

THE ARNCLIFFE PUZZLE,

BY
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HOLMES

Author of "A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE."

(Continued.)

"Wait here," said Bradshaw, as they entered the library. "I won't be a minute."

Lester, left to himself, glanced over the broad acres of Arncliffe, and the sight of the rolling meadows and noble woods brought back to him all the old questions of disparity. Before, at least, he was under a cloud, and he could offer her something of protection. But now—

So he built up a harrowing picture of himself dying in an African swamp with her dear name upon his lips, and in the midst of this pleasing reverie, which lasted for perhaps ten minutes, he was interrupted by the voice of Bradshaw.

"There you are, Miss Holt. Behold him, safe and sound! Had a nasty smack on the head, but I understand the great British people have remarkably thick skulls. Good-by! I'll see you later."

Edith, lured into the room on utterly false pretences, stood spellbound at the sight of the man in whose behalf she had been suffering agonies of anxiety.

Lester, taken off his guard, bowed stiffly. "How d'ye do?" he said.

"Oh—how do you do?" answered Edith, with equal formality. She felt something of the instinct which prompts a mother to slap her child because he has just escaped being run over. She eyed him, too, surreptitiously, and was indignant to see that he looked well and strong as ever.

Lester stole a glance at her. The little red-gold head was poised lightly, and the scarlet dress of a month's make-up shone like a poppy, at nightfall. And lo! as Miss Phyllis predicted, Dr. Lester became abject.

"Edith," he began.

"Dr. Lester!"

"I was jealous," he said. "Oh, my dear, forgive me! I was jealous!"

"Jealous?" exclaimed Edith, with scornful indignation. "I am not a housemaid, Dr. Lester, to 'walk out' with this man today and that tomorrow. I am glad I have learned in good time the sort of estimation in which you hold me."

"In time!"

"Yes, in time. Jealous!"

"Well," said he, miserably, "Mr. Angier unfortunately changed to tell me it would be an ideal way of settling the difficulty about Lord Arncliffe's money; and Bradshaw had your arm in this—and—"

"You were laughing?"

"Terrible crime! I gave my arm to a man who was ill—and I was laughing! I won't detain you any longer, Dr. Lester. She moved toward the door with graceful dignity.

With hopeless despair in his eyes, he stepped forward mechanically to open it for her. Then, by instinct, he did what he ought to have done at the beginning of the interview—he took her in his arms, resist she never so strenuously, kissed the determined little mouth until it quivered into weakness and her cheeks challenged his caress.

"Oh!" she gasped. "Oh! Please!"

"My little girl! I love you any more!" emphasizing the fact by slipping a soft arm round her neck.

"Have you forgiven me, darling?"

"Perhaps I have," in a whisper.

"Then kiss me all by yourself!"

Bradshaw, coughing to an extent that was entirely unbecoming, and apparently in serious difficulty with the door-handle, entered the room.

"Sorry to interrupt you," he said, looking at his watch.

ing mercilessly at Edith's rosy cheeks, "but Hobson is anxious to see you both in the main hall. I told you, Miss Holt, to expect developments, and although any sort of scene must be unpleasant for you, I am sure you will welcome anything which puts an end to the strain of the past few weeks. Moreover, I have a little surprise of my own for you."

"I shall indeed welcome an end to all these bewilderments and outrages!" was the reply. "I hope, however, that your surprise will be a pleasant one?"

"Pretty good, I think."

In one of the corridors they encountered Mrs. Warren, and it seemed to Bradshaw that for a fraction of a second her cheeks paled at the sight of Lester. But her step remained so firm and her voice so unbroken that he told himself he must be mistaken.

"Good day, Dr. Lester," she said. "I am glad to see you safe and well. We were beginning to fear that you were fated to add another to the mysteries of Arncliffe!" She passed on, with a jingle of her keys.

Bradshaw looked after her curiously. "Have you talked to Mrs. Warren about Lester's disappearance?" he asked Edith.

"Certainly not."

"Ah!" he said to himself, "a slip! She knows the whole business. Well, I am sorry for the poor woman."

Arncliffe Hall was so extensive that it was glad to have half their journey. Edith was asking Bradshaw coaxingly what his surprise was, until the likeness of a picture on the wall, he said, with a smile. But he broke out: "You won't have to wait. Here comes the surprise, right in front of you!"

