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THE MESSAGE
By LOUIS TRACY

Author of "The Wings of the Morning," "The Wheel of Fortune," "The Captain of the Kansas," etc.

(Continued.)

"Tell me what, Miss Dane," said Fairholme. "I don't think you ought to teach an expedition of this sort, single-handed. You may want some one to pull you out of a tight place—what price me as a puller-out? I'm a pretty useless sort of chap in most things, but there is no reason why I shouldn't try to do my country a good turn once in a way. Let me go with you, and then you'll have no need to worry about coin."

"You are really very kind," she faltered, "but—"

"You are afraid of Mrs. Laing again," he grinned. "Don't worry yourself about her, dear girl. Not even Mrs. Grundy can growl at me for being your fellow-passenger. I'm mixed up in this business, and, by Jove, I mean to see it through. Look here, can't you adopt me as a sort of elder brother, and make it 'Bilby' and 'Evelyn,' and that sort of thing—eh, what?"

CHAPTER XIV.
The Drums of Oku.

Evelyn, ferried across the harbor by a boat's crew from the warship, boarded the Estremadura in almost regal state. The vessel's cabin accommodation was poor, but the English girl was given of its best. Not every day does a small West African trader receive a passenger minister the escort of a member of the realm and a captain in the Royal Navy. It was an interesting moment when Rosamund Laing, accompanied by Evelyn, came aboard. The Portuguese made off at once, but the lady, when it was too late to retreat, affected a blank indifference to Evelyn's presence that showed how conscious she was of it. She seldom appeared on deck, each meal in the choice of her cabin and eagle no word, even to Lord Fairholme. On arriving at Lagos she hurried from the ship, and Evelyn watched her enemy go ashore.

She did not carry her dislike of Mrs. Laing to the point of imagining her to be a rich woman who drew some part of her revenues from factories on the coast might be combining business with the desire to obtain news of Warden at first hand. At any rate, the girl fondly hoped they might never meet again, and she trusted to the strength of her own story, supplemented by a letter from Captain Mortimer to the Governor, to place her beyond the reach of misrepresentation.

But her troubles, instead of diminishing, became even more pronounced when she called at Governor's House. Both the chief of North and of South Nigeria, and Lord Fairholme were entirely ignorant of local conditions. Neither of them knew that Lagos, though the chief West African port, and practically the only safe harbor on the Guinea Coast, was the capital of an administration quite separate from that of North and of South Nigeria. To reach Old Calabar, the headquarters of Warden's service, they must take a long journey down the coast and penetrate some forty miles into the Niger delta. Captain Mortimer, in all probability, thought she was aware of this vital detail, but, at the outset, Evelyn almost felt that she had undertaken a useless task.

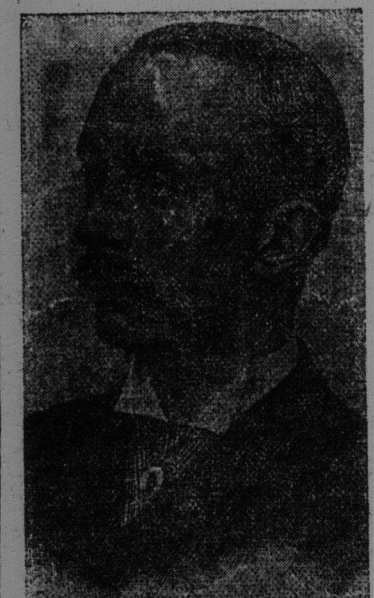
Her manifest distress at an unpleasant discovery won her the sympathy of the deputy Governor of Lagos, his chief having crossed from the island to the mainland only the day before. But sympathy could not altogether cloak a skepticism that was gaining in the extreme. Evelyn fully acquainted with the position of affairs in the sister protectorate, he said. He appreciated Captain Mortimer's motives in wishing to acquaint the Government of Nigeria with certain curious circumstances which might or might not be connected with tribal uneasiness in the Benue River districts, but the fact remained that it was quiet now in that region.

