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# White Laughter

By WILLIAM T. SMITH



"Writhing madly, the large man slithered down into the mud, Carl atop him, throttling him with a mad strength."

## Installment I

Mr. William T. Smith, author of "The Dark Knight" and other stories, begins in this issue another serial of deep romance and poignant thrills. Readers of the Illustrated Feature Section will remember "The Dark Knight" as one of the most exciting and dashing pieces of fiction ever published. The editor can truthfully say that "White Laughter" is a work of art that surpasses even the previous contribution of Mr. Smith. Begin this story now!

GREY rain stabbed down on the great brown Mississippi, whipping its turbulent surface into a saffron froth. The big river, writhing and twisting in its narrow channel like a monstrous yellow snake, seemed to be savagely happy in the havoc it was creating along its flood-swept banks.

Whole trees, housetops, and sometimes even entire houses, logs, and indescribable bits of debris floated along

sullenly, or danced madly in the grasp of the seething dark flood.

From the far north raced the roaring Mississippi, carrying with it mute evidences of its rapacious hunger, and leaving in its wake thousands of acres of desolated, flooded farm lands, and hundreds of small towns which were swept abruptly from peaceful security by its terrible fury. Through the very heart of the South it rushed, bringing with it death and sorrow, and leaving a trail of misery and desolation.

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