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of Mexico, where Marshall had "found" him? But he would not try again to persuade Hardin to give up his trip to Los Angeles. It might be better. Probably the father of his country would be proud to know that after all, for the new manager to take charge with his predecessor out of the way.

"MacLean's coming down tonight." the only entangling foreign allihave contracted is to adopt the world. face. "With Babcock."
"I won't be missed." Hardin's

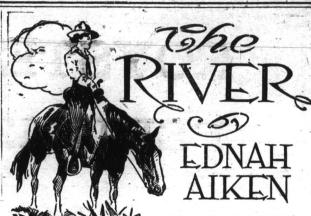
It isn't what a man doesn't know that worries him, but what he knows others know he doesn't the sense of a goat I'd sell out, sell my stock to MacLean and quit. What's in all this for me? Does anyone doubt my reason for staying? It would be

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER II-Marshall tells Rickard

the Overland Pacific has got to step in to save the Imperial Valley and sends him to the break. Rickard declines be-

CHAPTER III—Rickard journeys to Calexico, sees the irrigated desert and learns much about Hardin and his work.

CHAPTER VI-Rickard attends meeting of the directors and asserts authority. Hardin rages. Estrada to Rickard of his foreboding that his w will fail. "I can't see it finished."

He was of middle height, slende

"Mr. Estrada, Mr. Rickard."

vas another stab to their chief.

made by Maitland's death."

will not be possible for me to be there.

I'm going to Los Angeles in the morning. He turned and left the office, Estrada following him.

"Oh, Mr. Hardin, you mustn't take it

"I'll take orders from him, but he

was a surprise to Estrada.

"At college. He was my—er—instructor. Marshall found him in the

the 10h in the heat-baked barrancas

he threw out, still watching Hardin's

mouth was bitter. "Estrada, if I had

like leaving a sinking ship, like de-

serting the passengers and crew one

had brought on board. God! I'd like

to go! But how can I? I've got hold of the tail of the bear and I can't let

"No one doubts you-" began Es-

trada. Hardin turned away, with an

ugly oath. The Mexican stood watch-

ing his stumbling anger.

He's not the man for this job. "Then you knew him before?"

classroom. A theory slinger."

he know, already?

CHAPTER VII—Innes is discovered in her garden. She tries to cheer up Hardin, who is furious against Rickard.

to MacLean, whom he had drawn to

one side, out of earshot of the checker players.
"I want you to do something for

me, not at all agreeable!" His tone implied that the boy was not given the chance to beg off. "What time does the train pull out in the morning?" "Six-fifteen."
"I'll have a letter for you at the

hotel at six. Be on time. I want to catch Hardin before he leaves for Los Angeles. If he's really going. I'll give him today to think it over. But he can't disregard an order as he did my invitation. Adidn't want to rub it in before the men." MacLean stared, then said that he

thought he was not likely to! Rickard left the office in time to Hardin shutting the outer gate ind him. His exit released a cho-

learns much about Hardin and his work. CHAPTER IV—At the hotel he meets Mr. and Mrs. Hardin and Innes Hardin, Hardin's half sisten. Disappointed in her husband and an incorrigible coquette, Mrs. Hardin sets her cap for her former lover and invites him to dinner. CHAPTER V—Rickard visits the company's offices and takes control. He finds the engineers loval to Hardin and hostille to him. Estrada, a Mexican, son of the "Father of the Imperial Valley," tells him of the general situation. rus of indignant voices. "An outrage!" "A d-d shame!" This from

Wooster.
"Hardin's luck!"

On the other side of the door Rick-ard deliberated. The hotel and its curi-ous loungers, or his new office, where Oglivic was making a great show of occupation. He had not seen Estrada. He was making a sudden dive for his notel when the gentle voice of the Mexican hatled him. "Will you come to my car? It's on

the siding right here. We can have a little lunch and then look over some maps together. I have some pictures



Away With an Ugly Hardin Turned

manager held out his manager.
Estrada, friend of Mexican liberty, founder of steamship companies and father of the Imperial valley?"

