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CHAPTER XI.

A Prison Cell and a Fortune.

A slight shiver passed over Loyd-Mostyn, that was disguised under his nonchalance of manner.

"And if I decline to acquiesce in this most extraordinary scheme," he asked calmly, "what then?"

"What then?" repeated Devereux, his voice shaken with passion. "What then! Why, I shall kill you as I would a dog! Do you understand me? You have said that murder is in the blood. I shall prove your words to be true. Refuse to do what I have said, and not all the demons in perdition could save your life from revenge. You have heard me; now make your choice."

While he had been speaking, Loyd-Mostyn's eyes had slowly wandered up Forty-second Street toward Fifth Avenue. A flush overspread his face. He kept his eye fixed upon the figure of a man approaching them.

As Devereux's speech was concluded, the man had sauntered quite close to them, and, with the same apparent calmness that he might have used in greeting an acquaintance, Loyd-Mostyn put his hand and placed it upon the stranger's arm.

"Officer," he exclaimed, "this man has been threatening my life. I demand his arrest. He has expressed an intention of killing me this afternoon, alleging that he does not do it now because he is unarmed. If you will conduct him to the station house I will accompany you and make a complaint."

Utterly nonplused by the audacity and cowardliness of the thing, Devereux stood there dumbly! A crowd of goodly proportions had gathered when the uniformed officer was stopped. Devereux understood but too well the consequence of resisting arrest, and not wishing to bring additional shame upon the woman who had already suffered so much through him, he accompanied the officer silently, his single glance in the direction of Loyd-Mostyn showing the strength of his intention for a bitter revenge.

"I am."

The lawyer took a paper from his pocket, glancing over it.

"I must ask you to be patient with me for a few moments," he said, "and answer some questions as concisely as you can. This is not a matter of curiosity, but of considerable importance to you. Will you tell me your father's name?"

"Bathburn Childes."

"He had a brother, did he not?"

"He did."

"Will you mention his name?"

"It was Eldridge Appleton Childes. He was a rather singular man, who went to Australia a number of years ago. He cared very little for his brother, and after he left home we never heard of him again."

"He is dead?"

"Indeed? I regret exceedingly to hear it, for, while he was almost a stranger to me, he was nevertheless my father's brother and my last relative on that side. Can you tell me if he ever married?"

"He never did. He died in Australia six months ago. I was ordered out there by my physician, and while in Melbourne met Eldridge Childes. That was a year ago. He is a rapidly dying of heart disease then. I was an American, and because of that, he formed an attachment for me, depositing in my hands his will, and asking that I search out his relatives, who are his legatees, upon my return home, telling me that I would find them, or traces of them, in Wheeling, West Virginia. I was with him when he died. I came to New York soon after. My search revealed to me the fact that Mr. and Mrs. R. Tibburn Childes and Howard Childes were all dead, but as I could find no record of the death of Eldridge Devereux Childes I began an unsuccessful search for him, with what result you know. I suppose you will have no difficulty in establishing your identity?"

"None whatever. I am, unfortunately, but too well known about Wheeling."

"I don't know whether I was asleep or half unconscious," he said wearily, memory fully returning to him. "Am I wanted for anything?"

He raised his eyes, and instead of the uniformed officer he had expected, he saw a refined, gentlemanly appearing man with the stamp of a lawyer very plainly imprinted in his clear, sharp, steel gray eyes.

Devereux rose at once.

"I beg your pardon," he exclaimed. "I thought it was an officer who had aroused me. Won't you be seated, sir?"

The lawyer took from his pocket a card and handed it to Devereux.

"I read an account of your arrest in the paper this morning," he said, seating himself upon the bench Devereux had indicated; "and, having been searching for a man bearing your name, I have called to ascertain if you are he. Will you be kind enough to tell me your middle name?"

"Devereux," returned the young man, cringing.

"I thought so. Pardon me for arousing unpleasant memories, but you are the brother of the late Harold Childes, are you not?"

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his hand upon the young man's shoulder.

