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CHAPTER L. During all October and half of Norember no work was done in the Black Eagle mine, except by the pumps draining the sump. The "coal pool"-a combination of anthracite mine owners formed to check overproduction and keep up the price of coal-had arbitra-

rily ordered a "shut down." Such stoppage of labor at one or more of the numerous collieries in the anthracite fields was common, but the length of time prescribed for it in this case was unusual and not without a purpose. A general reduction of miners' wages was in contemplation, and the Black Eagle had been selected as the point at which the first blow should be struck for its inauguration. In their best times the 300 men employed there, with their families, lived from "hand to mouth." and it was only reasonable to expect would leave them so close to starvation to show. that they would be glad to get work at any rate. Then the new scale, thus esgeneral as rapidly as circumstances

would permit. new scale, and a "strike" was declared. That signified nothing to the "coal pool," which was helped by it in keeping down production, but was a terrible misfortune for the 800 and their wretched families. Cold and hunger were in all their comfortless homes; bitterness and almost despair in their hearts. Nevertheless in dogged endurance they struggled through the latter half of November and three weeks of December, obtaining from workers in other mines sufficient

aid to barely maintain life. Christmas eve came, and still there was upon the surface no indication of a change in the situation, but a prescient impression began to be generally felt that a crisis was rapidly approaching. The small and repellently ugly frame

houses of the miners were scattered in an irregular double row along the rugged road on the bleak hillside above the colliery. In one of them this Christmas eve, in the darkness, were to be heard two voices-those of a woman and of a child.

"Please, gran'ma, do light tandle," pleaded the little one beseechingly. "Please do. It so dark. Ally hate dark."

"Try and get used to the dark, dear. Ye'll have to get used to everything ye ers to be let pick coal from the culm hate most when ye're older," replied the

"Ally wants see pitty picture; please light tandle, gran'ma.' "Oh! darlin, it's the last one we've got, and supposin you'd be took sick in the

night, what would we do then for a 40 00 light?" "Ally won't be sick. Please light tan-

"Well, well, dear; it's a little thing to deny a child, the Lord knows. Give it here off the table."

The woman groped about on the floor for a twig from a bunch laid by the stove to dry for kindling, poked it among the few coals still glowing in the stove, and when it blazed lighted with it the candle handed to her by the child. By the feeble light it could be seen that she was sitting upon a low seat-a bit of board laid across the top of an empty powder keg-in front of the stove. She was gaunt and pale, her hair was streaked with gray, and her thin calico dress was patched on the breast and arms. The child-a little girl with curly golden hair-knelt beside her knees, and thrusting a fragment of paper in her hands said eagerly: "See, gran'ma; pitty picture; tell Ally

bout it." "It's Santa Claus."



"WHO SANTY TAUS, GRAN'MA?" "He's a fine old gentleman who brings Christmas gifts to them he has a likin for; mostly to children, "Oh! Will he bring Ally anyfin?"

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"Indeed he won't. I'll go bail for that. Far enough he'll keep himself from the Black Eagle colliery. "I dess I'm too little. He hasn't heard "bout me yet."

"It'd make no differ if he had. He isn't makin acquaintances of our sort. that was all he proposed to take from Make up your mind to that." "Will he never bring Ally anything?"

for it, he may bring ye-a coffin." "I hate Santy Taus."

"Ye needn't child. He's like all the rights of labor have too long been ignored. If justice is not peacetest. It's the way of the world. The fully accorded by capital, it must be

richer and happier folks are, the better he likes them, and he's never tired doing for them that don't need his help. But

he scorns the likes of uz." The tears gathered in little Alice's eyes as she sadly regarded the picture of cruel, unsympathetic Santa Claus. She but vaguely comprehended the bitter ness of the old woman's feeling, yet the spirit of it touched her and made life seem drearier than ever before.

"Where did you get the picture?" "Found it in road." And she threw "Found it in road." And she threw do and the possible consequences in-it away. "Ally tired, gran'ma. Want volved. In the hope of curbing Wag-

go by by." "Go along, dear, and may the saints give you sweet sleep and fine dreams. Sure they're the best things ye'll ever

The child disappeared in a dark doorway to the right after kissing her grandwith her elbows on her knees, her chin that the exhaustion of their scanty re- in her hands and her eyes glowering at sources by a prolonged "shut down" the little grate, where the fire had ceased the paleness of their rugged, careworn

"The kindest thing he could bring to her this night would be the coffin. God tablished at one point, would be made | forgive me for saying it," she muttered through her teeth.