Edith looked up, and then, with a shriek of "Reggie!" flung herself into the arms of a handsome woman, kissing him with a delighted abandon which made Lester's blood run cold, until the likeness of a picture on the wall, he said, with a smile. But he broke out: "You won't have to wait. Here comes the surprise, right in front of you!"

"You dear, bad boy! Why didn't you let me know? Did you receive my letter? Of course not. There has not been time. Why did you come?" And she asked so many questions in a breath that the newcomer had no chance to answer a single one of them.

"Called him to come over," explained Bradshaw, tensely, when order was at length restored.

"But how did you know?" asked Edith in astonishment.

"Clerk in my office. He used to talk so much about the place in England where his sister lived that he riled every free-born American in the place. Said it was only a matter of time before the Central Park, which it was, for a fact. Anyway, I heard him mention as a coincidence with my name that Lord Arncliffe was originally Sir William Bradshaw, and that is really the chance which led to my coming here."

"I am so glad Reggie was in your office," said Edith, and she was employed by one of those horrid trusts.

"The fact is, Miss Holt," confessed the American, "I am a 'horrid trust.' Amalgamated Lumber—that's me."

"Do you mean to tell me," exclaimed Lester, "that you are Bradshaw's millionaire?" Why, I thought he was a middle-aged man."

"Well, I am middle-aged—for the States."

"And do you force other people to sell their business to you or else crush them?" asked Edith, reproachfully.

"Sure," answered Bradshaw, cheerfully. "That's part of the game. And if you'll believe me Miss Holt, I have a list of the widows and orphans I have despoiled brought up to me every morning before breakfast. It amuses me, and keeps me from becoming a dyspeptic, like other millionaires of the art."

He said this solemnly that Edith, a little bewildered by the events of the past quarter of an hour, looked at him doubtfully. Then she saw light. "But you would not take any of Lord Arncliffe's money," she cried triumphantly.

"Why no, I don't value any money unless I earn it. And to tell you the truth, I have rather more than I know what to do with, anyway. If you like, I will give a free library to Arncliffe. Or," he added, "if Dr. Lester intends to practise here I might endow a cemetery."

"You are a horrid man," cried Edith with mock indignation, and I am glad Reggie won't be under your influence any longer."

"Way," exclaimed young Holt, aghast, "you are not going to get rid of me, Mr. Bradshaw?"

"It is not that," interrupted Edith. "Of course you cannot remain a clerk under present circumstances. If you would like to go into the army—"

"The army," cried Reggie, with an emphatic sniff, for he had imbibed much of the American spirit in a short period. "I mean to work, and I am going back to New York just as soon as you are comfortably fixed."

And later Edith realized that her brother was right. Only in strenuous endeavor lay redemption of the past and salvation for the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Angier were sitting in a windowed recess in the entrance hall listening to the seemingly artless prattle of Miss Harland, when Edith and the rest came up. Lester and Phyllis had not, of course, met. Indeed, he was unaware of her presence at the Hall, and hence he naturally regarded the dainty little beauty with some curiosity.

Phyllis also was interested in the man who had caused her bosom friend so many heartburnings.

"Just as I said!" he commented to herself. "A nasty square jaw and a mouth like a rat-trap. I should like to punish him."

Phyllis had only one way of punishing a man. To Bradshaw's unutterable indignation, she left her hand in Lester's for a full ten seconds, gazing at him the while with big trustful eyes that had in them a suspicion of naive admiration.

Marked spots on the Central Park, which it was, for a fact. Anyway, I heard him mention as a coincidence with my name that Lord Arncliffe was originally Sir William Bradshaw, and that is really the chance which led to my coming here."

Good gracious! His jaw was square too, and if Lester's mouth was like a rat-trap it seemed to her terrified imagination that he was a trap equal to holding a lion.

William Lincoln Bradshaw was madly in love. In days to come he would, if his fortunes changed, told unceasingly in the future of New York's climate for the dollars his wife would fitter away for Paris or Monte Carlo. But he would stand no nonsense, now or then.

