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SYNOPSIS.

Garrett Coast, a young man of New York City, meets Douglas Blackstock, who invites him to a card party. He accepts, although he dislikes Blackstock, the reason being that both are in love with Katherine Thaxter Coast falls to convince he that Blackstock is unworthy of her friendship. At the party Coast meets two named bundas and Van Tuyl. There is a quarrel, and Blackstock shoots Van Tuyl dead. Coast struggles to wrest the weapon from him, thus the police discover them. Coast is arrested for murfer. He is convicted, but as he begins his sentence. Dundas names Blackstock as the murderer and kills himself. Coast becomes free, but Blackstock has married Katherine Thaxter and fied. Coast purchases s yacht and while salling sees a man thrown from a distant boat. He rescues the fellow who is named Applevard. They arrive at a lonely island, known as No Man's Land. Coast starts out to explore the place and comes upon some deserted buildings. No Man's Land Coast starts out to explore the place and comes upon some deserted buildings. He discovers a man dead Upon going further and approaching a house he sees Katherine Thaxter, who explains that her husband, under the name of Black, has bought the Island. He is blind, a wireless operator and has a station there. Coast informs her that her husband murdered Van Tuyl. Coast sees Blackstock and some Chinamen ourying a man. They fire at him, but he is resided by Applevard who gets him to the Echo in safety, and there he reveals that he is a secret service man and has been watching the crowd on the Island, suspecting they are criminals. Coast is anxious to fathom the mysteries of No Man's Land, and is determined to save Katherine. Appleyard believes that Black and his gang make a shield of the wireless station to conduct a smuggling business. Coast penetrates to the lair of Blackstock's dismits. business, Coast penetrates to the Blackstock's disguise. Kathering the room and passes him a not tells Coast that neither his lift own are safe. Coast feels that or her own are safe. Coast feels that Blackstock suspects him. Appleyard and the Echo disappear. Coast assures Katherine of his protection, and she informs him that they are to abandon the island immediately. The blind man and his coole servant overpower Coast, who afterward escapes and is met by Katherine, wisling 10 flee. They discover a yawl but before they can reach it the coole disables the craft. Black appears and taunfinely states that he is no longer blind. He is overpowered, and Coast and Katherine fly from the spot, and so to a remote part of the Island and signal a boat which they see in the distance. Appleyard and the Echo appear.

CHAPTER XX .- (Continued.)

Coast, as prompt to take alarm, had instantaneously imitated her action. Wheeling, weapon poised, he discovered the shadowed shape of a man running toward them-or, rather, staggering, for he seemed badly winded-leaping and reeling through the undulations of the low, formless dunes, whose soft and yielding substance had deadened the sound of his approach until he was almost upon

At Katherine's call he flung up one hand as if to signify a peaceful intent. but came on at unabated speed.

"Don't shoot!" he pleaded hoarsely. "I'm unarmed-"

Both knew that voice too well. The

that, let me attend to him! where you are!"

At this the man pulled up at a dis- to die like one-" tance of a few feet, within the radius between gasps. "I've . 'em out. . . Plenty of time

ed Coast coldly, his attention distract. | Coast! Madam, your servant. ed by the comforting sound of dipping oars and squealing rowlocks behind

"Game!" The man's eyes caught a curious glint of light from the lantern the countenances round him; with as they shifted swiftly, giancing side- something in his pose and manner long. "Game!" he iterated in broken singularly suggestive of an exceptionand bollow tones. "I'm in no shape for ally intelligent and inquisitive maggames now! For God's sake don't be ple. hard on me. I've come to give myself up-to surrender."

derclap. Momentarily Coast discred here's your prisoner-take him in the i'ed his sense of hearing. "Surren- name of the law and for the sake of the limits of his vision-not a figure to a hospital." nor a moving shadow. His gaze rerest'essly, loose mouth a-quiver, hands for sure. Come!" He jerked his of a skipping motor. "The devii!" ket." said Coast to himself; and aloud in A sullen look replaced the terror accents hard and unrelenting: "You'd that had masked Blackstock's face. best explain . . .?"

With a sudden movement, the woman touched his arm. "Don't trust him, Garrett!" she ex-

caimed. "You don't know himdon't, don't trust him!"

"I've no intention--" Coast began. first to the woman, then to the man an eye on him."

say it! Have a little pity! My God! man afraid of his sins before. . name of mercy!"

d'you mean by 'dying?'"

