

A BID FOR A BRIDE

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Cardew drew a deep breath, and raised his glass to his old friend. "By raking up the past, and finding out the truth about Clifford Hawke," he said slowly.

Steinway leant forward. "What is it?" "That I hold in my possession the key to the mystery concerning his past in Australia," Cardew answered, "the mystery that helped him to become a rich man when we were poor ones."

"And the mystery was—?" Cardew drained his glass, and pushed it from him.

"Murder!" he said quietly. Paul Steinway stared into Cardew's face for a few seconds without speaking. His own face had gone a curious grey color, and his eyes shone with a peculiar steely light.

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"Then it was murder!" he said in a low voice.

Cardew nodded. "Yes, I thought you knew."

"No. I only bluffed Hawke that I did. I suspected it though I had no real tangible evidence," replied Steinway slowly. "I am not surprised, though; I always thought he was capable of it. I have letters now from people who knew him out there as John Ford—and John Clifford latterly. The secret I had was concerning his first wife, whom he married out in Tarragona. It was after that that he became suddenly rich and left the district."

"Yes," Cardew said. "Just about the time that Nat Radbourne disappeared so mysteriously. It's odd that we both knew so much and yet kept our own counsel. But, as you mentioned nothing, I made up my mind to do a bit of detective work myself, and I have succeeded. Paul, my boy! you can go tomorrow to Clifford Hawke and tell him that we hold the proofs of his murder of Nat Radbourne. I'll give them to you if you like," he went on, "even if it means pocketing now and then a little bit of evidence that would hang the popular financier!"

"Don't give them to me," Steinway said quietly. "I have a fancy to have nothing on me of any importance just now. You keep everything, old man—not only your evidence about this murder, but some of my papers too. You know I have made a bit of money lately financially, and am going to give back a little bit of the Hades that Clifford Hawke gave me some time ago! The best of it is," he laughed grimly, "but the flatters himself he was rid of me and my suspected knowledge of him in that fire in Claverton street. I have let him think so too—it served my purpose to be 'dead' a bit till he showed his hand more plainly! But now I think I have him in the hollow of my own hand, and he won't get out of it either. My turn is coming soon."

"And you are the man to profit by it," Cardew said briskly. "Anything I can do for you, old man, I will do, you may depend upon it, from calling on your best girl, to witnessing your will!" Steinway smiled.

"There's one or two things you can do for me, old pal," he said earnestly. "Since we parted for ever as I thought, there is a little girl I've taken a great fancy to—a dear little slip of a thing who is the image of what poor Alys Tennant might have been before she married this scoundrel, Clifford Hawke. Her name is Lottie Bond, and I met her quite accidentally. I have made my will and left her everything with the exception of a legacy to me. I suppose you would be a witness to the will and keep it for me with the other papers concerning Hawke?"

Cardew held out his hand. "Yes, certainly, only don't talk about wills in that serious way. Paul, you are a lot younger than death yet, I hope, and you'll be marrying one day and be the father of a happy family!"

"No," Steinway smiled sadly. "I once had thoughts like that, but recently I've had a feeling that marriage and families are not for me. Should anything happen to me you will promise to call on Lottie Bond. She lives with Mrs. Hawke, by the way—the second wife—and tell her, Lottie, that she is provided for."

Cardew nodded. "You may rely on me, Paul, but tomorrow you will laugh at these previous arrangements!" "I don't think so," Steinway replied gravely. "You see, Cardew, my dear chap, I have some method in my madness; tomorrow I am going to pay a call on our mutual friend, Mr. Clifford Hawke, and I like to be prepared for the worst."

CHAPTER XXIV.

Alys Tennant's Husband.

"I have tried, and I have failed! But I know my duty, and I have made up my mind. I have borne it so long as I did not know this last thing—but this has finished my make-believe of married life with Clifford Hawke."

Lady Mary gazed at Stella's white face and she could not find it in her heart to reproach her. She had learnt from the girl when she had come to her the night before of the scene that had taken place between the husband and wife, and her heart had ached with sympathy.

