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PROGRESS TOLD THE TRUTH.

The beginning of another chapter in the story of the life and adventures of Mrs. PERCY LEAR, appears in PROGRESS to-day. It is one year ago since the opening chapters were given, and they then created an extraordinary amount of comment.

Another individual, mentioned in the early part of the story as if merely incidental in the detail of the plot of it, is now prominently to the front as one of the leading characters. He has appeared upon the scene in the strong light of a defendant in a suit brought against him in the honorable court of which he is a barrister.

Just one year ago today, PROGRESS made a clean exposure of a most glaring and successful attempt at blackmail upon respectable residents of Halifax.

The story was a plain statement of the facts in the case of PERCY LEAR, a commercial traveller, and his wife LIZZIE LEAR, a former actress on the variety stage, and a woman of such notoriety that the encouragement of her presence at high social functions in Halifax was a paradox in that conservative city, where the society line is drawn as it is in no other place in the maritime provinces, or possibly in Canada.

The gravity of such a charge was well understood, but with a knowledge that the facts were as stated, PROGRESS felt that it had a public duty to perform in exposing such moral pests upon society.

It could not afford to be silent in a case where the well-being of the community was threatened by the most detestable crime of blackmail. What had happened in Halifax might happen in St. John, and where money was extorted from one man today another man might be the victim tomorrow.

Whatever might have been the doubt as to a conviction, had the case been tried and RAWLINS defended by a sharp lawyer, there is no doubt that the deal by which he was set free is an admission that he was guilty.

It may be that the ends of justice are sufficiently served by such a termination of case. It may be that in many cases the precept of "go and sin no more" might be well applied in our courts of law, but unfortunately for the reputation of our judicial system the application seems only to be made when the offender is of respectable family and has friends who can exercise a pull.

pense. There were those, probably, who thought that TREMAINE believed his client to have a ground for action, whether the court should think so or not.

A different kind of a story is that told by Mrs. LEAR in the suit she now brings against TREMAINE. She sues to recover money he collected in her behalf by threatening certain men that proceedings would be brought against and thus inducing them to pay large sums of money to avoid exposure.

As to the merits of the suit pending between the woman and her lawyer, PROGRESS has nothing to say. If he has retained a large portion of the blackmail money, as alleged, the courts can ascertain the fact. If he has a defence in law or equity, it also will doubtless be learned in due season.

The story told today, merely by the documents in the case, points a moral in more ways than one. It shows very clearly the character of the people who were instrumental in raising a hue and cry against PROGRESS. It shows also, as has been shown in other cases, that PROGRESS was doing its duty as a public journal should in exposing the methods of LEAR and his colleagues.

FREAKS OF THE LAW.

The public were not surprised to learn, this week, that ADOLPHUS RAWLINS, charged with obtaining money under false pretences, had been released from custody on his undertaking to make good the amounts he had succeeded in collecting from a number of confiding citizens. There may have been, indeed, a slight degree of surprise, in some circles, that the release did not take place sooner, for the young man was kept in custody a whole week, and subjected to the annoyance of being brought before the court and remanded once or twice until the ends of justice could be served on a cash basis.

The circumstances of the case were very simple. When the cry for help came from the sufferers by the Chatham fire, an appeal was made to the citizens to aid those who in some case had lost all they possessed. It was stated that a number of the sufferers were widows, who were left destitute by the calamity. A public subscription was opened and lists were placed in various places, but nobody was authorized to go around from door to door collecting money for this object.

The fact that the offender in this instance was of respectable family seems to have made it possible for him to get off very easy, and without even the formality of a trial. He, or his friends, agreed to make restitution of the moneys he fraudulently obtained, and the demands of justice were thus easily satisfied.

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One of the daily papers says complaint is made that somebody on the Marsh road "is the possession of a very aggressive bulldog which is a menace to the lives of smaller dogs which come within its grasp." The horticultural society should lose no time in securing this animal for use on the King square next season.

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

One voice ever to call me love, In all of the whole wide earth; One hand of affection within my own, To tell me love's priceless worth.

Only one face of all faces sweet, The sweetest that ever wore, The hallowed light of a saintly brow, Beautiful evermore.

Hidden away in my heart; Love never will open the secret door, Nor let you from thence depart. One only is it that shall there abide, One love that can never roam;

Extremes are things 'twere ever best to shun, And means toward that end should be employed, For what sometimes affords no end of fuss Has at the end some gift of love anodous.

SLAUGHTERING THE GAME.

The following paragraph appears in a New York paper, and has reference to the month of October.

During the first fifteen days of this month the carcases of 314 deer, 20 caribous, and 14 moose, hunters' spoils, arrived in Bangor, Me., by train from the forests in the interior of the state.

Yes, it seems to be a good season for the hunter, but what about the game? In a few years the cry will be raised that the deer, caribou, and moose are being exterminated, and fresh laws will be made for their protection, when too late.

My heart is moved with a strange regret; My heart has said I have greatly erred, Thus to decree my poor Fanchette, To whom I have given my faith, my word, She is so gentle, so pure, and good.

The Master's Words. "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but My words shall not pass away."—Luke xxi, 33.

Retrospect. What is it, that in looking back on years That from our lives have slipped, we most regret? Is it the consciousness that we forget Sweet love, warm vows and consecrated tears?

He is Avenged. In the Bangor, Me., Municipal Court the other day a woman was put on trial for thumping her husband very severely on the head the day before.

Many Glad to see Him. Mr. T. C. Allen the well known stationer and printer of Halifax is in the city for a few days on business and pleasure both.

AFTER HIM.

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.)

Know all men by these presents, that I, Percy J. A. Lear, of the city of Halifax, gentleman, having threatened legal proceedings against ——— of said city, merchant, in consequence of certain improper relations existing heretofore between the said ——— and my wife, E. Frances Lear,

And whereas, in order to avoid a painful publicity the said ——— has consented and agreed to pay me the sum of \$200, on my executing a release and discharge to him of all my claims against him in regard to the said above mentioned matter.

Dear Madam, I am in receipt of your favor of the 29th instant. Perhaps it will simplify matters if you at once hand the matter, and all the particulars to which you refer to your barrister friend.

Dear Madam, I am not at present in funds to send you any more money, owing to circumstances I cannot detail. I hope to be able to send something before long.

A Crown for Some Girl.

King Alexander of Servia is in the matrimonial market, girls. Don't talk speak at once.

Prize Short Stories. The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., of Brockville, Ont., has been trying to encourage native talent by an offer of \$300 for the best five short stories by Canadian writers.

A New Typewriter.

Mr. A. J. Lawrence was in the city a few days this week in the interests of Messrs Wells & Richardson Company.

Death of Piebald Mollie.

Mr. T. Furlong's family are mourning the death, which occurred a week ago, of a favorite pony, "Mollie" was sent from Dublin twenty-one years ago, as a birthday present to the late Mr. Maurice Furlong.

Male elephants employed as well as females.

Male elephants are employed as well as females, in the Indian army, although the latter are preferred. When the former are captured they cannot be liberated again, for in that case the chances of imprisoning other elephants in the same district would be at an end, as they would warn others away.