Thus it was that presently, when they stood a little apart from the rest, he spoke to her. No word of love had passed between them, but there was no need for explanations. "Say," he said quietly, "I won't have it."

Phyllis had a tear which she had managed to keep unshed through many desperate encounters, and now she was crying. But the granite mouth remained unmoved. That tear had never failed Phyllis yet, and she began to feel frightened.

"I did not mean anything," she faltered, not even attempting to deny the unspoken charge. And lo! the tear fell, a pearl of price, splashing itself into dust, and while Bradshaw two thousand pounds in sterling money, just as quickly as a jeweler could be summoned from London.

So it was evident that in their new-found happiness, Edith and Lester had, like their friends, forgotten the shadow of tragedy which still draped Arncliffe Hall in sombre hues.

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SERMON BY PROF. WICHER

Formerly Pastor of St. Stephen's Church in This City.

(Toronto Globe.)

Rev. Prof. Wicher, an able graduate of the University of Toronto, who is professor at the Theological Seminary, San Francisco, preached an able and eloquent sermon to a summer Sunday morning congregation at St. Andrew's church, King street west, last Sunday. He took for his text the story of the temptation as recorded in Matthew iv., and dwelt upon the humanity of Christ, who was tempted in all things as man is tempted. The preacher emphasized the value of temptation in building up strong, vigorous Christian character. It is, he said, the great discipline of humanity; men in all ages have been tempted, and temptation worketh endurance. Taking the story of the temptation in its successive features the preacher pointed out that it was essential to the incarnation that the Messiah should be assailed by the tempter in all things, as was man. Had the Messiah strength been sustained in temptation by the exercise of his divine powers, had He turned the stones into bread, as the tempter offered to do when he was hungry, then the triumph of Christ over temptation would have been a mockery to His followers in the trials they must endure. On the other hand, the victory recorded in the text was a true victory, which through the ages was to believers a tower of strength in the time of trial. Had Christ in the hour of temptation exercised that divine power for His relief which mankind had not, the principle of the incarnation would have been sacrificed. He would no longer have been "one with us," but would have been separated even from us. It was unnecessary for Him to invoke divine power; He came to give bread to the souls of men to satisfy the greatest hunger that exists in the human soul; with the bread of life that will not perish. In graphic language the preacher pictured the alluring temptation by which Satan sought to overthrow the Messiah, and drew an inspiring lesson of the reward which awaits fidelity in that kingdom of love and self-sacrifice in which all the nations of men shall be finally gathered together, in which all men shall rejoice in the perfect salvation of the Son of God.

AN IMMENSE TRADE GROWTH

Wonderful Showing Made by Canada in the Last Fiscal Year --- Increase \$80,000,000.

Ottawa, Aug. 10.—The grand aggregate of Canada's foreign trade for the last fiscal year reached the figure of \$1,274,667,331, a gain of \$311,828,898, as compared with 1896, and of \$80,703,957 as compared with the previous year, or 130 per cent. and seventeen per cent. respectively.

Taking the trade by countries the total imports from Great Britain for the last fiscal year amounted to \$400,538,811 for the year ended June 30, 1905. Of this amount the dutiable goods amounted to \$22,748,623, a gain of \$7,334,814 over the preceding year.

The imports free of duty totalled \$16,550,138, an improvement of \$1,485,120, compared with 1904-5. The exports of Canadian merchandise to Britain were \$127,456,471, while for the preceding year they amounted to \$67,114,867.

The following is a comparative statement of the trade returns:

Imports.

Total imports \$1,274,667,331

Dutiable 22,748,623

Free 1,251,918,708

Duty collected 46,968,239

Exports.

Grand total \$1,274,667,331

Merchandise 1,251,918,708

Canadian merchandise 1,251,918,708

dis to U. S. 83,646,406

Canadian merchandise 1,251,918,708

dis to France 1,718,912

Grand aggregate 1,274,667,331

Aggregate on basis goods for consumption and home produce 452,789,500

A meeting of the creditors of W. C. Short was held in the office of A. A. Wilson yesterday. On inspection of the books the liabilities were shown to be \$3,800 and the assets \$1,300. The appointment of C. W. DeForest as assignee was confirmed and Fred Schiold and W. G. Esabrooks were appointed inspectors.

