

The Arncliffe Puzzle

By GORDON HOLMES, Author "A Mysterious Disappearance."

Ten minutes more, and Lester saw Edith approaching. For an instant he forgot all about Hobson and the letterbox. He had a wild idea of sauntering out and meeting her accidentally. And, of course, he could offer her his escort back to the Hall, and—

Edith stopped at the postoffice and dropped something into the box. Lester pulled himself together with a jerk. He had never thought of Hobson's curious trap being possibly directed against Edith. Now the situation took a new significance; and the delightful possibility of a stroll with the lady of his heart was relinquished at once. Edith, her correspondence posted, retraced her steps, stopping a moment to speak to a pretty, curly-headed mite at one of the cottage gates. Then the mother, a bloated slattern, came out, and Lester in a white heat of fury, saw her snatch the key away.

The coarse gibe accompanying the action was inaudible, but Edith's shrinking, as though from a blow, the haughty pose of her head as she walked on, told the whole story. That a villager should dare to be rude to the woman who owned the manor of Arncliffe was an amazing thing. What deadly venom was it that some one was instilling into the public mind? And what object was served thereby?

This incident did not tend to improve matters for Hobson. Lester was already burning to avenge Edith's wrongs, and it boded ill for anyone who might offer the least whipping-block.

In the management of his own business, the detective acted judiciously. He allowed another ten minutes to elapse before sauntering over to the postoffice with an ostentatious letter in his hand. This he dropped into the box, and then again developed that remarkable interest in the commonplace contents of the shop window. But Lester saw his hands busy near the slot again. Ultimately Hobson sauntered off, and Lester, jamming on a hasty hat, followed, his jaw set grimly.

Inspector Hobson made his way toward the outskirts of the village, evidently in search of solitude. Slowly as he was walking, he moderated his pace at the sound of Lester's decided footsteps. The detective's quick ear noted that there was not the slouching step of a peasant in hobbles—nor even the step of a man in a hurry. It was the step of a man with a purpose, and whether that purpose was connected with himself or not, the detective saw that his best policy was an assumption of indifference.

So, when Lester was near, he looked round as a man naturally would, hearing so resolute a pursuit at his heels. "Ah, Dr. Lester," he said, with a smile in which friendliness and respect were judiciously blended, "why have you not your fishing-tackle with you on this fine day?"

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"I may yet make a cast or two," answered Lester, quietly. "At present I want to have a little chat with you." "Lucky I thought of strolling into the village, sir," was Hobson's reply, delivered in apparent sincerity. "I hadn't much to do, and, to a man like me, stuck in London nearly all the year, it is a real pleasure to rove amongst the buttercups and daisies for a time."

"It is very gratifying that an official who is brought so much in contact with the seamy side of life should retain a taste for such things."

Lester's tone was dry, and the detective had some misgivings as to whether his companion was to put it colloquially, "getting at him." Under the circumstances, he thought it wiser to change the subject.

"Have you learnt anything fresh, sir?" he inquired. "Things have come a bit of a standstill, and I should be glad to break a little new ground."

"As a matter of fact," replied Lester, "that is the very reason I wanted to consult you. I have made a very important discovery, indeed."

"I am glad to hear it, sir. May I ask what the news is? It's a good thing we are alone here. We can chat without the fear of prying ears."

"I quite agree with you," said Lester. "It is an excellent thing that you are alone. But you will, perhaps, be disappointed to hear that my discovery has nothing to do with the death of Lord Arncliffe."

"No, sir?" the query was put a little uneasily.

"No, Mr. Hobson. What I have found out is a very ingenious method of robbing his majesty's mails."

Hobson saw instantly that his manipulation of the letterbox had not passed unnoticed. Nevertheless, he determined not to lose the fruits of his industry without a struggle.

"Indeed, sir," he said coolly, "I am afraid that won't help our case along very much. Still, the postal authorities are always very glad to hear about any new dodge of that sort."

"Oh, I do not think there will be any necessity to approach the postoffice over this matter. Just hand me over Miss Holt's letter, and as I wish that lady to spend annoyance as far as possible, we will say no more about it."

"Miss Holt's letter?" exclaimed the other, assuming an expression of wonder.

"Don't waste your fingers on me, man. If you please," said Lester, sharply. "I watched the whole business from my window, from the time you fixed up your contrivance in the mailbox to your vent back and fetched it away, and with it Miss Holt's letter—the letter you are now carrying in your breast pocket."

