With Its Stirring Episodes Set in Alaskan Wildness.

(Continued From Yesterday.) CHAPTER II.

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There was perhaps no better known name in the wide northern wilderness than that of John Kars. In his buoyant way he claimed for himself, at 32, that he was the "oldest inhabitant" of the northland. For at the age of 13, accompanying his father, he had formed one of the small band of gold seekers who fought their way to the "placers" of Forty-mile creek years before the great Yukon rush. Good fortune and sanity had been, his greatest assets. The first seemed to have been his all through. Sanity only came to him at the cost of other men's experience. For all his hardihood, he was deeply human. The early temptations

rolled in upon him from his manifold interests. Then it was that the man which the Yukon world now knew suddenly developed. He could have retired to the pleasant avenues of civilization. But these things had no appeal for him. The battle of the trail had left a fever in his blood. So he still sought gold. He sought gold for the joy of search, to provide excuse. He sought gold for the romance of it, he sought it because adventures lay in the track of virgin gold as it lies nowhere else. Besides, the battle of it suited the man's hardihood. Once, to his friend, Dr. Bill Brudenell of Leaping Horse, he said: "The trail I know. Gold I know. The Yukon I know. Then what's the use in quittin' it fer something I don't know, and don't care a cuss for anyway."

And now, with five canoes, he had

completition, with a precision and care ported. "I mak him." he said. "Neche for detail which means perhaps the all out. Only squaws, an' pappoose difference between safety and disast by the camp. Old men—yes. Him ter on the long trail. Then came the evening festival planned by Ailsa in her hospitable home. A homely supper, and a gathering of all the white folk of the post. It was nearly midnight when the party broke up. Farewells were said and the men departed. Wo homely supper and daughter were left with the control of the cont

Peigan Charlie, Kar's Indian scout, were examining the incinerated ruins of a recently destroyed Indian encampment. There were bodies, in varying stages of decomposition, lying about, many of them burned, in Search for Lost Masc. Firemen at station 3. Eleventh a firemen at station 3. Eleventh a

John Kars shrugged his shoulders.
"It's the work of the Bell river Indians. sure. That's if the things Cooney was gone. They fear he has we've heard are true." He turned to his white companion. "Say, Bill. it the police for aid in finding him. makes you wonder. What do you think lies back of this?"

desperate acts." Bill said. "Guess the Peigan Charley was carrying a broken modern rifle in his hand, and offered it to his chief. "Him Bell river." he stated blooms.

stated bluntly.

Worrying the back of my head now,"
Kars resumed. "They've been worving it al summer. Why are these Bell river neches always shooting up their neighbors, and anyone else? How comes it Allan Mowbray died worth half a million dollars on fur trade? What was he doing on Bell river when he got killed?"

They made camp in a rocky sorge.

Margaret Kirkland, \$40 a week. District Judge Day held in a decree of separate maintenance granted Mrs. Kirkland.

Gering Hearing Postponed.

Hearing of charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws against

There was a sound of some one approaching through the trees. Bill eased himself. But Kars never the. "A feller wearing

boots," he said. Bill had risen to his feet. "I'm go-

Allea Mowbray, a trader of the Yukon region, surrounded by hostile Bell river Indians, gets a letter to Alisa, his wife, and Morray McTavah, Allan's partner, sets out with a rescue expedition, Allea renains at the post with her son and daughter. Alec and Jessie. But Alian is killed before the record party arrives, and Father Jose, mission priest and executor of Allan's will finds that Alian owned seven-tenths of the post, the source of whose tremendous wealth seems inexplicable. When McTavish seems inexplicable. When McTavish sels for Jessie's hand, all Alisa will premise is that she would put no obstacles in his path. of his forehead almost completely bin out the way you come, burnin' an' massacrin'. How you missed 'em

beats me to death."

sill through. Sanity only came to him at the cost of other men's experience. For all his hardihood, he was deeply human. The early temptations of Leaping Horse had appealed to the virile youth in him. He had had his falls. But he to use his own expression, "quit the poultry ranch" and "hit the bank roll trail." and good fortune followed hard behind him like a faithful spouse.

He became rich. His wealth became a byword. And later when, out of disorder and vice, the city of Leaping Horse grew to capital importance, he became surfeited with the accumulations of wealth which rolled in upon him from his manifold interests. Then it was that the man which the Yukon world now knew

know, and don't care a cuss for any way?

