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A Mysterious Disappearance

By Gordon Holmes

A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)

"Corbett is, or was, in Monte Carlo. Of that you may be sure. He, and none other, got the letters sent to the Hotel du Cercle. I cannot for the life of me imagine why he did not take the last one. But let us look at what we know. Lady Dyke, we will say, went to Corbett's chambers, secretly and of her own accord. That may be taken as fairly established. Thence there is a blank in our intelligence until she appears as a hardly recognizable corpse, stuffed by hands beneath an old drain-pipe in the Thames at Putney. How do you fill up that gap, Mr. White?"

"Simply enough. Corbett, or some other person, persuaded her to voluntarily accompany him to Putney. She was killed there and not in London. It would be almost a matter of impossibility for any man to have conveyed her lifeless body from Raleigh Mansions to Putney without attracting some notice. One man could not do it. Several might, but it is madness to imagine that a number of people would join together for the purpose of killing this poor lady."

"The seemingly impossible is often accomplished."

"Do you really believe, then, that she met her death in London?"

"I have quite an open mind on the question."

"You forget that she had resolved early that day to visit her sister at Richmond and Putney is on the direct road. What more reasonable than to assume—"

"Beware of assumptions! You are assuming all the time that Corbett was a principal in her murder."

"Very well, Mr. Bruce. Then I ask you straight out if you don't agree with me?"

"I do not."

This declaration astounded the barrister himself. Often the mere utterance of one's thoughts is a surprise. Speech seems to stiffen the wavering outlines of reflection, and the new creation may differ essentially from its embryo. It was so with Bruce in this instance.

Ever since Mr. White's arrival had aroused him from the positive stupor caused by the stock-broker's unwitting revelation, Claude Bruce had been slowly but definitely deciding that Mensmore did not kill Lady Dyke. He had seen him, unprepared, facing death as preferable to dishonor. At such moment's a man's soul is laid bare. With the shadow of a crime upon his conscience Mensmore's actions could not have been so genuine and straightforward as they undoubtedly were.

Mensmore, of course, might in some way be bound up with the mystery surrounding Lady Dyke's movements. His very utterance in Bruce's room at the Hotel du Cercle implied as much. That was another matter. It would receive his (Bruce's) most earnest attention. But the major hypothesis, so quickly jumped at by the police, needed much more substantiation than it had yet obtained.

That is was plausible was demonstrated by the barrister's readiness to adopt it at the outset. Even now that his impulse to fasten the crime on Mensmore had weakened, he wondered at his eagerness to defend him.

The detective was even more surprised.

"I don't see how you can take that view," he cried. "Corbett's behavior is, to say the least, unaccountable. If he is an innocent man, then he must be a foolish one. Besides, why should he necessarily be innocent? This is the first gleam of light we have had in a very dark business, and I mean to follow it up."

The vindictive emphasis of his tone showed that the detective was annoyed at the other's impassive attitude. He even went so far as to dimly evolve a theory that the barrister wished to throw him off Corbett's trail on account of his sympathy for Mrs. Hillmer, but Claude rapidly dispelled this notion.

"You are here, I suppose, to ask my advice in pursuance of our understanding that we are working together in the matter, as it were?" he said.

"Well, something of the kind, sir."

"Then I recommend that we see the inside of that closed flat in Raleigh Mansions at the earliest moment."

"Do you mean by a search warrant?"

"Certainly not. Do you want the whole neighborhood to know of it? You have probably heard of locks being picked before today. You, and I, and none other, must have a quiet look around the place without anyone being the wiser."

Mr. White hesitated, but the prospect was attractive. "I think I can manage it," he said, smiling reflectively. "Will six this evening suit?"

"Admirably."

"Then I will call for you."

After a parting glance at Smith, who returned it, nose in air, the inspector ran down the stairs, murmuring, "Blest if I can understand Mr. Bruce. But this is a good move. We may learn something."

