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A Mysterious Disappearance

By Gordon Holmes

A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)

With some difficulty I lifted Alice's body into my arms in as natural a position as possible, and carried her to the cab, leaving the door of the flat ajar. Luck still favored me. The cabman supposed that she, like himself, was intoxicated. A man came down the opposite side of the street, but he paid not the slightest heed to me, and, indeed, we were but dimly visible to each other.

Exerting all my strength unobtrusively, I placed my wife on the rear seat, and then calmly gave the driver instructions. He grumbled at the distance, but I told him I would pay him handsomely. Searching in my pockets and Alice's purse, I could only find twelve shillings, so, although it was risky, to avoid a quarrel with the man, I determined to give him a five-pound note.

Thus far all had gone well.

The notion possessed me that ,to all intents and purposes, I had murdered my wife, and that I was now disposing of the visible signs of my guilt in the most approved manner of a daring criminal. Whether I did right or wrong I cannot, even at this late hour decide. Should my death induce forgetfulness, I am still inclined to think that I acted for the best. My wife was dead; I was self-condemned. Why, then, allow others, wholly innocent, to be dragged into the vortex?

This was my line of thought. If you, reading this ghastly narrative, shudder at my deeds, I pray you nevertheless to weigh in the balance the good and ill that resulted from my actions.

At last we reached Putney, and drew up at the end of the disused lane which runs down by the side of the house to the river.

Here, again, the road was deserted. I lifted my wife out, carried her to the postern-gate, and returned to give the driver his note. The man was so amazed at the amount that he whipped up his horse instantly, fearing lest I should change my mind.

I was about to force open the old and rickety door in to the garden when I remembered the drain-pipe jutting into the Thames — a place where, as a child, I often caused much alarm by surreptitious visits for the purpose of catching minnows. I quickly took off my coat and boots, turned up my trousers and shirt-sleeves, and examined the pipe with my hands.

It exactly suited my purpose. In half a minute I had firmly wedged my wife's body beneath it. This was the most horrible portion of my task. The chill water, the desolation of the river bank, the mud and trailing weeds — all these things seemed so vile and loathsome when placed in contact with the mortal remains of my ill-fated Alice.

She had loved me. I believe I loved her, as I assuredly do now when her presence is but a memory, yet I was condemned to commit her to the contaminating beastliness of such surroundings. It was a small matter, in the face of death, but it has weighed on me since more than any other feature of that cruel night's history.

Before leaving Putney I tied her clothes, hat, and furs to a couple of heavy stones and threw the parcel into deep water.

By train and cab I reached home, but a few minutes late for dinner. It was not difficult for me to act my part with the servants, nor keep up the farce during the weary days that followed. My consciousness was so seared by what I had gone through that the mere make-believe of my position was a relief to me.

That night, in the privacy of my room, I recollected the broken fender, and feared lest the iron-work would supply a clue should the body be discovered, a thing I deemed practically impossible.

But, for Mrs. Hillmer's sake, I took no risk. Next morning, before I saw you at Tattersall's, I made arrangements for the whole contents of her drawing room to be transferred to her brother's flat, where, to my knowledge, the articles were needed.

Mrs. Hillmer had gone out early, so the thing was done in her absence. Her amazement was so great that she wired me, using as a signature the pet name of her childhood, and this was the first message you heard the groom refer to when he came a second time with the telegram from Richmond.

I wrote her a hurried note, explaining that I intended the transfer as a sop to her offended brother, but she had telegraphed again, and I had to go to see her, to learn that Mensmore resented the gift, and had gone off in a huff to Monte Carlo.

A little later, I took the supreme step of writing a farewell letter. Since my wife's death I could not bear to meet any other woman. I communed with my poor Alice more when dead than when alive.

I do not think I have anything else to tell you. Step by step I watched you and the police tearing aside my barrier of deceit. At times I thought I would baffle you in the end. Were it not for my folly in bribing Jane Harding I think I must have succeeded.

That poor girl was the undoing of me in the first instance, and she now has brought me my final sentence, for she came today and told me, with tears, all that happened between the detective and herself. White, too, put in an appearance.

Tomorrow, I suppose, he will bring a warrant, if you do not see him first and tell him the truth.

