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CHAPTER XII—Continued

"What would he be doing at Walling River?" But Steele already half

"He cum once een de summer-he cum wid 'noder man to tak' her to Ogoke,"

"What? You mean to say that Laflamme was crazy enough to try to take her by force? Nonsense, Michel! St. Onge would have had the police at Ogoke within a month,"

"Eet was crazee t'ing to try-but he try eet."

"St. Onge never told me this," said the provoked American. "It explains her fear when she saw me that day. "She nevaire know Beeg Antoine try to get her, but she have fear."

'So you have always taken care of her since the visit of Big Antoine? Tell me about it."

"Eet was las' June, after dat Indian carry letter from Laffamme. He tell me Laflamme was goin' to get ma'm'selle, sometam. So de nex' tam she go to play at de rapide, Michel ees dere. After long tam I hear somet'ing move eem de bush. I wait an' see dis Beeg Antoine-he watch her but she don' know; she play de feedle. I don' wan' to scare her so I walk on de portage wid de beeg whistle so dey hear me an' get out. I follow dem tru' de bush an' een little tam on de riviere 'bove de pos', see Beeg Antoine talk to 'noder fel-

Michel stopped, relit his pipe, and smiled tantalizingly at the interested

steele. "For heaven's sake, go on! What did you do? Why didn't you drill both of them?"

Michel blew a cloud of smoke before he said:

"You see dis Beeg Antoine at Ogoke?"

"Wal, he move hees head when I Eet was bad shot."

"So it was you who gave him that scar?"

"Ah-hah!" "What happened to the other man?" "He did not move," said the Iro-

quois, grimly. "You hit him?" "Beeg Antoine go back to Ogoke

"And they never came again?" "No, but we had fear."

There was a hard glint in the eyes of Steele as he turned to David. "David," he sald, "I owe you an

logy. When we had that snake our hands we should have finished the job. It would have been held self-defense by any decent jury."

David lifted his wide shoulders. "We feenish dat job sometam, boss."

As Steele had foreseen, the running down of a beast patrolling a country of the size of the Wailing River valley was clearly a matter of chance.

It was decided that Steele and David, with the bloodhound, which they were anxious to test on the snow at once, should work over to the district with the purpose of quieting the Indians, if possible, and holding them in the country, as well as of walting the possible reappearance of the night wailer. Michel, with Little Jacques, a French-Cree, sent from Albany to work at the post after the loss of the fur canoe, and the sole Indian to volunteer for such dread duty. were to patrol the Portage Lake country as far as the traplines on the Little Current and the Drowning. Both parties were to report back at Wailing River in two weeks. In the meantime, a jack pine at the junction of the Stooping with the main stream was chosen as the message center to which a man from each party was to return in a week for news of the other, and whither St. Onge would send any information from the post downriver. In this manner they could cover a great area of the lower Wall-

The plan of campaign settled with the hearty approval of St. Onge, the traps were divided between the sleds, loaded with supplies for two weeks the northern trapper, the wolverine, his feet, the bloodbound ran toward der the snow for his unwary feet- his head in a deep-throated bay. jaws, which, if once shut, would hold freezing death brought swift relief.

to the house. At breakfast Denise had been gracious, affable, but impersonal. and Steele felt that the mood of the trail, then exclaimed: So, justly hurt, he made no attempt to the dogs for all there's in them. News! of the city, bore any indication of the previous evening still possessed her. sion she had patently suffered herself | Running to the tent, Steele hastily to nourish—the belief that he had got his bags ready for a swift return lightly gone from her revelation of downriver, then returned to the ice. the secret places of her heart, that In a matter of minutes, David with square miles and a population of 450,-

Ogoke; under the pretense of seeking information, had met Rose Laffamme secretly, only to escape surprise and detection by the alertness of his watch-dog, David. Thus the situation shaped itself in the mind of the smarting Steele; and, as it is ever with the unjustly suspected, he had, with a brave show of indifference, hardened his sore heart to the suffering girl whose turden was already sufficiently

But her welfare demanded his early departure from the post and the man whose thoughts she filled, left her that morning without an attempt at defense or explanation.

"We were going up the river at once, mademoiselle. I want you to know-in case anything happens-and trouble, that I have done what I

The sober eyes of the girl grew wistful. She started as if to speak then turned her head, while he watched the blood surge to her throat her face, then fade. Never had she seemed more lovely-more exquisite A mad desire urged him to take her in his arms-to make her see how deeply her self-inflicted hurt wronged his love for her; to tell her that it was all so futile-so useless, this suspicion of hers, which walled them off from each other. Then she said:

"You have been so good to us-are doing so much. We can never repay you. I wish you all success, monsieur, and a safe return."

That was all. Sick at heart he turned away to the waiting dog-teams, followed by the blanketed bloodhound, jingled out of the clearing and down to the river ice on their



"If the Old Boy Is Loose Now, He'll Appear and Sing Again Somewhere."

strange quest. And, until the hend shut them from sight, a knot of post Indians in awed wonder watched the sleds speeding south. For that men should thus calmly set out in search of a horrible death was a matter beyond their ken.

One morning, a week later, Steele vas frying moose steak in his camp in the spruce, on the Little Medicine river. Three days before, David had started with the dogs for the rendez yous at the mouth of the Stoopin river where (from Portage lake) word would be left on a piece of birch bark by the partner of Michel. In the Medine hills the friends had found most of the Indians back on their trap-lines, out uneasy and fearful of the early return of the Windigo, and the conditions along the Phantom chain of lakes were similar.

