The Blazed Trail > By STEWART EDWARD

with an ingratiating manner and a

fishy eye. He greeted Thorpe with

jocularly. "Sit down, Mr. Thorpe. Al-

had made every preparation to pur-

the private office.

marked geniality.

for sale, and I mean it."

himself with an effort.

for then?" cried Mr. Morrison, with

Mr. Morrison's fishy eyes nearly pop-

ped out of his head. He controlled

"Mr. Thorpe," said he, "let us try to be reasonable. Our case stands this

way: We have gone to a great deal of

expense on the Ossawinamakee in ex-

pectation of undertaking very exten-

very expensive. Now, your purchase

prise only about the equal of yours."

be sneezed at," replied Thorpe.

the time we are in business."

appealed to Wallace Carpenter.

he. "Is that fair?"

present holdings."

Morrison's eyes flashed, but he re-

Then as long as you attended to busi-

ever, the works would revert to the

there and run a little two by four im-

or else lose the value of our improve-

And the two went out.

Wallace was sputtering and trem-

charter and fix your rate of toll."

calmly.

evidences of a growing excitement.

"We intend to manufacture it."

briefly.

echoed Wallace. "I know a little of such things, and I have business con-CHAPTER XIV. EXT day the articles of partnernections who know more. You just ship were drawn, and Carpenget the camp running." ter gave his note for the neces-

"I'll start for Bay City tonight," subsary expenses. Then, in anmitted Thorpe. "There ought to be a swer to a penciled card which Mr. good lot of lumber jacks lying around Morrison had evidently left at Thorpe's idle at this time of year, and it's a hotel in person, both young men called good place to outfit from, because we at the lumberman's place of business. can probably get freight rates direct by They were ushered immediately into boat. We'll be a little late in starting. but we'll get in some logs this winter Mr. Morrison was a smart little man, anyway."

CHAPTER XV.

OW, in August, however, the first "My opponent of yesterday." he cried had boiled into town, "taken it though you did me out of some land I apart" and left the inhabitants to piece it together again as they could. chase. I can't but admire your grit and The "rear" had not yet arrived. As a resourcefulness. How did you get here consequence Thorpe found the city comparatively quiet. "I walked across the upper peninsu-

Although his ideas were not as yet la and caught a boat," replied Thorpe formulated, he hoped to be able to pick "Indeed, indeed!" replied Mr. Morriup a crew of first class men from those who had come down with the advance, twenty. son, placing the tips of his fingers toor "jam," of the spring's drive. They gether. "Extraordinary! Well, Mr. should have finished their orgies by Thorpe, you overreached us nicely, and now and, empty of pocket, should be I suppose we must pay for our carefound hanging about the boarding lessness. We must have that pine even houses and the quieter saloons. Thorpe though we pay stumpage on it. Now. what would you consider a fair price intended to offer good wages for good men. He would not need more than twenty at first, for during the ap-"It is not for sale," answered Thorne, "We'll waive all that. Of course it proaching winter he intended to log on a very small scale indeed. The time is to your interest to make difficulties

and run the price up as high as you for expansion would come later. can. But my time is somewhat occu-With this object in view he set out from his hotel about half past 7 on the pled just at present, so I would be Cy of his arrival to cruise about to very glad to hear your top price. We will come to an agreement afterward." the lumber jack district. The hotel You do not understand me, Mr. clerk had obligingly given him the Morrison. I told you the pine is net names of a number of the quieter saloons where the boys "hung out" between bursts of prosperity. In the "But surely- What ald you buy it first of these Thorpe was helped materially in his vague and uncertain quest by encountering an old acquaint-

ance, Jackson Hines. The old man peered at Thorpe. "Don't you know me?" inquired

"Know you? You bet I do. How are you, Harry? Where have you been keepin' yourself? You look about as fat as a stall fed knittin' needle."

