

TRUXTON KING

A Story of
—Grawstark

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"WANT YOU LOVE ME AND ME ONLY, LO-
RAINE."

man to the steps, a delicious tremor
in her voice. "I will consider the other
thing you ask."

King was ushered into a large, se-
cretly furnished room. A score of
men were there before him—sitting or
standing in attitudes of attention, lis-
tening to the words of General Brase.
King's entrance was the signal for an
immediate transfer of interest. The
general bowed most politely and at
once turned to Count Halfont with the
remark that he had quite finished his
suggestions. The prime minister came
forward to greet the momentarily shy
American.

"The council has been extolling you,
Mr. King," said the prime minister,
leading him to a seat near his own.

Truxton blushed. Involuntarily he
glanced at Vos Engo. That gentle-
man started, a curious light leaping
into his eyes.

"Here's the situation in a nutshell,"
went on the prime minister. "We are
dissolved unless success reaches us from
the outside. We seem unable to warn
John Tullis, who, if given time, might
succeed in collecting a sufficient force
of loyal countrymen to harass and
eventually overthrow the dictator. I
am loath to speak of another alterna-
tive that has been discussed at length
by the ministers and their friends. The
Duke of Perse, from a bed of pain and
anguish, has counseled us to take
steps in the direction I am about to
speak of.

"We can appeal to Russia in this
hour of stress, but we will have to
make an unpleasant sacrifice. Russia
is eager to take over our new issue of
midway bonds. Hitherto we have voted
against disposing of the bonds in that
country, the reason being obvious. St.
Petersburg wants a new connecting
line with her possessions in Afghanis-
tan. Our line will provide a most di-
rect route—a cutoff, I believe they call
it. Last year the Grand Duke Paulus
volunteered to provide the money for
the construction of the line from Edel-
weis north to Batak on condition that
Russia be given the right to use the
line in connection with her own roads
to the orient. You may see the ad-
vantage in this to Russia, Mr. King.
If I send word to the Grand Duke
Paulus, agreeing to his terms, which
will remain open to us, signing away
the most valuable right in what we had
hoped would be our own individual
property, we have every reason to be-
lieve that he will send armed forces
to our relief on the pretext that
Russia is defending properties of her
own. That is one way in which we
may out Count Martaux. The other
lies in the ability of John Tullis to
give battle to him with our own people
carrying the guns. Lieutenant Had-
don has told us quite lately of a re-
sult you made which he happened
to overhear. If I quote him correctly,
you said to the Englishman Hobbs that
you could get away with it, meaning,
as I take it, that you could succeed in
reaching John Tullis. May I not im-
plore you to tell us how you would
go about it?"

Truxton had turned a brick red.
Blush and mortification surged within
him. He was cruelly conscious of an
undercurrent of irony in the premier's
courteous request. For an instant he
was sorely crushed. A low laugh from
the opposite side of the room sent a
shock to his soul. He looked up. Vos
Engo was still smiling. In an instant
the American's blood boiled.
"I did say I could get to John Tullis,
Truxton thought."

His words created a profound im-
pression, they came so abruptly.
"Send for Mr. Hobbs, please," said

Truxton. "There should be three of
us," addressing the men about him.

"One of us is sure
to get away."
"There is not a
man here—or in
the service—who
will not gladly ac-
company you, Mr.
King," cried Gen-
eral Brase quickly.
"Count Vos Engo
is the man I
would choose. If I
may be permitted
the honor of nam-
ing my compan-
ion," said Truxton,
glancing inwardly
with a malicious
joy. Vos Engo
turned a yellowish
green. His eyes
bulged.



VOS ENGO TURNED A
YELLOWISH GREEN.

"I am in command of the person
of his royal highness," he stammered,
suddenly going very red.

"I had forgotten your present occu-
pation," said Truxton quietly. "Pray
pardon the embarrassment I may have
caused you. After all, I think Hobbs
will do. He knows the country like
a book."

Mr. Hobbs came. That is to say, he
was produced. It is doubtful if Mr.
Hobbs ever fully recovered from the
malady commonly known as stage
fright. He had never been called Mr.
Hobbs by a prime minister before,
nor had he ever been asked in person
by a minister of war if he had a fam-
ily at home. Afterward Truxton King
was obliged to tell him that he had
unwillingly volunteered to accom-
pany him on the perilous trip to the
hills. Be sure of it, Mr. Hobbs was
not in a mental condition for many
hours to even remotely comprehend
what had taken place.

But Mr. Hobbs was not the kind to
falter once he had given his word.

"We'll be off at midnight, Hobbs,"
said Truxton.

"As you say, Mr. King, just as you
say," said Hobbs, with fine indiffer-
ence.

As Truxton was leaving the castle
ten minutes later a brisk, eager faced
young attendant hurried up to him.

"I bear a message from his royal
highness," said the attendant, detain-
ing him. "Prince Robin has asked for
you, sir."

"I'll see him," said King promptly,
as if he were granting the audience.

(To Be Continued.)

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Decision of Commission—Rumored
Murphy May Pay the Fine.

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—Catcher Johnny Kling today is
one of the happiest ball-players in
the middle west. He is anxious to
get back into harness once again. He
asserted that he will abide by the
terms imposed by the national com-
mission, although he believes them to
be "pretty severe."

Kling said: "You know, the na-
tional commission is the court of
last resort in baseball, and when it
tells a fellow what to do he has to
do it."

"I think the fine is too high, and
it is not to my liking to play for a
salary of \$4500, but I love baseball
and I am willing to meet the condi-
tions imposed against me in order to
get back into the game."

"I would rather play in Chicago
than any place on earth. The fans in
that city have always been very
kind to me."

"I have not heard a word from the
national commission about this mat-
ter. I have received no official no-
tification of any kind. But I ex-
pected to be notified of the decision
soon, and I shall join the Chicago
club within five or six days after I
receive the notice. I shall join the
club at their spring practice camp."

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enough to straighten out my business
affairs. It was impossible for me
to play baseball last year because
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Kling asserted that there is no
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