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his forehead and ridged a furrow through the thick hair. A second stroke of the club jarred him to the

Though his mind was not clear, his

body answered automatically the in-stinct that told him to close with his assailants. He lurched forward and

the ground bleeding from a doz

On his way back to Seven Mile Creek camp Gordon Elliot rode down to the ford. In the dusk he was almost upon

ford. In the dusk he was almost upon them before the robbers heard him For a moment the two men stood gaz

just as they did.

They quartered over the ground, for Gordon would not let either of them get behind him. They were larger than he, heavy, muscle-bound giants of great strength, but he was far more active.

active on his feet. He jabbed an

idestenned and retreated More than

ground, came into contact with the

clatter of hoofs and they were gor Elliot stooped over the battered that lay huddled at the edge

water. So badly had the face beet beaten and hammered that it was no until he had washed the blood from the wounds that Gordon recognized Macdonald.

Opening the coat of the ins

ing at him and he at the tragedy fore him. One of the men mo toward his horse.

CHAPTER II—Elliot and Macdonald become in a measure friendly, though the latter does not know that Elliot is on a mission which threatens to spoil plans of Macdonald to acquire millions of dollars through the unlawful exploitation of immensely valuable coal fields. Elliot also "gets a line" on the position cocupied by Waly Selfridge, Macdonald's right-hand man, who is returning from a visit to "the States," where he had gone in an effort to convince the authorities that there was nothing wrong in Macdonald's methods.

CHAPTER III—Elliot secures an introduction to Miss O'Neill and while the boat is taking on reight the pair set out to climb a locally famous mountain. They venture too high and reach a position from which it is impossible for Miss O'Neill to go forward or turn back.

CHAPTER IV—Eiliot leaves Sheba and at imminent peril of his life goes for as-sistance. He meets Macdonald, who had become alarmed for their safety, and they return and rescue Sheba.

CHAPTER V—Landing at Kusiak Elliot finds that old friends of his. Mr. and Mrs. Paget, are the people whom fishba cousin. At dinner Elliot reveals to Macdonald the object of his coming to Alaska. The two men, naturally antagonistic, now also become rivals for the hand of Sheba.

CHAPTER VII—Elliot, on his way to Kamatlah, wanders from the trail. He loses his horse in a marsh and is compelled to throw away rife and provisions and all unnecessary clothing. After long struggles he realizes that he will never peach Kamatlah, and resigns himself to

CHAPTER XI—Macdonald confesses to sheba that he had wronged her father in . mining traction and makes financial estitution. Macdonald and Sheba be-some engaged, and Elliot is sent down he river on official business.

R. XII—Genevieve Mallory, s, who has determined to win learns of Meteetse and her sends for them to confront They vist Sheba and she truth. Macdonald blames El-ringing, the Indian woman to theba breaks the engagement.

CHAPTER XIII-Convinced that Ellihad induced Meteotee to visit Sheba Medonald sends Selfridge to ward him leave Kusiak at once, threatening shoot him on sight. Elliot refuses to good niveless.

CHAPTER XIV.

Colby Macdonald, in miner's boots and corduroy working suit, stood be-side his horse with one arm thrown carelessly across its rump. He was about to start for Seven Mile Creek pay the men there. Diane was talking with him. "She's

young and fine and spirited. Of course it was a great shock to her. She had been idealizing you. But I think she is beginning to understand things better. At any rate, she does not hate you any more. Give the girl time. "You think she will—be reasonable?"
"I don't know. But I'm sure of one

thing. She'll not be reasonable, as you call it, unless you are reasonable."
"You mean—Elliot?"

"Yes. She likes him very much. Do you know that when the Indian woman came he urged Sheba not to listen to her story?

"Sounds likely—after he had spent his good money bringing her here," sneered the mine owner. "He didn't. Gordon is a splendid fel-

low. He wouldn't lie," answered Di-

low. He wouldn't lie," answered Dinne hotly, "And one thing is sure—if you lay a finger on him for this, it will be fatal with Sheba. She will be through with you."

Macdonald had thought of this before. It had been coming to him from several different angles that he could not afford to gratify his desire to wipe this meddlesome young official from his path. He made a slow, suiky promise.

"All right. I'll let him alone. Peter can tell him?"

Swinging to the saddle, he spurred to towa, and never had two miles

"All right. I'll let him alone. Peter can tell him?"

