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CHAPTER XII.  
DOMINIC SEAGER MAKES SEVERAL STARTLING DISCOVERIES.

After Dominic Seager had paid for his passage to Paris he had about nine hundred dollars left of the thousand obtained from his arbitrary confederate in the scene which was to make both their fortunes. Having settled his Long Beach hotel bill and entertained himself lavishly on the eve of departure, there were less than eight hundred dollars on board ship with him. His sporting instincts cost him some three hundred during the voyage, so that when he at length reached Paris from Cherbourg, he could not count even five hundred in his note-case.

But no such commercial calculations disturbed his confidence in the future. It would not be long before he could meet at such petty sums altogether, and then he might find means to mark his displeasure with Arden's vulgar parsimony. The mere idea that he had been limited, and at a juncture so important, to such a paltry total expenditure galled him whenever he thought of it, but, as he seldom thought of such matters while his pockets were still sufficiently lined for the day, he did not suffer unduly in that respect.

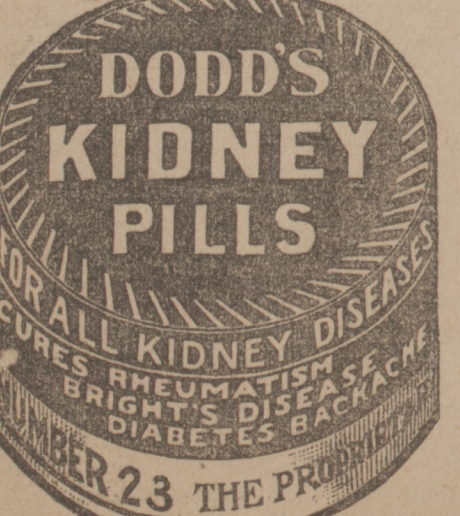
All he had to do now, he thought to himself, lying back in a rickety chair on his way from the station to that hotel which he had elected to honor with his patronage, was to present himself at the address given him by the San Francisco lawyers, to wit, the Misses Winters' select pension, in the Avenue Moreau, and there announce to Miss Quaintance and her adopted daughter, that he had come thither to marry her. Soon after that there would be millions at his disposal, not fewer than twelve and a half of them counting in francs, and as many more than that as he could possibly make it.

It would be strange if he could not come to such terms with the girl who should leave him his freedom and the lion's share of the spoil. Then he would either promptly divorce her, or disappear, as she should prefer. The latter would probably be the more simple method, since he could in that way resume his former identity and so effectually cover his fraudulent tracks. It also remained to be seen whether, once he had the money safe in hand, he could not tap to good purpose Arden's most preposterous claim. The ransom he had been forced to promise that robber was altogether out of the question. A manoeuvre of that sort would, of course, take very delicate management, but a millionaire might accomplish much that would be impossible to a poor man. His estimate of prospective profits on the present venture had risen to twenty-five millions of francs when he had seen the all-Reine and got out before the Hotel du Palais.

He had decided to put up there for the two-fold reason that it was a conventionally correct establishment and at the same time conveniently situated between the Avenue Moreau and his own old haunts in the Ville Lery. He had registered he gave the uninterested vestibule attendant to hand that he was someone of importance. When he arrived it was his firm intention to carry out his mission on the instant. But, by the time he had changed his clothes and othered made an appreciable difference if he allowed himself twenty-four hours' liberty first. There would be time and to spare for all practical purposes.

He turned west instead of east as he left the hotel, in correct evening dress, with his opera-hat at the most rakish angle and dined at the Hotel de la Place Vendome, where, as he treated himself royally, without regard to expense, feeling that he was in his true element in its atmosphere of luxury and extravagance. Thence a leisurely stroll, with a good cigar in his lips, took him to the Rue Montpensier, where, at the Palais Royal, he sat and laughed for an hour or two over a French farce of the broadest.

A hearty supper at Maxim's induced added cheerfulness, and, having learned from a benevolent bystander at the bar there that a whilom resort of his was still going business at the old stand, he resolved to pay it a surprise visit before returning to his hotel. He considered that



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**HON. GEO. P. GRAHAM TELLS OF THE I. C. R. COMMISSION**

He Submits to Parliament the Order in Council Under Which They Were Appointed and Tells of Their Duties and Scope of Power.

