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THE MESSAGE

By LOUIS TRACY

Author of "The Wings of the Morning," "The Wheel of Fortune," "The Captain of the Kansas," etc.

(Continued)

"You 'member dem Captain Warden?"

"Of course I do."

"An' you keep secret dem t'ings, I tell you?"

'Where Captain Warden's affairs are concerned, I shall certainly not discuss him or them."

Figuero paid no heed to the intentional snub.

"You understan' better w'en I tole you dem secret. You promise not speak 'im any one?"

"Well—yes."

"He fit for marry dem Mees Dane."

"Don't be idiotic."

Mrs. Laing could not help it. She was so startled that she raised her voice and more than one of her neighbors wondered what the sallowfaced stranger had said that evoked the outburst. Figuero looked annoyed. He was not prepared for such vehement repudiation of his views. Fortunately, the Honorable Bill Thring was giving a realistic account of his failure to secure an heiress during a recent wife-hunting tour in America—he tried lots of 'em, he explained, but they all said he must kill off at least one brother and two healthy nephews before they would risk marryin' a prize dude like him—so Rosemund's emphatic cry passed almost unnoticed amidst the laughter evoked by Thring's exploits.

"You fit for chop," muttered the Portuguese sarcastically. "You fit for fool player. You plenty much silly woman."

"But what you say cannot be true," she half whispered, and the man's astute senses warned him that it was dread, not contempt, that drew the protest from her lips.

"I fit for tell you Warden make wife palaver wid dem girl at Cowes. If you no believe me, make sof' mouf an' ax Miss Dane."

Then the woman remembered Warden's anxiety to return tothe Isle of Wight. He had not written to her or to Lady Tilbury during the past month, and this fact trivial as a pin-prick before, now became a rankling wound.

'You keep dem secret?" went on Figuero, watching her closely.

"Why did you tell me?" she retorted.

"Cos I no want Warden marry dem girl. Savvy?"

"Do you want to marry her yourself?" she asked, with a bitterness that showed how deeply she was hurt.

He grinned and wetted his thin lips with his tongue.

"You t'ink I tired goin' by lone?" he said.

"What is your motive? Why do you choose me as a confidant?"

Figuero suddenly became dense.

"I tell you leetle bit news," he said. "Dat English custom Wen we chap-time paleuer set. But you no say Figuere fole you dem t'ing.

Rosamond did not reply. She endeavored to eat, and entered into conversation with a man near her The Honorable Billy was ending his story.

"So I am still eligible," he was saying "I went to America full of hot air and came back with cold feet. But I learned the language—eh, what?"

That night, in the drawing-room, Mrs. Laing carried out the opening move in a campaign she had napped out for herself. If Figeuro's story were true, she would smite and spare not. If it were untrue, Evelyn would be the first to deny it, and Rosamund trusted to her own intuition to discover how far such denial might be credited.

A man who was talking to Evelyn was summoned to a bridge table, and Rosamund took his place unobtrusively.

"Then you really were on board the Sans Sauci at Cowes, Miss Dane?" she began, with a friendly smile.

"Yes," said Evelyn, at a loss to determine why her brief sojourn in the Solent should attract such widespread attention.

"And you met Captain Warden there?"

The attack was so direct and unexpected that the younger woman blushed and flinched from it. Still, she was not to be drawn into admissions like a frightened child.

"I met several people on the island," she said. "Cowes is a crowded place during a regatta week."

"Oh, come now," purred the smiling Rosamund, "one does not forget a man of Arthur Warden's type so readily—and after a violent flirtation, too! You see, I know all about it. Little birds whisper these things. Arthur did not tell me when he came to see me in town. Of course, he wouldn't, but there are always kind-hearted people willing enough to gossip if they think they are annoying one."

There was sufficient innuendo in this brief speech to justify Mrs. Laing's worst estimate of scandal-mongers. Not one barbed shaft missed its mark. If words could wound, then Evelyn must have succumber, but the injuries they inflict are not always visible, and she kept a stiff upper lip, though her heart raced in wild tumult.

"The inference is that you are far more interested in Captain Warden's visits to Cowes than I or any other person can pretend to be," she said slowly.

She meant the cold-drawn phrase to hurt, and in that she succeeded, though her own voice sounded in her ears as if it had come from afar.

