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## The Spoilers.

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THAPTER XVIII

LENISTER did not wait long after his visitor's departure but extinguished the light locked the door and began violegice, sucking the very breath from his lips, while the rain beat through till his fiesh was cold and aching. He thought with a pang of the girl facing this tempest, going

Cherry? Surely not. Then what else? The tornado had driven his trailers to cover, evidently, for the streets Roy encountered no hostile sign as he adventured cautiously and yet with haste, finding certain bomes where pled now only by frightened wives and children. A scattered few of the vigilantes had been taken thus, while the warring elements had prevented their families from spreading the Those whom he was able to warn dressed hurriedly, took their rifles and rent out into the drifting night, leaving empty cabins and weeping women

Toward daylight the remnants of the vigilantes straggled into the big there beneath the smoking glare of lanterns cursed the name of McNamara, As dawn grayed the ragged eastern skyline, Dextry and Slapjack blew in through the spindrift, bringing

"There's a game girl," said the old miner as he wrung out his clothes.
"She was half gone when she got to us, and now she's waiting for the storm "It's clearing up to the east," Slap-jack chattered. "D'you know I'm getso rheumstic that ice water don't feet comfortable to me no more."

got enough ablebodied plane movers here to tie a can on to the whole outfit, map and start afresh." "I think we had better lie low and

tioned. "There's no telling what may turn up during the day."

That's right. Stranglers is like spirits-they work best in the dark." boss sat in his chair, smoking countless cigars, his big face set in grim lines hard eyes peering through the pal of blue at those he questioned. He worked the wires of his machine until his dolls doubled and danced and twisted at his touch. After a gusty interview he had dismissed Voorhees with a merciless tongue lashing, raging bitterly at the man's fallure.

"You're not fit to herd sheep. Thirty mer out all night and what do you get? A dozen mullet headed miners. You bag the mudbens and the big game runs to cover. I wanted Glenis ter, but you let him slip through your fingers-now it's war. What a mess with a brain the size of a flaxseed, this game would be a gift, but you've bungled every move from the start. Bah! Put a spy in the buil pen with those prisoners and make them talk. Ofthem anything for information Now get out!"

He called for a certain deputy and questioned him regarding the night's quest, remarking finally: There's treachery somewhere. Those

"Nobody came near Glenister's house except Miss Chester," the man replied. The judge's niece. We caught ber

by mistake in the dark." Later, one of the men who had been with Voorhees at the Northern asked to see the receiver and told him:

"The chief won't believe that I saw Miss Chester in the dance hall last night, but she was there with Glenis-She must have put him wise to our game or he wouldn't have known

His hearer made no comment, but when alone rose and paced the floor with heavy tread while his face grew savage and brutal.
"So that's the game, ch? It's man

to man from now ou. Very well, Glen-

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be easily taken up by mother's system

ister, I'll have your life for that, and then—you'll pay, Miss Helen." He considered carefully. A plot for a plot. If he could not swap intrigue with these miners and beat them baddy in the deserved to lose. Now that the girl gave herself to their cause, he would use her again and see how well she answered. Public opinion would not stand too great a strain, and although be had acted within his rights inst night, he dered not go much further. Diplomacy therefore must serve.

"I came for the papers," she said.
"I knew you would." The blood went transmitted through Helen. Putting on his raincoat he sought Stillman.
"Bring your niece over to my place tonight. There's trouble in the air and I'm prepared for it."
"She haan't returned from her ride you take me for? I'll keep my part of the bargain if you'll keep yours. But this is no place, nor time. There's trouble in the air and I'm prepared for it."
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ther. Diplomacy therefore must serve. He must force his enemies beyond the law and into his trap. She had passed

the word once. She would do so again. He hurried to Stillman's house and stormed into the presence of the judge. He meditated for a time. Then to-He told the story so artfully that the judge's astonished unbelief yielded to I'll sacrifice what shreds of duty have rage and cowardice, and he sent for this nicce. She came down, white and silent, having heard the loud voices.

