

# FOR A MILLION OF MONEY

By Arthur W. Marchmont.

(Continued.)

He grinned in bleared astonishment. "What a little devil it is," he muttered, turning to Merridew.

"You know what to expect. I told you she would pretend she was unwilling. We'd better get it over."

"Wait," cried Olive, so sternly, that he backed away a pace or two. "I will also tell you what perhaps you do not expect. What is your name?"

"I am the Rev. Charles Duntle-Duntle-Duntle," he replied, stumbling over the name so that it was scarcely intelligible.

"You are so intoxicated that you cannot even pronounce your own name; but perhaps too much so as not to understand me. I have power and influential friends who know that I would never consent to marry this man. I am being forced by him into this; and if you dare to lend yourself to be an accomplice in this villainy, you will have to answer for your crime to the law."

The color left his flabby cheeks at this, and his watery eyes were full of fear as he turned them on Merridew.

"Here, I say—" he began, when Merridew cut him short.

"You can choose," Duntle-Duntle said, sternly, fixing his eyes on him.

"Here, look here," said the man, drawing his employer into a corner, where they spoke together in low tones. Olive heard something to the effect that nothing could be done if she did not consent, but in the end, the rascal turned and said to her: "Mr. Merridew has explained that this is all pretence on your part, I understand, and with bearded slyness he winked at her."

"He has lied to you, sir. I am in terrible earnest. And I warn you again that if you persevere, you will have to answer for your offence."

He winked again, as if understanding her, and nodded indulgently.

Merridew called in Mrs. Tisley, and taking out a prayer book, the drunken cleric began to mumble the words of the Marriage Service.

When he came to the questions to Merridew and Olive, the former replied, "Yes," in a loud, firm voice; but Olive cried in righteous indignation: "No. No. No. Not while I have breath to refuse."

But he took no notice, and mumbled on to the end in his thick, besotted, rambling accents.

Meanwhile, Merridew had seized Olive's hand, and forced a ring on her finger. But the instant he released her, she tore it off, and flung it from her.

As soon as the ceremony was over, the man, followed by Mrs. Tisley, with Merridew behind them.

About an hour afterwards, Merridew came alone bringing a paper.

He laid it on the table, and held a pen toward Olive. "You will sign this," he said, sternly.

She had mastered the furious passion which had possessed her at the close of the marriage ceremony.

"What is it?" she asked, calmly.

"The register of our marriage. The legal evidence that we are man and wife."

"Do you think you can force me?"

"I mean to. Your life depends upon your signing that paper. Listen to me carefully, for I mean every word I say. If you sign, you can go free. If you refuse, the paper will still be signed, and in a writing that no one will be able to dispute from yours. The only person able to dispute the signature will be yourself; and you will not live to object."

"Then I will die," said Olive at once, in a tone of implacable firmness.

"I will give you one hour in which to change your mind."

He went out of the room then, and Olive fell on her knees and prayed with soulful earnestness and fervor for strength. Not for a fraction of a second did she waver; and it was not until the hour had passed, and she understood that he was in deadly earnest in the threat he had uttered, and knew also that he was villain enough to carry it into execution, she understood the reasons which now actuated him. If this shameful burlesque of a marriage could not be upset, he had gained all that he needed; and her life was no longer of any use to him. Her death would serve him better; and she believed that the signature signed to the certificate, he could gain the end for which alone he had wished her to be his wife.

She was still on her knees when he returned; she rose hastily as he entered.

"I have come for your answer," he said, shortly.

"You have had it already. I have no other," she replied, as shortly.

"You know I shall keep my word. You are absolutely in my power."

"No. I am in God's hands, not yours."

He looked at her for a moment, then he turned and went out.

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Olive's silence provoked her almost to personal violence, and she went up close to her and shook her fist in her face in a veritable paroxysm of rage. But Olive never took her eyes from her book, and was as indifferent as though the woman had not been in the room.

She had been drinking again; Olive could smell the gin, and from this she concluded that Merridew had left the house for a time. But the door was carefully locked and bolted.

