

Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.

Chapter I-At the suburban home of Charles Wainwright, "high finaneier", he and his broker, Scott Gibbs, hatch up a scheme to corner Borough Street railway stock. They rely upon had not even noted Phelan's appearthe support of Dick Horrigan, boss ance in the corridor as he passed into of the neighboring city, whois coming | Horrigan's private room. to discuss maters. Alderman Phehan, the thorn in Horrigan's side, rigan civilly. whom Wainwright is anxious to conciliate, is also coming. Among the erts palpably ill at ease. members of Wainwright's household are his niece and nephew, Dallas and Perry Wainwright, and his secretary, man missing." Thompson, a secretive young man in whom the financier has implicit confidence. Judge Newman, a neighbor of needn't wait. Roberts and I want a Wainwright, whose continuance in little talk before he goes in. Now, office depends upon Horrigan's favor, then," went on the boss, with a comrequests Wainwright's intervention with the boss. Another visitor to the you?" Winwrights' is Alwyn Bennett, in loe with Dallas, who is calling to ask her about her rumored engagement to Don't stand there and mumble at me!" Gibbs. Perry is in love with Synthia Garrison, also a neighbor. II-Cynthia is the daughter of a bank president who nine years before the opening of the story was ruined by the dealings of an unnamed dishonest emotion that blotted out his fear, he financier and shot himself. His son cried: thereupon disappeared. Mrs. Bennett congratulates herself upon the imma- nett has done? He organized a voters' culate record of her son's defeased committee in my ward and sent them father. Dallas refuses to marry to ask me at my own house what I was Alwyn unless he does something worthy of his family and education. looked on me as a crook and on the bill is up." Phelan and Horrigan face each other. as a personal robbery. They told me III .- Phelan defies Horrigan. Judge if I voted for it they'd know I was a Newman is turned down by the boss, dirty thief and grafter and that they'd effort through his red mist of rage. but at Wainwright's request Horri- klek me out of the ward." gan becomes suspicious of Thompson, but Wainwright scoffs at the idea. Horrigan and Wainwright makes a care? When they've forgotten all corrupt deal whereby the former, for about the bill you'll still have the back there tomorrow-after I've had a big consideation, is to procure from dough, won't you? Folks won't ask them photographed." the board of aldermen a perpetual 'How'd he get it?' All they'll care to franchise for the Borough street know is 'Has he got it?' " railway. The boss is worried by the reform movement threatening his on scarcely heeding the interruption. room alive!" power at the coming election and is a committee of voters' wives, and they casting about for a candidate for came to see my wife this morning show the right mayor with a clean record. He hits when I was out and told her they'd upon Bennett, who has had some heard I was going to sell myself and slight political experience. The lat vote for a dishonest bill. My wifeter accepts, but warns Horigan that, my wife thinks I'm the squarest, if elected, he will be absolutely honest noblest man on earth. Oh, you needn't and independent.

IV .- Bennett is elected and appoints Cynthia his private secretary. and they answered: 'Our husbands be-Phelan tells him that the financier lieve Mr. Roberts is a crook. If he is who caused the ruin of the Garrisons really honest he'll vote against that was Wainwright, who is also the pow- bill, as he did before.' Then on my er behind the crooked Borough franchise bills, with Horrigan and Gibbs. Dallas and Mrs Bennett visit the city hall.

sign the bill. The mayor's talk with a hell. I'm no crook. I'm honest Dallas is interrupted by Horrigan.

