

elected."

him at the door.

out of his sails."

in his heart.

said, "on your course."

"Do you approve of it?"

The mayor turned away and walked

"I want to congratulate you," he

"Approve! It was the nerviest sort

of a thing for you to do, but the only

thing. That damned Gormly had you

"I don't know," returned Ruther-

had the nerve to do it. Now, we've

but shrewd looking man edged his

way carefully through the rapidly dis-

scowling at the multitude, black rage

came close to him, "any news?"

"Well," said the chief, as the man

'Yes," said the mayor; "but bow?"

got to win the election."

into the city hall. Rutherford met

#### SYNOPSIS.

A foolish young tenderfoot becomes fascinated with the bold, artful wife of a drunken prospector in a western mining town. They prepare to elope in a bilinding bilizzard but are confronted by the wife, but the chivalrous boy pins a note to the body taking the crime upon himself. In their flight to the railroad station the woman's horse falls exhausted; the youth puts her on his own and follows hanging to the stirrup strap. Seeing he is an impediment, the woman thrusts her escrit into a snow drift and rides on. Half-frozen he stumbles into the railroad station just as the train bears the woman away. Twenty-five years later, this man, George Gornly, is a multi-millionaire in New York. He meets Eleanor Haldane, a beautiful and wealthy settlement worker, and co-operates with her in her work. Gornly becomes owner of a st-samship line and finds himself frustrated in pier and track extension plans by grafting aldermen, backed by the Gotham Traction company. An automobile accident brings the Haldanes to his country home. Gornly announces that he will be mayor of New York and redeem the city from corruption. Mr. Haldane in a long desired interview with Gormly, makes an indirect proposition to compromise the fight which the latter has been waxing in the newspapers against the Gotham Traction company, and which Haldane is suspected of being the bead. Gormly boldly announces his plan of campaign to Haldane. Gormly rides to Haldane's place, carrying word of the auto accident. The next morning he refers to the ride of the night before as mild compared to one he experienced in his boyhood days. The papers announce his candidacy for mayor. The political declaration of the merchant prince produced a tremendous sensation. The minority party, seeing in him a possible Mosse, make overtures looking to the industry, however, rejects all proposed alliance. A meeting of the Sachem Society or the "Riva," is held at the Haldane Home. Many political dignitaries and henchmen are present and ways and means are advanced to dampen Gormly's m

#### CHAPTER X .- Continued.

"Now, sir," said Gormly, "you see what our masters the people think. They wish me to put to you a question. If such a measure comes before you, will you veto it or will you

The mayor was in a dilemma, a fearful one. He was quick enough to see that his whole political future, the future of his party, practically depended upon his action. If he did not declare his purpose to veto the bill, he and his party were doomed. If he took some other course, they would still have a fighting chance. The mayor rose to the occasion.

"Gentlemen," he said, "my action shall be dictated by yourselves." "Answer! Answer! No speech!" roared the crowd.

"Every man is entitled to his chance," said Gormly, "and I beg you

to hear. "I will pledge you my word." continued the mayor, "that so far as I have power the issuance of this franchise shall be determined by the election. If I am so fortunate as to re-

ceive a majority, I shall take it as a sign that you indorse the policy which. with an eye single to the public interest, believes that it demands the granting of this franchise to the Getham Freight Traction company, which has already served you so well. If on the contrary, my distinguished opponent shall prevail, the matter will be left for his determination."

You won't sign the bill if it comes to you then?" asked some one in the

"I will not, and I will use what influence I have to see that it is not presented to me," was the answer.

"Nothing," said Gormly, "could be fairer than that. The issue is clearly and sharply drawn. If you want to perpetuate the power of the Gotham Freight Traction company, you have only to re-elect the present mayor. If you want to resume your own control of affairs, you have only to elect me. I don't ask you now which it shall be. I don't want any more cheering. I want you to go to your homes and go

to work. Good night." He sank down in the automobile, covered with perspiration and trembling with nervous excitement.

Amid tumultuous cheering and applauding, the crowd opened a line through which the big automobile slowly moved over toward Broadway and then sped upward through the

Connell turned to the mayor. "Shall I drive these dogs out of the square?

Curse 'em!" he cried. Nothing would have suited the mayor better; but policy would not

permit. "No," he said, "just picket the approaches to the city hall. Let the peo-

ple alone. They will disperse now." Indeed they were already beginning to break away. Well, you've gone and done it now,

for sure," said Connell, giving the necessary orders. "Unless you get elected, the Gotham Freight Traction company's busted."

