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THE MESSAGE
By LOUIS TRACY

(Continued.)

"Miss Dane is free. I can vouch for that," laughed Rosamund.

But Evelyn's answering smile was more genuine.

"Mrs. Laing's statements are invariably accurate where I am concerned," she said. "If your matrimonial choice rests between her and me, Lord Fairholme, it is only fair that I should tell you I have promised to marry Captain Arthur Warden, of the Nigeria Protectorate, when next he returns to England."

"Captain Arthur Warden?" gasped the girl, despite his habitual air of bluffness, could remember some things exceedingly well.

"Yes, do you know him?"

"No, not exactly. I've heard his name."

Rosamund, scarcely prepared for this turning of the tables, instantly recalled the unpleasant fact that Billy Turing was by her side in the hall at Lochmeigh when he perused Evelyn's letter. He looked at her now fixedly, as the color her face rose and fell with tell-tale confusion. For once she was unable to force a retort. She almost feared that Fairholme would blurt out some reference to the letter.

"I was under a different impression," she managed to say. "But I am sure our present affairs are not of vital interest to Lord Fairholme."

"Where is old I. D. B.?" put in the man, anxious to recall the "Sibotia" wild duck by moonlight, eh, what?"

Evelyn resumed her quest of the manager. She had not failed to notice Rosamund Laing's unaccountable embarrassment, but she attributed it to her personal feud, and imagined that her rival was only annoyed by her outspokenness. It was fortunate, in some respects, that the incident was fresh in her mind. She was about to be enlightened.

She hurried an atlas, and was studying the ominously vague details of the interior of Northwest Africa, when a maid-servant came to her room. With some difficulty, for Evelyn knew very little Spanish, the girl made her understand that a much older lady wished to see her. An English boy? Who could it be at that hour? The few English children visiting the island were in bed long since. It was an English woman, not a closing, she followed the criada downstairs. In the doorway, trying to make out the English figure, she recognized the stout, sturdy youth dressed in sailor's fashion. She recognized him at the first glance, but some instinct warned her not to cry aloud her recognition.

Hurrying forward, she caught him by the arm.

"Chris!" she whispered, "is it really you?"

His chubby face creased with joy at the sight of her.

"Yes, miss, it is me right enough," he said. "Can you come with me to father's? He's only anxious to see you, miss."

"Where is he?"

"Out there in the road, miss, standing on 'n' till I leave in sight. He would not show up at the hotel, miss, 'cause 'n' wooden leg sort o' makes folk stare at 'n' 'cause 'n' don't want too many people to know 'n' 'ere 'n' to find you."

"Come to find me—all the way from England? Who sent him?"

"They were in the roadway now, and walking fast in the direction of the almshouse, or public gardens, where a military band plays each evening for the inhabitants of Las Palmas."

"Bliss, yer 'eart, miss, we've done a long way 'ome from England," said Chris. "We've followed yer to Scotland, an' Germany, an' France, an' Madrid. But father will tell you all about it. My eye wasn't pleased when our steamer rounded the mole an' 'e sighted the San Sovey. Lord love a quid, Chris, 'ere 'e, 'there she is! Last, O'yl say now that Peter Evans' ten' done as he was tole!"

Evelyn, in her excitement, still held the boy's arm. He felt that she was trembling, though her voice was calm.

"Chris," she repeated, "who sent you?"

"Cap'n Warden, Miss. But there! It's 'n' dad's yarn. You must 'ave it from 'n' from chapter one to this."

Though on the brink of tears—for he was overwrought—the girl could not help smiling.

"You are becoming quite literary," she said.

"That's the way I read a book if it's any good, miss—a book like 'The Scotch Hunters' or 'Nick of the Woods'—every word, from beginnin' to end. There 'e—that's father—on the seat under the tree. I 'spose 'e's tired. It was a long

Cat Tries to Hatch Eggs

Shelbyville, Ind.—A rooster, owned by Mrs. John Leach, drove a sitting hen from her nest and tried the job himself. A cat ousted the rooster and is now taking the hen's place on the egg.

The substitution of the rooster for the hen, and cat for rooster, will probably not affect the eggs.

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SEEKS BRIDEGROOM AND HER \$13,000

Brooklyn Widow Believes she has been Swindled out of Fortune

New York, Aug. 25.—Mrs. Henry Bryan Keeler, formerly Mrs. W. E. Lynch, of No. 24 Vernon avenue, Brooklyn, is looking for the bridegroom who disappeared with \$13,000 of her cash two weeks after her secret wedding to him. It is believed that he will be chased with grand larceny. Her attorney, J. Pope Caldwell, will also begin an action for annulment of their marriage.

The marriage of Keeler and the widow Lynch took place at Glens Falls, after a five-day elopement. Mrs. Lynch went to spend July 4. Keeler became acquainted with Mrs. Lynch and had a particular fancy. They exchanged cards and the day after the Fourth, Keeler is said to have written Mrs. Lynch, who was leaving for a trip to the Adirondacks, that his sister and himself were also bound for the woods and would be pleased to make a party of three.

