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was coming to him.

usually got all and a little more than

After the war he married and went

west, where he resumed the practice

of his profession, but he soon abandon-

ed it for a commercial career. It was

not long until he was ranked as one

of the rich men of his state. Then he

turned his attention to politics. He

was twice elected to congress and serv-

whose debts were a remarkable

achievement for so young a man. His

wife now divided her time between

Paris and London. She didn't think

much of New York, which had thought

even less of her. He managed to see

her once or twice a year. Any oftener

There were moments, however, when

he felt his life to be wholly unsatisfac-

tory. He derived very little pleasure

from all the luxury that had accumu-

lated about him and which he accepted

with a curious placid indifference. He

would have liked the affection of his

children, to have had them at home.

and there was a remote period in his

past when his wife had inspired him

with a sentiment at which he could

only wonder. He held it against her

He lurched down solidly into the

"Sit down," said Cornish. "I don't,

as a rule, believe in staying up after

midnight to talk business, but I must

He slipped out of his chair and be-

gan to pace the floor, with his hands

thrust deep in his trousers pockets. "I

want to talk over the situation here.

I don't see that the road is ever going

to make a dollar. I've an opportunity

to sell it to the M. and W. Of course

chair Oakley placed for him. "I hope you are comfortable here," he said

that she had not understood.

"Oh, yes." He still stood.

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kindly.

would have been superfluous.

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"Of course," explained Oakley, "I am going to make a cut in wages this spring if you agree to it, but I haven't the figures for this yet." The general noticed. He approved of cuts on principle.

"That's always a wise move," he said. "Will they stand it?" "They'll have to." And Oakley laugh-

ed rather nervously. He appreclated that his reforms were likely to make him very unpopular in Antioch. "They shouldn't object. If the road changes hands it will kill their town."

"I suppose so," agreed Cornish indifed one term as governor. One of his ferently "And half a louf is lots better than

daughters had married an Italian prince, a meek, prosaic little creature no bread," added Oakley. Again the general nodded his approval. exactly five feet three inches tall. Another was engaged to an English earl.

"What sort of shape is the shop in?" he asked after a moment's silence.

"Very good on the whole." "I am glad to hear you say so.

1 spent over a hundred thousand dollars on the plant originally."

"Of course the equipment can hardly be called modern, but it will do for the sort of work for which I am bidding." Oakley explained.

"Well, it will be an interesting prob lem for a young man, Oakley. If you pull the property up it will be greatly to your credit. I was going to offer you another position, but we will let that go over for the present. I am very much pleased, though, with all you have done; very much pleased indeed. I go abroad in about two weeks. My youngest daughter is to be married in London to the Earl of Minchester." The title rolled glibly from the great man's lips. "So you'll have the fight, if it is a fight, all to yourself. I'll see that Holloway does what you say. He's the only one you'll have to look to in my absence, but you won't be able to count on him for anything. He gets limp in a crisis. Just don't make the mistake of asking his ad-

vice. "I'd rather have no advice." inter rupted Dan hastily, "unless it's yours." he added.

"I'll see that you are not bothered You are the sort of fellow who will do better with a free hand, and that is what I intend you shall have."

"Thank you," said Oakley, his heart warming with the other's praise.

"I shall be back in three months, and then if your schemes have worked out



some word that would give his victims an inkling of what was in store for them. He knew there were unpleasant scenes ahead of him, but there was no need to anticipate. When at last his figures for the cuts were complete he would have been grateful for some one with whom to discuss the situation. All at once his responsibilities seemed rather heavier than he had bargained for.

There were only two men in the office besides himself-Philip Kerr, the treasurer, and Byron Holt, his assistant. They were both busy with the payroll, as it was the 6th of the month, and they commenced to puy off in the shops on the 10th.

He had little or no use for Kerr, who still showed where he dared in small things his displeasure that an outsider had been appointed manager of the road. He had counted on the place for bimself for a number of years, but a

succession of managers had come and gone apparently without its ever hav-ing occurred to General Cornish that an excellent executive was literally spolling in the big, bare general offices of the line.

This singular indifference on the part of Cornish to his real interests had soured a disposition that at its best had more of acid in it than anything else. As there was no way in which he could make his resentment known to the general, even if he had deemed such a course expedient, he took it out of Oakley and kept his feeling for him Meanwhile he bided his time. hoping for Oakley's downfall and his own eventful recognition.

With the assistant treasurer Dan's relations were entirely cordial. Holt was a much younger man than Kerr. as frank and open as the other was se cret and reserved. When the 6 o'clock whistle blew he glanced up from his work and said:

"I wish you'd wait a moment, Holt I want to see you.

Kerr had already gone home, and Miss Walton was adjusting her hat be fore a bit of a mirror that hung on the wall back of her desk, "All right," responded Holt cheerfully.

"Just draw up your chair," said Oakley, handing his papers to him. At first Holt did not understand; then he began to whistle softly and fell checking off the various cuts with his forefinger.

"What do you think of the job, By ron?" inquired Oakley.

"Well, I'm glad I don't get laid off, that's sure. Say, just bear in mind that I'm going to be married this summer.'

"You needn't worry; only I didn't know that."

"Well, please don't forget it, Mr. Oakley.

Holt ran over the cuts again. Then he asked:

"Who's going to stand for this? You or the old man? I hear he was in town last night."

"I stand for it, but of course he ap proves.

"I'll bet he approves," and the assistant treasurer grinned. "This is the sort of thing that suits him right down to the ground."

"How about the hands? Do you know if they are members of any unlon?

"No, but there'll be lively times ahead for you. They are a great lot of kick-MARBLE ers here.