And now, with five canoes, he had arrived at Fort Mowbray. In five minutes John Kars had made his explanations. They were made to the daughter of his old friend. Allam Mowbray. He told her that he was out for the whole open season. That he'd practically had to kidmap Dr. Bill from his beloved Leaping Horse He said that he hoped to make Fort Wrigley on the Mackenzie river some time in the summer and maybe even fort Simpson. Meantime. Dr. Bill Frudenell deliberately completed the work of superintending the "snugging" of the canoes for the night.

For a whole week John Kars per vaded the mission with a personality too buoyant to allow of lurking shadows. The only person who escaped his cheering influence, perhaps, was Murray McTavish. But the week of his stay had more meaning for Jessie than for anyone else. Her frank delight in his presence found no de niel. Every shadow was banished out of her life by it.

The last day came. It was a day of labor and preparation at the landing. Under the supervision of Kars and Bill the work went forward to its completition, with a precision and care for detail which means perhaps the disconting the warning. "Guess we best get out obliged to you. Guess we best get out belong the west if the neches are southeast."

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Then came the all by river. Charley not come by need by Ailsa in river. No good. Charley him look A homely sup- by camp. Him see much teepee,

wells were said and the men departed. Mother and daughter were left alone.

No word was spoken for some moments. Then a sound broke the quiet of the room. It was the sound of a stifled sob, and the mother looked up anxiously. "Why, child!" she cried, and sprang to her feet.

The next moment her protecting arms were about the pretty figure of the girl, and she drew her to her bosom, with a world of tender affection, which could no longer be denied. "Oh, mother, mother!" the girl cried, through her sobs. "I—I can't help it. I—I love him, and—he's gone."

Far to the north Kars, Dr. Bill and Far to the north Kars, Dr. Bill and gorge."

Inquired.

"No. Charley him all get kill up dead by river. No bush. No nothing. Charley, him go up dis way." He pointed at the hill directly behind him.

"That's all I need. Bill." Kars said. "The rest I'll do myself. I'm going to quit you for the time. Maybe I won't join you till nearly morning. I can't say. I want you to strike camp right away. Get on the move down to the river bank—above the gorge. Then follow it along for a gorge. The follow it alon

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(To Be Continued Monday.)

in Search for Lost Mascot Firemen at station 3. Eleventh and many of them half eaten by the wild Dorcas streets, are downcast over the scavengers of the region. All were mutilated in a dreadful manner. And they were mostly the bodies of women and children. John Kars shrugged his shoulders. ly Thursday morning and the fire-

"Much of what lies back of most Last Picture Made by Reid

to Be Shown at Empress Reil river folk have got something other folk need, and the other folk know it. I allow the Bell river folk don't figger to hand over to anybody. Maybe it's hunting grounds, maybe it's fishing. Can't say. But you see this growd are traveling Inyou see this crowd are traveling In- have been received by the local Fatians, or were," he added dryly, we're within 20 miles of Bell river.

Must Pay Wife \$10 a Week. "Allan Mowbray's outfit." Kars did. "Bell river neche steal em."

Must lay wife \$10 a neck.

William J. Kirkland, manager of the local office of the Tokheim Oil "There's just about three things Tank company, must pay his wife, worrying the back of my head now," Margaret Kirkland, \$40 a week, Dis-

They made camp in a rocky gorge about a mile from Bell river. The Indian went out on a scout, leaving the two white men beside the fire.

## Parents' Problems

Bill had risen to his feet. "I'm going to look." he announced.

He moved off, and presently his voice came back to the man by the fire. "Ho. John! A vistor.' he cried. The man at the fire replied cordially.

"Bring him right along. Pleased to see him."

A moment or two later he was gazing up smilingly into the face of a man who was obviously a half-breed. The man was dressed in a beaded buckskin shirt under a pea-jacket of doubtful age. It was worn and stained, as were the man's moleskin trousers, which were tucked into long knee-boots. A great scar split the skin Should children be permitted to bor-

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## Triumph of John Kars Report of the Treasurer of Douglas County, GENERAL FUNDS

