in cinching the other fellows," Smith put in genially, Colonel Dexter Baldwin lifted his soft hat and ran his fingers through

"Say, Smith; you mustn't forget meal. Miss Baldwin, woods on the left-hand side of the that I'm from Missouri," he said half

quizzically. "But I shouldn't think you'd need band to send you a kiss by wire?" to be 'shown' in this particular in- Agnes-"I haven't decided yet. I am down to open the gates the roung stance," was the smiling rejoinder, suspicious that telegraph operator sheet woman took the wheel and drove "The chance to sell you people water was a woman."

through; whereupon he decided that | from your own dam isn't the only it was time for him to break away, thing or the main thing in this case, They are obliged to have this dam site, "But how will you get back to the or, at least, one as high up the river as this, in order to get the water over

> western balf of the park." "You've got it straight," said the

"Very good. Then they're simply obliged to have your dam, or- Don't you see the alternative now, colonel?"

"Heavens to Betsy!" exclaimed the breeder of fine horses, bringing his fist down upon Williams' desk with a crash that made the ink bottles dance. And then: "What a lot of fence-posts we are-the whole kit and b'ilin' of us! If they get the dam, they sell water to us; if they don't get it, we sell it to

"That's it, exactly," Smith put in quietly. "And I should say that your



Assassins.

stake in the game is worth the stiffest fight you can make to save it. Don't you agree with me?"

"Great Jehu! I should say so!" chiculated the amateur trust fighter. terfully. "That settles it, Smith, You can't wiggle out of it now, no way or shape. You've got to come over into Macedonia and help us. Williams tells me you refused him, but you can't re-

Do you believe that Smith would be wise in taking an important position with the ditch company-especially if he really hopes to escape prison as a resuit of the Lawrenceville affair? Wouldn't he be wiser if he disappeared from the new job?

(TO BE CONTINUED)

#### PREDICTED TIMES OF DEATH

University of Pennsylvania Provost Forecast Month and Year of His Demise Two Years in Advance.

I heard a regular army officer who to this extent-he expected to die the death of a civilian and never be "But there's another chapter to it killed in action, says a newspaper

have to come out to the ranch and let. The most peculiar prediction about Corry's mother have a back at you," one's own death that I have heard Raldwin went on. "I couldn't figure concerned Dr. William Pepper, proyou out of that if I should try. And yost of the University of Pennsylnow about those claim jumpers: I sup- vania. Frederick Fraley, who lived pose you didn't know any of them by to be nearly a century old and who as a young man transacted business with Stephen Girard and Nicholas Bid-"Corry says you gave them the time die, and entertained Daniel Webster,

slapped his leg and laughed, "Did death Mr. Fraley asked the famous they look like the real thing-sure doctor to perform some service in connection with the American Philo-

"Can't do it," replied Doctor Pepper "It's some more of the interference, "hecause I expect to die before then." He then specified the month and The colonel's square law settled into year in which he expected his life to

> "But," added the doctor after a pause, "you will live until Septem ber, 1901."

Both men died in the month and year predicted by Doctor Pepper.

Poor John!

"Hello! Is this you, mother dear?" "Yes, Sue. What is it? Something awful must have happened for you to call me up at this-"

"It's not so awful. But John, dear, hasn't been feeling well, and the doctor gave him pills to take every four hours. I've been sitting up to give them to him, and now it's about time for his medicine, but John has fallen asleep. Should I wake him?"

"I wouldn't if I were you. What is he suffering from?" "Insomnia."-Fittsburgh Telegraph-

#### Resistance of the Wind.

Tests on a model of the naval collier Neptune made in the wind tunnel of band material. the Washington navy yard by Naval Constructor William McEntee show that if this vessel were stenming against a 30-mile wind at 14 knots an hour it would require about 770 horse- freight cars which are left in condition 1.053,000,000 passengers in 1914, with power to overcome the resistance of to invite the tramps, and after a num- little increase in 1916, an average disthe wind. This is about 20 per cent her of them have boarded it the doors tance of 33 6-10 miles, or a total of of the power necessary to propel her are mysteriously closed and they are 35,250,000,000 passenger miles. through the water.

Method in His Madness.

Alice-"Wasn't it sweet of your hus-

## WOMEN REPLACING MEN ON RAILROADS



Upper-Miss Naomi Williams operating drill press in the Locust Point shops of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

Lower-Woman machinists, laborers, and dope reclaimers working in the shops of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Baltimore, Md.

With war on our hands and some of our best railroad men preparing to leave for France, with a promise of a greater exodus later on, the rallroads, labor problems are greatly multiplied. Laborers, machinists, and skilled labor must be had if our great roads are to be run with any degree

More as an experiment than anything else certain roads introduced women into the shops and were agreeably surprised when on comparison they measured up very favorably with the men. This discovery has opened a new field to women and has helped solve one of the great labor problems of the day. The Baltimore & Ohio have introduced woman workers in quite a few of their shops and are quite satisfied with their work. Positions in the shops, freight and passenger terminals are now open to women. One of the largest groups of "inborettes" are at work in the Locust Point plant in Baltimore. Here they work the regulation day, attired in overalls, caps, and gloves,

Then he broke down the barriers mas. Found That Apparently Worthless Bodies Are Valuable.

# ONE ROAD TO UTILIZE THEN

Usable Portions Are Cut Up and Made Into Siding or Roofing for Other Cars and for Many Other Purposes.

Gy R. P. CRAWFORD, in The Scienti fic American.

