of mind were unavailing.

ed up in the darkness.

in whispers.

—then jumped up.

man to another.

for no flowers!"

not often pass from the heart of one

"If it comes to the worst for me.

you and Isabel will look out for

here; there must be nothing left to

is in my blue serge coat in the closet

night, so a second departure will call

When they reached the little



## by Maredith Nicholson

INTRODUCTION label Perry recommends a life of excellent advice based on exact in- all the Congdons. the empty house. He is awakened ding. As a result of your miserly "That's fine," said the Governor. the frame of logs against which by footsteps during the night; the intruder fires at him and misses. Archie fires in return. He doesn't know thether he has killed or only wounded the man, but fearing the publicity, plans to make his escape. In his flight ne meets "The Governor"—a mastermind criminal who mistakes him for a fellow criminal. Archie, afraid to tell the truth, falls in . with . "The Governor.' A series of events lead him to believe he has shot Putney Congdon—the owner of the house. They procede to New York, where they are visited by Julia, the Governor's sister. . Archie promises her he

will stick with the Governor through the strange phase she claims he is passing through. While strolling in the park, Archie sees Mrs. Congdon with her two children, and is witness to the kidnapping of the little girl, Edith. He learns from the Governor that the father-in-law of Mrs. Congdon—a very wealthy man—is engaged in the circulation of counterfeit twenty-dollar gold pieces. They go to Rochester, where the Governor receives a letter from Ruth, the girl he loves, in which she tells him he may be able to serve her. At a dance at Ruth's home, Archie meets Isabel and they are reconciled. Archie and the Governor promise to find Edith Congdon and whisk her away to Isabel's camp. They secure work on Eliphalet Congdon's farm,

When Putney Congdon leaves the hole." farm. Archie follows him. They be- "I'll make you a proposition. I've can find it in the dark." friendly and Archie agrees to heard that you make a habit of carry- "I have a surprise for you," said "We ain't gettin' anywhere!" with Putney to Huddleston, where ing your will around in that umbrel- Ruth, when Archie handed over growled Leary at the end of a third they meet the Governor. The Gov- la. Give me the thing!" the mail. "If you will step to the inconclusive hand-to-hand struggle erpor tells Archie that Carey, Isa- Eliphalet hesitated, but the Gov- door, bear left ten yards and stop with only a few battered heads as bel's cousin, has blocked the camp ernor gently pried it from the old by a bench under our tallest pine, the result. and they are unable to get supplies. man's fingers. It was a heavy, bulgy, some one you pretend to like rather "There's gold for all of you!" blockade. They are run down by a battered curved handle. The Gov- "Isabel!" he exclaimed, as she ed them to another attack. Carey's launch and the canoe over- ernor opened it, shook out a number came toward him out of the sha- They advanced again, but Archie turns. Archie, Leary and the Gov- of manilla envelopes, all carefully dows and paused by the bench. was quick to see that they came inernor, on the way to the camp, res- sealed, and flung the umbrella from "I haven't yet had the opportuni- to the light reluctantly and precipicue them. The next day the Gover- him. As it struck the water it spread ty to say how happy I am that you tated themselves half-heartedly into TOULSON'S DRUG STORE of supplies.

ride the Governor kidnaps her.

work ahead of us. Archie and I are handsome personal recognition of of thinkng, and my opinion of myself The Governor sprang aside and the going aboard the tug to study your Mrs. Congdon. That shall be pre- isn't very high. Out of sheer con- gun slipped from Carey's hand and father's case carefully. You may re- served." trariness that night in Washington clattered against the barricade. ly on us to extricate him from his "Now, Mr. Congdon, if you will I teased you into doing things that Angered by his failure, and find-

embarassment's." Grover the Governor bade Archie let this one stand, and if you agree my heart I'm sorry! If anything back beyond the roaring fire and follow him to the bow where Eli- not to interfere any further with your should happen to you it would be my caught up another rifle. Leary be

