

The Arncliffe Puzzle

By GORDON HOLMES, Author "A Mysterious Disappearance."

Lester knew then that he had not been mistaken when he saw death in the unfortunate woman's face.

"Take the ladies away at once," he whispered to Bradshaw.

Mrs. Angier was only too anxious to quit the room, and butler Phyllis needed no entreating, but Edith put a tender arm round Mrs. Warren and drew her to an armchair.

"Oh, how could you have done it?" she whispered tearfully. "How could you? Yet I am so sorry for you, Mrs. Warren."

"You are a good girl, Edith," said the dying woman with a wan smile. "Don't be too hard on my boy."

"They shall not do anything to him," promised Edith. "He shall go to the colonies and make a fresh start. I am sure he will become a good man for your sake."

Lester, oblivious to all other considerations, was listening to Mrs. Warren's heart with his aethoscope, and endeavoring to slip some life into her icy hands while she, conscious of the futility of resistance, submitted passively.

"Brandy and hot-water bottles, quick!" he cried to Edith, with full faith in her share of self-control. "And you had better have a bed prepared with hot blankets."

Mrs. Warren lifted a weak, restraining hand. "Please do not torture me any more, Dr. Lester," she pleaded. "You must see that it is only a matter of minutes. If you want to do me a real kindness, let me speak my last words to my son."

Lester, indeed, knew that she was right, but it is hardly natural that a doctor should think he has achieved a triumph if he keeps some poor wretch gasping in agony for a few hours longer than nature has seemingly ordained. Now, however, he walked over to Hobson and his prisoner.

"Take those off!" he said curtly, pointing to the handcuffs.

The detective hesitated a moment, but even his calloused heart was touched, and he dropped the fetters from Warren's wrists.

"You are on your honor," he whispered, and the unfortunate young man—even in the agony of the moment—was grateful for the words as well as for the action.

Warren laid his head on his mother's lap as might a frightened child, and she tried to caress it with a pained hand.

"Be a good boy in future, dear. Always be a good boy, whatever happens," she whispered.

"I will. But, mother! Oh, mother!"

"Always a good boy."

And so he sobbed his protests and promises, until presently Lester led the poor, headstrong victim of heredity and of a calculated vengeance gently away; for Mrs. Warren had gone where God would judge between her and Lord Arncliffe.

Next morning when Inspector Hobson was about to convey Harry Warren to the jail at Alnwick, Edith called a great council.

"Now, I want you all to help," she began, with true feminine directness. "What is to be done about Harry Warren? He must not be punished any more."

The man from Scotland Yard was in authority now, and he did not shrink his task.

"I am afraid it cannot be avoided, Miss Holt," he said. "Regarding the murder of Lord Arncliffe, he will have to stand his trial as an accessory after the fact. I don't think, in view of Mrs. Warren's statement and the papers she left, that the police will charge him with anything more, and in case of a mother and son, he will get off with next to nothing. Of course, there are the three other charges—the robbing of Lord Arncliffe, and the attacks on Mr. Angier and Dr. Lester. However, if those are dropped, I do not suppose the public prosecutor will take them up."

"Well, Dr. Lester is not going to take any proceedings, and I am sure Mr. Angier will not."

"Why, my dear," said the old lawyer mildly, "the young rascal hit me a very severe blow on the head, and the place is exceedingly tender. Still, if you wish it—"

"I am sure," interrupted Mrs. Angier, who had not slept all night, "I do not want to see this detective, but I want my dear husband might have been killed, and I really feel that Warren deserves some little punishment. Fifteen or twenty years' penal servitude."

"I think, Mrs. Angier," interposed Edith with a slight accession of the marquis manner, "you owe me some reparation for the manner in which you behaved toward me. Certainly, no one who disfigures me now in this manner can again become or remain my friend."

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fortunate accident of May Mantering seeing something unusual in Warren's dog-cart alone saved her lover from all sorts of horrible fates.

Twilight was just falling over the wide expanse of the park as Edith and Lester sat on the balcony at Arncliffe. It was, of course, a secluded part of the balcony, and therefore their conversation mainly consisted of the "soft nothings" which mean so much. From the garden came occasional peals of merry laughter. Phyllis and Bradshaw were an altogether more lively pair of lovers than their friends.

