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THE MESSAGE

By LOUIS TRACY

Author of "The Wings of the Morning," "The Wheel of Fortune," "The Captain of the Kansas," etc.

(Continued)

"I believe that there are people in London who should know what you and I know," he said slowly. "Anyhow, let us turn in. Miss Evelyn Dane evidently sleeps on board. Perhaps the morning's light may dispel some of the vapors that cloud our brains tonight."

The early train from Cowes did not, however, carry Arthur Warden among the London-bound passengers.

A glimpse of Evelyn on the deck of the Sans Souci altered that portion of his plans. She waved a pleasant greeting, held up both hands with the fingers spread widely apart, and nodded her head in the direction of the town. He took the gesture to mean that she was going ashore at ten o'clock, and he signaled back the information that he would precede her at nine. Not until he found himself dawdling on the quay, killing time as lazily as possible, did the thought obtrude that he was extraordinarily anxious to meet her again. Of course, it irritated him. A smart soldier, with small means beyond his pay — with a foot just planted on the first rung of the administrator's ladder in a land where life itself is too often the price asked for higher climbing — he had no business to show any undue desire to cultivate the acquaintance of young ladies so peculiarly eligible as Evelyn Dane. He knew this so well that he scoffed at the notion, put two knuckles between his lips, and emitted a peculiarly shrill and compelling whistle.

For its special purpose — the summoning of a boy selling newspapers — it was a sure means toward an end. It drew the boy's attention, even evoked his envy. But it chanced also to be a krooboy call on the Upper Niger, and in that capacity it brought a lean, swarthy face to the window of a bedroom in a quiet hotel overlooking the quay.

Senor Manuel Figuero looked annoyed at first. His dark, prominent eyes searched the open space for one of the negroes whom he expected to find there, but his wrathful expression changed to blank incredulity when he saw Warden. The phase of sheer unbelief did not last long. He darted out of the room, and rapped sharply on a neighboring door.

"O'Loanda, M'Wanga! you fit for get up one-time," he shouted.

Crossing the corridor, he roused another dusky gentleman, Pana by name, with the same imperative command. Soon the four were gathered at a window and gazing at Warden.

"Dep'ty Commissioner Brass River lib., whis prede the Portuguese sagerly. "You savvy — him dat was in Oka bush las' year. Him captain Hausa men. You lib for see him."

"O Figuero," said one of the negroes, seemingly their leader, "I plenty savvy. I see him palaver in village."

"S'pose we fit catch 'im?" suggested another.

"That fool talk here," growled Figuero. "You lib for see him today — then we catch him bush onetime. I hear him give boat-boy whistle. Stick your eyes on him, you pagans, an' don't you lib for forget — savvy?"

They grunted agreemen. The West African bush-man has to depend almost exclusively on his five senses for continued existence, there was little doubt that Arthur Warden would be recognized by each man at any future date within reason, no matter what uniform he wore, or how greatly his features might be altered by hardship or fever.

"Why he lib for dis place?" asked Loanda, the chief, who remembered Warden's part in the suppression of the slave-raid and the punishment subsequently inflicted on those who aided and abetted it.

"No savvy—yet. I lib for watch—then I savvy," said the Portuguese.

"O Figuero, I fit for chop," murmured Pana, who found little amusement in gazing idly at an Englishman through a window when there were good things to eat in the hotel.

"All right. Go an' chop, but remain in room till I come. Then I dash you one quart gin."

Pana grinned.

"I chop one-time," he said, and, indeed, the three looked as though they could tackle a roasted sheep comfortably.

Meanwhile, Warden opened his paper and took more interest than usual in the news. He learned that the emperor dined on board the imperial yacht and subsequently visited the Castle, being accompanied by Count von Rippenbach as aide-de-camp.

Warden did not pretend to have more than a passing knowledge of foreign politics, but he noted the name, the Count having undoubtedly been a party to the conference on the Sans Souci.