"Well, perhaps you ought to be told that he and I are engaged," said Rosamund, stung to a sudden fury of lying. "Don't imagine I bear malice. You are sweetly pretty, and Arthur is so susceptible! But he is also rather thoughtless. We were pledged to each other years ago, but were kept apart by—by a mother's folly. Now I am free, and he came back to me, though I had to insist that at least a year should elapse between my husband's death and the announcement of our engagement. All our friends know our sad story, and would forgive some measure of haste, but one has to consider the larger circle of the public."

Then, indeed, Evelyn's blood seemed to chill in her veins. The room and its occupants swam before her eyes, and the pain of repression became almost unbearable, yet she was resolved to carry off the honors in this duel unless she fainted.

"I gather that you are warning me against Captain Warden's thoughtlessness, as you term it?" she said, compelling each word at the bayonet's point, as it were.

"Oh, I was not speaking seriously, but we can let it go at that."

"And you wish me to understand that you are his promised wife?"

"There, at least, I am most emphatic," and Rosamond laughed, a trifle shrilly, perhaps, for a woman so well equipped with the armor of self-conceit.

"I suppose, then, that the late Mr. Laing has been dead a year, as I form one of that larger circle whose favorable opinion you court?"

For an instant Rosamond's black eyes flashed angrily. She expected tears and faltering, not resistance.

"I only meant to do you a good turn, yet on the raw," she sneered.

"Pray do not consider me at all. By your own showing, I have no grievance—no locus standi, as the lawyers say—but, since you have gone out of your way to give a mere stranger this interesting information, I wish to be quite sure of the facts. For instance, let us suppose that I have the honor of Captain Warden's acquaintance—am I at liberty to write and congratulate him?"

"That would place me in a false position."

"Ah. Is there nothing to be said for me? You spoke of a 'violent flirtation,' I think. If I may guess at the meaning of a somewhat crude phrase, it seems to imply a possible exchange of lovers' vows, and one of the parties might be misled—and suffer."

"We women are the sinners most frequently."

"I do not dispute your authority, Mrs. Laing. I only wish to ascertain exactly what I am free to say to Captain Warden?"

"Tell him you met me, and that I am well posted in everything that occurred at Cowes. And, for goodness' sake, let me see his reply. It will be too killing to read Arthur's verbal wrigglings, because he is really clever, don't you think?"

Somehow, despite the steely tension of every nerve, Evelyn caught an undertone of anxiety in the jesting words. Her rival was playing a bold game. It might end in complete disaster, but, once committed to it, there was no drawing back.

"The proceedings at Cowes were open to all the world," Evelyn could not help saying. "Even you, with your long experience, might fail to detect in them any trace of the thoughtlessness you deplore."

"Then you have met him elsewhere?"

Evelyn, conscious of a tactical blunder, colored even more deeply with annoyance, though again she felt that her tormentor was not so sure of her ground as she professed to be. Every woman is a born actress, and Evelyn precipitated a helpful crisis with histrionic skill.

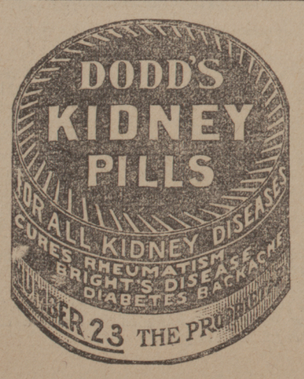
"The whole story is yours, not mine, Mrs. Laing," she said quietly. "Perhaps, if you apply to your half-caste informant he may fill in further details to please you."

At that moment the Honorable Billy Thring intervened. He was one of those privileged persons who can say anything to anybody without giving offense, and he broke into the conversation now with his usual frank inanity.

"I find I've bin lookin' for a faithful spouse in the wrong direction. Mrs. Laing," he chortled. "Barkin' up the wrong tree, a Chicago girl called it. What a thorough ass I was to spin that yarn at dinner with you in the room. Will you be good, an' forget it? Don't say I haven't got an earthly before the flag falls."

"What in the world are you talking about?" cried Rosamund, turning on him with the sourest of society smiles.