Do not misunderstand me. I am glad of this release. When you strove to arouse me from my despair I did, for a little while, cherish the hope that I might be able to devote my declining years to the work which Alice herself took an interest in. But the web of testimony woven round my old friend, Mensmore; the self-effacing spirit of his sister, who, to shield me, was willing to sacrifice herself; the possibility that I might involve these two, and perhaps others, in my own ruin—every circumstance conspired to overwhelm me.

I can endure no more, my dear Bruce. It is ended. The past is already a dream to me—the future void. My poor nature was not designed to withstand such a strain. The cord of existence has snapped, and I cannot bring myself to believe it will be mended again. In bidding you farewell I ask one thing. If you take a charitable view of my deeds, if you consider that my penalty is commensurate with my faults, then you might take my dead hand and say, "This was my friend. I pity him. May the spirit of his wife be merciful unto him should they meet in the regions beyond the grave."

And so, for the last time, I sign myself

CHARLES DYKE.

CHAPTER XXXI.
VALEDICTORY.

Much as Bruce would have wished to inter his dead friend's secret with his mortal remains in the tomb, it was impossible.

Sir Charles Dyke's sacrifice must not be made in vain, and the strange chain of events encircled other actors in the drama too strongly to enable the barrister to adopt the course which would otherwise have commended itself to him. An early visit to Scotland Yard, where, in company with Mr. White, he interviewed the Deputy Commissioner, and a conference with the district coroner settled two important questions. The police were satisfied as to the cause of Lady Dyke's death, and the coroner agreed to keep the evidence as to the baronet's sudden collapse strictly within the limits of the medical evidence.

A wholly unnecessary public scandal was thus avoided.

With Lady Dyke's relatives his task required considerable tact. Without taking them fully into his confidence he explained that Sir Charles had all along known the exact facts bearing upon her death and burial place, but for family reasons he thought it best not to disclose his knowledge.

Bruce needed their co-operation in getting the home office to give the requisite permission for Lady Dyke's reburial. The circumstance that the deceased baronet had left his estates to his wife's nephew, joined to the important position Bruce occupied as one of the trustees and joint guardian, with the boy's mother, of the young heir, smoothed over many difficulties.

After a harassing and anxious week Bruce had the melancholy satisfaction of seeing the remains of the unfortunate couple laid to rest in the stately gloom of the family vault.

The newspapers, of course, scented a mystery in the proceedings, but definite inquiry was barred in every direction. Even the exhumation order gave no clue to the reasons of the authorities for granting it, and in less than the proverbial nine days the incident was forgotten.

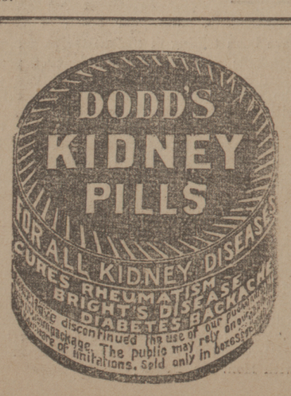
Sir Charles had made it a condition precedent to the succession that his heir should bear his name, and should live with his widowed mother on the Yorkshire estate, or in the town house, for a certain number of months in each year, until the boy was old enough to go to school.

The stipulation was intended to have the effect of more rapidly burying his own memory in oblivion. Bruce, too, was given a sum of £5,000, "to be expended in bequests as he thought fit."

Claude understood his motive thoroughly. Jane Harding had been loyal to her master in her way, so he arranged that she should receive an annual income sufficient to secure her from want. Thompson, too, was provided for when the time came that he was too feeble for further employment at Portman Square, and Mr. White received a handsome douceur for his services.

(To be Continued.)

Chicago children infected with tuberculosis will go to school in the open air if a request to be made by the Chicago Tuberculosis institute is granted by the board of education.



Fashion Hint for Times Readers



A LINEN SUIT WITH LACE TO MATCH.

Exclusive Fifth Avenue makers are showing very stunning linen suits with trimmings of heavy lace and buttons dyed in the exact shade of the linen fabric—and these new linen colors defy description. An amethyst linen had Irish lace and buttons of the same color, and another model was developed in the new dusty rose color which is particularly fashionable. This graceful suit is of pale pink linen with lace trimmings of venise and Irish, both dyed in the soft pink shade. With the suit is shown a jet turban with puffed black tulle crown and trimming of the spiky attennae feathers, over which Paris is raving now.

