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**A Mysterious Disappearance**

By Gordon Holmes

A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)

"Scotland Yard is still engaged. This good-natured friend was evidently making a conversation."

"Oh, naturally. But something tells me that my wife is dead, whether by accident or design. It is impossible to say. The police will cling to the belief that she is hiding in order to conceal their own inability to find her."

"A highly probable theory. Are your servants to be trusted?"

"Yes. They have all been with me some years. Why do you ask?"

"Because I am anxious that nothing of this should get into the papers. I have caused paragraphs to be inserted in the fashionable intelligence columns that Lady Dyke has gone to visit some friends in the Midlands. For her own sake, if she is living, it is best to choke scandal at its source."

"Well, Bruce, I leave everything to you. Make such arrangements as you think fit. The barrister's mobile face softened with pity as he looked at his afflicted friend."

In four days Sir Charles Dyke had aged many years in appearance. Not one who was acquainted with him in the past would have imagined that the loss of his wife could so affect him.

"I have done all that was possible, yet it is very little," said Bruce, after a pause. "You are aware that I am supposed to be an adept at solving crimes of the criminal investigations of an unusual class. But in this case, partly, I suspect, because I myself am the last person who, to our common knowledge, saw Lady Dyke alive on Tuesday night, I am faced by a dead wall of impalpable fact, through which I find it almost impossible to pierce. Yet I am sure that some day this wretched business will be intelligible. I will find her if living; I will find her murderer if she be dead."

Not often did Claude Bruce allow his words to so betray his thoughts.

Both men were absorbed by the thrilling sensations of the moment, and they were positively startled when a servant suddenly announced:

"Inspector White of Scotland Yard."

A short, thick-set man entered. He was absolutely round in every part of his body, and he was supported on stout, well-moulded legs. His bullet head, with close-cropped hair, gave a suggestion of strength to his rounded face, and a pair of small bright eyes looked suspiciously on the world from beneath well-arched eyebrows.

Two personalities more dissimilar than those of Claude Bruce and Inspector White could hardly be brought together in the same room. People who are fond of tracing resemblances to animals in human beings would liken the one to a greyhound, the other to a mastiff in the act of detecting crime—the barrister subtle, rest, perturbation, the policeman did not lose all interest in a case when the hidden trail was laid bare. Mr. White regarded investigation as so many hours on duty until his man was transported or changed.

The detective was well acquainted with his unprofessional colleague, and had already met Sir Charles in the early stages of his present quest.

"I have an important clue," he said, smiling with assurance.

"What is it?" the barronet was for the moment aroused from his deponent lethargy.

"Her ladyship did not go to Richmond on Tuesday night."

Inspector White did not wait for Bruce to speak, but the barrister already had Lady Dyke had not gone to Richmond. Mr. White continued, "Thanks to Mr. Bruce's remembrance of the number of the ticket, we traced it once in the clearing office. It was given up at Sloan Square immediately after the Richmond train passed through."

Bruce nodded again. He was obstinately silent, so the detective questioned him directly.

"By this means the inquiry is narrowed to a locality, eh, Mr. Bruce?"

"Yes," said the barronet, turning to poke the fire.

Mr. White was sure that his astuteness was displeasing to his clever rival. He smiled complacently, and went on:

"The ticket-collector remembers her quite well, as the giving up of a Richmond ticket was unusual at that station. She passed straight out into the square, and from that point we lost sight of her."

"You do, Mr. White?" said Bruce.

"Well, sir, it is a great thing to have localized her movements at that hour, isn't it?"

"Yes, it is. To save time I may tell you that Lady Dyke returned to the station, entered the refreshment room, ordered a glass of wine, which she hardly touched, sat down, and waited some fifteen minutes. Then she quitted the room, crossed the square, asked a news-vendor where Raleigh Mansions were, and gave him sixpence for the information."

**Fashion Hint for Times Readers**



A WORSTED CAPE OR NEGLIGEE.

Something new to crochet on the piazza this winter will be one of these pretty little capes which, if desired, may be worn as negligee, or best jackets over low-necked nightgowns. There is a small yoke which fits around the neck and shoulders, and to this are attached the graduated shell stitches which form the full body and sleeves of the garment. This cape was made of split zephyr worsted in a pale pink shade. A lavender cape would be very lovely for a grey-haired friend.

**TREASURY BOARD WILL ASK COUNCIL TO EXEMPT \$300 INCOMES FROM TAX**

This Means That 4,200 Citizens Will Not Pay Any Income Tax but They Will Also be Disfranchised — A Very Breezy Session Held Last Evening.

