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The Midnight Guest

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(Continued.)

The dainty white cambric, with its fringe of lace, caught Walter's eye. He withdrew the fragment from under the dog's collar and held it up to one of the points of electric flame.

"Here is a clue with a vengeance," he exclaimed. "This is Vera's handkerchief. Depend upon it, this is a signal to us that the dog must have been with her at the time she went, and she must certainly have gone voluntarily, or the dog would have made short work of the person with whom Vera departed. She took this way of letting us know she had gone, and most assuredly she must have gone by the back gate. What a lucky thing it was that the dog came here to-night. Let us put him on the scent at once."

"Your suggestion is in inspiration," Ravenspur muttered. "But we can't go quite like this, you know. Run back to the house and get our coats and hats. Don't be long."

Walter was back in a minute or two with the wraps. Then he laid his hand on the dog's collar and led him down the path at the back of the shabbyery. The great beast appeared to know exactly what was wanted of him, for, after throwing up his head and giving vent to a long drawn howl, he placed his muzzle on the ground and scratched furiously at the door. When the road was reached, at length the dog tore along at a furious rate, so that the silk scarf twisted round his collar tied Walter's arms terribly.

Still, that did not matter, as they were making good progress now. They went on and on, passing streets after streets, until the dawn came, and they were in a distant suburb. Before an attractive looking house, the blinds and shutters of which were closely drawn, Bruno paused and threw up his head.

"This is the place, right enough," Walter whispered. "Be careful. If we are seen everything is spoilt."

CHAPTER XXXI

A Missing Link.

It was practically daylight now, so that the greatest caution was absolutely necessary. It was possible to obtain cover behind a group of thorn bushes and take observations of the house. But even that did not lack risk, all the more so because of the presence of the dog. The great hound had served his purpose, and it was essential that he should be got rid of, for the present at any rate.

The house itself was quite a good one. The grounds were neat and trim. The flower boxes in the windows ablaze with bloom. The place spoke for itself as the residence of some prosperous individual who, in all probability, was somebody of importance in the City. It was the last place in the world to associate with crime and violence. In front of the house was a fairly large lawn, shaded by shrubs and trees. A kitchen garden at the back was bounded by a lane, and on the far side of this stretched a wide open common covered with gorse and bracken.

"Have you any idea where we are?" Lord Ravenspur asked.

"Not the faintest," Walter confessed. "I have never been here before. The only thing I am sure of is that Vera is in your house. But let us get away from here and talk it over. The further this thing goes, the more sure I am that we have foes to deal with who are clever as they are unscrupulous."

"But where shall we go?" Ravenspur asked.

Walter suggested skirting round the back of the house, and so on to the common. Once there, they found shelter enough, for the gorse was high and the bracken was deep. Indeed, a regiment of soldiers might have hidden there with perfect safety.

"I think I begin to see my way," Walter said. "One of us must stay here and the other get back to London without delay. If you don't mind, I should like

to consult my friend Venables about this business. He is very clever and courageous, and, besides, he has a decided fondness for detective business. I think you will agree with me that we want another hand."

"We want half a dozen," Ravenspur murmured. "What we really ought to do is to place the matter in the hands of the police and have yonder house searched at once. Yet, I am very loth to do that. I am exceedingly anxious to prevent anything like a scandal, and this is the very sort of thing to appeal to the cheap press. But what are we going to do about our journey to Weymouth? What would the officials at Waterloo think when we didn't turn up last night? And, again, there are all the servants in Park Lane. If you can only show me some way to stop the mouths of these people I shall be grateful. You know what servants are."

"I think that can be managed," Walter said after a thoughtful pause. "You stay here while I go back to London. I will return as soon as possible. Oh, of course, I will bring a change of clothing with me. It would be madness to hang about a suburb like this in evening dress. We should be spotted in a moment."