The old man herated her with shrewish fury, while McNamara stood silent. The girl listened with entire self control until her uncle made a reference of the Sied. It's a romantic little road-

"Hush! I will not listen!" she cried passionately. "I warned him because you would have sacrificed him after he had saved our lives. That is all. He "I'll have them with me. We'll start is an bonest man, and I am grateful to him. That is the only foundation for "In an hour," she echoed lifelessly

broke in:

"There is no use trying to check them. They are rushing to their own

destruction. I have learned that they plan to attack the Midas tonight, and there. It is a shame, for they are de-cent fellows blinded by ignorance and misled by that young miner. This will be the blackest night the north has

With this McNamara left the house and went in search of Voorhees, re-marking to himself: "Now, Miss Helen, send your warning—the sooner the bet-ter. If I know those vigilantes, it will set them crazy, and yet not crazy enough to attack the Midas. They will poor unguarded office they'll think hell has moved north."

"I want you to gather forty men quiet-ly said to arm them with Winchesters. They must be fellows who won't faint at blood. You know the kind. Assemble them at my office after dark, one at a time, by the back way. It must be done with absolute secrecy. Now, see if you can do this one thing and not get balled up. If you fail, I'll make you answer to me."

"Why don't you get the troops?"

ventured Voorbees. "If there's one thing I want to avoid, it's soldiers, either here or at the mines. When they step in, we step out, and I'm not ready for that just

Helen meanwhile had fied to her to save yourself, and he'll never give the country of the equinoctial. In Me-kemara's office there was great stir and bore out McNamara's prophecy.

The more she read of it the more boss sat in his chair, small the country of the same in the country of the co The more she read of it the more certain she grew that the crisis was only a question of hours and that with darkness tragedy would walk the streets of Nome. The thought of the

wrong already done was lost in the lonely girl's terror of the crime about to happen, for it seemed to her she had been the instrument to set these forces in motion, that she had loosed this swift speeding avalanche of greed, hatred and brutality. And when the crash should come-the girl shuddered.

warning from the housetops even at cost of her uncle, of McNamara and of herself. And yet she had no proof that a crime existed. Although it all lay clear in her own mind, the certainty If only she were able to take a hand -if only she were not a woman. Then Cherry Malotte's words anent Struve recurred to her, "A bottle of wine and a woman's face." They brought back the lawyer's assurance that those doc-uments she had safeguarded all through the long springtime journey really contained the proof. If they did, then they held the power to check

this impending conflict. Her uncle and the boss would not dare continue if threatened with exposure and prosecution. The more she thought of it the more urgent seemed the necessity to prevent the battle of tonight. There Adding to her mental torment wa

the constant vision of that face in the curtains at the Northern. It was her brother, yet what mystery shrouded this affair also? What kept him from her? What caused him to slink away like a thief discovered? She grew dizzy and hysterical

door to his private office opened, then leaped to his feet at sight of the gray

ings that led her into his power.
"I'll never come back," she said. "It is my whim to know today-yes, at

and left him. McNamara, with apparent candor. He chuckled grimly and seized the roke in: telephone. "Central—call the Sled
"You thought you were doing right, roadhouse—seven rings on the Snake

wanted to break up their organization.

A week's imprisonment would have be out about dark, so have dinner for two. Spread yourself and keep the place clear. Goodby."

Strengthened by Glenister's note. "No, no!" she cried. "There mustn't | Helen went straight to the other wo

man and this time was not kept waiting nor greeted with sneers, but found Cherry cloaked in a shy diguity, which she clasped tightly about herself. Under her visitor's incoherence she lost "But I must. The blood of those men

will be on me if I don't stop this tragedy. If those papers tell the tale I think they do, I can call off my uncle and make McNamara give back the mines. You said Strave told you the whole scheme. Did you see the proof?" spoke of those documents repeatedly, saying they contained his instructions tie up the mines in order to give a foothold for the lawsuits. He bragged that the rest of the gang were them in the penitentiary for conspiracy

"It's the only chance," said Helen "They are sending soldiers to the Midas to lie in ambush, and you must warn the vigilantes." Cherry paled at this and ejaculated:

"Good Lord! Roy said he'd lend an attack tonight." The two stared at each other. "If I succeed with Strave I can stop it all-all of this injustice and crime-

"Do you realize what you're risk-ing?" Cherry demanded. "That man is an animal. You'll have to kill him young man took control.

guests. Will you warn Mr. Glenister about the troops?"

