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A Mysterious Disappearance

By Gordon Holmes

A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)

"Excellent, Mr. White has a keen nose for false scents. I have already told him to let my affairs alone. He means no harm."

But the reference to a "lydy in a keb," had suggested an immediate plan of action to the barrister. He would call to see Mrs. Hillmer. He wrote a note asking her if he might come to tea that afternoon, and sent it by a boy messenger.

In return he received this answer.

"Mrs. Hillmer will be at home at four o'clock if Mr. Bruce cares to call then."

"Whew!" he whistled. "What's in the wind there? This is an uncommonly stiff invitation. That rascal White has upset her, I'll be bound. I must choke him off somehow. Suppose he were to find that damaged bracket! He would have Mensmore under trial at the Old Bailey in double-quick time. After I leave Mrs. Hillmer I must visit No. 12 again, and carry off that pair of brackets before White discovers them, as he will haunt the place in future."

Bruce had a set of skeleton keys in his possession.

They were in his pocket when he approached Raleigh Mansions at the appointed hour.

The same trim maid opened the door for him and ushered him into the drawing-room. On the occasion of his first visit he was taken to the dining-room. It was a small matter, but Bruce paid heed to such.

Mrs. Hillmer appeared, very stately and undemonstrative. She greeted him coldly, seated herself at a distance, and said, in a cold, well-controlled voice:

"I did not expect the honor of another visit from you, Mr. Bruce."

"Why not?"

There was a fight brewing, and he would let the enemy open fire. The glitter in her eyes showed that the batteries were ready to be unmasked. He was not mistaken.

"Why not?" Because I believed you to be a gentleman. Once you had stooped to sending your myrmidons to pester me I imagined that you would keep yourself in the background."

There was an indignant ring in her words as she concluded. When woman is angry her own speech acts as a trumpet-call and fires her blood. Mrs. Hillmer began, as she intended, in icy disdain. She ended in tremulous anger.

"You allude to Mr. White?" said the barrister, looking steadily at her.

"Yes, that is the man. Some hireling from Scotland Yard. How could you so meanly induce my confidence at our first meeting? I have never been so deceived in a man in my life, and I have had a surfeit of bitter experience already."

"Brother and sister are alike. They have led queer lives," mused Bruce. Aloud he said:

"Your experience, Mrs. Hillmer, should at least lead you not to condemn any one unheard. May I explain that which is incomprehensible at this moment?—justly so, I admit."

"Explanations! I am a child in the hands of such as you. How can I hope to fathom your real intent? Presumably, if I accept your apologies now, it will be a prelude to further visits by impudent police officers."

"I am not here to apologize, Mrs. Hillmer."

"What then, pray?"

"To plead with you. For Heaven's sake do not distrust me. It may ruin those whom you hold dear. Listen to me first, and try to believe me afterwards."

He was so thoroughly in earnest, so impressive in manner, that she did not know what to make of him. In her despair, she adopted a woman's chief resource—her eyes filled with tears.

But he anticipated her.

"Now, Mrs. Hillmer," he cried, "let us act like sensible people. Compose yourself, order in some tea, and after an interlude I will tell you all about it. Candor is an indispensable element of confidence."

Mrs. Hillmer rose, made an effort to choke back her agitation, went out, and called to the maid for tea. She returned in a few moments. When they were alone Bruce said, with a smile:

"A little poudre de ris is an excellent corrective for signs of grief."

The lady blushed, and there was a perceptible return to her former pleasant manner.

"You are incorrigible, I fear," she said.

"Not a bit. Impressionable, rather. Now I am going to startle you considerably, so be prepared. And do not jump at conclusions. Though startling, my news is not alarming. All may yet end well."

Mrs. Hillmer was manifestly anxious, but she promised to try to understand him fully before she formed any judgment.

"Then," said he, "I can clear the air a good deal by a simple statement. Mr. White is no agent of mine, and I have seen your brother, Albert Mensmore, at Monte Carlo."

Mrs. Hillmer gave a little gasp of surprise. "You have seen Bertie?"

"Yes; your brother is he not?"

"My half-brother, to be exact. My father was married twice. I—I am the elder of the two by four years."

"Apart from the compliment, you do not look it. But what you say explains the total absence of likeness between you."

"Possibly. People said we each resembled our mother. And Bertie, you know, has led a somewhat adventurous career. He roughed it a good deal in America. But what has all this got to do with detectives, and recent inquiries, and that sort of thing?"

"Much. The last time we met I told you that your brother was mixed up in some little affair with a lady."

Mrs. Hillmer laughed, a trifle constrainedly. "If you knew Bertie as well as I do, you would not harbor suspicions concerning him. He never had a love affair in his life. Indeed, he is something of a woman-hater."