It seemed to Ravenspur that there was no help for it. Anxious and troubled and worn out as he was, he could not be altogether blind to the absurdity of the situation. The idea of a man in his position hiding himself on a London common, dressed as he was, seemed ridiculous. He had no more than a dust coat over his evening dress; he was wearing the collar of an order. Still, as he looked at him, he took a fresh heart of grace. The common appeared to be little frequented. There were deep hollows here and there, full of bracken and brambles, under which it was possible to hide. There was no prospect of Walter getting back within the next three hours. There was nothing for it but to make the best of the situation.

Meanwhile, Walter was hurrying back to London. He made a wide detour of the common, so that it was not possible for him to be seen from the house. Then presently he struck a main road on the far side of which ran a railway. He could see in the distance the buildings and signals that marked a station. At any rate, he would be able to find out where he was without displaying his ignorance by asking questions. It was still early only a little past five o'clock, as Walter found on consulting his watch. After all said and done, the station was not much used, for probably no train would run within the next couple of hours. Presently there was a clatter of hoofs behind, and an empty hansom came along. The driver of the cab was proof to Walter that he was not very far outside the radius. A happy idea came to him. "Are you going back to town?" he asked the cabman.

"Well, yes, sir," the cabman explained. "I have been taking a fare out to Cannon Green."

"Then you are just the man for me," Walter exclaimed. "My man has failed to turn up, and I was going to try the station. I suppose that is Cannon Green station just at the end of the road?"

"That's right, sir," the cabman said civilly. "But you'll get no train yet. Drive you anywhere you like, sir, for half a sovereign."

Walter jumped into the cab without further hesitation. A ride of a little over an hour brought him to Park Lane. A sleepy footman opened the door and regarded Walter in amazement. He had his story all ready. There had been misunderstanding on the previous evening, and Lord Ravenspur and Miss Rayne had gone on to Weymouth by an early train. There was something very paltry about this deception, but at the same time it seemed to Walter to be absolutely necessary. He roused his own man; together they packed a couple of portmanteaux, which Walter gave directions should be taken to Waterloo Station without delay and left in the cloak-room. Once he had satisfied the curiosity of the household in Park Lane, he went on promptly to Venables' rooms. Over a hasty breakfast he explained everything that had happened to his companion. As he expected, Venables at once threw himself heart and soul into the adventure.

"I quite understand your point of view," he exclaimed. "What you want to do is to hang about all day and take observations. At the same time, it is absolutely necessary that we should arouse no suspicions. I think I can see my way. This is a matter of disguise. We can pick up all we want in this direction in Covent Garden on our way to the station."

"There is only one thing that worries me," Walter said, "and that is Bruzo. What shall we do with him?"

(To be continued.)

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THE LABOR VOTE IN THE UNITED STATES

The Journal of Commerce Says it Cannot be Delivered by Gompers.

(New York Journal of Commerce.)

In the demand which Samuel Gompers is making upon the political parties of this country for legislation claimed to be "in the interest of labor," such as restriction upon the judicial power of injunction in behalf of unions and exemption of labor combinations from laws prohibiting restraint of commerce, it is assumed that the labor vote is in the scale to tip the beam in favor of the party that yields to the demand and against that which refuses. The only weapon of coercion or intimidation or of political bribery that Mr. Gompers can wield is the labor vote and he seems to think he can use that at will.

We do not believe that the American workmen, those at least who are real Americans, are to be led or driven in any such way. The greater number of them are likely to have opinions of their own on the question of making a separate class of laboring men in the eye of the law distinguished from others by any special privilege or exemption. We do not believe they desire it or fall to see the danger of it. All they ask is to be treated with equal and exact justice and placed on the same footing with citizens who are traders or professional workers or employers of labor, which any of them may aspire to become. The labor unions are far from including a majority of workmen, and their members are far from likely to be subsiding with the peaceful and aggressive leaders in their political action. Few of those leaders are real Americans, and those who nominally are so often show a sad lack of the spirit of American equality and fair play.

