

THE MAELSTROM

By FRANK FROEST.
Late Superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Department of Scotland Yard.

Menzies went away with his bundle of documents to have them typed, indexed, and put in order so that he could lay his hand on any one needed at a moment's notice. He was in for a busy day.

Two advertisements he drafted in the sanctuary of his own office. One was to check Hallett's own account of the evening before, and to identify, if possible, the street in which the checks had been forced on him.

£1 REWARD.—The taxicab driver who on the evening of — drove a fare from the West End to 34, Lincolne Terrace Garden, Kensington, will receive the above reward on communicating with the Public Carriage Office, New Scotland Yard, S. W.

The other ran differently, and seemed to give him more trouble. Several sheets of note paper he wasted, and discontentedly surveyed his final effort.

Richard Errol, last heard of at Columbia, Ohio, U. S. A., will communicate—

He crushed the sheet up, flung it in the waste paper basket, and lifted a speaking tube. "Any newspaper men there, Green? Right. Tell 'em I'll see 'em in half an hour. Send me up a typist."

The newspaper press, if deftly handled, may be a potent factor in the detection of crime. Moreover, the ubiquitous reporter is not to be evaded for long by the cleverest detective living. The wisest course is to meet him with fair words—to guide his pen where there is a danger of his writing too much, and put him on his honor on occasion. Many a promising case has been spoiled by tactless treatment of a reporter at a wrong moment.

Menzies dictated an account of the murder in which he said just as much as he wanted to say and not a word more. The conclusion ran—

"The stepson of the deceased gentleman, a Mr. Richard Errol, left England for the United States many years ago, and his present whereabouts are unknown. The people are in order that certain points in connection with his father's career should be cleared up."

The chief detective inspector knew that the simple paragraph would throw into the search for Errol the energies and organization of every great newspaper—an aid he did not despise. It was not intended as an official statement. The criminal investigation department does not issue bulletins officially. It was an act of courtesy, and incidentally a stroke of policy to maintain the good will of the press. The reporters might paraphrase it as they would.

He received the newspaper men pleasantly, parried their chaff and too adroit questions with unruffled good humor, and told them little anecdotes which had not the slightest bearing on the murder of Greye-Stratton.

They read the typewritten sheets he handed them greedily and cross-examined him as mercilessly as ever he had been cross-examined at the Old Bailey. A clerk brought a card to him and he read it without a change of countenance.

"In a minute," he said to the waiting clerk, and put the card in his

waistcoat pocket. "Well, gentlemen, you know as much as I do now. If there's anything else you want to know, just drop in and see me when you like. Good morning."

They accepted their dismissal, and he took another glance at the card. It read:

MISS LUCY OLNEY.
And underneath written in pencil:
Peggy Greye-Stratton.

CHAPTER V.
"Mr. William Smith."

The early evening papers were on the streets before Jimmie Hallett rose, and the inevitable reporters had established a blockade of his hotel. He cursed them while he shaved. It seemed that the notoriety which he had left New York to escape had followed him to England.

As an old newspaper hand himself, he had little taste to be served up again all hot and spiced for the delectation of a morbidly hungry public.

He surveyed a salver full of cards that had been brought up to him with a scowl. Vivid recollections came to him of the way in which he had himself dealt in "personal sketches" and "personal statements" on big stories, and he began to conceive a certain fellow feeling for his long forgotten victims. But his chin grew dogged.

"I'll see 'em starve before I'll talk. Go away and tell 'em I'm dead."

The liveried functionary who had brought the cards gave as near an approach to a grin as his dignity permitted. "Yes, sir," he said quietly; "they'll not believe it, sir."

Hallett swung his eyes sideways to the man, and his hand slipped to his trouser pocket. It was no use getting angry.

"Say, what are you getting out of this?" he demanded. "It's all right. You needn't answer." A banknote crackled between his fingers. "If you can clear out the gang below this is yours. It's more than they'll give you."

"Very good, sir. There'll be no harm in telling them you're in a very critical condition, sir I suppose."

"Not in the least. If they've any bowels of compassion they won't worry a dying man. It will save 'em off for a while, perhaps."

As a matter of fact, beyond a mild headache and some stiffness he felt scarcely a trace of the attentions of his overnight assailant. He was uncertain whether that was a tribute to the skill of the divisional surgeon or to the hardness of his skull. He inwardly congratulated himself that the injury was not a particularly noticeable disfigurement. Indeed, a skilful brushing of the hair almost hid it.

He descended to breakfast with an appetite that of itself was proof that his general health remained unaffected, and, discovering that there was a back entrance to the hotel, decided to make use of it. At least some perceptive reporter might still be lurking in the reception hall.

He wanted to know something of what the police were doing, and a visit to Scotland Yard seemed the best way of finding out. In the background of his thoughts there was perhaps less concern that a murderer should be brought to justice than cur-

iously in regard to the lady of the fog.

There is a way mostly used by tradesmen at the Pall Mall Hotel which leads through a narrow alley for fifty yards on to the Embankment. Through this Hallett sauntered. He was half way through when a tap on the shoulder caused him to wheel. He confronted a slim built, sallow faced man, of lank moustache and burning black eyes.

