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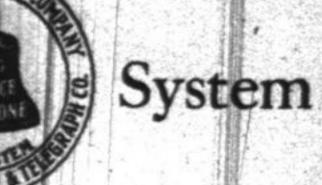
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HIS RISE TO POWER

"You remember, beturning mgut said you and I would have to discuss the matter of payment? The time has come, the wairus sand "

"Well?" "Senator Murchett, have you a con

roung man ?

"How impertment? I'm merely try ing to verify an impression. The oth er night, while you were watching Warren Rlake die, I got the notion that you had one. Now Warren Blake is out of the way. Hangelen won't be disgraced. There's to be no scandal Your plans to save the bunk are think of payment. I have just come you, I am not. We're a prefty The poor fool even thinks he is to blame for Warren Blake's shooting by confronting him with the ne himself. You and I know better. We of prosecuting his lady love's father laughed insinuatingly.

"You have a strange sense of bumor. Just what are you trying to in | making a strong effort to con

"I mean that we know that the ninn man who killed Creighton, Hawkins, ter was really dangerous. Delebanty, Burns, Schuelder, Lackin and Blake. And he's the fellow that uries, made opportunities for thievery Wrenns that you can't keep track encouraged and profited by peculation -to short, the man who devised and built the machine whose creatures and

crimes with suicide. Do I make my self clear?" Murchell sat up angrily, "That isn't true. I'm not responsible if a few weaklings aren't able to resist tempta tion and take the easiest way out "It was Cain, I believe," Haig purred. "who first pleaded that excuse !

victims have paid the penalty of their

See here, Haig! If you have any thing important to say, say it. Otherflatg leaned over, integrupting men acingly, tapping the senator's knee to

emphasize his words; "I'd advise you to fisten. Will you?". "That's sensible." Haig resumed his easy attitude. "Let's take up Dun beld out for awhile, but- Dh. you mende's case. His mouth is closed by know how it works. He was poor

his love for Katherine Humpden. The there was more money in sight than question now is, who profits most by his silence and hence will have to pay? his price-at \$17,000. And he was cheap. it isn't Hampden I think I under stand the political situation pretty well Just now, when you're trying to scramble back into power and Jerry Brent has taken their convention out of the hands of your friends of the opposition for another bank in which you politicians have had your dirty fingers to fall, with another cashler putting a mussy little hole in his bend, would be most inopportune. Also, you've put up money to cover Hampden's shortage: I've never heard you accused of doing anything for anybody without return. And since you've put up a lot of money without security, it must be because silence just now is particularly valuable to you. Now do you get the point? Are you ready to pay?"

"Haven't I paid enough?" "Can you ever pay enough to balance what Warren Blake and John Dunmeade have paid?"

"What do you want then?"

"Well, you're trying to get back into power through the convention. The general impression is that you can't beat Sherrod. But I guess differently. You're not the kind of than to go back into the scramble unless the chances for a win are pretty good. Well-nom inate John Dunmende."

"The thing." exclaimed Murchell, and extreme irritation was speaking-"is

"You have thought of it as much as that, then? But why preposterous to nominate a fine, big, honest man? Measure him against Wash Jenkins or any one of your kind you choose; his character is something you haven't been able to go to the people with for many a year in this state. And his compation would pull the teeth of dangerous terry Brent!

said the senator virtuous "Power be taken lightly. Even if I could at which isn't probable, I certainis don't propose to make a joke or a fool of myself before the political public by helping a parrow, pig headed. unpractical comancer to a powerful of

" 'Unpractical' and romancer'-you need a new point of view, senator. John Dunmende is the most practical man I know because the sees true, sees evil as evil and good as good. If this state were to follow his ideal of simple. straightforward common sense honesty, political corruption would cease to exist, a vast amount of injustice would be corrected and popular

find another, excuse, Senator Murchell." "Well, then," said the senator grimly, "you may put it that I, a seeker after the valueless, don't propose to help a practical man who has rejected my honest offer of friendship and spent six years vilifying me before the

government justified. You'll have to

people of this state." public office. You grind everybody, saying good night." everything-life, death, tragedy, lovein the mills of your greedy ambition and you are willing to pay only the least penny you must. Blake the sui-

pawns in the game of Murchell thecan you give me the word?" "Your vivid imagination curbt to be

cide, Hampden the embezzier, Dun-

meade the lover, are but so many

qual to that." But the senator pegar to feel that he was pearing the poin

elling the people that another bank has been looted by the politicisus, an-

"I thought we'd come to that ensily frightened, Haig.

