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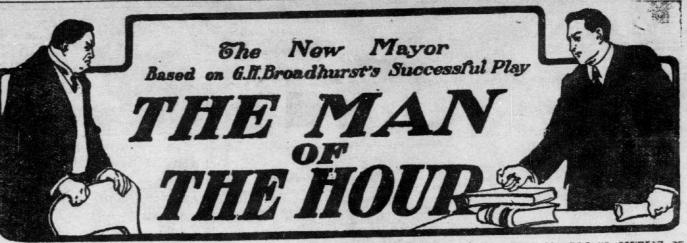
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CHAPTER VII.

THE boss is turned down!" This startling news flew lightning fast to every quarter of the organization and in its wake spread a trail of incredulous amaze. Every member, from alderman to "heeler," knew why Horrigan had made Bennett mayor. That the latter should turn against his benefactor seemed not only black ingratitude, but something akin to insanity, for it apparently spelled political suicide for the young man. While neither of the disputants had

repeated the details of the quarrel, yet those details with many another were already passing from mouth to mouth in the mysterious fashion whereby the closest kept secrets are divulged and enlarged on. In the financial world, too, the veto came as a bombshell. Borough Street railway stock fell with a thud that shook more than one colossal fortune. Bennett-central point of the whole upheaval-was the calmest man of all who were involved. He had chosen his course, and he was following it with a dogged quiet far more dangerous than any loud mouthed bluster. He had laid out a campaign, and that campaign he rigidly followed.

His first step was to send for Perry Wainwright early in the morning following the clash with Horrigan and, under strict pledge of secrecy, to explain the whole complicated affair to that very bewildered young man.

"You're all right, Alwyn! You're all the goods!" crowed Perry in genuine admiration. "But why didn't you backheel Horrigan and throw him downstairs?" "I think I did," said Bennett dryly.

"I think I'm still doing it. That's why I sent for you today." "Want me to lick him for you?" ask-

ed Perry in delight. "He's a bit over my weight, but I wouldn't mind past- in' Hen Williams, who's Horrigan's

"No," interrupted Bennett, amused at the lad's vehemence. "I want you to play the melodramatic brother and protect your sister."

"Say," snorted Perry, all the lightness gone out of his manner and his young frame stiffening ominously, "d'you mean to say the cur is framing up any game on Dallas? I"-

"Sit down," ordered Alwyn, "and try to use what little human intelligence you may have. I've got to have your help, and what use are you when all you can think of is getting thrashed by somebody? Sit down now and listen

Perry meekly obeyed the new note of command in his friend's voice, and Bennett resumed:

"Your uncle has tried to hamper me by putting all your fortune and Dallas' into Borough Street railway stock. The news of my veto will reach the exchange almost at once. That will cause a slump in Borough stock. If Horrigan fails to carry the bill through over my head-and he will fail if I can possibly block him-that will mean the practical collapse of the stock. It will mean that you and Dallas will be almost penniless."

"Well," suggested Perry cheerfully, "then you can marry Dallas, and little brother Perry can come and live with you. Don't worry, old chap. I"-

"Shut up, you young idiot, and sit down and listen! Here's a check; also note of introduction to my broker. He's a close mouthed fellow, and he'll keep the secret. I want you to sell Borough stock short to the amount

"To speculate? Gee! I never thought"-

"I don't believe in speculation as rule, but this time it's the only way out. Sell short. Then if the bill is defeated you and Gladys will still be as well off as you are now, even after paying me back this sum I've advanced. If the bill is passed over my head. the stock will boom, and you'll both be richer than ever. Understand the idea? I think I've arranged it so you and she won't lose a dollar in either case." "Alwyn," cried Perry, the full idea

at last penetrating his youthful brain. "you're the whitest ever. The"-"Hold on! I do this on one condi-

"On condition you promise solemnly that neither Dallas nor any one else shall know my share in it."

"But"-"Promise!"

"Oh, well, all right, then. But Dal-

"No, she oughtn't. Now clear out. I'm busy. Don't waste any time going

to my procer. I'm noiging pack me | official announcement of the veto as long as I can. But"-

"I'm on. So long, old chap. Enter Perry the Lamb into Bear and Bullville! Let Horrigan & Co. indulge in a timely tremble!" Scarce had Perry departed on his

mission when Phelan was announced. "Your honor," he shouted as he first caught a glimpse of Bennett. "You're all aces! Nothin' to it. Friend Horrigan's bitin' holes in the ceilin'. He's -oh, you needn't look so mum. I'm wise. I haven't spent ten years and

close on a million bucks in scrapin' together a private secret service system

Perry Wainwright.

for nothin'. 'You've signed the bill?'

squeals Horrigan. 'No, you big stiff!'

says you, 'I've vetoed it. Now go

chase yourself before I knock you

from under your hat!' says you. Them

"I congratulate you on your secret

service men," laughed Bennett. "They

quoting one's remarks literally, but"-

"No, I didn't. I come to tip you off to

Wainwright's house-him an' Horri-

gan an' Gibbs an' some others, inclood-

lost. "You can get the benefit of mine.

