



I went back to the office. In a few minutes Bob without a word strode through my office and into the little room occupied by Beulah Sands.

"Jim, Miss Sands and I thought it best that we should have a little match up at this stage of our deal," Bob began. "I want to know if you both agree with me on adhering to the original plans to close out at 175. I never felt surer of my ground than in this deal.

Bob went back to the exchange and I into my office. Bob had been right again. In ten minutes the tape began to scream 'Sugar. With enormous transactions it ran up in 15 minutes to 188, in three more it dropped to 181, and then steadily mounted to 185 1/2, dulled up, and was healthy steady. Presently Bob was back and we sat down again.

"I've bought 20,000 more for you, Jim, on that bulge. I've 38,000 in all of the last 30,000, which leaves me 12,000 reserve. The average is way under 75, and there must be \$400,000 for you in it now and a strong \$1,400,000 in Miss Sands' 20,000, and \$1,800,000 in our 30,000. They say it's bad business to count chickens in the shell, but ours are tapping so hard to get out I can't help doing it this once.

The girl's face was ashen gray and she seemed to be gasping for breath. I rushed for some water while Bob seized both her hands, but in an instant the blood came to her cheeks with a rush and she said, "I was dizzy for a moment. It must have been the thought of taking \$1,800,000 back to father that upset me. With that amount father could make good all the trust funds, and have back enough for his own fortune to make us seem, after what we have been going through, richer than we were before. Pardon me, Mr. Randolph, won't you, when I say—God bless you and every one whom you hold dear, God bless you? What could I or my father have done but for you and Mr. Brownley?"

She turned her big eyes full upon Bob, filled with a light such as can come only to a woman's eyes, only to a woman before whom, as she stands on the brink of hell, suddenly looms her heaven.

Sharp and shrill rang Bob's exchange telephone. The ring seemed shriller; it certainly was longer than usual. Bob jumped for the receiver.

CHAPTER III. He listened a moment, then answered. "Stand on it at 50 for 12,000 shares. I will be there in a second." He dropped the receiver. "Jim, we have struck a snag. Arthur Perkins, whom I left on guard at the pole, says Barry Conant has jumped in and supplied all the bids. He has it down to 81 and is offering it in 5,000 blocks and is aggressive. I must get there quick," and he shot out of the office.

I sprang for Bob's telephone. "Perkins, quick!" "What are they doing, Perkins?" "I asked a moment inter. "Conant has almost filled me up. He seems to have a hoghead of it on tap," he answered.

"Buy 50,000 shares, 5,000 each point down; and anything unfilled, give to Bob when he gets there. He is on the way."

I shut off and turned to Miss Sands: "This is no time to stand on ceremony, Miss Sands. Barry Conant is Camemeyer's and Standard Oil's head broker. His being on the floor means mischief. He never goes into a big whirl personally unless they are out for blood. Bob has exhausted his buying power, and though I tell you frankly that I never speculate, don't believe in speculation and am in this deal only for Bob—and for you—I swear I don't intend to let them wipe the floor with him without at least making them swallow some of the dust they kick up. Please don't object to my helping out, Miss Sands. Ordinarily I would defer to your wishes, but I love Bob Brownley only second to my wife, and I have money enough to warrant a plunge in stock. If they should turn Bob over in this deal, he—well, they're not going to, if I can prevent it," and

As Bob made his bid "73 for 5,000," and got it, I saw a quick flash of pain shoot across his face, and realized that it probably meant he was nearing the end of my last order. I sized it up that there was devilry of more than usual significance behind this selling movement; that Barry Conant must have unlimited orders to sell and smash. My final order of 50,000 brought our total up to 350,000 shares, a large amount for even Randolph & Randolph to buy of a stock selling at nearly \$90 a share. I then, and there decided that whatever happened I would go no further. Just then Bob's wild eye caught mine, and there was in it a gleam which said an appeal

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I started for the exchange on the run.