"I know, dearest, what you feel now," she said gently, "but remember you are young, and your husband is a man in the prime of life—for years you might be tied to each other, unable to free yourselves. Think what a long life lies before you if you cut yourself quite out of his life!" Stella turned to her with flashing eyes and suddenly flushed cheeks.

"Could I be more lonely in the future than I have been in the past?" she said quickly. "My marriage was a mistake—my husband plotted vilely to keep the man I loved away till I was his wife, he had murdered on his soul, so far as he knew, at the very moment when he was standing at the altar with me. Oh, Aunt Mary," she went on passionately, "don't turn from me when I want your help and sympathy. I have no one but you now. My father is too angry with me for being unhappy, and my cousin Isobel is openly glad that I have found out my mistake."

"Wretched girl!" Lady Mary snapped. "I always said she was a snake in the grass." Then she went on tenderly. "You know I am with you heart and soul in everything. I am thinking only of the future for you. It is a dangerous thing for a woman to be living apart from her legal partner when her heart is in danger of being the property of another man."

"I never loved Clifford Hawke, and I do love Jasper," Stella said in a low voice. "But my love is not the kind that brings regrets and misery in its wake, neither is his. We will never

meet unless it is by accident; if we do we shall both remember the barrier that is between us."

Lady Mary was silent. She was remembering a similar scene she had had with Jasper Tennant only a couple of days ago, and the man's outburst of passion had been similar to the girl's, only she was a woman of the world, and knew that it was easy to make brave resolutions when away from temptation, and she regretted that the final breach had occurred between Clifford Hawke and the girl who was his wife in name only.

"It is all very unfortunate and distressing," she said slowly, "but we will not discuss the subject again, dear. It is too painful. I am sure Mr. Hawke is punished enough by your leaving him. We will make preparations to go abroad next week. Don't refer to what has happened to part you and your husband, dear; we will keep that a secret from everyone."

"I am afraid Isobel will not do that," Stella said slowly, "somehow she hates me very bitterly, though I can't understand why."

Lady Mary granted.

"Humph!" she probably wanted to marry Clifford herself; it's a pity she didn't!" Stella was silent, and after a few minutes Lady Mary made an excuse to leave her alone. The girl's white face glowed with indignation as she went to go and tell Clifford Hawke what she thought of him. Things were in a hopeless tangle now, and she saw no way out of it for any of the three people most concerned. A servant met her on the stairs.

"Mr. Tennant, in the morning-room, your ladyship. He says it is very urgent that he should see you at once!"

Lady Mary hurried downstairs, and opened the door of the morning-room. Jasper Tennant turned and went up to her with outstretched hands. His face was pale and showed signs of sleepless nights.

"My dear boy," Lady Mary sighed, "I am delighted to see you, but you ought not to have come."

"Why not?" he said quickly. "Stella is here. She has left her husband, and of course the circumstances you should not meet."

"Why has she left him?" he said quickly. "I did not know. I came to see you—to tell you that I know for a fact that that man was the instigator of the plot against my life, and that there are things being said about him. The man is a monster of iniquity!"

"I know," she said quietly; "but what do you mean to do? Stella knows now that it was her husband who kept you apart, and for that reason she has left him for ever; but she is still tied to him, you know. It is a dreadful thing for you all."

Jasper set his teeth. "Poor darling!" he muttered, "let me see her—just to say good-bye. I must see her!"

Lady Mary put her hand on his arm. "I can trust you, Jasper," she said slowly, "you won't let her learn anything fresh against that man. Remember he is her husband."

"You may trust me," he replied quietly, "for her own sake I will say nothing."

A few moments later he tapped at the boudoir door. There was no answer, and opening it softly he saw a sight that thrilled him with tenderness. Stella was lying in a low armchair, her eyes closed, and her long lashes lay on her pale cheeks like shadows. Her hand, heavily clasped on her lap, and the bright gold of the wedding ring on her finger was the only outward sign of the barrier between them.

He went up to her, and bending down he pressed a light kiss on her fingers.

The next moment her eyes opened and a vivid blush colored her face as she sprang to her feet with a little cry.

"Jasper! You! Why did you come here?" she cried quickly. "I did not know you were here till Lady Mary told me," he said quickly, "then I had to come because I wanted to see you again. You forgive me, dear?"