"I know to what you refer—your brother's—Forget it! I—I don't think that any right-minded man could ever look into your face Childes, and believe you—God! tell me, how come you here?"

The lawyer changed the subject nervously, a curious pallor settling about his mouth and giving him a deadly hue.

Before Devereux could reply, or had time to consider the singular manner of the man, the same officer who had admitted Lansing came to conduct Devereux to the courtroom.

To be continued.

Paid \$2,500 For a Vote

Senator Declares He Received Money for Supporting Senator Lorimer.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—State Senator D. W. Holstlaw, of Iuka, Illinois, one of the fifty-three Democrats who helped to elect William Lorimer United States senator, took the witness stand yesterday before the Lorimer investigating committee, and testified that after he had voted for Lorimer he received \$2,500, and that he supposed the money was paid because of his vote.

Senator Holstlaw, who until recently was a banker in his home town and had some prominence in the Baptist denomination, was the second witness to be heard by the committee and the second legislator to tell the committee that money was paid for a vote for the junior senator from Illinois. Senator Holstlaw told his story to the Sangamon County Grand Jury at Springfield some time ago, but never testified in a public hearing.

"The night before the election of Senator Lorimer," said Senator Holstlaw, "I met State Senator John Broderick outside the Saint Nicholas Hotel in Springfield, and he said to me: 'They are going to elect Lorimer to-morrow.' I replied: 'Yes, I think so and I am going to vote for him.' He replied: 'Well, there is \$2,500 in it for you.' That was all there was said. I intended to vote for Lorimer anyway, and had made up my mind three or four days before that, and did not know there was a thing in it for me."

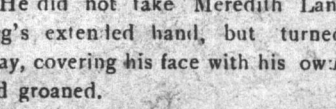
"Were you offered anything?" he asked, and the witness replied: "He did not offer me anything, and simply said: 'There was \$2,500 in it for me.'"

"Did you get the \$2,500?"

"Yes; I went to Chicago about Jan. 15, 1909, to Senator Broderick's office and he gave me \$2,500, which he counted out of an envelope. He said, 'Here is the money.' I said nothing beyond greeting him when met him."

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"Then, I suppose," said the lawyer, rising; "I may congratulate you upon the possession of a fortune of at least half a million of dollars, if no more—perhaps much more, if the sale of some of the included properties is judicious."

For some time Devereux sat there, staring at the man, whose card bore the name "Meredith Lansing," in stupefied silence. And then the thought came to him of how different his life might have been if only that intelligence had come to him before he had been induced to leave the little hut in the wood.

He did not take Meredith Lansing's extended hand, but turned away, covering his face with his own, and groaned.

Lansing folded his arms and stood looking down upon the handsome specimen of manhood with a frown upon his brow.

But Devereux's moment of weakness had passed. He, too, arose locking for all his shameful surroundings, every inch the nobleman.

"I beg your pardon!" he exclaimed courteously. "Your name has startled me. For my uncle, but more especially myself, I thank you for the trouble you have taken, and if I retain you as my attorney until the fortune is placed under my control, I shall be still more grateful."

"I confess to you, sir, that it has come to me at a time when life bears very little charm. I should like you to draw up a will for me as soon as possible. It seems an extraordinary thing to say, I who, an hour ago, had not a cent that I could call right my own. It is a curious life, sir. Yesterday I was a pauper, homeless, worse than nameless; to-day—"

A gesture of deprecation completed the sentence. Meredith Lansing shivered slightly. He placed

Ambulance Association

The St. John's Ambulance Association held its first annual meeting yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms, according to the rules, which calls for that meeting to be held in October. His Excellency the Governor presided. The Secretary read the report, which is as follows: Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

The Newfoundland Centre of the St. John A.A. was inaugurated at a public meeting presided over by Sir Ralph Williams, who graciously consented to become Patron of the Centre, on April 11th, 1910. We therefore have less than six months work of which to report—to be exact it is only four months since the supplies to be used in the conduct of the Classes arrived from England.

The work of organizing has been somewhat arduous, owing to the fact that we were all new to the working of the Association. In the future we may hope as a larger number co-operates that it will become less tedious.