"No doubt he was. But he has changed his opinions. He is in love, and is engaged to be married to a very charming girl. Thus far, his beliefs and his good fortune have pulled against each other."

"Bertie engaged to be married! Good gracious! Who is she? And how can he support a wife? He is poor, and in debt, and he won't even let me help him."

"I have stated the facts, nevertheless. The lady is a daughter of Sir William Browne, and they are now yachting with a large party in the Mediterranean."

"Are her people against the match? Is this why this Scotland Yard man—?"

"No. Mensmore is on board Sir William's yacht. But there is another lady, missing from her home for nearly three months, who is believed to be dead—murdered, the police say—and with whom your brother was in some indefinable way associated."

"Do they dare to say that Bertie killed her?" Mrs Hillmer"'s color rose and her eyes flashed fire again.

"They say nothing. They are simply doing their duty in trying to discover the truth. And you may take it from me, as an undoubted fact, that the last place this lady visited before her death was one of the flats in these mansions. All present indications point to your brother's residence as being the place. Now, I pray you, be calm, and try to help me, for I have acted in this matter as your friend and as your brother's friend. At this very moment I am concealing his identity and his whereabouts from the police, who are searching for him under the assumed name of Corbett. If he is guilty of this crime, then I must hand him over to justice, for the murdered woman was a dear and good friend of mine. If he is innocent, as, indeed, I believe him to be, I will strive to help him and save his good name from the tarnish of being arrested on such an odious charge."

During this recital Mrs. Hillmer became deathly pale. Her agitation was the greater inasmuch as she forcibly controlled herself. But she could not remain seated. She sprang to the window and looked out, in the vain effort to seek inspiration from the gathering gloom of the street. Then she turned, and spoke very slowly:

"I think I understand. I must have faith in you, Mr. Bruce. Who—was—the lady?"

The barrister thought deeply before replying. He had previously decided upon this supreme step, but he hesitated now that it was imminent. There was no help for it.

"Her name," said he, "is one which is well known to the world. Lady Dyke, wife of Sir Charles Dyke, is missing from her home since the evening of November 6 last. She met with a violent death that night, and I —not the police—have good reason to belive that she was killed in your brother's residence."

Mrs. Hillmer flung herself on a lounge, and buried her white face in her hands and moaned, in a perfect agony of terror:

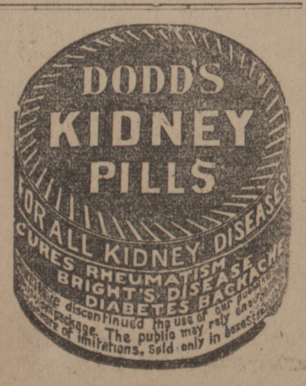
"Oh, my God! What shall I do? What shall I do?"

This outburst astounded Bruce. He did not know what to make of it. His intelligence had certainly taken his hearer by surprise. What interpretation was he to place upon her words and her unrestrained actions?

"Now, Mrs. Hillmer," he began; but she broke in vehemently, running to him and clutching him by the arm:

"He is innocent, Mr. Bruce. He must be innocent. He could not lift his finger to any woman. You must save him—do you hear? save him, or you will have his blood upon your soul. It was true, then, that you came here to hunt for him. Save him, if you hope for mercy yourself when you are dying."

(To be Continued.)



Fashion Hint for Times Readers



A NEW WAY TO USE RIBBON TRIMMING.

Ribbon always makes a most practical and satisfactory hat trimming for summer-time, for ribbons will not wilt in the sea air, and may be easily brushed free of dust. Some of the smart hats for spring offer very attractive suggestions in new ribbon arrangements—this broad-brimmed "prima donna" shape particularly. The straw is underfaced with satin, and around the crown are five cabachons of ribbon in two tones of the satin color. The cabachons are easily made by sewing pleated ribbons round and round circular pieces of buckram, the centers being filled by satin-covered cushions of the lighter shade.

WILL KEEP ALL UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS OUT OF CANADA

Some Drastic Changes to be Made in the Immigration Law —A Board at Every Port of Entry Will Pass on the Qualifications of Newcomers.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Hon. Mr. Oliver's bill respecting immigration, which has now been printed in revised form, codifies existing statutes and gives statutory effect to several recent orders-in-council respecting immigration.

There are also a number of new sections respecting the details of immigration policy which are largely modelled upon the United States immigration act. The time limit during which an immigrant is liable to be deported is increased from two to three years. It also provides that "the time spent by an immigrant or alien in any prison or insane asylum in Canada shall not be counted in the three-year period of domicile."

Among the prohibited class who are forbidden to land or who, if landed, must be deported, are "immigrants whose passage to Canada has been paid wholly or in part by any charitable organization or out of public moneys."

