| Ten Years' Trial <br> By Gen. Charlies Kina Continued from Firat Puge. | Etortes that had been whispered about Eric Langdon's pretty, volatile, reckless wife-about her daring life in |
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| Continued from Firat Puge. <br> wis the not repay. <br> "That's why I'm with you." was the |  |
| Hike Bretner and those doughboys will say the court dectarel the charges sustatned and Langdon disgraced." <br> "Disgraced for smashing that sneak |  |
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| Totrance? By higher esteem" <br> "Ah, Nelson, it isn't all that. It's |  |
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| that unpald bill husiness-all that load of debt that snowed him under, and you know it." <br> "Know it? Yes, and know, what's |  |
| our colenel or Stetvilie been in command there, do you suppose they would have let lifm be court martialed? No, str! It was Nathan's sulde work with that dashed old numskuil of a dra-goon-old 'Cat'. He never had the bowels of a snake. Find the doctor, Snip- |  |
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| ey?" he eagerly asked as the youngster came burrylag buck. <br> "Coming the minute he finishes hits |  |
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| hand," was the answer, and, true to his word, the young army surgoon speedily entered and came at once to the reclinIng figure in frout of the fire. Langion had been feebly roplying to the sym- |  |
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| pathetic questions of one or two assoclatex of other days. Now, with white, drawn tace and somber eyes, he looked up at the newv arrival. Irofessatona! |  |
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| decorum and the tenets of his cloth required of the physictan an lmpassive yet sympathetie and reassuriug demeanor. But, to the surpise of Nelson |  |
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| meanor. But. to the surprise of Nelson and Hoyt, the doctor plataly started the thistant bo caught sight of the patent. |  |
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| "Thls-gentietan is $\%$ " he faltered, paling a triffe and looking inquiringiy about blm. |  |
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| "Eric Langdon, a clasamate of Merrlvale's at the Polat and my comrade at Monroe," answered Nelson stoutly. The doetor was new to the post and to him , and he wished it to be understood from |  |
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| tieg start that Langdoa was his triend, his guest, and as such entitied to the best Fort sheridan could give him. The doctor's hesitancy and clange of manner put htm Instantly on the aggressive. |  |
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| "I beg pardon," quiekly spoke Dr. Armistead. "Mr. Langdon's face was famillar. I tancy I have seen his photograph. But that is of no consequence. Permit me," he continued, |  |
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| effort and assuming the conventional manner of the physician. He bent and took Langdon's wrist and gazed thoughtfully, serutinixingly, unflinelIngly fato the deep, haggard eyes. |  |
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| Ingly fato the deep, haggard eyes. There was a moment's sillence. Then, straightening up, the doctor spoke. "Mr. Langdon is to be with you, Mr. Nelson ${ }^{\prime}$ |  |
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| "Then I shall send the steward with medicine from the hospital. I should get him to bed as soon as possible"- <br> "T've sent for a stretcher, robes and Hankets," Interposed Nelson sharply. |  |
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| Llankets," futerponed Nelson sharply. "That's what I intended to do from the atart" <br> "Very good. Now a word with yon." |  |
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| And the doctor drew the artilleryman aside. "Your friend will need nothtug touight but some hot broth and seda- |  |
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| tives. If, however, he should be rest? less $\boldsymbol{*}$ ill or if you becone anxious," and here the yoing surgeon seemed to lealtate In embarrassmeat, "I nuggest Jourfealling on $\times$ Major Bloodgood, my |  |
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| gourgealing on-Major Bloodgood, my <br>  |  |
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| hnfquiek alarm. <br> was the answer, "but"- <br> What, $\boldsymbol{y}^{\text {Dr. Armistead }{ }^{\prime \prime} \text { asked }}$ |  |
| "But What, $\mathrm{DPr}^{2}$. Armistead\%" asked Selion/hotly. "Am I to understand gou docine to sce my friend and gugit: <br> fothe doctor, fushed. He was a VIr- <br> was fighting fiercely for liberty, be who so short a time before with long sigh had thanked God humbly for warmth and refuge. All the misery of his married life seemed to have hurled |  |
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| apoke. wThen the answer came calmly mnough. |  |
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| No, Mir. Netson, but your friend will probably decline to nee me. Here comes thejatretcher." And.яo saying the doetorfleft the room. <br> Halt, an hour later, in Nelson's own bed, eotnforted with a bot foothath |  |
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| his eyes to thank the God that hadnot left him friendiess in his prostration. He beard the rolees of old comrades in |  |
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| the room below, He heard Netson tiptoelng about the bet, arranging lamps and books for the night. Nelson had |  |
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| in with some vials and medictne ginsses. <br> "Dr. ©Armistend says," he began in low tone, when, to his amazement, Nelsoh sternly whispered, "Rush!" and, |  |
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| clapping his hand over his own lips to emphasize the order, glanced in anxtous fear toward the bed. The caution was too late. With dilating eyes, Erie Langdon was struggling frotn the ptlJow and striving to rise. <br> "What is It, Eric? Lie still, man" | They nero heir frometo pothen out |
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|  | poor fellow sank exhmusted upoth his pillow, buried tids streaming face fin his arms and sobbect-sobbed like a little |
|  | child. It was thun the senior surgeon found him when in surprise and manlfest annoyance the aptraral bot the |
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| his lean, long hands outspread on each cheek and tetuple, Laugion lay staring at the celling. Then in a sharp, almont savage, tone lie demanded, "How long has that man been at this post ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ <br> "About a month or less. Why ${ }^{\text {P" }}$ <br> "Because he or I must quit it instde of 24 bours." <br> Nelson stood a few seconds gazing full Into the set face and gleaming eyes of lis Trlend. Little by little he Was recalling and plecine together the |  |
|  | ed be angrily. "I conld have gone there and back a dozen times." <br> "So could I. sir, but I coulitn't find Dr. Armistend anywhere. The patrol coming in from the station sald they saw him th eivilian dress golng out at the gate." <br> "Impoesibles" sharpty retorted Bloodgood. "He couldn't leave the post without my consent. Irop the mediclne and go to the colonel's and see if he's there I cannot Jeaye this case for |
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