THE PURCHASE OF THE CZAR

A New York Police Story,

By BERTRAM LEBHAR.

The Tenderloin greeted its new commander with a grasp of apprehension.

From its ample experience the Tenderloin had established the axiom: If a police captain was honest he was also unsophisticated and incompetent and therefore not to be feared; while if a police captain was knowing, and went about his work with both eyes open, he was at the same time dishonest. The rule worked for the disorderly element either way, and so the Tenderloin had been always satisfied.

But now there was reason for alarm. By reputation Captain Paul Decker was an exception to the rule. He was honest, said rumor, but he was by no means green nor unsophisticated.

All sorts and conditions of men visited the Tenderloin police station, on West Thirtieth street, to pay their respects, among them there were gamblers, dive-keepers, etc., who came ostensibly to extend their greetings, but secretly to sound the new captain as to his intentions concerning themselves. There were clergymen of all denominations who came to offer encouragement and assistance; and there were the inevitable newspaper reporters, who wanted statements from the new Czar.

Captain Decker received them all in his private office, which was decorated with floral horseshoes sent by his friends and well wishers. The captain was a tall, broad-shouldered man of thirty-five with a strong face and steely eyes that looked straight into yours.

It was after the horde of visitors had departed that Sam Stone visited the "house" and sent in his card to the captain.

Sam Stone was a stout, heavy-jawed, low-browed man, with bloated cheeks and beady, black eyes. His eyebrows met, which did not make his face any the more prepossessing. He puffed a big, black cigar with an ostentatious label around it, and his black Derby hat was slanted on the back of his head.

He owned fifty per cent. of the most notorious dives and gambling houses in the Tenderloin. He was the king of the under world. Rumor said that he was worth over a million dollars and that he had earned every cent of it by his nefarious enterprises. He had a strong political pull and boasted that the police were his slaves.

Sam Stone entered the captain's sanctum, without the formality of doffing his hat.

"Good evening, captain," he said, easily, with his cigar between his teeth. "Thought I'd come around to pay my respects."

"Yes," said Captain Decker, quietly, "I'm glad to see you, Mr. Stone. I really am. I've heard a lot about you, of course, and I've often wanted to meet you."

"I reckon we'll get along together in first-class shape," he remarked slowly. "You look like a man of common sense, captain."

"Thanks," said the new commander. "I see no reason why we shouldn't get along together, Mr. Stone. I'm here to enforce the laws, and all you'll have to do is to obey them."

"Well, this section is a little different from Harlem," said the other man.

The new commander took a sheet of paper from his desk and read it through carefully.

"Let's see. Among the places you're running, Stone," he said, "are 'The Gayety,' 'The Tiger,' 'The Essex,' 'The Jolly Dogs,' 'The Constantinople,' 'The Palace, and 'The Olympia.' They are all yours, ain't they?"

Stone nodded.

"Well, I understand that they've all been running pretty lively—a darn sight too lively to suit me. You'll have to run them all according to law, Stone, or I'll close every one of 'em up. I give you due warning."

Stone shifted the cigar from the right side of his mouth to the left and smiled impudently.

"Then I've got a list of about forty gambling houses and pool-rooms you're running to say nothing of other kinds of unlawful places. You'll have to close them all up at once, Mr. Stone, If you don't I'll shut them up for you, every one of them. I want you to understand that I mean business."

He looked the other man straight in the eyes.

"I understand," said Stone, calmly. "I'm to close every one of them immediately, eh"

"Yes," said Capt. Decker.

"All right," said Stone. "Now suppose you drop this grand stand business and talk like the sensible man you look. You don't have to do any play acting with me, old man. We're all alone here. Speak out like a man."

"I have spoken out," said the new commander, gruffly.

"I'm a fairly rich man," said Stone, coolly. "And I'm always willing to accommodate my friends. Any time that you're strapped and need the loan of a few thousand dollars, it'll be a pleasure to me to accommodate you. Of course, I don't speak of giving you money. I know that you're an honest man; but even honest men can borrow money from their friends—just as a mark of friendship, you know."

As he said the words his left eye closed in an unmistakable wink.

"Well, I've always managed to get along on my salary. I reckon I won't have to borrow any money of you, Mr. Stone" said the captain, grimly. "Thanks all the same for your kind offer. Good evening."

After his visitor had departed the captain called his precinct detectives into his office.

"You men will get along all right if you treat me square," he said to them. "I don't want any monkey-business, and there'll be trouble for the man who tries to do me. To begin with I want every one of Sam Stone's places closed up. You know where they are, so it's no use pretending you don't. That is all, for the present."

The very next day the cleaning up commenced.

The clang of the patrol-wagon gong and the sound of the raiding axe smashing stout doors into kindling wood were heard throughout the Tenderloin. The cells of the station house were crowded with prisoners.

"He's raiding Sam Stone's places," whispered disgusted gamblers and dive-keepers. "That's the last straw. I guess that means that there isn't the ghost of a show for any of us."

Capt. Decker went home to his wife, and she greeted him tenderly.

"How is it going dear?" she asked, as she brought him his housecoat and his slippers and his favorite pipe. "Do you think your work will be easy, Paul?"