The board also provides for a permanent board of inquiry at ports of entry, which is authorized to make a "summary determination of all cases of immigration of passengers seeking to land in Canada and detained under this act, and no court or judge shall have jurisdiction to review, quash, reverse, restrain or otherwise interfere with such summary determination." An appeal, however, lies from the ruling of the board to the minister of the interior.

The master of any vessel is forbidden to land any passengers without written permission from the immigration officers. The governor-in-council is authorized to impose as a condition precedent to the landing of any immigrant that "he shall possess money to a prescribed minimum amount, which amount may vary according to the race, occupation or destination of such immigrant and the governor-in-council may, by proclamation or order, whenever he deems it necessary or expedient, prohibit the landing in Canada of any immigrant who comes otherwise than by a continuous journey from his own country or upon a through ticket purchased in that country, and the same authority may for a time or permanently prohibit any race from coming to Canada which is deemed unsuited to the climate or requirements of Canada."

Section 42 of the act subjects any person other than a Canadian citizen to deportation who is an anarchist or advocates the overthrow of the present law and authority of the British or Canadian government or advocates the assassination of any British or Canadian official or is "suspected of belonging to any secret society," such as the Black Hand, the Mafia, the High Binders, or any other society which "attempts to control any resident of Canada by force or threat of bodily harm or by blackmail."

A number of other sections are directed against influencing intending immigrants by false statements as to the conditions in this country and providing against immigrants being overcharged or otherwise ill-treated in transit or after landing.

The term "stowaway" is intended to include "a person who travels by stealth or secreted on any railway train, freight car or other vehicle." This is intended, an explanatory note sets forth, to "include tramps and hoboes who pass from the United States to Canada concealed on freight cars."

BOSTON'S GREAT REVIVAL CLOSED

After a Month of Special Services it is Claimed Many Converts Have Been Made.

Boston, Feb. 21.—The greatest revival campaign which was ever held in Boston closed tonight with a monster service in Mechanics' hall, after a month's work in which meetings have been held every day, attended by an estimated number of 800,000 persons.

The services began on Jan. 26 and were conducted in fifteen churches of Greater Boston, with the principal meetings in Tremont Temple and Mechanics' building. Rev. Dr. Wilbur J. Chapman, with Chas. M. Alexander as musical director, and a corps of evangelistic speakers and musicians, conducted the revival, with the assistance of local pastors.

It is claimed that many hundred people have been converted through the meetings, at almost all of which nearly as many people have been turned away as were admitted.

Bled to Death

Tried to trim a wart with a razor, and severed an artery. The only wart cure is "Putnam's," which removes warts, corns, callousness in one day. Insist on getting Putnam's Corn and Wart Extractor, it's the best.

A petition is being circulated among the Acadians of the province, to be forwarded to Lieut.-Governor Tweedie and the Board of Education of New Brunswick advocating the introduction of a French elementary textbook for the study of Canadian History in the schools. The book suggested is L'Histoire Elementaire du Canada, by Ph. F. Bourgeois.

BELGIAN WALKED FROM CALGARY TO WINNIPEG

At the Latter City Citizens Subscribed Enough to Send Him Back to Belgium to See His Dying Wife.

Winnipeg, Feb. 21—A Belgian, named Charles Hiver, a fine strapping man of thirty-one, arrived yesterday from Calgary, having walked every mile of the distance. He started from Foothills on Dec. 13. Hiver came to this country two years ago intending to make a home for his wife and his family and then send for them. Early in December, however, he received a letter from Belgium telling that his wife was dying, and urging him to hurry home if he wanted to see her alive. He had no money to pay his passage so he started to walk from Calgary to Halifax. Citizens who were touched by the man's story here subscribed enough money to pay his passage to Belgium.

ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES

Havelock Wilson, of Chesley street, and William H. White, of Douglas avenue, are spoken of as prospective candidates against Ald. Rowan in Lansdowne ward at the next civic election. When asked last evening both said they had been urged by their friends to enter the field, but were as yet undecided whether or not they would accept.

There seems every likelihood of a three-cornered contest for aldermanic honors in Kings ward again this year. Last night T. O'Brien announced his candidature, Rupert E. Wigmore is in the field, and it is understood that Ald. Hamm will offer for re-election.

A child of Joseph Krause, of Huntington, Ind., weight two pounds at birth, had one tooth when born, and though only two weeks old has four well-developed teeth, and is cutting others rapidly.

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PLAN TO HARNESS THE TIDES OF FUNDY

Fundy Tidal Power Company Seeking Incorporation to Secure Power From Rivers and Basins Entering Bay.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The Canada Gazette contains notice that the Fundy Tidal Power Company will apply to parliament this session for an act of incorporation empowering the company to develop electric power from the tidal flow of certain rivers and basins emptying into the Bay of Fundy.