"I've been land looking in the upper sive operations there. To that end we peninsula," explained Thorpe, "on the have cleared the stream, built three Ossawinamakee, up in the Marquette dams and have laid the foundations of country." a harbor and boom. This has been "Sho!" commented Jackson in won

includes most of what we had meant to Aer. "Way up there where the moon log. You have, roughly speaking, about | thanges!"

300,000,000 in your holding, in addition "It's a fine country." went on Thorpe to which there are several millions so every one could bear, "with a great scattered near it which would pay no cutting of white pine. It runs as high have you." body but yourself to get in. Our holdas twelve hundred thousand to the ings are farther up stream and com- forty sometimes."

"Trees clean an' free of heabs?" ask-Three hundred millions are not to ed Jackson. "They're as good as the stuß over on

"Certainly not," agreed Morrison 'seventeen.' You remember that." suavely, gaining confidence in the sound of his own voice. "Not in this "Clean as a baby's leg," agreed Jack-

country. But you must remember that "Ha"e a man goes into the northern peninsula | Thorpe. only because he can get something bet "Dry as a tobacco box," confessed

ter there than here. When the firm of Jackson. Morrison & Daly establishes itself now So they all drank. it must be for the last time. We want On a sudden inspiration Thorpe re-

enough timber to do us for the rest of to crew and horses. It might not be "In that case you will have to hunt good for much, but it would do no up another locality," replied Thorpe

Jackson listened attentively to the other's brief recital. tained his appearance of geniality and "Why don't you see Tim Shearer?

He ain't doin' nothin' since the jam Then you will retain the advantage came down," was his comment. "Isn't he with the M. & D. people?" of our dams and improvements?" said asked Thorpe.

"No, not on the face of it," admitted "Nope. Quit." Thorpe. "But you did your work in "How's that?"

a navigable stream for private pur-"'Count of Morrison. He's been filin' poses without the consent of the board his teeth for M. & D. right along. of control. Your presence on the river Somethin' behind it all, I reckon." "Where'll I find him?" asked Thorne is illegal. You should have taken out

a charter as an improvement company. Jackson gave the name of a small boarding house. Shortly after Thorn left him to amuse the others with his ness and kept the concern in repair we'd have paid you a toll per thousand unique conversation and hunted up feet. As soon as you let it slide, how- Shearer's stopping place.

The boarding house proved to be of state. I won't hinder your doing that the typical lumber jack class-a naryet, although I might. Take out your row stoop, a hallway and stale in the center and an office and bar on either "In other words, you force us to stay side. Shearer and a half dozen other men about his own age sat, their provement company for your benefit chairs on two legs and their "cork" boots on the rounds of the chairs, smoking placidly in the tenid evening "Suit yourself," answered Thorpe air. He approached and attempted an carelessly. "You can always log your identifying scrutiny. The men, with present holdings." "Very well," cried Morrison, so sud- presence of a stranger, said nothing. denly in a passion that Wallace started

back. "It's war! And let me tell you from the corner, "blowed that stake this, young man—you're a new concern.
and we're an old one. We'll crush you
like that!" H= crisped an envelope vinThorpe, advancing. "You're the man

dictively and threw it in the waste- I'm looking for." "You've found me," replied the old

"Crush ahead." replied Thorpe, with man dryly. Thorpe was requested elaborately to great good humor. "Goodby, Mr. Mor-"shake hands" with the owners of six names. Then he had a change to intibling with nervous excitement. His mate quietly to Shearer that he wanted was one of those temperaments which a word with him alone. The river man required action to relieve the stress of a rose silently and led the way up the stormy interview. He wanted to do straight, uncarpeted stairs, along a narsomething at once. "Hadn't we better row, uncarpeted hall, to a square, unsee a lawyer?" he asked. "Oughtn't carpeted bedroom. The walls and cellwe to look out that they don't take ings of this apartment were of un-

some of our pine? Oughtn't we"-"You just leave all that to me," replied Thorpe. "The first thing we want washstand to match the bureas. Shearer lit the lamp and sat on the bed. to do is to rustle some money." "What is it?" he asked. "And you can leave that to me."