"Well, I guess I've shaken them up some already," remarked the new Czar. I'll have them on the run in a few days."

For two weeks the cleaning-up process went on. The papers sang the praises of Captain Decker. The Tenderloin cursed him. Sam Stone scowled. Gamblers and dive-keepers began to talk of moving to other precincts.

One day a very pale young man entered the station.

"Is the captain in?" he asked of the sergeant at the desk.

"Who are you?" asked the latter, cautiously.

"I'm his wife's brother."

"Oh, all right, sir," said the sergeant, with an instantaneous change of manner. "Yes, he's in. He's in his private office. I guess you can go right in, sir."

The sergeant noted that the captain and his visitor were closeted together for over an hour.

The young man went out alone; and soon afterward the captain stepped out of his office. The sergeant noticed that his senior officer looked very haggard and worried.

"That brother-in-law of his must have brought him bad news, I reckon," he mused.

The next day the Czar of the Tenderloin sent for Sam Stone.

The latter came, scowling, wondering what was in the wind.

"You want to see me, eh?" he snapped, aggressively, when he had entered the captain's sanctum and carefully closed the door behind him.

(To be continued.)

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OTTAWA TUBERCULOSIS CONVENTION CLOSED

Ottawa, March 29—(Special)—The anti-tuberculosis convention elected its officers this afternoon. They are: President, W. C. Edwards; vice-presidents, Chief Justice Fitzgerald, P. E. Island; Dr. William Bayard, St. John (N. B.); Sir James Grant; George H. Perley and John Manuel, Ottawa.

Executive—The Bishop of Ottawa; Dr. Hodgetts, Toronto; Dr. Lachapelle, Montreal; Dr. Lafferty, Calgary; Dr. Fagan, Victoria; Dr. F. A. Laurence, Colchester; Dr. Simpson, Winnipeg; Dr. Seymour, Regina; J. E. Wyatt, Summerside (P. E. I.); and Dr. Stockton, St. John.

A number of reports were adopted in favor of recommending precautionary measures on railways, steamboats, public halls and schools, inspection of school children and teachers, the substitution of leather or non-absorbent material in places of plush covering on railways.

A resolution was passed urging the provincial governments to erect sanatoria and asking the Ottawa government to give grants towards their maintenance.

Want Union Label.

The St. John Typographical Union has issued a circular to all the trades-people of the city, appealing to them to see that the union label appears on all their printed matter. They add that the various labor organizations of the city will insist on having the union label on all goods where it is possible to do so. One paragraph reads:

"Labor societies in this city have noticed with disfavor the fact that considerable printing for our city merchants is done in other cities, and we do not think that our tradesmen would look with approval on our acting in a like manner when requiring various articles which can be obtained from the large mail order houses of the upper provinces. Therefore, if we confine our purchases for cash to local houses, it is but right that we should be encouraged in our endeavors to benefit ourselves and the city in which we get our living."

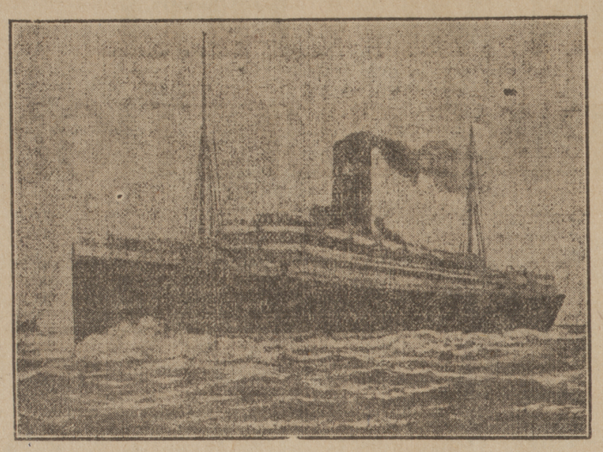
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Halifax, N. S., March 29—(Special)—The Allan line turbine steamer Virginian arrived at 9 o'clock tonight from Liverpool and Moville, with the mails. She left Moville at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon and thus made the voyage across in six days and six hours, a record trip to Halifax.

The turbines worked smoothly and the weather was continuously fine.

The best day's run was yesterday when a distance of 409 miles was covered.

The Virginian has 1,582 passengers, most of whom are bound for the Canadian west. She will sail in the morning for St. John.

The Virginian started on her maiden voyage last March, leaving Moville on a Friday afternoon and reaching Halifax the next Friday morning at 10 a. m.

CHURCHILL'S INTERFERENCE CAUSES NATAL TURMOIL

Pietermaritzburg, Natal, March 29—The interference of the colonial office in London with matters which the Natal government considers to be outside the imperial government's jurisdiction led today to the resignation of the ministry headed by Charles John Smythe. The latter had confirmed the death sentence imposed on twelve natives who took part in the murder of policemen during the recent uprising in this colony.

Winston Churchill, under-secretary of state for the colonies, cabled to Premier Smythe, ordering a suspension of the executions, pending the home government's consideration of the sentences. The premier curtly refused to do so and the governor, Sir Henry McCullum, postponed the executions. Thereupon the ministry immediately resigned.

