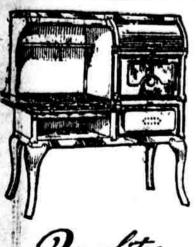


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CHAPTER V

THE most popular hostess in London was a little thrilled at the arrival of the moment for which she had planned so carefully. She laid her hand on Tallente's arm and led him toward a comparatively secluded corner of the winter garden which made her own house famous.

"I must apologize, Mrs. Van Fosdyke," he said, "for my late appear-of well-bred content with himself and ance. I traveled up from Devonshire life fell away from him the moment this afternoon and found snow all the his hostess was out of sight.

"Tallente," he said, "I suppose you

"It is all the more kind of you to have turned out at all, then," she told him warmly. "I don't mind telling you that I should have been terribly disappointed if you had failed me. It has been my one desire for months to have you three—the Prime Minister, Lethbridge and you—under my roof at the same time."

"You find politics interesting over here?" Tallente, asked, a little curiously.

"Tallente," he said, "I suppose you mean to break us?"
"I thought we'd been rather friendly. "we've been letting you have your own way for nearly a month."

"That is simply because we are on work which we are tackling practically in the fashion you dictated," Horlock pointed out. "When we have finished this Irish business, what are you going to do?"

"I am not the leader of the party,"

Tellente reminded him.

She flashed a quick glance at him.

"Why, I find them absolutely fascinating," she declared. "The whole thing is so incomprehensible. Just look at tonight. Half of Debrett is represented here, practically the whole of the diplomats, and yet, except your.

"Tellente reminded him.

"From a parliamentary point of the whole wise wou are," was the impatient protest. "Dartrey is a dreamer. He might even have dreamed away his opportunities if you hadn't come along. "You are neighbors in Devonshire, aren't you?"

Miller would never have handled the "Neighbors from a Devon man's point of the diplomats, and yet, except your." of the diplomats, and yet, except your-self, not a single member of the political party who we are told will be ruling this country within a few months. The

this country within a few months. The very anomaly of it is so fascinating."

"There is no necessary kinship between society and politics." Tallente reminded her. "Your own country, for instance."

Mrs. Van Fosdyke, who was an

American, shrugged her shoulders. "My own country scarcely counts," she protested. "After all, we came feudal rights, vast estates, great names, and yet over their heads there is coming this government, in which they will be wholly unrepresented. What are you of the word. going to do with the aristocracy, Mr.

events,

"Encourage them to work," he an-

wered, smiling.
"But they don't know how." "They must learn. No man has a right to his place upon the earth unless he is a productive human being. There is no room in the world which we are trying to create for the parasite

you? The Labor Party, as it was understood here five or six years ago, never inspired that feeling. There was something of the tub-thumper about every one of them. I think it is your remarked. The labor Party, as it was understood here five or six years ago, never things that keep him alive."

It do spout, they'll either wither or delay to look at mothers new ita, now did it me she was going to ride out to inspect for herself the farm of the one black sheep among her tenants. I looked out toward Woolhanger as I came up in the train. It seemed like a miasma of deign and this family makes me tired. That's ixackly and precizely ware it belongs and this family makes me tired. That's ixackly and precizely ware it belongs and this family makes me tired. That we shall abandon any of our in the train. It seemed like a miasma of deign and this family makes me tired. That we shall abandon any of our in the train. It seemed like a miasma of deign and this family makes me tired. them. You don't say what you are going to do. Your program is still a secret and yet every day your majority grows. Only an hour ago the Prime Minister told me that he couldn't carry on if you threw down

the gage in earnest."
Tallente remained bland, but be

"I see Foulds among your guests."
he observed. "Have you seen his
statue of Perseus and Andromeda?"

She laughed. "I have, but I am not going to discuss it. Of course, I accept the hint, but as a matter of fact I am a person to be trusted. I ask for no secrets. I have no position in this country. Even my sympathies are at present wobbling. I am simply a little thrilled to have you here, because the Prime Minister is within a few yards of us and I know that before many weeks are past the great struggle will come between you and him as to who shall guide the destinies of this country."