"I will and bless you for a brave girl. Wait a moment." Cherry took from the dresser her tiny revolver. "Don't hesitate to use this. I want what I said yesterday."

As she hurried away Helen realized with a sbock the change that the past few months had wrought in her. In truth, it was as Glenister had said, his northland worked strangely with its denizens. What of that shrinking girl who had stepped out of the shell tered life, strong only in her untried honesty, to become a hunted, harried tion, in her heart a half formed fear that she might kill a man this night to gain her end? The elements were molding her with irresistible hands. Roy's contact with the primitive had had bers.

Struve, and they rode away together, he talkative and elated, she silent and ley. Late in the afternoon the cloud banks to the eastward assumed alarming pro-portions. They brought with them an early nightfall, and when they broke let forth a tempest which rivaled that of the previous night. During the first of it armed men came sifting into Mchidden throughout the building. Whenever he descried a peculiarly desperate private instruction and gave minute escription of a wide shouldered, erect routh in white hat and haif boots. Gradually he set his trap with the men Voorhees had raked from the slums, self. As he thought it over he ceased to regret the miscarriage of last night's mies to the point he desired, to the point where they would rush to their own undoing. He thought a state of the point where they would rush to their own undoing. own undoing. He thought with satis system. Chamberlain's Stomach and faction of the role he would play in the Liver Tablets invigorate the stomach

He wished no help of soldiers at Mug. The sight of a ship in the offing to ward dark caused him some uneasiness, for, notwithstanding the assurance that the course of justice in the San Francisco courts had been clogged, he knew Bill Wheaton to be a resourceful lawyer and a determined man.
Therefore it relieved him to note the
rising gale, which precluded the possibility of interference from that source.

would be owneriess and his position strengthened a bundredfold. He telephoned the mines to throw

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storm." The judge gazed antiously into the darkness.

During all the long day the vigilantes tay in hiding, impatient at their idleness and wondering at the lack of effort made toward their discovery, not dreaming that McNamara had more cleverly hidden plans behind. When Cherry's note of warning came they gathered in the back room and gave yolce to their opinions.

"The jury found the Standard Oil Company guilty, and to Judge Kenesaw M. Landis fell the duty of punishing them. He gave them the maximum penalty, \$29,240,000. A big fine indeed! Why did he do it! A little matter of railroad discrimination—and they had been enjoying discrimination of one kind and another for thirty five years! olce to their opinions.

There's only one way to clear the "Is not there the very reason"

broke in:

"You thought you were doing right, of course, but your action will have terrible consequences. Now we'll have riot, bloodshed and heaven knows what. It was to save all this that I wanted to break up their organization.

A work's imprisonment would have what. It was to save all this that I wanted to break up their organization.

A week's imprisonment would have be out about dark, so have dinner for boss is no fool. What then? Those of mental principle of common law, her diffidence, however, and, when Helen had finished, remarked, with decision: "Don't go with him. He's a lites, for McNamara can beat us there. Although he's a strong man he can't knowledge, has in private convergistion. We have one strong exting even very recently, argued

> Following this harangue, he outlined a plan which in its unique daring took away their breaths, and as he filled in detail after detail they brightened with excitement and that love of the long chance which makes gamblers of those who thread the silent valleys or trend the edge of things. His boldness stirred them and enthusiasm did the rest.
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> —that is, Mr. Rockeleller and the Standard Oil Company, after thirty-five years of decisions, in and out of the courts, of popular uprisings, of lawmaking, of punishments, still set themselves against the spirit of the common law, against the word of the written law, against the fundamental American doctrine of equal opportunity est. against the fundamental American
> "All I want for myself," he said, "is doctrine of equal opportunity—

the chance to run the big risk. It's that highways belong to the whole mine by right."