CHAPTER XIV

No. 12 Raleigh Mansions.

When the door of Corbett's or Mensmore's flat swung open before the skilful application of a skeleton key, a gust of cold air swept from the interior blackness, and whirled an accumulation of dust down the stairs.

It is curious how a disused house seems to bottle up, as it were, an atmospheric accumulation which always seeks to escape at the first available moment. Emptiness is more than a mere word; it has life and the power of growth. A residence closed for a week is less depressing than if it has not been inhabited for a month. If the period of neglect be lengthened into a year, the sense of dreariness is magnified immeasurably.

In this instance, the mysterious abode might have been the abiding-place of disembodied spirits, so cold was its aspect, so uninviting the dim vista that sprung into uncertain vision under the flickering rays of a wax vesta struck by the detectives.

They entered at once, closed the door by its latch, and, aided by other matches, found the switch of the electric light.

In this brighter radiance the indefinable vanished. The flat became a cosy, fairly well appointed bachelor's "diggings," neglected and untidy, yet not without a semblance of comfort, which only needed the presence of a sturdy housemaid and a fire to be converted into the ordinary chambers with which the locality abounds.

The first care was to draw all the blinds, the neglect of which housewifely proceeding argued the careless departure of a mere male when the place was vacated.

A rapid preliminary survey followed, and drew from Bruce the remark:

"Furnished by a woman, but occupied by a man."

Mr. White agreed, but he didn't know why, so he put a tentative question on the point.

"Don't you see," said Bruce, "that the carpets match the upholstery of the furniture, that the beds have valances, that the spare bedroom for a guest is even more elaborate than the one used by the tenant, that care has been taken in fitting up the kitchen, and taste displayed in the selection of pieces of bric-a-brac? Only a woman attends to these things. On the other hand, a card tray has been used as a receptacle for a cigar ash, the pictures—no woman ever buys a picture—have been picked up promiscuously from shops where they sell sporting prints, and the sides of the mantel piece are chipped by having feet propped against them. There are plenty of other signs, but these suffice.

Thenceforth the two men devoted themselves to their task, each after his kind.

The representative of Scotland Yard hunted for documents, photographs, torn envelopes; he looked at the covers of books to see if they were inscribed; he opened every drawer, ransacked every corner, peered into the interior of jars, pots, and ovens; appraised the value of furniture, noted its age, and was specially zealous in studing the appearance of the only bedroom which had been occupied so far as he could judge.

Bruce, having given a casual glance around, entered the sitting-room, selected the most comfortable chair, and proceeded to envelope himself in smoke.

He had not spent two minutes in Mensmore's flat before he had made a striking discovery.

The dwelling consisted of a central passage, dividing two equal portions from the other. That on the right contained a drawing-room and a large bedroom, with dressing-room attached. On the left were another bedroom, a dining-room, a kitchen, a store-room. At the end of the passage, which terminated in the transverse corridor, were the bathroom, a pantry, and a small room, empty now, but apparently designed for a servant's bedroom.

The furniture, as has been stated, was good in quality and sufficient for its purpose. But the fact which immediately impressed this skilled observer was that the arrangement of te sitting-room differed essentially from the other details of the flat.

The same care had not been taken in the disposition of the articles. They had been dumped down anyhow, without taste or regard for suitable position. The carpet had not been bought for this special apartment like the carpets elsewhere. A handsome ebony cabinet stood in the wrong place. The blue china ornaments obviously intended to fill its shelves were littered about the mantelpiece or on small tables, while the Satsuma ware meant for the overmantel was stiffly disposed on the cabinet.

Small matters these, but Bruce thought them more fruitful of accurate theory than the detective's hunt for a written history of the crime!