Another paragraph was of more immediate import, inasmuch as it tended to solve the mystery of the calabash. It ran:

"The emperor's yacht, after watching the British fleet at gun practice off Selsey Bill yesterday, returned to the island and followed the racers during several hours. An alarming incident occurred when rounding the Foreland. Though a course was laid close in-shore, both charts and lead showed ten fathoms of water. Suddenly the cruiser struck. At first it was believed that she had run into some unknown sandbank formed by a recent gale, but examination revealed that she had collided with a sunken wreck, invisible even at low-water spring tide. No damage whatever was done to the stately vessel, which continued the cruise after a delay of a few minutes.

"A Sandown gentleman, passing the same spot later in his launch, found some floating wreckage. The pieces he brought ashore are believed to be parts of a ship dating back at least a couple of centuries, as there is no record within modern times of any wooden ship foundering in the locality. The gentleman in question decided to mark the exact spot with a buoy, and a diver's services will be requisitioned when tide and weather are suitable, so there is some possibility that a number of antiques, together with a quantity of very old timber, will be recovered."

Warden read the item twice. He found that the emperor was not on board his own yacht at the time. The remainder of the newspaper was dull. He threw away all but the page referring to Cowes, which he stuffed in a pocket, and, although he held his nerves under good control, he almost swore aloud when his fingers touched the roll of skin, whose very existence he had forgotten for the hour.

The minutes passed slowly until a gig from the Sans Souci deposited Miss Dane on the wharf.

Not wishing to become known to any of the yacht's people if he could possibly avoid it, Warden strolled away a little distance as soon as the boat appeared in the Medina. Figuero, whose eyes had never left him for an instant since he emitted the telltale whistle, hurried to the door of the hotel and narrowly escaped being discovered when Warden turned on his heel.

The Portuguese, an expert tracker in the bush, was out of his element in Cowes, but he managed to slip out of sight in good time. He was safer than he imagined. Warden was looking at Evelyn Dane, and she made a pretty enough picture on this fine summer's day to keep any man's glance from wandering.

It gave him a subtle sense of joy to note the unfeigned pleasure of her greeting. Her face mantled with a slight color as she held out her hand.

"I am on my way home," she cried, "but my train does not leave for half an hour. It is so good of you to wait here. I was dreading that you might row across to the yacht—not because I did not want to see you again, but Mr. Baumgartner made such a point of excluding me from any knowledge of his visitors last night that he would be positively ill if he guessed I had friends on board the Nancy."

"And Mrs. Baumgartner—"

"She is a dear creature, but much in awe where her husband's business affairs are concerned. She and I passed the evening together. She would not hear of my departure, but she warned me not to say a word about my afternoon's adventures. Mr. Baumgartner is of a nervous disposition. I suppose he thinks all the world is watching him because he is a rich man."

"There is method in his madness this time," laughed Warden. "Let me tell you quite candidly that if some one told him my name and occupation and added the information that I kept a close eye on the Sans Souci between the hours of 5.30 and 9 p. m. last night, he being of plethoric habit, would be in danger of apoplexy."

They were walking to the station. Evelyn, unable to decide whether or not to take his words seriously, gave him a shy look.

"You knew I was safe on board," she said.

For some reason, the assumption that he was thinking only of her caused the blood to tingle in Warden's veins.

"That is the nicest thing you could have said," he agreed, and she in turn felt her heart racing.

"Of course you are very well aware that I did not imagine you might not be differently occupied," she protested.

"Let us not quarrel about meanings. You were delightfully right. It is the simple fact that before you were many minutes in the Sans Souci's cabin—by the way, where were you?"

"In Mrs. Baumgartner's state-room."

"Ah. Well—to continue—I was nearly coming to take you away, vi et armis."

"But why?"

"You have no idea whom Mr. Baumgartner was entertaining?"

"None."

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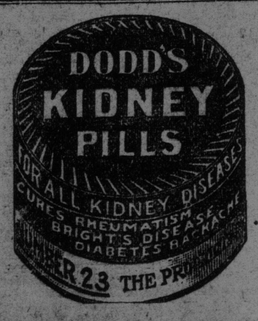


British schooner Harry Miller, Captain Barton, arrived yesterday from New York with 476 tons of hard coal.