ne es n'	FUNDS	Balance		Miscellaneous							Balance
m		July 1, 1922	Tax Collections	Collections	Transfers \$	Total Credits \$ 418,501.72	\$ 200,323.48	Transfers	\$ 7,603.08	Total Debits \$ 207,926.56	Dec. 31, 1922 \$ 210,575.16
6-	State\$ County General	38,347.92 100,703.64	\$ 380,153.80 275,598.01	•	58,783.86	435,085.51	429,813.68	3,000.00	10,686.28		*8,414.45
e.	Bond Sinking	46,560.66	169,638.20		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	216,198.86		*		195,535.00	20,663.86
	Soldiers' Relief	2,750.83 11,110.09	3,746.22 12,803.69			6,497.05 23,913.78	5,236.35 15,927.96			5,236.35 15,927.96	1,260.70 7,985.82
0.1	County Road	7,498.23	55,114.63		584.59	63,197.45	64,751.22			64,751.22	1,553.77
11	Special Emergency -Bridge	1,118.61	216.82			1,335.43			• • • • • • • • •	25.00	1,335.43
Second III	County Poor Fund	15,421.94 218.44	2,864.08 23.72		3,000.00	21,286.02 242.16				25.00 164.09	21,261.02 78.07
						•	5,600.00		146.65		1,898.63
1-	Little Papillion Drainage	312.62	7,332.66			7,645.28					
	Omaha Road	990.00 16.81	9,112.11	'-1•'•	16.81	10,118.92 16.81	3,000.00	16.81	182.24	3,182.24 16.81	6,936.68
	Special School	53,470.86	81,449.94		1 100 00	136,110.80	74,562.40	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	814.50	75,376.90	60,733.90
15	School Bonds	4,882.04	4,312.26			9,194.30			43.12	5,010.12	4,184.18
m' E	Apportionment	726.27 23,895.37	11,746.70		62,208.58	62,934.85 35,642.07	61,615.71 11,603.77	1,010.00	117.47	61,615.71	1,319.14 22,910.83
is		1,406.43	1,593.81			3,000.24	2,780.00		31.88	2,811.88	188.36
- 1	Elkhorn Drainage Bond	382.28	6,368.05		(-)	6,750.33	300 THE RESERVE TO SERVE TO S		127.36	6,377.36	372.97
	Papillion Drainage	963.65	*******	` .\		963.65	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				963.65
1	Florence General	58.46	6.23			64.69	58.46		.12	58.58	6.11
T	Florence Road	1	.06			.06			0		.06
ot g.	Benson General	319.12	78.54			397.65	319.12		1.57	320.69	76.96
11	Benson Road	• • • • • • • • • •	1.07	.,		1.07	·		.02	.02	1.05
ie	Elkhorn General	431.89	408.67	1414.4 4 444 4 4		840.56	The state of the s		8.17	8.17	832.39
1-	Elkhorn Sinking	151.85	342.29	******		494.14			6.85	6.85	487.29
f	Elkhorn Road	36.61	10.24	(*8** * * * * (*8*)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	46.85			.20		46.65
	East Omaha General	75.10 2.03	37.02 .62	********	p1	112.12 2.65			.74	103.74	8.38
0			*	*******	•••••		140.00		7.52	•	
700	Waterloo General	*3.33 8.76	376.15 1,122.22	1-1		372.82 1,130.98		,	22.44	562.44	225.30 568.54
u	Waterloo Road	.52	9.45		* *142 * * * *	9.97			.19	.19	9.78
g.	Waterloo Lighting	4.34	491.94	1944	(*** * * * * * * * * *	496.28	245.00		9.84	254.84	241.44
	Millard General	547.84	564.30			1,112.14	615.00		11.29	626.29	485.85
	Millard Water Bond	636.72 11.77	9.99	(**************************************		1,085.03 21.76	730.00 10.00		8.97 .20	738.97 10.20	346.06 11.56
200	Millard Culvert and Crossing	469.14	134.85			603.99	545.00		2.70		56.29
d	Millard Street Lighting	157.45	146.98	********		304.43	185.00		2.94	187.94	116.49
t.	Valley General	117.63	1,669.98	1-1-1		1,787.61	415.00	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	33.40		1,339.21
25.60 E.	Valley Lighting	55.32 51. <b>5</b> 4	804.85 717.27		* *b7* · · · ·	860.17 768.81	, 190.00 215.00		16.10 14.34	206.10 229.34	654.07 539.47
25.1	Valley Road	1.91	16.54	PI	*******	18.45	7.00		.33	7.33	11.12
lf	Dundee General	7.16	9.42			16.58	7.16		.19	7.35	9.23
-	Dundee Road		.24	10E-1	htt	.24	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	.,,			.24
e	Ralston General	29.64	743.06			772.70			14.86	379.86	392.84