Hobson, finding himself cornered, tried bluster.

"Look here," he began in the pompous tone of the policeman, "you must not interfere with me in the execution of my duty! I have authority for all I do, and it is a serious matter to attempt to defame the ends of justice."

"Don't talk nonsense," said Lester, contemptuously. "You have no authority to rob letterboxes. You know as well as I do that it is an offence which might send you to penal servitude. However, I am not going to argue the point with you. Give me that letter, please!"

The detective tried another tack. "It's all very well, sir, for you to accuse me of taking letters from the box, but I am not to be bluffed by you or anyone else. You may accuse me, your accusation will take a lot of proving."

Lester laughed at a laugh that had in it a quality which caused his companion to eye him alertly. In the course of a long experience of hard men he had never heard that kind of laugh without somebody receiving bodily injury in the near future.

"It will not take any proving," said Lester, curtly. "I am a bigger man than you, Hobson, and a younger man, and a stronger man. If you do not give me that letter this instant I shall remove it from your coat by the use of as much force as may be necessary."

Inspector Hobson looked up and down the road with a glance of bitter annoyance. It was a white ribbon of sunlight emptiness. There was no mistaking that the young doctor meant each word he said, and though the detective was brave enough in the discharge of his duty, he saw himself at a disadvantage in every respect. Physically he was no match for Lester in any case, and he knew very well that his tampering with the mails was indefensible. Scotland Yard is not too scrupulous in its methods of obtaining information, but an officer who is discovered in any sharp practice finds himself in the same unfortunate position as the secret-service agent who is caught with the plans of a fortification in his pocket. He is disowned with virtuous indignation by the country which employed him. The detective therefore surrendered at discretion and handed over Edith's letter with as good a grace as possible.

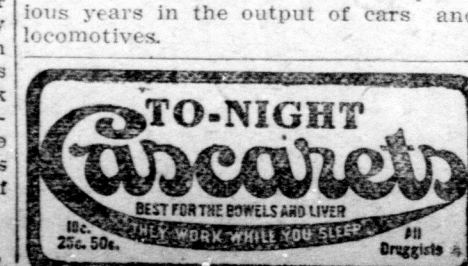
"Here you are, sir," he said. "You must have your own way because I am in the wrong; but let me tell you, you are making a very great mistake. If the young lady is innocent, it can't do her any harm."

"No harm," interrupted Lester, indignantly. "To have her private correspondence tampered with?"

"Bless you, sir!" was the cheerfully brazen answer. "If it is just harmless correspondence, I should not remember a word of it five minutes after I had read it. I have enough to keep in mind without bothering myself with other people's private affairs. But one thing is certain. There is a man in this case. And when we get hold of that man we shall be on the right track."

(To Be Continued.)

The year 1907 surpassed all previous years in the output of cars and locomotives.



TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London intends to construct the local improvement works set out in the schedule hereunder, and to assess a portion of the final cost thereof upon the real property fronting or abutting thereon, to be immediately benefited thereby, and that the approximate annual rate per foot on the frontage and the number of such annual assessments are shown in the said schedule, and that a statement showing the lands liable to and proposed to be specially assessed for the said local improvement works, and the names of the owners thereof, so far as the same can be ascertained from the last revised assessment roll, and otherwise, is now filed in the office of the Clerk of the Municipality, and is open for inspection during office hours.

The following schedule shows the estimated cost of each of the proposed works, the amount thereof to be provided out of the general funds of the Municipality, the approximate annual rate per foot, and the number of such annual assessments as aforesaid:

