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of the tunnel a temporary telegraph office had been erected, between which a private wire had been strung for the exclusive use of the tunnel operators.

It Was Simply a Snare.

The same evening I went on duty at the east end of Long tunnel. The day man explained to me the nature of the work, which was anything but arduous.

the man at the other end, but he had evidently forgotten that the train was back and had taken advantage of the quiet to catch a nap.

"Dawson must be 'pounding his ear,'" I said to the watchman, who was stretched out on the floor in the corner. "I can't raise him."

the operator, and such signal could not be given until I had been contacted. I was, therefore, perfectly safe in allowing the train to proceed.

had been adopted by the officials to suit our own convenience. So far as we could see there was in the new system not a single flaw.

the instant of self-preservation. I turned about and faced the open country. Surely, in that wide, unobstructed expanse which stretched far away to the east, there was some place where I might bide myself—some haven where I might be secure from the vengeance of the law.

plant, causing grim shadows to dance up and down on the glistening rails. At first I thought I was dreaming, but I looked again and knew, even in the face of the utter impossibility of the thing, that it was the headlight of an engine—the "extra."

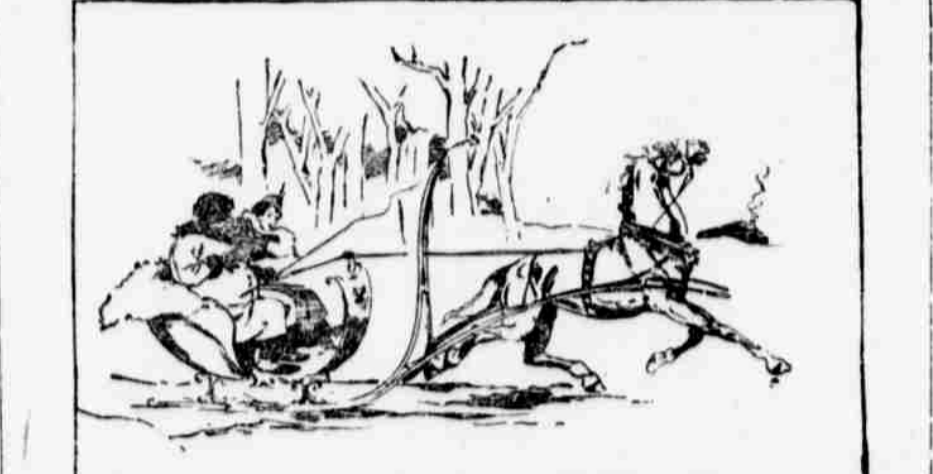
the signal light at the entrance of the tunnel, showing through the blackness of the night the danger signal, red.

ceiving no answer, I should have presumed you to be sleeping and let the 'extra' go. Now you see what your little scheme might have led to."

"Where in the name of God have you been?" asked Dawson's substitute. "I thought you had skipped the country."



AS I LOOKED THERE CAME FROM THE MOUTH OF THE TUNNEL A WHITE LIGHT.



"Darling, I could sit here forever thinking of my life, and—"



—Just then the signal light.

one of turmoil. Few men in the navy have more sturdy friends or more bitter enemies among his immediate fellows than Dick Leary.

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