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A Mysterious Disappearance
By Gordon Holmes
A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)
"I think that we have witnessed a tragedy," said Bruce's acquaintance as they walked off; and the barrister agreed with him. He was sorry for Menemore and his pretty supporter. Many a time the match meant a great deal to both of them.
That night he learned by chance that Menemore lived at the Hotel du Cercle. He met him in the billiard-room and tried to inveigle him into conversation. But the young fellow was too miserable to respond to his advances. Beyond a mere civil acknowledgement of some slight act of politeness, Bruce could not draw him out.
Next morning he saw Menemore again. If the man looked haggard the previous evening his appearance now was positively startling. That is, to one of Bruce's powers of observation. Ninety-nine men out of a hundred would have seen that Menemore had not slept well. Bruce was assured that, for some reason, the other's brain was dominated by some overwhelming idea, and one which might, eventuate in a tragic manner were it to be allowed to go unheeded.
For some reason he took a good deal of interest in his unfortunate fellow-countryman and determined to help him if the opportunity presented itself.
It came with dramatic rapidity.
During dinner, he noticed that Menemore was in such a state of mental disturbance that he ate and drank with the air of one who is feverishly wasting away. He was holding a letter.
Soon after eight o'clock, at the hour when frequenters of the Casino go there in order to secure a seat for the evening play, Menemore quitted the dining-room. Bruce followed him unobtrusively, and was just in time to see him enter the life.
The barrister waited in the hall, having first secured his hat and overcoat from the bureau where he happened to have left them.
Even while he noted the descending lift, in which he could see Menemore, who had dressed a light covert coat, the breast of which bulged somewhat on the left side, the hotel clerk came in triumphantly holding a letter.
"And now, monsieur," cried the clerk, "we shall see what she shall see."
The missive was addressed to the mysterious Sydney H. Corbett, and had been forwarded by the Sloane Square Post-Office.
With a clang the door of the lift swung open and Menemore hastened out. Bruce had to decide instantly between the chance of seeing Corbett with his own eyes and pursuing the fanciful errand he had mapped out in imagination with reference to the stranger who so interested him.
"Thank you," he said to the clerk, "I am going to the Casino for an hour; you will greatly oblige me by keeping a sharp lookout for any one who claims the letter."
"Monsieur, it shall have by utmost regard."
The barrister had not erred in his estimate as to Menemore's destination. The young man walked straight across the square and entered the grounds of the famous Casino.
Indoors, an excellent band was playing a selection from "The Gipsies." The apocryphal was fast filling with a fashionable throng, without the silver radiance of the moon, lighting up gardens, rocks, buildings, and sea, might well have added the last link to the pleasant bondage that would keep any one from the gambling saloon that night; but Menemore heeded none of these things.
He passed the barrier, closely followed by Bruce, crossed the foyer, and disappeared through the base door that guard the magnificent room in which roulette is played.
Round several of the tables a fairly considerable crowd had gathered already. The more the merrier is the rule of the Casino. There is something curiously fascinating for the gambler in the presence of others. It would seem to be an almost ridiculous thing for a man to talk solemnly up to a deserted board and stake his money on the chances of the game merely for the edification of the officials in charge.
Bruce entered the room soon after Menemore, and saw the latter elbowing his way to a seat about to be vacated by a stout Spanish lady, who had rapidly lost the sum she allowed herself to stake each day. She was one of those numerous players who bring to the Casino a certain amount daily, and systematically stop playing when they have either lost their money or won a previously determined maximum.
This method, in fact, when combined with a careful system, is the only one whereby even a rich individual can indulge

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



FOR SPRING ENTER THE TURBAN.

Paris tried last year to convince American women of the smartness of the straw turban and failed because of the exact for the "Merry Widow" headdress. This year the turban has to have its day, and many of the new straw turbans are so big that they put even Merry Widow hats in the shade. This smart model is of coffee-colored chip and sets well down over the low coiffure. A pretty trimming made by the chemist dotted net in cream and brown effect, which is draped over the crown. Cream uncurled ostrich feathers sweep away at one side from under a dull gilt buckle.