"Dear Phyllis!" murmured Edith. "She is a warm-hearted little darling. But I really think she has secured the only man in the world who could manage her. I wanted to ask you something, George. Would you mind if I settled a large sum of money on Phyllis? Lord Arncliffe's fortune is so great that we can well spare it."

"My dear one, it is your own money; but I think your idea is creditable to your bright little head. Bradshaw cannot very well veto a proposal of that sort, and he is certainly entitled to some share of his uncle's money."

"You are a darling!" said Edith. And, as Lester put it, she "kissed him all by herself."

"Dearest," he whispered, "would you mind disposing of a large number of other bequests instantly and give them for my approval on the same terms?"

[The End.]

CASTRO CANCELS DUTCH EXEQUATURS

Because a Netherlands Cruiser Failed to Salute His Flag.

Caracas, July 31.—President Castro has withdrawn the exequaturs of the Netherlands consuls and vice-consuls in Venezuela.

Foreign Minister Paul today transmitted a note to the Netherlands Government in which he recited what he terms the insults to Venezuela. He says:

"In view of the gravity of events, Venezuela is forced to advise Holland that it will not continue friendly relations until Holland gives satisfaction for the injuries and insults put on Venezuela."

"These injuries and insults are the offence of Minister DeReus, the fact that the Netherlands cruiser Gelderland failed to salute the Venezuelan flag, and the attack on the Venezuelan consul at Willemstad, Curacao, the violation of the consular shield."

Washington, July 31.—That will but intensify the present strained relations between the two countries is the opinion of Washington on the action of President Castro in withdrawing the exequaturs of Holland's consular officers in Venezuela.

There are many citizens of the Netherlands in Venezuela who, under the new order of things, will be required to apply to the consuls of some friendly government to perform necessary consular functions, causing unnecessary inconvenience and embarrassment. Holland's trade with Venezuela is not very considerable. In the fiscal years 1936-37 Venezuela imported from Holland the value of \$354,512, while exports to Venezuela from Holland were \$1,255,453.

RUSSIA WOULD EXCLUDE CHOLERA

Efforts being Made to Confine the Asiatic Scourge to Present Limits.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—The Government is preparing for an outbreak of Asiatic cholera all along the River Volga from Nijni-Volgorod to its mouth, and at the Caspian ports.

The entire Volga region and both coasts of the Caspian, together with the territory of the Don Cossacks, already have been officially declared in the cholera zone, but the sanitary authorities hope to confine the disease within these limits and prevent it from reaching Moscow and St. Petersburg this year.

Considerable outbreaks of cholera are reported from Astrakhan, Tsaritsyn and Kamyskhin, and isolated cases have occurred at villages some distance from the river, which convinces experts that the outbreak is not due to direct infection, but from contamination of the water, the cholera bacilli having found many tributaries by which to spread last autumn.

The preventive measures consist of erection of isolation hospitals at 25 points along the Volga, the establishment of a floating hospital and an inspection service on the river itself. There will also be a more or less cursory examination of passengers on the railroads.

Six steamers already have been commissioned and furnished with physicians to examine raftmen and the passengers and crews of vessels plying on the Volga.

The Government has placed ample funds at the disposition of the anti-cholera commission, but there will be great difficulty in securing capable physicians. Nijni-Volgorod is considered the danger point of the epidemic, as the annual fair, which is the rendezvous of the merchants of all Russia and Siberia, has just been opened.

MODERN THEATRE FOR THE INSANE

Work Started in Washington, D.C.—Will Seat 1,000 Patients and Visitors.

Washington, Aug. 1.—Work has been commenced on a new assembly hall at the Government Hospital for the Insane, the building being designed to provide a modern playhouse where theatrical productions and other entertainments are to be held, as well as proper quarters for assembly for religious worship. The contract for the structure was recently awarded to Pavarini & Wynne, of this city, who bid was approximately \$25,000, and they have caused the preliminary steps in the construction of the hall to be taken within the past few days.

The time within which the building is to be completed and transferred to the Government comprises ten months. The assembly hall will be situated at a point central to the institution as a whole, being in proximity to the extensions, buildings erected several years ago. In type of construction it will conform closely to the other structures, which are of brick, with tile roofs and limestone trimmings.