"I have a little pine up in the northern peninsula within walking distance of Marquette," said Thorpe, "and I want to get a crew of about twenty men. It occurred to me that you might be willing to help me."

The river man frowned steadily at his interlocutor from under his bushy "How much pine you got?" he asked

quietly. The old man's blue eyes fixed themselves with unwavering steadiness on

"About 300,000,000," replied Thorpe

finally.

Thorne's face. "You're tobbing some of it, eh?" he submitted finally as the only probable conclusion. "Do you think you know enough about it? Who does it belong

"It belongs to a man named Carpenter and myself."

The river man pondered this slowly for an appreciable interval, and then shot out another question:

"How'd you get it?" Thorpe told him simply, emitting nothing except the name of the firm up river. When he had finished Shearer evinced no astonishment nor ap-

provai. "You done well," he commented finally. Then, after another interval:

"Have you found out who was the men stealin' the pine?" "Yes," replied Thorpe quietly, "it was

Morrison & Daly." The old man flickered not an evelid. He slowly filled his pipe and lit it. "I'll get you a crew of men." said

he, "if you'll take me as foreman." "But it's a little job at first." protested Thorpe. "I only want a camp of It wouldn't be worth your

'That's my lookout. I'll take the job," replied the logger grimly. "You got 300,000,000 there, ain't you? And you're goin' to cut it? It ain't such a small job."

Thorpe could hardly believe his good fortune in having gained so important a recruit. With a practical man as foreman, his mind would be refleved of a great deal of worry over unfamilfar details. He saw at once that he would himself be able to perform all the duties of scaler, keep in touch with the needs of the camp and supervise the campaign. Nevertheless he answered the older man's glance with one as keen and said:

"Look here, Shearer, if you take this job we may as well understand each other at the start. This is going to be my camp, and I'm going to be boss. 1 don't know much about logging, and I shall want you to take charge of all that, but I shall want to know just why you do each thing, and if my judgment advises otherwise, my judgment goes. If I want to discharge a man, he walks without any question. I know about what I shall expect of each man. and I intend to get it out of him. And in questions of policy mine is the say so every trip. Now, I know you're a good man-one of the best there isand I presume I shall find your judg- City?"

ment the best, but I don't want any mistakes to start with. If you want to be my foreman on those terms just say so, and I'll be tickled to death to

For the first time the lumbering man's face lost, during a single instant, its mask of immobility. His steel blue eyes flashed; his mouth twitched with some strong emotion. For the first time, too, he spoke without contemplative pause of preparation.

"That's the way to talk!" he cried. "Go with you? Well, I sin uld rise to remark! You're the boss, and I always said it. I'll get you a gang of bully boys that will roll logs till there's skat-

ing in Tophet." Thorpe left, after making an apsolved to ask the old man's advice as pointment at his own hotel for the following day, more than pleased with his luck. None the less, he anticipated proprietor of the hotel. his next step with shaky confidence. He would now be called upon to buy feed to last them the entire winter, and me." he would have to arrange for provisions in abundance and variety for his men; he would have to figure on blankets, harness, cook camp utensils. stoves, blacksmith's tools, iron, axes, chains, cant books, van goods, palls, lamps, oil, matches, all sorts of hardware-in short, all the thousand and one things, from needles to court plaster, of which a self sufficing community might come in need. And he deformed creature had taken the blanwould have to figure out his require- kets from his bed and had spread them ments for the entire winter. After navigation closed he could import noth- befriended him.