When I got there the scene begared description. That of the morning was tame in comparison. A bull market, however, terrific, always is tame beside a bear crash. In the few moments it took me to get to the floor, the battle had started. The greater part of the exchange membership was in a dense mob wedged against the rail behind the Sugar pole. I could not have got within yards of the center of that crowd of men, fast becoming panic-stricken, if the fate of nations had depended on my errand. I had witnessed such a scene before. It represented a certain phase of stock exchange gambling procedure, where one man apparently has every other man on the floor against him. I understood. Bob against them all—he trying to stay the onrushing current of dropping prices; they bent on keeping the sluice gates open. He was backed up against the rail—not the Bob of the morning; not a vestige of that cold, brain-nerve-and-body-in-hand gambler remained. His hat was gone, his collar torn and hanging over his shoulder. His coat and waistcoat were ripped open, showing the full length of his white shirt front, and his eyes were fairly mad. Bob was no longer a human being, but a monarch of the forest at bay, with the hunter in front of him, and closing in upon him, in a great half circle, the pack of harriers, all gnashing their teeth, baring their fangs, and howling for blood. The hunter directly facing Bob, was Barry Conant—very slight, very short, a marvellously compact, handsome, miniature man, with a fascinating face, dark olive in tint, lighted by a pair of sparkling black eyes and framed in jet-black hair; a black mustache was parted over white teeth, which, when he was stalking his game, looked like those of a wolf. An interesting man at all times was this Barry Conant, and he had been on more and fiercer battlefields than any other half-score members combined. The scene was a rare one for a student of animalized men.

While every other man in the crowd was at a high tension of excitement, Barry Conant was as calm as though standing in the center of a ten-acre daisy field cutting off the helpless flowers' heads with every swing of his arm. Switching stock gamblers into eternity had grown to be a pastime to Barry Conant. Here was Bob thundering with terrific emphasis "73 for 5,000," "77 for 5,000," "75 for 5,000," "74 for 5,000," "73 for 5,000," "72 for 5,000," seemingly expecting through sheer power of voice to crush his opponent into alliance. But with the regularity of a trip-hammer Barry Conant's right hand, raised in unhurried gesture, and his clear calm "Sold" met Bob's every retreating bid. It was a battle royal—a king on one side, a Richelieu on the other. Though there was frantic buying and selling all around these two generals, the trading was gauged by the trend of their battle. All knew that if Bob should be beaten down by this concentrated modern finance devil, a panic would ensue and Sugar would go none could say how low. But if Bob should play him to a stand still by exhausting his selling power, Sugar would quickly soar to even higher figures than before. It was known that Barry Conant's usual order from his clients, the "System" masters, for such an occasion as the present was "Break the price at any cost." On the other hand, every one knew that Randolph & Randolph were usually behind Bob's big operations; this was evidently one of his biggest, and every man there knew that Randolph & Randolph were seldom backed down by any force.

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as one sees in the eye of the wounded doe when she gives up her attempt to swim to shore and waits the coming of the pursuing hunter's canoe. I sadly signaled that I was through. As Bob caught the sign, he threw his head back and belted a deep, hoarse "70 for 10,000." I knew then that he had already bought 40,000, and that this was the last ditch stand. Barry Conant must have caught the meaning, too. Instantly, like a revolver report, came his "Sold!" Then the compact, miniature mass of human springs and wires, which had until now been held in perfect control, suddenly burst from its clamps and Barry Conant was the fend his Wall street reputation pictured him. His five feet five inches seemed to loom to the height of a giant. His arms, with their fate-pointing fingers, rose and fell with bewildering rapidity as his piercing voice rang out—"5,000 at 69, 68, 65," "10,000 at 63," "25,000 at 60." Pandemonium reigned. Every man in the crowd seemed to have the capital stock of the Sugar trust to sell, and at any price. A score seemed to be bent on selling as low as possible instead of for as much as they could get. These were the shorts who had been punished the day before by Bob's uplift.