Swinging to the saddle, he spurred his horse and cantered away. His mind was full of the problem that had come into his life. He rode abstractedly, so that he was at the lower ford of the creek almost before he knew it. A bilberry thicket straggled down to the opposite bank of the stream on both sides of the road.

The horse spisshed through the ford and-took the little rise beyond with a rush. Just before reaching the brow of the hill, the animal stumbled and fell. As its rider went heading, he caught a glimpse of a cord drawn taut across the path.

"Macdonald has been hurt—badly."

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shoulder and walked up the walk to the porch. He kicked upon the door with his foot. Sheba answered the knock, and at sight of what he car-ried the color faded from her face. "Macdonald has been hurt—badly." slowly to rise. From the shadows of the bilberry bushes two stooping figures rushed at him. He threw up an arm to ward off the club aimed at his head, but succeeded only in breaking the force of the blow, As he staggered the blow, As he staggered the blow, As he staggered the blow is the blow in the blow in the blow is the blow in the blow in the blow is the blow in the blow is the blow in the blow in the blow is the blow in the blow in the blow is the blow in the blow in the blow is the blow in the blow

mine owner Sheba got a doctor telephone. The wounded man opened his eyes after a long time, but there was in them the glase of delirium. He recognized none of them. All night he raved, and his delirious talk went back to the wild scenes of his earlier life. Sometimes he swore savagely again he made quiet, deadly threats; but always his talk was crisp and clean and vigorous. Nothing foul or allimy came to the surface in those hours of unconscious babbling.

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The doctor would make no promises.

"He's a mighty sick man. The cuts are deep, and the hammering must have farred his brain terribly. If it was anybody but Macdonald, I wouldn't give him a chance," he told Diane when he left in the morning to get breakfast. "But Macdonald has tremendous vitality. Of course if he lives it will be because Mr. Elliot brought him in so soon."

Gordon walked with the doctor as far as the hotel. A brown, thin, leathery man undraped himself from a chair in the lobby when Elliot opened the door. He was officially known as the chief of police of Kustak. Intidentally he constituted the whole police force. Generally he was referred to as Gopher Jones on account of his habit of spasmodic prospecting.

"I got to put you under arrest, Mr Ellilot," he explained.

"What for?' demanded Gordon, surprised.

assallants. He lurched forward and gripped one, wrestling with him for the revolver. Vaguely he knew by the sharp, jagged shoots of pain that the second man was beating his head with a club. The warm blood dripped through his hair and blinded his eyes. Dazed and shaken, he yet managed to get the revolver from the man who had it. But it was his last effort. He was too far gone to use it. A blow on the forehead brought him unconscious to the ground bleeding from a dozen

"Doc thinks it will run to murder

The field agent was startled. "You

mean—Macdonald?"
The brown man chewed his quick steadily. "You done guessed it."
"That's absurd, you know. What evidence have you got?"
"First off, you'd had trouble with him. It was common talk that when you and Mac met, guns were going to pop. You bought an automatic revolver two days ago. You was seen practicing with it."
"He had threatened me."

toward his horse.

"Stop there!" ordered Gordon sharpily, and reached for his revolver.

The man—it was the miner Northrup—jumped for Elliot and the field
agent fired. Another moment and he
was being dragged from the saddle,
What happened next was never clear
to-him. He knew that both of the
bandits closed in on him and that he
was fighting desperately against odds,
The revolver had been knocked from
his hand and he fought with bare fists
just as they did. "He had threatened me."
"You want to be careful what you say, Mr. Elliot. It will be used against you." Gopher shot a squirt of to bacco unerringly at the open door of the stove. "You was seen talking with Trelawney and Northrup. Money passed from you to them."
"I gave them a loan of ten dollars each because they were broke. Is that criminal?" demanded Gordon angrily. "That's your story. You'll git at

criminal? demanded Gordon angrily,
"That's your story. You'll git a
chance to tell it to the jury, I shouldn't
wonder. Mebbe they'll believe it. You
never can tell."

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"Believe it! Why, you muttonhead,
I found him where he was bleeding to
death and brought him in,"
"That's what I heard say. Kinder queer, ain't it, you happened to be the man that found him?" "Nothing queer about it. I was rid-ag in from Seven Mile Creek camp." ordon was exasperated, but not at all

"So you was. While you was out a "So you was. While you was out at the camp you asked one of the boys how big the pay roll would be."
"Does that prove I was planning a hold-up? Isn't that the last thing I would have asked if I had intended

would have asked if I had intended robbery?"

