The Free Press' Short Story

THE BUILDING BUSINESS

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ing. while a mantle of silence anili lay over the orderly tent city, grissled old Harland, chief engineer for the Atlantic & Pacific Construction Company, was deled from his tent to the buckboard that was waiting to conver him back to civilizatoin and a hospital. The indomitable old engineer lay weekly back in the seat, but the light m his eyes was bright and strong as ever. Impatiently he fastened a penetrating gase upon his two young aides. "Dawes," he snapped, "of course, you will be in charge. Do your best, much on for all you're worth. Pneumonia, bah!" he snorted. "No hospital shall keep me longer than a week, but-well, do the best you can till I get back!

Conway Dawes, assistant to the chief smiled at the older man confidently. "You may count on me, Bir. Progress' shall be my motto."

"Yes," scowled the chief, irked at the ides of having to give up his work. For a moment his gaze rested upon Dale Carleton, then shifted back to Dawes. "Young Carleton here should be a great help to you. Seems to me two young engineers ought to be as good as one old one." His chuckle was grim.

Conway Dawes straightened, while something resembling a sneer crossed his face. "With my training, Sir, I shouldn't have to consult my foremen."

The darkened old chief laughed dryly. "It doesn't pay to be too cocksure." At Conway's revengeful authority that moment his driver came up and climbed in beside him, clucking to the slight wave of his harid.

The two young men stood for a little time, watching the rig disappear into only way." the distance: then as if moved by the same hand, swung around to face each discouraged, he thought it all out. He other. "The chief is in a bad way," murmured Dale. "I hope he escapes pneu- of peace so long as he worked with Con-

as he turned on his heel,

tent, then shook his head in a troubled fered a good chance for advancement to had to go," he muttered; then he, too, ability. "But no." Dale shook his head. down on his camp stool, he supported me, to keep me down." He feit sure his thin, sensitive face in his hands, his that the other was already trying to

Dale was troubled. Ever since the day several months before when he had means of making it uncomfortable. Pacifile Company, Conway Dawes had his teeth. Why, he was on the verge Of course Conway was very careful that the uneducated fellows in the shovel the chief should not discover his hostility gang. He was letting a man, just an toward Dale; however, he had found ordinary man like himself, drive him many little ways to harass the young away. "I will not!" he snapped. foreman of the shovel gang. In fact, his comity dated back to a certain day shovel to sweat along with the rest of the when both young men had attended the gang. He sang and joked and the men same engineering school. Conway, older soon caught his infectious spirit. They and a year shead in his studies, had worked at top speed, all in high, good been defeated by Dale in a wrestling bout; furthermore, Dale had exposed some The old chief wanted progress, and maytricky methods the other was using. be he Dale Carleton could help him get Evidently Conway had never forgiven the it even though he thereby helped to raise disgrace as his recent actions disclosed. the value of Conway's stock. When Dale had jumped at the chance to | "Shut up, Carleton!" snapped Conway secure real experience in the construction of a road through wild country, and possibly the chance to work himself up in a great firm, he did not dream that Conway was employed by the same company. Now fate had placed his enemy in charge. "I must watch myself!" mused the

the chance to get me into trouble." A little later he left his tent and joined the men in the mess tent. A discussion of the men. "Daly, foreman of the clearerose about the chief's illness, but was ing gang is almost ready to quit. broken off when Conway entered in his says he's taken all he's going to from the usual aloof manner. "Men," he said voung hodlum." his voice sharp and commanding, "I am in charge for the next week or so, or to Dale. "We mustn't disappoint the old such a time as Harland returns, and I man when he comes back." want you to speed up. We must make At the end of the week word came that progress at any cost!" He pointed an Harland was in better health, but he accusing finger at Dale. "Carleton, I would not assume charge for another noticed yesterday, that your gang seems week. The men, including the foreman, to like to loaf. Watch you step! If heard the news with ominous growls. In you can't handle your men, some one the mess tent that evening each man

all he said was, "Very well, Sir."