Ottawa, April 26.—The minister of railways today tabled in the commons the order-in-council under which the new board will be constituted to conduct the management of the Intercolonial railway. The order reviews the history of the Intercolonial and calls attention to the fact that although the Intercolonial had expanded considerably in length of line and greatly in traffic, there had been no change in the original administrative organization. The order states that Hon. Mr. Graham has for some time been considering various complicated questions, involved in the operation of the government system of railways, from both administrative and financial points of view, and has concluded that a change from the present system of management is desirable. It has therefore been determined to place the management under a board, of which Deputy Minister of Railway M. J. Butler will be chairman, without increased salary. There will be three other members of the board, as announced, each with an annual salary of \$8,000. The board will make monthly reports to the minister of railways and an annual report. The following details are specified for examination of the board:

1. The position of general manager of government railways to be abolished.
2. The board to be constituted under the name of the "Government Railway Management Board."
3. The board to supervise and direct all departments of the government railways.
4. Defining the duties of the board it is stated:
  - (a) For the organization of the staff and officials;
  - (b) For the conditions of employment in the railway service;
  - (c) For the purchase of supplies and the sale of material;
  - (d) For ascertaining and collecting the railway tolls, dues and revenues.

Messrs. Butler, Pottinger, Tiffin and Brady, who have been named for the new board, have held a preliminary meeting, at which there was an informal discussion as to the way in which the work of management is to be handled. There will be another meeting some time this week, at which a definite plan will be agreed upon and announced.

**ST. JOHN AMATEURS PRODUCE "THE BELLS"**

Company Headed By Arthur McCloskey Gave an Excellent Performance in the Opera House

That there is in St. John dramatic talent of high order was again demonstrated in the Opera House last evening when Arthur McCloskey, well known in local dramatic circles, supported by a company of St. John amateurs, presented "The Bells" and did it in most impressive manner. He is to be congratulated on his success in the ambitious venture, for it is inviting criticism for an amateur organization to essay a play such as the bells, the history of which is impregnated with the personality of the great Irving who made his reputation in the leading role of Mathias. With these associations it is a particularly hard task for the actor, amateur or professional, who essays the part of Mathias.

Mr. McCloskey's work last night was most praiseworthy and showed talent above the average. It showed beyond doubt that his conception of the part had been the subject of much careful and intelligent study. He has a pleasing voice and with individuality and temperament his portrayal of the emotions of guilty fear and impotent rage which consume the breast of Mathias the burgomaster was impressive and fascinating.

Mr. McCloskey was at his best in the third act, where Mathias dreams of being a prisoner at the bar on the charge of the murder he has committed. He was ably supported by Miss O'Reilly, as the Burgomaster's wife, who looked and acted the part well, and by F. Conlon, as Christian, the French quartermaster. Miss Birchill, as Annette, was most pleasing, but it would be well if she were to put a little more warmth in her acting. The parts of Hans, Father Walker and Dr. Zimmer, were very adequately sustained by L. Conlon, J. R. McCloskey and H. Bates respectively. It was a pleasure to note and to benefit by their excellent diction and delivery. The work of Miss O'Brien, as Sozel, also went praise for her. The scenic effects were adequate and realistic and the whole production went smoothly, and was exceedingly well received by a kindly disposed and large house. Tonight's bill is Lost Paradise. The cast of characters last night was: Mathias, . . . . . Arthur McCloskey Christian, . . . . . F. Conlon Hans, . . . . . L. Conlon Father Walker, . . . . . J. R. McCloskey Dr. Zimmer, . . . . . H. Bates Catherine, . . . . . Miss O'Reilly Annette, . . . . . Miss Birchill Sozel, . . . . . Miss O'Brien

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**THE BUDGET TALK STILL ON AT OTTAWA**

A Number of Members Are Yet Slated to Discuss It and it is Unlikely That it Will Finish Today.

Ottawa, April 26.—An effort to close the budget debate today failed as there were too many men with too much to say. At 1 o'clock the whips said their effort was useless and the house adjourned after Dr. Neesley, a western Liberal, had given Glen Campbell, a Western Conservative, a dose of very unpleasant medicine for the speech he made on Friday.

The debate will probably close tomorrow, though that is by no means certain. Mr. Borden called attention to the report that the United States government had applied several times to the British ambassador at Washington to warn the attitude of the Canadian government as to their jurisdiction over the waters of Heate Straits.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that there had been correspondence on the subject but he was not at liberty to state what the position was at the present time in regard to the matter. The minister of finance, in reply to Mr. MacDonnell, of Toronto, stated that the French senate had approved of the supplementary Franco-Canadian treaty and it now stood for approval by the French lower chamber, which had adjourned for some weeks. He expected that the treaty would be passed when the chamber resumed. Steps would be taken to have the new treaty ratified by the Canadian parliament at the present session.