"Wait until I get through. I haven't touched the shops yet. That's to come later. I'll skin closer before I'm done.'



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this is extremely confidential. It must not go any further. I am told they will discontinue it beyond this point, and of course they will either move the

shops away or close them." He paused in his rapid walk. "It's too bad it never paid. It was the first thing I did when I came west. I thought it a pretty big thing then. I have always hoped it would justify my judgment, and it promised to for awhile until the lumber interests played out. Now, what do you advise, Oakley? I want

to get your ideas. You understand if I sell I won't lose much. 'The price offered will just about meet the mortgage I hold, but I guess the stockholders will come out at the little end of the horn."

Oakley understood exactly what was ahead of the stockholders if the road changed hands. Perhaps his face showed that he was thinking of this,

for the general observed charitably: "It's unfortunate, but you can't mix sentiment in a transaction of this sort. I'd like to see them all get their money back, and more too."

His mental attitude toward the world was one of generous liberality. but he had such excellent control over his impulser that, while he always seemed about to embark in scene large philanthropy, he had never been known to take even the first step in that direction. In short, he was hard and un-emotional, but with a deceptive, un-

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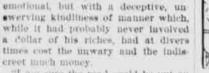
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"I am sure the read could be put on a paying basis," said Oakley. "Certain quite possible economics would do that. Of course we can't create business; there is just so much of it, and we get it all as it is. But the shops might be a good deal of work for them and 1 presently." shall secure more. I had intended to

propose a number of reforms, but if you are going to sell, why, there's no use of going into the matter"- He paused

The general meditated in silence for n moment

"I'd hate to subvilice my interests if I thought you could even make the road pay expenses. Now, just what do you intend to do?" "TU get up order book and show you

which is here done for the shops," said . \* Charles Costain Counter, raine with alberting "I have found on the changes, that and you can see at a glance just what I propose doing."

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"You have done well," he said-

at all as we expect, why, we can con-(A part of Oakley's pland) without that." "As you say, it's gone down so there won't be much but the right of way nothing happens to the shops or road

"I hope that eventually there'll be profits," said Onkley, whose mind was beginning to reach out into the future.

I guess the stockholders will drop dead if no ever ears a dividead. That's the last throw they are looking forward to," remarked Coraish dryly. "Will figure you have a 0.30 call at the office for you have a diab can at the take the "Ho met 1 forget, and 1 must take the Work?" first train. Good night."

## CHAPTER IV.

"IUE next meeting Oakley saw General Corneal off on the 7 15 train, and then went back his hotel for breakfast. Afterward, on his way to the office, he mailed a check to Erra Hart for his father. The manay was intended to nice) his expenses in coming west

He was very busy all that day makig on his new substyles and in figusing the cuts and just what they world amount to the approached his task which a communication for inwas as unplement to him personally as it was unreasing to the future of the road, and he knew that no halfway nicessary would suffice. He must cur, as a surger to cuts, to survey By hopping away a man herocand there, giving his work to some other must be dividing it up among two or three men. In the (a) all their second to find to peed off \$2000 on the peer. He could do not second to peer. He could do not second a hoperon. We would short his volume with no second store his volume.

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Oakley got up and lit his pipe, "The plant must make some sort of a showing. We can't continue at the rate we have been going. I suppose you know what sort of shape it would leave the town in if the shops were closed."

"Very poor shape, I should say, Why, It's the money that goes in and out of this office twice a month that keeps the alder putting the property in better shape." (A part of Onkley's plana) with an alive. It couldn't exist a day

> "Then it behooves us to see to it that I am sorry for the men I am laying off, but it can't be helped."

"I see you are going to chuck Hoadt ley out of his good thing at the June tion. If he was half white he'd a gone long ago. He must lay awake nights figuring how he can keep decently

"How do you think it's going to

'Oh, it will work all right, because it has to, but they'll all be cassing you," with great good humor. "What's the matter anyhow? Did the old man throw a fit at the size of the payroll?" 'Not exactly, but he came down here with his mind made up to sell the road to the M, and W."

"You don't say so!"

"i talked him out of that, but we must make a showing, for he's good what it would not have believed even and tired and may dump the whole if it had been told was that the genpusiness unk qui

matrying or giving in marriage for me ship to every one. The majority of the this summer. It will be just like a mean in the abart

pretty good one?

get alread, and he was promptly made They had always been there, an aware that his popularity in Antioch this sufficient reason they would was a thing of the past. He was re- ways remain, garded as an oppressor from whom some electorate and wanton tyranny might be expected. While General Cornish suffered their inefficiency, his by inserting a few lines in the Classi- ever in town can be found at la

ersy going predecessors had been con-tent to draw their salaries and let it zo-at that, a line of conduct which As-that a whole day's talking. tions held to be entirely proper. This

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new man, however, was clearly an upstart, cursed with an insane and destructive ambition to earn money for the road. Suppose it did not pay. Corhish could go down into his pocket for the difference, just as he had always done. What the town did not know and Groceries and Provision "Well, if he does that there'll be no change that would have brought hard eral had been on the point of selling,

Staker settlement where I am con-homes, and these homes represented men in the shops owned their own the savings of years. The sudden exo Dan langhed. "Oh, you'd be all right, due of two or three hundred families Holt. You'd get something el. or the means of necessity widespread ruin, M. and W. would keep you on." Those who were forced to go away and W would keep you on." Those who were forced to go away would have to sacrifice everything they mannamient generally means a clean possessed to get away, while those who sweep all round, and my berth's a remained would be scarcely better off But Antioch never considered such In some number a rimor of the radical move as even remotely possed that has baken proposed making did ble. It counted the shops a fixture

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