2501	Ralston Lighting	35.77	186.51	[-1-] [-1-)	1.73	224.01	125.00		3.73	128.73	95.28
	Ralston Bond	4.06 19.97	3.93 965.44			7.99 985.41	5.00 570.00		.08 19.31	6.81 589.31	1.18 396.10
- 12	Ralston Road	8.80	18.98	• • • • • • • • •	1.51	27.78	15.00		.38,	15.38	12.40
9861111	Ralston Water Main	*.85		247.70	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	246.85				240.00	6.85
MOI D	Ralston Paving and Curb	1,661.23		891.87		2,553.10 3.32	332.30		1	352.50	2,200.60 3.32
175011	Ralston Streets	60.29	90.18	p		150.47	145.00		1.80	146.80	3.67
1. 1	Ralston Sewer	22.93 56.20	395.65	12.89	******	35.82 451.85	182.56		7.91	190.41	35.82 261.44
9	Ralston Intersection Bond					424.90		*******	8.45	148.45	276.45
	Bennington General	2.25	422.65 80.43			80.43	45.00		1.61	46.61	33.82
101	Bennington Sinking	*1.14	243.73	(*),*)		242.59	85.00		4.87	89.87	152.72
ne	Bennington Road	7.18	16.93		,	17.47	7.00 60.00		.34 4.31	7.34 64.31	10.13 158.65
- 1	Bennington Lighting	7.18	215.78			222.96	60.00			The second second	
	Road District No. 1	118.48 394.47	26.30 55.30			144.78 449.77			.53 1.11	.53 1.11	144.25 448.66
0.4	Road District No. 3	402.37	33.86			436.23			.68	.68	435.55
t-	Road District No. 4	377.17	54.59			431.76 568.24	······································		1.09	1.09 2.98	430.67 565.26
17-01	Road District No. 5	419.03 233.97	149.21 83.67		×	317.64			1.67	1.67	315.97
d	Road District No. 7	541.67	87.13/			628.80			1.74	1.74	627.06
	Road District No. 8	520.42 459.15	62.89 133.27		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	583.31 592.42			1.26 2.66	1.26 2.66	582.05 589.76
	Road District No. 9	460.97	118.93			579.90	,		2.38	2.38	577.52
18	Road Oistrict No. 11	94.22	54.41			148.63			1.09	1.09	147.54
re	Road District No. 13	554.00	88.72			642.72			1.77	1.77	640.95
	East Omaha Drainage		785.44	29,747.00		785.44 29,747.00			15.70	15.70	769.74 29,747.00
13	1923 Auto License	12,982.79	11,099.34	29,747.00		24,082.13	10,330.96			10,330.96	13,751.17
ig III	Omaha Sales			324,011.19		324,011.19	324,009.46	167.20		324,176.66	*165.47 73.51
	South Omaha Sales	73.51		830.07		73.51 830.07	830.07			830.07	73.31
	Redemptions	16,596.34		249,395.00	75.80	266,067.14	218,149.11			218,149.11	47,918.03
oil	Fee Fund	2,878.71		1,934.20	63,077.92	67,890.83	41,539.48 24,411.86		20,003.02	21,536.46 24,411.86	46,354.37 72,418.95
-	Permanent Road	50,703.46 5,435.20		292,305.62	46,127.35	96,830.81 297,740.82	24,411.86	294,637.82		294,637.82	3,103.00
42	Taxes Under Pretest	43,094.16		11,200.28		54,294.44	24,761.48		*	24,761.48	29,532.96
	Election Fund	2,484.93			28 935 92	2,484.93 256,693.81	131,123.11	2,484.93		2,484.93 131,123.11	125,570.70
1.0	State Highway	227,757.89 85,820.10			28,935.92 9,770.18	95,590.28	31,772.70	47.00		31,819.70	63,770.58
ry	Highway Construction Bonds	999,423.25				999,423.25	730,065.26	•••••			269,357.99 16,642.66
	Reconstruction—Court House	38,661.18 1,375.21	*703.68			38,661.18 671.53	22,018.52	76.05		22,018.52 76.05	595.48
	Escrow	66,325.00	703.00		66,250.00	132,575.00	65,375.00			65,375.00	67,200.00
	Highway	378.12	3 200 12	39,980.50		40,358.62	1,755.81	38,581.20		40,337.01 1,000.00	21.61 2,208.45
r-	Agricultural Fair	*.68	3,209.12			3,208.45	1,000.00				
re le	Totals	1,874,393.80	\$1,048,203.70	\$950,556.32	\$340,022.74	\$4,213,176.56	\$2,715,962.22	\$340,022.74	\$	\$3,055,984.96	<b>\$1,157,191.60</b>

**FUNDS ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1922** 

Checks on Hand for Deposit .....\$ 5,939.65 Cash in Drawer . 128,099.02 Warrants Purchased and Investments.....

\$1,157,191.60