AS CHEAP AS STAYING HOME

The Excursions to the St. John Exhibition—Note Some of the Rates Quoted.

Excursion rates on all lines of railway entering Saint John or connecting with lines entering the city, and on all steamboat lines as well, give assurance to the people at remote points that the exhibition at St. John, N. B., during the week of September 1 to 8 next, is within the reach of all. The exhibition itself will present the greatest and most comprehensive collection of industrial, agricultural, mechanical and scientific features ever offered to our people. The desire to see these different attractive and instructive features, is a very natural one, and individuals and families are making or have made their arrangements to visit the city in exhibition week. There will be accommodation for all. If the hotels be filled there will be ample provision in private boarding houses, a list of which will be posted up in the office of that department of the great exhibition.

The I. C. R. and P. E. Island Railways will sell round trip tickets to St. John from all stations in New Brunswick and P. E. Island from August 31st to September 7th, from all stations in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton on August 31st, September 4th and 6th, and from all stations in Quebec on August 31st and September 4th, all good to return till September 10th, at one first class fare. On all stations from Amherst and Point du Chene to St. John on every day from September 1st to 8th at single second-class fare, good to return same day only from stations Sussex to Coldbrook; on the following day from Moncton to Plumewesep and good to return for two days later from Amherst and Pt du Chene to Moncton. The I. C. R. will also issue very low excursion tickets from Amherst and Pt du Chene to St. John on Sept. 4th, 5th, and 7th, from Campbellton to St. John and from Halifax to St. John. From all P. E. Island points these excursions will apply on Sept. 3rd, 5th. These special excursion rates are good for two days from all points beyond Moncton.

To give some idea of the cheapness of the rates, it may be said that the special excursion fare from Moncton and return is only \$1.25, from Amherst, \$2.25; Campbellton, \$3.50, and Halifax \$4.75, and all I. C. R. tickets contain a coupon good for one admission to the St. John Exhibition.

The I. C. R. will run these three excursions, Sept. 4th, 5th, and 7th, a special excursion ticket leaving Moncton about 9 a. m. and on return leaving St. John about 11 p. m.

The C. P. R. is selling round trip tickets to St. John from all stations on the Atlantic Division from Sept. 4th, to Sept. 7th, good to return up to Sept. 10th, at one fare, and is offering very cheap excursion tickets from all points on specified days, as follows:

From Fredericton, St. Stephen, St. Andrews, Woodstock, Vancoboro, and all intermediate points on Sept. 4th, 5th, and 6th, good to return 2 days later; from points between Vancoboro and Megantic on Sept. 5th, good to return up to and including Sept. 8th, and from points in New Brunswick and Maine between Edmundston and McAdam, and from points on the Gibson branch, between Fredericton and Woodstock, on Sept. 4th, good for five days. These excursion tickets are sold at a very low rate.

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St. Stephen and St. Andrews . . . \$2.00

Vancoboro \$2.10

Woodstock \$2.90

Houlton \$3.00

Andrews \$3.50

Edmundston \$4.85

The same cheap rates apply with variations to all intermediate points.

The Shore Line Railway is selling return tickets each day of the exhibition good to return until Monday, Sept. 10th, from St. Stephen at \$2.00 and from St. George \$1.45, with similar cheap rates from all intermediate points.

The Maine Central and Washington County Railways are selling at one fare from August 31st, to Sept. 4th, good to return till Sept. 15th, and on Sept. 4th, from St. Stephen at \$2.00 and from St. George \$1.45, with similar cheap rates from all intermediate points.

The New Brunswick Coal & Railway Co., from Norton to Chipman, are offering special cheap excursion tickets Sept. 4th, and 5th, to the St. John exhibition in addition to the one fare rate prevailing throughout the entire period of the St. John fair.

The Star Line Steamship Company in addition to one fare rates from Aug. 31st, to Sept. 10th, is offering a special rate of 75 cents from Fredericton and intermediate stops on Sept. 5th good to return the next day.

The Dominion Atlantic Railway, Eastern Steamship Co., and all the other railways and steamship lines, are offering one fare rates for the entire period of the exhibition. As the Summerside Journal puts it in its last issue, "the rates are so low that it is cheaper than staying at home."



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