CRASHED HEAD ON INTO A HUGE ICE BERG

Steamer Bonavista from Montreal to St. John's, Newfoundland, Strikes an Ice Berg off Cape Race — Serious Panic on Board.

St. John's, Nfld., July 26—When the steamer Bonavista, bound to St. John's from Montreal, struck an iceberg off Cape Race yesterday morning during a dense fog, the seventy passengers aboard became panic-stricken and for a short time were so excited over their supposed danger that they launched the lifeboats, according to the story told here by Capt. Fraser, when the Bonavista arrived today.

The Black Diamond line steamer had her bow badly damaged but was able to make port slowly with assistance. Capt. Fraser said that after the first excitement his instructions to the crew led to the quieting of the passengers who were soon under control. They were mostly Welsh and English immigrants, lately landed at Montreal, who are to work in the mines of Newfoundland. The steamer also had aboard a quantity of freight for this place.

Records are being made every day in the presence of the icebergs. Although some few and small bergs, really no larger than pakes, have been seen in past years at this time, the great pillars of the present summer season are such as have usually been reported no later than the late spring.

The steamer Bonavista has a net tonnage of 837 and is owned by the Dominion Coal Company of Montreal. She was built in 1884 at Newcastle (Eng.)

JUDGE MEAHER HELD DEAL UP

Halifax Judge Has Issued a Temporary Injunction Against the City of Halifax Selling City Land at Low Price.

Halifax, July 26.—Judge Meaher has granted a restraining order forbidding the city council to dispose of the site they proposed selling to the Anderson Manufacturing Company for a chair factory. The council voted almost unanimously to sell a piece of land to the company at what it cost the city several years ago. The order is made returnable on Aug. 27, so that the enterprise is held up for a month at least. The ground of the order is that the sale would be illegal and that the property is required for a water service purpose, for which is was secured.

FRANK BELL GOES TO HIGHER COURT

Young Man Who Stole a Horse at Hampton Pleads Guilty—Sentence Suspended on Another Thief.

Hampton, N. B., July 26—In the stipendiary's court here today the preliminary examination into the charge against Fred Bell of stealing a light wagon and a set of driving harness from the barn of Dr. J. Scovil Murray at Hampton, on or about Saturday, the 24th inst., was gone into. Identification of the property was made by James H. Sproul, and the evidence given by Sheriff Fred W. Freeze, that on learning of the theft on Saturday morning he instructed Constable D. O. Laughey to proceed towards the Belleisle and arrest the party described if found in that direction and hold the rig until his, the sheriff's, arrival. Following another route, the sheriff and J. H. Sproul reached the residence of a Mr. Bates, in the parish of Springfield, where he found Laughey and his prisoner, with the outfit intact, and drove with his man back to Hampton and placed him in jail.

This morning the prisoner pleaded guilty and was sent up for trial before the Kings county court at the sitting on the second Tuesday in September, being returned to jail until that date, unless in the meantime he takes advantage of the speedy trial act.

This afternoon the stipendiary summarily dealt with the case of the youth named Oscar B. White, of South Sherborne (Mass.), who was charged with the theft of a watch and chain, the property of Mrs. Stella D. Floyd, of Central Norton. After the hearing the evidence and the accused pleading guilty, the magistrate decided to suspend sentence and handed the lad over to the care of his uncle, Oscar Campbell, a respectable farmer of Campbell Settlement, who undertook to have him safely returned to his home and family, and to pay all cost incurred in the boy's capture and trial. Also entering into a recognizance for his future good conduct within the jurisdiction of the court. The stipendiary gave the boy some good advice, which brought a hearty "Thank you, sir, for your great kindness." The recovered property was returned to Leonard T. Floyd, the husband of the woman, to take back to his wife, and all costs were at once paid.

