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A Mysterious Disappearance
By Gordon Holmes
A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)

"Mr. Bruce, my friend was incapable of murdering any woman, die was equally incapable of conducting any discreditable liaison with any woman. I have known him for years, and a straight, trust, more honorable man I never met. I don't know what the reason was for assuming my name, which he undoubtedly did, as the agent called this morning, and I find the fact in my name."

"Oh, just that. Messmore had acted for me. The man seemed a bit puzzled, but he didn't kick when I offered to pay up the rent owing since Christmas and another quarter in advance."

"I don't suppose he did. The rent was due, then?"

"Yes, it seems that Messmore, writing in my name, sent a letter from Monte Carlo about a month ago, saying he would return about this time and settle up."

"Thus proving his intention all along to come back to London. It is a queer muddle, Mr. Corbett, is it not?"

"Very, but you will pardon me, as an outsider, saying one thing—your all appear to have overlooked a clear trail."

"What about this? The woman who is she? Who are her friends? Who maintains her in such style? Bruce, was with me four years and never mentioned her name. She could not have been rich by inheritance, as it is an account of these father gobs, and I can not forget anything. Those facts tell both ways. Just because he quitted the country at the time somebody may have tried to throw the blame on him."

"The theory was plausible, though Bruce could not accept it. Nevertheless, he could not help thinking about his references to Mrs. Hillmer. That there was force in his theory, and with the admission came the unpleasant thought that perhaps he, Bruce, was in some sense responsible for the neglect to clear up her antecedents."

"However, a few hours might explain much."

"With unwonted impatience the barrister awaited the coming of night. He tried every expedient to kill time, and found each operation tedious."

"He dined early, and at half-past seven came and passed he wondered why the detective did not appear."

"But his doubts on this point did not last long."

"White is looking at Charing Cross to make sure of their arrival," he said to himself.

"At ten minutes to eight the detective came in hurriedly."

"They will be here directly," he announced. "A servant has taken their luggage to Mrs. Hillmer's place, and they are evidently driving straight here after taking some refreshment at the station."

"Have you no faith in human nature, Mr. White? Could you not trust their words?"

"Well, sir, my experience of human nature is that you can very seldom trust anybody's words."

"At last Smith announced Mrs. Hillmer and Mr. Messmore."

"When they entered, Bruce was for the moment at a loss to know exactly how to receive them."

"But Mrs. Hillmer settled the matter by greeting him with a quiet 'Good evening,' and seating herself. Messmore stood near the door, very pale and stern-looking."

"It appears, Mr. Bruce," he said, "that we met in Monte Carlo under false pretences. You were, it seems, a detective on the track of a murderer, and you were good enough to believe that I was the person you sought. It would have saved some misconception on my part had you explained our roles earlier. However, I am here to meet the charge."

"Claude was not unprepared for this attitude on Messmore's part. But he was determined that it should not continue if he could help it."

"When they parted at Monte Carlo, Messmore," he said, "we parted as friends."

"Yes."

"Then tell me what has happened since to cause this obvious change in your opinion?"

"Is it not true that you suspect me of murdering Lady Dyke?"

"No."

"But why has my sister been told that you are a murderer?"

"Because we certainly did suspect a mysterious personage who called himself Sydney H. Corbett, and whose behavior was unaccountable that the authorities required a reasonable explanation of it."

"Do I understand, Bruce, that we meet with no more suspicious between us than when we last saw each other?"

"Most certainly."

"Then I ask you pardon for my name and words. I have suffered keenly during the last three days from this cruel thought, that I am shaking hands on it."

"As their hands met they both heard Mrs. Hillmer stifle a sob. Messmore turned to her."

"Now, Gwen," he said, "don't be foolish. We will soon clear up this miserable business. So far as we are concerned, all we need to do is to tell the truth and fear nobody."

"That's it," said White. "If you don't mind, I'll ask you a question. What is it you want to know?"

Messmore turned to the speaker. He guessed his identity, but Bruce introduced the detective by name.

"Well," said Messmore, "I have come here to ask you questions. What is it you want to know?"

