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# The Midnight Guest

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(Continued.)

The minutes passed along, and no one came; but at length Walter's patience was rewarded. He heard a slight swish and saw in the branches of the acacia overhead. He could hear deep and regular breathing coming nearer and nearer to him. Then, presently, in the darkness, he discerned the little figure of the Italian. A moment later, and the intruder was caught below the elbows in a grip that made him fairly grunt again. He struggled just for a moment, but the steady grip seemed to crush the life out of him, and he desisted. Walter bore him back until his left hand shot out, and the whole studio was bathed in flame once more. Before Valdo could realize what all over him in a search for weapons. Nothing more dangerous came to light than a small sheath-knife, which Walter swept into his pocket. He was quite calm and self-possessed now. He coolly indicated a chair, into which Valdo flung himself sullenly.

"Now I should like to have a little conversation with you," he said. "You will recall that we have met before."

"I have not forgotten the fact," Luigi Silva said sullenly. "It was at the Imperial Palace Theatre."

"Quite correct," Walter said. "I came to see that remarkable performance of yours. I was very much interested, and I must congratulate you warmly. At the same time, it seems to me that yours is a dangerous kind of entertainment."

A contemptuous smile flickered over Silva's face.

"There is no danger whatever," he murmured; "anybody could do it if they had arms like mine."

"I am afraid you don't quite take my meaning," Walter murmured. "There are some cigarettes by your elbow. You had better help yourself, especially as I am likely to detain you some time."

With a defiant air the Italian took and lighted a cigarette. He did not appear in the least unnerved, though the furtive glances which he occasionally turned in the direction of his captor showed that his mind was not altogether at ease. He would have given much to know what Lance was driving at. He did not like to see the other quite so sure of his ground.

"My time is my own," he said. "Go on."

"Oh, I beg your pardon, your time is mine. But I dare say you will wonder why I am detaining you like this. To tell you the truth, since your last visit here—"

"That is not true," Silva cried. "I have never been here before!"

"Why play with me?" Walter asked contemptuously. "It is some days since you were here last. To refresh your memory, I am alluding to the night when you came here by way of the ventilator in the dome, and made a murderous attack upon my uncle, who owes his life to the fact that I was not very far away. It is no use your denying this, because I am in a position to prove it. I dare say you congratulated yourself upon the fact that you got clear away. You would chuckle to think how mystified we all were. Here is a murderous onslaught made upon a public man in his own studio, from which there is no exit but the door; and on the night of the strange affair the door was locked. No one but a bird could have escaped through the ventilator. You can picture to yourself what a sensation the business would have caused if the police had been called in and the affair made known to the Press. Now I dare say you wonder why the police were not called in at once?"

Silva pulled at his cigarette savagely, but made no reply.

"Well, I am going to be more polite than you are."

Walter said: "and I am going to tell you. I had a fancy to play the detective myself. I looked around for someone sort of a clue and at length I found one. Ah, I see you are interested."

"Only in my own safety," Silva muttered.

"Well, that is the same thing. On the floor close by where you are seated I found a shabby yellow playbill, advertising the performance of Valdo, the flying man, at the Imperial Palace Theatre. The bill was neatly folded, and was of recent date. Now I know perfectly well that neither Lord Ravenspur nor any of his friends would be interested in that kind of thing. Therefore, how did the bill get here? Probably left by the flying man himself, and a flying man would be the only kind of human being capable of getting in and out of this studio in that mysterious fashion. Upon this, I made up my mind to come and see you, and I did. I have only to place the information, together with my testimony, in the hands of the police. Indeed, I have only to send for a constable now and give you in custody. After that you would not be likely to give us any cause for anxiety the next seven years."

The Italian's eyes gleamed as he glanced restlessly about him. There was no reason for Walter to ask himself if his prisoner understood. Silva shrugged his shoulders.

"That is what you are going to do," he asked.

"Oh, well, come to that presently. In the meantime, I want a little information. You will remember when we were talking to you in the manager's room at the Imperial, a lady came in and addressed a few words to you. She was only there for a moment, but she stayed quite long enough for me to recognize her features. I want to know what Mrs. Delahay needed to see you for."

A sharp laugh broke from Silva's lips.

"You are very clever," he sneered. "Oh, so clever. So you are interested in Mrs. Delahay? You think, perhaps, that I know a deal about the murder of her husband. I know less about it than you do, and I have no concern with her at all. You had better ask her. She will probably be astonished."

"Ah, I see what you mean," Walter exclaimed. "It was stupid of me not to grasp the problem sooner. Of course, it was not Mrs. Delahay at all I saw with you, but her sister, Countess Flavio."

Something like an oath broke from Silva's lips.

"Thank you very much," Walter said. "You could not tell me any more if you were ever so candid. And now I know exactly what brings you here. It is not robbery."

"Sir, your words are a deadly insult. I am an honest man, though I may only be a servant; I would scorn to touch what does not belong to me."

"In that case you came here for violence then?" Walter said. "You must be a strangely illigal mind. You would not soil your hands with another man's money but you would not hesitate to stab him in the back under cover of the darkness. Come, don't let us argue any longer. You came here the other night to murder my

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uncle. But for a fortunate chance, Lord Ravenspur would be in his grave now. It is useless to deny it."