MONTREAL OBJECTS TO EARLY CLOSING

Retailers Subscribe $1,500 to Carry the Case to the Privy Council.

Montreal, July 26.—An effort will be made by the retail merchants of the city to upset the recently enforced early closing by-law of the city, which enacts that every store shall close at 7 o'clock on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with the exception of saloons, cigar and fruit and ice cream stores, etc. A meeting of retail merchants was held this evening, at which it was decided to carry the fight to the privy council, and nearly $1,500 was subscribed to meet the cost of the legal fight before the meeting adjourned.

American schooner William D. Marvel, Captain Craft, arrived in port last evening from New York with hard coal.

Fashion Hint for Times Readers

OUTING DRESS OF BLUE GALATEA.

The grown-up girl can have just as much fun as her small brother now in her serviceable play suit of galatea or chambray, made with a loose blouse and a kilted skirt, which allows plenty of freedom to run, play tennis, climb into rowboats and the like. This outing dress of military blue galatea is trimmed with cotton on shield and sleeve. The model could be carried out equally well in linen or in plain colored chambray—or even in navy blue mohair or serge if a summer in the mountains is contemplated.

TARIFF SITUATION IN THE U. S. HOUSE REGARDED AS CRITICAL

The Trouble Over the Bill is Still on and No One Can Definitely Forsee the End—House Prepared to Stand by President, but Senate May Show Fight.

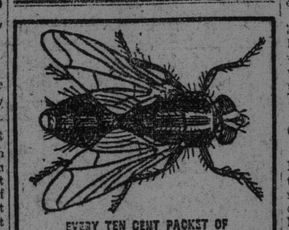
(From Our Regular Correspondent)

Washinton, D. C., July 22—The struggle over the tariff bill is still on and no one can foresee definitely when the end will come. This does not mean, necessarily, that it will be long postponed. It may come to an abrupt end and on the other hand it may last for several weeks. The leaders are still hopeful that the bill will be signed not later than July 31, but a week ago they were confident the end would come on even an earlier date. There is no doubt that the demand of the President for free hides, free petroleum, free iron ore and free coal and for the House duty on lumber is prolonging the contest in conference. The House is prepared to stand by the president and approve or disprove the conference report according as he may indicate that it meets his views or the reverse. The Senate is holding out stubbornly for the higher duties it has adopted and a number of senators in whose states powerful interests would be seriously affected by granting the president's demand are vowing that nothing will induce them to vote for a bill which contains these provisions. Senators Warren and Clark of Wyoming, Senators La Follette and Bristow and Senators Elkins and Scott are among those who are most violently opposing the proposed conference report, each group for different reasons, but each Senator making it just that much harder for the president to gain a victory.

The situation is admittedly critical and in the estimation of the president any senator who puts his personal preferences and interests before the party good is little short of treasonable conduct to the party and the constituency he represents. The president has been talking very plainly to these men. He has told them that he has every assurance that the House will stand by him, that if the conference can be induced to report a bill which he can approve, as he believes they will, the house will adopt the conference report and it will then remain for the senate to follow suit or to accept the responsibility of killing the measure. He stands prepared to do his part todward killing it if it does not measure up to his conception of the plain duty of the party as denned by its platform and by his promises made during the last campaign. The president is also reminding those who are standing fast against a reasonable reduction of the tariff that they are only postponing it and that the rates will have to be reduced two years hence if not now. He is also pointing out that if the pending bill is killed and it becomes necessary to do the work all over again two years hence it will be done much more radically than even he dares to hope for now. The wool and cotton schedules will be opened up and serious and important reductions will be made in them. The Steel schedules will be opened and instead of reductions of a tenth of a cent a pound or a dollar a ton, there will be reductions of cents and dollars in every paragraph.

So angry are some of the Republican stand patters at the attitude and arguments of the president that privately they are denouncing him as "a rank free trader," and declaring that his course will undermine the entire tariff system. They say the system is sufficiently unpopular now and that with a Republican president and one of such wide popularity attacking it and exposing its weakness there is no question that the people will come ultimately to demand such a reduction as to be little short of free trade. Some of the Republican senators who have opposed free hides are now agreeing to that demand but are insisting that boots and shoes be placed on the free list as well That strikes terror to the heart of the New England representatives who have many boot and shoe factories in their districts.