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**HANDICAPPED BY ICE AND IDLE MEN**

Novo Scotia Steel and Coal Company

Having Troubles of Their Own—

Outlook Good Though.

SYDNEY, May 27.—Saturday three collieries of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., at Sydney Mines were practically idle all day, the men with few exceptions failing to report for work. At noon No. 3 and No. 5 were closed down, there being only a few men at work, but at No. 1 none of the miners went to work at all. This means a loss for the men of two days during the past week, which will naturally greatly lessen the coal output for the week. The situation is relieved, however, there being no coal shipped from the coast of the province for the past two weeks, and it is feared that the drift ice may off the coast this year would have greatly exceeded all records. Once the ice situation is relieved, however, there will be considerable activity in shipping circles, as this season the company have a greater number of steamers engaged in the coal trade than ever before.

The egg could not be tampered with; the break was the same loaf which had been brought to her the night before; the egg could be more easily doctored, and thus she achieved them all, drinking only a glass of water. But she was careful to throw out of the window enough of the tea and milk to let it appear that she had no suspicion.

As soon as she had finished the meal, she turned to her books and prepared to pass the morning just as usual, and she was reading when Merridew entered.

"Are you going to force me to extremes, will you sign that paper?"

"You must do what you will. I have no other answer from that of yesterday," she replied with perfect steadiness.

"You will have only one more chance. This evening. If you still refuse, you will not live to see another day."

She heard him in silence, and turned to her book. He was evidently of opinion that the few words he said the grater would be the impression of his inflexible resolve to carry out his threats.

But Mrs. Tisley was of quite another opinion.

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**THEIR SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. and Mrs. William Peters Warmly

Congratulated by Hundreds of Friends Yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Peters of 60 Waterloo street yesterday afternoon and evening celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. The occasion was marked by a reception between the hours of four and six and eight and ten. Mr. and Mrs. Peters were assisted in receiving their hundred and odd guests by Mrs. William Peters, Jr., Mrs. C. F. Baker and Mrs. J. E. De Mille. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Horace Wetmore and Mrs. George Cooper. The reception room was prettily decorated with flowers.

Among those present at the reception were C. S. Everett and Jacob Underhill, both of whom were present at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Peters sixty years ago. Mr. Everett acting as groomsmen. The two gentlemen named, together with the aged couple, are the only persons living who were present at the wedding ceremony. Rev. Mr. Rice of the Methodist church, performed the ceremony and Mrs. T. B. Underhill, sister of Mrs. Peters was bridesmaid.

At the reception yesterday nineteen of the descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Peters were present. Others being in Victoria, B. C., Duquenois, Iowa and Worcester, Mass. were unable to attend the function. Everyone joined in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Peters many additional returns of the happy anniversary.

**DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN ONTARIO VILLAGE**

Aged Woman and Adopted Son, in Financial Difficulty, Commit Suicide.

BRIGHT, Ontario, May 27.—A double tragedy Saturday night cast a gloom over the village. Mrs. McKie, aged seventy-one, and William McKie, aged 47, her adopted son, were found dead Saturday afternoon. The old lady was in bed, while in the kitchen, William was found lying on the floor, partially dressed. Beside him was found a six-ounce bottle of chloroform about one-third empty, which told the story of suicide. On the kitchen table was a letter in which was enclosed \$20. Of this money \$15 was to go to Father Duncan of Bright, from whom it had been borrowed, and \$5 to Miss Belle McKie of Brantford. The affair is thought to have been a deliberate act of suicide, and no theory is advanced except financial embarrassment.

LONDON, May 27.—At the anniversary meeting of the Royal Geographical Society today the Founder's medal was awarded to Francisco Moreno for geographical work in America, and the Patron's medal to Captain Roald Amundsen, the Arctic explorer.

**MIRAMICHI DEAL CARRIERS' STRIKE**

Went Out When Request for Increased Pay Was Refused—Increase Granted in Some Mills.