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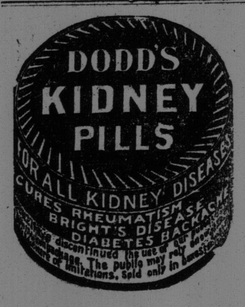

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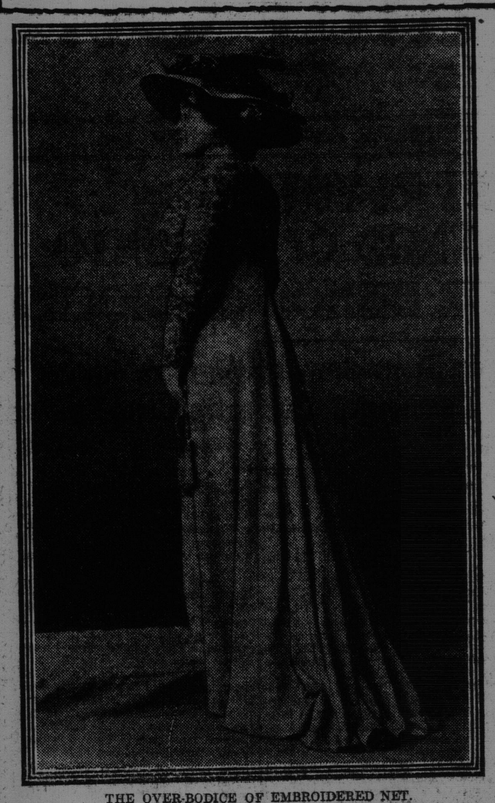

THE OVER-BODICE OF EMBROIDERED NET.

Many of the gowns being planned for after-Easter receptions have these little bodices, which, like bolero, set over the high-waisted skirt. These bodices, as will be seen in the photograph, are very plainly built and carry out the simple, long lines of the skirt. This gown is of petunia cloth and is fitted faultlessly over the hips, the folds trailing gracefully about the feet. The little bodice is of heavy ecrue net embroidered with petunia pink motifs and bronze and copper threads. The hat is in the bronze tones and has two pink roses under the brim at one side.

WARRANTS OUT FOR ARREST OF NEW YORK WORLD EDITORS

Proprietors of New York World and of Indianapolis News Will Also be Called Upon to Face Criminal Libel Charges in Connection With Criticisms of Panama Canal Sale.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Bench warrants were issued late today for the arrest of Joseph Pulitzer, the proprietor, and Caleb M. Van Hamm and Robert H. Lyman, editors of the New York World, all of New York city; and for Delevan Smith and Charles R. Williams, owners of the Indianapolis News, for criminal libel in the publication in those newspapers of charges of irregularities in the purchase by the United States government of the Panama Canal property from the French owners.

The indictments on which the warrants were based were returned today by the United States grand jury sitting in this city and the warrants were issued later by the clerk of criminal court No. 1. The warrants are directed against all five of the natural defendants of the two newspapers. The summons requires the corporate defendant (The Press Company of New York) to appear in court forthwith to answer the indictment.

District-Attorney Baker probably will not send the copies of the bench warrants and the certified copies of the indictments to New York or to Indianapolis for a day or two. They were placed late today in the hands of the United States marshal here and he will proceed with them in accordance with the directions of Mr. Baker.

Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, Elihu Root, J. Pierpont Morgan, Charles P. Taft, Douglas Robinson and William Nelson Cromwell are named in the indictments as the persons alleged to have been villified by the stories appearing in the two newspapers.

Copies of the summons and of the indictment were served this evening upon the Press Publishing Company by service on Otto Carmichael, its agent in this jurisdiction. The certified copies will be filed with United States Commissioner John R. Shields, in New York, who will issue warrants for the arrest of the natural defendants of the New York World, who will be brought before him to show cause why they should not be extradited to this jurisdiction for trial.

In the event that the commissioner should hold the indictment sufficient and the offence is one upon which the defendants may be extradited to this jurisdiction, the defendants can sue a writ of habeas corpus and have the commissioner's decision reviewed by the United States District Court for the southern district of New York. Should the decision of the court also be adverse to their interests, the case can then be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States for final review. This proceeding was followed in the case of State Senator George H. Green, of New York, who was indicted in this city about six years ago in connection with post office irregularities.