Mrs. Keeler accepted the invitation, and they sailed for their departure. Keeler urged her to keep the matter a secret. He said her son and his sister would oppose the match. When Mrs. Keeler returned to her home, she told her sister of the ceremony, and the latter left in apparent anger.

When Keeler proposed that they move to San Francisco, where he said he had considerable property, the bride consented. Mrs. Keeler says she never saw her husband left her to transact important business in Boston. She waited for him from July 31 to August 2, but he never appeared. Then she wrote to various hotels that Keeler said he often stopped at. He was not to be understood at each place.

Mrs. Keeler believes she has been the victim of a swindler who worked his game by the aid of the woman he called "sister." The police of New York, Boston, and Chicago are on the lookout for Keeler.

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



SMART TAILORED SUIT FOR FALL.

One of the most striking notes in the new fall tailored suits is the low buttoned effect. In this stunning model, the bottom button of the coat is set on just at the line where the Moyer Age waistline was. The coat is built to show the flat-hip effect. With the suit is worn a hat of felt, with the popular wing trimming and an ostrich pompadour.

OTTAWA DEPARTMENT REPORTS ON CROPS FOR THE BROAD DOMINION

Field Crops and Live Stock Not Uniformly Good But on the Whole Very Satisfactory—County By County in New Brunswick

Ottawa, Aug. 25.—The field crops and live stock report for July 31 to the agricultural department says:—

Field crops and live stock are not uniformly good, but they denote on the whole a very satisfactory condition for all parts of the Dominion. Timely rains at the end of June and frequent showers throughout July proved to be very helpful, and the hard winter weather, which has caused some improvement and it will be an average.

Full wheat has done well in the parts of Ontario where it is chiefly grown; it was cut early and gathered in fine condition. Reports of threshings already made show averages ranging from 20 to 35 bushels per acre, and the estimated average for the province is 23 1/4 bushels per acre of 20,100 acres in crop. Alberta is the only other province growing a considerable quantity of full wheat, and there fully one-third of the area sown was killed by the hard winter weather. The 81,000 acres of crop harvested has an estimated yield of 23.40 bushels per acre.

It was too early at the end of July to procure estimates of spring grain for the Maritime provinces; but for Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, with an area of 7,022,200 acres in spring wheat, the estimated yield is 22.60 bushels per acre. The 1,087,000 bushels of spring wheat in the five provinces show a total of 174,314,000 bushels, grown on 7,684,900 acres. Last year the area in wheat in the same provinces was 6,511,900 acres and the estimated yield at the same date was 130,700,000 bushels, which was reduced by unfavorable weather in August. For Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta the estimated yield this year is 136,564,000 bushels, and last year at the same date it was 110,524,000 bushels. The later adverse seasonal influences however reduced the final estimate for 1908 to 91,833,000 bushels. August is the critical month for wheat, and the crop of 1909 is a record. The barley crop of the five provinces has an area of 1,846,000 acres as compared with 1,726,700 acres last year, and an estimated yield of 57,723,000 bushels, as compared with 51,690,000 bushels at the same date last year. For the three North-west provinces the estimated yield is 24,553,000 bushels as compared with 28,207,000 bushels last year.

The condition of fall wheat at the end of July 24.57 of spring wheat at the end of July 24.57 and of barley 23.84. The other field crops at the end of July show conditions of 87.78 for oats, 81.84 for rye, 87.07 for peas, 86.16 for buckwheat, 87.23 for mixed grains, 84.33 for alfalfa, 82.86 for corn, 92.03 for potatoes, 81.22 for turnips. For the other field crops, 74.79 for hay, 83.08 for sugar beets and 81.82 for pasture.

The condition of live stock at the end of July was 84.46 for horses, 83.39 for milch cows, 94.39 for other horses, 92.86 for sheep, 94.39 for swine.

The averages of live stock have been very closely maintained throughout July.

The tables at pp. 131-134 of the report show the comparisons of area, products and conditions for 1908 and 1909.

The reports of the superintendents of experimental farms are very sanguine for all the provinces and they amply sustain the detailed reports of correspondents which follow.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by restoring the inflamed mucous membrane of the middle ear to its normal condition, having been destroyed forever. Deafness is caused by inflammation of the mucous membrane of the middle ear, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Deafness is caused by inflammation of the mucous membrane of the middle ear, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Deafness is caused by inflammation of the mucous membrane of the middle ear, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever.

CARLETON COUNTY NOTES

Hartland, N. B., Aug. 25.—The condition of Albion R. Foster, ill of typhoid fever, is unchanged, but his strength is being fairly well sustained and the physicians express hope that the crisis may be safely passed.

Rain today is a drawback to harvesting operations.

W. B. Morgan left today to join the International Boundary Survey, now at Quispisis on the St. John river, between Van Buren and Edmundston.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Albert—There is not much wheat grown in this county this year. The other crops are looking excellent, and promise to yield large returns.