The budget debate was resumed by Mr. MacLean, of South Huron (Liberal). He expressed the opinion that the farming interests of Canada would not be so much benefited by tariff changes as by the extension of cold storage facilities, the improvement of transportation, by instruction in crop improvement and by direction for the eradication of noxious weeds.

He condemned the criticism of Glen Campbell last week of Premier Scott in regard to the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company and stated that the electors of the west had not placed much importance in these charges, as they had handsomely returned Mr. Scott.

The opposition charged that the present dominion government had increased the expenditure. It was true, but the people got returns for the money spent. It was to be observed that since the Conservative governments of Ontario and Manitoba had taken office they had almost doubled the expenditure of those provinces.

Mr. MacLean advised the government to take steps to stamp out the manufacturing and selling combines, which existed in Canada. He pointed out that in the summer, in his opinion there should be dominion officers appointed to locate and prosecute combines which operated for the restraint of trade.

Mr. Armstrong (Conservative), Lambton, followed with a condemnation of the government for not having taken measures to promote trade between Canada and Germany.

Hon. Mr. Warburton (Liberal), Prince Edward Island, in answer to Mr. Armstrong, said that it was well known that German hostility to the British preference was responsible for the tariff which the Canadian government had placed on German goods with the approval of the Canadian people. He did not think Canada should withdraw from the position she had taken with respect to Germany. The removal of the tariff against Germany would have an adverse effect on the British trade developed with Canada under the preference.

He was surprised that a portion of the opposition should demand Canadian Dreadnoughts to fight Germany and another portion of the opposition should ask for a change in the Canadian tariff which would help Germany and injure Britain.

Mr. Warburton recalled the challenge of Mr. Cowan to Sir Wilfrid Laurier to meet him at an election in Vancouver. He said that in the last parliament there had been members from New Brunswick who had been fond of making similar challenges to the government and they had lived to regret their bluster.

Mr. Loggie, of Northumberland, showed that the present government had done far more for the farming and other great interests than any previous government had done. Mr. Maddin advocated increased protection for Nova Scotia coal, and Mr. Fraser demanded a survey for Prince Edward Island tunnel.

E. M. MacDonald moved the adjournment of the debate.

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**A GOUNDED SEMI-CENTENNIAL.**  
A letter from Paris to the Berlin Morgant Post says: "On Friday it was fifty years since Gounod's 'Faust' was performed for the first time in Paris at the Theatre Lyrique, which was situated at that time in the Boulevard du Temple. No one who witnessed the first performance would have prophesied that within fifty years the work would have been produced in Paris 1,385 times, for there was no other opera so favorable to criticism, and much of the opera as performed on March 18, 1859, was cancelled. Many changes were made before it became what we know it to be. Among those who witnessed the anniversary production were two men who were in the audience fifty years ago. They were students at that time, both mutually inclined. At a time when the curtain had fallen on the initial performance they discussed Gounod's work and took opposite sides as to its merits. This discussion was referred to in a larger circle last Friday, when one said to the other: 'You were right; Gounod will survive.' 'Thank you,' said the other, and, turning to his friends, said: 'Behold the consistent man who changed his mind and after fifty years of deliberation has had the courage to confess it.'"

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**CIVIL SERVANTS SEND DELEGATE TO OTTAWA**

Hon. A. T. Dunn Will Go Up Tonight to Attend Meeting of Representatives From All Over Canada.

Hon. A. T. Dunn, collector of customs, will leave on Wednesday for Ottawa as a delegate from the St. John Civil Servants' Association to a meeting which will open in that city on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is expected that 300 delegates will be present representing the service all over Canada from Halifax to Vancouver. One of the results of this gathering, it is expected, will be the formation of a Canadian organization.

There will be a meeting of the local association tonight in the post office building at which matters preparatory to Mr. Dunn's going will be discussed. There are in mind several matters which the local men think it desirable to have dealt with and one idea of the gathering in Ottawa is to take up such matters.