We're all 'busted,' as you say," said started up the street again.

of your presence, Miss Haldane," said going." Cormly quietly. "And because of that I know that I never spoke better." "It was a great occasion," was the

reply, "and great occasions make great speeches." "That and the consciousness-uncon-

sclous, if you will, if I may use such a contradiction-that you were listening-dare I not say sympathetically?carried me through." "It was glorious. You played upon

those people as I might play upon-" "Me," said Gormly softly. "Upon an instrument of music," con-

tinued the girl. "I think your election is sure." "I think so too." was the answer; Warren gloomily, "unless 1 am

but I am not indulging in any overconfidence, and there is to be no weakening of effort until the last minute."

They had by this time reached Fourteenth street. Although it was long after the ordinary time for the issuance of the latest editions of the newsparers, newsboys were already crying accounts of the episode on the streets, dead to rights; but you took the wind and papers were being bought eagerly on every hand.

"I don't know," answered the mayor, "Mr. Cormly," she turned suddenly nervously. "What will Liffey and Benson and the rest say?" full upon him, "why have you said to my brother that I must not come to the store any more to consult you on ford; "but whatever they say, it was business matters?"

"My dear Miss Haldane," said Gormthe only thing on God's earth to do, and they ought to be glad that you ly. "I did that for your sake." "But why?"

"I have ascertained that I am being shadowed by practically all the de-Outside the city hall a slender, quiet, tectives of the city hall force; that I am watched constantly; that all my visitors are noted; and I did not wish persing crowd until he caught sight to involve you in any notoriety whatof Connell standing on the steps soever. Therefore, although I had no knowledge that you would come or that you wanted to come, I thought it proper to advise you through your brother not to do so."

"You See What Our Masters the People Think!"

"I have a clue," was the answer. "Come in here!" said the chief, laying his hand on the other man's shoulder, and in his excitement and eagerness almost jerking him into the city

### CHAPTER XI.

Miss Haldane Listens to a Declaration. For some distance the automobile sped onward. Before one of the big wholesale buildings on lower Broadway, now entirely dark, it suddenly stopped in obedience to a signal from the tonneau. A hand was laid on Gormly's shoulder, and a voice he knew and to which he thrilled spoke to him.

"Mr. Gormly," said Miss Haldane, "that was the most magnificent, splendid, dramatic scene I ever witnessed or participated in."

Gormly rose to his feet instantly and faced about.

"You were there, Miss Haldane!" he exclaimed. "Didn't you see me?" asked the girl, a note of disappointment in her voice.

"And didn't you see me?" put in Miss Stewart opportunely. "Well, girls," said Livingstone Hal-

dane, "how long are you going to keep up stopping here?" "I was about to suggest," said Miss Stewart, "that Mr. Gormly and I change places. I don't want to talk

to you particularly; but I know that Eleanor wants to speak to Mr. Gormly, and-" The words were not out of her mouth before Gormly had leaped to the street and opened the door. He assisted Miss Stewart to the place he

had vacated, and took her place in the

big roomy tonneau. As soon as the ex-

change had been effected, Haldane

will not say that I am doing it all for you now; that would not be true or fair. But you were my inspiration in the beginning, your words, your presence. Miss Haldane, I have some thing to say to you. you taking me?"

been a small part of it."

"First of all," he began, ! where are

."Of course I wanted to come," said

the young woman, earnestly. "I have read every scrap pertaining to the

campaign. I have done what I could

influence to get them to aid you. It

was through me that Livingstone proffered his services. I even tried

my father, but I have been unable to

I wanted to hear from you directly

"I realize all that you have done,

and you can't imagine, Miss Haldane,

how great a deprivation it was to me

to send such a message, and how hard

"I made Livingstone bring us both

down here tonight. But I never

dreamed that I was going to be the

spectator of such a scene as that

which has just happened. I don't be-

lieve there was ever anything more

dramatic or splendid in the history of

American politics. Why, it was like

a new Declaration of Independence!

When that multitude surged back and

forth, crying, yelling, threatening, and

muttering, I followed every emotion in

my own heart. I never was so thrilled

in my life. I am glad to have lived

through this, to have seen it, to have

"You can't imagine," said Gormly,

"how great a part of it you have been.

a course it was to decide upon."

how things were going."

"Anywhere you want to go. You know." Miss Haldane leaned forward derstand that?" and touched her brother. He stopped the car again and turned about "Mr.