WHAT THE CANADIAN PACIFIC OFFERED FOR RUNNING RIGHTS OVER THE INTERCOLONIAL ROAD

They Were Willing to Pay a Rental of \$135,000 a Year for Fifty Years, Provided They Could Participate in the Traffic Between St. John and Halifax—Counter Proposal from Government Did Not Suit.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—A return tabled in the house today by the minister of railways, gives the history of the negotiations to date between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the government relative to running rights over the Intercolonial between St. John and Halifax, as initiated by President Shaughnessy in January, 1907.
The return, after giving the correspondence and the suggested terms of the agreement as contained in letters passing between the company and Hon. Messrs. Cameron and Biddell, concludes with a statement by M. J. Butler, deputy minister of railways, to the effect that since an interview between representatives of the two roads on June 5, 1907, at which the government's terms were made known to the company, no further action had been suggested by the company.
In President Shaughnessy's first letter to the minister of railways, Hon. Mr. Cameron, on January 10, 1907, the former pointed out that the Canadian Pacific was desirous of getting connection with Halifax and that he believed that the Intercolonial tracks were sufficient to accommodate the traffic of both systems. He suggested a division of expenses and revenue on the ordinary wharves, basins, and proposed a rental of \$135,000 per annum for an agreement extending over a period of fifty years.
A memorandum prepared for the minister showed the estimated value of the main line from St. John to Halifax and of that part of the terminals which would be jointly used to be \$20,432,680.
On May 6 Hon. W. S. Fielding wrote to President Shaughnessy stating that the government recommended that the road was constructed to afford the largest possible accommodation to the public, and were willing to consider a proposal for running rights made by the Canadian Pacific. He pointed out that the section of the line between St. John and Halifax was probably the most profitable of the whole system, and that the rental offered was hardly a fair return for the privileges asked. In suggesting a conference between representatives of the two roads to consider the matter he noted that the government would insist on the following conditions:
That the interests of the Intercolonial workmen be protected;
That the compensation to be paid should be adequate.
That the rights of the Grand Trunk Pacific for running rights should be protected.
That the government would reserve the right to grant a similar privilege to any other company.
On June 5, 1907, Mr. Butler and Mr. Tiffin met the representatives of the Canadian Pacific at Montreal to discuss the matter. On behalf of the Intercolonial Mr. Butler demanded that the granting of running rights should not involve a loss in net revenue to the Intercolonial; that the Canadian Pacific pay interest at two per cent on the value of the property to be used; that in apportioning the expenses of maintenance the Canadian Pacific should agree to pay a rate per mile that would cover the cost of maintenance; that the company should agree to take over at the existing rate of pay and standing any trainmen dropped by the Intercolonial due to such reduction of train service as might be forced on the Intercolonial owing to the Canadian Pacific replacing Intercolonial trains; and that on station to station traffic the Canadian Pacific should pay to the Intercolonial say 15 per cent of the gross receipts for the first five years.
The conference concluded without any understanding being reached.
On July 4, last, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy wrote to Hon. Mr. Graham suggesting a renewal of the negotiations. He noted that the Canadian Pacific wished to participate in local as well as through traffic, he regarded as reasonable a rental computed at three and a half per cent interest on half the reasonable value of the railway and terminals. He again suggested a rental of \$135,000 per annum.
On July 10, last, Sir Thomas again wrote to Mr. Graham stating that up to the present little progress had been made because of the difference between the government and the company as to what would be a fair basis of compensation. He suggested that the whole matter be referred to a board consisting of one representative of each railway to make a joint recommendation as to a fair basis of agreement. This recommendation he adds should not be considered as binding on either party.
There the matter now stands.