Description and location of works.	Total cost.	City's share.	Number of annual assessments.	Approximate annual rate, per foot.
CEMENT SIDEWALKS—				
17. Nine feet wide, on the east side of Richmond street, between Dundas street and Queen's avenue	\$ 375 00	\$ 203 00	10	7
18. Five feet wide, on the south side of Sydenham street, between St. George street and Richmond street	270 00	166 00	10	8 1/2
19. Four feet six inches wide, on the north side of Laval street, between Adelaide street and Ingersoll street	352 00	241 00	10	8 1/2
20. Four feet wide, on the north side of Piccadilly street, between a point 36 feet west of easterly limit of lot 15, north Piccadilly street, and a point 10 feet east of the westerly limit of lot 18, on the north side of Piccadilly street	94 00	47 00	10	8
21. Five feet wide, on the north side of Charles street, between the easterly limit of lot 66, north Charles street, and a point 342 feet westerly therefrom	216 00	112 00	10	3 1/2
22. Four feet six inches wide, on the east side of Napier street, between Blackfriars street and a point 279 feet southerly therefrom	281 00	140 00	10	3 1/2
23. Five feet wide, on the south side of Dufferin avenue, between English street and a point 522 feet 4 inches easterly therefrom	330 00	210 00	10	3 1/2
24. Four feet six inches wide, on the north and south sides of Surrey avenue, between Wilson avenue and Brockway	475 00	260 00	10	3 1/2
25. Five feet wide, on the north side of Trafalgar street, between Oak street and Egerton street	288 00	169 00	10	3 1/2
26. Four feet six inches wide, on the south side of Francis street, between Ethel street and city limits	124 00	69 00	10	3 1/2
27. Three feet wide, on the west side of Johnston street, between Railway street and Pipe Line road	165 00	88 00	10	3
28. Five feet wide, on the north side of Victoria street, between Waterloo street and Wellington street	441 00	246 00	10	3 1/2
29. Four feet six inches wide, on the north side of Nelson street, between Maitland street and Colborne street	369 00	219 00	10	3 1/2
30. Five feet wide, on the east side of Talbot street, between Oxford street and Sydenham street	230 00	132 00	10	3 1/2
31. Five feet wide, on the west side of Edward street, between Bruce street and Elmwood avenue	348 00	219 00	10	3 1/2
32. Five feet wide, on the east side of Talbot street, between Sydenham street and St. James street	205 00	131 00	10	3 1/2

CEMENT CURB AND GUTTER—				
6. On east and west sides of Waterloo street, between Princess avenue and Central avenue	840 00	540 00	10	3 1/2
7. On north and south sides of Oxford street, between Colborne street and Maitland street	875 00	514 00	10	3 1/2
8. On east and west sides of Quebec street, between Princess avenue and Dufferin avenue	772 00	434 00	10	3 1/2
9. On north and south sides of Lorne avenue, between Ontario street and English street	1,324 00	829 00	10	3 1/2
10. On north and south sides of Lorne avenue, between Ontario street and Quebec street	1,068 00	603 00	10	3 1/2
11. On north and south sides of Lorne avenue, between Quebec street and the easterly limit of Lorne avenue	454 00	278 00	10	3 1/2
12. On north and south sides of Grosvenor street, between Wellington street and Waterloo street	960 00	603 00	10	3 1/2
13. On east side of Talbot street, between Oxford street and St. James street	432 00	256 00	10	3 1/2
14. On north and south sides of Hamilton road, between Rectory street and Anderson avenue	318 00	175 00	10	3 1/2

TILE SEWERS—				
9. In Princess avenue, between Adelaide street and Elizabeth street ..	1,250 00	316 00	10	15
10. In Adelaide street, between Pall Mall street and Piccadilly street ..	1,475 00	360 00	10	15
11. In Adelaide street, between King street and a point 128 feet 8 inches north of York street	450 00	105 00	10	14
12. In Maitland street, between Grosvenor street and Chesapeake street ..	1,400 00	250 00	10	15
13. In Cavendish street, between Wharfedale road and the westerly limit of lots 6 and 7, on the west side of Wharfedale road	550 00	240 00	10	15
14. In High street, between Windsor avenue and Emery street	1,150 00	175 00	10	15
15. In St. James street, between William street and Adelaide street ..	1,500 00	300 00	10	15

PAVEMENTS—				
1. A sheet asphalt pavement, with cement curb and gutter, on Ridout street, between Dundas street and King street	2,312 00	270 00	10	62
2. A sheet asphalt pavement, with cement curb and gutter, on north side of Dundas street, between Waterloo street and Wellington street, of an average width of 16 feet 6 inches	4,005 00	1,335 00	10	45
3. A sheet asphalt pavement, with cement curb and gutter, on Bond street, between Richmond street and Talbot street	4,970 00	555 00	10	43

A COURT OF REVISION will be held on Friday, the 31st day of July, A. D. 1908, at the hour of four o'clock p.m., at the City Hall, in the said city, for the purpose of hearing complaints against the proposed assessments or the accuracy of frontage measurements, or any other complaints which the persons interested may desire to make, and which are by law cognizable by the court.

Dated at London, this 15th day of July, A. D. 1908.

S. BAKER, City Clerk.
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Mrs. W. S. Peabody, of Colorado, is called the mother of Mesa Verde National Park, because of the interest she has taken in the preservation of the relics of the mysterious cliff dwellers of Colorado.