(To Be Continued)



THREE DAYS IN SESSION IN MONCTON

Annual Convention of Women's Baptist Union

AUGUST 17 TO 19

Mrs. D. Hutchison of This City Will Preside—The Programme in Detail Showing Important Matters to Deal With

The annual convention of the United Baptist Women's Missionary Union will be held in Moncton, August 17, 18 and 19. The president, Mrs. David Hutchinson, of St. John, will be in the chair. The programme will be as follows:—

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

7.30—Registration of delegates, etc.
8—Executive meeting.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

9.30—Quiet half-hour with the Word. Miss Lois Knowles, Upper Woods Harbor, N. S.
10—Convention opened.
Rules of order. Appointment of committees.
Roll call.
10.30—Union Reports.
Recording secretary, Miss C. E. Fullerton, St. John, N. B.
Corresponding secretary, Miss M. E. Hume, Dartmouth, N. S.
Mission Band treasurer, Miss Ida Crandall, Chipman, N. B.
Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Smith, Amherst, N. S.
Discussion after each report.
Prayer.
12.—Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

2—Quiet half-hour with the Word. Miss Lois Knowles.
2.30—Address of welcome.
Response, Mrs. A. A. Archibald, Truro, N. S.
2.45—President's address, Mrs. D. Hutchinson, St. John, N. B.
3—Provincial reports.
Nova Scotia, Mrs. G. L. Pearson, Paradise, N. S.
Prince Edward Island, Miss A. A. Wadman, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
New Brunswick, Miss Rebecca Bennett, Albert Mines, N. B.
Discussion.
3.45—Give and Take Question Hour. Conducted by Mrs. M. S. Cox, Mapleton, N. B.
4.30—Prayer. Adjournment.
Conference of County and District Secretaries.
Conference of W. M. A. S. officers.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

8.—Praise. Scripture Reading. Prayer
Address—Grand Ligne. Mrs. J. W. Peters, Bridgetown, N. S.
Address—
Address—Mrs. I. C. Archibald, Chicacole, India.
Offering.
Prayer and benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING.

9.30—Memorial Service. Led by Mrs. J. W. Manning, Wolfville, N. S.
10.15—Reports.
Home Mission committee.
Tidings.
Mrs. J. W. Manning, editor.
Mrs. B. H. Ralston, business manager, Amherst, N. S.
Bureau of Literature, Mrs. C. H. Horsman, St. John, N. B.
Discussion.
11.15—Election of officers.
12.00—Prayer. Adjournment.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

2—Quiet half-hour with the Word. Miss Lois Knowles.
2.30—Reports of Mission Bnd superintendents.
Nova Scotia, Mrs. Lew Wallace, Lawrencetown, N. S.
Prince Edward Island, Miss Irene Clark, Bay View, P. E. I.
New Brunswick, Mrs. W. E. McIntyre, St. John, N. B.
Discussion.
3—Mission Band Hour.
4—Greetings.
4.15—Address—Miss Winifred Eaton, Lower Canard, N. S.
4.30—Estimates. Unfinished business.
Prayer. Adjournment.

THURSDAY EVENING.

8—Praise. Scripture Reading. Prayer.
Address—The Canadian West.
Address—Miss Helen Blackadar, Vizianigram, India.
Farewell to Missionaries.
Offering.
Prayer and benediction.

EASTPORT IS BUSY

Eastport, Aug. 4—The sardine business is picking up these days, the drop in the price of herrings to $4 a hogshead as per agreement made at the opening of the season between the weir owners and the packers having a reviving influence on the trade.

Nearly every factory hereabouts is in operation with the exception of that of the Independent Canning Co. and this, too will be running in a few days. The supply of fish is large and from present indications there will be plenty of work for the hundreds of men and women employes of the plants for some time to come.

"FOOLS" NOT ALL DEAD YET

(Philadelphia Record)

Of Robert Fulton, Napoleon said in 1803: "This is a fool. He proposes to transmit our flotilla to England with boiling water." After a lapse of a little more than a century another "fool" of the same kind has floated into England through the air.

Dr. James Bellamy, the oldest head of an Oxford college, has resigned the position of president of St. John's, to which he was appointed in 1871. Dr. Bellamy, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, has been a member of the college for more than 70 years.

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



OUTING SAILOR AND SWEATER.

An ideal outing rig is shown here. With a short, smartly cut circular skirt of shepherd check mohair is worn a loose, cool, little blouse of tucked mull, and over the blouse is slipped a warm sweater. This is one of the new belted sweaters, which are particularly youthful and jaunty in style. The hat is a simple sailor, rolling up a bit at one side in this year's fashion.