"I am sure now that I was aware Gormly wants to know where we are

"I thought we'd swing over past the park and go out Riverside Drive. We can get a decent bite to eat in some quiet place along the river road, and a spin will do us all good. Is that agreeable to you?"

"I am in your hands," answered Gormly gratefully. "And indeed think I should like it very much. had no idea how tired I was and you don't know how few opportunities I get like this for an hour's quiet enjoyment."

"Leave it to me," said young Haldane. "I'll turn you up at your apartment in proper time and in good shape. Tonight you are going to enjoy yourself and drop the campaign for a little while."

Whether or not Gormly would have engaged in the battle if he had had foreknowledge of this alliance between the father of the woman he leved and the powers he was trying to overthrow, is a question. As to his present attitude, he had begun his campaign with mingled feelings. It had been at first in a certain sense and for a short time a campaign for the winning of Eleanor Haldane; but lorger issues had speedily relegated that as a motive into the background, and now the campaign made every possible appeal to his honor as a man, to his sense of duty as a citizen. And while Eleanor Haldane bulked large before him, he knew that no matter what might be the result of the campaign so far as she was concerned. he must of absolute necessity press on to the end of it. He wanted to win for her; but if it became necessary, he would win without her, and for the people's sake.

It would make his election probably certain to reveal to the public the vast corruptive influences behind the traction company and the Sachem society. His agents had been thorough in their work, and they had discovered what nobody suspected; that the syndicate of which Haldane was the head practically controlled all the public utilities and afforded all the financial backing for the Sachem society and its immense corruption fund.

Gormly had meant to carry on his campaign to the end, and then tell her that he loved her and ask her to be his wife. He saw swiftly that with all the complications before him this would be an entirely fruitiess proceeding. Indeed, if under more favorable circumstances he could have won her affections, it was probable that now such an endeavor would be unavailing. He had been wondering since the knowledge had come to him how he could get speech with her without too great publicity, and behold fortune had given him the chance. At whatever hazards he intended to avail himself of it.

"Miss Haldane," he began, after they had been running along for some time in silence, "I said that I had something to say to you. I don't suppose either the time or the cfrcumstances are propitious, but necessity compels me to say it now."

"I shall be very glad indeed to listen to anything that you have to say to me," was the answer.

"Thank you. I meant-it was my -I intended-when I had won the first step to ask you if you would not help me with the rest of the bat-

"Help you, Mr. Gormly?" "Yes, Miss Haldane, I purposed to ask you to be my wife."

"Your wife!" exclaimed the girl. "It surprises you doubtless. Possibly it dismays you."

"It surprises me, certainly." "And yet you must have known. you must have seen-you are woman enough for that-that I cared a great deal for your oninion '

"I will not deny it, Mr. Gormly," returned the girl. "Things you have said, not so much that perhaps as the way you have said them, have led me to think so. But I really never imagined-You see there is so much dif

ference-"I know that I am almost old enough to be your father," returned the man gravely. "I am no boy. Therefore, am the more sure and convinced of what I say, and you can be the more among such friends as I was able to

sure also that I-love you." "It is a great honor that you pay me," began the woman.

"Wait!" said the man. "I am not through. I did not intend to tell you tonight. As I say, I was going to wait make any impression upon him; and until I had something worth while to offer; but things that I have learned have made it necessary in my judgment to inform you of this fact at once."

> "What things, Mr. Gormly? Is some one making charges against you or discovering things about you?" "Not one. It is not of myself I am

thinking." "Of whom! Of what then?"

"As I said before," returned the man, "I can say no more. It seems to me that now my honor demands that I put you in possession of the state of my feelings. I am not asking you if you care anything for me. I realize that you could not. It is easy for me to have fallen in love with you, indeed I don't see how I could have helped it; but the case with you is different. And I want you to know, whatever happens in these closing days of the campaign, that I do truly and devotedly love you. Great God! Miss Haldane, I haven't used these words to a soul since I was a boy. You can't know what they mean to me, what I would like to have them mean to you. Some day, it may be soon, I shall ask you to be my wife; but now all that I want to impress upon you is that whatever happens to me or anyone, I am pledged to you in my heart forever. Nothing can make any said you had no engagement, you difference in my feelings. You un

"I understand entirely," she said. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

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lars more than this, but I thought—"
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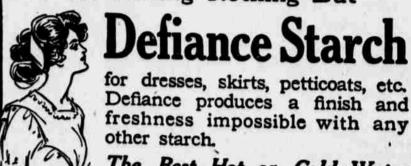
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