CHATHAM, N. B., May 27.—A demand of \$2 per day by deal carriers in the Snowball and the Miramichi Lumber Companies' mills and its refusal to accept a complete tying up of Snowball's mill this morning and enforced idleness upon 125 of the 200 men employed there, and caused the shutting down of one gang in the Miramichi mill and they were out until they won. They have been getting \$1.75 in each mill. In the Snowball mill there are three gangs, with seven deal carriers to each gang, or twenty-one in all. In the Miramichi mill there are two gangs. The management was given notice Saturday night, the men say, and the answer was that if they would cut down the number on each gang from seven to six, the wages would be raised. This the men declined to do, as they say the work is heavy enough as it is with seven. When the deal carriers' meeting that the increase had not been granted, they worked until noon and then quit.

One gang in the Miramichi mill agreed to work with six and they got the increase of 25 cents. The others refused to work under those conditions and one-half of the mill is tied up. Loading, however, is going along steadily on the steamers. In the Snowball mill the refusal of the deal carriers to work has caused the shutting down of the whole mill. The men have no union, but state they will stand by each other. The striking deal carriers only number \$10 a day, but their absence makes a big difference in the working of the mills.

A few days ago the firemen, numbering about ten in all, employed in the Miramichi pulp and paper mill, asked for an advance from \$1.75 to \$2.00. After some dickering on the subject most of the men agreed to take \$2 for night work and \$1.80 for day work. In the Dominion pulp mill, across the river, the same question has arisen, but there has been no strike, the company declaring its willingness to pay \$2 to competent men.

The police raided L. K. Lloyd's place of business Saturday and found a barrel of wet goods, twenty bottles of gin and a case of beer. He resisted the police and was roped in. Trial began this morning, but was adjourned until Friday.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—The trial of Mayor Ehmerts was resumed in Judge Dunne's court today, the examination of testimony being continued. Six jurors have already been procured.

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## MORE PAY FOR C.R. EMPLOYES

Increase for Those Who Have Not Benefited Recently

New Schedule Now Being Worked Out—Montreal Longshoremen Advise Halifax Men Not to Strike.

OTTAWA, May 27.—Within a short time an increase in pay will be announced for a number of classes of Intercolonial employees who have not been benefited by increases which have been given to the men on the road during the past two or three years. Among those who are to get advances will be certain classes of machinists, car men, clerks, mechanics and others. The details of the new schedule of pay are now being worked out. The deputy minister of railways has about a hundred and fifty thousand dollars at his disposal, out of which to grant increases to railway employees, and the money will be divided as fairly as possible among those who are entitled to it.

The success of the new Lemieux labor act has been recently shown on both sides of Canada. Labor organizations have just had experience of the benefits of the law have recommended other labor organizations who have dispute with their employers to take advantage of the new act. Following the settlement of the coal dispute at Fernie through the intervention of the labor department and the explanation of the act to the men, the miners of the Alberta Railway and Navigation Company at Lethbridge applied today for a board of conciliation and investigation to take up the dispute between themselves and the company with a view of arriving at a satisfactory agreement. Accompanying the application was a letter from Mr. Sherman, president of the miners' organization, stating that but for the existence of the law and its recent satisfactory demonstrations at Fernie, a strike would now be on at Lethbridge, as authority to strike and promise of support had been obtained from the international body, failing the granting of the men's requests by the operators.

The action of the western miners shows the working man's opinion of the new law. As soon as he has an understanding of it he desires to make use of it. There has been a similar illustration of this in the east. The president and the secretary of the Montreal Longshoremen's Union who have recently had the provisions of the law explained to them have written to the longshoremen of Halifax advising them to strike until they had their grievances looked into under the law by a board of conciliation.

During April thirty-six labor disputes were reported to the department, compared with twenty-one in April last year. The aggregate loss was 9,150 working days, compared with 23,850 in April last year. The large increase is largely due to a big coal strike in the west. During April there were eighty-two fatalities reported in connection with the various industries of the country, and two hundred and eight persons were seriously hurt in connection with railway accidents.

## 15 YEARS MAKING THEIR REPUTATION

Hargreaves' Big Circus Will be Here on June 5th.