The Black Eagle miners, however, open, and a man with a heavy burden in and misery in your wretched homes displayed an unexpected obstinacy in a sack on his shoulder staggered in. He should have convinced you of that by resistance to the pretty scheme. They dropped his load beside the stove with a this time. Where, then, are the staryactually refused to go to work under the "chuck" that shook the frail tenement, ing miner and the arrogant mine owner and blowing in his hollowed hands to warm them with his breath exclaimed: Death. Let your masters know that if

> blin under the snow." "Put yez feet up on the stove. They you would be respected. Kill, if you must be soakin," suggested the woman, yourselves wish to live." rising and hastening to make up the

> fire with coal she took from the sack. "That they are, I might as well be wearin fishin nets on my feet as them shoes. But what's the good of growlin? clude using Superintendent Brattle as a Sure they're no worse than your own, warning." my poor Eily."

"Ah! It's the bitter, black Christmas this is for uz." "I met Fogarty," remarked the man

after a little pause. "The watchman?

"Yes." "I'd 'a' thought you'd show more marks of it, and you wake as you are wid the hunger. Are you hurted?"

"We didn't fight,"

"I'll tell ye how it was. He came on me unbeknownst, while I had my head down pickin among the culm, an the first thing I knew he was standin beside me. 'Andy Corrigan,' says he, 'don't you know it's agin ordhers for the strik-

"Bad luck to them that gev the ordhers," interjected the woman fervently. down" on Wagner, as he had all along "Amen! 'But,' says I, 'it's froze to intended to do. death the childher will be, to say nothin of ourselves if we don't be let.'

"Wid that,' says be, 'I've nothin to do. Ordhers is ordhers, and them's

The woman, with a quick clutch at her back hair, let it fall in a loose, straggling mass on her bony shoulders, and raising her hands above her head in an and walked away in grim silence. attitude of imprecation exclaimed: "May the curse of the needy and the

hopeless fall upon"----"Howld on, woman! Howld on wid mighty free with your curses you are." "Sure it's all we have left to give."

"Maybe not, Hear me out, 'Now,' says he, 'I'm on my rounds, and I won't be back this way for two hours, and I don't want to find you here when I come

"God knows I hope you won't, fer I'm nigh froze already, and the sack is half "'Wid snow, I suppose,' says he, wid a

grin, and off he wint." "Sure," exclaimed the woman, with a grim smile, "it was the same as tellin ye to take what ye needed!"

"That's how I understood it, and that's what I did." "The blessin of the saints be on Foeven if he is a watchman."

"Gran'ma! It's so told!" called a little whimpering voice from the next room. Andy Corrigan quickly took off warn her father against the murderous his jacket, and his wife carried it in to Slava. He did not shut his eyes to the the child, whom she could be heard fact that a striker who made himself in soothing while wrapping the garment anywise prominent, even by the doing

ye'll be warm as toast. Try and go to to suffer for it when the strike was sleep and dream about the angels. This | en is Christmas eve, and they ll be all around ye tonight." "Is Hugh in yet?" saked Andy when

Eily returned to his side. "He's not been home since mornin." "Ah, the poor boy! It's to lave us his share of the meat he stays out. It's nearly all gone, isn't it?" "Yes, but there's enough to last over

CHAPTER II.

Mr. Corrigan was right. Hugh knew by experience-as thousands of coal miners have been compelled to learnthat a scanty breakfast of cornmeal mush daily would keep him alive, and the family's meager supply until the hard times should be over.