If the defendants should pursue the course outlined above, probably at least a year will elapse before they can be brought before the district supreme court for trial.

Failure of an attempt to blackmail him, according to William Nelson Cromwell, was the reason for the publication of the stories which, he declared today, "were exceptional and premeditated and made with foreknowledge of their infamous sources, and after specific warning by me of their falsity."

"The stories," he added, "were concocted more than two and a half years ago by unscrupulous parties in New York, some of whom have criminal records, in an attempt to blackmail me."

He said that he was asked to pay $25,000 to have the stories suppressed.

"I do not believe the World was a party to these attempts, but it was dealing with the same gang. The indictments of the New York World and the Indianapolis News is not an indictment of the press of the United States, as they would like to have it appear to obtain the support of the general press of the country. I am in favor of a free and unmuzzled press."

ANOTHER ITALIAN KILLED ON G. T. P.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 17.—An Italian named Jasimiro Tabbelli, aged about thirty years, a workman employed on the G. T. P. construction at Corbett's No. 2, near Canaan, was blown into eternity about 5 o'clock this afternoon by an explosion of dynamite.

Just how the fatality occurred it not known. Tabbelli was engaged to explode charges of dynamite ahead of the steam shovel. He was alone at the time and the workmen near by heard the explosion and when they arrived on the scene they found Tabbelli dead, having apparently been killed by concussion. The face of the man was not disfigured, but fatal injuries were inflicted about the abdomen.

During the cold weather it is necessary to thaw out dynamite, and whether the unfortunate man was engaged in this or accidentally struck into a hidden charge or had gone to investigate a shot which failed to discharge, is not known. The body was found a few feet from where the explosion occurred. Dr. Myers, coroner, was notified and will go to Canaan tomorrow to investigate the Italian's death.

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CODY AND THORNLOE LEAD IN THE SYNOD

Toronto, Feb. 17—Bishop Thornloe and Canon Cody are leaders in the vote for the new bishop of Toronto, to succeed Archbishop Sweatman, tonight. The synod assembled this morning, and, after a sermon by Bishop Reeve and communion, convened in St. James school house to make their election. A resolution of condolence with the family of the late archbishop was passed, and then two ballots were taken on a bishop, the last being counted at 10 o'clock tonight. The synod adjourned at 10.30 without coming to a decision.

The vote was:

First Ballot.

	Clerical.	Lay.
Thornloe	109	51
Cody	60	67
Sweeny	4	1
Reeve	1	..
Sprague	1	..
Tucker	1	..
Powell	1	..

Nine ballots spoiled.

Second Ballot.

Thornloe	108	49
Cody	60	65
Sweeny	3	1
Reeve	1	7

A measure was passed in the Oregon senate to compel hotel proprietors to provide for their guests sheets at least nine feet long.

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German-Canadian Economic Association Formed in Berlin—Negotiations for Reciprocity Between Canada and the West Indies'

Montreal, Feb. 17—A special London cable says:

Germany is evidently much in earnest in the desire to draw closer to Canada. A German-Canadian Economic Association has been formed in Berlin, under the presidency of Dr. Stresemann, a member of the Reichstag, and chairman of the association of Saxon manufacturers to secure the removal of the Canadian surtax in return for Germany's extension of her continental tariff to Canadian goods with ulterior hopes of a wider-reaching reciprocal tariff after the pattern of the Franco-Canadian convention.

German exporters hope thus to overcome the British preference. Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg, home secretary, replying to Dr. Stresemann on behalf of the German government, states:

"Our relations with Canada formed for some time past is the object our most earnest attention. There is no hindrance on the part of Germany to bringing about an understanding which will permit the entry of the products of each land into the other under favorable conditions. So far, the steps taken for this purpose have led to no result. I cherish, however, the hope that the Canadian market will be made accessible to Germany and the German market to Canada.