Cardiff exports 12,000,000 tons of coal yearly.

M. Rodin, the celebrated French sculptor, has been asked to paint some frescoes for the new art gallery at the Luxembourg palace.

The Transvaal Government has decided to reconsider its attitude toward Asiatics with a view to finding a less objectionable registration system.

Ten Big Special Bargains For Saturday Selling

These specials are gathered from the various departments. Some are lines bought in the last few days—others are what is left of lines we have been selling all season. Every one is a genuine bargain, and put at a price that will clear them out in one day. Read through the list and you will see the wisdom of coming early. Some of the lines will hardly last all day.

25c Belts for 10c Ladies' White Wash Belts —Several buckles to choose from. All are regular 25c Belts, for 10c	\$1.00 Silk Gloves, 69c Ladies' Long White and Black Silk Gloves, all sizes. Regular \$1.00, for 69c	\$10.00 Voile Skirts, \$7.50 Voile Skirts, handsomely trimmed with silk folds, pointed draped effect; in navy blue and black. Regular \$10.00, for \$7.50
75c Lace Gloves, 39c Ladies' Black Lace Gloves, fine quality, all sizes. Regular 75c, for 39c	\$1.35 White Parasols for \$1.00 Ladies' White Linen-Finished Parasols, with one row of insertion. Regular \$1.35, for \$1.00	\$1.25 White Waists, 69c White Muslin Waists, all well made, nicely trimmed with lace and tucking. Regular up to \$1.25, for 69c
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UPSET IN A SQUALL

Young Man and Woman Drowned and Their Sister Rescued.

Halifax, July 16.—While sailing on Bedford Basin late this afternoon Una Roy, aged seventeen, and William Muir, aged sixteen, were drowned, and Margaret Muir, aged twelve, a sister of the last named victim, was rescued, after being half an hour in the water. When the party left Bedford at four o'clock the weather was fine and the water calm but suddenly a terrible thunderstorm set in, and before the party could make the shore a heavy squall swept down from the north, and capsized the boat. The three occupants were hurled into the water about a quarter of a mile from the shore. As the craft began to fill and settle down in the water, Muir seized the two boys, passing one to his little sister and the other to Miss Roy. The latter, however, soon sank, and Muir, exhausted from his efforts to keep the two girls afloat, also went down. Little Margaret, however, clung to the raft, and her screams for help attracted the attention of a man named Wilkes, who was on the shore, and, procuring a boat, he rescued the little girl.

The victims are members of prominent Halifax families, summing at Bedford. Miss Roy is a daughter of Mr. J. E. Roy, and William Muir a son of Mr. Andrew Muir.

A FLEET OF AIRSHIPS

United States Government's Unique Plan for Coast Defence.

New York, July 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: According to plans being discussed by the Signal Corps office and the Board of Ordnance of the army one million dollars will be asked of the next Congress for fleets of dirigible airships similar to that of Count Zeppelin for coast defence. Rapid progress in aeronomics among foreign nations makes it imperative, they believe, that the United States should begin plans for aerial fleets. Should Congress make this appropriation and some signal officers urge the necessity of asking Congress for an appropriation of \$10,000,000 in order to keep up with foreign countries in military aeronomics, stations in the Atlantic will probably be established at Boston, New York, some point on the New Jersey coast, Norfolk, Charleston and Mobile. On the Pacific coast stations will be established at Bremerton, San Francisco and San Diego. Men will be trained in a special aeronautic branch of the Signal Corps in the handling of the airships and explosives to be dropped overboard on land forces or the enemy's battle-ships and war craft.

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1 Dominion Organ, piano case, fine condition, \$35, at.....	\$2	Per Month
1 Rowe Organ, piano walnut case, excellent, \$40, at.....	\$2	Per Month
1 Piano, Stoddart, 6 octaves, good condition, \$50, at.....	\$2	Per Month
1 Piano, Nitschke, 7 1-3 octaves, good condition, \$75, at.....	\$2	Per Month
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Next Homeseekers' Excursions.

To Canadian Northwest, all rail, via Chicago and St. Paul, Tuesday, July 21. Via rail and boat, steamer leaves Sarnia 3:30 p.m., July 22. Winnipeg and return \$32 00 Edmonton and return \$42 50 Proportionate rates to other points in Western Canada. Tickets good for 60 days. Full information from any agent of the Grand Trunk Railway System. 61

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