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HIS RISE TO POWER

Even while he spoke that step sounded in the outer office. And there was a knock. John opened the door to admit Murchell.

"Good afternoon," was the latter's unsmiling greeting. "What you want in my office?" Murchell accepted the invitation. There was a moment of uncertainty. Then Murchell reached for his hat. "You needn't go on my account," Murchell answered the more. "In fact, I'd like you to stay."

But the senator recognized an occasion for constraint. "I see," he said, glancing around. "You keep the old office just the same. I remember when your grandfather built it. He was a man who accomplished things."

"And I am not, is that your point?" "Have you the right to be bitter?" Murchell asked quietly. "When a man still young has in six years so impressed himself and his ideas on 7,000,000 people that they demand him for governor, and demand with an enthusiasm I have rarely seen?"

"Manufactured by you?" "Stimulated," Murchell corrected briefly and continued. "And through him are beginning to realize, even vaguely, their political responsibility. He has something to his credit, I think a good many men who think well of themselves reach old age without accomplishing so much. There are two ways of serving a reform. One is as the preacher, the dreamer. He is useful because he points out the way we shall go. The other is as the constructive leader, the man who takes the forces he finds ready to hand and uses their power to change conditions as the people are prepared for change."

"You," he turned to John, "have got to decide now which you will be. You are going to hold a great office. Public office—I think you've found this out already—isn't as simple as it seems to those who haven't held it. The man who would fill it with unflinching wisdom and justice, with exact honesty—and still be useful—must be as stern and unyielding as the forces of nature, and as strong."

"And I am not that?" But the bitterness was lacking now. "No man is," Murchell said gently. "I've got you the nomination through methods you won't consider clean. I've made promises you won't like, but that you must keep, or we'll both be destroyed politically."

Without excusing or concealing a single maneuver he narrated the story of the campaign and the convention. The shuffling of feet in the outer room gave John the excuse to leave. He was heard dismissing the visitor. But many minutes flew by, before he returned.

It was little enough time for what he had to decide. A marvel had been wrought. To Murchell had been given a new purpose. But Murchell, the workman, could never change; he was too old. His lack of respect for the people and popular impulse, the habit of judging means by the end, fixed through a lifetime, would persist. And he was the stronger man, his the greater genius. The instinct for mastery must be served. Who joined him did so as a follower, to be dominated by the leader's ideal and philosophy.

"If only I could answer him!" John cried within himself. But his experience, silencing inspiration, had not taught him that answer. There was but one way for him to decide. The trap of circumstance, sprung by his own weakness, held him fast. Having accepted advancement at the hands of that which he believed to be wrong, he might no longer openly fight against it. As an enemy to the machine, whose beneficiary he had become, he would be discredited, unconvincing. His only hope for usefulness lay in the proffered alliance, in Murchell's new purpose.

For a little Halg sat in the unvoiced silence of embarrassment. Then he said abruptly: "Senator Murchell, I'd like to spoilize if you will let me."

"For telling the truth? It isn't necessary."

"No, for believing my impertinent, theatrical intervention responsible for your action."

"You don't believe that now?" "I do not. And"—Halg hesitated in the masculine awkwardness before sentiment—"And I know Dunmeade can trust your offer."

Soon John returned. He held out his hand to William Murchell. "I haven't the right to refuse." "He was no longer a voice. He had passed from the wilderness to the haunts of men, where action, not preachments—achievements, not prophecies—are the currency of life. Was he weak, the theory of life and

growth he accepted wrong? To this day John Dunmeade often asks the question. Sometimes he doubts. But then, looking back over what has been done and foreseeing a fuller triumph, he puts away the question. For the compact, that day struck, held. Under Murchell's tutelage he learned to compromise, to substitute craft and intrigue for the honorable, open methods he loved. But he has never lost sight of his purpose and, though there have been halts and detours and even retreats, the general direction has been forward. When his time came William Murchell died, not greatly honored by a cynical world that looked for no good thing from Nazareth, but content in the belief that the forces by him set in motion would in the end undo his evil. As for Dunmeade, he is still a compromiser, but still fighting, as able lieutenant in a new movement whose end is not yet. He is glad to believe that upon his foundation other men

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shall be able to build with clean hands. "Once I wanted you—now I need you. I have just been asking, have I gone down hill? I do not know. But if I have, I need you who can understand."

Then she knew for a certainty that the doubt was gone forever. With love's keen perception she saw that already from him had gone a little of that fine beauty and courage of manhood which had been before her during the years of separation, but which the dreamer must lose to become a "practical man." But her love rose stronger when the need of it was greatest. In quick desire to shield his loss from him she stretched forth her hands to meet his.

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GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, ENG.—The bankruptcy court appointed a receiver to take charge of the affairs of F. Pethick Lawrence, who is the most prominent male advocate of woman suffrage in England and who is very wealthy. The appointment of the receiver follows the action taken on April 29, when at the instance of the public prosecutor Mr. Lawrence was served with a bankruptcy notice as the result of his nonpayment of \$4,500, the costs of his trial which arose from the suffragette window smashing raid in March last year. An execution levied on Mr. Lawrence's country house some time ago realized \$1,500 and the proceedings which ended in the appointment of the receiver had to do with the recovery of the balance.

WASHINGTON—James B. Reynolds, the secretary of the Republican national committee, arrived in town to prepare for the meeting of the executive committee Saturday. At that time the political situation, especially with reference to the congressional campaign, will be canvassed carefully. The Republican congressional committee, it is announced, will be organized early next month and it is expected that the two committees will work in harmony. One of the first men whom Mr. Reynolds met was "Tom" Pence, in charge of the Democratic national organization headquarters. The two are old friends, although political opponents.