TO INCREASE THE LOCH LOMOND DRAUGHT

Water Board Appoints Subcommittee to Prepare Bill to Give City Authority for This Action

Owing to the need of increasing the water supply in the near future on account of leakage the water and sewerage board appointed a committee last evening to prepare a bill to enable the city to increase the draught from Loch Lomond. The legal limit is now 7,500,000 gallons a day.

A report was received from F. A. Barbour, in which the consulting engineer dwelt on the necessity of continuing repairs to the concrete section and to the distribution system, and taking other action to make the new system efficient. Many important recommendations were made. He also reported on the condition of the concrete pipe and recommended that Engineer H. G. Hunter be employed to make repairs by the compressed air method. The reports were sent to a committee.

On motion of Ald. Rowan it was recommended by three votes to two that the water extension be taken over from Mr. Barbour and that Mr. Murdoch be placed in full charge. Tenders were ordered for laying the main to Milford. It was decided to reduce the water rate to St. Vincent's Convent and the Protestant Orphan Asylum to $1 a year.

The director reported that the recorder had given an opinion that Mrs. Kate Fitzgerald, who asked $1,200 for alleged damage to her property on Lake Latimer, had no claim against the city.

The report was adopted.

The chairman reported that the subcommittee appointed to consider the appeal of the dominion government against the increase in water assessment did not consider it was a matter for them to deal with. If the city was going to press for payment the only course would be to shut off the water.

The matter was left with the chamberlain to have the water shut off if necessary.

The report of the director that $20,000 would be required for the sewerage maintenance fund for the coming year, was adopted.

It was decided, on the advice of the recorder, to settle a claim from R. P. Cowan amounting to about $7 for damages by the bursting of a boiler, said to be due to the water having been shut off without notice.

The director was instructed to again remind D. Pottinger, general manager of the I. C. R., that the bursting of a culvert on the railway's property was causing sewage to flood properties at the corner of Gilbert's Lane and Wright street. The question of the city's liability was referred to the recorder.

In reply to a communication from the St. John Pulp & Paper Company, asking the city to make repairs to the buildings at Mispec, the recorder advised that the duty of maintaining the property devolved on the tenant. A notice to this effect will be sent to the company.

A claim for damages from G. H. Belyea on account of an overflow of water under his building at the corner of Rodney and Watson streets, was referred to the recorder.

The director's recommendation for placing catch basins was adopted and a number of rebates authorized in water assessments. Ald. Frink, Sproul, Kelley, Rowand Baxter were appointed a committee to consider the reports submitted by Engineer Barbour.

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ENGLAND'S WARS NO CONCERN OF CANADA

La Presse Declares Canada Should Not Be Bound to Give Financial Aid to Mother Country

Montreal, March 24—"If England were at war with France, Germany, Japan or any other county, and if Canada should think proper to abstain from participating in such a war, that would be her exclusive affair. As a matter of fact it must be understood once and for all that Canada is free to contribute or not in any war in which Great Britain may become involved just as was the case in the one in South Africa," is the way LaPresse newspaper sizes up the situation created by yesterday's article in the Toronto Globe.

"The Globe," says La Presse, "publishes an article completely foreign to its ordinary tone. That paper in a word asks the dominion to construct war vessels, after the plan of the Dreadnought, costing about $10,000,000, so hereafter we will be bound hand and foot and made to participate in all the wars of the empire. Such a policy is not a new one and has already been condemned by the electors of the country."

RIVERVIEW PARK TRUSTEES MEET

J. Fraser Gregory Was Chosen President—Will Ask for Civic Grant

A meeting of the trustees of the Riverview Memorial Park was held last evening at the home of Mrs. Margaret A. Baizley, 114 Douglas avenue, to fill the vacancies on the board caused by death or removal from the city. J. Fraser Gregory was elected president to fill the place of Dr. Gilchrist, who has left the city through ill-health. E. B. Jones was appointed secretary-treasurer, and four new members were elected to the committee.

