

# NOBODY'S MAN

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"LOOKS to me like another year of office, thanks to you," the Prime Minister observed. "Lenton tells me that we shall have a majority of forty on Thursday week. It is Thursday week you're going for us again, isn't it?"

"Many things may happen before then," Tallente replied, with a little affirmative nod. "Dartrey may decide that I am too expensive a luxury and make friends with Miller."

"I don't think that's likely," Horlock pronounced. "Dartrey is a great fellow—although he is not a great politician. He is out to make a reputation and solid change in the government of this country and he knows very well that Miller's gang will only be a dead weight around his neck. He'd rather wait until he has weaned away a few more votes—even get rid of Miller if he can—and stick to you."

"I think you are right," Tallente said. "I am keeping the Democrats in mind, but I must give you the credit of playing a magnificent long game. I am expected to see Miller fall down in a fit when you go for him in the House. If only his army of adherents could have heard you straight through!"

"Unfortunately they couldn't," Tallente sighed. "And it's so hard to capture the attention of a great mixed community."

"They traveled on in silence for a short time. Tallente looked idly through the rain-streaked window at the block of traffic, the hurrying passers-by, the cheerful warmth of the shops and restaurants."

"You take life too seriously, Tallente," his companion said, a little abruptly.

"Do I?" Tallente answered, with a thin smile.

"You do indeed. Look at me. I haven't a line on my face as compared with yours and I've held together a patchwork Government for five years. I don't know where I may be kicked out and I know perfectly well that the Government which succeeds mine is going to undo all I have done and is going to establish a state of things in this country which I can do nothing to prevent or revolutionize. I am not worrying about it, Tallente. The fog of Downing Street stinks sometimes in my nostrils, but I have a little better a pleasant notion to see me there some day—down in Buckinghamshire, one of these long bungalow types, you know, with big gardens, two tennis courts, and a golf course just across the river. My wife spends most of her time there now and every week—end, when I go down, I think what a fool I am to waste my time trying to hold a reluctant nation to principles they are thoroughly sick of. Tallente, you can turn me out whenever you like. The day I settle down for two or three months rest is going to be one of the happiest of my life."

"You have a wonderful temperament," Tallente remarked, a little sadly.

"Temperament be damned!" was the forcible reply. "I have done my best. When you've said those five words, Tallente, any man ought to have philosophy enough to know that he is taking his last breath. It isn't going to be my funeral. Look at you—haggard, losing weight every day, poring over papers, scheming, planning, writing articles, musing, and so on, and you're no more than a man whose life is twice as fast as you need. No one will thank you for it. It's quite enough to give half your soul and the joy of living to others. Keep your hands off your sleeve for yourself, Tallente. Mark you, that's the soundest thing in twentieth century philosophy you'll ever hear of—Corner of Clarges street right for you, eh?"

Tallente held out his hand.

"Horlock," he said, "thank you. I know you're right, but unfortunately I am not like you. I have an idiotic retreat, a charming companion waiting for me there, a life outside that's so wonderful. I am driven on because there's nothing else."

Horlock laid his hand upon his companion's shoulder. His tone was suddenly grave—amplly sympathetic.

"My friend—and enemy," he said. "If that is so—I'm sorry for you."

**CHAPTER XX**

There was a tense air of expectation among the little company of men that filed into one of the smaller lecture rooms attached to Devon House a few afternoons later. Two long tables were arranged with sixty or seventy chairs and a great hall-out-box was placed in front of the chairman. A little round of subdued cheers greeted the latter as he entered the room and took his place—the Right Honorable John Weavel, a Privy Councillor, Member for Sheffield and chairman of the Ironmasters' Union. Dartrey and Tallente appeared together at the tail end of the procession. Miller sprang at once to his feet and addressed the chairman.

"Mr. Chairman," he said, "I call attention to the fact that two honorary members of this company are present. I submit that as these honorary members have no vote and the present meeting is called with the sole object of

to capital. In other words, they will fix or approve or revise the wages of the country. They will settle every dispute and their decision will be final. The funds held by the various trades unions will form charitable funds or be returned as bonuses to the contributors. I have given you the barest outline of the scheme which has been drawn up to form a part of our program when the time comes for us to present one. To-day you are only concerned to elect the one representative. I am here to beg, gentlemen, that you elect one whose theories, whose principles, whose antecedents and whose general attitude toward labor problems will fit him to take a very important place in the future government of the country."

There was a little murmur of applause. Miller was once more on his feet.

"I claim," he said, "that this is neither the time nor the place to spring upon us an utterly new method of dealing with labor questions. What you propose seems to me a subtle attack upon the trades unions themselves."

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## WANAMAKER'S

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(Market)

### Women's One-Piece Bathing Suits Special at \$3.25

Knitted wool bathing suits in California style, with white web belts, are in navy, black and a few colors. The skirts are a trifle longer than the usual California suits and more in favor with most women.

(Surf Store, Market)

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(Central)

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(Market)

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(Central)

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(Central)

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(Gallery, Market)

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(Market)

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