> ing more. Deep in these thoughts he wandered on at random. He suddenly came to himself in the toughest quarter of Bay

> Through the summer night thrilled the sound of cachianations pointed to the colors of mirth. A cheap plane rattled and thumped through an open window. Men's and women's voices mingled in rising and falling graduations of harshness. Lights streamed

irregularly across the dark. Thorpe became aware of a figure crouched in the doorway almost at his feet. The flickering rays of a distant street lamp threw into relief the high lights of a violin and a head. The face upturned to him was thin and white and wolfish under a broad white brow Dark eyes gleemed at him with the expression of a fierce animal. Agress the forehead ran a long but shallow cut from which blood dripped. The creature clasped both arms around a He crouched there and stared

The creature made no reply, but drew his arms closer about his instrument. Thorpe made a sign to the un

"Come with me." said he, "and I'll have your forehead attended to." The eyes gleamed into his with sudden savage concentration. Then

their owner obediently arose.

Thorpe now saw that the body be fore him was of a cripple, short legged. hunchbacked, long armed, pigeon breasted. The large head sat strangely top heavy between even the broad



"What's the matter?"

shoulders. It confirmed the hopeless but sullen despair that brooded on the white countenance.

At the hotel Thorpe, examining the cut, found it more serious in appearance than in reality. With a few pleces of sticking plaster he drew its

edges together. Then he attempted to interrogate his find.

"What is your name?" he asked. "Phil." "Phil what?"

Silence "How did you get hurt?"

No reply. "Were you playing your fiddle in one of those houses?"

The cripple nodded slowly. "Are you hungry?" asked Thorpe with a sudden thoughtfulness.

"Yes," replied the cripple, with lightning gleam in his wolf eyes. Thorpe rang the bell. To the boy

who answered it he said: "Bring me half a dozen beef sandwiches and a glass of milk, and be

quick about it." "Do you play the fiddle much?" continued Thorpe. The cripple nodded again.

"Let's hear what you can do." "They cut my strings!" cried Phil, with a passionate wall.

The cry came from the heart, and Thorpe was touched by it. The price of strings was evidently a big sum. "I'll get you more in the morning,"

said he. "Would you like to leave Bay "Yes?" cried the boy, with passion. "You would have to work. You

would have to be chore boy in a lum ber camp and play fiddle for the mer when they wanted you to."
"I'll do it," said the cripple. "All right; then I'll take you," re

plied Thorpe. The cripple said nothing nor moved a muscle of his face, but the gleam of the wolf faded to give place to the soft.

affectionate glow seen in the eyes of a setter dog. Thorpe was startled at the change. A knock announced the sandwiches and milk. The cripple fell upon them with both hands in a sudden ecstasy

of hunger. When he had finished, he looked again at Thorpe, and this time there were tears in his eyes. A little later Thorne interviewed th

"I wish you'd give this boy a good cheap room and charge his keep to

four or five teams of horses and enough me," said he. "He's going north with Thorpe lay awake for some time after retiring. Phil claimed a share of his thought. In an hour or so he dozed. He dreamed that the cripple had grown

> shadowing his life. A slight noise butside his bedroom door brought him to his feet. He opened the door and found that in the stillness of the night the poor

to enormous proportions and was over

across the doorsill of the man who had

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THE CIRCUS.

Very few of us know that there was such a thing as a circus trust until it was announced the other day that the trust had decided to abolish circus parades.—Memphis Commercial Appeal

A Chicago professor tells us that it will not be many years before the final elephant and the final camel will pass from these earthly scenes. Alas for the circus of the future!-Cleveland Plain

An Immense Cinat.

The bones of a giant discovered in on excavation near Rouen in the year 1850 were of extraordinary proportions. The shift bone was as long as the whole leg of an average man, and up at Thorpe, who stared down at him. the skull was made to hold a bushel "What's the matter?" asked the lat- of wheat without spilling a grain. One of the law teeth well, of eleven-sixteenths of an ounce.

Russian Maidens.

A woman in Russia, until the day of ter death, if she remain unmarried, is inter the absolute sway of her par-

Perpetual Snow Line. In no country does the line of per petual snow reach the seacoast.