"Yes," she murmured, "I forgive you. I wanted to see you, too, to say good-bye. You have heard from Lady Mary, I suppose, what has happened?"

He nodded.

"Yes, and I wish I could have the right to fight your battle, my darling, but I am compelled to stand outside your life."

Her eyes shone with tears. "At least you are my loyal true friend," she whispered, "but oh, Jasper, if that—that awful misunderstanding had not happened how different things might have been."

His hands gripped hers, and then let them go. He longed to tell her that he knew all Clifford Hawke's perfidy and treachery, but pity and love kept the words back. For his own sake he could not let go his loathing and hatred of the man who had won her by trickery.

"OUTSIDE" OFFICIALS GETTING INCREASES

Department of the Interior Sends Out Checks Giving Increases.

Ottawa, Oct. 16.—The latest pay checks for the department of the interior have brought substantial increases to a considerable number of deserving officials, who have been classed heretofore as belonging to the "outside" civil service, but who, under the new civil service act, become members of the "inside" service, and others employed in the technical branches of the department. Under the old conditions the salaries paid to some of the members of the "outside" service were not up to the mark of what the "inside" service enjoyed, and the object of the present increases was to do away with this discrimination before the new civil service act became law.

Although the increased pay checks were only issued yesterday, the increases were sanctioned by the minister of the interior before the new civil service act came into effect. Some of them amount to as much as one, two, three, and four hundred dollars per annum.

THAW LIKELY TO GO TO PITTSBURG

New Writ Served on Keeper—A Promise Made for His Safe Return to New York.

New York, Oct. 16.—It was announced here tonight that Harry K. Thaw might go to Pittsburgh next Sunday morning or soon thereafter, to testify in connection with the bankruptcy proceedings now pending against him in that city. This information was given out after a conference had been held by Dr. Amos T. Baker, assistant superintendent of the Matteawan Hospital from the criminal insane, where Thaw is confined, and Col. Asa Bird Gardiner, special deputy attorney-general, to take charge of the Thaw case in behalf of the state.

A writ issued by the United States court in Pennsylvania, commanding Dr. Robert E. Lamb, superintendent of the Matteawan Hospital, to produce Thaw in Pittsburgh, was served on Dr. Lamb today and Dr. Baker, his assistant, explained that New York has been held by Dr. Amos T. Baker, assistant superintendent of the Matteawan Hospital from the criminal insane, where Thaw is confined, and Col. Asa Bird Gardiner, special deputy attorney-general, to take charge of the Thaw case in behalf of the state.

Meantime, Albert H. Myers, Thaw's Pittsburgh attorney, and Roger O'Meara, a friend and business agent of the Thaw family, had seen Col. Gardiner and explained to him the purpose of the new writ. Col. Gardiner had objected to a previous writ issued by the Pennsylvania court, commanding the production of Thaw in Pittsburgh and the special attorney-general had succeeded in getting the writ dismissed, so the Thaw representatives had the new writ issued and they explained to Col. Gardiner that it complied with the form he had demanded.

Col. Gardiner says the Thaw representatives have promised not to put any more delay in the way of having Thaw returned to New York in case he appears in Pittsburgh, and as this was his main contention against having the prisoner taken there, Col. Gardiner says he does not see how he can successfully oppose the new writ.

The Thaw representatives said they go to Pittsburgh to argue the case, said Col. Gardiner tonight, "but I cannot tell at this time whether Thaw will go there or not. I wish to discuss the case with Attorney-General Jackson before taking any definite action. In Pittsburgh I will argue against the new writ being taken to that city, but if I fail to have the writ dismissed, Thaw will be telegraphed for."

THE MORSE TRIAL

Office Boy of Firm Was Sent to Borrow Millions.