"Mr. Congdon," the Governor be- son you'll leave this tug a free man." may have said similar things to-oh, was too late. Without taking to gan, "as a mere looker-on at the pass- "I promise," said the old man you were not the first!" she laughed for aim, Carey leveled the wear ing show I'm persuaded that you're steadily. And his not tting much out of life." ", at I do or do not do," cried weazened litt he old man, "is none of your in- of its arrog ernal business." "An error of considerable mag- his counter

nitude. I am qualified to offer you that happier times were in store for and over the barricade. The purl

Harbor to investigate a house for slight element of cruelty in your from Calderville, bringing two sacks stream. They crawled across the his sister—and spends the night in makeup, and morally you are skid- of Heart O' Dreams mail.

The Governor and Archie were the bay struck upon Archie's ear with ment as a cure for Archibald Ben- mestic affairs. You're a meddle- waiting on the Huddleston wharf a spiteful insistence. There was not nett's nerves. Archie goes to Bail- some person, Mr. Congdon, with a when Putney and Leary returned a sound from the further side of the

The great bonfire kept the belligerents constantly in sight of each other, sulking, dodging, engaging in individual encounters poorly calculated to bring victory to either side.



Isabel and Ruth attempt to run the disreputable-looking umbrella with particularly may appear."

spirits and with characteristic contents. "That heart of yours! How did boys" he called encouragingly.

n through its paces. When he these wills that you've been steadily and excitement of last night?" wardly calmly, and in a low tone that Putney was skilled in the cutting down the amount of your be- "Oh, it functioned splendidly. But pointing out the individual that ng of such craft he cheerfully quest to your son," the Governor it was at work in a good cause. I love each should attack. The quiet ord the launch over to him. was saying. "Watch me. Archie, so you Isabel, I love you!" he said soft- derliness of the movement, or per- Exchange Building, Chesterou take it and run up to Cal- you can bear witness to the destruc- ly. ille, where you'd better get sup- tion of these things; they're all go- "You must never say that to me defeat roused Carey to a greater town, Md. Pick up the Heart O' Dreams ing to feed the fishes except this again," she said slowly and de- fury than he had yet shown. and bring it back to Huddles- earliest one, which divides the prop- terminedly. "After my stupid, the invaders broke line for the n, and meet us on the wharf at erty in generous lumps between Put- cruel thoughtlessness you must hate sault, he leaped at the Governor a. nightfall. We've got a heavy night's ney Congdon and his children, with a me. I've had time to do a good deal swung at him viciously with a rifle

promise me never to make another led you into danger—and the danger ing his men yielding, Carey ab-As they boarded the Arthur B. will without consulting me, but will is still about us. I'm sorry; with all ruptly changed his tactics. He ran shalet was moodily gazing into the son's family or his wife or his chil- fault-my very grievous sin. And gan circling round the flame in the dren, I'll guarantee that in due seas maybe there are other men that I hope of grappling with him, but

tion of a lo

where Edith has been taken. They ways and your selfishness you've "Archie, you and Leary take the ricade, insensible from a crack over learn that Putney Congdon—the just about ruined your life. The launch and carry the mail over to the head from a rifle butt. His plight man Archie shot—is also there. penitentiary yawns for you. But in Heart O' Dreams. At twelve was causing uneasiness among his While Archie is teaching Edith to spite of your cowardly conduct I'm o'clock meet me about a quarter of comrades. who began drawing back

nor's the struggle. The Governor, too was it gaily away. The Governor watch- this glimpse of you. It's always just aware of their diminished spirit and ed it for a moment—then began op-glimpses. But those glimpses do fun- got his men in line for a charge.

siasm began putting the new "It's evident from the dates of it ever manage to survive the strain He took the lead, walking for-

ressed forlornly. "They, too, may have and fired through the flames. the plunged into the same pit I dug for Archie struggling with a

As though it had touched a trigger a shot-gun boomed upon the night, indicating that Carey had not been caught napping. Orders were but for the coolness with which Lea-

given in a shrill voice and answering shouts proclaimed the marshaling of his forces. Archie and Leary reach the Governor as he was crawling over the stones. Some one threw shovelful of coals upon a heap of wood that evidently had been soak- Governor never made no mistakes. ed in inflammable oil, for the flames rose with a roar.

him. Archie had determined to lead

the assault, but while he was seeking

nor swung himself to the top. His

foot struck a stone perched on the

edge and it rolled down into the

camp with a great clatter.