The hall will be located on a site almost directly opposite the female nurses' home, one of the new buildings, the two being separated by considerable stretches of lawn and roadways. The contractors have found it necessary in their initial work to remove a number of fine maple trees that have shaded the portion of the hospital grounds for a long time. They have removed a section of the fence that incloses the group of buildings known as the detached buildings.

The erection of an assembly hall of this type has been urged by Dr. William A. White, the superintendent of the hospital, since 1935, when he submitted his first estimate to congress for the erection of the building. The following year congress granted an appropriation of \$75,000 for the work, but when plans had been prepared and bids examined thereon it was found that the lowest bid far exceeded the amount of the appropriation. Another appeal was made to congress, which body last year increased the appropriation by \$25,000, and bids were again called for, with the result stated above.

A great deal of thought has been exercised in the production of the plans for the new building, and the intention is that a model playhouse will be the outcome. The plans have been prepared by the Sunderland Brothers, of this city, who received the award in a competition between fifteen architects from this and other cities. The assembly hall will be surrounded by a broad terrace, the ascent of which will afford direct entrance to the building. There are three entrances provided in the front, so as to allow the patients to enter by the central door, while the visitors will be admitted through the two side doors, from which places stairways will lead to the balcony.

The auditorium, where the patients will be seated, will have a seating capacity of 700, while the balcony, where visitors will be accommodated, will contain about 300 people. By this method the visitors and the patients will be kept entirely separate while the building is being erected. The floor will also at times be used for dances, when the floor will be cleared and the chairs placed underneath the stage. There will be a basement, lobby and dressing rooms, in a basement, which can be served refreshments and edibles that might follow an entertainment in the hall.

Special consideration has been given to the matter of fire protection in this structure, which will be a fire-proof building, reinforced concrete being used for columns, balconies, stage and roof construction in this effort. With the assembly room on the first floor of the building, as it is planned, the second floor will be utilized in the construction of the hall to limit the danger from fire are automatic sprinklers, automatic skylight, asbestos and water curtains. With this equipment on and about the stage, which will be separated from the auditorium by a brick wall, there will be little chance for flames to gain any headway.

The new hall will supplant the present chapel and assembly hall, in the old section of the hospital, on the fourth floor of the former administration building, which has been in use almost since the opening of the institution in 1854. The amusement features at the hospital are extensive and varied in the course of the season, with dances, holiday entertainments, plays and concerts. Weekly affairs of this character will bring the new hall into frequent service.

THE CABINET AT WORK

Government Business Keeps the Premier and His Colleagues Busy.

Ottawa, July 31.—All the cabinet ministers, with the exception of Sir Richard Cartwright, who is still in Kingston, have returned to the city and this afternoon a council meeting was held, at which a beginning was made upon the long list of public matters now awaiting Government action. The orders in council passed today were, however, for the most part connected merely with the routine of departmental administration. The appointment of new railway commissioners will not be made for a week or so. Cabinet meetings will be held daily for the next fortnight, after which Sir Wilfrid Laurier will probably go to Arthursville for a short rest.

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A recent actual experience will, perhaps, best illustrate the proposition:—A prominent business man, (No. 1), called up a business house and the man, (No. 2), to whom he wished to speak was out. Word was left asking that No. 2 call up No. 1 as soon as he (No. 2) came in. No. 2 made faithful effort to do this, calling for No. 1 five different times, and each time the line was "busy." When No. 1 was told later of this vain effort to reach him on a matter of importance to himself, he exclaimed, "We have a telephone. Why can't we be called?" It took a representative of the telephone company some time to convince him that the trouble was due to an overload of business on his one line. He was finally convinced, however, and now two lines give him adequate service.

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PATENT WAR AGAINST BRITAIN

Germany and United States May Engage in It—The Kaiser's New Yacht.

Berlin, Aug. 2.—A German-American anti-English patent alliance will apparently be the outcome of the hardships which Germany and America claim are inflicted upon them by the new English patent law, which goes into force on August 23. This law compels the exploitation in England of patents taken out in England; in other words, a patented article in England must be manufactured in that country.

The German Industrial Union, which recently presented a petition to the imperial chancery asking that diplomatic measures be taken to secure a modification of the law, has received inquiries from an influential American firm asking whether German manufacturers are prepared to join forces with their American colleagues in a retaliatory patent campaign against England.