New York, Oct. 16.—Leslie E. Whiting, a tow-headed youth of 19, until recently a \$12 a week clerk in a broker's office, was the star witness today at the trial in the criminal branch of the United States court, of Charles W. Morse, financier and promoter, who was charged with having violated the national banking laws. In the testimony of Edward P. Moxley, a Government bank examiner, it had been revealed that a person by the name of Leslie E. Whiting had been one of the heaviest borrowers from the National Bank of North America, at one time owing the institution as much as \$210,000. There was hardly a week went by in the year 1907, the testimony showed, that Whiting did not borrow \$100,000 or more, giving ice as security, principally, as security. It always appeared on the records as presented, however, that the enormous sums of money borrowed by Whiting were credited to the account of Chas. W. Morse. At the conclusion of Examiner Moxley's testimony, Leslie Whiting rose to the stand, and those in the courtroom who had expected to see a dignified, shrewd-looking businessman, step forward, were astonished to see a smooth-cheeked boy of under 20 years walk nervously to the witness chair. A smile crept into the eyes of the judge. Hugh Hough rapped sharply for order. After Whiting had been made to describe how he had come to sign the notes which made him indebted to the bank for such large amounts, he was asked: "Did you have paid this note I hold here for \$250,000?" "What, me?" answered the startled boy. "No, I couldn't."

"Could you have paid a \$1,000 note?" pressed the attorney for prosecution. "No, sir."

The youth admitted in answer to questions that he had been sent to the bank by his employers to sign the notes. He said he knew he was incurring an obligation, but felt sure his employers would protect the notes. Whiting testified that he had never talked with Mr. Morse or Mr. Curtis concerning the signing of notes or the putting up of collateral. The boy also said that he did not think his employers knew that he was not of age.

Passengers of Winnipeg Train Had Thrilling Experience.

Parry Sound, Oct. 16.—The passengers of the south-bound Winnipeg express on Oct. 15 had an exciting experience here about four o'clock this afternoon, by reason of a collision between that train and the supply train of the contractors of the road, Ross, Harris & Co. The supply train, which consisted of an engine and two loaded freight cars, was taking way at the big tank at the station here, when the Winnipeg express suddenly appeared around a heavy curve just north of the station and crashed into two freight cars which were in front of the engine of the supply train and shattered them.

The engine of the express was damaged. Neither passengers nor train crew sustained any injury.

The 350,000,000 odd tons of coal mined in the United States each year, if piled together, would make a cube having sides 714 yards long.

CANADAIN

George E. Brasher, of Tillsonburg, is dead.

Newfoundlanders pay one-fifth of their earnings in taxes.

James A. Willshire, of Dundalk, Ont., was robbed of \$600 in Buffalo.

Dr. John C. Bower, an Ottawa dentist, fell dead on Sparks street.

Canada is ready to consider reciprocity with the British West Indies.

Port Arthur ratepayers voted on ten money bylaws and defeated five.

Thomas Scarett, a C. P. R. employee, at Winnipeg, was killed by an engine.

S. N. Randal, of MacLeod, had 7,000 bushels of wheat from 150 acres.

Newfoundland's debt totals over \$20,000,000, or a per capita debt of \$86.

Gold prospectors are pouring into Sturgeon Lake district from Port Arthur.

The G. T. P. bridge at Fort William, with its 750 tons of steel, is about completed.

Three Montreal lads who ran away to see the world were arrested at the Michigan Soo.

Fire broke out in the Richards soap works at Woodstock, but was promptly extinguished.

William Brown, of Beverly, had his horse and buggy stolen while he was at Rockton fair.

Arthur Vasper, a Hamilton butcher, is being sued by Miss Ida Lockhart for alleged slander.

E. A. Crowley, C. E., of Winnipeg, had a hand crushed while inspecting construction on the G. T. P.

W. J. Leamington, a C. P. R. strike-breaker, at Winnipeg, was stabbed while returning from work.

Wilbur Chapman and Charles M. Alexander have begun their evangelistic campaign in Hamilton.

The sloop Ariadne sprang a leak on her way to Kingston and destroyed her cargo of hay and straw.

Fire rates in Winnipeg are to be reduced now that the high-pressure fire protection system has been installed.

Achille Scilliam was found guilty at the Soo of manslaughter, and Tony Vukto guilty of the murder of Isaac Saarl.

Rev. Dr. C. A. Eaton, formerly of Toronto, now of Cleveland, has received a call to Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York.

GRANANOQUE MAN OUT OF TROUBLE

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