



Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.

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the beautiful flag in hand, a body of prominent citizens at his back, the Lieutenant of the Emmets took part by the side of Miss Lane, whose cheeks were flushing with excitement and delight of seeing Theodore in his corporal's chevrons, no doubt.



(Copyright, 1900, by G. W. Dillingham Co.) "It was afraid Theodore might tempt you there oftener than was wise," said Henry, kindly. He knew the lads were much together.

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than begun. It is an accomplished fact, that man at Washington has said one true thing at least: This nation cannot live half slave, half free. Now, the Ohio is the natural dividing line.

plot had been hatched, many a plan well laid, even before they sighted again and greeted with glad cheers the beautiful Ohio, the Belle Rivière, the voyageur so aptly named.

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And hearing this the doctor's rage burst all bounds. He had stormed at his son for siling against the south. He disowned him, he said, and desired he would never again receive him.

plive, thoughtless and a few months younger than Norman, just young enough to be unable to enlist without the parental consent, which, being refused, compelled him to stay wretchedly at home.

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