"Have I made any attempt to deny it?" Silva said, in a voice that was utterly devoid of passion. "Have I lied to you in any way? Oh, I see there is no mercy in your face, and doubtless if our positions were reversed, I should act as you are acting to-night. You are going to hand me over to the authorities. I shall be no worse treated if I tell the truth. I did come here to take Lord Ravenspur's life. I am only sorry that I failed."

(To be Continued.)

# CANNIBALISM IN THE FAR NORTH

## A Terrible Tale From the Wilds of Quebec—Three Lives Lost.

Montreal, June 16.—That three lives have been lost in the far Quebec north and that two of the men, at the expense of the third, while one of the two remained partially devoured his companion and latter went crazy and died alone and in awful agony, is the tale brought here by a party of Massachusetts hunters, who are prospecting in the Lake Chibougamou district.

Last September, Joseph Gussé and a man named Bernard, both of Paris, started north on a hunting trip accompanied by Auguste Lemieux, a guide. In January another party left Quebec with the intention of trapping in the Height of Land district. The party was composed of Joseph Kurtness of Quebec, his son and guide. On the way back they met an Indian who told them he had seen a camping ground of white people.

The next day the party came upon the camp at the head of the third portage, near Lake Obotomagan. They cleared that quantity of snow and found evidence that two men had prepared a meal. In the bag was found a hand sleigh with a bag containing some clothing and at the opening of the bag was a note which said the party was without provisions.

In the bag were articles marked "Gussé" and "Bernard."

The Kurtness party spent ten days in unavailing search for the men.

On April 7 the Mackenzie Trading Company, backed and run almost entirely by Massachusetts capital, sent a party to take provisions up to Lake Chamouchan and a few days later Joseph Kurtness started up the same trail, his trip at Chamouchan on account of illness.

On May 9 Mr. Kurtness and one of the Mackenzie men, who had been sent to look in the water what looked at first like a dead fox. The object was secured and brought to shore, and was found to be the body of a man. Examination showed beyond any doubt that the man did not die of starvation, and that he was in a healthy condition when he died. The body was identified as that of Auguste Lemieux, the guide.

The trading party has sent a description of the body to the storekeeper at Chamouchan, that without doubt, parts of it had been eaten.

Word now comes from a point north of Willemarc that the remains of a man, who was evidently a foreigner, have been found in an old shed there. They are in a mutilated condition and give evidence of having been treated in the same manner as that of the unfortunate guide. Whether the remains are those of Gussé or of Bernard is still a mystery.

On Monday the time for closing the western mails at the post office changed because of the change of time table on the C. P. R. As a result several merchants had a large number of letters detained on Monday as they did not send them to the post office until the old closing hour. The western mail formerly closed at 5 o'clock and now closes at 4:30 p. m. The English mail, which closes at 4:30 on Mondays and Thursdays, now closes at 4:30 and on the same days.

Six boys have been reported by the police for throwing stones and breaking windows in St. John's street. Police man Ross makes the report and names Peter Morgan, Harold Chamberlain, Harold McHugh, William Stack, Frank McHale and Robert Waincott. The lads, it is claimed, broke several windows at the ledge Breeze's house at 120 St. Patrick street. Some are also charged with using profane language.

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# Fashion Hint for Times Readers



THE NEWEST MODE FOR OVER THE SEAS.

In sharp contrast to the modes of the past two or three seasons are the new costume models which the great French couturiers are exploiting as the latest dictates of Dame Fashion. In these beautiful creations of such soft clinging fabrics as crepe de chine, mousseline and similar slinky weaves the sleeves are small, quite tight fitting in many cases, and often of the mousetail type, and bodices and skirt strongly in these new ideas, as is also the long train and the scarf or rash of soft diaphanous materials beautifully embroidered, draping the shoulders and swathing the bust and waistline, the long ends depending gracefully to the hem of the garment worn with such costume.

# PLAYS AND PLAYERS

## MARY EMERSON SCORES ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS

It is doubtful whether any visiting artist has ever been accorded a more flattering reception than that given to Mary Emerson and her company in Samuel Lewis' romantic play of court life, "His Majesty and The Maid," which Mr. Lewis wrote for Miss Emerson, and which has long been very successful in the States. The performance of "His Majesty and The Maid" was given again last night to greatly increased business over the opening night, and as curtain call after curtain call was demanded and taken, it was apparent that state and company appeared strongly to the audience present.



MISS MARY EMERSON.

For the balance of the week, Miss Emerson and her company will present the romantic play, "Will O' The Wisp." Like "His Majesty and The Maid," "Will O' The Wisp" was written for Miss Emerson, and like the first play, "Will O' The Wisp" was a great success in the States. The name, "Will O' The Wisp," is that given to the girl, Rose, by the old man who has brought her up, because she is always dancing. In this Miss Emerson dances the tarantelle, a dance little seen at the present time. The supporting company is provided with strong roles, and will, no doubt, give a good account of itself. There will be a matinee Saturday.

