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THE COUNTERSTROKE

By AMBROSE PRATT
Author of "Vigorous Daunt, Billionaire."

(Continued.)

The clock struck ten, and still he rested, musing, gazing always into the fire which his servant without his cognizance had periodically kept replenished. At eleven he aroused himself, for his man announced a visitor. It was strange to come back to things real, from the land of dreams. He caught himself looking curiously all about him, at the furniture, at the pictures, at the floor, as though he had returned from some long sojourn in a foreign country and expected to discover here and there the handiwork of time. Last of all he saw his visitor, and slowly got to his feet struggling to collect his thoughts.

"Ah," he said, "Ludwig von Oeltjen!"

"Yes, my lord, I hope to find you well."

"Oh, ah, quite, thank you—have a chair, won't you? I fancy I must have been asleep."

"No wonder, in a cosy nook like this," said the other, glancing in surprise at the luxuriant appointments of the room. "Himmel!" he cried suddenly, "not, surely not a Francis, that?" pointing to a large crucifixion done on copper, which swung beside a pier glass on the mantel.

"It's an old favorite of mine," said Cressingham; "I always take it about with me. The colours are so rich and restful, you know, and the treatment so quaint and medieval."

"It's a perfect treasure," examining it critically. "My father has a small one, a copy, I fancy. I should like him to see this; he's a collector."

"Indeed! You have returned from France?"

"Yesterday. I have just left—" He made a peculiar sign with his hands.

"What, Perigord?"

"S—ah, yes. He goes to-morrow to Brussels on some mysterious business or other. The man is a marvel! Who do you think was with him?"

"I'm a fool at riddles."

"The Prince of Wales?"

"Nonsense!"

"I beg your pardon, my lord."

"Forgive me, Count, you took my breath away. He sent for you, I suppose. I have not heard from him yet."

"Be easy; you will. He sent for me to carry you a message."

"Ah! Lord Francis Cressingham's mode of becoming displaced—an intangible sign with him of mental agitation. He is dissatisfied; he bids you waste no further time but get to work immediately."

Cressingham's cheeks coloured slowly with anger and embarrassment. "He sent only a verbal message, then?"

"Yes, and appointed me besides to an unpleasant duty. As he has not forbidden me to speak, I shall inform you of it. I am to be a spy on you, my lord."

"What!" thundered Cressingham, springing abruptly to his feet; "he does not trust me?"

Oeltjen waved his hand. "Softly, softly," he murmured with a humorously deprecating smile. "He trusts nobody. In my turn I too am watched by an unknown agent. He makes no secret of

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THIRTEEN MEN ARRESTED FOR BUCKINGHAM RIOT

Buckingham, Que., Oct. 31.—As a result of the verdict given by the coroner's jury in the inquest into the death of Belanger and Theriault, thirteen men were placed under arrest tonight charged with being criminally responsible for the killing of the strike leaders in the riot of Monday, Oct. 8.

The men under arrest are the two MacLarens, Albert and Alexander; Dr. Rodrigue, the local coroner; Frank Kiernan, J. C. Cummings, both of Buckingham; Pierre Picard, of Montreal; Roy Ingram, of Ottawa, all members of the constable force, and the following strikers, all of Buckingham: Adolphe Hamelin, Hilaire Charette, Jean Baptiste Clement, Collier Bastion, Louis Landry and George Robinson Crafeau.

After five hours' deliberation following on four days' session in which ninety-nine witnesses were heard the following verdict was given at 8 o'clock tonight:

"We, the undersigned jurors, declare that we find that Thomas Belanger and Francis Theriault came to their death in the town of Buckingham, in the district of Ottawa, on the 8th of October, 1906, being

heavily clothed and veiled, entered by the other door.

Cressingham strode across the room to meet her. "You are punctual, Madame," he said.

"Madame!" echoed the woman, and slowly drew aside her veil.

The men fell back with a startled cry. "My God! Miss Elliott—you here!"

CHAPTER IV.

Two Women's Hearts.

"Yes, my Lord, though you at first mistook me," said Miss Elliott, with a pointed smile; her cheeks were scarlet; she looked straight at him, her eyes luminous as stars.

"I beg your pardon," stammered Cressingham, entirely discomfited.

"I have come to return a compliment. This afternoon you warned me of some danger which you believe is threatening me. It is now my turn to put you on your guard against a peril so real and imminent that I have disregarded hour and place."

"How good you are!" he muttered, still half-dazed with surprise.

"It was after the concert. I went with some of my girls to call upon one who is ill and in want. It was at a tenement house in Soho, a very poor place indeed, where the rooms are small and have only thin partitions between them. While waiting by the sick bed for a surgeon for whom I had sent, I overheard a conversation between two foreigners in an adjoining room. They spoke in Swedish, and quite unreservedly, thinking I suppose that they incurred no risk at being understood. Luckily for you my Lord, I spent two years in Stockholm. I think that they are Nihilists; at any rate, they are acting under orders given them by the head of some mysterious society whose enemy apparently you are. They spoke of a Madame Viyella and a man called Ullien—or something like that—first, and then mentioned your name. It seems that they were seen issuing late one night quite recently from a certain house in London, a house occupied by enemies of the society. This fact, taken in conjunction with your intimacy with Madame Viyella, has aroused the fears of their master, and your removal has been planned in consequence. This very night an attempt will be made to murder you. A forged letter will be brought, entreaty your immediate presence at the house I have mentioned, which house I gathered has now changed ownership and is under their control. If you go, you will be snatched and your body buried in a cellar."