"That makes me a brother of the valley"—Estrada's smile was sensitive and sweet.

"Tardin, hesitated, hostile. He thought he might like the Mexican.

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Estrada

mantle. He has been chosen to fill the vacancy cific was building between the twin MacLean's eyes wavered toward Hardin, whose nonchalance had not faltered. Had he not heard, or did towns and the Crossing; a director of the Desert Reclamation company, and the head of a small subsidiary comtect rights and keep harmonious rela-"I'd like to have a meeting, a contion with the sister country. Rickard found him full of meat, and heard, for Because it was so kindly done, Har-din showed his first resentment. "It or the rakish river. Particularly in-teresting to him was the relation of

Hardin to the company. "He has the bad luck, that man!" exclaimed Estrada's soft, musical voice. "Everything is in his hands, capital is promised, and he goes to is destroyed. Of course capital is shy He's had the devil's own luck with men: Gifford, honest but mullsh; Sather, mullsh and not hohest—oh. there's a string of them. Once he went to Hermosillo to get an option on my father's lands. They were already covered by an option held by some men in Scotland. Another man would have waited for the three months to pass. Not Hardin. He went to Scotland. men: Gifford, honest but mulish; land, thought he'd interest those men with his mans and papers. He owned

Estrada's thoughtful glance rested on the angry face. Was this genuine, or did not Hardin know of the years Rickard had served on the road; of Estrada repeated the story Brandon and Marshall had told, with little discrepancy. A friendly refrain followed the narrative. "He has the bad luck, that man!"

"And the Scotched option?" reminded Rickard, smiling at his own poor

joke.
"It was just that. A case of Hardin luck again. He stopped off in London inck again. He stopped of in London to interest some capital there; following up a lead developed on the steamer. He was never a man to neglect a chance. Nothing came of it, though, and when he reached Glasgow he found his man had died two days before-or been killed. I've forgotten which. Three times Hardin's crossed the ocean trying to corner the oppor-tunity he thought he had found. It isn't laziness, is his trouble. It's just

infernal luck." "Or over-astuteness, or procrastifia-ion," criticized his listener to himself. He knew now what it was that had so changed Hardin. A man cannot travel, even though he be hounding down a quick scent, without meeting down a quick scent, without meeting strong influences. He had been thrown

with hard men, strong men. It was an inevitable chiseling, not a miracle.
"I want to hear more of this some
day. But this map. I don't understand what you told me of this by-

pass, Mr. Estrada.

Their heads were still bending over Estrada's rough work bench when the Japanese cook announced that dinner was waiting in the adjoining car. MacLean and Bodefeldt and several volume entireses belong the several volume entireses and the several volume entireses belong the several volume entireses belong the several volume entireses belong the several volume entireses and the several volume entires and the several volume entireses and the several volume entires and the several volume entireses and the several volume entires and t young engineers joined them.

It had been outwardly a wasted day. Rickard had bounged, socially and physically. But before he turned in that night he had learned the names and dispositions of his force, and some of their prejudices. Nothing, he summed up, could be guessed from the gentleness of the Mexican's manner; gentleness of the Mexican's manner; Wooster's antagonism was open and snappish. Silent was to be watched, and Hardin had already shown his

The river, as he thought of it, appeared the least formidable of his op-ponents. He was imaging it as a high-spirited horse, maddened by the fum-bling of its would-be captors. His fask it was to lasso the proud stallion, lead it in bridled to the sterile land. No wonder Hardin was sore; his noose had slipped out one time too many

CHAPTER VI.

Red Tape.
At ten o'clock the next morning Hardin, entering the office, again the general manager's, found there before him George MacLean, the new director, and Percy Babcock, the treasurer, who had been put in by the Overland Pacific when the old company was reorgan-ized. They had just come in from Los Angeles, the trip made in MacLean's private car, to attend a director's med

ng. Rickard entered a few minutes later, Estrada behind him. Ogilvie followed Rickard to his desk.

"Well?" inquired the new manager.
Oglivie explained lengthily that he
had the minutes of the last meeting. "Leave them here." Rickard waved him toward Estrada, who held out his hand for the papers.