## EUROPEAN SCENERY AT THE NICKEL TODAY

The distinguishing feature of the Nickel's new show for today and Thursday, is the picture entitled "An Athletic Woman, Marseilles, the Riviera and Pyrenees" who believes implicitly in outdoor exercises as the quickest route to health, beauty and happiness. The delicious social comedy is set with some of the most charming scenery imaginable—St. Malo, Marseilles, the Riviera and Pyrenees mountains. To add to the beauty of these pictures the film is delicately tinted throughout. The Professor's Discovery and Anti-Hair Powder are amusing photographs of the first quality and will prove great laugh-provokers. Indeed, the new show is a veritable summer programme, breathing a spirit of fun and fancy in keeping with the season. Mr. Cairns will tonight sing for the old taken the number, "By The Old Oaken Bucket, Louisa," and Miss Wren, the flirtatious number, "Trading Smiles," Sunday's soldier parade pictures at each show.

## A. MUNROE DORR AT THE PRINCESS

A. Munroe Dorr made a great hit last night in his song "Somewhere." Those who have not heard it are advised by the management to not miss the opportunity. Today they will put on four new pictures, the very latest subjects. This popular house has been recently renovated and now presents a very attractive appearance.

## ST. JOHN DRAMATIC CLUB IN A NEW PRODUCTION

Excellent progress is being made at the rehearsals of "A Sailor's Sweetheart," which will be produced by Theodore H. Bird under the auspices of the St. John Dramatic Club in the Opera House on June 24 and 26. Caprice, last year's success, which will be given on Wednesday, June 25, by special request, will have new songs and choruses which will include the latest musical hits. Advance tickets are selling rapidly as they entitle purchasers to secure seats at the box office at once for any of the performances. The general seat sale will open June 23. This evening, by invitation of Miss Mary Emerson through Mr. Bird, the members of the club, a number of members who joined the performance of "His Majesty and the Maid."

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# COURTENAY BAY BORING PLANT ARRIVED IN CITY YESTERDAY

At a meeting of the harbor facilities committee held yesterday afternoon the report of the recent delegation to Ottawa was received. A recommendation approving of the proposal to place the west end of the harbor under a commission of three was adopted and will be submitted at a special meeting of the council which will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

With regard to taking borings in Courtenay Bay, which had been urged on the delegation by Mr. Morse, vice-president of the G. T. P., it was suggested that \$10,000 should be spent for this purpose. The delegation reported that the Dominion government would agree to bear one-third of the expense and it was recommended that the remaining two-thirds of the cost should be borne equally by the city and the provincial government. A committee was appointed to interview Premier Hazen and, if necessary, meet the members of the government during the session which will be held this week. A boring plant which has been sent down from Ottawa arrived at the customs house yesterday, and will be put to work in Courtenay Bay as soon as satisfactory arrangements have been made.

The scheme to extend the breakwater to Partridge Island which, as outlined in the Telegraph yesterday, was not recommended by Chief Engineer Lefleur of the public works department, was dropped from the report, and no further action on this matter is likely to be taken.

On the question of a new drill shed the committee recommended that the council should give a license to negotiate for part

# FORESTERS' COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE INTO LOANS

## Supreme Chief Ranger Moves For a Standing Committee for That Purpose.

Toronto, June 16.—The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters opened this morning in the Temple building with an excellent representation of delegates. The morning's work was mostly ritualistic and ceremonial, though some business was transacted in reading of reports from supreme officers.

Fraternel greetings were received from the Sons of Scotland and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. They were enthusiastically received.

The report of Supreme Chief Ranger Elliott G. Stevenson was outspoken on the question of rates. The proposals embodied in the report, however, are by no means the ones which will be adopted since Mr. Stevenson is prepared to allow the court to decide that for itself. He has simply launched the discussion by reference to it in his report.

The first few paragraphs are devoted to kindly mention of the name of the late Dr. Oronhyatekha. In this connection, Mr. Stevenson observes that it seemed an impossible task to undertake to fill his place and the most that he could hope for was to discharge his duty as he saw it.

He said, "We have not been content to accept the calculations of government ac-

tuaries, but have the result of calculations of our own actuaries, who have no connection whatever with any outside insurance companies or society, and who have made independent calculations, and on the deficiency would arise from relying on the rates of premium of members who joined our officers are in accord with the government actuaries.

"After a careful study of the situation and taking counsel with my colleagues and disinterested experts and members of the society, whose counsel I value highly, I have reached the conclusion that in order to insure the permanence of our society, it is necessary to place all of its members upon equality with reference to their contributions and to do this the rates of premium of members who joined before 1890 should be readjusted.

One resolution moved by the supreme chief ranger provides for the appointment of a standing committee to pass upon all loans and also investigate any past loans. The committee will be given a great deal of latitude if the resolution finds favor and it may conduct investigations as to the business done in the past with regard to loans. As the resolution at present stands all its members have to be unanimous before any loan can be directed into certain channels.

A number of other resolutions were introduced calling for information with reference to the workings of the head office, statements concerning the number of employees, their salaries and other information is desired. It will depend largely upon these returns if any drastic steps will be taken towards cutting down expenses.