The company seeks power to construct dams across the Petitcodiac river, between Moncton and Fort Folly Point, across the mouth of the Memramcook river, and also across Shepody, Tantramar, Aulac, Missiquash, La Planche, Maccan, Nappan and Hubert, Avon, Shubenacadie and Stewiacke rivers and the head of Cumberland Basin and Basin of Minas.

The dams are to be constructed and operated subject to the law with reference to navigable rivers. The application is made on behalf of the company by James Friel, of Dorchester (N. B.)

The total immigration into Canada for the first ten months of the current fiscal year was 125,653, as compared with 240,892 for the same period of 1907-08, showing a decrease of forty-eight per cent. The immigration for January was 4,097, as compared with 5,567 for January of last year. The immigration via ocean ports was 1,801, and from the United States 2,296.

J. H. Bertram, surveyor of customs for Toronto, has been appointed collector of customs, in succession to the late Peter Small, and Robert Holmes, ex-M. P., editor of the Goderich Signal, has been appointed surveyor of customs in succession to Mr. Bertram.

Justice F. A. Anglin, of the exchequer division of the Ontario high court, has been appointed to the supreme court bench, in succession to James MacLennan, who retired last week on superannuation.

A successor to Justice Anglin on the Ontario high court bench will not be named for some weeks.

WRECKED HOUSES OCCUPIED BY GREEKS

Thirty Buildings in Greek Quarter of South Omaha Wrecked by Mob Bent on Avenging Murder of Policeman.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 21—Bent on avenging the murder of Patrolman Edward Lowery, who was shot Friday night by a Greek prisoner, some 3,000 men and boys today partly wrecked thirty buildings in the Greek quarter of South Omaha and created a riot during which two boys were wounded with birdshot, and a dozen other persons were injured with missiles of various sorts used in smashing buildings occupied by Greeks. The riots followed a mass meeting at which two state legislators and an attorney harangued the crowd.

The police were helpless for almost three hours to disperse the rioters and Greek residents, and business men fled in panic while the mob wreaked vengeance on property.

The police gained control about 6 o'clock but were unable to disperse the crowd which thronged the streets in the quarter where the trouble occurred.

The injured boys are Frank Sweeney and Joseph Bamble, who got in the way of the contents of a shotgun fired into the crowd by the Greeks, it is said. The other persons injured were all foreigners, and after their wounds were dressed, they were sent home.

Mother Gave Her Child Away.

Had Given up all Hope of Living. Heart Trouble was Cured by Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

Mrs. Andrew Savoy, Grattan's, N.B., writes:—"In the year 1905 I was taken sick and did not think I could live any length of time. My trouble was with my heart and people told me that nothing could be done for a case like mine. I consulted the very best doctors but they could do me no good. For seven weeks I could hardly cross the floor. I had no pain, but was so weak nobody in the world can believe how I felt. I had given up all hopes of living and had given my little girl to my sister-in-law.

"One day a friend came to see me, and calling me by name, said, 'Lizzie, if I were you I would try a dose of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills as they are good for heart trouble.' My husband got me a box, but for two days I was not feeling any better, but on the fourth day my husband said, 'I believe those pills are doing you good.' I was able to say, 'Yes, I feel a good deal better this morning.' He said, 'Well, I will get you another box right away.' I took two boxes and three doses out of the third one, and I was perfectly well and have not been sick since then.

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SWEPT TO DEATH IN STORM AT SEA

Boston, Feb. 20—The fishing schooner Catherine Burke came into T wharf today with her flag at half mast for the loss of her captain, Willis W. Doggett who was washed overboard and drowned 25 miles east of Highland Light early this morning.

The Burke was caught in a terrific squall, and as the captain came on deck to order sail shortened, a monster wave swept over the decks, carrying Captain Doggett over the rail. He was not seen again and it was impossible to launch a boat.

Captain Doggett was 37 years of age and belonged in White Point, Port Matoon Harbor (N. S.), his father being the keeper of Little Hope light. He is survived by his parents and one brother.

Captain Doggett was formerly captain of the schooner Fame.

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A NORTH END FIRE

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Little time was lost and, after the woodwork had been pried off, the blaze, which was peculiarly located, was extinguished by a few streams of water. Besides the damage to the building, Mr. Quinn's stock suffered in moving and handling to the extent of about $150. Smoke got into the apartments of C. A. Amland, who lives over the store, and into H. W. Dykeman's flat on the next floor. Mr. Amland discovered the fire and notified Mr. Quinn, who telephoned for the chemical.

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The report was that he has improved remarkably, and his physician feels that the danger point has been passed.

The Times Daily Puzzle Picture



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When Weary Waggles spilt the wood
He feared that he would catch it,
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