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THE MESSAGE
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(Continued)

It was, therefore, a very dark cloud that lowered over the Baumgartner sky when a family coach which brought visitors from the ten miles distant railway deposited at the hospitable door of Lochmerig Lodge, at one and the same moment, Mrs. Laing, Miguel Figuero, and Count von Rippenbach. As it happened, the three already knew each other slightly by their trip in Madeira during the previous winter. Figuero then acted as head-leader to the count before he started on the hunting trip in the Fuburi hinterland which had come to the Under Secretary's knowledge.

It was a surprise to both men when they encountered Mrs. Laing at Perth Junction. They passed several interesting hours in her company, and von Rippenbach, who spoke English better than Figuero, was a skilled cross-examiner. Thus, he soon hit upon a plausible explanation of the lady's appearance in Inverness-shire. She was one of Baumgartner's social links with England. On his part, as a distinguished foreigner, he would be acceptable in a higher circle than that occupied by his host, but when it came to Figuero, Mrs. Laing was puzzled, indeed, somewhat amused.

The man's record was no secret. Tolerant Madeira did not ask how he had risen to seeming affluence. It helped him to spend his money, and was graciously blind to the darker pages of his history; nevertheless, these pages were an open book to local gossip.

Figuero, a shrewd and levelheaded ascendant, was the most shrewd of the trio at this unlooked-for meeting. He was aware of the love passages between Warden and Rosamund Laing. The Warden, and here was the woman whom Warden had once loved crossing his path at an awkward hour.

The situation might have provided harmless interest for a number of unimportant people at Lochmerig if Figuero had not recognized Evelyn Dane the instant she set eyes on her. Straightaway the tiny ribs of intrigue and suspicion flowing through the adventurer's brain united into a form.

Seize the first opportunity that presented itself, he drew Baumgartner into an unoccupied room, and closed and locked the door. Before the surprised millionaire could utter a word of protest, the West African fire-brand began to question him in his own tongue, since Baumgartner, despite his Teutonic label and semblance, had a Portuguese mother.

"Why did you fail to recognize the girl I described to you in Coves?" he demanded fiercely. "Malediction! Are you mad that you would risk our enterprise in this fashion?"

"You must neither address me in that manner nor talk in riddles," growled Baumgartner. "What girl? How am I to know one among the ten thousand girls of a regatta week?"

"Riddles! It is you who are the conundrum, senior. I tell you that this English man, Captain Warden, a Deputy Commissioner in Nigeria, is the man we have most to fear, yet you permit one who is with him, to live in your house and spy on the actions of yourself and your friends. What will Count von Rippenbach think when I tell him? What will the Emperor say, after all the precautions we took that none should know?"

"Silence," roared Baumgartner, who could hold his own in matters that demanded clear thinking and careful guidance. "You are too ready with some names, senior Figuero, yet too sparing of others that may explain your folly. Of whom are you speaking?"

"Of the young Englishman I have just met, of course. I am not good at catching these strange words, but I mean the good-looking one, the tall slim girl in white mullin, she with brown hair and Madona eyes—"

"Do you mean Miss Dane?"

"Yes—that is she. I remember now."

"My daughter's companion! Nonsense. It is true, I tell you. Am I likely to forget a face—and such a face! Did I not describe her dress? She must have left your yacht just before Warden met her. And they are lovers. How can I be mistaken? They went away from Coves in the same train. I told you her destination. What was it? I have it written here, and he hurriedly turned over the leaves of a note-book.

Baumgartner was undoubtedly impressed. Figuero's earnestness was not to be gainsaid, and he had an unpleasant belief,

now he came to recall the incidents of a busy day, that Evelyn Dane was dressed exactly as Warden's unknown acquaintance was pictured.

Meanwhile the Portuguese found the memorandum he sought.

"Here it is," he snapped, all-a-guiver with the doubts that threatened the destruction of his pet scheme of vengeance on the British power which had stopped the supply of slaves to the Sultan of Ilo-Ilo. "Langton in Oxfordshire—that is the place. The railway official spells it for me. A boatman told me he knew the girl, and gave me some outlandish name as being hers. Now I see he was fooling me. What was his motive? Was he also an emissary of Warden's? Let me assure you, senior, this thing begins to look ugly."