"Don't you understand-can't you please?" see?" The plump, spotted hands fum- Coast recounted with exceptional oled at his throat; for the first time brevity the wrecking of the schooner. Coast remarked that it was bandaged, at the same time stepping into the and began to comprehend what fright- boat and placing himself at the cars, ul fear was bringing the man to his on the middle seat. Katherine sat eet. "That damn' dog," Blackstock forward, behind him, and Appleyard, breathed convulsively-"he's' done for pushing off, scrambled aft and me, if I don't get help-medical help-dropped down beside Blackstock, who quick. He's torn my throat to tat sulkily moved to one side to make ters," he whispered; "I'm poisoned, room for him. polsoned! If you leave me here, I'll "Look lively, Mr. Coast," he little go mad and die mad-hydrophobia! man advised pleasantly. "We really Good God, have pity!"

without reason.

own perplexity, but when she caught tinguished leader a fond farewell." his eye upon her, responded with a nod and a shrug.

"I think we'll have to . . said, tentative.

"Of course," she answerd listlessly. the Echo. "Look here, Blackstock!" At Coast's sharp and frigid address, the man "what you got in that neat little bag quieted abruptly, and apparently com- between your feet? The conventional ing to a realization of the spectacle pyjamas and toothbrush, what?" he was making of himself, got slowly and shame-facedly to his feet. "If we bled something inarticulate.

lo s hands imploring them. "No!" But he won't try any monkeyshin he prayed, coarsely pitiful. "Don't aboard the Echo-or I never saw don't you know I'm dying?' Don't Madam," he added, turning with a cu-

leave me here to die like a dog, in the rious little courtly bow to the woman, "if you'll step in"-his glance traveled "Dying . . ." Coast repeated, past her down the beach-"we'll beat while Katherine bent forward, peering that pack to the mainland. I see," he steadily into the man's face. "What said, "they're launching a long-boat. What kind of a yarn explains that,

haven't got a minute to spare-those He broke down completely for a mo- chaps are laying to their oars as if ment or two, whining and blubbering they really wanted to scrape acquaintand wringing his hands. It was plain ance with us. Or perhaps," he sugthat he was badly frightened, and not gested with a look askance at Blackstock, "my cheerful prisoner can ac-Coast glanced at Katherine; she count for this apparent mad anxiety wore a face of doubt mirroring his of theirs to bid their dis-, I mean ex-

Blackstock, fumbling nervously at his bandaged throat, made no answer. he Coast, bending all his strength to the cars, drove the dory swiftly toward "Blackstock," said Appleyard, ironic,

The tormented man at his side grum-



Drove the Dory Swiftly Toward the Echo.

woman's figure straightened to rig- know what it means? I'll turn you none of my business? How extraordiidity. "Stop!" she repeated, impera- over to the police, first place we stop." narily rude, Mr. Blackstock! Besides tive inflexible. "Stop, Doug'as, or-" | "I don't care," Blackstock asserted being untrue-quite a naughty fib. In Coast threw out a hand and de- eagerly. "I don't care a damn. I'll addition to which it's uncalled for; flected the muzzle of her weapon. go anywhere, do anything-go to the I know." "Don't," he said aside; "if it comes to chair, if I have to-work out my life | "You know?" Blackstock turned to June 8. Legions of Knights of Columin the pen-anything but stay here him with a scowl. Blackstock!" he cried curtly. "Stand and go mad. I've been a cur. I know. | "Sure. I can put two and a mill- Canada, Mexico, Cuba and even from but for the love of God don't leave me stone together and make a hole in a the Philippines will participate. The

of lantern light. "Steady!" he begged of a rowboat grated on the sand, and be you, Mr. Blackstock," Appleyard . beaten Appleyard jumped briskly ashore, continued without giving his victim trotting up, painter in hand. "What's time to analyze this astonishing state-"What's your game now?" demand- this?" he demanded briskly. "Hello, ment-"it just wouldn't be you if you

Now, what's the row?" He put himself in the center of the group, bright watchful eyes diagnosing one expression after another on

Coast dropped a hand affectionately on his shoulder. "Thank heaven, His announcement fell like a thun- you're here at last," he said. "And he muttered, incredulous, peace. He's been badly bitten first "You?" He cast a quick, cautious look by a dog and then by fright, and he round. There was no one else within wants to give himself up and be sent

"Oh, that's it, eh? I heard a bit of turned to the huge, quaking shape be the confab while rowing in, and it fore them: Blackstock in a panic, listened uncommon interestin; but trembiling with fear and exhaustion. I couldn't figure out what was at the his plump face turned a pasty, un- tottom of it all. Well, well, Mr. wholesome shade and largely blotched Blackstock!" The little man rubbed with dull, burning red, eyes like knots his hands. "I'm glad to come up with showing too much white and ro ling you. This is more fun than a goat. shaking, breath coming and going perky little head toward the tender. with a sound resembling the exhaust "Jump in. and I'll hurry you to mar-

He sighed and with a brief, uncertain nod, apparently directed at Coast, colected himself and trudged heavily toward the boat, entering which he itself once and for all. In those pop-

squatted silently in the stern. Appleyard's eyes sought Coast's. The younger man lifted his shoulders, raging sea, the figure should have incontinently they were treated to disclaiming honor or responsibility. the incongruous spectacle of Black "When the devil was sick," he quoted stock on his knees, humbling himself in disgust, lowering his tone "Keep

"Hel-lo!" Behind the trio the keel purse out of a souse's ear. It wouldn't didn't try to hand your friends the double-cross. That bag's stuffed with loot-the best part of the truck they were running this trip-jewelry, for a dollar. And that's why, you see, they're so infatuated with the idea of shaking your hand and wringing your neck before you get away; they've just discovered your perfidy. But don't you fret. Here we are and long before they can drive that seine boat this far we'll be sailing merrily away " (TO BE CONTINUED.)