CHAMBERLAIN IS FULL OF FIGHT

Col. Denison Talks of His Visit to the Great Statesman.

(Toronto News.)

"Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, whom I visited, is keen and full of fight and confident that his tariff reform policy will win out. From what I saw myself while over there I am satisfied that the present government will be defeated at the next election on the tariff reform issue."

Col. George T. Denison, who has just returned from England, spoke thus to The News of Mr. Chamberlain and the movement of which he had been the chief leader.

I spent one day at Mr. Chamberlain's beautiful home at Highbury, and met him and his son, Mr. Austin Chamberlain.

"He looked much better than I expected to find him. He was bright and keen, and to look at him, you would not think that he had any weakness. He uses a cane all the time, but takes a half-mile walk every day.

"He reads and takes a great interest in everything that is going on and writes a great many letters. He receives many inquiries for his opinion on various questions connected with the tariff reform movement. He always answers them and his view is invariably followed."

"I don't know whether Mr. Chamberlain could take his place in the House of Commons again or not," continued Col. Denison in reply to a question.

"Since he was unwell he does not speak so fluently or readily as he did before. He could not, of course, take an active part in the election campaign."

A luncheon was given by the Compatriots Club in Col. Denison's honor. Lord Milner presided and Mr. Rudyard Kipling was among those who were present.

"Mr. Kipling spoke, and he was quite pessimistic about the outlook.

"I also met Lord Charles Beresford, whom I had known before. He expressed great pleasure in the anticipation of his visit to Canada this month. As a naval strategist, I like Sir John Fisher better than Lord Charles. Mr. Fisher believes in centralizing the naval power of the Empire, while Beresford advocates protecting the trade routes. Personally I like Sir Charles Beresford very much. He is one of the best men in Britain. He's a true sailor—outspoken, blunt and plain in what he says, but he's a great man and immensely popular over there. Among his engagements here will be a dinner at the National Club.

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GOLD IS FOUND IN IDAHO

Excitment Caused and Miners Rush to the Scene.

Spokane, Wash., July 6—Gold discoveries in the Hoodoo district in northern Idaho, and in the Summit district in central Washington, have created considerable excitement, and there is a rush of prospectors. Miners in the Hoodoo Camp encountered a 14-foot ledge a few days ago, and assays show it is rich in free-milling gold.

The property was discovered more than ten years ago, since which time thousands of dollars have been spent in exploration work without success until the ledge was encountered by Albert Baumgartner, manager for Portland owners. Assays of the free-milling ore found in the Summit district run more than $250 a ton in gold.

The property is within 16 miles of North Yakima, but lacks transportation facilities. The owners are preparing to instal machinery to develop the claims, which experienced mining men say are equally as rich as any in the Coeur d'Alene and Cripple Creek districts of Idaho and Colorado.

RAILWAY BUILDERS IN COMPETITION

Vast Expenditures by Rival Roads In Western States.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 6—Railroad builders, representing the Northern Pacific, the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound, the Harriman system and the mysterious North Coast company, headed by Robert E. Strahorn of Spokane, are waging a competitive campaign in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and North Dakota which gives every promise of attracting world-wide attention.

Contracts calling for a total expenditure of almost $45,000,000 have been awarded or scheduled in the last three months and there is information at hand that not less than $50,000,000 will be added to that amount as soon as the present work is completed.

Among the contracts already awarded are the following:—By the Northern Pacific, $22,750,000; Harriman system, $10,-445,000; Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound, $5,420,000; North Coast, $3,500,000, exclusive of $2,000,000 for terminals in Spokane, North Yakima and Walla Walla, Wash.; Pittsburg & Gillmour Valley, $2,500,000. In addition the Milwaukee road is planning to expend $25,000,000 on branch line construction in the northwestern states.

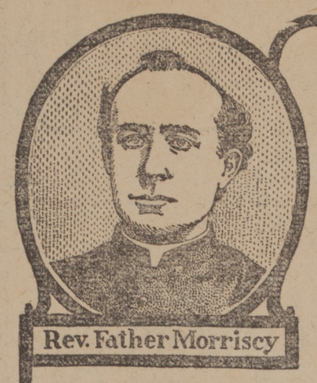
The chief battles will be fought in central Oregon, north and central Idaho, and eastern Washington. The Hill people are forcing matters by sending construction crews into so-called Harriman territory in central Oregon, now without adequate transportation facilities, and the completion of one or two lines there will open a rich district and provide homes for thousands.