The shovel gang worked sullenly that himself aloof. morning. Dale did everything possible to endow his men with their usual cheermaking play out of toil, but demanding clearing gang. "Our new chiefs knows it the credit due them. Dale could not all." blame them for taking offense at Con-

Conway had made a big mistake by everything out." antagonizing the men the first morning. He should know that a sullen man can- man." not do so much work as a happy, contented man. The young foreman was "Let's all stick it out until he returns." conscless in his efforts to try to undo the You know how he would feel if his men damage the new chief had done. He failed him. He isn't responsible for the laughed and joked, daring them to speed | way Conway acts." up, but the men, while they liked him Daly smote his knee. "We'll do it! well enough, refused to be lifted out of But if it wasn't for the old man, I believe their grouch. With a growing sense of I'd quit to-night. I want to work under concern, he heard one or two speak of a man!" quitting in the afternoon. He hastened | The next day the road head-reached We don't want to fail the old chief, do rapid progress since Harland had gone. when he is depending on our loyalty The work of putting in the fill and The to is away?"

The men scowled.

nothin' agin the chief. "Then." grinned Dale. about guitting."

wouldn't." said the cold, sharp roice of Conway, who had approached unnoticed. He smiled disagreeably at the quiet Dale. "Trying to talk the men into quitting, are you? One of these

Dale flushed. "You are mistaken. Sir." he answered evenly, struggling to control his hot anger. think otherwise." Conway motion-

dirty little egitators!"

to the big mountaineer. there, Morgan, give Carleton your shove and you fill in as foreman." He turned to Dale. "If you are still here when Harland returns, he will have to deal

with you. You are incompetent!" Dale clenched his hands tightly, and his face went red to white, but he took the shovel and fell to work. "Now all of you snap into it." growled

Conway before turning away. The big, simple-hearted mountaineer looked at Dale. "I ain't at to be fore-

Dale smiled grimly. "Go ahead, Morgan: we mustn't let a little thing like this keep us from pushing on."

After this Dale wielded a shovel with the rest of the men. All the while he smiled mirthlessly. It was not the worl that he minded; it was the thought raised a rebellion within him. He knew beyond a doubt, that the incident of the "Good-bye," he said, with a wrestling bout was behind all the other's unwarranted actions. I'll have to quit." he decided morosely. "It's the

That evening in his tent, weary and would, he knew, never enjoy any degree way, for it was not likely that the latter "Yes," answered Conway coldly, but would ever forgive him for uncovering there was a peculiar gleam in his eyes his tricky methods before the eyes of their schoolmates; yet he did not want Dale watched him disappear into his to quit. The construction company ofmanner. - "I'm doubtly sorry the chief any engineer who could display marked. made his way to his tent. Dropping "Conway would find some way to thwart drive him out of the company. Incidents like that of to-day were just e

All at once he sat upstraight, gritting persecuted him in every way possible. of being a quitter! He was as bad as

The next day he went out with hi humor. Dale smiled softly to himself.

sauntering up. "Use your surplus energy on the handle of that shovel." flushed but he checked the words demanding utterance. The men scowled darkly at Conway's retreating back. Dale forced a smile. "It's always the

darkest, Fellows, just before the dawn The old chief will be back one of these young man soberly. "He won't pass up "The sooner the better," muttered one

"We mustn't fail Harland," returned

aired his grievances. Conway was not Dale flushed at the unjust charge, but present, for he did not mix with the men. As a staff member, he had always held

Dale, listening to the men, almost fell sorry for the young engineer; although fulness, but they continued to mutter he knew that every word they said was smong themselves. They were good true. "I don't have any say-so any workers, usually singing and whistling, more," growled Daly, foreman of the

When at last they were all silent, Dale way's words. Old Harland understood addressed them quietly. "I feel that my men and was loved by all, but he was not grievance is as important as any of have proved short lived and worthless. yours, but I intend to stick it out until Dale was sober. It seemed to him that the chief returns. He will straighten Kellogg's Asthma Remedy has given it a Rome and its environs—Naples, Pompell,

"Aye," responded Daly, "There's a

Dale leaned forward, imploringly.

to reason with the men. "We mustn't the crossing over Rush Creek. Dale had talk that way, Fellows," he said quickly. to admit to himself that they had made cordurey began. The men, true to their

VIEUS DISEASE

work with a will. Dale, watching the work so on. was in a quandary. He had perceived a flaw which Conway had evidently falled to see. The bridge, as it was being built, would never stand, he tuice from tobacco plant injected felt. Should be warn Conway? It was mosaic disease still retained the power nothing to him what the engineer did; of infecting healthy tobacco plants after besides. Conway's methods could be de- the juice had been passed through a scribed as a little tricky. He had been filter the pores or holes of which unfair in many ways. Still, thought Dale, too fine to allow any miscroscopic organhe could not stand by and watch the tob bumgled.