"Pardon," he said. "Your name is Hallett?" He spoke slyly and the extremely correct pronunciation of his words seemed to show that he was neither English nor American.

"Well?" demanded Hallett shortly. He feared that he had been run down by a reporter after all.

"You were at the place where this man was killed yesterday—eh?" The man shook a newspaper under his face.

"Well?" said Hallett again. He had resumed his walk but the other was keeping pace with him.

A hand caught at his arm. The burning black eyes were within three inches of his face. "You know who killed him, eh?" The English had become a little less correct under stress of some excitement. "You have not told the police yet. You will not tell them?"

Hallett shook himself free angrily. "Look here, my man," he said. "I don't propose to answer your questions, so you can put that in your pipe and smoke it. Now get." He clenched his fists.

The foreigner's hand dropped to his pocket. He did not remove it, but pressed something hard through the cloth against the young man's ribs. "You are hasty, Mr. Hallett," he remonstrated. "You don't know what it is you say—what you're up against. This is a pistol you can feel—he pressed it close—and unless you listen quietly I shall keep you dead. Understand?"

(To be continued.)

STORMY WEATHER HARD ON BABY

The stormy, blustery weather which we have during February and March is extremely hard on children. Conditions make it necessary for the mother to keep them in this house. They are often confined to overheated, badly ventilated rooms and catch cold which rack their whole system. To guard against this a box of Baby's Own Tablets should be kept in the house and an occasional dose given the baby to keep his stomach and bowels working regularly. This will not fail to break up colds and keep the health of the baby in good condition all the brighter days come along. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

IMPORTANCE OF THE MAPLE SYRUP CROP.

Maple sugar and maple syrup are two products which are capable of much greater development in Canada. There is a market for all that can be produced, and maple products are legally protected to an unusual extent.

Nature supplies the raw material, in the sap of the maple tree, and as the run occurs at a time when other farm work is not pressing, much more attention might be given to securing this crop. The sap from the maple trees is one of nature's endowments to the Canadian farmer and one from which a considerable addition to his income may be secured with little effort.

The Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, has issued a revised edition of the bulletin "The Maple Sugar Industry in Canada," which will be sent on request.

Send It In.

If you have a bit of news, send it in. Or a joke that will amuse, send it in. A story that is true, an incident that's new.

"We want to hear from you," send it in.

Never mind about your style.

If it's only worth the while, send it in. We'll make a paragraph? Send it in.

If some good your words can teach, If some distant reader reach.

If you have a glowing speech, send it in—The Beaver.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF NAME OF DOMINION EX- PRESS COMPANY.

Persons unknown are reported to be soliciting subscriptions for advertising space in a magazine representing it as being issued by or in the interest of the Dominion Express Company or its employees.

Upon being interviewed the management of the company stated they had no knowledge of the magazine or its promoters and that any representations connecting the name of the Dominion Express Company with such an undertaking were unauthorized.

Parts has a theatre exclusively for women.



CANADA'S SHARE TO PAY PENSIONS

SIR. GEORGE PERLEY TO ATTEND
REPARATIONS MEETING.
IN LONDON.

Sir George Perley, for Canada and the High Commissioners of the other Dominions will, it is understood, represent their respective countries in connection with the Downing Street conference regarding German reparations, to be held on February 28. Canada has of course a direct interest in the decision reached at Paris regarding reparations, as she looks to her share of the sums received from Germany to help pay her pension liabilities. The High Commissioners will, however, probably act only in a consultative capacity, as they did in connection with the Spa conference. The stipulated twelve per cent. tax on Germany exports will help to equalize German competition with Canadian manufacturers, as in the last analysis the tax must be added to the selling price of the goods and will thus effect some of the advantage gained by the depreciation of the German mark.

URÆMIA FOLLOWS KIDNEY DISEASE

Dreadful peril lurks in kidney weakness.

Insidiously it develops into Bright's Disease and Uræmic poisoning. Through the system it sweeps with fatal effect, causing drowsy, gout, gravel and jaundice.

Many remedies contain alcohol. In consequence they inflame the disease to further fury.

A proper remedy will soothe and heal the kidneys, give them strength, and nourish them back to health.

Such a remedy is Dr. Hamilton's Pills, which are composed of simple vegetable extracts and juices that are absorbed at once by the kidneys.

Dr. Hamilton's Pills heal and cure the diseased tissue, restore healthy action, and delay congestion and inflammation.

Proof is abundant, and there is quoted the experience of Mr. Patrick McDonald of 235 Kent Street, Ottawa.

"My back ached from morning till night. Every bit of work I did made me weak and worn. I couldn't stoop or lift without getting dizzy. My tongue was furled and my appetite poor. My head ached continually, and I had severe urinary disorders. My kidneys were in the worst possible state. I heard of the wonderful Dr. Hamilton's Pills, and proved them just the medicine I needed. Why, I felt better in a week, and after using these pills for a month or two at regular intervals I was completely restored."

Dr. Hamilton's Pills give complete relief because they act directly on the diseased tissues of the kidneys. Get the genuine in yellow boxes, 25c per box, or five boxes for \$1.00, at all dealers. Refuse a substitute.