(To be continued.)

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists. Price 75c. per bottle.

Want to Know.

Charley (who thinks): "Say, mamma, if we're made of dust, why don't we get muddy when we drink?"

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DR. A. B. W. SULLIVAN, who keeps close record of the weather, and who has in his possession records for the past sixty years, reports that the weather of last Friday and Saturday was such as had not been seen in this county before during that time. Friday, May 3, the snowfall amounted to four inches. There was a heavy rapid fall of the largest flakes we have ever seen. Green gardens and green foliage on the trees were thickly covered and snowballing was indulged in as a novelty. The night following was cold and at seven o'clock the next morning the thermometer thermometer registered 28 degrees. The lowest May temperatures preceding this were May 7, 1890, 34 degrees, and May 10, 1890, 32 degrees. At 6 o'clock Saturday morning the heavy fog, the foliage and the ground were covered with ice and snow, and on Monday parties in town reported that they had gone to the hills.

County News From Our Exchanges

The green bug that has wrought such havoc in Oklahoma wheat fields this year, has made its appearance in Carroll county. Chas. Hatcher brought a bunch of wheat to town today that was covered with them, and reports from the bottom are to the effect that they are there. No damage is noticeable yet.—Carrollton Democrat.

The band was out Wednesday night and serenaded Oace, Leimbrock and bride. Oscar treated the boys white. This young couple will go to house-keeping in the Mrs. Susie Cheatham cottage about the 1st of June.—Gilliam Globe.

In using a cough syrup, why not get the best? One that comes highly recommended is Hess Laxative Cough Syrup, contains Honey and Tar and a superior to other cough syrups in many ways. Children always like it because it contains no opiates, is it laxative and is guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money refunded. Try it. Sold by P. H. Franklin.

Born—to the wife of August D. Schlapper, on Monday, May 6th, a boy baby.—To the wife of Wade Little, on Wednesday, April 24th, a fine girl baby.—To the wife of Fred Bradshaw, Wednesday, May 8, a 10 lb. boy. Mother and babe are both doing well.—Those graduating from the Malta Bend High School which now includes three years high school work are: Misses Myriam Brown, Minnie Franklin, Eugenia Thomas, Laura Lunbeck and Earl VanStone.—Malta Bend Qui Vive.

Improper action of the kidneys causes backache, lumbago, rheumatism. "Pineules" is a kidney remedy that will relieve these diseases. Pleasant to take and guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded. "Relief in every dose." Sold by P. H. Franklin.

Thos. Crawford, who carries the mail south of town, and Walter Gwinn, whose route runs north of town, are negotiating with each other for an exchange of routes, as neither is quite satisfied with conditions. Crawford thinks the farmers along Gwinn's route use the road drag just about right, consequently in the trade he would get better roads Gwinn, so Crawford says, by making the change would get to see some of the prettiest girls in the county, and would obviate the necessity of him (Gwinn) making a trip over his route on Sunday.—Slater Rustler.

Hurried meals, lack of exercise are the maulca uses of dyspepsia. A Kings Dyspepsia Tablet after each meal aids digestion, improves the appetite. Sold by P. H. Franklin.

Miss Pink Allen left Wednesday afternoon for Kansas City to meet W. M. McVay, of St. Joseph, Mo., where they were united in marriage. They left Kansas City immediately for Lebanon, Mo., the home of the groom's parents. They will go to St. Joseph, by way of the bride's home near New Home, to make their future home.—J. F. Eisner, wife and children, Miss Birdie and Huston, left Wednesday for a western trip of several weeks duration.—Sweet Springs Herald.

Everyone knows that Spring is the season of the year when the system needs cleansing. Kings Little Liver Pills are highly recommended. Try them. Sold by P. H. Franklin.

