CHECKING A RUN.

... By TAYLOR WHITE ...

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£0,000,000,000,000,000,000 Ware. Eunice Whitehead nodded.

"Dad says that he cannot meet the run before the current funds will become exhausted," she said. "That means that the bank will have to be are paying now."

"The run is only on the savings department," said Sydney. "That should not bother him much."

"It will break his heart," she returned, "If the bank has to close down daughter, not the child of a bank even for a couple of days. Dr. Dunn- wrecker." ham says that he is afraid it will give father a shock which will leave its permanent imprint on him."

"He can make his home with us if the bank fails," said Ware. "It may be for the best, so far as we are concerned.'

"That's what I came to talk to you bank fails, Syd, I shall have to give you!" you up, dear. Father would never consent to share a home with a Ware, and I could not leave him."

You were willing enough to leave him last week," suggested Sydney. "That was before the trouble came,

the reminded. "Then he had his bank and his friends. If he loses one, he will probably lose most of the others, and my place is with him."

Sydney nodded gloomily. Thirty years before Joshua Whitehead and Cyrus Ware had been rival suitors for the hand of pretty Nellie Morton. Whitehead had won, and Ware had never forgiven him his victory. Whitehead had then just founded the First National bank of Carrsville, and Ware had drawn his funds from the bank



APPEARS THAT YOU ARE GOING AWAY," SAID CYRUS.

and had vowed that he would never patronize the institution. Such banking as he had done was transacted through an institution in the next trust for all banks, and most of the large fortune which he had accumulated was stored in gold and bills and bonds in the huge vault in the knitting mills, a vault as large and as safe as that in the bank.

fend was not carried on. Eunice White- words. Their hands met in a clasp head and Sydney Ware had fallen in that wiped away the memory of bitter love with each other and, realizing the years, and together they went out of uselessness of asking parental sane- the office to where a guard of men tion, had agreed to clope and seek for stood over the boxes. Already the

To Eunice it seemed almost a punishment for her contemplated sin that crowd had materially lessened. the run on the bank should have comtheir marriage. Instead of meeting rency. Cyrus passed Whitehead a ci-

Mrs. Whitehead had died shortly aft- are planning to get married." er her little daughter was born, and Eunice had bravely striven to take the place of her gentle mother in her father's house. She could not leave him in his extremity even for the man she

loved. Eunice had just risen to go when there

Ware came into view. His eyes flashed as he caught sight of the suit case that Sydney had

some one to support her now that her back to the legal-fare habit. father has wrecked his bank."

"He has not wrecked his bank, and I am not going away with Sydney," Bachelors who are loc cried Eunice, with snirit. "Dad is ble should get married.

Wraid that he cannot meet this run and will have to shut the doors, but he did not wreck the bank. He will be able to pay dollar for dollar. I was going to elope with Sydney, but now my place is by my father's side, and I came to tell Syd that I could not go."

"But you were willing to sneak away like a couple of thieves and be married secretly," taunted Cyrus. "I suppose that the plan was yours and you entangled this boy."

"That is not so," said Sydney hotly. "Is it true that your father's bank |"It has taken me a year and more to cannot stand the run?" asked Sydney persuade Eunice to clope. We knew that there was no use asking either her father or mine, and we did not see why your absurd stubbornness should spoil our happiness."

Cyrus stared at his son. Like most men of dominant personality, he secretclosed down. He is solvent, but he ly admired spirit in others. It was the sent too much of the currency to town first time that Sydney had ever taken to be put out at the high interest they so bold a stand against a parental edict, and he felt a thrill of satisfaction even while he spoke.

> "I guess you'll find happiness without having to go to Josh Whitehead's daughter for it," he said harshly. "I want a girl I can recognize as my

Eunice sprang forward at the taunt. "You are a nasty, wicked old man!" she cried. "You know that you are saying what is not true. I believe that you started this run because you knew that most of the country banks had sent their surplus to the city to take advantage of the money market. It is about," said Eunice gravely. "If the you who are a bank wrecker. I hate

> She stamped her foot to emphasize her words, and something in the gesture brought back to Cyrus' memory a far earlier day when these same words were spoken. He and Josh and Nellie had been out nutting-three children with no thought of marriage.

He had killed a bird with a stone and had brought it to Nellie, proud of his prowess. Instead of the praise he had expected, she turned on him and scolded him for his wanton act. Eunice in her anger was very like her mother, and the whole scene came back to him as vividly as though it had been an occurrence of the very day instead of a reminiscence of forty years and

He looked into the eyes that were so like those he had loved in the long ago and partly turned away. For the first time he realized why Whitehead had won. Nellie had admired his gentleness even while she feared Cyrus' roughness. Perhaps, after all, he, Cyrus, had been more to blame for his loss than had his old playfellow.

"You two go on with your spooning." he said gruffly, and they could not see that the shrewd gray eyes were filled

Cyrus stumbled blindly along the half defined path that led to the road. He was living over again his boyhood days, and he found therein much to re-

There was a howling mob about the bank. The employees of half a dozen big mills had taken the day off to rescue their money from the fancied danger, and they clamored about the doors. As fast as those in the bank obtained their money they were let out and others were admitted. The tellers were paying out as slowly as possible in the hope of being able to tide over the day. On the morrow they might expect help the city

Cyrus Ware stamped his way up the steps, the crowd giving way before him. The watchman at the door let him in at once, and, without explanation, Ware pushed his way into the president's office, where Whitehead puzzled over long columns of figures. He did not hear Ware's entrance, and

not until Cyrus' hand fell upon his shoulder did he look up. "Josh," he said thickly, "I've been blamed fool for more years than I care town, but Ware had conceived a disto remember, but that's no sign I've got to keep on to the end of my days. I've got about \$109,000 out there in my wagon. I want to open an account."

For a moment Whitehead glanced into the other man's face and saw in his eyes the mute appeal for reconcili-But in the second generation the ation which Cyrus could not frame in news that Cyrus Ware was going to deposit had broken the rush, and the

The two men stood on the step sumenced the very day they had set for perintcading the removal of the cur-Sydney with her suit case in hand she gar. 'I'm glad I've squared up old had come to tell him that her place accounts in opening a new one," he was by her father in his hour of trou- said, with a ponderous effort at carelessness. "You see, our young people

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brought with him, and he turned to the taxi-cab. No wonder. People "So it appears that you are going who can afford to ride in cabs are away," said Cyrus. "I suppose that tired of buying so many yards of this young woman is to be your com- street at custom rates. Then, again panion in your travels. She will need the visitors may drive the Jehus

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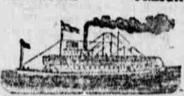
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