Milner's Worm Powders act so thoroughly that stomach and intestinal worms pass from the child without being noticed and without inconvenience to the sufferer. They are painless and perfect in action, and at all times will be found a healthy medicine, strengthening the infantile stomach and maintaining it in vigorous operation, so that, besides being an effective vermifuge, they are tonic and health-giving in their effects.

Resembling an electric fan but operated through gears by a power itself is a device invented for keeping printers' rollers cool in hot weather.

A Power of Its Own.—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil has a subtle power of its own. All who have it know this and keep it by them as the most valuable liniment available. Its uses are innumerable and for many years it has been prized as the leading liniment for man and beast.

FINANCIER SOUNDS OPTIMISTIC NOTE

PRESIDENT'S HOPEFUL WORDS
AT MEETING OF MONTREAL
BOARD OF TRADE.

An optimistic note was sounded by Mr. George Sumner, the veteran president of the Montreal Board of Trade, at the annual meeting, when Mr. Sumner gave his valedictory.

"The outlook at the present moment," said Mr. Sumner in his address, "is possibly not as bright as usual at this season. Nevertheless, my feeling is that we ought not to be discouraged, for from information which has come into my possession recently, merchants are quite hopeful of the future. Moreover, we had splendid crops last year, cotton mills have plenty of orders and in many other lines there is not lacking evidence of an early return to normal conditions. The present is a time for caution, hard work, increased production, and an unshakable confidence in this Canada of ours. We have done well in the past. We are of all things Canadians, and, as Canadians, we must and will succeed."

ONE WOMAN'S EXPERIENCE

Of Interest to Childless
Women.

Toronto, Ontario. "I suffered for a long time from a female weakness, inflammation, and a terrible backache caused by that condition. One day one of your booklets was left at my door, and I read how other women with troubles like mine had been made well, so I got a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and a package of Sanative Wash, and it helped me wonderfully, and I now have the finest little baby boy that any mother could want. I want to recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to any woman who has female troubles."—Mrs. JOSEPH LA BELLA, 773 Shaw Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

The experience of Motherhood is a trying one to most women and marks distinctly an epoch in their lives. Not one woman in a hundred is prepared or understands how to properly care for herself. Every woman at this time should rely upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a most valuable tonic and invigorator of the female organism.

In many homes once childless there are now children because of the fact that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound makes women normal, healthy and strong, and this good old fashioned root and herb remedy contains no narcotics or harmful drugs.

In 1918 the milk and cream exported from Canada had a value of \$5,862,976. During the 12 months ended March 31 last the value of these exports was \$10,216,861.

Cook's Cotton Root Compound.

A safe, reliable, non-injuring cathartic, used in three degrees of strength. No. 1, \$1; No. 2, 50c; No. 3, 25c per box. Sold by all druggists, or sent prepaid on receipt of price. Free pamphlet on demand. THE COOK MEDICINE CO., TORONTO, ONT. (Incorporated in Canada.)

An inventor has conceived a pair of globular floats that support a person in water with a double crank which, when revolved, draws a user upward.

MURINE Night and Morning. Has Clean, Healthy Eyes, Itchy, Smarting, Irritated, or Inflamed. YOUR EYES Granulated, or often, Soothes, Refreshes, and cures. For Adult. At all Druggists and Vendors. Write for Free Eye Book. Sent by mail on receipt of price.

The Massachusetts Minimum Wage board has handed down a decision granting seamstresses a minimum wage of \$16.40 per week. This is at the rate of 37 cents an hour, fixed on basis of 42 hours' employment weekly.

WOOD'S PHOSPHORINE. The Great English Preparation. Tones and invigorates the whole nervous system, makes one blood in old veins. Used for Nervous Debility, Mental and Physical. Dependence, Loss of Energy, Fatigue of the Heart, Failing Memory. Price 25c per box. Sold by all druggists, or mailed in plain package on receipt of price. New pamphlet mailed free. THE WOOD MEDICINE CO., TORONTO, ONT.

The annual salary for fully certified teachers in the elementary schools of London is \$800 for men and \$700 for women.

Minard's Liniment For Dandruff.



Beauty Secrets for Women

A woman's fondest hope is to stay young. She often resorts to paints, powders and cosmetics to hide her years. Some women pay large sums to so-called "Beauty Doctors" in the belief that money will buy youth. Others wear gaudy dresses, thinking they can fool the world about their age. But no one is deceived. The more you try to hide your age, the more it shows.

There is but one thing that holds old age back, and that is health. Sickness and weakness bring old age early in life. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a building-up medicine for women. It makes them healthy and strong when they suffer from women's troubles. It keeps them looking young by keeping them well. It is a woman's tonic for the frail, the delicate and those who are nervous, dizzy and who have backache and "dragging down." Some women took it years ago and have felt younger and well ever since. Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription is altogether vegetable and without a particle of alcohol. It is safe to take. Try it now, in tablet or liquid form at all druggists, or send ten cents for trial package of the tablets to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., or branch in Bridgeburg, Ont.