The Snowshoe Trail

By EDISON MARSHALL

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Bill Bronson is guiding Virginia Tremont in her search in the Clearwater of
northern Canada for her flance, Harold
Lounsbury who disappeared six years
previously. Her flance's uncie, Kenly
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of the trip to seek further for the loss. Lounsbury, and a cook, Vosper, complete the party Bill hopes to take advantage of the trip to seek further for the lost mine of his father, who was murdered by a traitorous partner. Bill saves Virginia from drowning in the cold flood water of Grizzly River.

GO ON WITH THE STORY

The seems to me the wisest thing for us to do is to go back—and build a big fire—so they can find their way in if they did get out."

This they did.

"Of course we'll never find the bohadn't hadn't

CHAPTER H .- (Cont'd.) They forced their way through the Vosper. evergreen thickets of the river bank, ford Bill broke through the brushy all right ourselves?" barriers with the might of his body; he made a trail for her in the snow. thing tomorrow." The darkness deepened around them. The snow fell ever heavier.

by the feel under his feet, partly by slyly depositing portions of their suphis woodsman's instinct, Bill kept to plies and equipment in the evergreen the moose trail that led from the ford thickets to lighten his own work to the cobin. And the man was sway- Then they rode away, these two ing, drunkenly, when he reached the worthy men, back toward the settle-

"There are blankets in there, plenty of 'em," he told her. "It's my main supply cabin. Spread some of them out and take off your wet clothing and get under the covers. I'll build a fire ening the full dreadfulness of her as fast as I can'

She turned to obey. She heard him take down an ax that had been left larger than any of those in which they hanging on the cabin walls and heard had camped on their journey. It was his step in the snow as he began to well chinked and sturdy, and even had cut into kindling some of the pieces of the luxury of a window. cordwood that were heared outside the Bill was stretched on the floor in door. She undressed quickly, then lay the farthest corner of the room. shivering between the warm, heavy He gave the impression of having blankets.

In a me man faitered in to si his arms heavy with wood. Then a She resolved to call him; and in match gleamed in the gloom. She spite of her own misery, her lips curi- BY ANNEBELLE WORTHINGTON watched him feed the fire with ed in a half-smile. strange, heavy motions.

it was, other than it contained whisky. heretofore, but now with her uncle on him at last.

wistful yet manly smile that almost was toward her. brought tears to her eyes.

In the stress of that first hour after are you?" he asked. the disaster of the river, Lounsbury "Awfully lame and sore and tired. and Vosper had a chance to test the Maybe I'll be better soon. And you-? steel of which they were made.

bury sat upon his horse and simply overslept—and there isn't another secstared in mute horror. Then he half ond to be lost. I've got to dress and climbed, half fell from the saddle, and go and locate Vosper and Lounsbury." followed by Vosper, started running "I suppose you'd better-right down the river bank. Immediately he away. They'll be terribly distressed lost eight of Virginia and Bill. Al-thinking we're drowned." most at once thereafter the cold and the darkness got into his spirit and tress," he told her. "I only want to

"hey're lost, they're lost," he cried. give us up for lost—and turn back." "The's not a chance on earth to get

death trip," Lounsbury mouned "And "That remains to be seen. If they're what's the use of going farther. They there to help, with the horses, we haven't a chance on earth."

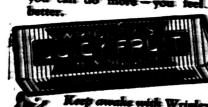
"It ain't the first this river's taken," Vosper told ..im. "And they never stiff muscles, dropped his blanket from

even found their bodies." "And we won't find these, now," wood.



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suppose we'd better do?" "I don't know. What can we do?" "There's no chance of saving them. It seems to me the wisest thing for us

dies," Lounsbury suggested at last. "No chance that I can see," agreed

"You think-" Lounsbury's voice walking up the stream toward the wavered, "you think we can get back

"Sure. That is, if we start first They didn't try to sleep. The snow

and the cold made sleep impossible. But they conquered at last. Partly At dawn Vosper packed the horses,

CHAPTER III.