In Japan archers test their arrows by balancing them on the nails of the second and third fingers of the left the cafe of a city club. hand and rapidly twirling them by the feathered end with the fingers of the ory, "the laws are made for the rich. right. If the arrow makes a whirling It is the poor who are ground to pleces sound, it is crooked and must be under them." straightened.

oranges and has a crop of from 4,000,-000 to 7,000,000 boxes a year.

latitude.

To keep a sponge in good condition wash it occasionally with warm water containing a little tartaric acid; rinse afterward with clean warm water.

has to face is that of falling asleep on a hot day owing to the contrast between the heat above and the coolness below water. A diver states that he once slept for half an hour at the bottom of a wreck where he was at work.

To remove panes of glass lay soft soap over the putty which holds them. and after a few hours the putty, however hard, will become soft and easy to scrape away.

The Heliotrope.

The heliotrope has been described as a quick tempered plant because, like all half shrubby plants, if it is allowed to wilt for want of water it does not recover so readily as do the succulent plants. It may recover for the moment, but many of the leaves will turn

A Town In a Mine. There is a quicksilver mine in Peru

in which are streets, squares and a

It has been calculated that the loss from illness averages 20,000,000 weeks of work in a year, or 21/2 per cent of the work done by the whole population between fifteen and sixty-five years of

Gollen Weddings. Only one out of every 1,000 married had departed.

couples live to celebrate their golden wedding.

Property In France.

among the people of France than perhaps in any other country. There are in France five times as many persons who on their death leave property as in England.

Coffee is a very strong antiseptic. There are many diseases the microbe

Beavers In Germany. Beavers are not quite extinct in Germany. A few colonies exist along the Elbe, but they are small and, although well protected, do not appear to in-

Geese In Germany. In Germany the goose is the most

Many as are the places in England which have been the scenes of duels, only one is marked. This is a part of all that now remains of Cawnton beath, in Norfolk, on which stands a small pillar to Sir Henry Hobart, Bart., who was killed on the spot in a second.

Remarkable Echo. The remarkable echo at Eagle's Nest, on the banks of Killarney, Irdand, repeats a bugle call 109 times, each clear

Spiders Fond of Music.

The spider is remarkably attracted by music. In a bachelor's home it will lar." be the music room where the cobwebs are thickest. Moreover, the little beast uses his own stomach as a fiddle, upon which he plays serenades to his fair

The "History of Ferdinand and Isabella.of Spain" came out when Prescott was forty-one, his "Conquest of Mex-

According to Victor Hugo, Europe during the twentieth century Will form one great republic, like the United States, of which France will be the center and the governing power and

Flies In Siam. In some parts of Siam files become o pestilential during the hot weather

that every soldier is compelled to kill a certain number of them daily. Napoleon Wanted It.

tricht, he ordered that the guns should not be trained on the town hall, where was preserved a skeleton of a mosasaurus, and when the place was capfured be directed that the specimen should be carefully convened to Paris.

The three distinct aboriginal people of South Africa are the Bushmen, Hot

[Original.]

Several young men were sitting in

"I tell you, gentlemen," said Greg-

"You say that, Gregory, you a multimillionaire!" cried Townsend.

"Yes, I say it. Observe the poor devils who come up daily in a morning police court. How quickly they are sent to the various jails, usually on suspicion! I'll bet any man in this party \$10 that I can put on a ragged sui Lours, and yet I will transgress up laws. I will behave myself as a good

"I'll take that bet," said Townsend.

"As soon as I can get the rags." An hour later a man in tatters, followed at a distance by several young fellows in immaculate costumes, entered a store and desired to be showf some portieres and window hangings.

