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## A Mysterious Disappearance

By Gordon Holmes

A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)

"At No. 61, as already described, resides Mrs. Gwendoline Hillmer. She lives in good style, rents a brougham and a victoria, and is a wealthy widow or maintained by some one of means. She dresses well, and goes out a good deal to theatres, but otherwise leads a rather lonely life. Her most frequent visitor is, or was, a gentleman who looked like an officer of the Guards, and much less often, the affable Sydney H. Corbett. Her servants, except the maid, live out. The maid, who is a sort of companion, is talkative, but does not know much, or, if she does, will not speak."

Bruce weighed these statements very carefully. They did not contain any positive facts that promised well for the elucidation of Lady Dyke's visit to the mansions on that fateful November evening, but the absolute colorlessness of the reports concerning the other occupants rendered them quite impossible of individual distinction.

After an hour of puzzled thought the barrister finally decided upon a course of action. He would see Mrs. Gwendoline Hillmer, and trust to luck in the way of discoveries.

A quiet smile lit up his handsome, regular features as he proceeded to array himself in the most fashionable clothes he possessed, paying the utmost attention to every detail in a manner that amazed his valet.

When at last that worthy was despatched to the nearest florist for a boutonniere, he communicated his bewilderment to the hall-porter.

"My giv'nor's going out on the yacht," he said confidentially. "I thought he would never look at a woman, but bless yoff, Jim, we're all alike. When the day comes we all rush after a petticoat."

It was nearly six o'clock when Bruce walked down Victoria street. For some reason, he did not call a hansom, and it almost with a start that he found himself purchasing a ticket to Sloane Square at the Underground Railway office. At this precise hour and place he had last seen Lady Alice on earth. The memory nerved him to his purpose.

A few minutes later he pressed the electric bell of No. 61 Raleigh Mansions. As he listened to the slight jar of the indicator within, he smiled at the apparent fatuity of his mission.

He had one card, perhaps a weak one, to play. It was true, but he hoped that circumstances might prevent this from being tabled too early in the game.

The door opened, and a youthful housemaid stood before him, the simple woman in her eyes showing that such visitors were rare.

"Is Mrs. Hillmer at home?" he said.

"I'll see sir, if you give me your name."

"Surely you know whether or not she is at home."

The girl stammered and blushed at this unexpected query. "Well, sir," she said, "my mistress is in, but I do not know if she can receive any one. She is dressed to go out."

"Ah! that's better. Now, take her my card, and say that while I will not detain her, my business is very important."

This with a sweet smile that put the flurried maid entirely at her ease.

The girl withdrew, after hesitating for a moment to decide the important question as to whether or not she should close the door in his face.

Another smile, and she did not.

He was thus free to note the luxurious and tasteful air of the dining-room appointments, for the entrance hall usually reveals much of the characteristics of the inmates. Here was every evidence of refinement and wealth. All the display had not been lavished on the drawing-room.

As he waited, conscious of the fact that his colloquy with the servant had been overheard, a lady crossed from one room to the other at the end of the passage. Her smart, but simple dress, and the quick scrutiny she gave him as though discovering his presence accidentally, caused him to believe—rightly, as it transpired—that this was the maid-companion described by his assistant.

Not only had she obviously made her appearance in order to look at him, but the housemaid had carried his message to a different section of the flat.

The girl returned. "My mistress will see you in a few minutes," she said. "Will you kindly step into the dining-room?"

He followed her, sat down in a position where the strong glare of the electric lamps would fall on anyone who stood opposite, and waited developments.

The furniture was sober and appropriate, the carpet rich, and the pictures, engravings for the most part, excellent. This

## Fashion Hint for Times Readers



SOMETHING NEW IN A MOTORING HAT.

At first glance the trimming on this smart little hat seems to be two big, ragged petals of flowers; but look closer and discover that the "flowers" are really clusters of tiny wings massed in rosette effect. Of course these feather ornaments are of the manufactured kind and no tender-hearted woman need feel a qualm about wearing bird accessories so frankly artificial. The soft tones of the feathers are matched by the satin-striped veil or chiffon which is folded softly around the crown, the ends falling over the brim to lie beneath the chin. A motoring hat in quiet colors is always in best taste, and if a vivid color note is desired, it may be added by the extra veil, which will be tied completely over this little hat for long rides against the wind.

## THE RETRENCHMENT POLICY IN OTTAWA

The Estimates This Year Are \$20,000,000 Less Than Last Year—Government Redeems Its Pledge of Economy—New Brunswick Gets Large Votes for River and Harbor Improvements and the Intercolonial.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—The government has redeemed its pledge of economy for the fiscal year 1909-10 by reducing the estimates for that year by \$19,298,380, as compared with the estimates passed last session for the current fiscal year.

