

THE ARNCLIFFE PUZZLE, BY GORDON HOLMES

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(Conclusion.)

Lester picked up Lord Arncliffe's paper. "Acqua Tofana," he read aloud; "Manna of St. Nicholas! Good heavens! To think that it duped me and Matheson! Is there any left, Mrs. Warren?" he demanded with a fresh anxiety which communicated a thrill to the listeners.

"No," was the answer, given faintly, and with something of a ghastly smile. "I took all that remained an hour ago when I knew that you had escaped from Leigh and my son. And I think," she confessed, with a little gasp, "I have only about five minutes of life left."

Lester knew, then, that he had not been mistaken when he saw death in the unfortunate woman's face.

"Take the ladies away at once," he whispered to Bradshaw.

Mrs. Angier was only too anxious to quit the room, and but for Phyllis's need of no entreaty, but Edith put a tender arm round Mrs. Warren and drew her to an armchair.

"Oh, how could you have done it!" she whispered tearfully. "How could you? Yet I am so sorry for you, Mrs. Warren!"

"You are a good girl, Edith," said the dying woman with a wan smile. "Don't be too hard on my boy!"

"They shall not do anything to him," promised Edith. "He shall go to the colonies and make a fresh start. I am sure he will become a good man for your sake."

Lester, oblivious to all other considerations, was listening to Mrs. Warren's heart with his stethoscope, and endeavoring to slay some life into her icy hands, while she, conscious of the futility of resistance, submitted passively.

"Brandy and hot-water bottles, quick!" he cried to Edith, with full faith in her powers of self-control. "And you had better have a bed prepared with hot blankets."

Mrs. Warren lifted a weak, restraining hand. "Please do not torture me any more, Dr. Lester," she pleaded. "You must see that it is only a matter of minutes. If you want to do me a real kindness, let me speak my last words to my son."

Lester, indeed, knew that she was right, but it is only natural that a doctor should think he has achieved a triumph if he keeps some poor wretch gasping in agony for a few hours longer than nature has seemingly ordained. Now, however, he walked over to Hobson and his prisoner.

"Take those off!" he said curtly, pointing to the handcuffs.

The detective hesitated a moment, but even his calloused heart was touched, and he slipped the fetters from Warren's wrists.

"You are on your honor," he whispered, and the unfortunate young man, even in the agony of the moment, was grateful for the words as well as for the action.

Warren laid his head on his mother's lap as might a frightened child, and she tried to caress it with a palsied hand.

"Be a good boy in future, dear. Al, was a good boy, whatever happens," she whispered.

"I will. But mother! Oh, mother!"

"Always a good boy!"

And so he sobbed his protests and promises, until presently Lester led the poor, headstrong victim of heredity and of a calculated vengeance gently away; for Mrs. Warren had gone where God would judge between her and Lord Arncliffe.

Next morning, when Inspector Hobson was about to convey Harry Warren to the jail at Alnwick, Edith called a general council.

"Now, I want you all to help," she began, with true feminine directness.

"What is to be done about Harry Warren? He must not be punished any more."

The man from Scotland Yard was in authority now, and he did not shrink his task.

"I am afraid it cannot be avoided, Miss Holt," he said. "Regarding the murder of Lord Arncliffe, he will have to stand his trial as an accessory after the fact. I don't think in view of Mrs. Warren's statement and the papers she left, that the police will charge him with anything more, and, in case of a mother and son, he will get off with next to nothing. Of course, there are the three other charges—

—the robbery of Lord Arncliffe, the attack on Mr. Angier, and Dr. Lester. However, if those are dropped, I do not suppose the public prosecutor will take them up."

"Well, Dr. Lester is not going to take any proceedings, and I am sure Mr. Angier will not."