The license of A. J. West to conduct a saloon in Miami will expire June 25. It is reported that he has abandoned the effort to secure a renewal of the license.—Dr. Mitchell Bell, wife and son arrived Sunday to visit his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Bell. Dr. Bell lives in Phoenix Arizona, and he has been away from Miami for about twenty years.—Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jeff, at their home near Miami, Sunday, May 5, a son.—Miami News.

We operate our own saw, doc and blind factory, consequently can assure our customers the very best grade of mill work of any description.—La Crosse Lumber Company

All Records Broken.

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Can't Miss It

So many ailments are purely nervous affections, that you can hardly miss it if you try Dr. Miles' Nervine. It restores nervous energy—and through its invigorating influence upon the nervous system, the organs are strengthened. The heart action is better; digestion improved, the sluggish condition overcome, and healthy activity re-established.

"Dr. Miles' Nervine is worth its weight in gold to me. I did not know what ailed me. I had a good physician but got no relief. I could not eat, sleep, work, sit or stand. I was nearly crazy. One day I picked up a paper and the first thing that met my eyes was an advertisement of Dr. Miles' Nervine. I concluded to try it and let the doctor go, and I did so. After taking two bottles I could dress myself. Then I began taking Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and now I can work and go out, and have told many the benefit I have received from these remedies and several of them have been cured by it since. I am fifty-nine years old and pretty good yet." ANNA R. PALMER, Lewistown, Pa. Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold by your druggist, who will guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. If it fails, he will refund your money. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

William Marion Richardson

died May 3rd, 1907 at his home 2 1/2 miles south of Miami, William Marion Richardson, in the 71 year of his age.

The subject of this notice was born and reared in Indiana, removing to Carroll county Mo., with his family in 1869.

In 1896 he came to Saline making his home in the upper Miami bottom.

Mr. Richardson was stricken with paralysis eight years ago and since that time has been a helpless and helpless invalid.—Miami News.

Spring Winds chap, too and cause freckles to appear Pineasive Carbolicized applied at night will relieve that burning sensation. Nature's own remedy. Acts like a poultice and draws out inflammation. Sold by P. H. Franklin.

Sold Their Farm.

D. E. and H. A. Longan Tuesday sold to Leslie Gray, 120 acres of land lying seven miles east of Houston, the consideration being \$37.50 per acre. Leslie then sold to Will Haley 40 acres of land which lies in the same neighborhood, for \$40 per acre.—Houstonian.

Dr. McClelland fell last Saturday morning on the icy walk and hurt his back. He was confined to his room a day or two but got better and was out horse back Tuesday, but was not so well Wednesday and was afraid that his injuries were worse than he first expected.—F. O. Shepard white working with some machinery on his farm Tuesday set a sharp piece of heavy iron fall on his finger and cut it off about a half inch from the end. This no doubt was a very painful operation but he was even luckier that it was not worse.—Arrow Rock Statesman.

Coughs and colds contracted at this season of the year should have immediate attention. Hess Laxative Cough Syrup, contains Honey and Tar and is unequalled for hoarseness, croup and coughs. Pleasant to take; mothers endorse it; children like to take it. Contains no opiates. Moves the bowels. Sold by P. H. Franklin.

There is always someone ready to take advantage of a crop scare. Since the prospect of a partial failure of the wheat crop has become noised around, no one has helped more to enlarge the damage stories than those who have a goodly quantity of old wheat in storage. Ninety-five per cent of the wheat has been known to be totally ruined for twenty miles around a large elevator tilted to the roof with old wheat.—Ex.

Low Rates to Los Angeles.

Not only at the present time of extremely low colonial rates to Pacific Coast ports but also in May and June the Chicago & Alton will offer tempting rate bargains to California. Several important conventions will be held in Los Angeles in May and June and a rate of \$52.55 for the round trip open to the public, will be in effect. Call upon or write to us for full particulars. O. E. HAWTHORNE, Ticket Agent, C. & A. R. E., Marshall, Mo.

