## The River <br> When the Colorado Burst Its Banks and Flooded the Imperial Valley of California By EDNAH AIKEN




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feara．For there he questioned here wre thet thes when ablity． Ge had a large，loose wny of hadilligg
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Ho was too optimstie．But dose men，those engineers must know



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 smanl，low dwellings？Why the eanu－
tious admittance，the atmosphere of suspicion？Rickard had seen the wife，
a frightened shadow of a woman；had
seen her flinch wwe seen her flinch when the brate called
for her．He had questioned Oornel
about he hafiforeed．He was remer．
berlng the wrinkles of contempt on the
old Indian＇s face as he dellvered him－
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 were faise，yet a thread of truth co－
neclint with the others，Branden and
Hamln and Cor＇nel，might be pulled
out of hin ＂When the waters of the Glia run
red look out for trouble！＂He doubt－
ed that they ever ran red．He would
ask Cor＇nel．He had also spe
ate a cycle，known to Indianos，ofoken of
dredth y year when the Drason grow
restless： restless：this he had
hundredth year．
Following his talk with Maldonado
und the accldental happy chance meet． and the acecldental happy chance meet．
ing with Coronel at the Crossing Rick－
ard had written his first report to Tod Marshal．Before he had come to the
Heading he had expected to advise
against the completion of the wooden headgate at the Crossing．Hamlin
had given him a new vewpoint．There
was a fighting chance．And he wanted he wanted to be farr．
＂It＇s time to be hearing from Man
shall．＂Rickard was thinkiog．as hu
walked back to the hotel．＂I wonder what he will say，＂He felt tt had
been falr to put it up to Marshall
personally，he would Hike to begin with work had been done，It was true，yel
there were urgent reasons now fol
haste；and the gate was nearly hall
done！He had gone caretull done！He had gone carefully ovet
dhe situnation．The heavy naowfall，un．
precedented for years，a huodred，ac cording to the Indians－on the Wind
Rover mountains－the lakes swollen with lee，the Gila restless，the summet
floods yet to be met；perraps，he now
thought，he had been overfar in em． gate．For the hundred feet were now
uthousand feet－yet he had spoken
that to Marshall：＂Calculate for
that or that to Marshall：＂Calculate for
yourself the difrerene in expense
since the flood widened the break．It Disaster isiand，which they figured on
for anchor，is a mere pit of corroding
sugar in the channel．An tnfant Cot． lot of work has already been done
and a lo of money spent．There ta a
ating chance Perpen ighting chance．Perhaps the bad year
s anl Indlan talk．＂．whatever they did！
A guess，at best，
it was pure pamble what the tricky Colorado would do．Anyway，he had
given the whole situaton to Marshall gram which had been seat over from
the oflice from Tod Marstall．Take
He fighting chance．But remember to
peak more respect


| Was it Hardin＇s luck？Rick－ ard scouted the idea and charged it to pure inefficiency．Whatever the cause，fate and Haccions seemed to have combined to wreck Rickard＇s plans．Don＇t miss the next instaliment． |
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Among the creatures that weep most
casily are the ruminants，All hunters
now that the stag weons
asserted that the bear sheds tears
when severely wounded．The grafre
is not less sensitive and regards with