In Virginia's first moment of waksituation swept her in an instant. The cabin, she could see, was rather

dropped from exhaustion and fallen where he lay.

But she was a woman, and the She dozed off, then wakened to find thought suddenly came to her that she him sitting on the edge of her bed, was wholly in this man's power, shieldholding a cup of some steaming liquid. ed only by the blankets around her, He put his left arm behind her and unarmed and helpless and lost in the lifted her up, then fed her spoonfuls forest depths. What did she know of of the hot liquid. She didn't know what him? He had been the soul of respect "Take some of it yourself," she told the other side of the river-

Then Bill stirred in his sleep. She He shook his head and smiled-a saw his eyes open. And his first glance

He flashed her a smile, and she tried pitifully to answer it. "How

"A little stiff, not much. I'm hard For the first few seconds Louns- to damage, Miss Tremont. But I've

> "I'm not worrying about their disbe sure and catch them before they

"They'll be waiting for us, don't fear that," the girl went on. "But "It's a death trip. I knew it was a how can we get across?"

might find a way.

Bill arose, stretched his sore and his shoulders and went out for fire-

He left hurriedly, and as the door opened the wind blew a handful of snow in upon her. Shivering with cold and aching in every muscle, she got up and put on some of her clothing. Then, wholly miserable and dejected, she lay d.wn again between her blankets, waiting for Bill's return. She couldn't interpret the expres-

sion on his face when she saw him in the doorway. He was curiously sober sumed new importance both as to line and intent, perhaps even a little pale. and fabric. Go to sleep, Miss Tremont," he ad-

He looked squarely into her eyes. "Nothing that you'll want to hear, Miss Tremont," he told her soberly. "I went to the river bank and looked across. They-they-"

"They are gone?" the girl cried. "They've pulled freight." The tears rushed to the girl's eyes. "What does it mean?" she finally

river, and we had horses, we could stamps or coin (coin preferred; wran Besides, the snows have come to stay. Service, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto. We could rig up some kind of snow-

idn't make it down into It's too long a way and too cold. Every way we look there's a block We're like hirds, caught in a cage." "But the river will freeze soon."

"Yes. Even this cataract freeze but it won't be safe to cross for some weeks maybe clear into January or February. "And it means we're tied up here

for weeks and maybe months?" "That's it. Just as sure as if we had iron chains around our ankles." Then the girl's tears flowed again, "I'll be all right tomorrow," she told

a better chance to find Harold and bring him back to me." Bill nodded, but he didn't trust himself to speak.

him sleepily. "And maybe it's for the

best after all. At least it gives you

CHAPTER IV.

There is a certain capacity in young and sturdy hum in beings for accepting the inevitable. When Virginia wakened the next morning, she pulled herself together, stiffened her young spine, and prepared to make the best or a deplorable situation. She had come up here to find her lost beloved, and she wasn't defeated yet. This very Lounsbury replied. "What do you development might bring success.

Bill was aiready up, and the room warmed from the fire. The noise of his ax blows had wakened her. And to do is to go back—and build a big she took advantage of his absence to "You up?" he cried in delight when

he entered. His arms were heaped with wood. "I'm not sure that you hadn't out to rest another day. How do vou feel?"

"As good as ever, as far as I can

can see it behind the stove. It's an only be effective at all so far as it put old thing, but it will still shoot. And up food prices to the rest of the popuwe've got at least one box of shells lation. Though it might provide shelfor it—and not one of them must be ter for some of the best farmers, it wasted. They mean our meat supply. would still leave the marginal progot two boxes of shells for it. There present. It would be as ineffective as are plenty of blankets and cooking Free Trade in protecting tens of utensils, magazines for idle hours and, thousands of farmers whose produc-

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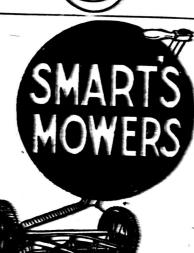
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