Those present were J. F. Gregory, Jas. Boyd, J. K. Scammell, G. Grey Murdoch, T. R. Hilyard, E. B. Jones and Robert A. Courtney. Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Jones were appointed to interview the common council for the purpose of laying before them the accounts and of asking for a further grant for the coming year.

HALIFAX TO FIGHT THE WHITE PLAGUE

Dr. MacCrae of McGill Addressing Public Meeting Tells of Means to Combat Scourge

Halifax, March 24.—"In God's name, doctor, what will I do?"

This was a phrase used more than once by Dr. J. MacCrae, of McGill, in his lecture at the Academy of Music tonight in the interest of the anti-tuberculosis campaign that has been inaugurated in Halifax. The words were those of the poor man who was told he had consumption, on whom a family depended, and who despaired of help.

Dr. MacCrae's address was to show that something may be done, that the cure of tuberculosis is possible, and prevention can be accomplished. He advocated the establishment of Dr. Pratt's Boston class system of dealing with the poor affected with tuberculosis, the notification to a central bureau of all cases of tuberculosis, so that the victims might be treated and cured and if incurable that they might live in the meantime with the least danger to relatives and neighbors.

There should be no incurable cases admitted at Kentville government sanatorium, as there are. Better food, fresh air, rest and change and visitation by nurses are features of the proposed class system.

Premier Murray spoke of the meeting as the most important ever held by the citizens of Halifax, and said when the plans of reform were completed the legislature would be found ready to act.

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AVON SAXON DEAD

Once Famous Singer Passed Away in Berwick, N.S., Yesterday.

Berwick, N. S., March 24—(Special)—The death occurred this afternoon after a lengthy illness of the one-time famous singer, Avon Saxon.

Born 52 years ago on the banks of the River Avon, Windsor (N. S.), for which he was named, he commenced his musical career about thirty years ago and rapidly became famous. He became a member of the Carl Rosa Opera Company in England and other opera companies. He had the honor to sing before Queen Victoria and also many of the crowned heads of Europe. He also travelled in South America giving concerts, also in Australia and all over North America and the United States, until his health broke down. He leaves a brother, Lieut. Geo. Saxon, in Boston, and a sister, Bessie, who resides in Wolfville.

RICH SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Bail For Man Who Got Easy Money is Fixed at $6,000

Rolland E. Rich, charged with obtaining the signature of F. S. Farris to a promissory note by false pretences, was committed for trial by Judge Ritchie yesterday afternoon. The evidence in the case was concluded in the morning, and at the afternoon session Judge Ritchie heard the arguments of counsel.

His honor, in committing Rich for trial, said there was in his opinion enough evidence to send him up on, although it was not of such a nature as to furnish a strong presumption of guilt. When the case was first brought up, he said he was inclined to think that Farris was an easy mark, but he must be placed in the same class as others with whom Rich had had dealings. The prisoner was then formally committed.

Mr. Mullin made application for bail, which his honor fixed at $3,000 for Rich himself and two sureties each in $1,500. This Mr. Mullin objected to as too high, saying it would be impossible to secure it, and Rich was taken in to the jail.

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PANIC OF PESSIMISM

Croaking Universial in Great Britain and on the Continent

London, March 24—Something akin to a panic of pessimism has been sweeping all over Europe this week. St. Petersburg, Vienna, Berlin and Belgrade were convinced until today that war was about to break loose. France has shared that apprehension but in addition has been exasperated and almost paralyzed by the greatest strike in the chief public services in all modern history. England is in the throes of the most acute naval scare in all the long series of periodic storms on the subject. It is a gloomy and ungrateful task to attempt to make a record of the universal croakings , which will for the most part disappear with the first few days of bright spring weather, whenever they arrive. The end seems to be in sight of the war crisis.

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"Though I sought and really needed pity, I got very little, for I did not look so very sick. It was only my nerves that were sick, and anyone who has sick nerves knows too well how awful a sickness it is.

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TO TEACH THE BOYS HOW TO HANDLE GUN

Lord Strathcona Offers $10,000 a Year as Fund to Encourage Physical and Elementary Military Drill in Canadian Schools

Ottawa, March 24.—An interesting announcement was made in the Canadian House of Commons at the opening of this afternoon's sitting. Sir Frederick Borden stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Lord Strathcona offering the annual amount of $10,000 to encourage physical and elementary military drill in the schools of Canada.