Negotiations for reciprocity between the West Indies and Canada are still proceeding. Enough of the West Indian Islands are now agreeable to justify united action. It is hoped a joint high commission, representing most of the Islands, Canada and Great Britain will be appointed shortly to inquire into a feasible basis for closer trade relations.

Judgment was delivered by Lord Loreburn, in the privy council in the appeal case of the Grand Trunk Railway vs. Robertson today.

Lord Loreburn said that the section imposing third-class fares at two-cents a mile was still in force. The whole question was whether the section was inconsistent with the railway act of 1906; he held that it was not. He also held that the privy council could not decide whether or not the section was left on the statutes by desire or because it was overlooked. The appeal was dismissed with costs.

The Canadian Associated Press understands that the judgment affects the old Grand Junction Railway to the exent that it may also be liable to carry fares at two cents.

The original charter of the Grand Trunk Railway was on the lines of the charters of English railway charters of the period, and for the operation of third-class cars at a passenger rate of two cents a mile. This clause was, from the beginning, looked on as a dead letter, but it has never been repealed. Two years ago, Mr. Robertson, a citizen of Toronto, boarded a Grand Trunk train and demanded to be carried for two cents a mile. He was peremptorily refused and immediately sued the company. He won his case, which was appealed by the railway company, and ultimately carried to the privy council where the final decision has just been handed down.

As a result of the case, it is likely that steps will be taken to have parliament revise the Grand Trunk charter, so as to remove the two-cent clause.

Was Troubled With Weak Back For Years.

Could Not Perform Household Duties. Doctors Attended Without Avail.

Mrs. Arch. Schnare, Black Point, N.B., writes: "For years I was troubled with weak back. Oftentimes I have lain in bed for days, being scarcely able to turn myself, and I have also been a great sufferer while trying to perform my household duties. I had doctors attending me without avail and tried liniments and plasters, but nothing seemed to do me any good. I was about to give up in despair when my husband induced me to try Doan's Kidney Pills, and after using two boxes I am now well and able to do my work. I am positive Doan's Kidney Pills are all that you claim for them, and I would advise all kidney sufferers to give them a fair trial."

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MAJORITY OF THREE ON FIRST DIVISION

Standing of P. E. Island Government on First Vote in the House is Fifteen to Twelve

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 17—The public accounts presented in the legislature today show ordinary expenditure for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1908, to be $377,002; capital expenditure, $43,215; ordinary receipts $366,601.

The chief items in the capital account were for new infirmary, new jail in Summerside and permanent bridges. Usual expenditures were for the administration of justice, interest, public work and road.

Education cost $127,000, the largest item. The revenue included dominion subsidy, $205,081; taxes on commercial travelers, $8,000; insurance and other companies, $9,000; banks, $7,000, income, $8,000; on land, $23,000; roads, $11,000; succession duties, $8,000.

The debate on the address was concluded today. The opposition moved amendments, the principal one being an expression of regret that the increase of the federal subsidy was insufficient to enable the abolition of taxes on land. They were voted down 15 to 12.

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OBITUARY

T. R. Mitchell

St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 17—(Special)—T. R. Mitchell, who was stricken yesterday morning with cerebral meningitis, passed away this afternoon.