BIG CUNARDER BROKE RECORD

The Mauretania on Her Last Voyage Made a New Mark for the Eastern Passage.

Queenstown, Feb. 8.—The Cunard line steamer Mauretania passed Daunt's Rock lighthouse at 5.10 p. m. today, thus establishing a record for the long route. The liner covered the distance, 2,034 miles, at an average speed of 25.20 knots. The day runs were 611, 604, 594, 587, 582 and 575 miles to Daunt's Rock. The passage was made in four days twenty hours and twenty-seven minutes.
A tender met the Mauretania at Roche's Point, but the heavy sea prevented her going alongside. Consequently the Liverpool pilot had to be put on board by a whaleboat. The Mauretania then proceeded, going on with her mails and fifty passengers who decided to disembark at Queenstown.
The Mauretania has beaten every record going east: average speed and the highest day's record for the long and short routes from New York to Queenstown. The improvement is due undoubtedly to the new propellers with which the vessel was equipped, as well as to starting out from Queenstown.
The best previous record from New York to Queenstown over the long course was made by the Mauretania in 1908. Over the short course the record was four days twenty-two hours and twenty-nine minutes, made Dec. 5, 1907. The best previous average hour's run to Queenstown was 24.42 made by the Mauretania in March of 1908 and the best previous day's run to Queenstown was 585 miles, also made by the Mauretania July 25, 1908.

GOVERNMENT GETS PRESENT OF YAKS

Duke of Bedford Donates Six of These Asiatic Beasts of Burden—They Will Be Placed on a Stock Farm

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The experimental farm will likely have a number of yaks as an addition to its live stock shortly. These Asiatic beasts are suited to the climate of Canada, according to the opinion of Mr. Thompson-Ston, the naturalist, who was instrumental largely in arranging for securing the animals for Canada.
Something was written by Mr. Ston to the Duke of Bedford, who has a herd of yaks. Mr. Ston claims that the region of Lake Superior and in fact the whole northwestern part of Canada would suit the yak to perfection, and that on station to station traffic the Canadian Pacific should pay to the Intercolonial say 15 per cent of the gross receipts for the first five years.
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Eczema, Salt Rheum.

Eczema or Salt Rheum, as it is often called, is one of the most annoying of skin diseases. It manifests itself in little round blisters, which are extremely itchy and which break and subsequently form a scab or scale.
The intense burning, itching and smarting, especially at night or when the part is exposed to any strong heat, are almost unbearable.
The pre-eminent success which Burdock Blood Bitters has met with in permanently curing cases of such severity is due to its wonderful blood cleansing and purifying properties.
No other remedy has done or can do so much for those who are almost driven to distraction with the terrible torture, as our thousands of signed testimonials can testify to.
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For sale by all druggists and dealers.

NORTH SHORE MOTHER SMOTHERED HER BABY

Wrapped it Tightly to Keep it Warm and Death Resulted
Campbellton, Feb. 8.—Yesterday, while driving across the ice from Oak Bay to Dalhousie Junction, a little baby was smothered by its wrappings. The parents were heartbroken on discovering that their child was dead. The wind was so cold the mother was afraid the little one would get cold on the long drive.
A ticking or dry cough can be quickly loosened with Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. No opium, no chloroform, nothing unsafe or harmful. Sold by all druggists.

USED GOLD BEARING SAND TO BALLAST RAILWAY BED

Toronto, Feb. 8.—George Tripp, of Atikons, Rainy River District, today got judgment against the C. N. R. and secured an injunction restraining the railway from removing the sand from his land. He is after the sand to assess the damages for removing the sand, it appears that the railway has been ballasting its road with sand. While the price of gravel is twenty-five cents a cubic yard, Tripp wants 75 cents, because he says the sand was gold bearing. He seeks to recover for 20,000 cubic yards.