A low tapping at that moment sounded on the outer door. Miss Elliott stopped speaking and looked at Cressingham inquiringly.

His face was white and miserable, he stood wringing his hands a moment, then turning to the girl muttered in a low passionate whisper: "Miss Elliott, I am accused tonight; it would have been all right better that you had left me to my fate. There is one without there who if she sees you here would—My God! who can tell what she would do? Your fair name tomorrow—ah, what am I saying, what shall I do?"

"Who is it?" imperiously.

"Madame Viyella."

"Ah, the woman they spoke of!"

"You do not understand; it is the Countess of Hohenstein."

The girl turned scarlet, and hot tears glistened in her eyes. "I am properly punished," she muttered. "Then, 'You must not let her see me—at least, not that, I should die of shame! Oh, I might have guessed, I might have guessed!'"

(To be continued.)

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in the course of riot by Frank Kiernan, John C. Cummings, both of Buckingham; Pierre Picard, of the city of Montreal; Roy Ingram, presently in the town of Buckingham; F. W. Warner, presently dead, and the other constables shooting at them in such circumstances that they should be sent before the criminal court.

"We find that Albert MacLaren and Alex. MacLaren, both of Buckingham, are guilty of their deaths in bringing in these men and should go before the criminal court."

"We also find that Adolphe Hamelin, Hilaire Charette, Louis Landry, Jean Baptiste Clement, Collier Bastion, George Robinson Crafeau, at any rate, are guilty in that they accompanied those men in this assault in which they met their death and should be sent before the criminal court."

"We also find that Dr. A. Rodrigue, of Buckingham, is more guilty than any of the other magistrates in the town in that he anticipated serious trouble and neglected to do his duty and that he too should go before the criminal court."

"Two jurors do not agree, Moise Goulet and J. Hamelin."

LAWSON MAKES A PREDICTION

Says Hearst and Moran Will Win and Predicts Big Drop in Price of Stocks.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 31.—Thomas W. Lawson makes the prediction that Hearst will be elected in New York and Moran in Massachusetts. In a circular in which he advises holders of stocks to be prepared for quite a sharp drop between now and election day, he gives his reason for his belief that Hearst and Moran will win, in the following words:

"While no man can see with any certain vision the outcome of this particularly tangled condition of the public mind, I believe Hearst will be overwhelmingly elected. As I did last year, when it will be remembered, I publicly announced Hearst would surprise every one, I base my conclusion on four things:

"First, the report of a very competent organization of life insurance workers I have in New York state, clear headed business men with no political leanings. Second, confidential advice of the best politicians in the nation. Third, confidential advice of the best posted politician in New York. Both these, politically, are bitterly opposed to Hearst. Fourth, while betting is quoted daily at three and two to one against Hearst, I know that real betting on a large scale would be even, or in Hearst's favor."

"My three reports agree that, barring a miracle, Hearst must win because—

"First—Tammany will really give the word election morning to its hordes of thugs. 'Elect Hearst at any cost.' This will mean that Hearst will have all the benefit of the black-jacking which last year was against him."

"Second—The Republican machine, the most perfect in the country—is determined to down Hughes and the Purists—is now inactive and asleep throughout the state. Election morning it will be awake and active—with its knife."

"I believe Moran will be elected in Massachusetts."

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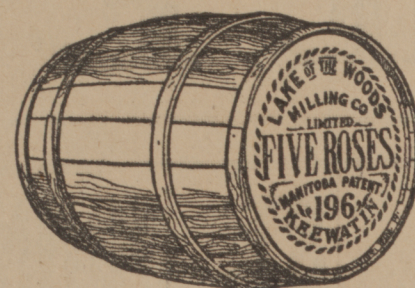
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MILLTOWN MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Calais, Me., Oct. 31.—A man named Andrew Kaye, of Milltown, hanged himself this evening in Calais jail. Kaye had threatened to kill his wife and children, and was sentenced for drunkenness for thirty days, and put under bonds to keep the peace for four months.

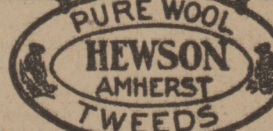
Deceased came to St. Stephen some years ago, working as a clerk in a dry goods store, but of late years he has been working in the cotton mills, and always appeared to be of a quiet disposition; but whiskey got too strong a hold, and evidently he was temporarily insane. He leaves a large family. To end his life he wound a blanket around his throat and swung off the bunk.

The last will and testament of Joseph F. Hawley was admitted to probate yesterday. Letters testamentary were granted John O'Regan, the executor named in the will. The estate consists of \$750 personal property; C. H. Ferguson, probator.

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