Whenever a rallroad found a few old, worn-out freight cars standing on its sidings, it was the custom to summon the steam derrick, haul the cars out to an isolated spot, lift the bodies off the trucks and cost them to one side of the track. They were then set on fire and later the metal parts were picked up among the ashes. That was a quick and easy way of getting rid of them. There are many roads that still follow this plan; but at least one has found that these old, apparently worthless car bodies are worth mency and has set out to utilize them.

#### Dismantle Each Car.

So whenever a car is found to be no longer capable of efficient service it is sidetracked at one of the division points and there awaits the workmen's pleasure. Each car is carefully dismantled. Pains are taken that the wooden siding and roofing are damaged as little as possible. The usable portions of the cars are then cut up and made into siding or roofing for other cars, running honrds for the tops of closed cars, or the coal doors that are used to hold coal in a box car in case the outer door is opened. Thousands of the latter are now made at a cost of a few cents aplece or only a fraction of what was formerly paid for them. Corner posts are salvaged and used in other cars. Even crooked holts are straightened in a special machine and used again. The trucks from many of the smaller freight cars are employed on stock cars, And finally, fragments of wood in such condition that they are good for no specific purpose find a use as kindling wood in starting locomotive fires. Even wrecked cars that formerly were burned are now salvaged in the same way.

Save Thousands of Dollars. It has been found that thousands of dollars may be saved every year in this manner, even often charging the job with the time spent in tearing down the cars. Some idea of the tremendous number that would ordinarily have been burned may be judged from the fact that 400 such condemned cars accumulated in the yards at Lincoln. Neb., at one time last year. With the of all roads between Chicago and Florgrowth in size of freight cars in recent | ida. In addition, these cars were exyears every road has found hundreds of the cars of former days on its hands. While all railroads have endeavored to save the metal parts, the conservation of the wood waste represents another step in the final sorting over and saving of every bit of second-

#### Place Traps for Tramps.

The Southern Pacific railroad has several "tramp traps" in the shape of

Soldiers Save Many Lives. to make a full regiment,

# And SWEDES ARE BUILDING LINE

Railroad Will Connect Scandinavia With Russian Territory-Bridge Is Mile Long.

A bridge nearly a mile long is being built by the Russian and Swedish governments over the River Tornea, which separates Sweden and Finland at the apax of the Gulf of Bothnia. The Swedish government is doing the ac tuni work, having better access to material. By this bridge the railway mys tems of the two countries will be united, and one may then be able to trave from Stockholm to Vladivostok with-

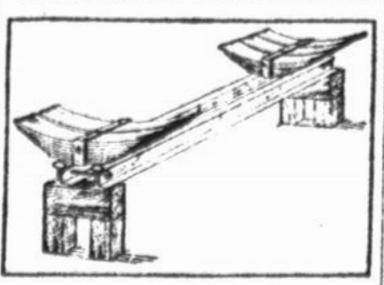
out alighting from the railway conch. Already an elevated cable communication over the Tornea is nearing completion. It is intended to carry mails and parcels, of which enormous quantities pass through the towns of Tornea and Haperanda. The lighters which have been used heretofore, overloaded with parcels, were useless in the spring or autumn, and in winter horses and sledges were slow and ex-

#### HANDLE SPRINGS OF ENGINE

pensive.

Rack Also Can Be Used to Facilitate Handling Any Kind of Bulky or Unwieldy Material

On account of the weight and shape of locomotive driving springs, it is difficult to handle them, especially in removing them from the stockhouse. The rack shown in the illustration will



Locamotive Spring Rack.

simplify the problem of storing. Old car sills and scrap-rails were used in the construction. This rack can be used to facilitate handling any kind of bulky or unwieldy material of a similar nature.-J. R. Minter, in Popular Science Monthly.

### TAKE OFF OBSERVATION CARS

Coaches Were Part of Equipment on All Limited Trains Between Chicago and Florida.

Observation cars on the limited trains operated between Chicago and Florida have been taken off as a wat economic measure. The cars were part of the equipment of limited trains pensive, because only one-half were usenble for berths, and stenographers, porters, barbers, and in some cases maids, were employed in the cars, Regular sleeping cars have been substituted for the observations. So far this is the only district in which these observation cars have been abandoned.

#### Carry Billions of Passengers

According to the bureau of railroad economics the steam railroads carried

Cars for Sahara Desert. Locomotives and cars specially de-By maintaining an effective guard signed for passage through sandagainst trespassers on railroad prop- storms and to offer a minimum of reerty. American soldiers in the course sistance to the metal-cutting sand have of a year will save enough male lives been built for the French railroad in the Sahara.

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If you are looking for a good lot for \$200 let me near from you.

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fruit trees chicken house. Price, \$3,000, 5-room new bungalow, modern, on paved street, easy terms. Price, El,300.

stairs, water, gas und bath, large tot,

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SA-ft. lot east front, good location, on paved street. Price \$500. 6-room new stucco house on paved etrest, coment basement, furnace beat, laundry, large living room, book cases, buffy, oak trim, buth, sleeping porch, near

\$4.3m. Tyrms. 4-room house, het water heat, all modern, best part of north side. \$1,500. Don't forget to have your house or

station, good neignborhood. A bargain at

household furniture insured against loss by fire, the cost is so small Phone LOx142, east front lot, lunt cost

village limits, good neighborhood, price 5-room house, cement basement, furnace bent, laundry, bath, Breplace, elec-

trie light, large let. Price \$4 las.

6-room house on Maple ave, cement basement, furnace heat, bath, lot lox160. 7-room house on large lot, hot water

heat, in good repair, all improvements,

hest of neighborhood, only two blocks from station. Price, \$2,709. 6-room house, steam heat, cement basement, bath, Al readition, lot Calif.

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