"Why, my dear," said the old lawyer, mildly, "the young rascal hit me a very severe blow on the head, and the place is exceedingly tender. Still, if you wish it—"

"I am sure," interrupted Mrs. Angier, who had not slept all night, "I do not want to be vindictive or unchristian, but my dear husband might have been killed, and I really feel that Warren deserves some little punishment. Fifteen or twenty years' penal servitude—"

"I think, Mrs. Angier," interposed Edith with a slight accession of the quise manner, "you owe me some reparation for the manner in which you behaved toward me. Certainly, no one who disobeys me now in this matter can again become or remain my friend."

"Oh, very well," sighed the lawyer's wife, "but don't blame me if we are all murdered in our beds."

"Very well, miss," said Hobson. "You need not have any further anxiety in the matter. What is wanted is a little life insurance, and considering what an old friend Mr. Angier is of the treasury collector, I do not think influence will be lacking."

Angier, thus attacked, had to admit that he was not without power in certain quarters.

And it may here be said that Harry Warren was acquitted, there being no direct evidence that he was aware of his mother's crime. Edith's liberality gave him every chance of making a fresh start in the world. When he bade Lester, ever kindly and generous, good-bye at Liverpool, he unquestionably quitted Britain with the intention of living a clean, honest life in the future.

Respecting Lord Arncliffe's legacy of ten thousand pounds for the discovery of his murderer, Hobson pointed out that when the first he had suspected Mrs. Warren to be the guilty party, and he arrested her son in such a dramatic manner only to force a confession from her lips; but Edith, having discretionary powers, awarded half the money to him and half to Wilson and May Manning on their marriage. The detective proved his statement, but even he could not deny that the true denouement came with the rescue of Lester. Further, Edith was convinced that the fortunate accident of May Manning seeing something unusual in Warren's dog-cart alone saved her lover from all sorts of horrible fates.

Twilight was just falling over the wide expanse of the park as Edith and Lester sat on the balcony at Arncliffe. It was, of course, a secluded part of the balcony, and therefore their conversation mainly consisted of the "soft nothings" which mean so much. From the garden came occasional peals of merry laughter. Phyllis and Bradshaw were an altogether more lively pair of lovers than their friends.

"Dear Phyllis!" murmured Edith. "She is a warm-hearted little darling, but I

really think she has secured the only man in the world who could manage her. I wanted to ask you something, George. Would you mind if I settled a large sum of money on Phyllis? Lord Arncliffe's fortune is so great that we can well spare it."

"My dear one, it is your own money; but I think your idea is creditable to your big little head. Bradshaw cannot very well veto a proposal of that sort, and he is certainly entitled to some share of his uncle's money."

"You are a darling!" said Edith. And as Lester put it, she "kissed him all by herself."

"Dearest," he whispered, "would you mind disposing of a large number of other bequests instantly and submit them for my approval on the same terms?"

THE END.

SEIZED BARK AT PORT OF DIGBY

Digby, N. S., Aug. 13.—The Italian bark *Guglielmo Marconi*, Capt. A. Marcesca, was seized tonight off Digby under instructions of Customs Inspector Jones for not reporting at the customs house and is being held until a deposit of \$400 can be made with the department.

The above vessel arrived here Saturday from Rio Janeiro in ballast for Annapolis to load lumber under charter of Pickles & Mills. She was towed in by the tug *George L.* and placed on the ballast grounds to discharge the same before proceeding up the river. This morning Customs Officer Thorne, of Digby, boarded the bark and ordered the captain to report. He, however, failed to do so, and under the instructions of a circular issued by an Annapolis firm claiming if no communication is held with the shore no report is necessary at Digby, the report to be made at the port of Annapolis and all fees paid there.

Customs Inspector Jones ordered the cutter *Constance*, commanded by Captain May, to make the seizure tonight, as stated above. H. B. Burnham, of the customs service, was also on board the *Constance* when the bark was seized.

Captain Marcesca has wired Pickles & Mills to put up the deposit and until the same is received the ship cannot proceed. A lot of smuggling has occurred in the past by not compelling ships to report at once and Inspector Jones is determined to carry out the law to its full extent.