Natal at Boiling Point

London, March 30.—The new government is finding continual trouble in its dealings with South Africa. By interfering to delay the execution of twelve natives convicted of having been concerned in the ambush and murder of Police Inspector Hunt in the recent native rising in Natal, which has been attributed to the opposition movement, the imperial authorities have evoked an admittedly grave and delicate crisis which will require the most careful handling.

Dispatches from the South African colonies show that the colonists are boiling with indignation and are calling meetings to protest against a procedure which they regard as calculated to endanger the safety of the whole white population. Flame has been added to the fire apparently by the unjustified importation of under Colonial Secretary Churchill's name into the affair, for which the Earl of Elgin, colonial secretary, assumes full responsibility.

The Conservative papers are loud in denunciation of the government's action. In justification of the government's unusual course, it is pointed out that two natives already have been executed for the same crime; that the colony is under martial law, and that imperial troops have been invoked to assist in suppressing the rising.

The Liberal papers contend that Lord Elgin had full constitutional rights to exercise a veto and assume that he will be able to give satisfactory reasons for his course.

At the adjournment of parliament at midnight, questions were put in both houses on the Natal crisis. In the house of lords, Lord Elgin, the colonial secretary, replying to Lord Lansdowne, confirmed the suspension of executions, but said he had no further information to impart. He added that there was no intention of interference with the self-government of the colony, but that the execution of twelve men under sentence by a courtmartial was a serious matter.

In the house of commons, replying to Mr. Akers-Douglas (Conservative), Winston Churchill, under-colonial secretary, said it was Lord Elgin and not himself who had postponed the executions. The government had no intention of standing between the prisoners and their punishment. The government was in full sympathy with Natal in its time of anxiety and did not apprehend that any serious or constitutional issue would be raised. He belived the matter would be settled with composure on both sides.

Both Lord Elgin and Mr. Churchill declared that no official information had been received as to whether or not the Natal ministry had actually resigned.

THIEFS GALORE IN I. C. R. SHOPS

Moncton, March 29—(Special)—The general committee of the I. C. R. Brotherhood of Trainmen are here today interviewing General Manager Pottinger in reference to recent changes in the runs of brakemen. The trainmen's schedule does not cover reductions made in the number of brakemen on trains and they have no ground for protest regarding that but in shifting the men around and in laying off some of the senior men have not always been given the preference, hence the object of the grievance committee's interview with the management today.

As result of an investigation the I. C. R. police are making into the stealing of brass, copper, lead, etc., from the I. C. R. works, Officer Perry tonight placed under arrest James Scott, a fireman at the I. C. R. electric light station. A charge of theft was preferred against the prisoner. He will be arraigned in the police court tomorrow.

Big Shipments to St. John.

The investigation of stealing, known to be going on, has disclosed evidence to show that brass, copper, etc, has been taken from the I. C. R. premises on a wholesale scale and sold to local junk dealers who shipped it to St. John. Something like 1,000 pounds of the class of stuff named have been traced to one junk dealer alone.

Officers have discovered that shipments to St. John amounted one day, alone, to 400 or 500 pounds. The material taken was not always old stuff. Copper wire used in the electrical department, and never used, was found twisted up inside lead cables and pounded up in a way to make identification difficult.

Junk dealers say they had numerous offers of I. C. R. stuff but at least one refused to buy stamped I. C. R. goods. Another dealer, not so careful, accepted everything that came along and told his rival there was a fortune to made in I. C. R. stuff alone.

Tonight while city Officer Chappel was in a junk dealer's, a Jew came in and offered several barrels of brass chips. When cornered he stated he was only acting as a middleman but gave away the party who had the stuff to sell.

Those disposing of the brass were realizing about six cents a pound, while the junk dealers got much higher prices.

The discoveries, so far made, reveal a scope of stealing from the railway that is likely to prove sensational, if probed to the bottom.

SASKATCHEWAN'S FIRST LEGISLATURE OPENS

Regina, Saskatchewan, March 29—(Special)—The first legislature of the province of Saskatchewan was opened today by Lieut. Governor Forget. In the speech from the throne, the lieutenant governor spoke of the legislation providing for the creation of the two provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan, to complete the chain from the Atlantic to the Pacific and said the welcome extended by the Canadian federation was a matter of gratification for the inhabitants.

The inaugural year had been most auspicious, so far as the reward for the labors of the agriculturist was concerned. Within the boundaries of the province 26,000,000 bushels of wheat had passed through the threshing machine.

The address also made reference to railway expansion and immigration. Need for revising and consolidating the laws was pointed out and announcement was made that a bill to this effect would be introduced.

DISGRACEFUL ROW AT SUSSEX STATION

Sussex, N. B., March 29—(Special)—Last evening, immediately after the departure of the Quebec express, a row started on the I. C. R. platform in which four men took part. The fight started over a previous grievance between the men and before it was over some faces presented a battered and disgraceful appearance.

Town Marshal McLeod was called to the scene and the I. C. R. authorities notified. I. C. R. Policeman Dryden, of Moncton, is here investigating the matter and the parties, responsible for the exhibition, will be prosecuted.

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