



SYNOPSIS.

At the beginning of great automobile races the mechanic for the Mercury...

CHAPTER III.

The Finish, and After. Morning arched its golden hours across the still speeding cars...

The Mercury car had registered ninety miles more than the Duplex...

At half-past one, all the cars were sent to their camps while an hour was spent in having the track hurriedly mended...

When at half-past two the racers were recalled to start anew, Stanton sharply scrutinized his mechanic...

"In going to keep this car until the end of the race, he announced, not unkindly...

The scarlet of resentment flushed through Floyd's grime-streaked pallor.

"You won't have to tie me," he promised, white teeth catching his lip.

Stanton actually laughed, bending to his levers.

"I didn't mean to tie you to keep you from running away, but to keep you from fainting and falling out," he explained.

The car bounded forward. The track had been filled in with wet mud from the infield...

At sunset, when the Mercury made a trip into camp for supplies, neither of its men left their seats.

"Nothing," the driver briefly answered, perhaps, he has been working. As you were saying—"

But the glimpsed picture stayed with Stanton; the fatigued young face against his arm, the drowsy, heavy-lidded eyes flashing keenly awake...

"Ready," in some called; the workmen scattered in every direction, and the Mercury was off once more.

"Car comin'," warned the mechanic, as they shot from the paddock entrance on to the track.

Floyd was himself again, watchfully businesslike, nonchalantly fearless.

Color and glow faded from the sky; once more the search-lights flared out around the track and transformed it to a silver ribbon...

Later, when the triumphant tumult in the Mercury camp had somewhat subsided, Stanton walked over to where Floyd was leaning against a column of unused tires.

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"If you want me to tell you—" he began. "I have asked you."

"I struck me rather hard. But— I'd like you to like me as well as I do you."

"I need a mechanic to race with me for the rest of the season," Stanton gave brief information.

"You know—oh, I can tune up a motor, I understand my work, but for road racing—you know I can't crank your car or change a tire without help."

"I'll chance that," answered Floyd, drawing a quick breath, and held out his slender hand.

"Yes, sir." Mr. Green agitated his foreboding head.

"You won't get along with him," he asserted darkly. "No one does. He is—is—you'll see. But you won't leave us on the edge of a race, will you? We are entered at Massachusetts, for week after next; you'll turn up on time, no matter what he does in between?"

"Surely, sir. I would not leave any one without notice, of course."

"Plenty of notice, Floyd. For you can't stand Stanton."

Stanton at that moment was in his tent, contemplating with cynical speculation a florist's box of fragrant green leaves lying on a chair.

Last summer they were entertaining, among others, J. D. Taylor, a farmer of near Manola, about 95 miles northwest of Alberta, Canada.

It is well known, says Knowledge, that the blow-fly (Calliphora vomitoria) has an extraordinarily keen sensitivity to the odor of flesh...

Tantalum Pens. Pens for writing purposes are being manufactured today in Germany by a process which is exciting some curiosity.

Mount Katmai Is Smoking. Seward, Alaska.—Passengers on the mail steamship Dora, which arrived on her monthly trip from the westward...

Indian Lands to Be Sold. Washington, D. C.—About 1500 acres of Indian lands in former Shoshone, Uintah and Crow reservations in Utah, Wyoming and Montana, are to be sold at public auction...

She Knew. The city girl, on her first vacation in the country, was sitting at the side of the first beau she had ever had, looking at the first full moon she had ever seen in a perfectly clear sky.

Up-to-Date Mummies. Occasionally one meets a man who reminds him that not all the mummies came from Egypt.

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The details of the earthquake, which are coming in slowly, owing to the interruption of the wires, indicates that the seismic disturbances was widespread.

The entire district between Constantinople and Adrianople felt the shock severely. Fugitives from Myrliophito report 300 killed and 600 injured.

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WORKS ON CANAL BILL.

Senate Puts In Day Arranging Rates of Toll. Washington, D. C.—Agreement was reached by the senate late Friday to take a final vote on the Panama canal administration bill and all amendments to it.