"Labor" has made a poor showing in presidential elections with candidates of its own. It first appeared with a national ticket in 1888 and cast 146,836 out of a total of about 10,000,000. In 1892 there was a Socialist Labor ticket which received only 21,532 votes, increased to 36,375 in 1896. In 1900 Debs ran a Socialist-Democrat candidate for president and got 92,142 votes and a separate Socialist Labor candidate had 38,622. The total that year was over 13,500,000. Four years ago Debs ran again, simply as "Socialist" and received 402,129 votes, while a Socialist Labor candidate got 38,622, the total vote being smaller than in 1900.

The labor vote cannot be drawn off into a separate party, as has often been shown locally and in State campaigns. Gompers' idea is to use it as a balance power and swing it from one party to the other to accomplish his ends. We do not believe that can be done in any decisive extent. There are unfortunately, ignorant and stupid voters who may be so herd and so easily misled that the American workman takes some pride in thinking and acting for himself, and looking as a citizen beyond any class interest, real or supposed. In citizenship or politics he should not acknowledge a class interest or tolerate it, any more than retail traders or clerks or professional men should vote together as a class in their own supposed interests, regardless of principle or the important policies of the government.

MACKENZIE AND MANN BUY ANOTHER RAILWAY

Toronto, June 24.—(Special).—McKenzie & Mann have secured control of the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway Company, which includes the steamers Lakeside and Garden City, and the line from Port Dalhousie to Niagara Falls. D. P. Hanna, vice-president of the Canadian Northern, has been appointed president of the new company.

MAY SUE ONTARIO BANK DIRECTOR FOR \$2,000,000

Toronto, June 24.—(Special).—There is every prospect of the suit against the Ontario Bank directors, to recover about \$2,000,000, being pressed. The shareholders' committee has not yet reported, and their report will depend on the revelations made at the examination for discovery of the old officials of the bank, soon to be held.

At a meeting held in the mayor's office yesterday afternoon to consider what action should be taken with reference to St. John contributing to the Quebec battlefields movement, it was decided to issue circulars to the citizens and to employ a collector to solicit subscriptions. The list will be opened at once and all citizens are invited to contribute. A very small number attended the meeting yesterday.

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Dr. Thos. Walker and J. T. Hart, went to St. Andrew to attend a masonic gathering in celebration of St. John's day.

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



SMART AND PRACTICAL COSTUMES FOR THE RACES.

Three-piece racing costumes are developed in all the fashionable shades in rough silks of both plain and bordered type. The skirts are invariably trained and simply made, while the blouses, whether separate or detached, show any amount of lace and embroidery, the transparent sleeves and yoke playing a prominent part. The wrap worn to the races is quite as elaborate as those used for carriage wear, and should be of three-quarters length with loose back and fronts and roomy sleeves. When the Persian and Oriental bordered pongees are used for the wrap they require no other trimming, as the material is quite wide enough to form the fronts.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

AT THE PRINCESS

A programme of more than usual merit was put on at the Princess last night. All the pictures are new, and are equal to any yet shown there. The Dog Acrobats is one of the best ever produced and calls forth admiration, for it shows how highly dogs can be educated. The Servant's Generosity is a touching story of the love and sacrifice of a poor servant. The Human Clock is an excellent comedy and all who see it are assured of a good laugh. In glimpses of Fun City is very entertaining showing a large number of baby elephants lions and tigers in the care of their keepers. Do not fail to hear A. Munro Dorr in the latest illustrated songs.

Miss Helen Dick, daughter of John M. Dick, of Rockland Road, left yesterday afternoon for Winnipeg, where she will be married on Saturday next to F. MacClure Schanders, formerly of St. John, and now board of trade commissioner in Saskatoon. The marriage will take place at the home of Mrs. Dick's brother, A. L. Dick, in Winnipeg.