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MONCTON NEWS

Gallagher After Kay—The New I. C. R. Pass Regulations

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 13.—Police Magistrate Kay was this morning served by Sheriff McQueen with a writ issued at the instance of P. Gallagher, proprietor of the Minto Hotel, charging Mr. Kay with not making returns in certain cases of parties convicted and fined. Magistrate Kay has retained D. I. Welch and the matter is expected to come up on the county court next month.

The minister of railways has issued a circular to I. C. R. employees on the pass question. The minister's reply to the delegation, which recently waited on him, is to the following effect:

"Passes may be issued to employees when sent out by superiors on railway business; when given leave of absence to consult with officers of the road; to attend meetings of employees; each employee, who has completed one full year's service, may be given one pass per year. A limited number of additional passes may be given to each employee in case of serious illness or death in the family or of other unusual circumstances. Each of these cases must be submitted to the general manager with a statement of facts. In case of an employee in the train service the district superintendent may issue a pass to return home. Each employee who has completed one year's full service may be given one pass each year for his wife and family residing with and depending upon him for support." The circular, in effect, makes a slight concession from the order recently issued by the minister.

BEATEN AND ROBBED

Dorchester, N. B., Aug. 13.—John Crossman, a well known farmer and mill owner of Dorchester, was the victim of a daring piece of highway robbery on Saturday night. Mr. Crossman engaged two men to work for him at Sackville and arranged to drive them to Dorchester. While going through a lonely part of the road the two men in question are alleged to have clubbed Mr. Crossman into insensibility and relieved him of his purse containing more than \$40.

HELD THE CHAUFFEUR

Moncton, Aug. 13.—Deputy Coroner Biron heard evidence this morning regarding the death of Antoine Tontant, who was killed Saturday evening by an automobile driven by Herwald Thomas Atkinson, a chauffeur for the Dominion Park Company. A verdict was rendered holding him responsible for the death of the deceased and a warrant was immediately issued against the accused, who was brought to police headquarters, while Herbert Bagdikian, who was also in the automobile, was allowed to go as there was no evidence against him.

This is the first automobile fatality in Moncton.

Mrs. T. W. Anglin left for Boston yesterday.

Travellers Guide

TRAINS DEPART FROM ST. JOHN.

6.00 a. m.—Express for Ft. du Chene, Halifax, Sydney, etc.
6.25 a. m.—Express for Moncton, Fredericton, Quebec, etc.
7.45 a. m.—Mixed for Moncton, N. S.
8.30 a. m.—Suburban for Westford, etc.
11.00 a. m.—Express for Ft. du Chene, Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, (Stop needed with Ocean Limited).
11.45 a. m.—Express for Ft. du Chene, Pictou and Halifax.

1.10 p. m.—Suburban for Westford, etc.
1.15 p. m.—Suburban for Hampton, etc.
1.30 p. m.—Express for Moncton and St. Martins, (except Monday).
6.00 p. m.—Express for Sussex, etc. (Connects Hampton & St. Martins on Monday only).
6.15 p. m.—Express for Moncton and St. Martins.

6.40 p. m.—Express for Montreal and coast.
6.55 p. m.—Express for Fredericton, etc.
6.10 p. m.—Express for Fredericton, etc.
7.00 p. m.—Express for Quebec and Montreal, Ft. du Chene.
10.30 p. m.—Suburban for Moncton, etc.
11.25 p. m.—Express for Pictou, Halifax and Sydney.

TRAINS ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN.