Now, at this meetin' they did a lot of

jabberin' an' they cussed you up hill

an' down dale. Says Horrigan, 'If that

"Thanks," interposed Alwyn, "but I

don't care to hear what was said about

"All right, then, but there's some-

thing you do want to hear. They got

busy at last an' framed up a new word-

in' for the Borough bill that'll maybe

throw dust in your eyes if you ain't put

on to it in advance. They've cut out

the subway paragraph an' the express

business clause, an' they allow transfers at all cross lines. That's the way

they'll put the bill up to the aldermen

next time. A nice, harmless lookin'

document it'll be, an' perhaps the board

"But do the alterations in the bill

"He needs fourteen votes to carry

the bill past my veto. He has his thir-

teen aldermen, under Williams' lead.

But only those thirteen voted for the

bill in its original state. Unless Horrigan and Williams can find a fourteenth

"Unless one of the men who voted

against it before can be brought to

vote for it next time Horrigan loses,'

answered Phelan. "He'll make it his

business to buy a fourteenth man, an'

who he tries to get an' to help your

straight. That's how it adds up so far.

Well, I'll be joggin'. I'll keep you post-

ed, an' between us we'll make Horri-

gan give a livin' picture imitation of a

man without a scalp before we're

Little of Phelan's exultation was re-

flected in the new mayor's face as the

alderman bustled out. His dr.ty lay clear before him, and that duty he

would follow. But he alone realized

also eliminate the 'perpetual franchise'

that meetin', did you?"

secret service corps."

young cub' "-

'll swaller it if"-

franchise' clause stands."

clause?"

the very end."

gan look like"-

alderman to"-

through with him."

was the very words, so I'm told."

the cost. He had so counted on the promised talk with Dallas Wainwright the preceding evening. On the hopes of that interview he had staked his all. In it he was to have received the half pledged reward for his months of toil and achievement.

Yet in view of his present relations toward Wainwright he could not, of course, visit the financier's home. The doors of the house that contained the woman he loved had been barred to him. And Dallas-what must she have thought of his failure to call?

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The private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever increasing uncertainly of livelihood and the poverty and misery of the working class, and it divides society into two hostile classes-the capitalists and wageworkers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives the capitalists the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools and enables them to reduce the workingman to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wageworkers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in seem to have a wonderful faculty for the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth "But did I come here to ladle out hot production. air to you?" supplemented Phelan.

The Socialist Aim.

a meetin' that's held last night at Socialism is a conscious endeavor to substitute organized co-operation for existence in place of the present anarchical competition for existence. It mouthpiece an' handy man in the board is an attempt to lay the foundation of of aldermen. Didn't happen to hear of a real science of sociology which shall enable mankind by thoroughly under-"No. I am unfortunate in having no standing their past and present to comprehend and thus within limits to con-"Never mind," returned Phelan, on trol the movement and development of whom the satire of the reply was quite their own society in the near future.-

Stood Too Long.

Many a mistaken man has stood firm for the capitalist system as against the arguments of the Socialists and then been driven by the system to commit

As Much Wealth as Ever. Work with all your might for So-

cialism. It is the only thing that will do us any good. Hard times are upon us, and you will often hear your neighbor regret the fact. Don't neglect to point out to him that there is just as much wealth in the country as ever there was and that the trouble with him and his fellow workers is they are being robbed by the present system.-People's Paper.

Beginning to See.

The New York Outlook says: "Provi-"Ah, there's the point! They don't. dent institutions and savings banks are All the other things you kicked against being drawn upon by a comparatively have been wiped out, but the 'perpetual large class of people and, as much depositors' savings are gradually ex-"And the \$2,000,000 cash offer stands. hausted, a larger number is constantly too," added Bennett. "I still fail to see drifting into the class of the unemwhy I should present Mr. Wainwright's ployed and the homeless in need of company with a franchise for which work." No wonder the workingmen another man is willing to pay the city are beginning to see a thing or two. \$2,000,000, and I shall fight the bill to

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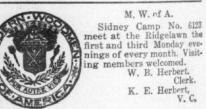
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