The treasury board last night voted to recommend the common council to secure legislation to exempt \$300 incomes from taxation in St. John. This means disfranchisement of some 4,200 citizens and this is overcome by a resolution making \$300 the minimum for anyone exempted to apply to the assessors, pay taxes on \$300 and thus secure a vote.

The treasury board aldermen made a spirited debate over the matter and accusations of playing to the gallery were freely sent across the table. The resolution to exempt all incomes of \$300, including the poll tax, was adopted by seven votes to two.

The chairman of the assessors submitted an interesting statement showing the division of income for assessment. Ald. Baxter occupied the chair and Ald. Baskin, Howard, Pickett, McEldrick, Kelley, Vanwart, McGowan and Sprout were present with the chairman of the assessors, comptroller, chamberlain and common clerk.

J. R. Gilliland, formerly C. P. R. agent on the west side, who was transferred to Montreal last June, wrote offering to pay one-fourth of his tax bill for 1908.

The present assessor, having paid one-third, it was decided to accept two-thirds from Mr. Gilliland.

M. F. Irwin, former manager of the Mercury for many years, proposed to pay \$2 paid as a license on coming to the city in 1908. He paid taxes in 1907 and 1908 and as his predecessor paid in full for 1908 it was decided to refund the amount.

A bill for \$10 from Miss S. B. Clift for shorthand work and typewriting was ordered paid.

The recorder's bill, amounting to \$70, in the suit against James Manchester, \$15 in the purchase of 400 acres on the Miramichi and \$91.20 in the suit of W. C. R. Allan against the city, were passed with a reduction of \$5 in the last named.

It was decided to instal steel shelving in the vault for the chamberlain on plan agreed on by the chamberlain and comptroller, the city to pay the cost of the shelving.

The question of exempting small incomes was taken up with a view to having a bill prepared showing the change in the tax rate which would result from different methods:

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So great has been the success of this wonderful remedy, it is only natural that numerous persons have tried to imitate it. Don't be humbugged into taking anything but "Dr. Wood's." Put up in a yellow wrapper; three pine trees the trade mark; price 25 cents.

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**CHATHAM BAKER IS IN TROUBLE**

Isaac McDonald Held Without Bail by a Campbellton Court

Campbellton, N. B., Jan. 28.—Isaac McDonald, of Chatham, a baker, thirty years old, was arrested here today by Chief Crawford charged with indecent assault on several young girls. The latter, in court today, testified McDonald as the man who attempted to assault them.

The magistrate refused bail and the prisoner remained for the moment in the hearing. Several grave charges are pending against him. McDonald is married and has two children.

**THE BLUES WON**

Y. M. C. A. Membership Contest Captured by A. H. Chipman's Team by Narrow Margin.

A very enjoyable reception was held last evening in the Y. M. C. A. building to mark the close of the membership contest which has been carried on for some weeks. The Blues, captained by A. H. Chipman, won by a very narrow margin, scoring 122 points to 112 secured by the Reds, captained by E. E. Church. Speeches were made by the two captains and a very interesting musical programme was carried out and refreshments were served. The whole affair was informal and was much enjoyed. The programme was brought to a close with some rollicking choruses.

It is interesting to note that as a result of the membership contest about 150 new names have been added to the roll, bringing the membership, which was practically nil on the first of December, up to 619 at the present time.

**ENJOYABLE CONCERT**

A very enjoyable concert was given in the Seaman's Institute last night. J. H. Belya was in the chair and there was a large number of citizens as well as seamen in attendance. At the conclusion of the entertainment the management thanked those who took part. The following was the programme: Miss Alice Burk, Miss Helen Miller and Miss Lillian Gallop, trio; Sterling Stackhouse, reading; Miss Rachel Turner, Miss Mabel Porter, Miss Helen Foster, Miss Ethel Boyce and Habel Collins, solos; Miss Helen Miller, Miss L. Gallop, duet; Mr. Robinson, reading; Miss Alice Stearns, piano solo; Messrs. Brulohanski, bagpipe selections; Miss Grace Wilson, Miss Andy Miller, Miss L. Gallop, Miss Eva Gallop, quartette; Mr. Robinson, reading; Mr. Williams, of the S. S. Empress of Britain and Moore, Brown and Wilkinson, of the steamship Montreal, also sang solos.

**Only One "BROMO QUININE"**

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**THE CONSERVATIVE PAPER**

The shareholders of The Standard, Ltd., the company organized to publish a Conservative newspaper in St. John, met here Thursday afternoon to complete organization. Dr. J. W. Daniel, M. P., came from Ottawa and J. H. Crockett from Fredericton to attend the meeting and Senator Wood was here from Sackville.