"Don't ask me. I ain't no psychologist. All I know is you took an interest in the bank roll on the way."

"The here for the government investigating Macdonald. I was getting information—earning my pay. Can you understand that?"

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her chewed his cud impassively.

Gopher chewed his cud impassively.
"Sure I can, and I been earning mine,
By the way, how come you to be beat
up so bad, Mr. Elliot?"

"I had a fight with the robbers."

"Sure it wasn't with the robbed?
That split lip of yours looks to me
plumb like Mac's John Haneock."

Elliot flushed angrily. "Of course it
you intend to believe me guilty—"

"Now, there affit no manner o' use
In gettin' het up, young fellow. Mebin gettin, het up, young fellow. Meb-be you did it; mebbe you didn't. Any-how, you'll gimme that gat you been toting these last few daya."

Gordon's hand moved toward his hip. Then he remembered.

once their heavy blows crashed on his face. His eyes dared not wander from them for an instant, but he was hip. Then he remembered.
"I haven't it. I left it..."
"You left it at the ford..." hell empty. That's where you left moved his feet were searching for the automatic he had dropped. One of his feet, dragging over the it," interrupted the officer.

"Yes. I fired at Northrup as he rushed me."
"Um-hu," assented Jones, impudent pelief in his eye. "At Northrup of at Macdonald."

steel. With a swift side kick Gord flung the weapon a dozen feet to left. Presently, watching his chan "What do you think I did with the money, then? Did I eat it?"
"Not so you could notice it. Since he made a dive for it.
Trelawney, followed by Northrup,
turned and ran. One of them caught
Macdonald's horse by the bridle. He
swung to the saddle and the other man you put it to me flat-foot, you gave

you put it to me flat-foot, you gave it to your. pardners. You didn't want it. They did. They have got the horse too—and they're hitting the high spots to make their getaway." Elliot was locked up in the flimsy jail without breakfast. He was furi-ous, but as he paced up and down the narrow beat beside the bed his anger gave way to anxiety. Surely the Pag-ets could not believe he had done such a thing. And Sheba—would she aca thing. And Sheba-would she accept as true this, weight of circum-

against him?

It could all be explained no easily.

And yet—the facts fitted like links of a chain to condemn him. He went over them one by one. The habbling tongue of Selfridge that had made common gossip of the impending tragedy in which he and Macdonald were the principals—lie yuschage of the over them one by one. The babbling tongue of Seirridge that had made common gossip of the impending tragedy in which he and Macdonald were the principals—his purchase of the automatic—his public meeting with two known enemies of the Scotsman, fection. To be in trouble was a sure assurer to the sympathy of Sheba. the principals—his purchase of the automatic—his public meeting with two known enemies of the Scotsman, during which he had been seen to give them money—his target practice with the new revolver—the unhappy chance that had taken him out to Se en-Mile that had taken him out to seven-hile Creek Camp the very day of the rob-bery—his casual questions of the min-era—even the finding of the body by him. All of these dove-tailed with the hypothesis that his partners in

crime were to escape and bear the blame, while he was to bring the body blame, while he was to orms back to town and assume innocence.

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"Tough luck, Gordon," the engine "What does Sheba think?"
"We haven't told her you have been arrested. I heard it only a little while



Tough Luck, Gordon," the Engineer

Peter looked at him in Peter looked at him in questioning surprise. "Well, what?" He caugh the meaning of his friend. "Try no to be an ass, Gordon. Of course she

thows the charge is ridiculous."

The chip dropped from the your man's shoulder, "Good old Diane, might have known," he said with new chapefulness. new cheeffulness,
"I think you might have," agreed
Peter dryly, "By the way, have you Peter dryly. "By thad any breakfast?"

"Til have something sent

"How's Macdonald?"
"He's alive—and where is hope." "Any news of the murder

"Posses are combing the hills for them. They stole a packhorse from a truck gardener up the valley. It seems they bought an outfit for a month yesterday—said they were go-They talked for a few minutes longer, mainly on the question of a lawyer and the chances of getting out on bond Peter left the prisoner in very much better spirits than he had found him

CHAPTER XV.

"God Save You Kindly." A nurse from the hospital had re-Heved Diane and Sheba at daybreak. They slept until the middle of the aft-ernoon, then under orders from the doctor walked out to take the air. The fever of the patient was subsiding. He slept a good deal, and in the intervals between had been once or twice quite rational.

rational.