It may have been that Carey had to do. I'll go back and bury that grown wary of murder as a means of gaining his end after the escapade of the previous night, for the first move of his men was to atwith rifles swung as clubs. Carey WM. C. SUITON with rifles swung as clubs. Carey screamed at them hysterically, urging them to greater efforts.

The great bonfire kept the belligerents constantly in sight of each other, sulking, dodging, engaging in individual encounters poorly calculated to bring victory to either side. One of Carey's men lay near the barrather disposed to pull you out of the a mile this side of Carey's baricade; toward the shadows. Carey, seeing Leary's got the place spotted so he that their pluck was ebbing, cursed

screamed Carey to his men, and urg-

haps it was a sense of impending

ipped you. Oh, how foolish I've been!" woodsman, beat him down and to asser- "I want you to promise," she was ed as the shot rang out. The in saying, "that you wor't in any way ernor was standing apart, oddl hope interfere with my cousin here. I strangely alone it seemed .

can't have you taking further risks." and he was an eternity falling. He and take care of old Governor." "You would have us run just as raised himself slightly, carrying his Archie was very humble as he re- the door was opened. the game grows interesting. Of rifle high above his head, and his flected that he hadn't done justice to course we're not going to quit the face was uplifted as though in that the intelligence and charm, to say thousand," said Dr. Reynolds, Meld and leave that fellow here to supreme moment he invoked the nothing of the professional skill of looking very tired but smiling braveannoy you! He's a dangerous char- stars of dreams. Then he pitched Dr. Katherine Reynolds in his hurried ly; "but we've taken the chance. acter and we're going to get rid of forward and lay very still.

She was depressed, much as Ruth en the tacit truce against a resort to was really only a girl of the age of course you know the danger,—to you had been a few hours earlier, and his arms. There was a sharp fusillade, Ruth and Isabel, would not be equal and all of us!" efforts to win her to a happier frame followed by a scramble as the bellito the emergency were dismissed an "It's splendid of you to accept the of mind were unavailing.

She jumped up quickly and hur
gerents sought cover. The men who hour after she reached Huddleston. She brought the camp nurse with her it is splendid of you to accept the responsibility; be sure I appreciate ried away, her head bowed. He er the barricade. The appearance of and was fortified with bags of instruwatched her until she was swallow- reinforcements either frightened ments and hospital supplies. Carey or the success of his shot had She went about her examination there should be another head and a Shortly before midnight Archie awakened a new rage in his crazed without a question; made it as surer hand. Dr. Mosgrove of Chicand Leary left the Arthur B. Grover mind, for he emptied his rifle, firng though she were daily in the habit of ago has a summer home twenty miles

rendezvous. They were fortified Governor. with a rifle, a shotgun, and several packets of rockets for signaling the erything that was happening about ernor's room in the ramshackle hotel he will come instantly." tug. Leary, restless because he him as he continued his dance of tri- was quickly transformed into a sur- The note was sent to the tug for couldn't smoke, was silent. He man- umph. In the midst of his weird gery. Perky had gone aboard the delivery and at eight o'clock the suraged his paddle so deftly that there performance, suddenly widening the tug, which was to remain in the bay geon was at Huddleston. He went was hardly a drip that could announce circumference of his operations, he until the outcome of the Governor's into the sick room immediately, and their proximity to any one lying in stumbled. As he reeled, Archie rush- injury could be learned. Putney it was an anxious group who silently wait on the bay. Several minutes ed in, gripping his throat and falling Congdon kept Archie company in the awaited his verdict. before Archie caught the listless wash upon him.