Reluctantly the floorwalker himself ook the customer to the curtain count or and remained there while he looked over the goods, purchasing \$500 worth end producing bank notes with which

"Where will you have them sent?" sked the merchant, aghast,

"Clinton Gregory, 225 -th avenue." When Gregory left the store he was ollowed by a detective. Passing the pera house, he went to the office and elected the most expensive box for the

ening's performance. "For whom do you want it?" asked the clerk.

"Myself." "Yourself?"

"Yes. Don't you understand Eng-"You get out of this mighty quick or

you'il get fired." Since Gregory was not to transgress any law he departed. As he left the opera house the detective who had shadowed him and heard the conversation went out a short distance behind him. Passing down the street, Gregory from time to time took off his hat politely to several ladies who rolled by in their carriages. Those who noticed him stared at him and were thankful that they were not further exposed to his attentions by being on foot. Happening to come up to a lady just as she was alighting to enter a store, he lifted his hat and offered to hand her from her carriage. She brushed past him and reported the matter in the store. A policeman was called, but Gregory

Turning into the principal jewelry store in the city, he pulled a solltaire diamond ring from his vest pocket and, handing it to a clerk, asked its value. "We know nothing of the value of

paste or crystals," said the clerk, turning away.

"Will you kindly examine this one? I think it's a genuine diamond." The clerk took the ring, scrutinized it, looked suspiciously at the man in rags, wedged a glass in his eye, which he turned on the stone, then looked seriously at its owner.

"How did you come by this?" be asked.

"I bought it." "H'm. Bought it in this store?" "No; a year ago in London."

Calling for one of the firm, the clerk whispered to him that it would be well to examine the stock of diamond rings to learn if any of them had been stolen. No deficit was discovered, and Gregory was permitted to depart in charge of a detective. There were now two detectives on his track, and they soon discovered that they were watching the same man. The first gave a history of the case to the second up to the moment the suspect had entered the jew-

elry store. "Shall we take him in?" asked the

"Better wait. We've got him sure. He'll give us more evidence of the same kind. May as well have it all." Gregory turned into a migor street and entered a pawnshop.

"What will you loan my on this scarf pin?" he asked, producing a pin set with a ruby as big as a nea., The broker examined it.

"Vat I gif you? I gift you ten dol-"Why, the stone is worth fifty times that."

"Yes, my frient, but I don't ask no questions. "Ask all the questions you like. The

stone is mine, and I came by it honestly." The two detectives, who were standing at the door, advanced.

"Come, my man, we want you." And Gregory was led off to a police station, where the following charges were entered:

First.-Having in his possession large sums of stolen money. Second.-Purchasing goods with money supposed to be counterfeit. Third,-Insulting ladies on the street,

Fourth.-Attempting to mwn stolen The prisoner was about to be led off to a cell when several young men in respectable costumes advanced and explained matters, whereupon the suspect was permitted to depart in their company. Gregory got himself into evening dress, and the party dired together

at the club. "You see, gentlemen," said the winner, "the poor man has not only his poverty to contend with, but constant subpicion. In other words, as a poor man I would not have the same privi-tions under the law stat I would have

"It does seem to work that way at times," remarked the loser.
EMERY STRONG TORBERT.

THE PRIVILEGES OF THE RICH

Japanese Archers.

Florida Oranges. Florida produces fifty-six varieties of

There are few trees to be seen throughout the 760 miles of seaboard and get myself arrested within two of Labrador, between the strait of Belle Isle and Cape Chudleigh, and ab solutely none above 58 degrees north citizen."

Dangers of Divers. One of the greatest dangers a diver

Putty and Soft Soan.

black and fall off.

Property is more evenly divided

of which is destroyed by it.

crease in numbers.

popular fowl. Monument to a Duel.

duel with swords.

Prescott's Works.

ico" at forty-seven.

Paris the capital.

When Napoleon was businging Maes-

South African Abortgines. tentots and Kaffirs.

"Well, bub," finally drawled a voice

known to rise. painted planed pine. It contained a cheap bureau, one chair and a bed and