The German Industrial Union is not averse to this suggestion, since it is realized that a war of reprisals waged by Germany against England, because of chance of being effective, because the number of German patents registered in England far exceeds the number of English patents registered here. The relentless cancelling of unexploited English patents by Germany, development of a similar situation in Germany, and American simultaneously would, it is felt, prove a more adequate weapon against the English law.

The Kaiser's new yacht, which is to replace the American-built Meteor, will be built in a German shipyard. Although, according to the builder, it will be a replica of the American yacht the interior fittings will be of the simplest description, as the Emperor rarely entertains upon his racing yacht.

To the two step a place of special honor was accorded at the first international congress of dancing teachers, which was opened here this week. Six hundred dancing teachers from all countries were in attendance, including five from the United States. An American dancing master gave an opening lesson to the congress by initiating a large international class into the mysteries of the two-step to the strains of "Hiawatha." The teachers took up this dance enthusiastically and all declared it likely to oust older favorites in Europe.

One of the aims of the congress was to facilitate the international standardization of leading dances so that all dancers would feel at home in all ball rooms, since only one method will prevail.

GATOR SCARE FOR BATHERS.

New London, Conn., July 31.—No more stunning bathing costumes are in evidence along the Niantic River, and are not likely to be until a young alligator has been fished out of the depths of this popular stream, dead or alive. At Golden Spur, one of the city's recreation parks, a pair of gators were placed on exhibition in a cage this week, and one of them, plunging for a swim, made his escape to the river while the park keeper was napping. Messengers were dispatched to the various camps shore notifying bathers to keep their eyes peeled for the reptile. At last accounts the alligator was still enjoying his liberty.

CUPID STRETCHES HANDS ACROSS SEA

International Romance Worked Out in India, Europe and America.

Philadelphia, July 31.—An international romance in which India, Europe and America are involved has its culmination tonight in the marriage of Marie A. Albrecht, a young and pretty musician, to Alfred Fieldbrane, the son of a well-known Presbyterian minister in the east. Two years ago neither of the contracting parties knew each other. One was a native of Dantzig, Prussia, and the other of India. But the blind god who rules lovers' destinies, or else "a spirit of foreordination," as the pair laughingly remarked last night, was the means of bringing them together.

The groom is the eldest son of Rev. Isaac Fieldbrane, a prominent Presbyterian minister of Allahabad, India. He came to this country with his brother a little less than two years ago. The elder brother, following in the footsteps of his father, is active in religious work and became affiliated with the Y. M. C. A. movement in Springfield, Mass., where he is a student. While visiting his younger brother in this city last fall, he met Miss Albrecht, who had come to America and curiously enough had picked out the same boarding place.

Love Again.

An intimacy sprang up between the two, which by the time Alfred had decided to go to Massachusetts, developed into love on his part, Miss Albrecht, however, would not give him "yes," for an answer, and her duties as a companion to an elderly lady requiring her to go abroad for several months she sailed for the continent, without becoming engaged to him.

Then ensued a correspondence which kept up without a break for nine months and to which almost every prominent musical Europe contributed its postmark. At every stop Miss Albrecht received a letter and finally won over by his assiduous wooing, she sailed for America once more with time to be met by her affianced husband.

Alfred's brother, who is an expert photographer in the employ of C. H. Overton, a prominent Philadelphia artist, prevailed upon Mr. Overton to allow his brother to be married for a time to his house. Arrangements were accordingly made to have Rev. J. B. Laird, of the Presbyterian Church, of Frankford, tie the nuptial knot, and after a reception to their friends the young couple started on a tour of the west on their honeymoon, and will settle in Chicago for the winter.

Miss Albrecht is a highly educated woman, speaking five languages besides being an excellent singer, and teacher of vocal music. Mr. Fieldbrane comes of pure East Indian blood and is a member of the highest caste. His family have been Christianized for four generations.

MARQUETTE CARS IDLE.

Detroit, Aug. 1.—There are at present 4,000 idle freight cars on the side tracks and in the terminals of the Pere Marquette system in Michigan. In addition, some freight cars are out of use in the Ludington, Wisconsin service. The total idle equipment means an investment of more than \$2,000,000 which is earning no revenue. A big fall business is looked for, however.