The president has lost none of his faith in the efficacy of a good dinner and the indications are that it is well placed. After the Republican members of the conference committee had broken up in what some people would term a row, although they prefer to describe it as "intellectual differences" the president invited all of them to dinner at the White House. Some of his opponents immediately jumped to the conclusion that he had some compromise proposition to make. They were sadly disappointed however. The president was extremely diplomatic. He exerted himself to see that everyone had a pleasant time and throughout the long dinner, which was served in the open air, the tariff was never mentioned. After dinner, however, he made his guests a little speech in which he very courteously set forth the views he had expressed to the twenty-two Republican members of Congress who had called on him some time before to protest against the influence he was exerting for downward revision. He made no threats, but he explained the responsibility which rested on him as the leader of the party and his conviction that the party could not afford to go before the country with even the appearance of having broken its pledge of a genuine revision of the tariff. Those who attended the dinner were greatly encouraged with its results because of the harmony and good fellowship which it promoted, changing much of the bitterness into something approaching resigned complacency.



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GLOUCESTER FARMER WAS STRICKEN DEAD

John Rirdon, of Rirdon, Died Suddenly as He Was About to Carry Mail to Train.

Newcastle, N. B., July 26.—The death of John Rirdon, of Rirdon, Gloucester county, occurred very suddenly Friday afternoon, Mr. Rirdon dropping dead as he was going to attend the train to deliver the mail. He was in good health up to the time of his death, although more than eighty years of age. He was a very prosperous farmer and general store keeper, and had been postmaster many years.

Deceased was three times married, his last wife, who was Miss Carey, of Black Rock, surviving him. His second wife was Miss Ryan, of Chatham. By his first wife, Miss Crowley, he leaves three children—Frank, who lives in St. John county; Thomas and Mary, at home.

GENERAL BOOTH IN BRITAIN

London, July 25.—General William Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, started on another of his motor-car crusades through England. The octogenarian Salvationist has this time laid out a trip covering 1,400 miles, during which he will address 300 meetings.

British steamship Romney, Captain Rurford, arrived in port yesterday from St. Michaels, Azores, to load deals for the United Kingdom. The steamer had a fine passage, which she made in eleven days.

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STRIKERS PLACES ARE BEING RAPIDLY FILLED BY OTHERS

Many Miners Have Reached Glace Bay and are at Work in the Mines—Two Steamer Loads of Skilled Workmen Have Arrived—Foreign Strikers Want Their Jobs Back

Glace Bay, N. S., July 26.—The steamer Stigistad arrived at Sydney from Montreal yesterday morning with a number of men who were sent to the collieries where they will be employed. Today she loaded a cargo of coal and returned to Montreal.

The steamer Cabot arrived this morning from Chatham (N. B.) via Cheticamp (C. B.), from which port she brought 100 men, most of whom are expert miners who formerly worked in the collieries. These will be distributed in the various mines of the Dominion Coal Company.

Thus the company is gradually filling up the ranks broken by the strikers throughout the works again.

The company is proceeding with the serving of notices to strikers that they must leave the houses owned by the company. The strike leaders some time ago announced that they would take care of all their men in tents until the end of the strike. The men, however, for the most part, have intimated to the leaders that they will not live in tents.

Some foreigners upon whom notices to leave houses were served, have reported to the company that they desire to return to work and that they would have done so before but for the reason that they were threatened by the strike leaders.

General Manager Duggan says that every one of the collieries is better off today in the number of men employed, and he looks forward to a substantial increase from the pits during the coming week.

The day's slightly lessened output was because of rainy weather and the decrease was from the banks not from the pits. The total production was 9,161 tons.