A member of the association said last night that superannuation in the customs, post office, marine and public works departments was one subject. The employees of the government railway have their own superannuation arrangements. As to the others, he said, there were only a few now in the service who were eligible for the straight superannuation allowance such as prevailed up to a few years ago, and there was a desire for return to the old system rather than the present one. The tax on income was one of various other matters which would likely be brought up for discussion. The idea of the gathering tonight is to have the position of the local men on these and other questions definitely stated so that Mr. Dunn will express their views at the Ottawa meeting.

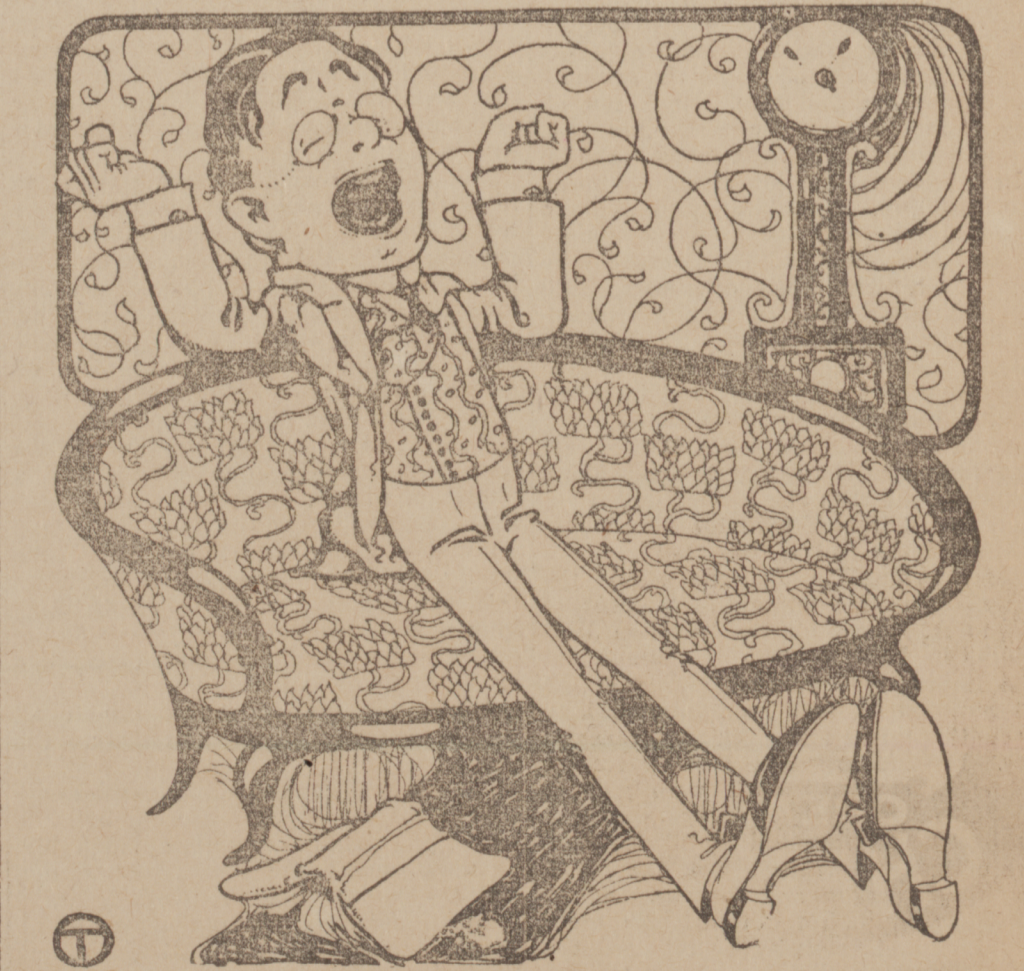
**THE PLAIN OF THE WEARY SOUL**

Come, sing me some simple ditty,  
A song that we know of old,  
A song of the wandering minstrel,  
Or love that is sweetest told.  
Come, sing as you used to do,  
For tonight I am sick at heart,  
I yearn for the old time melody,  
I'm sick of the gramophone.  
I'm weary of Sembrich records,  
Caruso and all the rest,  
I'm weary of high-priced singers,  
My soul they have long depressed;  
Come dear, to the old piano,  
And sing me some simple lay  
That shall set this old heart throbbing  
As it did in the days of yore,  
And what if your voice is falling,  
And what if its power has flown?  
My soul will rejoice to hear it,  
I'm sick of the gramophone.

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