Mr. Mitchell was born in this county at Tower Hill, St. David, about 64 years ago and was a son of the late Capt. John Mitchell. He resided on a farm for some years and when a young man went to Minnesota where he spent several years in successful lumbering operations. He returned to his native county about 35 years ago and entered into partnership with A. D. Taylor and carried on a successful grocery business on Water street in this town until the fire in 1877. After the fire he conducted a grocery business alone for several years. He gave that up and travelled for Dearborn & Co., St. John, for a year or two, and then became a member of the wholesale firm of C. D. Hill & Co., who were then conducting business in the store now occupied by A. I. Teed & Co. He withdrew from that firm in 1889, and on March 10, 1890, he and Robert Ross entered into partnership and opened up a crockeryware business in the building in which they conducted a successful wholesale and retail trade under the firm title of Mitchell & Ross. Mr. Mitchell served a term at the town council board as councillor for Kings ward. He was a valued member of the trustee and quarterly official boards of the Methodist church, in which he has for several years been the efficient trustee steward. He was also a member of Sussex Lodge, F. & A. M. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Helen McCullough, of Calais (Maine), and eight sisters—Mrs. G. W. Hall, Mrs. J. H. McMann, Mrs. Lunn, of Milltown (Maine), Mrs. McCue, Calais (Maine); Mrs. Wm. Campbell, Minneapolis; Mrs. Harris Clendinen, St. David; Mrs. J. H. Dyer, Elmsville, and Mrs. Rowland, Tower Hill.

By Mr. Mitchell's death this town loses one of her most valued and esteemed citizens, both in business and social circles.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock, service will be conducted by Sussex Lodge, F. & A. M. Interment will be in the Rural cemetery.

Mrs. David Delaney

Mrs. Rose Delaney, wife of David Delaney, a well known resident of Milford, died there yesterday afternoon. She had been sick only a week or ten days. She is survived by her husband and five children.

Preventics—those Candy Cold Cure Tablets—wil safely and quickly check all colds and the Grip. Try them once and see! 48-25c. Sold by all druggists.

A company of Japanese financiers has built a large mill in Formosa, and plans to make paper from a species of bamboo which is common there.

A SPEAKING STONE

"Coming down to us from ancient Egypt," says Professor George Rosenfeld in the Scientific American, 'is the story of a speaking stone—one of the twin colossal statues of Memnon at Thebes. According to the myth, Memnon was the son of Eos, goddess of the dawn. He was turned to stone, but still continued to greet his mother at sunrise. The statue, however, seems to have extended its greetings to earthly visitors of high rank. According to Balbilla, a literary lady attached to the Court of Hadrian, the statue greeted the Emperor three times, the Empress twice, and a Roman general once, greeting the Emperor at his first visit, but compelling the others to come a second time before it would condescend to speak. The voice of the statue is described as resembling the sound of a blow struck on bronze. The conscientious and trustworthy historian Strabo visited the statue, which was then partly destroyed, and writes that he heard a sound issuing from the vicinity of the remnant at sunrise, but that he could not positively state whether the sound came from the statue, its pedestal, or one of the attendants. Pausanias, on the other hand, expressed no doubt that the sound, which he compares to that of a lyre, came from the statue. The statue spoke only for those whom the gods loved, and consquently vanity conspired with superstition to spread its fame. One way in which Memnon may have been caused to speak was suggested by my own experience. I visited the statue not at sunrise, but towards evening. A fellah asked if we wished to hear the 'music.' We asented, and he clambered up the colossus and vanished in a cranny at the elbow. At once we heard loud sounds of so metallic a character that I asked my donkey-boy if the man was striking a bell. 'No; a bar of iron,' the boy replied. Yet I read in a recent guide-book, 'Even now the guide's hammer draws bell-like tones from the hard, resonant stone.' If the guides can so deceive the makers of guide-books, what wonder that Greek and Roman travellers were still more grossly deceived by the cunning Egyptian priests? As a matter of fact, the sound produced by striking the stone is not at all metallic."

THE MUSKOKA HOME

(Toronto News.)

Patients are entering in large numbers into the Consumptive Sanatoria of the National Sanitarium in Muskoka, and the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives and the King Edward Sanitorium for Consumptives on the banks of the Humber. In the former, those in the incipient stages of the disease are treated, and in the latter those more advanced. One hundred and forty of the two hundred and fifty in residence are in Muskoka, and the others in the institution on the Humber. Important additions to the buildings at both places have recently been made, making it possible to admit patients promptly on completion of applications.

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