Mr. White glanced at the barrister, and the other explained.

"I have, as you may already realize, taken a more than passive interest in this inquiry, so the questioning largely revolves around the time and with this collapse came other demands. I have been worried by creditors, so when my sister offered to take and furnish a flat for me, near her own, I thought I would live quietly for a time and conceal my name so as to have peace there at any rate. Therefore I assumed the name of a friend in America, little thinking that I should land both him and myself into such trouble by doing it. That is the explanation. By the way, what has happened to Corbett?"

"He is all right. He expects to see you tonight. You know Sir Charles Dyke, do you not?"

"Yes."

"Ultimately?"

"Well, no, not exactly. He and I were at school together at Brighton, at Child's place."

"At Brighton?"

"Yes, I was a little chap when Dyke was a senior. After he left the academy, he changed the school to a place called Seton Lodge at Putney, on account of cramming operations for Army exams."

"Then you were at Putney?"

"Yes, for two years."

"And Dyke was not?"

"No; that I am sure of."

"Have you and Sir Charles been friendly since?"

"Messmore's face hardened somewhat as he answered, 'I have seen very little of him, and hardly ever spoke to him.'"

"Why? Did you quarrel?"

"No, but we just did not happen to meet. Bear in mind, I was in business some years ago, and I am not yet thirty."

"Did you know his wife?"

"I have never to my knowledge, seen her."

"How, then, do you account for the fact that she visited your flat at Haleigh Mansions on November 6?"

"I say that such a statement is mere nonsense."

"But it can be proved?"

"It cannot."

"I assure you, on my honor, that it can."

"But look here, Bruce. Why should she come to see me? I question greatly if she knew my existence."

"Nevertheless, it is the fact."

"I can only tell you it is not. I left London on November 8, and on the two previous evenings I dined alone. Mrs. Robinson, my housekeeper, can tell you that not another soul entered my flat for a week prior to my departure, except my sister and—and I had forgotten—some workmen."

"Some workmen?"

"Yes, some fellows from a furniture warehouse."

"What were they doing?"

"Well, don't you see, I told you I was not well off, and my sister furnished my flat for me, in August last that was, but the drawing-room was left bare for a time. Just before I left for France she decided to re-furnish her drawing-room, and she gave me the whole outfit. The things were brought in by the men who brought her purchases."

(To be Continued.)

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



A MOHAIR-SUIT ON NEW LOOSE LINES.

This little traveling suit of blue mohair is sharply up to the spring minute in style, and the straight, loose model will be much used without doubt for mohair, pongee and linen suits all summer—particularly the last sort, for the simple lines will launder very satisfactorily. There are no lapels but the front buttons snugly to the throat, where a little turnover collar fastens with broad ties in a smart bow. The skirt also is most simply cut and bone buttons like those on the coat, outline the front edge.

MANUFACTURERS JOIN THE FIGHT WITH WHITE PLAGUE

Massachusetts Factory Owners Will Pay Expenses of Their Afflicted Employees at Sanitarium and Also Continue Their Wages—Protection for 12,000 Worcester Workmen

Worcester, Mass., March 7.—More than twenty manufacturing companies in Worcester county, employing more than 12,000 men, women, boys and girls, have pledged their support in a campaign to stamp out tuberculosis among the working people. To this end each company will contribute to the expenses of a three months' treatment at the Massachusetts State Sanitarium at Rutland, of any employee who may be found suffering from the "white plague" in its early stages. Some of the firms have even agreed to pay to the families of such persons the salary earned by the employee who has been obliged to go to Rutland for treatment.

The support of the manufacturers in the campaign against tuberculosis has been secured by Dr. Melvin G. Overlock, chief of the state health department. His method of combining the manufacturing interests in the fight against the disease is new and, although he has been at work on his present plan for only four months, already he has succeeded in protecting the health of 12,000 factory employees.

In starting his campaign, Dr. Overlock impressed on the owners and managers of

WILL BUILD A VAST STATION

C. P. R. to Quadruple Capacity of Windsor Station in Montreal and Make It Finest Terminal in Canada.

(Montreal Star.)