VI-Bennett retuses to be bulldozed by Horrigan into signing the bill. The boss lacks one vote in the board of aldermen of the fourteen needed to crooked clauses have been cut out of pass the bill without the mayor's assent. Despite the fact that defeating the bill means impoverishing Dallas and Perry, whose fortune Wainwright has invested in Borough stock, Bennett vetoes the measure. VII-Bennett's plan to save Dallas and Perry is to have Perry sell Borough stock short. The mayor's opposition causes Horrigan and Wainwright to amend the bill, retaining however, stage of the game. Those Sturtevant room Gibbs strolled in. some of the most objectionable fea- Trust company notes of yours were tures. VIII-Alwyn's lovemaking to Dallas at the Mayor's ball is interrupted by Harrigan. IX-Gibbs secretly plays false to Wainwright and Horrigan by buying Borough stock on his own account. Horrigan "fixes" Alderman Roberts, a wavering member of his "solid thirteen." X -Bennett warns Roberts against voting for the bill. In the presence of Cynthia, who is engaged to Perry, Phelan exposes Thompson as her brother, the long missing Harry Garrison, whereupon sister and brother embrace. Perry entering suddenly, is astonished at the sight. XI-Cynthia explains to Perry. Dallas is convinced by Wainwright that Bennett by vetoing the bill is trying to wreck her fortune. Thereupon Dallas prom ises to marry Gibbs. XII-Horrigan declares that if Bennett persists in his opposition to the bill he will publish indisputable proofs of granting by the mayor's father. Bennett's mother advises him to face the threatened disgrace and stick to his course. XIII-at the hearing on the bill Horrigan packs the aldermanic galleries with police to overawe the public. He bulldozes Roberts into the documents which Alwyn was pickconsenting to vote for the measure, lug up. "Drop them! Drop them. I taking advantage of the alderman's financial necessities.

CHAPTER XV. TILLIAMS entered with Roberts in tow. The latter wore a haggard, troubled look, and his natural nervousness had

visibly deepened, so much so that he "Good evening, alderman," said Hor-

"Good evening, sir," answered Rob-

"I understand there's a full meeting today. Even Ellis came back from the south to be here. You're the only

"I couldn't get here sooner. I"-"I see. That's all, Williams. You plete change of manner as Williams left the room, "what's the matter with

"I-I can't"-"Can't what? Speak out, man! bill. But I'm square and"-"I can't vote for the Borough franchise bill."

"Can't, hey?" roared Horrigan. "Why not?"

"Because-because"- faltered Roberts; then, with a rush of hysterical

"Have you heard what that man Bengoing to do about that bill. They had been stirred up by Bennett till they

fractious drunkard. "What do you are the property of the Sturtevant

"Bennett's next step was to organize speer! Her trust mean me. She told the women I wouldn't stoop to any deed that wasn't honest, way home this noon I met my little boy. He was crying. I asked him what the matter was. He said that some boys had told him I was a grafter. I tell you," his voice rising almost V-Gibbs tries to induce Bennett to to a scream, "Bennett's made my life and"-

> "Sure you're honest!" Horrigan exclaimed, as though to a cross child. "Honest as the day! That's why you're voting for our bill. Because the It, and in its present form it's a benefit to the city."

> "That isn't why I promised to vote for it," contradicted Boberts, with a despniring dash of courage. "It was because I-because"-

"Never mind why, then, but just go thead and do it."

"I won't! I dare not"-"You'll do it, I say!" stormed Horrigan. "You can't welch on me at this sent to you and"-

"And I won't take them!" declared Roberts, slamming two slips of paper down upon the table. "There! Take them back!"

"What do I want of them?" argued Horrigan craftily. "They belong to

"They don't. I won't keep them." "You'll have to. ! keep you to your

promise."

"What promise?" asked a voice behind them. Bennett, hastily summoned by Phe-

ian, had entered the room unobserved by either of the excited men. "What promise?" he asked again. "A

promise to"-"What are you doing here?" hellowed Horrigan in fury. "You called me

down once for coming into your private office without knocking. What d'you mean by coming into mine?" "Yours?" queried Alwyn. "I had an Idea it was the city's. The time is

past when the words 'Horrigan' and city' meant the same thing. Well, Roberts, how are you going to vote? I want to believe you honest, and-Why, what's all this?" his eyes falling on the forgotten notes on the table.

"Nothing of yours!" shouted Horrigan, making a futile, furious grab for | bled the crushed Gibbs. "It couldn't

ty, mis quick eye taking in the nature of the silps of paper even as his alert brain grasped in full the meaning of the transaction in which they figured. Do they belong to you?"

"They don't belong to you anyway," retorted Horrigan, "and if you dare read them"

"I've already read them. Roberts," he added in a kinder voice, turning to the shaking alderman, "these were to have been your bribe, weren't they, for voting for the Borough bill?"

His quietly compelling tone and glance forced from Roberts a frightened "Yes" before Horrigan could interfere.

