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Mysteries and Tragedies of the Dock

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At one house in Montague-place, West Ferry-road, Millwall, a woman declared she had heard a vehicle stop outside. She got out of bed and looked out of the first floor window and saw a one-horse covered van with a man sitting on the front. She noticed that he was full-faced, and that the van was painted dark.

On the right side of the sheet which covered the van was the remains of an advertisement bill that had been pasted on the sheet. A small piece of the bill still remained at the part nearest the tail of the van. The dock gate was opened by someone inside and the van passed in. She took it for granted that the gate had been opened by the police to admit the van, and went back to bed.

Her son was in the front kitchen, which is underground, when he heard a horse. He looked up and saw a covered van go by. He then went into the back kitchen, picked up his dinner pail, and made his way up the area steps. He saw the dock gates were wide open. He thought it strange, and stopped a little while. As he was watching he saw an elderly man looking at him.

He was holding the gate open with his left hand, and as he turned his head to look down the docks the boy noticed that his hair was grey. The man appeared to be about 5ft. 6in. in height, and between 60 and 70 years old. He was a very thin man and his face was very white and haggard. He was wearing a dark suit, but it was dirty and much worn. His cap was a grey one, but lighter than his suit.

While the boy remained the van was driven out by a man sitting on a seat inside, but it was not possible to see his face. The boy estimated that the van was in the dock for not more than five minutes. When it left it turned to the right over the City Arms Bridge towards Poplar.

On the Track.
The possibility that the marks would be obliterated or removed from the cases, and that these might be rallied to some place out of London, such as Liverpool or Cardiff, or even forwarded to the Continent, was not lost sight of. Inquiries were set on foot at all railway depots and other steps take to trace the ten missing cases of raw opium.

Close questioning of the staff employed in or around shed 17 led to the admission by an assistant foreman that some days prior to the robbery a man, who said he was a detective officer, came and asked if there was anything in particular in the shed. The foreman told him about the opium, and showed him the cases through the grille. In all there were 25, valued at £2,500. By a closer examination of his tally book the assistant foreman discovered that the supposed detective officer came again the next day and looked around the shed. He then asked for the key of the lock-up. He went in, and shortly afterwards was followed by the assistant foreman. He inspected it and examined the floor and the wooden end of the shed. He remarked that it would be quite easy for anyone to get in. The floor had sunk a little at one place, and he noticed it. Together they went to the outside end of the shed to see if anyone could get into the

lock-up by crawling up between the bottom board and the floor. Declaring that it would be much easier for anyone to remove some boards from the end of the shed than crawl in underneath, the visitor took his departure, saying that he would make a special report as to the unsafe condition of the shed. By a strange co-incidence, the description of the supposed detective coincided with that of the man seen by the permanent labourer standing behind some cases on the morning of the robbery.

Another questionable character, who answered to the description of the man in the blue suit, seen near shed 17, was shadowed and observed talking to a Chinaman in Oriental-street, Poplar.

Local haunts of thieves were watched, and particularly the movements of Chinese suspected of illicit opium trading. Thus it was that the dock police, after much patient effort, obtained their first real clue. They learned that some if not all the stolen opium had been or would be forwarded as groceries to a Chinaman named Chang Chin Lee at Liverpool.

A chief detective-inspector was at once sent to the Mersey port. It did not take him long to ascertain that some opium was being dealt with surreptitiously by the Chinese population of the town, and he soon suspected Chang Lee of dealing in it. In order to obtain evidence, however, he had to move warily. When he discovered a clue he acted swiftly. By careful observation he gleaned that the prosperous Oriental merchant was in the habit of depositing articles at the luggage office of a suburban railway station, and was also having goods directed to him to be called for at other outlying stations. Working without rest and often in disguise the detective cultivated many acquaintances in Chinatown.

A Big House of Dope.
Obtaining a search warrant he visited a house tenanted by a woman, English by birth, but the widow of a Chinaman, in Moseley-hill, but without result. Undaunted he enlisted the aid of the Liverpool detective force and simultaneous raids were carried out on Chang Lee's several places of business in Pitt-street and his private residence in St. James-road, with the result that at one of the Pitt-street shops there were found, concealed under the floorings and between the walls in the various parts of the building, a quantity of cocaine, some morphine and a large haul of opium.

The larger portion of the drugs had been bolted down and placed in small tins in a semi-liquid state. There was also a quantity of block opium wrapped in red paper, and five small lumps, similar in quality to that which had been stolen from the Port of London Authority's No. 17 export warehouse, with the exception that it had a very dry appearance, while adhering to one or two of the pieces were small portions of newspaper of Greek or Russian origin.

Although it was impossible to prove that these pieces were part of the raw opium which had been stolen from the South-West India Dock, sufficient evidence was in the hands of the police to proceed against Chang Chin Lee. He was charged under Section 40 B. of D.R.A. for being in possession of cocaine, morphine and opium, and was sentenced and deported.

Meanwhile the quest in London had not by any means been relaxed. It so happened that while the port detective was busy in Liverpool his colleagues, down East, were equally industrious. A minute search of cartage and jobbing carriers' stables led to the discovery of a clue, and on the morning following the raids at Liverpool observation was kept on all vehicles coming over the iron bridge from the direction of Canning Town towards Poplar.

The Gang Broken up.
Eventually, a light van, drawn by a lightish bay cob, was seen logging slowly over the cobbled road. It was being driven by a man of about forty-six, while inside was a passenger. When the van reached the corner of Abbot's-road and East India Dock-road the man inside alighted, walked over to the tram stopping-place, and stood there. The van was stopped and searched. It was found to contain 173lbs. of opium, identical with that stolen from shed No. 17. This fact, however, could not be proved for there is no one in the country who can identify opium once it has been taken out of its original packaging.

The two men were detained. The driver described himself as a labourer, of no fixed abode, and it was not

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The passenger, who said he was a clerk, pleaded that owing to the overcrowding of the tramcars he was unable to get on and that the driver of the van had given him a lift, and that he was unaware of what the van contained.

When they were put up for identification witnesses failed to recognize the men as those seen at the dock gates with the van. One woman, however, thought she recognized the driver. He was charged and sentenced for being in unlawful possession of drugs.

Two other Chinamen, members of some gang, were also discovered to be engaged in opium traffic, in conjunction with a notorious white woman of Liverpool, and various traps were set and different subterfuges adopted to detect them, but always without success.

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By Bud Fisher