The long-talked-of, long-looked-for plans for the extension of the Windsor Station have been made public, and are published for the first time today.

In a word, the new buildings will be the finest of the kind in Canada. They will cover the entire block of land outlined by Windsor, Osborne, Mountain and St. Antoine streets, and will quadruple the office and track space at present in use.

When the proposed extensions are made the total area of the terminal will be 400,000 feet, one of the most extensive terminals in the world.

As shown in the plan above, eight new tracks will run into the terminal, the head offices on the upper level, and the main properties on St. Antoine street and on Donagana street will be expropriated, the total frontage to be expropriated being 215 feet on the upper level, and the entire block bounded by Osborne street on the north, Windsor street on the east, St. Antoine street on the south, and Mountain street on the west, will be occupied by the terminal.

The expropriations will be arbitrated by the Railway Commission immediately.

Some of the old landmarks which will disappear with the erection of the new extension will be Drury's, at the corner of Windsor and Donagana streets, and the old Donagana Hotel, a landmark in its day famous for more than one reason.

When the Canadian Pacific Railway arrived at the Windsor Square Station on the continental road, which occurred within a few weeks of twenty-three years ago, the necessity for greater terminal accommodations than was afforded by the old Dalhousie Square Station in the East End, was realized by the management. The Grand Terminal had then the only railway station in the west end of the city, and it was decided that the C. P. R. should invade that section, but further up.

The block between Osborne and Donagana streets, bounded by Windsor street on the east, Mountain street on the west, was selected as being the most desirable site, having the advantage of a location on the upper level, and affording the easiest access from the westward. That portion of the city was then of a residential character, but it was the most part of an inexpensive character.

The first transportation trunk pulled out of Dalhousie Square Station on June 12, 1886, and it was not long after that date that the plan for the Windsor Station were formulated and proceeded with.

The building first erected was the wing facing on Windsor street, with a train shed extending westward to the rear of the roof of the station, but the ground on which this continued to be occupied as such for some years after trains were running in and out of the station, but they were in value rapidly and as the demands for space increased the C. P. R. bought up the property and turned it over to the management. The last of the block along Osborne street to pass into the hands of the railway, but the building at that time was a roundhouse had been built. Finally this property passed into the hands of the railway, but the building at that time was a roundhouse had been built. Finally this property passed into the hands of the railway, but the building at that time was a roundhouse had been built.

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Mr. A. Good Fellow

on the First of the Month

"Talk about your strenuous weeks," sighed Mr. A. Good Fellow, as he reached for the swinging light in the cigar store and leaned against a soft place on the counter to lean against. "This one just past has certainly been a scorcher for me. Why? 'Don't you ever have any bills to settle in the first of the month?' When it gets to the end of the month don't you have that sort of Sherlock Holmes' feeling? And when the morning of the first dawns, don't you mentally don sock-doll and sigh and raise your voice in lamentation—that you just can't settle a little bit on every last creditor and stave them off another month? You don't? Come here! Let me feel you and see if you are really not me next to how you do it. Economy! Management! Saving up for a rainy day? Aw, don't pass me a lot of con like that—know all those roads to Easy Street—but the thing I want to know is how you economize, how you manage, and how you save up for a rainy day. Tell it to me, and I won't pass it by."

"Did you ever stop to think of the foot of a man like to run a bill at a cigar store, instead of paying as he goes—and doing without when he hasn't got the price? I'm not, precisely what I preach; but, take it from me, it ought to be just as easy for you as you go—and a whole lot easier when the first of the month comes, without a big smoke bill staring you in the face."

"Funny about this first-of-the-month business, ain't it? I'm glad to see it come, for it means drawing my monthly dividend from the office. But I dread it as a day of battle, murder and sudden death. You see, boy, I get my money then, but I can't even get in a breath between the time I say 'How-de-do' to it and 'Good-bye'! Hence, it goes that fast it doesn't seem to pass."

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The Times Daily Puzzle Picture



THE COMING OF EASTER.