Hawkins, Delehanty"-

Haig seated himself on the table, the know who killed Cock Hobin" Haig But, by the Lord! I'm not afraid to fir first. And I think you believe that."

Murchell did not answer rising irritation. But be tisted tently because he did not know Hall who killed Warren Blake was the well enough to decide whether the lat-

"You think my motive is lacking per baps?" Haig inquired coolly. remember Wrenn-George Wpenn of in political banks and public treas- Clarion-or have there been sy many them? Let me tell you his story. a preacher - not a very strong man, but a fine, big, clean bengled fet low-something like John Dunspende who believed in his fellownen and loved them, the kind that would sit up all night with any poor, wiffering wretch or share his last dollar with those who needed it less than he did Everybody loved him. He married widow who had one son. Hd was good husband and a perfect ather to that hoy. I know, because I was the buy. They had a reform warelet it Clarion and sent Wrean to the legisla ture. That was the year you almost failed of re-election to the segute. cost you a million and a quarter win, you may remember. These was point where you needed just one vote. and your decoys got after Wrenn be had ever heard of, and they found too, comparatively. I think he must have been temporarily out of als mind for he didn't really care for money He went home a shame broken man, They couldn't prove it on Jim, but everybody knew he had taken mon They turned against him, his wife died broken hearted, and he had to leave Clarion. The money was such spent that kind never lasts. He went down fast and tinally, a drunken wretch, he brough his head I saw nin do just as Warren Blake dig it So so can cut still another notch in wour gur

eight on the list now ('reighton' "Quit that!" "Good fied." Haig jeered. I betleve



"Nominate John Dunmande,"

bas a conscience, after all! Can you sleep o' nights, Senator Murchell?" Murchell got slowly to his feet, in

"He wouldn't take it-at my bands." admitted a messenger, him who The arrogant babit of a lifetime had before had lured Murchell from his ceased to protest.

in psychology. I think be will in and whispered his message. Murche fact I know it, since I came here with shook his head. full power of attorney from him. With "Tell him," he said aloud, "if he men like Dunmeade the first compro- wants to see me be'll have to com mise is the crucial one. As to means, bere." "So that's why it's preposterous? you will find him more fractable, I Paine whispered a protest, That's the measure of your sort, is it? | fancy. My own opinion is he will be Fighting you, telling the truth about a more useful man for it. He won't "Jobs Heath will meet him here."
you, are what disqualify a man for be very happy at first, though. I'll be The messenger started, looked by

> then stopped, hesitating. He turned back. His insolent, overbearing manper fell from bim. "Senator," he said quiety, "I may have overdone it. Wrenn, Blake, all those fellows aren't worth a qualm.

Dunmeeta ....

mysterious retirement to place himse it has been said that the compalgo

> CHAPTER XX. The Big Life.

E day John Donneade stood before the people of his state a lonely figure, almost for gotten smid the tunualt of pers began darkly to blut that his car didacy might be more formidable than had been supposed. The exist ed that Jerry Brent be met with and neither Jenkins nor Sherrod was beat Jerry Brent. In short, if these loudly trumpeling that funmende's services to his party must be reward ed; the other half laboriously denying that service had been rendered and speeringly pointing to the late marles in Renton county as evidence

of his popular weakness No one suspected a prompter. people, so insistently told that they demanded the choice of the young reformer, began to believe it. A surprising number suddenly discovered that they "had always been for Donmende anyway;" they were exceedingly proud Gradual, but swift us the rising Chilook, it swept over the state, a flood enthusiasm fart of it was genaneath the callonsed crust, the moral singgishness that hated change, tay a germinating civic consciousness implanted by the very man who had beme a hero overnight. The politi

alike were profoundly atarmed. Two days before the convention th Hon, G. Washington Jenkins bowed

dans-all bot a few-were astounded

Supporters of Jenkins and Sherrod

"I yield," he said, "to a spontameous "Sentiment," declared emply, "has orystallized he man" He explained that this de slan had been reached by him in proaching convention with John Don

delegates began to gather at the cap against him he would be sen ital. In parlor A of the State hotel sat to serve forty-five years in prison and Murchell and in parior B of the Loch pay fines aggregating \$90,000. invar sat Sherrod, playing against each It is understood that Federal Judge other for rotes. Between them but Carpenter will deny admission to the fered the delegates and those who had trial to any persons except those delegates to sell, like bungry summer actually interested in the case. dies. But they found—the little fellows st least-no hones pot at Murchell's to prevent giving the trial undue pubend: no scandal must mar the nomina tion of Dunmeade the for the cap tains of tens and enptains of hundreds. that is another matter, into which we