"Owing to Captain Warden's unfortunate disappearance," he went on, "another commissioner visited Oku. He found matters there in a fairly settled state. The people were cultivating their lands with greater assiduity than such semi-cannibals usually display, and this is a sure sign of content in a West African community. Indeed, Captain Forbes is now about to return to headquarters. A few companies of Hausa constabulary, who were moved to more convenient centres in case a strong column was required for an expedition to the Benue, are going back to

EARL GREY LOST FOR FIVE HOURS IN WOODS
Found Exhausted—Had a Narrow Escape From Death.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 30.—Earl Grey, who has been on a visit to Dawson and Skeena, returned here today on the government steamer Quadra.

His excellency had a narrow escape from death on Saturday while hunting in the woods on Twilio Inlet. He had gone out alone with his dog and losing his way wandered in the bush for five and a half hours. When finally found by a search party, headed by Mayor Clark and Second Officer Johnston, of the Quadra, he was utterly exhausted, and his clothing badly torn. He told of nearly falling over a precipice in the darkness shortly before being found.



There was intense excitement on the Quadra when darkness came on and the governor-general failed to return. The vessel's steam whistle was kept blowing constantly, fear was built along the shore and several parties sent out to make a thorough search of the neighborhood.

Meanwhile his excellency, who had lost his bearings after penetrating some way into the forest, fought his way through the undergrowth, clambering over logs and sliding down rocks. Only the fact that he carried an alpenstock as well as a rifle saved his life. He was walking on the edge of a precipice without knowing it, when the alpenstock slipped from his grasp over the edge and clattered down a considerable distance. His excellency turned back in alarm, but still failing to find the way, and utterly fatigued, he sank down after a brief struggle and was resting when the search party came upon him.

Seeing the light of an Indian campfire in the distance, as he sat exhausted, Earl Grey fired his rifle. This attracted the attention of the search party which the governor guided to where he was by shooting. He was immediately hurried to Quadra, where his daughter, Lady Sybil, was waiting. His lordship is none the worse for his adventure.

FREDERICTON IS CLEAR OF TYPHOID

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 30.—So far as the city of Fredericton is concerned, the case of typhoid fever in Fredericton at the present time, a most unusual thing for this season of the year. It is worth noting, also, that there have been, if any, deaths from cholera infantum among children here during the past summer.

The splendid sewerage system and water filtration plant inaugurated by the city two years ago is responsible for the changed condition of affairs.

The water in the river here has risen upwards of three feet since Friday night. This was nomination day for York municipal elections, and the crowd of candidates and voters was large. A keen interest in municipal affairs. So far as can be learned this evening there will be no cases in eleven out of fourteen parishes. In Kingsclear, Coun. T. C. Everett and David C. Esweeney were chosen by acclamation, and in New Maryland Coun. Alex. Haining and Clarence Noble were returned unopposed. There is no word from Mr. Adams, but it is believed here that Coun. Green and Skeen are returned unopposed. Polling will take place on Tuesday of next week.

The body of the late Mrs. W. D. Richards arrived here today from Sacramento (Cal.) and will be taken to Boistown by train at 1 o'clock tomorrow for interment.

HARRIMAN MAKES STATEMENT

Arden, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Edward H. Harriman, urged by the press who have camped about his mountain home since Wednesday last, came out in the open today with a statement that he was all right. Though brief, the statement is straightforward and explicit, with perhaps a touch of patient resentment at the surveillance to which he has been subjected and a request that the reporters withdraw, not so much for his sake but for his friends who have been intercepted daily coming to and from his residence by zealous interviewers eager for the latest bit of information. It concludes thus frankly:

"If there should be anything serious, I shall let the press know, and as I have never deceived them, I ask that the press now withdraw its representatives and rely on me."

MARS WILL BE ECLIPSED BY MOON

Geneva, N. Y., Aug. 30.—An interesting eclipse of Mars by the moon, visible throughout the United States, will occur on Wednesday evening, Sept. 1, according to a bulletin issued by Prof. William H. Brooks, at Smith Observatory today.

The phenomenon will last about an hour, beginning in the longitude of Washington at 8:32 p. m. and ending at 9:30. At places west of Washington the occultation will occur earlier and at places east of Washington later.

The eclipse will be visible to the naked eye, but the use of a small field glass will bring it clearly within observation. It is advised by Prof. Brooks.

TYPHOID AT COBALT

Cobalt, Aug. 30.—Cobalt is visited by a serious epidemic of typhoid fever due to polluted water. There are over seventy cases in the hospital and more are being received almost every hour.

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



WALKING HAT IN FET.