Baumgartner's heavy frowl lost some of the ruddy hue of the moors. Count von Rippenbach had been ready enough to apply the plausible name of his quondam comrade showed a degree of hesitancy in falling in with the proposal he came from London to make, and this latest complication would strengthen von Rippenbach's hands beyond resistance. Already the fairplay of Lochmerig was becoming visionary, and the fabled hills of Ilo-Ilo, Africa, grew more substantial in their dim outlines.

But the millionaire, though he might lead to a Scottish gillie for a crumb of recognition as a markman, had not attained his present position by displaying weakness in face of a crisis.

"I believe you are the victim of a delusion," he said, with some show of dignity, "but, you are right, we do nothing by yielding to panic. What if Miss Dane is, as you say, Warden's belle amie? Why should I fear? Does it not explain his visit to Coves? Indeed, once we are convinced that they know each other, we can turn the circumstances to our own purpose. I am far from crediting an insignificant official of the Niger Company with the importance you seem to attach to him, but, grant, if Warden's influence to be feared, why not stalk him through an unsuspecting agent?"

"You don't rate him high enough," muttered Figuero. "He can sway those stupid niggers like no man in Nigeria. He talks Arabic, and Hausa, and Kroomo, and aver as well as I do. He broke the Oku-juju when it was worth a thousand lives to touch a stick or a feather. If Warden gets wind of his project before we are ready, we will fall from the sky and realize what that means to all of us."

A dinner-gong came as Baumgartner's aid. He wished to avoid any discussion on the last point raised by the Portuguese. It bristled with thorns. Von Rippenbach revealed some of its cactus-like properties earlier in the evening.

"You and I and the Count will go into other matters fully tomorrow," he said. "As for Miss Dane, I shall clear up that difficulty without delay. Act as though you had never seen her before, and keep your ears open during dinner."

So it came to pass that Evelyn, who was mightily astonished by the sudden arrival of the two men concerning whom Warden had told her so much, was still more bewildered when Mr. Baumgartner, seated himself at a table in the conversation at the dinner-table to say casually:

"By the way, Miss Dane, is Langton, in Oxfordshire, near your people's place?"

"Yes," she said, wondering what the question signified.

"If I suppose, then, you passed through it on your way home after quitting the Sans Souci at Coves?"

"Oh, yes, Langton is our station."

"Ah! What a small world it is! A friend of mine, Mr. James G. Hertz, of Boston, is staying there now. I suppose you did not chance to meet him?"

"No. Our village is three miles away, and that is a long distance in the country."

And, in truth, Mr. James G. Hertz, of Boston, who was buried in Boston, could tell of yet more impassable gulches.

Rosamund Laing was sitting next to Figuero. She noticed the eager attention with which he followed this trivial bit of talk, though his limited knowledge of English rendered most of the lively chatter at the table unintelligible.

"Were you in Coves during regatta week, senior Figuero?" she asked.

It was a reasonable deduction from his presence at Lochmerig, but she little guessed the devilish purpose engendered in that alert brain by her aimless inquiry. The Portuguese felt that he was at a disadvantage among the gay throng gathered under Baumgartner's roof. His nimble wits were dulled by the barrier of language. It put him outside the pale. Things might be occurring which he ought to know, but which were hidden from him owing to this drawback. In the beautiful woman by his side he might find an excellent go-between if only he could command her interest. Was that old flame quite quiescent in her heart, he murmured. She had married a rich man, but had she forgotten—did any woman ever forget her first love? He thought not. At any rate, here was an opening provided by the gods.

"I'll hit for Coves one-time, seniors," he murmured. "I'll see something there. I'll tell you not vexed."

"Why should I be vexed?" she said, smiling at the odd expressions, though she was quite conversant with the lingua franca of the coast.