The thoughts of the cousins drew their steps toward the jail. Sheba looked at Diane.

"Will they let us pass, do you think?"

"Perhaps. We can try."
Gopher Jones was not proof against the brisk confidence with which Mrs. Paget demanded admittance.
The prisoner was sitting on the bed.

His heart jumped with gladness when he looked up.
Diane shook hands cheerfully. "How is the criminal?" "Better for hearing your kind voice," he answered.

His eyes strayed to the ebon-haire girl in the background. They met n the background. They me led smile, grave and sweet. "Awfully good of you to come to

see me," he told Si "How is Macdonald?" this afternoon."
"We haven't talked to Mr. Macdo need of the countries at war with the

ald yet about the attack on him," Diane explained. "But he must have recognised the men. There are many footprints at the ford, showing how they moved over the ground as they fought. So he could not have been unconscious from the first blow."
"Unless they were masked he must have known them. It was light enough," agreed Elliot.
"Peter is still trying to get the officers to accept hall, but I don't think

"Peter is still trying to get the officers to accept bail, but I don't think
he will succeed. There is a good deal
of feeling in town against you."
"Because I am supposed to be an
enemy to an open Alaska, I judge."
"Mainly that. Wally Selfridge has
been talking a good deal. He takes it
for granted that you are guilty. We'll
have to wait in patience till Mr. Macdonald speaks and clears won." donald speaks and clears you." Gopher stuck his head in at the doo

"You'll have to go, ladies. Time's up."
When Sheba bade the prisoner goodby it was with a phrase of the old by it was with a phrase of the out

pasport to the sympathy of Sheba. Now both her lovers were in a sad way. Diane wondered which of them would gain most from this new twist of fate.

sight of Macdonald. The terrible beat-ing and the loss of blood had sapped all the splendid, vital strength of the Scotsman. His battered head was swathed in bandages, but the white swathed in bandages, but the white face was bruised and disfigured. The wounded man was weak as a kitten; only the steady eyes told that he was still strong and unconquered.

"I want to talk business for a minute, Miss Radgwick Will was please."

"Do as I say, please."

The nurse left them alone. Wally old the story of the evidence against filled in four sentences. His chief

caught the point at once.

After Beffridge had gone, the wounded man lay ellent thinking out his program. Not for a more wild the doubt that he was going to live, and his brain was already busy planning for the future. He knew now that in the violence of his anger against Elliot he had made a mistake, To have killed his rival would have been frait to the Kamatlah coul claims, would have alleanted his best friends, and would have prejudiced hopelessly his chances with Shebn. Fate had been kind to him. He had been in the wrong and it had put him in the right. By the same

had put him in the right. By th had put him in the right. By the same cut of the cards young Eillot had been thrust down from an impregnable position to one in which he was a discredited suspect. With all this cridence to show that he had conspired against Macdonald, his report to the department would be labor lost.

Diane came into the sickroom atrip-ping her gloves after the walk. Mac-donald smiled feebly at her and fired the first shot of his campaign to de-

asked weakly. The been eyes of his hostess fus-tened upon him. "Captured! What lo you mean? It was Gerdon Elliot hat hostely." that brought you in and saved you

"Brought me from where?"
"From where he found you cloub at the ford."
"That's his story, is 11?"

"That's his story, is it?"
The young woman stood with her
gloves crushed tight in both heads. It
was her nature to be siways a partisan. Without any reserve she was for
Gordon in this new fight upon him.
What had Wally Selfridge been saying
to Macdonald? Did the mine owner

Billiot as one of his assaliants? The thing was preposterous.

And yet—that was plainly what he had meant to imply. If he told such a story, things would go hard with Gordon. In court it would clinch the case against him by supplying the one missing link in the chain of circumstantial syddenes. Diane, in deep thought, frowned

down upon the wounded man, who seemed already to have fallen into a light sleep. She told herself that this was some of Wally Selfridge's devilsome of Wally Selfridge's devil-Anyhow, she would talk it over

try, Anyhow, she would talk it with Peter.

The reason Wally was so ple with himself was that he had drea hint into the ear of the wou man not to clear Ellitor of complete. man not to clear Elliot of compilety in the attack upon him. The news that the special investigator had been arrested for robbery and attempted murder, flashed all over the United States, would go far to neutralize any report he might make against the validity of the Macdonald claims. If to this could be added later reports of an indictment, a trial, and possibly a conviction, it would not matter two straws what Elliot said in his official

To be continued.