PILES CURED IN 6 to 14 DAYS


PAZOMINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Piles, Hemorrhoids, Swelling or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded.
Ald. J. King Kelley will address the Portland Y. M. A. tonight on the city's finances. This will be the third in the series of talks by aldermen. Messrs. Baxter and Frank having already addressed the association. All who wish, whether members or not, will be welcomed.

RIBBON SALE

All Silk Ribbons and Satin and Silk Ribbons
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C. P. R. DECLARES USUAL DIVIDEND

Montreal, Feb. 8.—A meeting of the board of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company today a dividend of two per cent on preferred stock and three per cent on common stock was declared for the half year ended December last, payable first April next, and it was also decided that at the same time a further sum equal to one-half of one per cent be paid on the common stock out of interest on the proceeds of land sales.
After payment of working expenses, fixed charges and dividends now declared there is a surplus for the half year of \$4,818,232.

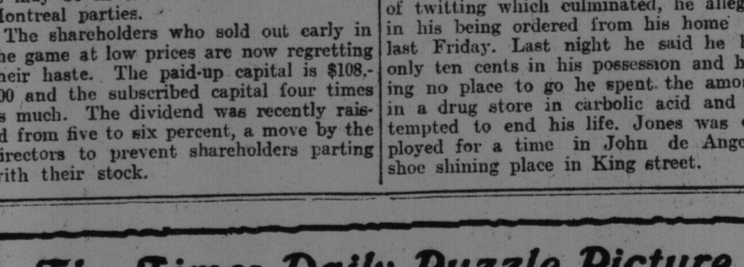
MULATTO BOY DRINKS ACID

Louis Jones, Ejected from His Home, Tried to Poison Himself With Carbolic Acid—He Will Recover.
Carbolic acid again; this time it figures in a case of attempted suicide. Last night about 10:20 o'clock Louis Jones, 15 years of age, a mulatto, drank a quantity of the poison in sight of his home in Union alley. Dr. S. H. McDonald was called and, after working over Jones for some time ordered his removal to the hospital. Jones was then out of danger. The ambulance was called and Policeman Ross accompanied it to the institution.
No one seems to have seen Jones at the time he drank the poison. He was sitting alone on the step of the side entrance to the Opera House when a boy whose name is said to be Cronin came along. "I've drunk that," said Jones, tossing a bottle to him. "Cronin, seeing that the matter was serious, ran to George P. Allen's drug store at the corner of Water and Queen streets where, fortunately, Dr. McDonald happened to be.
Meanwhile Jones had rolled off the step to the ground, unconscious and a passer by, seeing him, hurried off to notify the police. Jones' father, Walter Jones, and his brother, also called for a third man carried the boy into his home.
Dr. McDonald hurried to Union alley, but by this time the boy had been carried home. There the doctor found him unconscious. He administered an emetic and called the ambulance and had Jones sent to the hospital. His general condition was then good.
Trouble at home appears to have been the cause of the boy's act. Mrs. Jones said that as far as she knew the only reason was that she had ordered him to leave the house and never to return, the ground being that he was continually quarrelling with his brothers. During the afternoon, she said, he returned to bid her good-by and that was the last she saw of him till he was carried in unconscious.
At the hospital last night it was said that Jones would come around all right. His story is that he had been in Houlton (Me.), where he was a contestant in a roller skating race in which he was beaten. He said he returned home feeling low spirited and was subjected to a course of twitting which culminated, he alleged, in his being ordered from his home on last Friday. Last night he said he had only ten cents in his possession and having no place to go he spent the amount in a drug store in carbolic acid and attempted to end his life. Jones was employed for a time in John de Angelis shoe shining place in King street.