6.25 a. m.—Express from Sydney and Halifax, etc.
7.45 a. m.—Suburban from Hampton, etc.
7.50 a. m.—Suburban from Westford, etc.
8.35 a. m.—Express from Fredericton, etc.
9.00 a. m.—Express from Sussex, etc. (Connects Hampton & St. Martins on Mondays).
10.40 a. m.—Express from Moncton, Fredericton, etc.
11.20 p. m.—Suburban from Westford, etc.
11.50 p. m.—Express from Moncton, Quebec, Ft. du Chene, etc. (Connects Hampton and St. Martins, except Monday).
2.30 p. m.—Suburban from Westford, etc.
2.35 p. m.—Suburban from Hampton, etc.
4.30 p. m.—Mixed from Moncton, etc.
5.00 p. m.—Express from Ft. du Chene and Pictou.

5.15 p. m.—Express from Halifax, Pictou, Campbellton, (Connects Ocean Limited).
5.30 p. m.—Express from Moncton, etc.
10.00 p. m.—Suburban from Westford, etc.
10.30 p. m.—Express from Moncton, etc.
11.00 a. m.—(Sunday only) Express Sydney and Halifax, etc.

Trains on the New Brunswick Southern Railway leave west side daily for St. Stephen at 8.10 a. m., arriving at west side on return at 7.30 p. m.

RIVER STEAMERS.

DEPARTURES.

5.00 a. m.—May Queen leaves Indiantown for Chipman, Gagetown and Grand Lake points Wednesday and Saturday.
5.30 a. m.—Victoria or Majestic, for Fredericton and intermediate landings, daily, Sunday excepted.
9.00 a. m.—Hampton, for Hampton, Offington, Kingston and Kennebecasis landings, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
10.00 a. m.—Crystal Stream, for Cole's Island, the Narrows and landings on the Washademoak, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
12 noon.—Champlain, for the Bellefleur.
3.00 p. m.—Hampton, for Hampton, Monday and Saturday.

ARRIVALS.

5.00 p. m.—Elaine, for Queensdown and intermediate landings, Saturday 5.00 p. m. for Gagetown.
5.30 p. m.—Majestic for Indiantown and intermediate landings, on Saturday.
5.00 a. m.—Majestic, from Hampton every Monday.
9.00 a. m.—Hampton, from Hampton.
10.00 a. m.—Elaine, from Indiantown 5.15 p. m.
1.30 p. m.—Crystal Stream, from the Washademoak, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
12.30 p. m.—Champlain, from Bellefleur, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
2.30 p. m.—Victoria or Majestic, from Fredericton daily.
4.00 p. m.—May Queen, from Chipman and Grand Lake points, Monday and Thursday.

FERRY STEAMERS.

Ferry steamers cross the harbor from the foot of Princess street, east side, to Rodney wharf, west side, every 25 minutes, commencing at 6 a. m., the last boat leaving the east side at 11.30 p. m. On Sundays the first trip is from the west side at 8 a. m., and the last trip from the east side at 11.10 p. m. On Saturday evenings only, boat leaves west side at 11.45 and St. John at 12.

The E. Ross, from Indiantown to Milford makes three trips an hour, daily (Sunday excepted), from 6.15 a. m. till 10 p. m. and Saturdays till 10.40 p. m. On Sunday from 8 a. m. till 9 p. m.

The Maggie Miller between Millidgeville, Summerville, Kennebecasis Island and Baywater:
Leaves Baywater at 6.00, 7.30 and 10.30 a. m., and 2.45, 5.15 p. m.
Leaves Summerville at 6.30, 7.45, and 10.45 a. m., and 3.00 and 6.00 p. m.
Leaves Millidgeville at 6.45 and 9.30 a. m., and 3.30, 6.00 and 9.00 p. m.
Boat will leave Millidgeville every Monday morning at 6.00 o'clock.

SATURDAY.

Leaves Baywater at 5.30, 7.00 and 10.30 a. m., and 2.45, 5.45, and 7.45 p. m.
Leaves Summerville at 6.00, 7.30, and 10.45 a. m., and 3.00, 6.00 and 9.00 p. m.
Leaves Millidgeville at 6.15 and 9.30 a. m., and 3.00, 6.00 and 9.00 p. m.