Reluctantly the accountant relinquished the papers. His retreating conttails looked ludicrously whipped but no one laughed. Hardin's scowl

deepened.

"Showing his power," he thought.

"He's going to call for a new pack." Estrada pushed the minutes through with but a few unimportant interrup tions. He was sitting at the same desk with Rickard. Hardin, sensitive and sullen, thought he saw the meeting managed between them.

Several times he attempted to bring the tangled affairs of the water com-panies before the directors. Rickard would not discuss the water compa

"Because he's not posted! He's be-ginning to see what he's up against," ran Hardin's stormy thoughts. He was on his feet the next minute with a motion to complete the Hardin headgate. Violently he declaimed to Babcock and MacLean his wrongs, the

injustice that had been done him. Marshall had let that fellow Maitland convince him that the gate was not prac-ticable; had it not been for him the gate would be in place now; all this time and money saved. And the Maitland dam, built instead! Where was it? Where was the money, the time, put in that little toy? Sickening! His face purpled over the memory. was he allowed to begin again with the gate? "Answer me that." Why the gate? "Answer me that. Why was I allowed to begin again? It's all child's play, that's what it is. And

he pulls me off !" This was the real Hardin, the uncouth, overaged Lawrence student! The new manner was just a veneer.

when I am in it again up to my neck

"I think," interlected Rickard, "that foundation could never be more than a makeshift. I understood that the first day he visited the river with you he had the idea to put the ultimate gate, the gate which would control the water supply of the valley, up at the Crossing on rock foundation. Mr. Mares not expect to finish that in wooden gate will solve the immediate problem. It was a case of any port in a storm. He has asked me to report my opinion."

"Why doesn't be give me a chance to go ahead then?" growled the de-posed manager. "Instead of letting the intake widen until it will be an impossibility to confine the river there at all?"

"So you do think that it will be an impossibility to complete the gate as planned?"

Hardin had run too fast: "I didn't mean that," he stammered. "I mean it will be difficult if we are delayed

"Have you the force to re-begin work at once?" demanded Rickard. "I had it," evaded Hardin. "I had everything ready to go on—men, ma terial - when we stopped the last

"Answer my question, please."

"I should have to assemble them again," admitted Hardin sulkily.

Rickard consulted his notebook. "I peon or an indian. think we've covered everything. Now I want to propose the laying of a spur track from Hamiln's Junction to the Heading." His manner cleared the stage of supernumeraries; this was the climax. Hardin looked ready to energy.

pring.

"And in connection with that the debrought to the border. Mr. Estrada velopment of a quarry in the granite hills back of Hamlin's," continued Rick-ard, not looking at Hardin.

will help us."
The meetin They were s

lutely necessary if we are to save the valley. We cannot afford not to do it, Mr. Hardin!"

Hardin glared at the other men for support; he found MacLean's face a blank wall; Estrada looked uncomfortable. Babcock had pricked up his ears at the sound of the desired appropriation; his head on one side, he looked like an inquisitive terrier.

Hardin spread out his hands in helpless desperation. "You'll ruin us." he said. "It's your money, the O. P.'s, but you're lending it, not giving it to us. You are going to swamp the Desert Reclamation company. Wa can't throw funds away like that." Gue hundred thousand dollars! Why, he could have stopped the river at any time if have stopped the river at any time if he had had that sum; once a paltry thousand would have saved them— "I didn't ask the O. P. to come in and ruin us, but to stop the river; not to throw money away in hog-wild fash-ion." He was stammering inarticulate-ly, "There's no need of a spur-track if you rush my gate through." f you rush my gate through

"If." Rickard nodded. "Granted. It we can rush it through. But suppose it fails? Marshall said the railroad would stand for no contingencies. The interests at stake are too vital—"

"Interests!" cried Tom Hardin. "Interests!" cried Tom Hardin. "What do you know of the interest at stake? You or your railroad? Coming in at the elevanth hour, what can you know? Did you promise safety to thousands of families if they made their homes in this valley? Are you responsible? Did you get up this company, induce your friends to put their money



Instantly Hardin Was on His Feet.