The estimates tabled today by the minister of customs calls for an expenditure for the year ending March 31, 1910, of \$119,489,774, against \$129,788,173 for the current year.

Comparing the total vote of last session with the main estimates just submitted, it is found that the chief decreases are in arts, agriculture and statistics, \$385,900; militia chargeable to income, \$308,123; public works, chargeable to income, \$85,000,000; lighthouse and coast service, \$802,150; railways and canals, \$806,125.

The increases include \$1,741,181 in interest charges on the public debt and \$1,824,670 in the item of civil government, which provides for the enhanced salaries of the inside civil service.

For redemption of the public debt the sum of \$50,825,202 is asked, which takes in the "Canada reduced four per cent. loan payable January, 1910," and the "four per cent. loan of 1885, payable Jan. 1, 1910."

In the case of the customs, inland revenue, post office, public works and other departments, the increase is partially accounted for by transfers from the outside or temporary service.

Under the head of immigration, the increase is \$105,120.

The sum of \$450,000 is asked for preparing plans, etc., for the reconstruction of the Quebec bridge.

Under the head of public buildings for New Brunswick are the following, including some proposed:

St. John dominion buildings, improvements, repairs, etc., \$8,400; St. John hall, \$12,500;

St. John quarantine station, Port-Ridgely Island, water service and improvements, and repairs to buildings, etc., \$3,000;

Tracadie lazaretto, laundry and sanitary work, \$2,990;

Total, \$21,790.

The following votes are asked for the Intercolonial railway:

Towards double tracking parts of line, \$60,000;

Improvements at Miramichi, \$25,500;

To increase accommodation at "Truro," \$32,000;

To increase accommodation at Pictou, \$5,700;

Cut off line at Moncton, \$50,000;

Original construction, \$4,900;

Improvements at North Sydney, \$70,000;

Improvements at Sackville, \$10,000;

Increased accommodation at Halifax, \$180,000;

Division of line, Sydney Mines to Riverview, \$50,000;

Locomotive and car shops, with equipment and new freight yard at Moncton, \$400,000;

Division of line at Chatham and branch to wharf, \$36,000;

New turntables, \$74,700;

To increase water supply, \$13,000;

Facilities along the line, \$133,000;

Increased accommodation at Ste. Flavie, \$133,000;

Improvements at Ste. Rose, \$55,000;

Engine house, etc., Chaudiere Junction, \$22,000;

Improvements at Drummondville, \$5,000;

Engine house, machine shops, etc., at Riverview du Loup, \$188,500;

Improvements at Newville, \$10,000;

Improvements at Campbellton, \$4,500;

Improvements at Point Tupper, \$4,000;

To provide an overhead crossing at Proberts, about two miles north

## WHY AM I ILL?

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## ROOSEVELT IS CAREFUL OF THE TREATY RIGHTS

He Says Treaty Rights Between U. S. and Foreign Nations Should Override Any Anti-Alien Legislation in California.

Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 1.—Governor Gillette made public last night the text of a letter received yesterday from President Roosevelt, with regard to anti-alien legislation now pending in the California legislature.

President Roosevelt quotes from a letter of former Secretary of State Root to Gov. Gillette, pointing out that Mr. Root saw no objection to a law which treated all aliens alike, but to avoid conflict with the constitution, such statute should contain an express exception for the rights of treaty between the United States and foreign nations. Mr. Roosevelt says that this view has his cordial endorsement.

## A VICTIM TO SCIENCE

Doctor Who Operates on Himself to Prove a Surgical Theory is Dead.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 1.—Dr. Germain E. Nirmann, 38 years old, died yesterday following an operation recently performed at his direct command to prove a theory that he advocated some time ago at a medical meeting in Washington. Dr. Nirmann held that the removal of the colon could make one immune from most diseases. As he was locally deceased in the colon he decided to experiment on himself to prove his theory.

## Why Westerners Are So Proud of Their Country

Can Grow Best Wheat on Earth

Both the story and the success of Purity flour begin in the rich, heavy soil, the "combe," as it is called, that characterizes the plains of Western Canada. After examination by the world's foremost scientists, this soil has been proclaimed the richest on earth's surface in every constituent that goes to the making of wheat. For their wheat by all the wheat-raising countries that want the best flour, or require full, hard wheat. So that the reason for the existence of the great St. Boniface Company lies in the fact that it stands at the door of the provinces which possess this rich wheat soil.

The Western Canada Flour Mills Company has a far-reaching system of storage houses scattered throughout the entire West, which are used both as purchasing depots and flour warehouses. Along the main and branch lines of the Western railroads there are at present over 75 of these and this number is being constantly added to as new lines of railroad open up virgin wheat country. They have a capacity of over two and a half million bushels. As fast as the wheat is bought, and required at any of the company's mills it is shipped to Brandon, Winnipeg or Goderich in which cities the company's mills are situated.