"Let's have Glenister lend this forlorn is evidenced by mean headaches, nerhope. I am willing to stand or fall on vousness, bad breath and belching, his judgment." They acquiesced without a dissenting voice, and with the firm bands of a natural leader the forded. There is nothing better of-

We'll go by train."
"By train? How can we get a the same juices found in every healthy the same juices for the same juices found in every healthy the same juices for the same

"Steal it," he answered, at which Dextry grinned delightedly at his loose jointed companion, and Siapjack loose jointed companion and siapj A few more words and Glenister, ac-

later the rest followed. One by one the vigilantes left, the blackness b ting them up an arm's length from the door, till at last the big, bleak voice of the wind and water. Over in the eastern end of the town,

behind dark windows upon which the sheeted rain beat furiously, other armed men lay patiently waitingwaiting some word from the bulky shadow which stood with folded arms close against a square of gray, while paced back and forth, wringing his hands, pausing at every turn to peer out into the night and to mumble the name of his sister's child.

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atmosphere." said the chairman.
"You bet," chorused the others,
"They've garrisoned the mines, so let's more to break the sphint-like attijob of it. Let's hang the whole out tude of Mr. Rockefeller and his great concern, in the face of law This met with general approval, and public opinion, than anything Glenister alone demurring. Said be:

Thave reasoned it out differently, and I want you to bear me through before I have reasoned it out differently, and I want you to hear me through before deciding. Last night I got word from Wheaton that the California courts are against us. He attributes it to influence, but whatever the reason, we are cut off from all legal help either in this court or on appeal. Now, supin this court or on appeal. Now, suppose we lynch these officials touight, not applied to an offender who us who don't find the morgue will end and that is the freedom of the road us who don't find the morgue will end in jail. You say we can't meet the soldiers. I say we can and must. We soldiers. I say we can and must. We all these years of struggle on the must carry this row to them. We all these years of struggle on the must jump it past the courts of Alaska, part of the people of the United past the courts of California, and up States to force equality on the railto the White House, where there's one honest man, at least. We must do something to wake up the men in ural inherent right to make a pri-Although he's a strong man he can't corrupt the president. We have one shot left, and it must reach the Potomac. When Uncle Sam takes a hand we'll get a square deal, so I say let us strike at the Midas tonight and take her if we can. Some of us will go down, but what of it?"

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knowledge, has in private conversation, even very recently, argued this right—that he, the big shipper, ought to have lower rates just as the buyer of ten dozen pairs of boots ought to get them cheaper per pair than the buyer of one pair—that is, Mr. Rockefeller and the Standard Oil Company, after thir-

mine by right."

Dextry spoke breathlessly to Sinprights in them."

Jack in the pause which ensued:
"Ain't be a beller?"
"We'll go you," the miners chimed to a man. And the chairman added: you feel that it is not in good order as

companied by these two, slipped out into the whirling storm, and a half bour

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They can conquer who believe they can. - Virgil.



faction of the role he would play in the United States press when the sensa- tional news of this night's adventure came out. A court official who dared to do his duty despite a lawless mob. A receiver who turned a midnight attack into a rout and shambles. That is what they would say. What if he did exceed his authority thereafter? What if there were a scandai? Who would exceed his authority thereafter? What if there were a scandai? Who would the Wise Guy. "Did you ever try no. He wished no help of soldiers at Mug." Said the Simple In said the sensa- and liver and enable them to perform their functions. The result is a relish to live in a cotton and a cow country. Come on customers; buy cows worth the money. I have on hand a lot of milk cows and I will tell you the truth about them. I will not sell you a cream cow without telling you.

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