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One million tons of Dutch shipping which will be used in sending supplies to the armies of the allies or in transbe taken over by the United States and Great Britain Monday, March 18, thus relieving in great measure a dire

Holland's hesitancy to come into an agreement with the United States and Great Britain which would permit of the use of ships flying her flag, many of which are now lying in American and allied ports, no longer is to be tolerated, and next Monday, whether she be willing or not, the vessels will be taken over under the provisions of international lanw and put into use which are highly essential to the

Holland yet has time to acquiesc in the demands of the United State and Great Britain and sanction th use of her shipping, but her plea of tion in the decision of the United States and the allies to seize all Dutch vessels in their respective ports throughout the world and use them. Liberal compensation is to be awarded owners of the vessels and all their rights will be safeguarded. In addition the export of foodstuffs to Hol-land will be permitted and coal by which Holland may resume her interrupted trade with her colonies will be

tons of Dutch ships, now held in ports board, telegraphed the builders of the the world over, through Holland's fear 5,000-ton concrete vessel which was of Germany's threat to sink them if launched successfully on the Pacific the world over, through Holland's rear of Germany's threat to sink them if launched successfully on the Pacific they venture out, will be brought into coast \$50 report immediately what the service of the United States and were the prospects for laying down additional hulls. Unless the Netherlands governmen

braves the menace of Germany's pressure and voluntarily accepts an agreement under which the ships would be put in trade, the United States and Great Britain will take them over under international law erto exercised under the same author

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count of Allied Nations Taking Over Her Ships. That peace terms have been offere

Great Britain by Germany may possi bly be inferred from several signifi cant statements given out. cant statements given out.

Lord Robert Cecil, British minister of blockade, when asked if proposals "had been received for a peace at the expense of Russia" answered that "no

such proposals are being considered or will be considered." A little earlier an Amsterdam dispatch quoted Field Marshal von Hindenburg as saying that "the entente has shown an unresponsive attitude toward Germany's peace intentions and the great German offensive must

therefore go on." Later General von Ludendofff, the German quartermaster general, was reported as saying: "Since the enemy have to fight, and this fight will, of course, be the mest tremendous of the whole war." Ludendorff Boasts Strength.

General von Ludendorff continued We are stronger than the enemy as regards men, material, aerial forces, anks. Everything, in fact, of which on our side in the greatest abund The treaty of peace submitted by

Germany to Russia at Brest-Litovsk which makes Russia an outpost of the central empires, has either been ratified by the all-Russian congres of soviets or its ratification apparently Reports from Moscow are not clear

on the rituation, but it seems certain that the bolshevik element has voted by a large majority to affirm the treaty. As this element dominates the congress, the hard terms will doubt-less be accepted, notwithstanding re-ports that Leon Trotsky, the mouth-piece of the bolsheviki, is opposed to their provisions and is willing to try to reorganize the Russian fight the German invaders.

Holland stands in a perilous situa-tion, according to the German news-papers, which are printing editorials, evidently inspired, on the taking over of Dutch ships by the United States and Great Britain. "Drastic measures" are advocated if Holland "gives way"

FIFTY HORSES ARE DEAD;

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3. Orisier, veterinary surgeon, Covington, pronounced the death of the animals to be due to belladona and

croton oil poisoning.

The consignment of horses reached
Covington in charge of Lieut. Frank
Lilley and 16 soldiers. Doctor Crisler said he believed the poison had been placed in water given to the horse in Covington. Government authori-ties were notified. An agent of the department of fustice began an inves tigation. Deaths of the horses generally are said to be ramifications of

Bow to Germany's Will. allRussian congress of soviets at Mos cow to ratify the German peace terms message to the Russian people assu ing them that America would take the

TROOPS ENJOY SUNSHINE

After weeks of rain, snow, wind and spring sunshine. The skies were cloudless, and in the moderate temper ature that prevailed sweaters were discarded by the men for the first time since last summer, while in the vil-lages where they are billeted and in the cantonments in the training area of bedding being given an airing. REINFORCED CONCRETE SHIPS

ships apparently are about to take large place in the solution of the ship building difficulty which lies across the path to victory over Germany Chairman Hurley, of the shipping

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