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FOUR MEN ARE DROWNED AT CHARLOTTETOWN

Their Boat Leaky—Three Reach Shore After Struggle, Four Lost,

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Aug. 5.—Four men lost their lives by drowning today in Charlottetown (P. E. I.). A lobster boat containing eight men left here this afternoon in Rocky Point, a pleasure resort opposite Charlottetown, to arrange for a picnic to be held next Monday. On arrival at Rocky Point, it was necessary to anchor the sail boat and land in a punt. The punt was a leaky craft and seven of the men crowded in began rowing for the shore. The boat leaked so badly that when half the distance had been traversed it, notwithstanding efforts to bail, sank with its occupants.

Four of the men were unable to swim, and were rescued by the other three. Ephraim Gallant, Harry Gallant, James Barnett, of Charlottetown, and Daniel McLaughlin, of Charlottetown, the three reached land after a hard struggle.

Ephraim Gallant leaves a widow and one son. The others are young men from 20 to 25 years, and unmarried. The bodies were recovered a short time after the accident.

SOUTH CAROLINA PROHIBITION NOW

Dry During Month in Which Liquor Election is Held.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 5.—On Tuesday of this week South Carolina was added to the fold of state-wide prohibition territory. However, the drought in this state is to be temporary—unless the voters in the 21 dispensary counties that are to hold optional elections on Tuesday, Aug. 17, declare for perpetual dryness.

Due to the strategy of the prohibitionists, the vote in the dispensary counties has all to gain and nothing to lose in the approaching contests. Literally, this state is divided, half of it coming being already in the prohibition camp.

The law enacted by the last session of the legislature took no account of the territory already dry, providing only for elections in the wet counties to determine whether they should remain wet. Further, that the folk in the dispensary counties might have a taste of prohibition before depositing their ballots, the prohibitionists had it provided that all dispensaries shall close two weeks before the elections and remain closed until the result of the election is known.

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A howl went up from the wets when Attorney General Lyon delivered an opinion to the effect that the results of the election "shall not be known" until officially declared by the state board of canvassers which means that votes are to be counted for at least a month.

In the elections each county votes as a unit, and it is admitted that a number of them will be closed for at least a month on the sale of intoxicants within their borders. Richard, in which Columbia is situated, and Charleston, in which Columbia is situated, will participate in the election.

WEAK KIDNEYS MAKE WEAK BODIES

Kidney Diseases Cause Half the Common Aches and Pains of St. John People.

As one weak link weakens a chain, so weak kidneys weaken the whole body and hasten the onset of disease. Headache, dizziness, backache, neuralgia, rheumatism, and other cases injure the kidneys, and when their action is lessened the whole body suffers. The kidneys are the great filters of the blood, and when they are weak, the blood is impure, and the body is diseased.

Aches and pains and languor and uric acid, and there is an ever-increasing tendency towards diabetes and fatal Bright's disease. There is no real relief, unless the kidneys are cured. The kidneys are the great filters of the blood, and when they are weak, the blood is impure, and the body is diseased.

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CONSUMPTIVE BROUGHT TO COURT

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 5.—A weak looking man, 39 years of age, named Arthur Lamb, stood in the dock before Recorder Weir yesterday on a charge of loitering on Dufruiere square. His hunched body and shrunken appearance plainly told that he was suffering from tuberculosis. He was remanded for eight days to see if he can be admitted to a home. Captain Egus, of No. 5 station, said the man had sought protection in his station on three nights, and he thought the best thing to do was to bring him before the court to see whether something practical could be done for him.

COUNSEL FOR BOYS

In a most odd old scrap book we recently came across the following choice counsel for boys:—

To throw stones.—Fold each one carefully in a feather bed and give notice to all the neighborhood when and where you are going to pitch it.

To cure gunpowder in the pocket.—Soak it well in cold water and then wrap it up in a cover of oiled silk.

To settle down the hammock.—Let a person sit upon the lower stair; also carry a pallet of pointers in each of your hands, as you may need it.

To cure creaky boots or shoes.—Wear them always in going into the pantry to get some of mother's cakes and pies.