C. P. R. INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT WILL BENEFIT NEW BRUNSWICK

That New Brunswick will benefit through the work of the newly formed industrial department of the C. P. R. and that the information being gleaned by the agricultural commission in their meetings will be of considerable value to the province was the opinion expressed last evening by H. P. Timmerman, who has been appointed industrial commissioner of the C. P. R.

Mr. Timmerman arrived in the city on the Boston train and is at the Royal. In conversation with a reporter he said he was engaged in looking into the question of the development of industries in all branches of trade and he has been with the agricultural commission at Woodstock and Bristol getting in touch with conditions generally.

"I am pretty well acquainted with the country," he remarked, "having been for a time located in St. John and I have traveled here extensively. As soon as we can get the new department organized we will be able to deal directly with the manufacturers and different boards of trade in matters relating to business interests along the line of the Canadian Pacific."

Asked as to his opinion of the work of the agricultural commission, he said: "I have been very much gratified with their efforts from the beginning. They are bringing out a lot of valuable information from the farmers and the discussions which arise can not but be a benefit not only to the agricultural, but to the business community as well as in all the places they visit. They have a very comprehensive programme of meetings that will

occupy fully a month, and with the information they obtain at first hand the meetings will have very beneficial results. "It is a splendid opportunity for me to get familiar with the conditions of all the principal cities and towns where they manufacture materials such as produced in New Brunswick and also make use of goods manufactured in this province, or would do so if they were aware where the goods were obtainable. At the same time more Ontario goods could be brought to New Brunswick."

"There are already," he said, "shipments between St. John and Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg and it is just a question of promoting and increasing trade between the different provinces and also locating new industries on suitable sites where water power, labor and materials are cheap. We frequently have applications at our Montreal office for information as to favorable sites for new industries and New Brunswick seems to offer many opportunities for work of that character. It is difficult to say what large improvements may come but a number of matters are looming up that promise very well for New Brunswick."

The formation of a department of this kind is new for Canadian railways, though some of the companies in the United States have such departments.

JOSEPH BARTON DEAD IN COBURG, ONTARIO

I. C. R. Car Inspector Former St. John Man Passed Away Yesterday.

Moncton, June 24.—Word was received this evening of the death at Coburg (Ont.) of Joseph Barton, I.C.R. car inspector of Moncton, who passed away last afternoon about 4 o'clock after four weeks' illness.

Mr. Barton went to Coburg four weeks ago to inspect cars being built for the I.C.R. by the Crossen Car Co. He was taken ill shortly after his arrival there and death was due to a complication of diseases.

Decided was born in St. John but lived in Moncton the past thirty-five years, filling the position of foreman of the I.C.R. car shops many years. Since last

fall he has been inspecting cars being built for the road. He was 64 years of age and a wife, who was at his bedside and six children survive him. The sons and daughters, with the exception of Charles A., a teller in the Bank of Nova Scotia, Newcastle, live here. Two sisters, Miss Catherine Barton of the public schools staff, and Mrs. Stockford reside in Moncton. Two sisters, Mrs. Gibson and Miss Ellen Barton, reside in St. John, a brother, Robert in Staten Island and a sister, Annie Barton in Mattapan (Mass.).

Deceased was a prominent mason and Knight of Pythias and was highly respected as a citizen. He was held in the highest esteem by I.C.R. employees, among whom he was well known. His death will be learned with general regret. The body will be brought here for burial.

New York, June 24.—The death rate in Greater New York last week was the lowest ever known, 13.45 per thousand, and 12.99 thousand on Manhattan Island.

WHITNEY ADVOCATES EMPIRE CONFERENCE

Declares Open Discussion on Preference Would Enlighten British Public.