In crowded streets and sweltering smoke clouded lobbles excitement ranhigh. The Dunmende rallying ground the only quiet spot in the capital con trasted significantly with the nervonatmosphere of the Shermed hendomer ters. Such contentment with the situa tion could not be feigned. It was in of court judgments upon Samuel

ered a formless one, unseen, unheard, and fining Mitchell and Morrison \$500 unfelt, as spirits always are, waiting each with no jail term. but for the crucial moment to swoop The chief justice of the down and decide the issue

beds or, more often, to woo tietupe months without option of fine.

over some table of chance, when the and Range case, his eyes a light so terrible; that even recking lobbies were depopulated and the headquarters of the generals were White heat consumes quickly. The deserted by all but their respective dumb passion soon burned itself out, staffs and the yawning reporters.

The rigid pose melted into one of There was a knock on Murchell's door and Greene, leader in Plumville treat on an errand, if not of mercy, a "Dunmeade? Ob. that's a problem least of salvation. Paine went to hi

"Tell blm," Murchell cut bim shor

The messenger started, looked bastily around at the others and grinned in He took a few steps toward the door, sickly fashion. But he departed immediately, leaving the men in the room to wonder what charm lay in the unfa miliar name of John Heath.

In less than five minutes, rumor or running the fact the botel was alive. Sherrod had asked for a conference with Murchell,

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European Powers.

Cost the Lives of So Many of His People Reached by the King After Council With All His Generals-Proposed Compensation.

King Nicholas of Montenegro decied after a council with his generals ! evacuate the fortress of Scutari in response to the demand, of the

When he took possession of Scutari April 23, after a six months' siege which cost the lives of thousands of Montenegrins and Turks, King Nico as declared that he would hold the city until the last drop of Montene grin blood had been spilled.

Crisis Was Brought About As the European powers had de cided previously that Scutari was to form part of the future autonomoustate of Albania, a crisis was brough feat and had experienced a timely about and the powers immediately conviction of sin Within a few days brought strong pressure to bear to force him and his troops to evacuate

Meanwhile Austria took energetic steps to enforce the powers' decision and concentrated large bodies of troops in Bosnia, Herzegovina and Daimatia. The powers in the interim established a blockade of the Mante-

Ruler Stood Firm Until Now. All these demonstrations, bewever, seemed not to affect the determination of the king. Some of the Montenegrin troops were withdrawn from Scutari in order, it was said, to re sist possible Austrian advance Then word came that Austria and

Italy had entered an agreement to Far down in their hearts, be solve the Albanian problem by a mill tary expedition and it was known that the Austrian army was preparing to Compensation for Nicholas. It was suggested during the negoti

ations that the king of Montenegro

would receive territorial compensa

tion in another direction if he would

give up Scutari and that his majest was preparing to accept this offer.

JACK JOHNSON ON TRIAL Puglist is Charged with Violation i the Mann Act.

At Chicago "Jack" Johnson, the negro pugilist, was placed on trial ple, and he added truthfully that he before Federal Judge Carrenter on against trafficking in women

be given the maximum penalty on the The day before the convention the eighty counts in the nine indictments

Lucile Cameron Johnson, the black fighter's latest white wife, was not in court, and it is said she will not appear unless she s called to testify.

THIRTY DAYS FOR GOMPERS

Court Hands Down Decision in Contempt Case of Labor Men. At Washington the

fectious; it spread out among the dele- Gompers, Frank Morrison and John gates who had pledged themselves to Mitchell, president, vice president and rote for Dunmende and untilitied the secretary, respectively, of the Amerfrautic efforts of Parrett enominatis lean Federation of Labor, were susmanaging Sherrod's campaignt to start tained by the court of appeals for the a stampede; it kept the neutrals waver | District of Columbia. The court revised the former sentences, giving And over the scene of conflict boy. Gompers thirty days' imprisonment

senting, held that the entire judge Came a full in the battle, an hour to- ment should be reversed. The lower ward morning, when the delegates had court gave Gompers one year, Mite were convicted of violating a court in junction in the noted Bucks Stov

MORRIS GOES TO LISBON

Chicago Man to Ba Named for Mil later to Portugal. Following are the latest developents in the Illinois patronage situa-

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