SUNDAY.

Leaves Millidgeville at 9.00 and 10.30 a. m., and 2.30 and 5.15 p. m.
Leaves Baywater at 9.45 and 11.15 a. m., and 6.00 and 7.00 p. m.
Leaves Summerville at 10.00 and 11.30 a. m., and 6.30 and 7.30 p. m.

Commencing July 1, steamers leave St. John at 4 a. m. on Wednesdays and Fridays for Lunenburg, Eastport, Portland and Boston, for Boston direct on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 4.30 p. m.

Returning from Boston via Portland, Eastport and Lunenburg, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a. m. From Boston direct Mondays and Thursdays at 12 noon.

Steamer Prince Rupert for Digby leaves her wharf daily at 7.45 a. m., connections for Halifax and Yarmouth; returning arrives about 4.30 p. m.

Steamer Senlac sails Thursday evenings at 6 o'clock from Reid's Point wharf, for Yarmouth, Berwick, Blueberry, Rockport, Liverpool, Lunenburg and Halifax. She arrives in St. John Wednesday evenings at 6 o'clock.

Steamer Westport III, leaves Knox's wharf every Friday at 12 noon for Westport, Yarmouth, Yarmouth, etc. She arrives in St. John Thursdays.

Steamer Aurora, for Grand Manan, Campbellton, Eastport, etc., leaves Tuesdays at 10 a. m. and arrives Mondays at 2.30 p. m. at Merritt's wharf.

Steamer Granville, for Lower Grandville, Annapolis, etc., leaves Tuesdays at 12 noon and arrives Mondays at I. C. R. pier.

Steamer Brunswick, for Spencer's Island, Chatham, Westport, etc., leaves Tuesday evenings and arrives Mondays at Thorne's Wharf.

Steamer Beaver, for Harvey, Albert, Hillsboro, etc., leaves Thursdays and arrives Wednesdays at Thorne's wharf.

The grand council of the Royal Arcanum of the maritime provinces will meet in Foresters' hall, this city, on Tuesday, 21st instant, at 10 a. m. Hon. A. C. Tripp, of Baltimore, past supreme regent, will be the installing officer. Wilson Taylor, of New York, whom the supreme regent has appointed as a special deputy for this jurisdiction, will be present at the session.

In the evening a dinner will be tendered by the city in the city hall, King street, by the local council. The council would like a full attendance at the council meeting this evening, when final arrangements for the dinner will be made.

Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, was in the city yesterday. To a reporter he said he had been in Nova Scotia on his vacation. He left on the Montreal express to resume his official duties at Ottawa. Sir Frederick declined to discuss the St. John armory matter.

THE BANK MERGER

Fredericton, Aug. 13.—W. E. Stavert, inspector of the Bank of Montreal, is here today on business connected with the purchase of the People's Bank of New Brunswick. It is understood the object of his mission is to examine the assets of the bank with a view of verifying the report submitted by the directors. If the assets are found satisfactory it is quite likely the transfer will be made at once.

Tonight will be ladies' night in St. Andrews' roller rink. The usual conditions regarding gentlemen skating bands with ladies will prevail. The City Cornet Band will furnish music. During intermissions gentlemen may skate alone, and now that they have Friday nights for fast skating it is expected they will obey the rules. The carnival will take place on Monday evening, Aug. 20.

Among those going from St. John to the maritime board of trade meeting at Amherst will be: W. S. Fisher, J. A. Likely, W. F. Hatheway, A. H. Wetmore, R. Maxwell, M. P. P., R. W. W. Frink, S. S. Hall, W. M. Jarvis, J. M. Queen, Chas. McDonald, J. N. Harvey, F. E. Williams, P. W. Snider, T. H. Estabrooks, J. N. Sutherland, W. H. Thorne, C. W. Brown, Jas. Pender and W. E. Anderson.

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