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



AN EMBROIDERED PONGEE FROCK.

Very simple, yet distinctive, is this pretty little frock for summer afternoon wear. The panel at the front of the skirt gives length, and the bodice fastens on the shoulders under ornaments of the pongee is gracefully draped over a glimpse of erud. The long sleeves are of the pongee, and a strip at the bottom of the panel are embroidered with self-colored dots. Around the belt and across the foot of the panel are strips of erud trimming in a leaf pattern in warm brown and golden tones. The hat is erud straw trimmed with erud satin and brown pompons and algettes.

TENNYSON'S CENTENARY TODAY

Meetings With Other Noted Men of Letters Recalled on Anniversary of the Great English Poet's Birth

THE DEATH OF TENNYSON.

They tell that when his final hour drew near, He whose fair praises the ages shall rehearse, Whom now the living and the dead hold dear, Our gray-haired master of immortal verse, Turned to that page in stormy Cymbeline That bears the dirge. Whether he read the noblest poet that ever lived; and Tennyson Poet was the "most original American genius," says a writer in the Chicago Daily News. He was asked to write a single line for Poe's monument at Baltimore, and he replied: "How can I but be proud to be the poet of the most poetic of poets?"

There was a near chance of meeting between Tennyson and Hawthorne; they were both in England at the same time, in 1837, but unhappily, though Tennyson was pointed out to Hawthorne, there was no meeting. Both Tennyson and Hawthorne were retiring men shy of encountering strangers but it is a pity that Hawthorne did not pluck up courage to introduce himself.

Longfellow was less retiring. In 1857 he sent Tennyson a callnet. American admirers were very apt to send pipes to the poet and gifts of American tobacco smoke it seems that he could rarely smoke it but was content with hirsby and a "cutty." In July of the following year Longfellow arrived at Farringford, Tennyson's home on the Isle of Wight. He had been an admirer of Tennyson from the first, cheerfully calling him master; and it is evident that the poets got on very well together, talking much about spiritualism, in which both were greatly interested. Many persons were invited to Tennyson's home on the Isle of Wight. Another great American whom Tennyson met was Lowell and on some grounds smoke it but was content with hirsby and a "cutty." In July of the following year Longfellow arrived at Farringford, Tennyson's home on the Isle of Wight. He had been an admirer of Tennyson from the first, cheerfully calling him master; and it is evident that the poets got on very well together, talking much about spiritualism, in which both were greatly interested. Many persons were invited to Tennyson's home on the Isle of Wight.

POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES

(Philadelphia Record.)

Party lines were never so much mixed on a tariff measure as in the present Congress, and the political consequences will be proportionately confusing and obscure. The country has recovered from the panic, and with the assurance of the most valuable harvest the farmers ever gathered. The conspicuous fact in the political situation is that the Republican party is divided on the tariff as it never was before. The fact that the conference report was nearly rejected in the House, the refusal of many Republican members to vote for it, the determined opposition of a dozen Republican Senators to the Aldrich programme reflect the growing sentiment of the Republicans of the Northwest. The rank and file of the Democratic party are thoroughly sound on this issue, and there was never before a time when so many Republicans were opposed to the majority of their party upon it. We have no doubt whatever that the country is disappointed with the new hedge-podge of compromises and dickers, and will express its resentment by electing a Democratic House in November, 1910.

RUBBER GOODS TO ADVANCE?

(Montreal Star.)

Manufacturers of rubber goods are again complaining of the excessive prices which they have to pay for the finer grades of Brazilian rubbers. The makers of rubber footwear and general rubber goods seem to be realizing that they can no longer bear the sole burden of this advance, and expect to share it with the consumers. These goods are daily expected by the trade.

Some of the larger companies have, of course, covered themselves by buying futures, but it is feared that the smaller manufacturers, whose stocks are low, will suffer severely.

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TEMPLE OF HONOR PLANS READY FOR CONVENTION

Reception Committee Making Out Final Details—Templar Week the Official Designation.