It's nice when winter's wata are waged. To look ahead for springtime; Memento the prettiest of all things Will dream of wedding-time.

To whom is she engaged?
ANSWER TO SATU RDAY'S PUZZLE.
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BACKACHE MEANS WEAK KIDNEYS

Backache is Warning Not to Neglect Nature's Danger Signals—Also Gives a Recipe to Mix Yourself and Full Directions.

Take care of backache. A great many cases of kidney complaint are reported about here; also bladder trouble and rheumatism.

An authority once stated that pain in the back, loins or region of the kidneys is the danger signal nature sends out to the sufferer that there is some thing wrong with the kidneys, which should receive immediate attention. Only vegetable treatment should be administered and absolutely no strongly alcoholic medicines, which are harmful to the kidneys and bladder.

The following prescription, while simple, harmless and inexpensive, is known and recognized as a sovereign remedy for kidney complaint. The ingredients can be obtained at any good prescription pharmacy and anyone can mix them: Compound Kargon, one ounce; Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime.

This preparation is said to restore the natural functions of the kidneys, so they will sift and strain the poisonous waste matter, uric acid, etc., from the blood, purifying it and relieving rheumatism. Backache will be relieved, the urine will be neutralized and cleared and no longer a cause of irritation, thereby overcoming such symptoms as weak bladder, painful, frequent and other urinary difficulties.

This is worth trying and may prove just what many people here need.

Otto Fletcher, the ten-year-old son of Rev. M. E. Fletcher, has been sick for some time with scarlet fever. Dr. P. L. Kenney is attending and the patient is reported to be progressing favorably. In the meantime Rev. Mr. Fletcher is residing at A. Hart's, Charlotte street, Carleton.

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MANCHESTER CANAL FEELS DEPRESSION

Purely a Cargo Port Without Compensating Advantage of Passenger Traffic—Setback for the First Time

At the forty-seventh general meeting of the Manchester Ship Canal Company, J. R. Bythell, chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, remarked that the hope he expressed of improvement had been realized. Whereas July-August showed a decrease in port receipts of £12,486, the remaining four months showed an increase of £287,251. The result was that the receipts of the ship canal department for the complete half-year were £270,145 against £267,251, a decrease of £2,896. Every effort was made to reduce the expenditure consistent with efficiency. The receipts were £29,881 less, but the expenditures could only be reduced by £13,774. The result was a working profit of £160,000 against £135,266, the decrease being £24,734. Taking the year as a whole, for the first time in the history of undertaking, they had had to submit to a setback, but, having regard to the acute trade depression, they could not expect to be exempt from its effects. It was disappointing to the citizens of Manchester and the shareholders that after being able in 1907, out of the earnings of the year, to pay the full amount of interest due on all the loans, including the £3,000,000 loan of the Manchester Corporation, in moving the report had been reduced to a setback, but, having regard to the circumstances, that the company had come through the year quite as well as they could have expected. Coming to the prospects for the current year, Mr. Bythell said if anyone could tell him when the trade of the world was going to become really active again, he could tell them when the port would again begin to show continued progress in traffic and receipts. The history of the past half year, however, showed that the halt was not a sign of arrested trade, but that the port had begun again. Manchester's strength and vitality, as soon as the world really active their existing trades would again begin to show expansion, and negotiations, which at present were hanging fire, would begin again. Manchester was purely a cargo port and when cargo was very scarce there was no compensating advantage in the shape of passenger traffic like there was in Liverpool.

A. O. H. FIX PLANS

FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

At the special meeting of the A. O. H. yesterday it was decided that on St. Patrick's day the members of the order should march to the cathedral at noon. They will be headed by a band and escorted by the Hibernian Knights.

In the evening No. 1 Division will hold an at home in their rooms. It is planned to make this an elaborate affair. An orchestra will play and there will be a programme of vocal and literary numbers of Irish character. The ladies' auxiliary as well as lady friends of the members will be invited.

James B. Regan, proprietor of the Hotel Knickerbocker, New York, ejected from that hotel, men who had gone there to annoy out-of-town buyers.