"Conway." he said quietly, after seeking out the engineer. "you are making a

promise of the previous night, fell to

Conway whirled angrily, then seemed to try to control himself; "You are making a grave mistake,"

Conway flushed but he checked whatever he had intended to say, speaking suavely. "Will you show me what you

repeated Dale. "Your bridge will never

Dale led him down to the scene of activity. "See those marks there where the water has been some time not long. past? This stream is unusually strong for its size, and when it goes on a rampage, collecting drift all along the way. your bridge will be swept away." -

Conway looked thoughtful, a moment later turning to his companion. "How would you build it?" he asked abruptly Dale hid his surprise. "Why, I would cut the fill back more on each side, and raise the level three or four feet to allow

greater clear-away." "Thanks." murmured Conway, not at all like himself. He was calling his foremen to him when Dale walked away.

During the following days, and as the structure was nearing completion, Dale detected a change in Conway, and he was glad. The engineer had less and less to Congress, which was held at Rome, Mr. say, letting the foremen use their own F. C. Elford, Dominion Poultry Husbandheads. They noticed the change, too, man, official co-delegate with Mr. W. A and showed their appreciation by speed- Brown, Chief of the Poultry Division, ing up the work; then, at last, the bridge Dominion Live Stock Branch, some specwas finished. That afternoon Conway ially interesting information is being came to Dale, and spoke a bit awkwardly. obtained with regard to this historical "I want you to go back to your old pos- meeting. ition. Handle your men the way you

Dale was jubilant, but he said evenly enough, "Thanks, Conway." ginter seemed on the point of saying more, but turned away instead. Dale ing to be shown the birds with the looked after him. "He has had pretty Government certificates. tough sledding," he mused. "I guess he's just human like all of us."

Dale sought his camp cot in complete happiness that night. The old chief would soon be back on the job, anyhow, Conway was learning fast. Dale believed that the engineer and himself could be friends in the near future; he hoped so, anyway. Just before he fell asleep, he heard the distant growl of

"It would be a joke," he-mused sleepily. "If the new bridge got initiated the

Hours later he became conscious of some one shaking him roughly. "Get up," yelled Conway into his ear. "Rush Creek is on a rampage. There must have been a cloudburst above."

Dale needed no second bidding. was up instantly, but Conway stopped him for a moment. "Dale." he said. little huskily, "I'd like to be your friend if I may. I only regret that I haven't tried to be before this. The other night I heard you talking to the men in the mess tent about loyalty, and it opened my eyes to a few things."

"Come on." grinned Dale.

They ran down to join the group of men fending heavy drift off the vibrating bridge. Working thus, side by side, above the angry, roaring stream, Dale and Conway acted as though they had been lifelong friends. They were grinning at each other, after realizing the bridge was safe, when a familiar voice smote their ears: then the flaring beacons on the bank lighted up the figure of a big

"How is everything?" demanded Chief Harland. "Not so bad," responded Conway, but

his voice was tense. "Thanks to Dale here, our bridge still stands." Harland grunted. "I told you two young engineers ought to be as good as

one old one." -"Yes, especially when one of them is master engineer. Sir. I think Dale

should be given a chance." "Yes," growled Harland; "he shall have his chance in due time. You had better wait till morning to unload your chest

"All right, Sir; but I want you to know of his loyalty, his good character-"Yes." the chief's grunt interrupted him again; "save it till morning." Beneath a flaring beacon, however, he gave the two young engineers one of his rare smiles. "That's our business: to build Character or bridges, we want to build them to endure."

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THEN-WHAT?

"Well, it's about over, isn't it?" remarked an old college instructor to the roung man before him as he bade him to-day." "And then?" "Oh, I suppose pected until recently-has been found to to retire, to travel and see the world, they do not fall; use it in meat loaf or usually does. But I hope to enjoy that, too." "And then?" "Well, then I shall not soak into the bread; sprinkle it over have to die, I suppose; all men do." 'And then?" the older man continued. But the young man did not care to pursue the inquiry further. He shrugged his shoulders and walked away.