"I thought so. Be quiet, Horrigan," he commanded as the infurlated boss sought to speak through his choking wrath. "This is between Roberts and me. Now, then"-

"I returned the notes to him!" pleaded Roberts in panic. "Honestly, I did! Just before you came in. I could have kept them, and he couldn't have prevented me even if I voted against the

"You are square!" affirmed Bennett. gripping the alderman's cold, moist hand in friendly reassurance. "I knew all along you were honest at heart. Horrigan wanted to bribe you, and you wouldn't be bribed. Now, I want you to go into the council room and vote as your manhood tells you to."

Roberts, comforted, yet still trembling, obeyed, not venturing a second look at Horrigan.

"Now, my friend," said Bennett pleasantly when he and the boss were alone together, "what are you going to do about it? It seems to me your game

"I want those notes!" panted Horrigan, finding coherent speech with an

"Why? They're not yours. They "Well, well!" rumbled Horrigan aren't made over to you, and there is soothingly, as though trying to calm a no cancellation stamp on them. They Trust company, and I'll send them

"You'll give them to me," shouted Horrigan, his mighty body vibrating "That isn't all!" Roberts blundered with fury, "or you'll never leave this

"You're a fool, Horrigan," remarked



know the right man to bully!" He gazed unflinchingly into the maddened little eyes of the boss, and so

for a moment they stood-patrician and proletariat-in the world old struggle of the two for supremacy Horrigan's face was scar-

let, distorted. m urderous; Bennett's pale, cold, deadly in Then waged the battle its repose. And then

of wills, both men standing motionless. waged the battle of wills, both men standing motionless, tense, vibrant with dynamic force.

Slowly, little by little, Horrigan's eyes dropped. He moved awkwardly to one side from his position in front of the door and Bennett without so much as a backward look, passed out.

The boss, like a man in a daze, sank heavily into a chair and gazed straight ahead of him, his usually red face gray and pasty.

But he was not to enjoy even the scant boon of solitude. From the ante-

"They're going over some unimportant preliminary business," remarked the broker, "so I came out for a breath of fresh air. How are things going?" "We're beat," grunted Horrigan, not looking up.

"Beat?" screamed Gibbs, ashen and inert at the news. "You don't mean It! You can't mean it! Great heaven!" The sight of the other's cownrdly emotion seemed to rouse Horrigan

from his apathy. "If I can stand it, you can!" he snarl-"You only lose your percentage on the deal, while I"-

"A percentage?" echoed Glbbs, too panic stricken to heed his own indiscretion. "Every cent I had in the world! I"-

He checked himself an instant too

"So?" drawled Horrigan, his keen little eyes searing the other with boundless contempt. "So it was you who were secretly buying up the stock and tailing in on to our game, hey?" "I'm ruined! Broke! And"-

"And you've got it coming to you, you whining traitor! The man who goes back on his partners deserves all

the kicking he gets." "I-I didn't mean any barm!" mam hurt you people to have me buy Borough stock for myself, and I'd have cleared up a million and more. Oh, "Why should I?" asked Bennett colm. | don't glower like that, Horrigan, but

try to think out some way of"-"Of what, you cur?"

"Isn't there any way even now to make Bennett let up on his fight?" "If there was you couldn't be of use to us, so why should I talk about it

to you? "But I'd do anything in the world-

anything"-"You would?" cut in Horrigan sharply.

"Yes, yes! Only give me a chance ra"-

Horrigan considered, then said reflectively:

"No chance is too slight to take at a time like this, and nobody's too rotten to be of use. I've found there are three things, one of which will always buy any man-a woman, ambition or cash. We've tried Bennett on ambition; he doesn't need money, so only the first of the three remains."

"A woman? I don't understand." "Miss Wainwright."

"Listen here. Bennett's in love with Wainwright's niece. You've cut him out. Go and tell him if he'll let our bill alone you'll smash the engagement and leave her free to marry him.

"I can't! 1-hold on, though! Afterward I could deny the whole thing. couldn't 1? It'd be his word against mine, and she'd never believe I could do such a thing. I-I might try."

"Yes," growled Horrigan, "you might. A cur that's lost all his nerve can try things that even an ordinary crook would balk at."

But Gibbs did not hear. He had returned to the corridor in search of Bennett. The man scarcely deserved the opprobrium heaped on him by Horrigan. A brilliant, daring operator, he was, unknown to himself, a rank cow ard at heart. For the first time in his life the cowardice had cropped out, and, to do Gibbs justice, it had driven him temporarily insane. In his normal senses he would never have stoop ed to the plan he was now so eager to carry out. It was a putrid bit of jetsam at which a financially drowning man did not scruple to clutch.