The Right Hon. John Sinclair, who has been secretary for Scotland since 1905, has been raised to the peerage. The elevation is said to be in part due to Premier Asquith's desire to have a Scottish minister in the upper house.

There is also a rumor in circulation here that the new peer may succeed Earl Grey as governor-general of Canada.

There will be a double-header in the senior hockey league in the Queen's rink tonight—the St. Johns vs. the Victorias and the Mohawks vs. the Bankers.

An effort is being made to have the U. N. B. and St. Joseph's play here on Feb. 15. This, it is believed, would be one of the best games of the season and would draw a large crowd.

**Bedridden with Piles**

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If you suffer from Piles the experience of thousands leads to one definite conclusion—that the fastest way to relief is the Zam-Buk way! Surely you believe that nature provides somewhere, a cure for all nature's ills! Zam-Buk is the refined and concentrated essence of healing herbs—nature's balm. Theoretically it should be good. Analysts and doctors agree on this. Practically it is good. Thousands of people in four continents bear testimony. Read these cases:

Mrs. Wm. Hughes, of 253, Hochelaga Street, Hochelaga, Montreal, says:—"I suffered from blind, itching, and protruding piles for years. Sometimes they were so bad that I could hardly bear to move about. The inflammation, the burning stinging pain, the throbbing, the aching, the over-powring feelings of dulness and dark despair which this ailment brings, the shooting spasms of agony—all were so terrible that only sufferers from this awful ailment can understand."

But as this case was, Zam-Buk triumphed, and Mrs. Hughes suffers no longer.

Mrs. E. Bosall, of Scott Street, St. Thomas, says:—"For months without cessation I endured great pain from bleeding piles. For as many months I tried everything which I thought would give me ease, but in the end, disappointed and still suffering I gave up."

Then it was heard of Zam-Buk, and she adds:—"Although I feared Zam-Buk would be like the ordinary remedies—useless—I am glad it was not. It soon proved itself to be very different. It rapidly gave me relief, and after a time cured me completely. I would like to let all sufferers from piles know what a grand thing Zam-Buk is."

Mr. Thos. Carr, of Ellesmere Street, Ramcorn, says:—"I first began to suffer from piles through sitting on damp grass one summer, and for years I endured agony from this terrible complaint. Sometimes I would be bedridden for as long as a month at a stretch. Yet, to-day, I never suffer from piles! Zam-Buk cured me, to stay cured, and I bless the day I first tried it!"

No one could go on quoting case after case and it is by working such cases that Zam-Buk has earned for itself its great reputation.

Now if you suffer from this terribly painful ailment just be guided by the foregoing cases! Don't delay! Don't waste time on things said to be "just as good." Get the real genuine Zam-Buk and start on the way to health!

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**SIR JOHN SINCLAIR MAY BE EARL GREY'S SUCCESSOR**

Reported That the Present Secretary of Scotland May be Canada's Next Governor General.

London, Jan. 28.—It is reported that the Right Hon. John Sinclair, secretary for Scotland, who has just been raised to the peerage, will be the next governor general of Canada. In 1904 he married Lady Marjorie Gordon, daughter of the second Earl of Aberdeen, who was governor general of Canada from 1883 to 1886, during which time Mr. Sinclair was secretary to the Earl.

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The new peer will be remembered by many Canadians in connection with the tenure of office of Lord Aberdeen as governor-general of Canada, whose daughter he married. He was secretary to the governor-general from 1895 to 1897.

The new peer will be remembered as Boston and Lady Aberdeen, who was, as a young girl, very popular in Montreal and Ottawa society. She was married to the late Marjorie Gordon, eldest daughter of doleful would be finished today. Twelve Hon. John Sinclair in 1901 and they have one son and one daughter.

Hon. John Sinclair entered the ministry of Mr. Asquith in 1893 as secretary for Scotland, having been Liberal member for Forfarshire since 1897. Previous to that he was in the house of commons as representative for Dumfriesshire from 1892 to 1893, being defeated in the latter year. He then came to Canada as secretary to Lord Aberdeen, and it was during the period of his residence at Ottawa that the seeds of the romance were sown which resulted in his marriage to the earl's daughter some years afterwards.

He served with distinction in the British army, having after his military education at Wellington and Sandhurst, entered the army in 1875. He served in the South African campaign in 1882, for which he received the medal and clasp and retired as captain in 1887. He was A. D. C. to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1886. His father being the late Captain George Sinclair and his grandfather was a baronet, the late Sir John Sinclair.

W. B. Wallace, K. C., and S. B. Austin were messengers from Fredericton by the Boston express last night. They appeared in cases before the supreme court, Mr. Wallace says that in all probability the docket would be finished today. Twelve cases were argued in three days.

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