At the enmpfire Sheba dried her mukluks, stockings, caribou mitts and short skirts. Too tired to est. she forced herself to swallow a few bites and drank eagerly some tea. Gordon had brought blankets from the sled and he persunded her to lie down for

a few minutes. "You'll call me soon if I should sleep," she said drowsily, and her eyes were closed almost before the words were off her lips.

When Macdonald came to order the start half an hour later, she was still asleep. "Give her another thirty minutes," he said gruffly.

Youth is resilient. Shebs awoke rested and ready for work. While Gordon was untangiting the

dogs she was left alone for a minute with the mine-owner. The hungry look in his eyes touched her. Impulsively she held out her

hand. "You're going to be fair, aren't you. Mr. Macdonald? Because you-don't

like him-you won't--- ?" He looked straight into the dark appealing eyes. "I'm going to be fair to Robert Milton." he told her harshly. "I'm going to see his murderers hanged if it costs me every dollar I have in the world."

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didn't do it."

"His Name Was Trelawney."

"None of us objects to justice," she told him proudly. "Gordon has nothing to fear if only the truth is told." "Then why come to me?" he de- ness. manded.

She hesitated; then with a wistful showed the rough, hard face of a worklittle smile, spoke what was in her ingman. heart. "I'm afraid you won't do jus- "His name was Trelawney. I kicked tice to yourself. You're good-and him out of our camps because he was brave-and strong. But you're very a troublemaker." willful and set. I don't want to lose "He was one of the men that robbed my friend. I want to know that he is you later " she excisimed. all I have believed him-a great man "Yes. And now he has tried to rob hands and turned away. who stands for the things that are fine me again and has paid for it with his and clean and just

"For yours and for his, too You his name?-that was with him last out of it. can't hurt him. Nebody can really be time " traiter to himself. And Gerden Elliet hate to believe it, but it is probably build she had up her siccie isn't that. He couldn't do such a true. And he too, is lying somewhere. "I'm going to be married Thursday. thing as this with which you charge n this park covered with snow if our [M." him. It is not in his nature. He can guess is right."

explain everything." "I don't doubt that. He and his to it?" friend Holt are great little explainers." In spite of his bitterness Shebs felt change in him. She seemed to nave a gittopee of his turbid soul en

dozen packmules laden with supplie fit had passed. Their small, sharp-shod hoofs had punched sink-holes in the trail at every step. Instead of a smooth bottom the dogs found a siushy bog cut to pieces.

At the end of an hour of wallowing

Macdonald called a halt. It will save us nearly two miles, but come to grips with him again. I'm I am the happiest girl." right just below the big willow," he sair. They say I'm a good hater, and I tast." Disne passed to the practical When Diana and Peter found them † PLINY FISHER,

dps to answer and closed them again for herself and her lover only, but for says he doesn't want to see me mar- of Diane. without speaking. Sheba had flashed the friend that had been so nearly ried to another man." Sheba expinined. The only wedding present that Maca warning to him.

"I hope this trip isn't very far off he had done it for her, but Shebs was the trail," she said quietly. "I'm just sure his reasons lay deeper. He was

wee bit tired." "It's not far," the mine-owner said and let his rival be falsely accused of curtly.

He was busy unpacking his sied cheap thing like that. When it came Presently, he found the dog moccasins to the pinch, he was too decent to stab for which he had been looking, re in the back. But she was willing to packed his sied, and fitted the shoes take him on his own ground.

to the bleeding feet of the team lead er. Elliot, suspicious and uncertain goodness to me," she told him simply. luctantly away and drove down to the likely not be seeing you again alone, in "But Gordon and I both under

wonder at what he meant to do, but his ain gait even when he gets a bit "He told me that he didn't think I createst of his slave out she tries not she asked no questions. Some wise in facer." stinct was telling her to do exactly as From the sled he took a shovel and the reaction from his depression he inquiry, "Of course that's nonsense.

gave it to the young woman. "Dig just would turn to Genevieve Mailory and What did he tell you?" this side of the big rock-close to the marry her.

"Open It." be said. "Rip it witt daft dream."

She ran the knife along the coarse cheerfully upon her. weave of the cloth. Fifteen or twenty "We'll put our tressure-trove on the his imagination gave to me." smaller macks lay exposed. Shebe sled and go back to your friends," he

men up to scour the bille for Northquestion in her eyes.

"But—how did it get here?"

Macdonald back to the trail, tears filled have to put up with me."

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rock-bound face. "Underneath this abiy of his partner in crime, Perhaps and As an afterthought she added: canvas is the body of one of the men they had left mothers or wives or "Mr. Macdonald is all cut up too." the gold stolen from the bank is in

CHAPTER XXIV.

girl home. The mine-owner declined and nurelide with evenings out in rather brunquely an invitation to stay that goldgruture of yours." to dinner on the pien that he had bust-

ness at the office which would not wait. on the girn trail," said Elliot. my friend. And J'm praying for you tune.