hall outside the sick room. The breath went out of the man of calm waters on a beach, Leary heard it and paused, peering at the as he struck the ground, and Archie opaque curtain of the woodland be- jumped up and left him to Congdon yound the lighter shadow of the and Leary. Perky was kneeling beside the

nounced, returning from an exam- which was already crimson from a ination of the shore markings. They fast-flowing wound. "He's hurt bad; it's the end of carried the canoe into the wood and lay down beside it, communicating him!" muttered the old man help-

"We struck it right," he an- Governor tearing open his shirt

"There's nothing to be done here," An instant later the Governor said Archie. "We must cross to threw himself on the ground beside Huddleston as quickly as possible." them. He rested for a few moments At Carey's downfall his men fled "Well, boys, everything's ready"! through the woods, pursued by sev-One by one his little army as eral of the Governor's party. Perky sembled, rising from the ground like seized the rockets and touched one spectre. Leary was already deploy- after the other to the flames of the ing the men. The Governor laid his bonfire. The answering signal rose hand on Archie's shoulder. In the from the bay.

contact something passed between them, such a communication as does A thousand and one things fitted through Archie's mind. The Governor had not opened his eyes; his breath came in gasps, at long painful intervals. To summon aid thru Ruth. I needn't ask you that. Use the usual channels would be to invite the tug quickly to clear things up a scrutiny of their operations that could only lead to complications with tell the tale. See that old man Congthe law and a resulting publicity that don keeps his promise. That will of his was to be avoided at any hazard. It was hardly fair to call upon the of my room. If I die, bury me on young woman physician at Heart O' the spot; no foolishness about that. Dreams, and yet this was the only I died to the world seven years tosafe move. While Perky and Leary were fashioning a litter for the Gov-

stream that defined the boundary of woods and the other in a canoe. Heart O' Dreams territory the Gov-They would make the crossing in ernor, Archie and Leary got in read-Carey's launch, while the tug now iness for their dash across the bridge showing its lights close inshore could be sent for the doctor. Two men of water eager for its entrance into had already started for the beach with Carey bound and gagged and he was to be kept on the tug until some way could be found of disposing of him.

ernor, he dispatched two messengers

to Heart O' Dreams, one through the

"I'll stay behind; I gotta clean up bridge and Archie ran his hand over nere; You don't need to know nothin' about it," said Leary gruffly." stones had been heaped in a rough One of Carey's men had been shot wall, as the Governor explained to and instantly killed. Another still lay unconscious near the barricade from his battering on the head eara footing in the crevices the Goverly in the fight. Leary grimly declared that the others would not be likely to talk of their night's adventure. It had been a foolhardy undertaking, with potentialties and danger that added fear to the grief in Archies heart at the Governor's fall. At best the thing was horrible, and ry and Perky were meeting the situation Archie would have been for abandoning any attempt at secrecy. "It was th' ole Governor's way / a o' doing it," said Leary, as though reading Archie's thoughts. "Ole We ain't a goin' to make no mistakes now, doin' what he tole us not

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poor devil and cover up the place.

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The Governor quickly recovered ening the envelopes and scanning the my things to my heart."

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glimpse of her at Heart O' Dreams. There are reasons, I assume, why this Carey's shot seemed to have brok- His fears that a woman doctor, who matter should be kept quiet, and of

and paddled cautiously toward the wildly as he danced with fantastic dealing with wounded men; specifi- from Heart O' Dreams. He's an old point fixed by the Governor for their step toward the prone figure of the cally called for boiling water, laid friend of my family and one of the out sponges and bottles and oddly most skillful surgeons in America. Carey now seemed oblivious to ev- shaped trinkets of steel, and the Gov- I've written him a note and I'm sure

The morning was breaking when

"There's about one chance in a

"But I have no right to take it. I've done all I know how to do, but

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