This smart little felt shape, with the narrow brim and the upward rolling on the left side, is trimmed with a soft shade of gray satin. Like the majority of the fall hats this model is trimmed on the left side with a design in brand shown on the ribbon trimming. This is an ideal hat for windy days, as a veil is easily adjusted over it, and when a strong wind blows one does not feel as if one's coiffure were going with it.

BERESFORD ADVISES CANADIAN NAVY; CRUISERS THE BEST

Toronto, Aug. 30.—The city council chamber was beautified this morning with palms, ferns and flowers in preparation for the civic reception to Lord Charles Beresford, who arrived here yesterday. Many ladies were present. The mayor, in his address of welcome, expressed pleasure at the visit to Toronto of Lord Beresford, and gratitude to his lordship for having come across the ocean to open the Canadian national exhibition.

Lord Beresford, in reply, said:

"The time has arrived when the dominions beyond seas have recognized that, in the future, the empire as a whole, we must all bear our share of some portion of the burdens necessary to maintain the security of trade routes, which form the line of communication between the scattered units of the empire. With imperial defence complete in these lines, we can ensure the security of our peaceful avocations, trade and commerce."

Montreal, Aug. 29.—The witness has the following account of Admiral Beresford's remarks to a delegation that welcomed him at Montreal station en route to Toronto:

"Gentlemen," he said, addressing the company, the witness reporter being the only journalist present, "I am not here to attack my own government. That would be bad taste; neither would you appreciate it, but I do say that in the years past our naval positions were beyond politics, but now naval officers pander to politicians in the admiralty."

"In days gone by admirals asked for certain repairs to their ships, or that certain reforms be made in the naval system. If they didn't get them done they knew where their weak spot was. But now that is different. When a first lord of the admiralty wants to economize he combines with the naval officers who he favors. Instead of spending a million today he economizes and the result is he has to spend three millions in a couple of years."

"You know, gentlemen," he remarked earnestly, "there would be no business methods. The result is there is a panic. People become hysterical and our friends across the North Sea smile at us."

Mr. Drummond here interposed a remark. "We believe here that the main point is to have the trade route protected."

"Exactly," replied his lordship, "that is what I have been contending for. The build-up of the navy was not to be abused with the notion that we should only build Dreadnoughts. They are too unwieldy. We want cruisers and they will have them. What is the advantage then for the policeman to get after him to spank

RENFORTH OUTING ASSOCIATION

The Renforth Outing Association held a very enthusiastic meeting last evening at the cottage of L. H. Northrup at Renforth. The meeting was largely attended not only by the Renforth people but also by residents of Torryburn and Riverdale. A. J. Patterson occupied the chair. The first order of business was the election of the remaining officers for the association, which resulted as follows:

President, A. J. Patterson; 1st vice-president, Dr. J. P. McInerney; 2nd vice-president, F. A. Dykeman; 3rd vice-president, Walter Plummer; secretary, H. A. Layman; treasurer, Roy Crawford. An executive committee was also appointed to consist of the following gentlemen: J. Layman, C. Ferguson, Alexander Watson, George Henderson, I. H. Northrup, E. C. Elkin, C. E. Lordly, Charles A. Claxton, C. Morton, A. Campbell and E. Barnes.

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WOMAN DROWNED

Marlboro, Vt., Aug. 30.—Bravely rushing into the waters of Marlboro South Pond to save the life of her stepson who had tumbled from a raft after posing for his picture, Mrs. Elsie Taylor lost her life today and her stepson, Francis, was also drowned. Mrs. Taylor was 23 years old and her stepson eleven years of age.

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THIRD OF THE WHEAT HAS BEEN HARVESTED BUMPER CROP SURE

Winnipeg, Aug. 30.—About one-third of the heat crop of three prairie provinces has been harvested. Threshing is under way and the yield is exceeding expectations. The average will be close to thirty bushels, which means a total of 115,000,000. The quality is firm and large. All grading is higher than usual.

The problem of laborers for the harvest remains paramount; 30,000 were required while 14,000 arrived, many of them being pleasure seeking boys.

Many trains of grain are moving to the lakes and the quantity of cars is sufficient to secure an early movement to the head of navigation. The feature this year is the movement of grain toward the Vancouver gateway. Much of Alberta's crop is going via the Pacific to European ports.