What do you know of the interests at stake? You want to put one hundred thousand dollars into a frill. God, do company? It means ruin—" pulled him down in his seat.

Rickard explained to the directors the necessity in his opinion of the spur-track and the quarry. Rock in great quantities would be needed; cars must e rushed in to the break. He urged the importance of clenching the issue.
"If it's not won this time, it's a lost cause," he maintained. "If it cuts a deeper gorge, the Imperial valley is a chimera; so is Laguna dam."

The other men were drawn into the argument. Babcock leaned toward Hardin's conservation. MacLean was judicial. Estrada upheld Rickard. The spur-track; in his opinion, was essen-tial to success. Hardin could see the meeting managed between the newcomer and the Mexican, and his anger impotently raged. His temper made him incoherent. He could see Rickard, cool and impersonal, adding to his points, and MacLean slowly won to the stronger side. Hardin, on his feet again, was sputtering helplessly at iccd. Babcock, when Rickard called for a vote. The appropriation was carried. Hardin's face was swollen with rage.

Rickard then called for a report on the clam-shell dredge being rushed at February?

What's the use of taking chances?" demanded Rickard.

He was on his feet in a second, "There to govern that river!" are no chances." He looked at Mac-"The machinery's done. It's no ase getting it here until we're ready." "There are glways chances," inter-

rupted his opponent coolly. "We are going to take none. I want Mr. Har-din, gentlemen, appointed a committee of one to see that the machinery is delivered at once, and the dredge rushed."

discussed. Hardin-said they could de pend on hobo labor. Rickard agreed that they would find such help, but it would not do to rely on it. The big sewer system of New Orleans was about completed; he had planned to write there, stating the need. And

"Frank Porter?" sneered Hardin. "that—murderer?"
"His brother," Rickard answered pleasantly. "Jim furnishes the men for the big mines in Sonora and Sina.

loa. He'll send us all the labor we want, the best for our purpose. gain," admitted Hardin sulkily.

Rickard consulted his notebook. "I peon or an Indian.

"You'll be infringing on the interna-

The meeting had already adjourned. ard, not looking at Hardin.

Instantly Hardin was on his feet.
His fist thundered on the table. "I lunch with him, in the car on the sidahall oppose that," he flared. "It is absolutely unnecessary. We can't afford
it. Do you know what that will cost. solutely unnecessary. We can't afford it. Do you know what that will cost, gentiemen?"
"One hundred thousand dollars!" Rickard interrupted him. "I want an it is morning for that

Hardin caught a slight that was not intended. He pushed past the group at the door without civility or cere

mony.

The stendy grave eyes of the big. The steady grave eyes of the big frame looked at Rickard inquiringly.

"He wants to stay out another year.
I hope you will let him. It's not disin-terested. I shall have to take a stenog-rapher to the Heading this summer.
There is a girl here; I couldn't take her, and then, too, I'm old-fashioned; I don't like women in offices. My posi-tion promises to be a peculiar one. I'd like to have your son to rely on for emergencies a stenographer could not

MacLean's grave features relaxed as he looked down on the engineer, who was no small man himself, and suggested that his son was not very

up in stenography.

"That's the least of it."

"I hope that he will make a good. stenographer! Good morning, gentle

At table, neither Estrada nor his guest uncovered their active thought which revolved around Hardin and his hurt. Instead, Rickard had qu thing was amiss—Estrada was ac-curate; he had all his facts. Was it enthusiasm, sympathy, he lacked? Presently he challenged him with it.

Estrada's eyes dreamed out of the window, followed the gorge of the New river, as though out there, somewhere

"Do you mean, do you doubt it?" exclaimed Rickard, watching the melancholy in the beautiful eyes. Estrada shook his head, but without

decision. "Nothing you'd not laugh at. I can laugh at it myself, sometimes " Rickard waited, not sure that anything more was coming. The Mexi-can's dark eyes were troubled; a puzzle brooded in them. "It's a purely nega-tive sense that I've had, since I was a tive sense that I've had, since I was a child. Something falls between me and a plan. If I said it was a veil, it would be—something!" His voice fell to a ghost of tunefulness. "And it's—" nothing. A blank—I know then it's not going to happen. It is terribly final! It's happened, often. Now, 1 wait for that-veil. When it falls, I

thow what it means."
"And you have had that—sense ibout this river business?"