On the whole the Association has a report to show for this four months work of which we are not ashamed.

Six classes have completed their course of Lectures and been examined.

The total number enrolled in classes 138

Number who went up for examination 107

Number who passed examination 73

Of these 71 qualified to render "First Aid to the Injured," one passed his third examination qualifying for a Medalion, and one his fourth examination, qualifying for a label.

There are now four classes of 30 each fully organized—three now receiving lectures from Drs. Rendell, MacLeod and Knight. The fourth, a class of ladies, start their lectures next week.

We have sufficient applications for the Course in hand to form several classes in January, when the stores close in the evenings. The Principal of one of our Colleges informs me that he expects to have a double class, 60 boys ready to take the course, and arrangements have been made for a Surgeon Instructor, who is giving his services free of charge. Rev. Mr. Barton, Principal of Queen's College has enrolled himself and all his students for the course.

We aim to establish a Section on Bell Island, and Dr. Carnochan has now in hand an outfit for Class Instruction.

The importance of the Instruction of the Constabulary in First Aid cannot be over estimated. Inspector General Sullivan has taken up this work in a whole souled manner. He and Supt. Grimes started the course with the men, the latter qualifying the Inspector General being prevented by illness from continuing. The Police and Firemen have taken the keenest interest in the work, and 39 including almost all the non-commissioned officers have qualified.

A striking instance of the benefit resulting to the public from the instruction given the Police was afforded in the resuscitation, on Tuesday last, of an apparently drowned, and wholly unconscious man, by Const. Fred Churchill, which was fully reported in the daily papers.

The certificated pupils have already reported a number of cases in which they have rendered "First Aid." These include several fractures, sprains, contusions, scalp wounds, epileptic fits, cuts, bites, and fish hooks embedded in hand extracted. The past summer has seen a chapter of accidents, many of them showing the necessity of First Aid training. The Long Pond tragedy cost the life of one, William Joyce, who but a week before had qualified in First Aid. His certificate is here on the table and is to be sent to his widowed mother.

I have been approached with regard to the formation of a Corps of the St. John A.A. Brigade. This organization has as its objects:—

- 1.—To afford holders of first aid certificates from the St. John Ambulance Association, opportunities of meeting together for ambulance and first aid instruction.
- 2.—To render first aid to the sick and injured on public occasions, with the sanction of the Police and other Authorities, and to maintain in readiness for such duty a body of trained men and nurses qualified so to act.
- 3.—To enrol a body of civilians, qualified in First Aid and trained in ambulance drill, or nursing duties, willing to be placed at the disposal of the military and other authorities as a supplement to the public medical services, in case of necessity, either at home or abroad.
- 4.—To train men in ambulance transport duties.
- 5.—To develop and promote every means of rendering aid to the injured.

It may be decided to be unnecessary to have this organization in a community where we have now so many Brigades, but before our next Annual meeting, it would seem that our Committee may have to consider the question. In the meantime perhaps it may be arranged to hire one of the smaller halls, for one or two nights a month for the convenience of the certificated pupils who wish to practice what they have learned.

The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. William Reeves of this city for his help so generously given as demonstrator in bandaging, etc. In the classes. Mr. Reeves qualified for the Medallion in England some years ago, and qualified in one of the recent examinations here for the 1910 label.

A word with regard to the Medallion regulations. A pupil must pass three examinations of increasing severity with twelve months at least between each, to hold a medallion, and for each yearly pass on medallion standard he is entitled to wear a label, or bar, bearing that year.

Mr. T. A. McNab, who took his former examinations in Montreal, qualified for the medallion in a recent examination here.

In closing, may I remind the public that the good work begun can only be carried on if proper support be given.

By Medical men in giving gratuitous lectures. Those who have given four complete courses are entitled to be made Honorary Life Members of the Association, this special mark of distinction having been instituted by the Committee in recognition of the valuable services rendered by the Medical profession. They can also become eligible for other honors.

By all in organizing and attending classes and corps, lending rooms for their use, and by pecuniary support.