There is also a stiff fight against the entrance into Spokane of the North Coast line, now recognized as part of an important transcontinental system. This line, projected between Spokane and tidewater, in all 731 miles, is a thorn in the side of the Hill people, who, with others, have been successful so far in blocking plans to give it terminal facilities in this city, where already more than $2,000,000 has been expended in acquiring station and track sites.

HARVESTERS ASK $3.00 A DAY

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 6—Three dollars a day for 10 hours' work is demanded by harvest laborers in the wheat fields in eastern Washington, where the ranchers in thirteen counties will gather a crop of 37,000,000 bushels this season. The scale paid in 1908 ranged from $2.50 for laborers to $7 for engineers, working from 5 o'clock in the morning until dusk. Farmers say that will be the schedule this year. They do not expect to have any difficulty in obtaining sufficient help to harvest the crop.

Another situation is presented by the Farmers' Union of Washington and northern Idaho, which, through Y. C. Mansfield, of Endicott, Wash., a member of its executive committee, has addressed an "open letter" to the millers in Washington and Oregon, in which it is made plain that if the price of Bluestem wheat is not at least 10 cents a bushel higher than Club or Turkey Red grain the growers will establish mills.



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KETCHENER NEW HEAD OF IMPERIAL ARMY

Will Re-Organize Forces of Empire—Succeds Duke of Connaught—Will Pay Visit to Canada.

London, Aug. 6.—Lord Kitchener, commander of the British forces in India, has been appointed to succeed the Duke of Connaught as inspector-geenral of the Mediterranean forces which post the duke recently resigned on the ground of "the ineffective nature of the work and the useless expense to the nation involved therein."

Lord Kitchener will take the rank of field marshal and also become member of the committee of imperial defense. The inspector-general has command of the garrisons at Malta and Gibraltar and all the British troops in Egypt, the Soudan and Cyprus.

The appointment of Lord Kitchener is coincident with added importance being attached to the post. The Duke of Connaught in an official announcement says:

"In view of new developments in the organization, the Mediterranean command assumes increased importance and will be taken up by Lord Kitchener with the object of giving it its proper place in the scheme of imperial defence."

It is understood that as a result of the imperial deefnce conference which is now sitting, it is intended to co-ordinate all the military forces of the empire and place Lord Kitchener at the head of an organization having the imperial army for its special care. As a preparation for this work, for which he had gained valuable experience in India, on vacating the Indian command in September, Lord Kitchener will go to Japan to represent Great Britain at the Japanese grand manoeuvres in November and afterwards make a tour of Canada, Australia and New Zealand to study the military organizations and consult with the colonial governments concerning them.

Lord Kitchener is the youngest field marshal in the history of Great Britain. Lord Roberts was sixty years old when he was raised to the rank and Lord Wolseley, 62. Lord Kitchener was 59 years old in June.

Wind on the Stomach

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There are no fewer than 4,000 women "postmen" in Great Britain. They are chiefly employed in the rural districts of Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.

WINNIPEG HAS BIG STORM

Winnipeg, Aug. 6—Winnipeg was swept yesterday and until early this morning by one of the most severe storms in its history. It was a regular cloudburst and was accompanied by hail.

Reports this morning show that the storm apparently did not extend further than Portage. There was more than three inches of rain here.

During the past two weeks, old timers say there has been more rain fallen in Manitoba at this time of the year, than for the same period for twenty years. There has been heavy loss from hail, though the damage is not general. Where work has not been retarded by rain, barley and oat harvesting is general and the yield is very heavy.

From Wanwanesa, Roland, Cartwright, Souris, Portage, Brandon and Swift Current, come reports of harvesting. Lethbridge has started winter wheat cutting. The yield in some cases is as high as forty-five bushels to the acre.

Gretna, in southern Manitoba, always one of the first points for harvesting, started wheat cutting yesterday. Next week with favorable weather will see wheat cutting well under way all over the west, and by August 15, it will be general.

It has been decided by the Lords of the Admiralty to increase the wages of established ship riggers to 28s. per week, and hired shipriggers to 29s. 6d.

The Times Daily Puzzle Picture



VACATION ESTIMATES.

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He thought that fifty plunks would do—
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