

Came Too Late.

CHAPTER XXVII.

A Lost Man. a kind of gasp. "Give me one moment. Is-is she in danger, do you

not be permitted to talk," said the significance

Faradeane sighed and inclined his head, and was passing on, when Mr.

eyes from his face, said: "If Mr. Faradeane desires it, I can give him all the news; but I can only

see him at his desire now." ly and anxiously, looking back over his shoulder. "Come at once, please,

The crowd closed up after him, and the shouting and cheering and groaning announced the departure of the

Bartley Bradstone stood in the cor ridor biting his lip, and looking after the prisoner in a dull, vacant fashion and had quite forgotten Mr. McAndrew until that gentleman's voice sounded at his elbow.

"Carrying it with a high hand, isn't

Bartley Bradstone started. "Eh? Y-es, yes! You think thatthat there isn't any chance for him You think he's guilty still?"

The detective looked at him with a sudden and utterly expressionless

sir," he said. "Never. It's unprofessional. But I think the jury, when he goes for trial, will think him guilty."

A strange expression, it almost ley Bradstone's face, but it was gone in an instant, and, with a shake of his

"They'll be a parcel of fools, then. He's no more guilty than I am." "Just so, sir," remarked Mr. Mc-

Andrew. "But it's strange he doesn't say so, isn't it? And Mrs. Bradstone

closed carriage and pair stood waiting cused, has not yet been found guilty.

hand on the door and looking back a the detective. "I-I forgot. Mr. Van asked me to say that if there was

anything that could be done for thethe prisoner, he should like to do it I suppose there will be lawyers and -a counsel. Just see to it, will you?"

the same stolid stare. "I'm afraid I can't interfere, sir," he said, thoughtfully. "You see, I'm "One moment," said Faradeane, with for the prosecution; at least, I'm for

Mr. McAndrew regarded him with

the truth!' him; but the man's face was so wooden that it robbed the words of any

"But I'll put Mr. Faradeane in th way he should go-I can do that without going beyond my duty, though whether he'll pay any attention to my

advice is quite another thing." riage, and, as the footman in the gor geous Maples livery closed the door

"Anything discovered about the wo man-what's her name?-Bella?" he

Mr. McAndrew shrugged his shoul

"Nothing of any consequence, sir,"

sight, and, being out of sight, wined the perspiration from his forehead.

Mr. McAndrew looked after the carriage for a moment or two, passing his hand over his mouth in the manner pe culiar to him; then turned and made

The governor of her Majesty's prison at Wainford was a certain Colone governor for nearly twenty years, but during all that long experience he had never had so strange and puzzling an inmate as Harold Faradeane. Colone Summerford knew the ordinary jailbird by heart, and understood every song that bird could sing: but this woman in Hawkwood woods, scattered all the good colonel's experiential gentleman; and, secondly, that he was no fool, as some gentlemen-too many is still in danger, sir?" he broke off, terested in him, and did his best to "Yes, yes," assented Bartley Brad- committed for trial on a capital ofstone, with a heavy sigh and an anx- fence can be made. He gave him the

for him. "Oh, stop!" he said, with his Mr. McAndrew arrived at the prison One Should Always Guard Against Spies:

had clanged upon the turnkey. "I hope you are as comfortable as

"Yes, yes," said Faradeane, "thanks Suffer No Longer everything, has been very kind. I am obliged to you for coming to me so sad and anxious, yet strangely calm. Miss Vanley—I mean Mrs. Bradstone." he corrected himself with a slight catch in his voice, "and Mr. Bradsince my arrest. Mrs. Bradstone fell

about half an hour after Faradeane' eturn, and found the colonel walking up and down his office in deep thought "Good-morning, colonel," said the ective, putting his head in at oor and touching his hat with his

appose? You have got a more intersting case than country ones usually

"Yes." assented Mr. McAndrew: "It rather interesting." "Confound the man!" exclaimed the

olonel. "I wish they hadn't brought him here," and he tugged at his mus-"Gives you a lot of trouble?"

"Not a bit. That's just it. Look iere, McAndrew, I can't make hi

oo. I didn't think there could be case that would puzzle me-I mean so far as the man goes. I'm used to read ing them right off the reel; but thi an Faradeane baffles me."

"Ah," commented the detective thoughtfully; "doesn't behave like th usual run, then, colonel?"

"Not a bit," said the governor, test ily. "Some of them are sullen, other are hysterical, and others again dog the whole thing as quietly as if there was nothing extraordinary in it. If the evidence was not so black I should be ready to swear that he is innocent

It is black, isn't it?" McAndrew nodded.

"About as black as it could be." said in a matter-of-fact voice.

"And you can make nothing of ithim?" asked the colonel. "It isn't my way to be over curious about my prisoners," he added, half-apologetically, but I will own to feeling a deep interest in this Mr. Faradeane."

McAndrew nodded.

"A good many other people do that he said. "I do, for one. I don't kno yet whether he's guilty or not; but should like to know, if he is guilty, why he did it. By the way, colonel, want to see him."

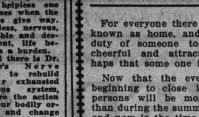
The governor pulled up short and

"Come, you know, McAndrew," h said, "you are engaged against him. I can scarcely give you admittance to

"You can trust me, colonel," said the straight out that he did it I shouldn't you don't do it now. But I dare say flict upon us. seeing him. Besides, it is at his re-

Strangely enough, the colonel, upright and honorable gentleman that enough; but how much longer do you ing described as his friend, but rang forward with sudden earnestness. the bell for a turnkey, and Mr. McAndrew was conducted to the prisoner's

Some articles of furniture, a table, a chair, and writing materials had been his own parlor at The Dell.



"She is very ill and in danger," re

dear friend of mine," he added, as if to

"I understand," said McAndrew, slowly. "It was the shock of seeing murder coming on the excitement of the wedding. You see, she wasn't to know that you were innocent," he added, easily and smoothly.

"No; she believed it, she believed it!" said Faradeane, unwarily, with a deep sigh.

The detective's eyes twinkled, bu only for a second.

'You see, things looked black against you. She wasn't to know-no one was to know-that it would all

Faradeane turned and looked at him gravely, and with quick self-possess-

"Why do you say that?" he asked calmly. Mr. McAndrew shrugged his shoul-

"Oh, I suppose you'll explain everydetective, quietly. "If he told me prises me and everybody else is that

"I have nothing to explain. I am almost tired of repeating it," said I shan't do your friend any harm by Faradeane, and he turned to the win-

dow with a weary gesture. The detective watched him closely. "Well, yes, you've said it often

Faradeane remained silent. "Look here, sir," continued Mr. Mc

andrew, quietly but impressively out as if they really held cards-"I tell you, sir, that I've got enough evi-

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