"You forget, Mrs. Van Fosdyke," objected, "that I am not even the eader of my party. Stephen Dartrey

She shook her head.

"Dartrey is a brilliant person," she admitted, "but we all know that he is not a practical politician. The battle is between you and Horlock." Tallente was watching a woman go

oy, a woman in black and silver, whose walk reminded blm of Jane. His nostess followed his eyes. "You are one of Alice Mountgar-n's admirers?" she inquired. "I don't even know her," he replied.

She reminded me of some one for a "She is one of the Duchess of Barminster's daughters," his companion told him, "She married Mountgarron last year. Her sister, Ludy Jane, is

rather inclined toward your political outlook. She lives in Devonshire and tries to do good."
His eyes followed the woman in black and silver until she had passed out of sight. The funily likeness was there, appealing to him, tugging at his heart-strings. His artificial surroundings slipped easily away. He was back on the moors, he felt a sniff of the strong wind, the wholesome excitation of the emity pieces. empty places. A more wonderful mem-

ory still was sweeping in upon him. His companion intervened chillingly. "One never sees your wife, nowadays, Mr. Tallente, 'My wife is in 'My wife is in America,' he answered mechanically. 'She has gone there to stay with some relatives.'

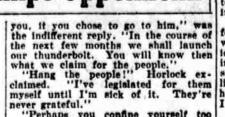
"She is interested in politics?"
"Not in the least." Mrs. Van Fosdyke welcomed a new-comer with a gracious little smile and Tailente rose to his feet. Horlock had left the group in the centre of the room and was making his way toward

"At least we can talk here," he said, shaking hands with Tallente, "without any suggestion of a conspiracy. The old gang, you know, he went on, addressing his hostess, "simply close around me when I try to have a word with Tallows." with Tallente. They are afraid of some marvelous combination which is

going to shut them out."

"Lethbridge is the only one of them here tonight." she observed, "and he is probably in one of the rooms where they are serving things. Now I must go back to my guests. If I see him, I'll head him off."

She strolled away. The Prime Min-



"Perhaps you confine yourself too much to one class," Tailente observed drly. "As a rule, the less intelligent the voter, the more easily he is caught by flashy legislation."

"The operative pure and simple," Horlock announced, "has no political outlook. He'll never see beyond his trades union. You'll never found a

trades union. You'll never found great national party with his aid." His companion smiled.

'Then we shall fail and you will continue to be Prime Minister.'

Mrs. Van 'Fosdyke came back to them, on the arm of a foreign diplomat.

She leaned over to Horlock and whis-

"Lethbridge has heard that you two are here together and he is on your track. Better separate."

She passed on. The two men strolled Those Who Helped Make Glouces.

away.

"Have you any personal feeling against me, Tallente?" Horlock asked.

"None whatever," his companion assured him. "You did me the best turn sured him. "You did me the best turn in your life when you left me stranded

after Hellesfield."
Horlock sighed.
"Lethbridge almost insisted. He looked upon you as a firebrand. He said there would be no response about a Cabinet with you in it."

"Well, it's turned out for the best."
Tallente remarked dryly. "Au revoir!"
On his way back to the reception ooms, an acquaintance tapped him on the shoulder. "One moment, Tallente, Lady Alice

Mountgarron has asked me to present Tallente bowed before the woman who stood looking at him pleasantly, but a little curiously. She held out her "I am not the leader of the party,"

House as you have. Miller was made to create factions. You were made to create factions. You were made to coalesce, to smooth over difficulties, to coalesce, to smooth over difficulties, to miles away, at the back of a Stygian moor, and incidentally a thousand feet above me."

"You seem to have sermounted such 'Your sister's friendship is worth greater efforts," Tallente replied.