HALIFAX CAPITALISTS BUY INSURANCE STOCK

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 8.—For some time certain capitalists have been buying up stock of the Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Company, a local company, with its head office in Halifax. Their object was to obtain control. When they began they were buying the stock around 55, but before they accomplished their purpose they were paying far for the stock and a little more in some cases.
At one time St. John interests were said to be after the control, but now it is nominally in the hands of Halifax men. What their purpose is has not been stated. It may be in the interest of Toronto or Montreal parties.
The shareholders who sold out early in the game at low prices are now regretting their haste. The paid-up capital is \$108,000 and the subscribed capital four times as much. The dividend was recently raised from five to six per cent, a move by the directors to prevent shareholders parting with their stock.

The Times Daily Puzzle Picture



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Find his rival.
ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE.
Upside down from text of doctor.

CHAPTER IN BREAKING THE BANK

There were not many people in this part of the Casino grounds. A few love-making couples and a handful of others who preferred the chilly quietude of Nature to the throng of the interior promenade made up the occupants of the winding paths that cover the seaward slope.
At last Menemore halted. There was no one in front, and he turned to look if the terrace were clear behind him. He caught sight of Bruce, but did not recognize him, and leant against a low wall, ostensibly to gaze at the sea until the other had passed.
Claude came up to him and cried cheerily:
"Hello! Is that you, Mr. Menemore? Isn't it a lovely night?"
Menemore started at being thus unexpectedly addressed by name, wheeled about, stared at the new-comer, and said very stiffly:
"Yes, but I felt rather seely in the Casino, so I came here to be alone."
"Of course," answered the barrister. "You look a little out of sorts. Perhaps you got a chill, eh? It is dangerous weather here, particularly on these heavenly evenings. Come back with me to the hotel, and have a stiff brandy and soda. It will brace you up."
Menemore flushed a little at this persistence.
"I tell you," he growled, "that I only require to be left in peace, and I shall soon recover from my indisposition. I am awfully obliged to you, but—"
"But you wish me to walk on and mind my own business?"
"Not exactly that, old chap. Please don't think me rude. I am very sorry. I can't talk much tonight."
"So I understand. That is why I think it is best for you to have company, even such disagreeable companionship as my own."
"Confound it, man," cried the other, more thoroughly irritated, "tell me whose you are going and I will take the other. Why on earth cannot you take a polite hint, and leave me to myself? It is precisely because I am good at taking a hint that I positively refuse to leave you until you are safely landed at your hotel. Indeed, I may stick to you then for some hours."
"The devil take you! What do you mean?"
"Exactly what I say."
"If you don't quit this instant I will punch your head for you."
(To be Continued.)

TEMPLEMAN IN COMOX-ATLIN

He Was Chosen Without Opposition—Conservatives Realized Fight Was Useless.
Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 8.—Hon. Mr. Templeman was elected for Comox-Atlin, British Columbia, today, without opposition. Leading Conservatives and their newspapers were reluctant to oppose him on his record, and after Templeman and Sloan had pretty well covered the southern portion of the riding, the utility of opposition became apparent. The influence of the revelation of the forged Bonden telegram also helped in the decision not to oppose the popular minister. Mr. Templeman will start for Ottawa at once.

SUPREME COURT JUDGE TO BE SUPERANNATED

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Hon. James McLennan, Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, has tendered his resignation to the minister of justice, to take effect on Saturday next. Justice McLennan is retiring on superannuation after a long and honorable service at the Ontario bar and on the bench. He was appointed to the Supreme Court on Oct. 5, 1903, after having been Justice of the court of appeal for Ontario for seventeen years. He was born in Glenora county, March 17, 1833.

TO HAVE MEN'S CLUB

It is proposed to establish, in connection with St. Andrew's church, a club for men along the lines of the brotherhoods which are now a feature of so many Presbyterian congregations. It was announced on Sunday by the pastor, Rev. David Lang, that a luncheon will be held in the Sunday school room on Friday evening next at 6.30, after which speeches will be made outlining the aims of the proposed organization. Definite plans will also likely be decided on in connection with it.
MEAN.
Dick—When Harry eloped with May Seads he rubbed it into her father.
Tom—How?
Dick—He telegraphed her old man that they had been married—and sent the message collect.

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