Last night the weather suddenly turned warmer and danger from frosts is for the time being averted. At 10 o'clock the weather was very chilly and frost seemed inevitable but a warm breeze a little later brought a change.

A slight frost occurred in many parts of the west Saturday night, but in no place were enough to injure wheat, garden stuffs alone being harmed. Frost was also reported last night in Ontario.

ST. JOHN RIFLEMAN HOME AFTER D.R.A. MEET

Capt. J. S. Frost and Major McRobbie returned yesterday from the D. R. A. meet at Ottawa. Speaking to The Telegraph last night Capt. Frost described the meet as a great success. He was a little disappointed, he said, in the show put up by the New Brunswick men, although it was about all that could be expected owing to the small representation from this province. New Brunswick sent only ten men to the meet while Nova Scotia sent nearly thirty and even Prince Edward Island sent more than twenty. The meet itself was the largest the D. R. A. ever held.

ALL ESCAPE FROM BURNING HOUSE

New York, Aug. 30.—A thousand children were called from their bedtime prayers by the clanging of fire bells at the St. Malach's Roman Catholic home at Rockaway Park on the Long Island shore this evening and marched down fire escapes to the music of their fire and drum corps to safety.

In a Jewish home nearby 500 sick and crippled children were also taken from their beds to flee the flames which reached them. Not one of the 1,200 or more boys and girls, ranging in years from two to fourteen, received a hurt.

The Hebrew home was saved, but the Catholic institution was burned. The loss will reach \$100,000.

NOVA SCOTIA LABOR TROUBLES

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—The deputy minister of labor, A. A. J. Auld, has left for the east to report on industrial conditions in Nova Scotia. While there is no intention to interfere in the dispute of the coal miners and mine owners, as interference has not been asked by either party, the department of labor wants the fullest information on the situation.

A NEW CUNARD

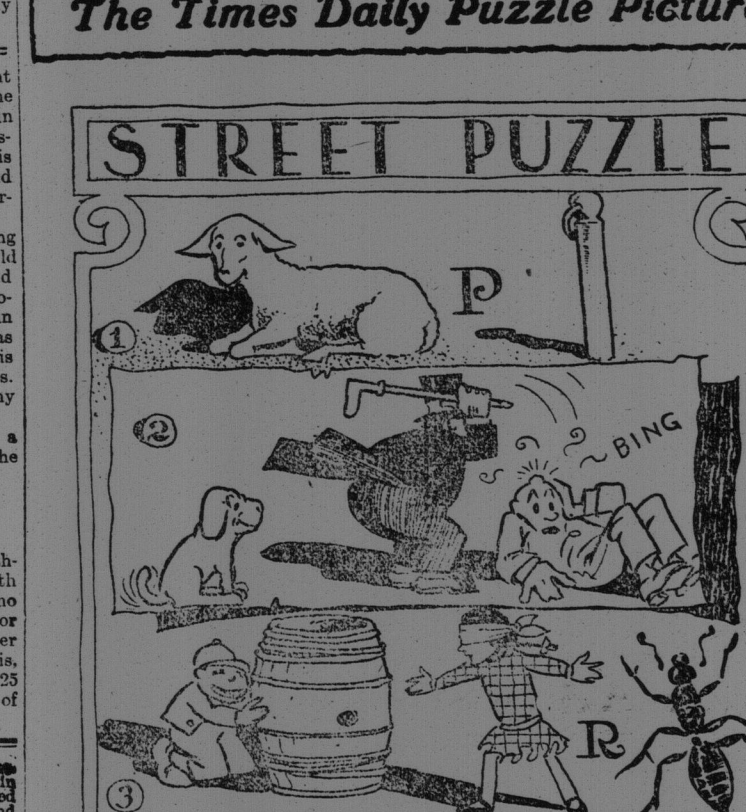
London, Aug. 30.—An order for a new Cunard liner has been given to the Pym firm which built the Mauretania. The new vessel will be 20,000 tons, 600 feet long, and several times as fast as the Mauretania, and is intended to be speedily equipped to replace the Mauretania and the Lusitania.

HEAD BROADENED

Hevitt—Do you think that marriage broadens a man's mind?

Jewett—Well, I have known a man to have his head flattened out by his wife's rolling pin.

The Times Daily Puzzle Picture



In this puzzle three objects to be seen along the street are indicated. What are they?

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE: Upper right corner, down, nose against right arm.

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