Westmorland—Since the first of July there have been plenty of showers, which have greatly improved the condition of the crops and also of the stock. The hay crop is looking excellent, and with favorable weather, to be able to recover from the effects of the severe drought in June. The grain is heading out now and is very heavy.

Kings—All crops promise a bountiful harvest, the potato and turnip crops were never better.

St. John.—The outlook for all crops of oats, potatoes and roots seems to be assured.

FREDERICKTON NEWS

Frederickton, N. B., Aug. 25.—Norris & Rowe's circus gave two performances here today and left late this evening for Woodstock. Although the police kept a sharp watch out for fakers, several people were victimized by short change artists.

The school trustees at a meeting today decided to have the system of music instruction extended to the third and fourth grades. It has been taught in the first and second grades for several years by Prof. Harrison, with satisfactory results.

SCARCELY WORTH MENTIONING

Aeronaut—I expect to take a few books with me as the trip is likely to be a long one.

Reporter—They'll be useful for ballast, too, I presume.

Aeronaut—Not in the least. I shall take nothing but light fiction.

Orville Stayer—Well, I must think about going.

Vera Weerigh—Oh! please don't think of it!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO SUPERINTENDENT

School Inspectors' Business Sessions—Good Words for Mr. Carter.

Yesterday was a busy day for the New Brunswick school inspectors assembled in conference in this city. They held two sessions and transacted considerable business. After Monday evening's session it was decided that the inspectors should present a congratulatory address to W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, and Col. Mersereau, senior inspector of the province, was delegated for this important undertaking.

Just before yesterday morning's session of the inspectors' conference he paid his respects to the chief superintendent and conveyed to him the feelings of the inspecting educational position in the province. In the first place Inspector Mersereau informed Mr. Carter that the inspectors were satisfied with his appointment. They regarded it as a compliment to the efficiency of the public schools of New Brunswick as Mr. Carter was the first product of the present school system advanced to such an important position in the educational field of this province. They also regarded his selection as a distinct compliment to the teachers of the province. The new chief inspector had been engaged in the teaching profession from his youth and was thoroughly in touch with it. They felt furthermore that it was a tribute to his character but had also included a large number of rural schools and while his district, lying principally in the north, was more thickly settled parts of the province, had not presented as many and as great difficulties as those covered by some of the other inspectors. It had, nevertheless, given him a thorough insight into their work and enabled him to exact from the inspectors the maximum of work of which they were capable.

He also knew, Mr. Mersereau said, how much to exact from each. The inspectors themselves were well satisfied to work under him. His interests had not been exclusively confined to his own district but he had taken a great interest in education all over the province and was in complete touch with it all.

Inspector Mersereau, speaking for himself and for his fellow inspectors, expressed the pleasure derived in working under Mr. Carter with all the zeal and ability they could command and with complete loyalty to him as their leader. Mr. Mersereau wished the new superintendent an even more successful term than any of his predecessors and assured him of the loyal support of the inspectors.

Chief Superintendent Carter spoke briefly in reply and the session of the conference was then opened. Among the matters discussed by the inspectors, findings on which will be submitted to the board of education, were the question of school houses, grounds and surroundings and the connection therewith of the arbor day exercises and the care of the houses and grounds. It was felt that the care of and attention to the school house grounds and surroundings was most important and led to the inculcation of many useful lessons.

The questions of inspectors' reports to school boards and of school meetings also came in for discussion. In connection with the matter of school meetings the question was raised whether the present date of the annual meeting of rate payers in rural districts should not be changed from June to the second Monday in July. The inspectors agreed to recommend the change and also whether it was desirable under certain circumstances to have the ratepayers meet in the evening instead of in the forenoon as at present. The matter of school returns was also discussed at some length.

FORMALLY OPEN FISHGUARD AS PORT OF CALL ON MONDAY

Cunard Line and Railway Company to Commemorate Event—Mauretania First Liner to Arrive

New York, Aug. 25.—The management of the Cunard line and of the Great Western Railway have arranged to celebrate the opening of Fishguard, in Wales, by the Mauretania on Monday, August 30, as a new port of call. The managers of the principal cities in Wales have been invited to attend.

As the Mauretania steams up the harbor with her masts dressed with bunting she will be met by tenders and private yachts carrying the guests of the company, who will go on board and congratulate Capt. John Pritchard, who is a Welshman and hails from Carnarvon. Moving pictures will be taken of the arrival of the Mauretania, and will be produced in a London theatre the same night. Dinner will be served in the railway company's hotel at Fishguard, and the guests will follow the passengers from the ship to London by train.

The boat train is expected to reach Paddington at 8 p. m., to connect with the 9 o'clock Paris train.

London, Aug. 26.—The Cunard Steamship Company announces that on her next homeward trip the Carnarvon will call at Fishguard. Henceforth, the mid-week, as well as the Saturday boats, will follow the Fishguard route.

Her mother—Are you sure Tom really loves you?

Ethel—Yes'm. He took me to the baseball game yesterday, and he answered pleasantly every question I asked him about the game.

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