As Steele sat by his fire eating his reakfast of moose, bannock and tea. the nose of Windigo, the hound, lying at his side, lifted to sniff the air. Then a low rumble swelled his black

"What's the matter, old boy? Smell omething?" And Steele patted the og's wrinkled forehead.

The wind blowing upstream again If the beast, imitating that terror of brought the message, and springing to continued robbing the trap-lines, some the river, sucking in the biting al night relentless jaws would yawn un- through quivering nostrils, then raise-

Curious, Steele left his breakfast to their victim in grip of steel until the follow the dog to the river ice, where already his heavy voice boomed or Before he started. Steele returned upon the silence of the frozen forest For a space he gazed downstream

at a dark object moving up the white "That's David! And he's pushing

der on the beach, to a low intrigue at face circled by the frost from his hot 000,000.

breath, drove his light sied up to Steele, the noses of his dogs white

with rime. "Get de stuff on de sled, queek!" eried the excited Ojibway. "Here ees de word from Michel!" And he thrust into Steele's hands a roll of birch bark on which, in the syllable writing of the woods Indian, was burned the message from Michel, in Ojibway, left at the jack pine by Little Jacques.

"Come to Portage lak', fas'," read David over Steele's shoulder. "Plentee work for de dog! Michel."

In his delight, Steele slapped the neavy caribou-skin capote of his friend. "The Windigo's loose over in the valley!" he cried. "When can we get there, if the snow holds off?"

"We camp at Portage lak' een t'ree sleep-mebbe two. De dogs ees tired. I leeve Wailin' Riviere onlee one sleep back," replied the Ojibway, making the bags fast with the sled lashings.

Through the day the team hurried past the silent spruce-clad hills of the valley of the Little Medicine, Through he day the men cast anxious looks at the black cloud-banks hovering in the north, for no snow had fallen in a week and it was overdue. To his deight, Steele had already learned that the dog could easily hold to a fresh rail over the ice or hard snow, packed by the wind. But a fall of new snow n a trail was another matter, and the Windigo might not stay in the

That night they camped on the Wailing, and in the morning pushed on up the Stooping river trail to Portage lake, following the sled tracks of Little Jacques. Still the snow held off, but Portage lake and Michel were ifty miles away.

In the early afternoon of the secnd day from the Wailing, when the arrowing of the river and the break n the hills shead indicated their nearess to their goal, the snow they feared began to fall. Shortly Little Jacques' sled trail grew fainter and fainter on the wind-packed snow, and anished. And by the time the team turned into Portage lake and sought camping place in the thick scrub ack from the shore, men and dogs vere sheeted in white.

"Well, we've lost again!" said Steele, bitter with disappointment. "We know bettair w'en we see

Michel." replied the philosophic In-

Soon, as the early November night shut down, like a blanket, on the white lake, the birch logs blazed high before the shed-tent and the tea pail and the kettle of moose stew were immering over red coals.

"If the old boy is loose now, he'll appear and sing again somewhere. There's some consolation in that," lropped Steele, as he filled his pipe.

"We strike hees trail yet, you nevaire-" David broke short off, to rise and peer suddenly into the wall of murk hemming in the fire in the scrub, then walked swiftly into the blackness beyond the circle of light from the fire.

"What is it, David?" called the man at the fire. But there was no response from the other who had faded into the night.

The excited dogs broke into a horus of howls to the accompaniment of the bass of the hound. There was something out there in the snow-curtained gloom. Steele rose to his feet. Then a voice called: "Bo'-jo! Daveed!" And he knew that Michel had

"Hello, Michel!" he cried, shaking the hand of the Iroquois, who preceded David to the camp-fire. "We did our best to beat the snow here, but it was no use. Now tell us about

Seated with his friends by the flaming birch logs, the headman told his story.

When he and Jacques reached the Little Current, he had found all but a few of the most timid hunters on their trap-lines. There had been rumors afloat in the valley of the howling of the beast at Blg Feather, but the Portage lake hunters had refused to listen to an Indian who claimed that he had heard the Windigo, in September, on the ridge across from Walling River post.

"Dat Pierre, he try do good job."

"It was Pierre, was it?" "Yes, he try hard to scare dem or de Little Curren', too."

But to the surprise of Michel, he returned to Portage lake to find & camp of hunters he had left but two days before, wild with fear and preparing to leave the country. For, in his absence, the Windigo had filled the night with horror from a neighoring ridge. Michel had lost no time n finding the trail and following it lown to a creek where he lost it on the Ice, and although he followed the stream for miles, falled again to pick up. Then he sent Little Jacques with the message which David found t the rendezvous.

"Well, he's in this country and we'll keep after him," said Steele, when the headman had finished his story.

There was nothing to do but patrol the country, following the trappers' amps, in the hope that some night uck would strike them, and they should wake from their warm robes o hear the voice

As Steele rolled himself in his lankets under the shed-tent by the fire he wondered if the girl at Walling River, who had so lightly weighed him and found him wanting, had paused to consider whether the choice of a winter of toll with the dogs, on the snow of the Hudson's Bay watershed, rathsingleness of his heart. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

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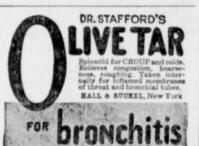


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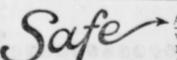
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