A meeting of the reception committee for the meetings of the Supreme Council of the Temple of Honor to be in session here next week, was held last evening. Those present were: G. T. G. Blevett (chairman), W. C. Whitaker (secr.), Dr. W. F. Roberts, S. E. Logan, R. D. Martin, S. S. T. McFarlane, R. H. Parson, F. T. Duval and J. D. Eagles. This committee is to look after all the arrangements and details of the meetings of the council. It was decided last evening that the press should be asked to call the week Templar Week, in order to give publicity to the order. The Supreme Council of the Temple of Honor is the highest in the order and is also its governing body throughout the world.

The proceedings will begin on Sunday, Aug. 8, when a monster parade will be held by the Temple of Honor sections and temples of the city. The various arrangements and details of the meetings of the council. It was decided last evening that the press should be asked to call the week Templar Week, in order to give publicity to the order. The Supreme Council of the Temple of Honor is the highest in the order and is also its governing body throughout the world.

PRINCE WANTS TOO MUCH MONEY

Hitch Reported in Wedding of "Silent" Smith's Widow.

Baltimore, Aug. 6.—Friends of the family of Mrs. James Henry ("Silent") Smith hear from London that there is a hitch in the proposed marriage of her daughter, Miss Anita Stewart, and Prince Miguel de Braganza, of the family of the Portuguese Pretender.

The prince, it is said, wants a larger marriage settlement than Mrs. Smith is willing to allow for her daughter, whose father is Ethelred Stewart of New York. His debts alone, the story has it, amount to \$1,000,000, which, of course, would have to be settled for him. Then, besides he wants his "dot."

Miss Stewart has been taking instructions in the Catholic faith, one condition of the marriage being that any child born of the union should be reared a Catholic. Baltimore friends here that she has discontinued these instructions, and that the wedding may be called off.

They were recalling today how the Earl of Yarmouth's demand for an increased "dot" nearly broke up the marriage with Miss Alice Thaw, of Pittsburgh, which was annulled later anyhow. Yarmouth boldly demanded a higher settlement, held out, and got it.

TORONTO K. OF C'S HAVE BIG TIME

Thousands Knights Attend First Initiation Ceremonies—100 Candidates.

Toronto, Aug. 5.—An event of the first importance in Roman Catholic circles took place this week at the exhibition grounds, in the first initiation under the jurisdiction of the Toronto Council of the Knights of Columbus. The three degrees were conferred on 100 candidates in the presence of 1,000 members from all parts of Canada and the United States.

Grand Knight John E. Ryan presided over the ceremonies and the three degrees given by E. J. Boyle, district deputy of New York city, and his degree team.

It is some three months since the Toronto council was first formed with 23 charter members. Toronto candidates having previously had to be initiated in one of the other councils in the province. This necessity, however, now no longer exists. All the candidates initiated yesterday were Toronto men.

The Canadian membership is in the neighborhood of 7,000. Fifteen hundred knights attended the celebration of high mass in St. Michael's cathedral in connection with the formation of the Toronto council.

COWBOY'S LONG RIDE

Cheered by a large crowd Edward O'Reilly, a cowboy courier, started from San Antonio, Tex., Saturday, on his ride of 2,200 miles to Washington, bearing an invitation signed by citizens of Texas, asking President Taft to visit this state.

O'Reilly is riding the horse Aransas, a product of the Taft farm at Fallurus, and expects to average 35 miles a day, the journey to the White House to consume two months. In addition to the invitation O'Reilly bears, the president will be formally asked to visit Texas and San Antonio by Rep. Slayden.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The Kings and Queens County Teachers' Institute will meet in Sussex during exhibition week, on Thursday and Friday, September 9 and 10. A new feature of this year will be the co-operation of the agricultural societies throughout the county. As a result, one of the sessions has been placed at the disposal of the agricultural societies. Addresses by specialists will be given along the lines of "Gardening" and "Forestry." The boy and farm problem will also be spoken of.

The Times Daily Puzzle Picture

MATHEMATICAL PUZZLE

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ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE.

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