The great Hargreaves railroad show will exhibit in St. John on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, June 5. It is used to be said that Dan Rice and a trick mule made a circus. In Hargreaves' time the people like to be humbugged. But time changes everything and today it requires several rings, a big menagerie and hundreds of male and female all-star performers to fill the public's definition of the word "circus" and the people absolutely refuse to be humbugged. A humbug circus will spring up now and then, but its existence is only transient. Such is the decree of fate. For fifteen years the Hargreaves show has toured the United States, meeting with triumph and success and establishing an enviable position in circulation. This season this already large show has been augmented in every department, the management having spared neither money nor trouble in its efforts to present to the public a truly first-class circus. The Hargreaves' famous amusement institute completely fills the public's definition of the word "circus." Of course there will be a free street parade as this pageant is said to be one of the most gorgeous ever given by a circus. There will be herds of elephants, droves of camels, many bands of proficient musicians, numerous cages of rare wild beasts, myriad of beautifully costumed ladies and gentlemen, riding gaily caparisoned steeds, and countless clowns, tableaux and floats. The management invites special attention to its horses, all of which are in the best of condition and will appeal to horse fanciers. The big parade will leave the show grounds promptly at 10 o'clock a. m.

## WAS TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

SYDNEY, N. S., May 27.—F. W. Warren of the Dominion Coal Company was taken suddenly ill this morning as he reached his office at Glace Bay and had to return home. He suffered from nervous prostration. He was reported better this evening.

## TORNADO DOES GREAT DAMAGE

Several Houses Blown Down and Trees Torn Up

Aged Lady, Who Was Ill, Buried Under Debris—But Crawled Out Uninjured—No Lives Lost.

TORONTO, May 27.—A big wind visited part of Norfolk county in western Ontario Sunday night. Two houses in the village of Nixon were blown down and completely wrecked, and a grocery store suffered a like fate. Mrs. Croft an old lady was confined to her bed by illness in one of the houses which collapsed. In spite of her infirmities she managed to crawl out of the debris and escaped with a comparatively narrow swath. It left great rain in its course. Roofs were torn off barns and carried long distances. Several buildings being demolished. Trees were torn up and fences leveled. The Nixon Wash railway chute containing a large amount of coal was five loaded cars collapsed and hundreds of tons of coal with the beams and timbers of the chute were piled upon the rails, blocking traffic.

## YACHT BURNED AT SEA AND GUESTS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 27.—Lieut. governor Dunsmyth narrowly escaped death Friday through the burning of his yacht in Queen Charlotte Sound. He was returning from a fishing expedition with his son-in-law, Major Audain and three guests, when the yacht, Thistle, was discovered to be on fire. Thinking the vessel was on fire, the crew of thirteen, took to the boats and the yacht burned to the waters' edge. Five hundred gallons of gasoline in the hold exploded. After travelling 32 miles in the boats, the shipwrecked party were sighted by a south-bound steamer, which landed them at Vancouver at noon yesterday. The Thistle was valued at \$50,000. So sudden was the outbreak of flame that the engineers had not time to shut off steam, and the burning boat, under full speed, sped southward, and two hours later the steamer Queen City came across the burning hulk and stood by to ascertain whether the passengers of the unknown vessel had lost their lives. Evidently the boilers of the Thistle had exploded.

## SMALL STRIKE STARTED AT NORTH SYDNEY

NORTH SYDNEY, May 27.—A small strike started by men engaged in discharging scrap iron from the steamer Union, started Saturday, collapsed today, the men returning at the old rate of wages.

This afternoon's northeast wind broke up the ice jam from Point Aconi to Hatter's Point, a large portion was carried into the harbor. Several steamers and schooners made ineffectual attempts to get away. The steamer Drag is still wedged in the ice off Low Point light.

## SIR WILFRID IN PARIS

LONDON, May 27.—At Paris, Sir Wilfrid Laurier received an invitation of the British Chamber of Commerce, to express pleasure at the foundation of the Canadian section of the chamber. Sir Wilfrid will be entertained unofficially by the chamber on his return by Italy in June.

The N. B. A. meeting at Blaney begins July 8, and closes July 20. Teams are expected from India, Australia and Canada.

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