In his letter, Lord Strathcona said that he had long entertained the opinion that such training was of the very highest value for the development of the moral, physical and intellectual qualities of children, as well as for the promotion of patriotism. He was anxious, therefore, to take part in the work. He suggested that the amount he contributed be called "a Fund for the Encouragement of Physical and Military Training in the Public Schools," and that for the purpose of administering it there should be trustees appointed. The central body, he suggested, might be composed of the minister of militia, as president, and the ministers who control education in the various provinces of Canada be associated as vice-presidents, subject to the provision that the province agrees to the principle which was agreed upon between the province of Nova Scotia and the dominion in regard to military training in the schools. It was suggested that there should be on the executive the members of the militia council, representatives to be named by the ministers of education for each province adhering, two each from Ontario and Quebec and one from each of the provinces, and military officers commanding in independent districts. Lord Strathcona suggested that the governor-general be patron and the prime minister be vice-patron, and thought the money should be distributed by local committees. He was particularly desirous that the value of military drill, and especially the value of a knowledge of rifle shooting, be kept in mind.

Sir Frederick Borden said he had cabled the acceptance of Lord Strathcona's offer and on motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier seconded by R. L. Borden, a vote of thanks to the generous donor was unanimously passed.

The remainder of the sitting was spent in supply on supplementary public works estimates for current year.

On the vote of $4,650 for construction of wharves in tidal waters of St. John river and tributaries, Mr. Crocket enquired why the wharves in St. John river, provided for in the estimates passed last year had not been gone on with.

Dr. Pugsley said that immediately after prorogation of parliament last July he gave instructions to the engineers of the department to have plans and specifications prepared for St. John river wharves. But when tenders were submitted he found that the cost of the wharves would be considerably more than he had anticipated. He thought none of these wharves should cost more than $2,000 and accordingly the work of construction was not proceeded with. During the coming summer new plans would be prepared and the wharves would be built next year. The house adjourned at 6 o'clock.

The Reading Circle of Queen square Methodist church met last evening at the home of Dr. N. R. Colter, 271 Charlotte street. There were more than forty present, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed. Mrs. T. H. Bullock gave a very interesting address on the Champlain Tercentenary at Quebec last summer, and her talk was illustrated by views. A musical programme followed. Miss Flanders, Mrs. L. A. McAlpine, Mrs. Oscar Gronlund and Mrs. T. J. Gunn taking part. At the close dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

WILL CROSS THE BORDER

Many American Citizens Will Settle in Western Canada

Ottawa, March 25—This year 70,000 American citizens, all of whom constitute a most desirable class of immigrants, will cross the border into Canada, become British subjects, and reap their share of the golden harvest of the great Canadian west. This will be an increase of from 50 to 60 per cent. over the number of American settlers who settled in Western Canada last year.

Such was the substance of remarks of Mr. W. J. White, inspector of Canadian immigration agencies in the United States, who has just returned from an extended trip through the central and western States in his official capacity.

"They are a splendid class of people," continued Mr. White. "Practically all of them speak English well and many of them are taking with them into our Dominion as much as $25,000 to $30,000. Many of them have sold their farms in the States for from $60 to $150 an acre, and when they come across to Canada they are going to bring with them their sons, to establish them on cheaper and better farms in this country.

"What has assisted the movement this year has been the opening of the pre-emption areas, making it possible for a settler to acquire 320 acres instead of 160 as formerly."

Mr. White stated that Southern Alberta appeared to be the favorite location in the eyes of the new settlers. However, many were locating all along the new line of railway.

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THE GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION

Fredericton, N. B., March 24—The at home given by Governor and Mrs. Tweedie at the Queen Hotel this afternoon was attended by upwards of 300 persons and was a most enjoyable affair. Governor and Mrs. Tweedie were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Benson, of this city. Others who assisted at the function were Mrs. J. D. Hazen, Mrs. W. C. Crocket, Madame Fiset and the Misses Sadie Sterling, Nellie Whitehead, Edith Edgecombe and Jean Wilson.

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