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# My Friend the Clauffeur.

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(Continued.)  
Four times he rang, and by this time the Prince and I were at his back, striving to pierce the darkness behind the door, which was half of glass. At last a greenish light gleamed dim as a glow-worm in the distance, and framed in it a figure was visible—the figure of a monk. For an instant I was half inclined to believe him a ghost, haunting the scene of past activities, for one does not expect to have the door of an hotel opened by a monk. But ghosts have no traffic with keys and bolts; and it was the voice of a man still bound to flesh and blood who greeted us with a mild "Buona sera" which made the night seem young.

Terry responded, and announced in his best Italian that we desired accommodation for the night.  
"Ah, I see," exclaimed the monk. "You thought that this was still a hotel? I am sorry to disappoint you, but it ceased to be such only today. The house is now once more what it was originally—a monastery. It has been bought by the Order to which I belong."

"Isn't he going to take us in?" asked the Countess dolefully.  
"I'm afraid not," said Terry, "but I'll see what I can do."  
"Ah, that 'seeing what he could do'! I know it of old, for Terry's own brother is the only person I ever met who could resist him if he stooped to wheedle. Matt is a language which lends itself to wheedling, don't you think?"

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**COAL STRIKE IS EXPECTED**  
Operators Refuse Increase  
and Men Will Fight—Trouble Expected in April.

Indianapolis, Feb. 1.—Rejection of the counter-proposal of the coal operators of the central competitive district by an almost unanimous vote of the national convention of the United Mine Workers and the adoption of a resolution offered by Secretary W. D. Ryan of Illinois, placing the mine on record as a unit in refusing to sign an agreement for any district until an agreement was signed for all districts under the jurisdiction of the United Mine Workers, today created a situation which, in the opinion of the officers of the mine workers' organization, will result in a disruption of the joint agreement and possibly a great strike of organized labor throughout the country.

Immediately following the rejection of the operators' proposal the mine workers' convention set about to provide means for the accumulation of a strike fund of \$5,000,000 in addition to a like amount now on deposit in international, district and sub-district treasuries of the mine workers' organization.

The subject was brought up by Secretary and Treasurer W. B. Wilson, who said in view of the fact, as he believed, that the rejection of the operators' proposal meant a strike or an industrial war after April 1, he wished to inform the delegates that the funds of the international treasury could not at present be depended on to sustain the miners in such a gigantic struggle.

To provide for an emergency he moved that a per capita tax of \$1 a week be voted and that all districts take care of the dependent miners within their jurisdiction for at least six weeks. He said that afterwards he believed the international organization would be in a position to take care of the miners.

The motion provoked considerable discussion and after it had been amended to substitute ten weeks for the six the whole subject of the motion was referred to the international executive board, with power to act, then, as if to seal their position, the national convention adjourned.

Some delegates left for their homes to-night. Others remained for the final session of the joint conference in the morning. This will be for the formal adjournment of the interstate joint conference, because it takes place before the meeting of the mine workers' convention to ratify or reject the report of the scale committee. In this last meeting there is possibility for a settlement of the dispute.

"Only by the operators meeting the demand of their employees for an advance of 10 per cent in the wages can the question be reopened," according to the action of the miners.

**LIQUOR INQUIRY IN GLOUCESTER**  
Charges That Law Is Openly Violated Are Repeated—Officials Condemned.

Bathurst, N. B., Feb. 1.—(Special)—Hon. W. P. Jones, commissioner in the Gloucester liquor inquiry, arrived here on the 3.15 train this afternoon and the hearing of the evidence on behalf of the commission and inspector was at once begun. Mr. Moss first called Mr. J. A. McKeown, the pastor of St. Luke's Presbyterian church, who was closely questioned as to his personal knowledge of the charges as they appear on the records. He practically endorsed them all, excepting the charge which refers to the inspector as a "confirmed drunkard."

He did not consider that Commissioner Stewart was a man of good reputation in the community as he considered that the public held that he did not attend, as he should, to his duties.

He had nothing to say against the chairman of the board personally.

**CONSPIRACY CHARGED**  
Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 1.—(Special)—The preliminary examination in the case of the mayor and aldermen, who were charged with conspiracy, was on today.

J. M. Robinson, organizer for the Tailors' Union, was called by the prosecution. He admitted that there were "open" tailor shops here that could not tender for policemen's and firemen's clothing, which the council says must bear the union label.

Herbert Barr, of the city clerk's department, testified that in all contracts for painting at the city buildings, the city insisted on the work being done by union men. The case was continued.

The marriage of William Ewery, of Medicine Hat, Alberta, and Miss Fanny Constance Perkins, daughter of Rev. J. and Mrs. Paul, is announced to take place at the Methodist parsonage, St. Andrews, February 8.

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