The cornerstone of St. Miller Sunday school building, Kensington, was laid yesterday by John Knox.

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WIRE-TAPPERS IN NEW GAME

Stuck a \$15,000 Victim—Hotel Man Induced to Bet on a Cinch.

New York, Aug. 2.—Frederick Gondolf, is a prisoner at police headquarters, charged with separating Frederick Holzmann, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel in Scranton, Pa., from \$15,000 by means of a fake prize-fight which followed stories of wealth to be made on timber lands in Tennessee.

The police are on the trail of a man, known to them as "Deafy" Morris, and other members of a gang, who are declared to have conceived a new scheme to rob the unwary. This same gang, it is said, formerly operated the wire-tapping game, but since that scheme has been so thoroughly exploded, they have resorted to men of muscles, who are willing to obey orders to earn their livelihood.

Holzmann is one of the solid business men of his home city. He is a man who is looked up to and whose opinion on financial questions is sought. Just how the swindlers got information concerning his bank account and his desire for investments which looked good, and also his love for sport, has not been brought out.

Hunted the Victim.

A week or two ago a man who registered as "Charles Weber, New York," began to make himself agreeable to the guests and proprietor of the Scranton hotel. He said he represented wholesale houses in New York and he always asked for the best hotel furnished.

When he had ingratiated himself in the good opinion of Landlord Holzmann, he began to talk of a rare chance to make money in Tennessee timber lands. He told the hotel keeper of a New York friend named Lane who was interested in the property, and persuaded Mr. Holzmann to come to this city to see Lane. Lane was most businesslike. He talked about millions as most men talk about dollars.

"Most of our backers are out of the city on their yachts or are travelling abroad," Lane told the hotel keeper. "However," he added, "old man Cuddey and his son are at Bridgeport, and we can go there to see him."

Holzmann and his new friends were in Bridgeport next day, where they met "Cuddey," a be-whiskered old chap and his son, Cuddey, as he insisted on being called, was more interested in sporting events than investments. He said the Tennessee Timber Company could wait, but that he had brought along a young prize-fighter from the west who could lick his weight in wild cats. He said his man

would fight a Boston chap named Collins in a private house in the Back Bay section that night.

Bet His \$15,000.

"Better come and see the fun," he suggested to Holzmann.

"Come on," persuaded Lane. "Collins will win that fight. It's a cinch. Cuddey and his son, it's a cinch. \$120,000 on the match. Make a bet on Collins and you can't lose."

So Holzmann drew a check for \$5,000 and cashed it in Bridgeport. He gave the money to Lane to bet for him and then journeyed to Boston.

A footman in livery opened the door of the house where the fight was to take place, and the hotel keeper was ushered into a large rear room. Collins was whipped and Holzmann lost his \$5,000 to the old man and his son, who said they had won \$120,000 on the bout. Collins told the hotel keeper he was knocked out by a chance blow and wanted a second fight. Holzmann bet \$10,000 on Lane. The second fight was never pulled off, and Lane disappeared. Then Holzmann came to New York and told his troubles to the police.

Gondolf, who is said to have posed as the son, was picked out through pictures of rogues shown at police headquarters.

LORD ROBERTS BETTER

Will Now Be Able to Keep His Engagements at the Capital.

Montreal, Aug. 1.—The Hon. Hugh Dawson, aide to Lord Roberts, announces this morning that the distinguished military visitor is much improved today, after his indisposition yesterday, as the result of which he was compelled to forego participation in a number of social events organized in his honor. The weather became very much cooler last night, and the air is delightfully refreshing today, which doubtless had much to do with his lordship's improved condition.

It had been Lord Roberts' intention to proceed to Ottawa this morning, but as already announced, that arrangement was cancelled yesterday.

Owing to the improvement in his health, however, Lord Roberts has decided to proceed to Ottawa tomorrow. He will go up by special train over the C. P. R.

FELL INTO FEEDER.

St. Catharines, Aug. 1.—George Miller, aged about 30 years and unmarried, was fatally injured while working on a threshing machine on the farm of Jacob Miller, near St. Amos, about 8 o'clock last evening. Miller was on top of the machine, and accidentally stepped into the feeder. His leg was pulled off at the hip, and he died soon afterwards.

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