"Maybe, when you're old and tired But something else kept him abroad out, and heart sore, and learn to pray just now. Strange, revolutionary ideas floating about filled him with suxiety.

compelled by force. The rich man emiles at seeing the wolf of starvation tearing his poor brother's throat, but the knife at his own will quickly teach him he, too, is but human. A man may possess a million dollars, but can have only one life. You cannot coerce the rich by mere interruption of their secumulation of wealth; to bring them to reason it is necessary to make them fear

Such were the things Hugh heard being said. And their author was one of the last men in the community from whom they might have been expected—old Emil Wagner—a little wearen faced, blue eyed German miner, who had been on the Black Engle rolls for at least a

dozen years past.
The English speaking miners generally did not take kindly to his ideas, but they were accepted as gospel by the Hungarians and Slavs, whose language he spoke and to whom he had endeared

himself by many acts of kindness. The strikers' executive committee composed of David Evans, Patsey Gurrity and Dan Cornell-a Welshman, an Irishman and an Englishman, as their names indicated-were not a little anyions about what "the foreigners" might ner's peruicious influence they summoned him before a general meeting of the men on Christmas eve. The scene of the meeting was an impressive one. Having no room large enough to hold them, nearly all the 300 miners assembled in an open space in the woods, where they mother good night. The woman sat still, had stationed sentries to keep away spies. Their only light was that of the moon, fitfully bright, which accentuated faces. Emil Wagner, being called upon

to explain himself, said to them: "Your contest must fail if not carried on upon a plane where you and your antagonists are equal, which is certainly The outer door was suddenly thrown not that of resources. The destitution Before the king of terrors "Cripest But it's mortal coid. The you must starve you will not die alone; fingers is nearly froze off of me crab- that those dear to you shall not die unavenged. Make yourselves feared, if

> "Who would you want killed?" gasped the English committeeman, quite aghast. "I want nobody killed, but it seems to me the necessities of the situation in-

> "Why? What has he ever done to

you?" demanded Garrity. "To me! Nothing whatever. And even if he had done me personally every possible injury, not on my own account would I wish his life taken. But he is the representative of the power antagonizing us, and his fate would warn our masters that their slaves are in deadly earnest."

"What's the matter," shouted a striker, "with touching capital where it is tenderest-in its pocket? Burn the breaker! Flood the mine!"

"And destroy the field of your employment for months to come," responded Wagner promptly; "hurting yourselves worst, since the county would have to pay all the damages." The discussion was long and grew hot.

Finally Chairman David Evans "sat-"It ill becomes a man, old and intelligent as you are, Mr. Wagner," said he.

"to talk in that murderous way, and we want to hear no more of it." That was the general sentiment of the English speaking strikers, but when Evans' words were translated to the brutal and obstinate Slavs they scowled

Hugh Corrigan, though too young to take any prominent part, felt a vivid interest in the proceedings and had a lively appreciation of the perilous qualyour cursin! Bide a bit till you get the ity in the forces Emil Wagner had set rights of your message to the divil. It's in motion. He knew that Mr. Brattle's danger was very real and not to be charmed away by the Welshman's conservative rebuke. And if Wagner only looked upon Mr. Brattle as a superintendent it was altogether as a man Hugh thought of him and conceived it his duty to warn him. On his own account solely? Well, hardly.

But Mr. Brattle had, a daughter-Mary-who, in the young man's quite unbiased and critical estimation, was beyond all question the awestest and prettiest girl in the world. That decided opinion had been arrived at by him in the short space of two hours upon a memorable afternoon six months ago, when he acted as guide for Miss Mary Brattle and three or four other garty. Sure it's a good heart he's got, visitors through the intricate depths of the Black Eagle mine.

Clearly it was an imperative necessity that he should, for her sweet sake, "There, dear; lie still now and soon certain to be a marked man and made

The road he took was a rough and dangerous path over the mountain, but enabled him to reach the superintendent's house, which lay about half a mile beyond the breaker, with but little risk of being seen by any one who might take exception to his mission.

There were no lights in Mr. Brattle's windows when Hugh reached there, for the hour was late, but his first timid top with the brass knocker on the door brought as an immediate response the demand in a feminine voice from a win-dow opened behind closed blinds:

"What is wanted?" He recognized the sweet voice, and his own trembled a little as he replied, "Is

Mr. Brattle at home? "No; Mr. Brattle is not at home," acd the speaker slightly opening the slats to peop out exclaimed, "Oh, it's you, is it, Mr. Corrigan?"

Delighted astonishment at that recogni-tion so overwhelmed the young me.s. that he could not exactly take in the

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