The deep-set, rapacious eyes of the



The Deep-set, Rapacious Eyes . . . Burned Into Here for an Instant. stant. Without a word he released her

Her eyes followed him, a vital, dynamir American who would do big law-"Then it is for my sake and not for Her mind flashed back over the past, less things to the day of his death. his that you want me to drop the case . Then his partner in this last crime sine sighed. He had been a great figagainst Elliot?" he asked ironically. must have been the same man what a ure in her life, and now he had passed

An month an absentant alone with I'd. hurt from outside-not unless he is a "Northrup". He nodded slowly "I are her Irish coustn dropped the little

Mrs. Paget embraced her for the "And Gordon-you admit he didn't tenth time within an hour the was very found of timeten, and she had been Again be nedded sulkliy. "No. He on a great strain concerning her safety. That out of her danger had resulted If tilted in her voice. "So you've the engagement Diane had hoped for

while a fittle wist ten't every girl that knows the right "You take a mean advantage of man for her even when he wants her. But I know at last. He's the man for

and try to love him, though he is twice "I'm sure of it, dear. Oh, I am so your age and more. Then, when his glad." Dance hugged her again. She enemy is in his power, he finds he couldn't help it.

an't strike him down without striking. "One gets to know a man pretty you too. Take your young man, Shetsa well on a trip like that I wouldn't As Lovere Will to the End of Time. () Neill, and marry him, and for God's change mine for any one that was ever "There is a cutoff just below here. sake, get him out of Alaska before I made. I like everything about him. In will to the end of time—in exclama-"I'm so gind you see it that way at the endearments.

told Elliot. "I'll join you presently always thought it true. But what's aspect of the situation. "But Thurs on the hillside. Sheba protested, with and relieve you on the job. But first the use of hoting a man, when your day. Will that give us time, my dear? her half-shy, half-sudacious smile, that Miss O'Neill and I are going for a lit soft arms are round him for an And who are you going to have here? It could not be two hours since she "Just the family. I've invited two and Gordon hat left the living room. HARVEY L. COOPER,

sharp surprise. Gordon opened his of warm light. Her gladness was not the answer and closed them again lost and was now found. He believed with a smile. "Be Gordon won't come."

can't get along without the bride

Dinne looked at her, for the moment out at last. "So it's Gordon, is it? had dismissed of charges pending Are you quite sure this time? Not against Gordon Eik. likely to change your mind before ' Although Macdould lost the coal "I'll always be thanking you for your

"Yes," she agreed. And in a flash enough experience for the place." she mw what would happen, that in Dinne flashed a suspicious look of

"Something like that. He will marry "You're too young for me, anyhow- Mrs. Mallory, I think, though he doesn't too noft and innocent. Once you told know it yet."

of the spade struck something hard me that you couldn't keep step with "You mean she will get him on the "That isn't a nice way to put it. He He took a deep breath, seemed to has always liked her very much. He

"And Gordon likes you, I suppose, continued brickly. Tomorrow I'll send for what you are?" Shele drew the canvas back over the bee his fancies about me, too, but by Chestertown and Centerile Md face of the dead man. As she followed the time be finds out what I am he'll Good pay to workers.

crept upon these men so swiftly had Sdences. He had come, he said, to remissed her by a hair's breadth. The ceive congratulations. "What in the world have you been

ment" Gordon passed to a subject of

Macdonald relieved Elliot at break-

More a great man and you are not. But

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must settle at once. She word on if she loved it. Her or legs moved rhythmically .

The min was all that Diane had promised Sheba drank it in happily. deceased "I belie I must be a pagan. I love

pied pipennd-" the worlyou are a thirty-third degree

ber thre, to touch her crists, bluethe as he adjusted the scarf peretofore.

about beend. "God de the night," he replied.

"So the a Christian thought as well ; They ere no exception to the rule J. H. C. LEGG. are egoists. The world for them wight divided itself into two chases One included Shebs O'Neill the Gen Elliet; the other took in MADISON BROWN. resting remnant of humanity. No mad how far afield their talk beit ways came back to themy wanted to know all about | EDWIN H. BROWN. v. to compare experiences of view. But time fled too ords. They talked -as lovers .



with two documents attached by a clip. "Yes. He'll have to be here. We One was from the Kustak Sun. It ab. HARRY L. PRICE. nounced that the search party had murder. It was not in him to do a groom. It wouldn't be a legal mar found the body o Northrup with the other was a copy ( a legal document. she got Its effect was that be district attorney T. ALAN GOLDSBOROUGH.

claims at Kamatia by reason of the OR. S. M. ECCLES. "I suppose, to an outsider, I do seem report of Elliot. a Alaska still beso I'll say it now. Don't waste any ly. "But Gordon and I both under try of strong men Latanda head and FRED R. OWENS, traff and followed a little ridge for fancy any story-book foolishness about "And Colby Macdonald—does he un- the fortunate gift commanding the trudged behind him. She was full of halfling boys, maybe, but a man goes "Oh, yes." Her smile grew broader. The lady who is his ge is secretly the S. SCOTT BECK, as love can have press the armor her sophistication. THE ED.

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