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British Consul General in Rome. There were also the two official delegates already mentioned, and in addition many Canadians attended in their servings could be obtained. private capacity. The Educational Exhibit told the story of Canada's national breeding policy; illustrations showing poultry instruction in schools and with Boys and Girls Clubs, farmers' flocks the interior of a poultry laboratory, poultry 11/2 cups hot turkey or chicken stock culling and selection, R. O. P. flocks, laying contests and registration, marketing, standardization, grading, etc. The attractiveness and the completeness of the

2000 years. During all that time the Iny in deep fat (390 degrees F.) twenty centuries ago had been the popular produce market where the Roman citizens purchased their eggs and poultry from the farmers. These ruins have been dug out and repaired, and significantly enough, the re-opened market was first used for the Educational and Live Bird Exhibits of the Fifth World's Poultry Congress. It was here in the Capital that the cackling of the sacred geese prevented the capture of the ancient Rome citadel by the barbarians, so that the historic setting of the Market for the Congress was especially appro priate. However, the six floors and th numerous stairways of old stone step were not the most convenient for exhibit of this kind, nor the most advantageous for the attendants who had to climb five or six stories from one exhibit

The Congress Sessions were held in the building of the Agricultural Institute, and were attended by delegates from practically every European country and from Japan, Palestine, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the United States

and Canada. These Congresses are the tri-annual meetings of the World's Poultry Science Association, and Professor Antonio Ghig of Italy was selected Congress Director and its next President. The delegates were given every oppor-

tunity for sight-seeing, which included place in the field of medicine which no Vesuvius, etc. On two afternoons, secother can approach. It has never been tions of Italy were shown where swamps had been drained and the land reclaimed simply gone on effecting relief and for agricultural purposes. The stupendous work done by the Mussolini Government was made apparent by a visit to places such as Littoria, where 65,000 acres ten years ago was a malarial swamp, covered at times with several feet of water, are to-day reclaimed land being shaped into farms. A part of this is devoted to cultivated farms inhabited by a happy population, with the deathrate from malarial fever almost non-existent.

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FLUFFY OMELET

- 2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca 14 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- % cup milk, scalded 1 tablespoon butter
- 4 egg yolks, beaten until thick and lemon-colored

4 egg whites, stiffly beaten Add tapioca, salt and pepper to milk, and cook in double boiler 10 minutes. stirring frequently, Add butter. Combine with egg wolks, stirring constantly, Fold in egg whites. Pour into hot buttered frying pan (9 inches in diameter) Cook over low flame 17 minutes. Omelet is sufficiently cooked when a knife inserted comes out clean. Dry top of omelet in slow oven (275 degrees F.) 5 minutes. Cut across at right angles to handle of pan, being careful not to cut all the way through. Fold carefully on hot platter. Makes six servings. Note the economy: Made by the new taploca

TURKEY CROQUETTES 4 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca

method a four-egg omelet serves six

persons; by the old method only four

14 teaspoon salt 11/2 teaspoon salt

2 cups cooked turkey, finely chopped 1 egg, beaten with 3 tablespoons milk or stock, and 1/8 teaspoon salt

Bifted bread crumbs Add tapioca and salt to stock, and cook story made the Canadian exhibit a very in double boiler 15 minutes, or unt tapioca is clear and mixture thickened One remarkable point about the Con- stirring frequently. Add turkey and cook gress was that it marked the re-opening 5 minutes longer. Chill. Shape into of the Market of Trajanus after a period cones. Dip in egg, roll in crumbs, and market-place had been lying buried a- minute, or until golden brown. Drain mong the ancient ruins of Rome, and Serve with tart red jelly. Garnish with parsley. Makes 10 to 21 croquettes.

NIPPY CHEESE SANDWICH FILLING 2 tablespoons quick-cooking taploca 1 pint canned tomatoes, strained and

21/2 cups grated cheese (1/2 pound)

114 cups dried beef, ground fine (14 lb.) 1/4 teaspoon pepper

14 teaspoon mustard 14 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce Add tapioca to tomato juice and cook in double boiler 15 minutes, or until tapioca is clear, stirring frequently. Add cheese gradually, and stir until it is melted. Remove from fire, add dried beef and seasonings and allow to cool

and a half cups filling. BUTTERSCOTCH PINEAPPLE

before spreading on bread. Makes two

- 1/2 cup quick-cooking tapioca 4 tablespoons sugar
- 14 teaspoon salt
- 1 quart milk, scalded 1 egg yolk, slightly beaten
- ½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted 1 cup crushed pineapple. 1/3 cup nut meats, finely cut

1 egg white, stiffly beaten Add taploca, sugar and salt to milk,

and cook in double boller 15 minutes, or until taploca is clear, stirring frequently. Pour small amount of taploca mixture over egg yolk, stirring vigorous ly. Return to double boiler and cook until thickened. Cool. Add sugar to butter and stir constantly until melted. Add pineapple and nuts. Add to tapioca mixture. Fold in egg white. Chill. Garnish with whipped cream. Serves 8.

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