Further important concessions to American shipping were made by the senate through amendments to the canal bill.

The senate worked for some time on the railroad control feature of the bill. Senator Bristow opposed the plan for governing railroad controlled vessels suggested by the senate and urged the adoption of the plan passed by the house.

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SECOND WOOL BILL IS VETOED

Rates on Rew Wool and Clothing Held Insufficient. Washington, D. C.—Holding that its low rates would bring disaster to home industry, President Taft returned to congress with his veto to a bill to revise the wool tariff—schedule "K" of the Payne-Aldrich law.

With the return of the bill, President Taft sent an appeal to congress not to adjourn until a measure had been enacted substantially reducing unnecessary protection for the wool industry of the country.

The president will follow his veto of the wool bill with a similar action on the steel and cotton bills, and it also is expected that he will veto the excise tax measure on grounds of believing it unconstitutional.

"I stand by my pledges to maintain a degree of protection to offset the difference in cost of production here and abroad, and will heartily approve any bill reducing duties to this level," wrote Mr. Taft.

While the present bill and the one disapproved last year were identical in terms, the president's reason differed. He vetoed the former because it had been framed before the tariff board's report—the latter because he said it had been framed with disregard for the board's findings.

"Most of the rates in the submitted bill," wrote the president, "are so low in themselves that if enacted into law the inevitable result would be irretrievable injury to wool-growing industry—the enforced idleness of much of our wool-combing and spinning machinery and of thousands of looms and the consequent throwing out of employment of thousands of workmen."

The bill sent to the White house imposed an ad valorem duty of 28 per cent on raw wool, and on clothes of 49 per cent. Both rates, Mr. Taft held, were insufficient to protect the wool-grower and the manufacturer.

AMERICANS HUNT RAIDERS. Force to Try to Trap Mexicans Who Looted Ranch. Sierra Blanca, Tex.—Forty Americans, mounted on fast horses and fully armed, departed from this town at dusk Saturday. They went in pursuit of 200 Mexican rebels, some of whom crossed the international line south of here and raided the Otto Smith ranch on the American side, stealing several horses.

A special train brought Sheriff Edwards and 25 deputies and Texas rangers from El Paso, and this posse was increased by cowboys from surrounding ranches. Departing shortly after the sheriff's train was another train bearing a company of the Twenty-second Infantry from Fort Bliss. The United States soldiers disembarked at Fort Hancock, 40 miles east of here and camped near the border.

The sheriff's posse will move along the border to the west. An attempt will be made to catch the rebels, who are reported to have moved west along the border. A troop of the Third Cavalry from Fort Bliss is marching along the border perfecting the trap, if the rebels again enter Texas.

Fine Gun Ready for Roosevelt. Auburn, N. Y.—Theodore Roosevelt will temporarily cease from his political campaign within a few days at Oyster Bay to greet Fred Adolph, an expert gunsmith, who in his little shop in Genoa completed one of the most beautiful weapons ever constructed.

It has been made on the order of Colonel Roosevelt and will cost him \$750. It is a combination 25-caliber rifle and 20-gauge single-barrel shot gun. The metal work is the best Krupp steel and the butt is of Grecian walnut, with beautiful carving and gold and silver inlay.

Woman's Flight Is Fast. Salisbury, England.—The military aeroplane competitions at Salisbury Plain again were interfered with by gusty winds. Marie Provost, however, completed the speed test on a French Deperdussin monoplane with a maximum of 60 miles an hour, while Marcel Harrot and Louise Bleriot, in their monoplane, finished the gliding test, in which the machines, each carrying a full load of nearly 800 pounds, are required to descend a gradient of one in six with their motors stopped.

Canal Vessels Ordered. New York.—In placing contracts with the William Cramp & Sons' Ship & Engine Building company, of Philadelphia, for four steamers, W. R. Grace & Co., has made extensive plans for the development of coast-to-coast trade upon the opening of the Panama canal.

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