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need of encouragement that all was well and that she had a friend to serve her, that with a rush of sudden sympathy I would-indeed I could have kissed her upon the forehead, if not upon the lips themselves.

It was an impulse well-night overmastering; an impulse that must have dazed me so that she saw or felt, for a tinge of pink swept into her skin; she withdrew her hand and settled composedly.

"Good-night. Please sleep. In the morning we'll reach the stage road fascinated, hand clasping hand. and your troubles will be near the end.

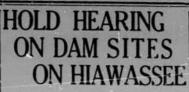
"No," I hazarded. "All worriors, I should guess." "All warriors. But squaws would be worse." On they cantered; indeed, seemed to be diverging from our ambush and making more to the west. And I had hopes that, after all, we were

safe. Then her hand clutched mine firmly. A wolf had leaped from cover in the path of the file; loped eastward across the desert, and instantly, with a whoop that echoed upon us like the crack of doom, a young fellow darted from the line in gay pursuit.

Away they tore, while the file slackened, to watch. Our trail of flight bore right athwart the wolf's projected route. There was just the remote the construction of certain power chance that the lad would overrun it, in its dagerness; and for that intervening moment of grace we stared,

"He's found it! He's found it!" she

announced, in a little wail. Under my own robe I lay for a In mid-career the boy had checked



A public hearing will be held in the courtroom of the courthouse at Athens, Tennessee, at 2:00 P. M. Friday, May 6, 1927. The purpose of the hearing is to enable those interested to present to the U. S. District Engineer, Chattanooga, Tennesee, such statements of fact or opinion as it is believed should be considered in connection with the pending application for preliminary permit for dams on the Hiawassee River in Polk County, Tennessee.

The application is that if the Hiawass Power Company for five water Power developments on the Hiawassee River in Polk County, Tennessee and located between Austral and the Tennessee-North Carolina State Line Later the application may be modi-

gain nothing. You must take my money. Please do. Then good-bye. I told him I would come out, under his

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"He's found it! He's found it !!"

she announced, in a little wail.

long time debating over what she his pony so shortly that the four hoots might have done had I actually kissed ploughed the sand. He wheeled on a her to comfort her.

toyo did not deserve her; I had won go her, she could inspire and guide me if I stayed; and I saw myself staying, and the band galloped to him. and I saw myself going home, and I already regretted a host of things, as a man will when at the forking of the trails.

When I awakened we were still enshrouded by the fleece of fog. As I gazed sleepily about I could see Edme.

"Sh!" she warned, with a quick shake of head. The same warning proposed. bade me listen. In a moment I heard "It wor voices.

They were indistinguishable except as vocal sounds.

"I've been hearing them some little while," she whispered.

"Adam's men trailing us?"

"I hope not," she gasped, in sheer agony. "If we might only know in time!"

gold, as the sun flashed in. Gradual- above her head.

ly the earth appeared in glimpses. "There!" she whispered, pointing, "Look! They are Indians. We must get away before they see us."

saddling while the fog rose with mea- hand likewise lifted. sured steadiness.

"Hurry!" she bade.

The whole desert was a golden haze when having packed we climbed aboard.

pivot and rode back for a few yards,

"Now they will come."

promised. en- "Yes," she murmured. "But after As that-?"

I had no reply. This contingency-

my calculations. "Shall we make a break for it?" I

"It would be madness on these poor mules." She murmured to herself.

them.' "But they're coming," I rasped. "They're getting in range. We've got

f I kill the chief-Ere I could stop her My Lady had

gown closer about her slim figure.

We worked rapidly, bridling and chief rode forward, at a walk, his

she directed to me, while she stood motionless. "Let me try."

see his every lineament-a splendid The fog lingered in patches. Fom man, his eyes devouring her so covet-tich to patch we threaded, with ously that I felt the gloating thoughts "Be Yourself"

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Daniel had been disposed of, Mon- scanning the ground, letting the wolf The youth flung up a glad hand "Yes, he has found it," she said.

"I'll do my best, with revolver," I

na's eyes were open. She looked at we two facing Indians-was outside

"Yes, they're Sioux! I must talk with

the gun, and twenty cartridges. May-

sprung upright, to mount upon a rock Suddenly the fog was shot with and, all in view, to hold open hand

The sunshine glinted upon her hair; a fugive little breeze bound her

They had seen her instantly. The

"Keep down! Keep down, please."

The chief neared until we might

promise.' (Concluded next week)

many a glance over shoulder. behind them.

At last we came to a rough outcrop of red sandstone, looming ruddily on our right. Edna quickly swerved for it.

"The best chance. I see nothing else," she muttered. "We can tie the mules under cover, and wait. We'll surely be spied if we keep on."

In a moment we had gained the refuge. The sculptured rock masses, detached one from another, several jutting ten feet up, received us. We tied the mules short, in a nook at the rear; and we ourselves crawled in until we lay snug anfidst the shadowopening before us.

ably.

He called inquiringly: a greeting and a demand in one, it sounded. She replied. And what they two said, in word and sign, I could not know. Then

he cantered back to his men, while Edna stepped lightly down; answered my querying look.

"It's all right. I'm going, and so are you," she said, with a faint smile, oddly subtle-a tremulous smile in a white face.

"Where? We are free, you mean? What's the bargain?"

"I go to them. You go where you choose-to the stage road, of course. ing buttresses, with the desert vista I have his promise. No, no," she said checking my indignant cry. "Really We had been just in time. Round- I don't mind. The Ind'ans are about ing a knoll there appeared a file of the only persons left to me. You can mounted figures, Indians unmistak- go home, and I shall not be unhappy. Please believe that! The wife of a

"A war party! Sioux, I think," she great chief is quite a personage-he aid. "Don't they carry scalps on that won't inquire into my past. But if you first lance? They've been raiding the stage line. Do you see any squaws?" killed, and I shall suffer, and we shall and nothing else! And in this day what a "find" it is!

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