The question of an all-Canadian union based upon a dissolution of the P. W. A. and U. M. W. was submitted today to a meeting of the miners by Rev. Messrs. Feaver and Goddard Fenwick. The discussion was taken part in by the miners, who stated that they had been deprived of work simply because they had joined the U. M. W. They spoke also of the tyranny from bosses and otherwise expressed themselves as adverse to a new union. Before the meeting closed some of the U. M. W. leaders took a hand in and the new union idea was disapproved of. The reverend gentlemen previously submitted a proposition to Mr. Duggan, which was based on the formation of a Canadian union which should absorb the P. W. A. and the U. M. W., and which should provide for a ten per cent. advance of wages to men who received $2 a day or under. This was turned down by Mr. Duggan.

There was a stir in the square tonight about 10 o'clock. A large crowd of men gathered in a mass and surged up and down the street for a time. It was said that a Chinaman was being hustled. The police arrived and the crowd dispersed.

RIVAL RAILWAYS MAKE AGREEMENT

MacKenzie and Mann Will Use C. P. R. Lines to Get Outlet From Toronto.

Toronto, July 26.—After lengthy negotiations an agreement has been reached between the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Northern railroads whereby, beginning Aug. 6, Canadian Northern freight cars will get a through route to the west from Toronto. They will move over the C. N. R. line to Sudbury, thence by C. P. R. to Port Arthur, and C. N. R. the rest of the distance.

Toronto is thus made the eastern terminal of a new freight line to Edmonton, Regina and Prince Albert.

There are some rumors about that the agreement will continue in force even after the C. N. R. link from Selwood to Port Arthur is constructed through the clay belt, and that the two lines will be run as one double track railroad.

Nova Scotia schooner Arthur H. Wight, here from Barbados, after discharging her cargo of molasses, sailed yesterday for her home port, Lunenburg (N. S.)

THE YORK COUNTY ELECTIONS SEPT. 6

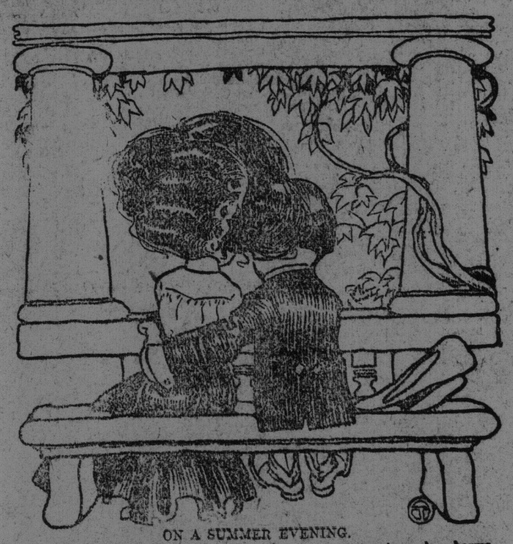
Municipal Contest is Expected to be a Warm One—Old Councillors Will Retire.

Fredericton, N. B., July 26—York county municipal elections are to be held on September 6, and already the parish politicians are displaying considerable activity. Indications are that there will be lively contests in the majority of the parishes. In Douglas Commissioner Brewer is to retire, and George Colter, Jr., will probably offer in his place. Commisioner Rogers will seek re-election, and may have for an opponent William Seymour, of Royal Road. In Stanley, Warden Hinckley is to retire, but there will be no scarcity of candidates in that parish. Commissioner Morgan, of New Maryland, Commissioner Carr, of Canterbury, and Commissioner Robison, of Harvey, who have seen many years service at the board, talk of retiring.

The new highway act is likely to be an important issue in the approaching contest.

The local government will meet here on Tuesday, Aug. 10.

The Times Daily Puzzle Picture



ON A SUMMER EVENING.

'Twas dark upon the balcony;
I knew not what I did.
The moon (maybe conveniently)
Behind a cloud was hid.

I only know, lured on by charms
Quite dear to any man,
I pressed a shirtwaist in my arms
And kissed a coat of tan.

Find the boy who is watching.

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE.

Answer—Lots for sale.