Horrigan followed him from the room, his own splendld nerve quite re covered from the crushing blow his hopes had received. He had staked heavily on the deal. Moreover, its failure, as he knew, meant the wreck of that mighty political prestige he had so long and wearlsomely built up. It might even, if Alwyn fulfilled his threat about the notes, lead to graver personal consequences. Yet the bull dog pluck that had carried this man of iron from the gutter to the summit of political power did not desert him, nor did he show the loss of one lota of his customary monumental calm.

Scarcely had Horrigan quitted the room when Perry and Dallas entered

"You could cut the atmosphere in there with a cheese knife," Perry was saying. "Williams doesn't think the Borough bill will come up for half an hour or so. We'd better spend the in wonder. time till then in here than to stay there and turn our lungs into a microbe zoo."

by the table and rested her head de jectedly on one little gloved hand. The sight of Bennett, his grave, hopeless appeal to her; the calm, utter despair of his brave face-all these had affected her deeply. Perry noticed with brotherly concern her look and attitude. "Feeling faint?" he asked.

"No, I'm all right, thanks." "You look pretty near as blue as Alwyn. He'-

"Don't let's talk of him, please," she begged. "Why not? He's the whitest chap this side of Whiteville."

"That's what I used to think, but I know better now." "Then, miss," broke in a voice from

the doorway, "you're entitled to another 'know.' Phelan, who, passing down the corridor, had heard her last words as he reached the threshold, turned into the

room. "Excuse me for buttin' in on a fam-By chat," he remarked, coming forward. 'but I'm pretty well posted on his honor's character, an' when I hear any one knockin' him it's me to the bat. What have you got against Mr. Bennett? 'None of your measly business,' says you. 'Quite so,' says I, an', that

bein' the case, let's bear all about it." Something that underlay the seeming impertinence of the alderman's bluff speech touched Dallas. On Impulse she

"Mr. Bennett," sald she, "is opposing the Borough bill, knowing we shall be paupers if he defeats it. He also sold Borough stock short before he announced his veto. What can one think of a man who enriches himself at the

*xpense of his friends?" "Gee." cried Perry, "that's a terrible thing! Bennett's the original man higher up, I'm afraid. I wonder he isn't afraid to wear the clothes of such a wicked geezer as bimself!"

"Oh, Ferry! Don't joke about it!" begged Dellas. "Can't you see the serlous side of maything; All and penuliess and dependent out

"Fenr thou not sister and clared Perry in his test mean more manner. "Paupers, signed Plant, its be it so! Little Beether Terry w guard thee from the cold where swats of a wintry what Mortes v can sell violets or start a fight ela

"Don't!" she urged, jarred by his fil;

pancy. "You don't understand f" "As for that story of his homer's sell in' stock short and makin' a pile o cash on his own veto," put la Phelan genuinely worried, "Horrigan's tooked It up an' got enough facts to make him think he can prove it. He's goin' to

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the aldermen tonight. It's a lie, of attend. C. C. Rarick, pastor. course, but it'll hurt his honor a lot, an' the worst of it is Bennett refuses to deny it."

"He does, eh?" remarked Perry. "Then I'll do some talking about it.

I'll have to fracture a promise I made Alwyn, but I guess it's worth while." "What do you mean?" queried Dallas "I mean Bennett lent me the money to sell enough stock short to make up Dallas did not answer. She sat down for what you and I would lose if the bill was quashed, and he gave me a letter to his own broker. We carried it

> to win whichever way the cat jumps. We're on velvet, thanks to Alwyn. "He did this for us?" gasped Dallas pastor. in amaze. "But why didn't you tell me? Why did you let me misjudge

through, and now you and I stand pat

"He made me promise not to let you

know a thing about it, and"-"Say, youngster," broke in Phelan, day school, 12:30 p. m. tingling with excitement, "you come chasin' along with me into the aldermen's meetin'. I'll have you get up there an' tell what you know. It'll knock that lie of Williams' and Horrigan's so high it'll forget to hit groun' again. Come on, son! There's sure liable to be hot doin's in the meetin' in about eleven seconds. Come along!"

(To be continued).

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