The St. Boniface mill is one of the show places of Winnipeg. Among millers it is famed as one of the most perfectly equipped large modern mills in the world. In extent the property covers over 12 acres. The mills, which were completed in 1906, cost over \$1,000,000. The mill proper is seven stories in height, with a floor space of 75,000 square feet, and apart from the mill there are 18 tanks with a capacity, including the warehouse, of over 500,000 bushels, and an electric power plant from which is distributed power, light and heat for the entire establishment.

The mechanical equipment is nothing short of marvellous. Its amazing completeness may be estimated from the fact that in the huge seven-story building of the mill itself there are less than ten men employed; the entire work being carried on by automatic machinery.

Is it any wonder these Westerners are proud, proud of their country and its soil, their wheat, and of a product of that wheat, "Purity Flour?"

## EIGHT TEAMS IN SIX DAY RACE IN KANSAS

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 1.—Eight teams will start in the six-day bicycle race which this afternoon will begin in convention hall. The racers will ride eight hours a day beginning at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The following are the teams entered: Kramer and Moran, New Jersey; Fogler and Root, New York; Bard and Mitten, Iowa; Demata and Fred Hill, California; Walker and Palmer, Australia; Wilcox and Senhouse, Utah; Wiley and Cameron, New York; Denonovich and Mackey, Russia.

George McArthur, H. G. Hunter, C. E. H. A. Powell, M. G. Teed and Miss Isabel Mowatt, court stenographer, went to Fredericton last evening to attend the session of the supreme court which will open today. The case of McArthur & McVey against the city is to come up.

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## NO MORE SPOTTERS IN YORK COUNTY

Fredericton Council Delivers a Crushing Blow to the Scott Act by Turning Down the Chief of Police.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 1.—There was a lively discussion over Scott act matters at a committee meeting of the city council this evening, and the employment of paid spotters to enforce the act was roundly condemned. That perjury of the most flagrant character has been committed in the police court here during the past week was admitted by all the members of the board, and it was agreed that drastic measures should be employed to put a stop to it.

By a vote of eight to two, the council adopted a resolution authorizing Ald. Winslow, chairman of the administration of justice committee, to withdraw all information in Scott act cases now pending where the evidence against the accused parties was procured by spotters by means of fraud and deception.

It is understood that the cases against Alonzo Staples and Arthur Ryan, druggists, now being tried at the police court, will be withdrawn tomorrow.

The action of the council is a slap in the face to Chief of Police Winter, who engaged Spotters McQuestion and Belyea, now operating here.

A tickling or dry cough can be quickly loosened with Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. No opium, no chloroform, nothing unsafe or harsh. Sold by all druggists.

## WILL MEET IN ST. JOHN

The Provincial Agricultural Commission Will Assemble in the Board of Trade Rooms Tomorrow Afternoon.

The agricultural commission is to hold a session in the board of trade rooms on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting will be an open one and opinions and suggestions are invited from all interested in agriculture in the province. It is likely that the St. John Exhibition Association, the St. John County Agricultural Society and the board of trade will be represented by speakers before the commission.

## TANNER AND MCKAY CHOSEN IN PICTOU

Pictou, N. S., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Conservative convention, which met at Westville last night, nominated C. E. Tanner for the bye-election for the provincial legislature. Mr. Tanner accepted.

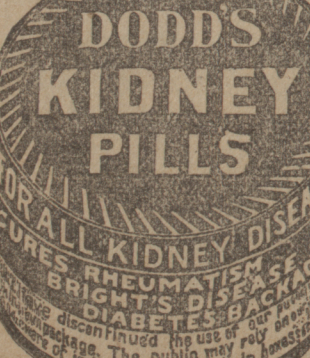
George Gray, of Stellarton, who had been nominated by the Liberal convention a week ago, notified the chairman of the convention tonight that he could not accept, business reasons preventing. The committee then waited on R. H. McKay, of Westville, and tendered him the nomination, which he accepted. He was the second choice of the convention. The election takes place Feb. 16.

The Y. P. A. of Leinster street Baptist church received a visit last evening from the Y. P. A. of Coburg street Christian church. There was a large attendance and the meeting was very interesting. Fred Holman presided. The opening address was made by Rev. George Titus, who recently accepted a call to the Coburg street church. His subject was Missions and he delivered a very fine discourse. A number of the young people took part in a discussion that followed.

## The Times Daily Puzzle Picture



February 2—Ground Hog Day. Find the Weather Man. ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE: Upside down behind her.



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