WASHINGTON—Almost daily it is becoming more apparent that the Democrats are going to have a tight squeeze in carrying the present tariff program through the senate. The claims which the leaders had been making of Republican support in opposition to public hearings was not in evidence for the Democratic opposition to Chairman Simmons' plan for referring the bill without instructions for public hearings was so great that the Democrat feared a test of strength and put an end to a long colloquy by moving an executive session.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—Bearing the olive branch, but at the same time declaring the people of Japan are much put over the anti-Japanese sentiment of the Pacific coast, that they will insist upon receiving what they believe to be a fair deal four distinguished Japanese arrived. The party includes S. Ebara, member of the senate; A. Hattori, leader of the Nationalist party; Dr. K. Iwaka, president of the Japanese Presbyterian college of Tokio, and K. Yamamoto, secretary of the Tokio Y. M. C. A.

CHICAGO—"Shoot to kill them." This was the order Judge William Pennington Cooper gave to deputy sheriffs assigned to his court in case such an emergency arises again as had to be faced Tuesday, when Harry Evans and Peter Jensen attempted to fight their way to liberty with knives after they had been sentenced to the penitentiary for highway robbery, stabbing a detective and a deputy sheriff.

VIENNA — Essad Pasha, who commanded the Turks at Scutari throughout the siege has been murdered at Tirana, according to reports which have reached the Albanians at Trieste, says a dispatch to the Reichspost from that city. Tirana is where Essad Pasha marched with many thousands of Turkish troops after the evacuation of Scutari and formed a provisional Albanian government.

CINCINNATI, O.—The delegates to the thirty-eighth international convention of the Y. M. C. A. of North America, which opened in this city, arrived in great numbers and one of the largest meetings of the association is assured. Active work of organizing the convention was started by various committees at Music hall, where the delegates were registered and given their credentials.

WASHINGTON—While House Leader Underwood of the house was acknowledging that the sugar and wool producing industries of the country might not be able to survive under the competitive conditions imposed by the new tariff program, President Wilson was serving notice that he was not looking for or accepting any compromises on these important features of the tariff bill.

LONDON, ENGLAND.—The London trades council, representing 50,000 metropolitan trade unionists, has adopted a resolution protesting against the appointment of Walter H. Page as United States ambassador to the court of St. James on the ground of representations made by the Allied Trades Council of New York that Mr. Page is an opponent of organized labor.

SACRAMENTO, CAL.—Governor Johnson signed the anti-alien land bill, against which Japan protests and which the California legislature passed by an overwhelming majority over the remonstrances of President Wilson and Secretary Bryan. The act will go into effect sixty days from date, or on Aug. 17.

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He Saw Not the Hills, Only Her.

her his through weakness and strength, in victory and defeat. Spoken, they looked away quickly; on the face of each had been written what the other most desired to see.

She waited for him to speak, but the tongue that had held thousands silent under its spell stubbornly refused to be eloquent at this supreme moment.

"I saw Crusader," he said laudely, "and I came up."

"Obviously!" She laughed nervously. "I came up here because it is the highest point in the country; but of course, you know that, and you can see so far. It gives one a faint idea of the immensity of things and of one's own insignificance. It is very good for the soul, I assure you. I needed it, feeling so important because I had been working!"

"Working?" "Does the notion seem so absurd?" She tossed her head girlishly. "I think it fine. I didn't know time could pass so quickly and happily. Only my task was very simple and unimportant. I fear, helping father straighten out some of his papers. This morning, you know, he turned the bank over to the new cashier, and tomorrow he becomes manager of the coal company. Our affairs are all settled. The ridge house is sold and next week we move into the old one. We are to live here always. It seems like coming home."

"See?" she went on breathlessly, as though to hold back the flood of words that she knew was gathering on his lips. She held up a hand, two pink fingertips of which were sadly ink stained. "My badge of honor! It isn't very tidy, is it? But then I had to hurry into my riding things. We workers haven't time to make elaborate toilets—you aren't listening?"

"Katherine?" "And she who, unasked, had twice fared to avow her love now trembled violently before that of which she was not afraid. While she was looking at the hills before her came she had been doubting—a last faint doubt raised by words of his own. But his coming had banished that. She held her eyes bravely to his.

"That Sunday I said you couldn't love a man who had been weak, even for your sake. It isn't true, is it?" His voice was hoarse with anxiety.

"Are you sure you want me in spite?" "In spite of everything, I want you above all things else."

"Ah! so. It can't—mustn't—be that. You are not your own. And I can be content with much less than first place."

He would have taken her in his arms, but she held him off, even while quivering with the longing to be caught, as once before, he had held her, in a rough, close embrace.

"Are you sure I'd not be a drag, a continual reminder of something you'd rather forget? And that I could help

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COOK ASKS INVESTIGATION
Men Who Claim to Have Discovered
Pole Appeals to Wilson.
Charging officials with a "propaganda of character assassination" and ridiculing the National Geographical society, Dr. Frederick A. Cook has written President Wilson, asking that a commission of polar explorers be appointed to investigate his claim and that of Admiral Peary to the discovery of the North Pole.
"The future of my children demands an exposition of the unfair methods of the armchair geographers in Washington," says Dr. Cook in a letter dated at Chicago. "However, I do not ask the administration to defend me or my posterity, but I do ask that the men who draw a salary from the national treasury be made answerable for a propaganda of character assassination."