Montreal, June 24.—A special cable from London says: Premier Whitney, of Toronto, writes to an English correspondent suggesting that the time has come when the general interests of the empire demand a free and free discussion of the preferential problem in an imperial conference. His triumphant return to power in Ontario gives added weight to his views. Mr. Whitney says: "The whole question and the action which may be the result of a full and free discussion are certain to have more serious and lasting effect on the future of the empire than any question ever presented to the British people. I see no reason why we should wait till the people of Great Britain are a unit on the subject either way. I believe the proper method is not to turn our backs upon it or ignore it because it has become a question of party controversy in England, but boldly take the position that the several sections or groups of communities comprising the empire, and for this purpose Great Britain should be considered one, should express their views. Such sections or groups should sit down together in conference.

"Are the unity and continuity of the empire to be the governing objects to be kept in view? Are they desirable to the extent that each group would be willing to make sacrifices if necessary in that behalf? There is every reason to believe a starting point could be found which would lead to great results indeed."

ANTI-TOBACCO BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

Ottawa, June 24.—The bill to restrain the use of tobacco by young persons which passed the house of commons today, has for its main provision the following: "Everyone is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction in the case of a first offence to a penalty not exceeding \$10, and in the case of a second offence to a penalty not exceeding \$25, and in the case of a third or subsequent offence, to a penalty not exceeding \$100, who directly or indirectly sells, gives or furnishes to a person under the age of eighteen years any cigarette or cigarette papers, whether for his own use or not, or sells or gives to such a person tobacco in any form, other than cigarettes, which tobacco he knows or has reason to believe is for the use of that person."

The bill has yet to run the gauntlet of the senate, where no doubt, the amendment which Mr. Blain had intended to move in the commons will be considered, namely the prohibition of the manufacture, importation or sale of cigarettes.

The business of the "Salada" Tea Co. goes on increasing in the most wonderful way. A year never passes but at least 135,000 people are added to the consumers of that delicious tea.

SCALP DISEASE CURED BY ZAM-BUK

Mrs. Albert Goedike of 485 Amherst St., Montreal, says:—"My three-year-old girl Anna suffered intensely since birth from scalp disease, and we could not get rid of the irritating disease. On March 10th, 1908, someone recommended my husband (who is elevator man at the Carseley Co.) to try Zam-Buk Balm and Zam-Buk Medicinal Soap. From commencing to use these remedies we saw an improvement and after nine days treatment the child was cured completely."

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

Fredericton, June 24.—The following provincial appointments have been assented to:

Carleton County. Alex. P. Ritchie to be commissioner of the Parish of Micklelow civil court in place of Edwin R. Squires removed. Gloucester County.

John McNichol, M. D., Robert Gordon Duncan, M. D., and Simon Heldengraber to be coroners. Kings County.

William D. Turner to be clerk of the county court in place of Fred L. Fairweather removed. J. Arthur Freee to be referee in equity in place of Fred L. Fairweather, removed.

Hiram W. Folkins to be sitting magistrate for the town of Sussex. St. John County.

George A. Anderson of Musquash, to be a member of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for the county in place of George Reid, whose term of office has expired. Victoria County.

Gilbert Peat, D. D., to be a member of and chairman of the Board of Health in place of F. N. Welling, M.D. Westmorland County.

Robert L. Botford, M.D., to be a member of and chairman of the Board of Health of the City of Moncton in place of C. A. Murray, D.D.S. Lunenburg County.

Lucien J. Belliveau, M.D., to be a member of and chairman of the local Board of Health in Westmorland county, in place of Donald D. McDonald, M.D. John G. Lamb of Port Elgin to be issuer of marriage licenses.

Delaney M. Wilbur to be Labor Act commissioner for the parish of Moncton in place of Ephraim Price. Antoine J. Legere to be divisional registrar for the registration division of the county of Westmorland in place of Frank A. McCully. COUNTY OF YORK.

George Howland, Thomas Slipp, Henry E. Peckard, John Burke, Napoleon Thomas, Thos. Griffith and William H. Rogers to be justice of the peace. George Howland to be a commissioner of the Parish of Douglas civil court. E. Herbert Estey and Percy A. Guthrie to be commissioners for taking affidavits to be read in the supreme court.

The Times Daily Puzzle Picture



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