The Test of Sixty. What about the hour when you find yourself in the 60s, an old man-far, far worse, an old woman? To have to consider yourself "out of it," as regards all the most interesting affairs shelf, with old-fashioned, worn out, discarded things; that you have eaten your cake to the dry crumbs and can expect no more-nothing but to grow daily feebler and ugiter and more obso'ete and superfluous, declining to that death which at least is inescapable--what an awful pass to come to! It is the Vime when the society queen, her prestige and beauty gone, retires to a convent; when religion, whatever the patterns of it may be, is called upon to justify ular oleographs which depict Faith as a woman clinging to a cross in a been that of an old hag and not n fair young girl, for it is when all else fails that the church offers itself as the last, on'y, and sufficient buttreat the fire he had wronged, fat, mottled, tramu | "Weld, rawther," Appleyard drawled, sgainst despair.-Atlantia.

MARINES MAY

Conditions at Daiquiri, Cuba, Continue Bad.

IRON MINES MAY CLOSE DOWN

The 1,200 Men Thrown Out Of Work Might Be Drawn Into the Revolutionary Ranks - The Steel Works May Be Affected.

Washington.-State Department officials are somewhat disturbed at the impending closure of the big mines at Daiquiri, which would throw about 1,500 men out of work. These unemployed laborers might easily be drawn into the revolutionary ranks. It is also apprehended that a corresponding number of skilled workmen may be affected in the steel works in this country which derive their ore from the Cuban mines.

An explanation of why Captain Davis, of the Paducah, did not land marines at Daiquiri was received in a cablegram at the State Department from the American Consul at Santiago. It stated that the Cuban government had established a permanent garrison of 85 men at Daiquiri, where the Spanish-American mining properties are located. That force is probably sufficient for the present to defend the place against the insurgents. The Paducah is still at Daiquiri and may land marines to guard the mines.

Want 10,000 Rifles. The Cuban Minister, Senor Rivero, called at the State Department to secure permission for the purchase of 10,000 stands of rifles to arm the volunteer corps now being raised in Cuba by the government, and to enable the plantation owners to arm their employes and organize into guards to protect their property against pillage by the insurgents. The request will be granted and the War Department will have an opportunity to advantageously dispose of a quantity of the discarded Krag-Jorgensen rifles. Some of these weapons were

sent to Cuba about two years ago. With an American gunboat stationed on each side of the Eastern end of Cuba prepared to land forces at a moment's notice and ready to hasten to the nearest point where foreign interests may be threatened by the ined here that there is now not so much danger of molestation of Americanowned plantations and mining prop-

Authorized To Land.

But as the Cuban government has been informed by the State Department, American naval commanders have been fully authorized to land parties of marines and bluejackets whenever there are no Cuban government forces to guard exposed plantations or mining properties which may be threatened by the insurrectos.

60,000 MEN TO PARADE.

Unveiling Of Columbus Memorial In Washington.

Washington.-Sixty thousand men will march in the pageant to follow the unveiling of the National Memorial to Christopher Columbus here bus from all over the United States, ladder just as easy as take a silk statue at the gate of the national capital, the Union Station plaza, was erected with a \$100,000 appropriation

by Congress. Secretary Knox will preside at the unveiling, and addresses will be made by President Taft and Justice Victor Dowling, of the Supreme Court of New York. The Italian ambassador, Marquis Cusani Confalonieri, will unveil the memorial. President Taft, Justices of the Supreme Court and members of the Diplomatic Corps will attend a banquet in the evening.

STUDENT BURGLARS.

They Force An Entrance Into a Book Store.

Wooster, O. - Arrested here on charges of burglary and larceny, Forester Tope, son of a Cleveland business man, and Arthur Jones and Walter Snyder, sons of missionaries in of life; to realize that you have had India, all of them students in the preyour day and ceased to be, as a neces- paratory department at Wooster Unisity or a power, or a treasure of the versity, pleaded guilty and were world; that your place is on the sentenced to serve time in the Canton (O.) Workhouse. Tope was given 60 days and Jones and Snyder 90 days each. The boys forced an entrance into the book exchange and college store at the university.

\$100,000 FIRE; CIGARETTES.

Boys Smoking In Stable Cause Loss Of Business Section.

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