The annual subscription of \$1.25 constitutes membership of the St. John A.A. Subscriptions are due on the 1st January in each year, but if paid for the first time in October, November or December will be taken as covering that for the year following.

A donation of \$25 and upwards constitutes Life Membership.

These subscriptions do not call for any study of First Aid on the part of the donor, as some have supposed. They constitute the only means of support.

Postage is likely to prove the largest drain on our resources. An application for free postage was made to the Government, who unfortunately could not see their way to granting it last April. Possibly if the request is again made it may meet a more favourable reception.

This movement which has for its object the informing of the General public how they may skillfully aid each other in time of accident, until the services of a Doctor can be procured, has received the cordial assistance of our medical men in St. John's, eight of whom have already promised to lecture gratuitously. Unless the movement continues to receive the hearty cooperation of the medical profession, it cannot go ahead. They are the teachers, none other are recognized by the Association than duly qualified men. The Doctors throughout the Island were sent copies of the daily papers, announcing the formation of the Centre in April last.

Our plans for the winter campaign are briefly, to prepare a pamphlet, if this meets with the approval of the Committee. This will contain in addition to the reports given here to-day, all information necessary to the starting of classes, a list of articles required and a price list, which may

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We have already accomplished the placing through the town in the watch-houses on wharves, instructions for the resuscitation of apparently drowned persons. Also some drowning tackle has been imported, but not yet placed. This was accomplished through the Municipal Council voting \$20 to be used for that purpose.

Conferences have been held with I. G. Sullivan with regard to the formation of a scheme for an Accident Ambulance Service for the city. A plan has been outlined which meets with the Inspector General's strong approval, and we propose forming a Sub-Committee to-day to deal further with this matter.

On the whole, as I said before, we feel we have attained a fair measure of success in the short time we have been organized, and look forward to a year of more widely extended service.

His Excellency next addressed the members, pointing out the good work done elsewhere by the St. John Association and the particular value of an Association in Newfoundland to "teach First Aid and to provide simple means of saving life. He expressed his pleasure at the interest manifested by citizens generally in the work. He then presented the certificates.

Supt. Grimes presented to His Excellency Constable F. Churchill, who saved a life on Tuesday last by First Aid. The Governor warmly congratulated the constable.

Among the certificates was one for the late William Joyce, who was drowned at Long Pond about 10 weeks ago, and whose life might have been saved had a person with a knowledge and skill in First Aid been at hand when he was taken from the water. His Excellency moved that the certificate with a letter of sympathy be sent to his mother. This was agreed to unopposedly. The officers elected last spring were re-elected with the addition of Messrs. Doyle and Reeves to the General Committee.

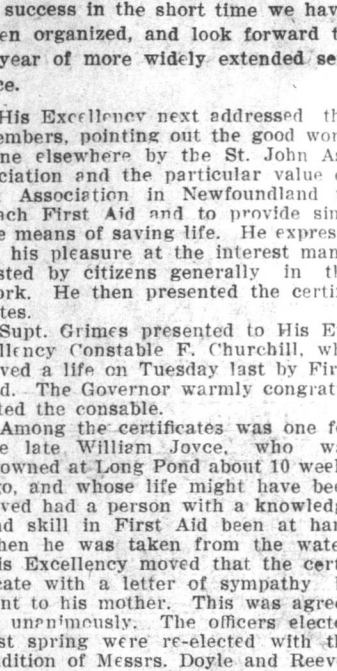
George Gray, the 18-year-old Australian billiardist, established a new English billiard record, recently at Leeds, with a break of 985. Gray is the talk of England, and was recently entertained at luncheon at London, attended by fifty or sixty people well known in the billiard world, including the professionals.

Young Gray, who will not be 19 until next March, was born at Melbourne, and is accompanied by his father. A London exchange of a recent date said:—

In appearance he is little more than a boy, fairly tall (5ft. 8in.), and still growing. He is the holder of the largest break record ever made under the present rules, scoring 836 (531 off the red) in a game with P. Lundrun in September last year, and another 800 in the same match, a feat which has never been equalled. In his 800 break his average was 105 points every seven minutes.

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