"If you think it wise."
"Your absence of program. Why Lady Alice smiled.
"I wish that some of you could perdon't you say what you want to do-give us some idea of how far you are tocracy is only a spurious conglomeration of people who are too rich to need to work. But many of these people whom you see here tonight still possess founds lights vights vight cialism of Marx— a red flag republic a classical dictatorship?"

"We are not out for anarchy, at all she is a little wasted. Life must now and then be dreary for her."

Tallente seemed for a moment to be looking through the walls of the room.

"You mean to upset the Constitu-"

"We are all made differently. Lady for revolutions in the ordinary sense

"You mean to upset the Constitu-Jane is very self-reliant and Devon-"Speaking officially, I do not know. shire is one of those counties which Speaking to you as a fellow politician, I should say that sooner or later some changes are desirable."

Speaking to you as a fellow politician, I should say that sooner or later some or those counties when the counties with the "But when her moors and her farms are under snow, and Woolhanger is You'll never get away from the wreathed in mists, and one hears noth-

party government."

"Perhaps not, but I dare say we can find machinery to prevent the House of Commons being used for a debating "You speak feelingly," Tallente ob-

principles for the sake of keeping Leth-bridge alive."

"What the mischief are your prin-ciples."

"Every one to his tastes," Lady
Alice observed, as she turned away
with a friendly little nod. "I have just eiples?"

"No doubt Dartrey would enlighten with a friendly little nod. "I have just the an idea, however, that this morning's

"What do you mean?" Tallente asked eagerly.

Lady Alice looked at him over the top of her fan. She was a woman of instinct.

"I had a telegram from her just before I came out," she said. "There wasn't much in it, but it gave me an idea that after all perhaps she is thinking of a short visit to uwn. Come and see me. Mr. Tallente, won't you? I live in Mount street—Number 17. My husband used to play cricket with you, I think."

She passed on and Tallente stood

She passed on and Tallente stood looking after her for a moment, a little dazed. A friend came up and took him

"Unprotested and alone in the gilded halls, of the enemy!" the newcomer exclaimed, "Come and have a drink. oxclaimed, "Come and have a drink.
By the by, you look as though you'd
had good news."
"I have," Tallente assented, smil-

'Then we'll drink to it—Mum'll. Not bad stuff. This way." To be continued tomorrow

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By Lee Pape

Ma came home yestidday with a new hat on, being a small size of a hat going over on one eye as if something had happened to it, me saying, G, ma, you got a new hat, aint you, ma? Yes, sed ma, and I sed, Is it sipposed to be over one eye like that or did it

fall over?

Dont ask so meny questions, it ony shows your ignorants, ma sed. ing it was sipposed to be over, and jest then pop came home, saying, Well well, look whose got a new hat.

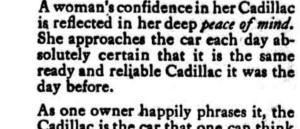
How do you like it? ma sed. crookid, pop sed.

It's nothing of the sort, it's sipposed to be tilted over on one side and if you dont happin to know enything about stile I cant help that, ma sed.

Well of corse if it duzzent interfeer with the site of your left eye I dont see wy enybody should object, Im sure, pop sed. The hat is very becoming, and if you dont realize it wy its your misfor-tune, ma sed, and pop sed, Sure, I

pure and simple."
"You are a very inflexible person,
Mr. Tallente."
"There is no place in politics for the wobbler."
"Do you know," she went on, glancing away for a moment. "that my rooms are filled with people who fear you? The Labor Party, as it was under-

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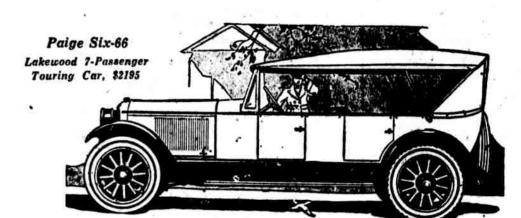
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