Estrada turned his pensive gaze on the American. "Yes, often. I thought, after futher's death, that that was what it meant. But it came again. It sept coming. I had it while you were ill talking, just now. I don't speak of his. It sounds chicken-hearted. And I'm in this with all my soul—my fa-ther—I couldn't do it any other way, but—"

"You think we are going to fail?" "I can't see it finished," was Estra-la's mournful answer. He turned again to stare out of the window.

"Who are the river men in the valwant to meet them, to talk to them." "Cor'nel, he's an Indian. He's worth talking to. He knows its history, its legends. Perhaps some of it is his-

"Where's he to be found?" "You'll run across him! Whenever anything's up, he is on hand. He senses And then there's Matt Hamlin. "I'll see him, of course. Has he

been up the river? Maldonado, a half-breed, who lives some twenty miles down the river from Hamiln's. He knows the Glia as though he were pure Indian. The Glia's tricky! Maldonado's grandfather was a trapper, his great-grandfather, they say, a priest. The were all Indian. He's smart. and bad."

men, not ten!" laughed Rickard. "I want river history." "There's another man you ought to

meet. He was with the s Yuma. Where was the machinery? expedition. He's written the best book on the river. He knows it, if any man does. You wanted these maps." Es-Why not get the machinery here? trada was gathering them together,

"Thank you. And you can just strangle that foreboding of yours, Mr. Estrada. For I tell you, we're going

dancing step of the engineer until it carried him out of sight. Perhaps? Because he was the son of his father, he must work as hard as if conviction went with him, as if success awaited at the other end of the long road. But it was not going to be. He would never ee that river shackled-

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WEBB, KITCHEN AND OTHERS TO VISIT PORTO RICO SOON

Washington.-Twenty members of the house of representatives will visit Porto Rico in April to study political and economic conditions with a view to obtaining information for solving legislative problems affecting the isl and which are to come before the next congress. The party will leave New York April 12, but the length of the stay in Porto Rico has not been de-

Delegate Davila, Porto Rico's rep resentative in Congress, who extended the invitation at the request of the legislative assembly of Porto Rico, announced he would introduce a bill to lx definitely the future policy

IS SEETHING IN KOREA

Washington.-Official advices ceived by the state department from the Orient described the independence movement in Korea as a spontaneous movement in Korea as a spontantone which had assumed large proportions. No effort at organized resist-ance to Japanese authority has been undertaken, but demonstrations and

meetings have been held througho the country. Many of the demonstrations were reported by the Japanese authoritie but it was said the Japanese later adopted a more conciliatory attitude and that they might treat the aspira-tions of the Koreans with more sympathy. Immediate demands of the Ko reans included freedom of ships, right

of petition and the teaching of the Korean language in the schools, with ultimate independence for the country. The demonstrations at Seoul and other points were planned to take place on the day of the former em-peror's funeral, but after learning the Japanese had ordered gendarmes in from the outlying districts the leaders launched the movement two days

CLEMENCEAU'S ASSAILANT IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Paris.-Emile Cottin, the anarchist who recently made an attempt upon the life of Premier Georges Clemenceau, was sentenced to death by the court-martial which was trying The verdict of the court-martial was

RACE PREJUDICE FRUITFUL SOURCE OF DISCONTENT

New York.-Action by the peace conference to eliminate race prejudice which he termed "a fruitful source of discontent and uneasiness among nations in the past," was urged by Vis count Ishii, Japanese ambassado the United States, speaking before the Japan Society. Nothing would con-tribute more effectively to the founds. tion of permanent peace, he de clared than application of a proper

ON PRESIDENT'S RETURN

Paris.—In commenting on the return

Matin says:
"The alliance with the United States possible aggressions. France looks upon Mr. Wilson as the powerful friend who helped her to win and will

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