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By Gordon Holmes

A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)

He stood nervously fumbling with his hat, but did not answer. White knew how to deal with him.

"Sit down, Foxey, and have a drink. You need one to cheer you up. Answer this gentleman's questions. He means you no harm."

"Honor bright?"

"Honor bright."

"Well, I don't mind if I do. No soda, thank you, sir. Just a small drop of water. Ah, that's better stuff 'n they keep in Holloway."

Thus fortified, Marsh had no hesitation in telling them what he knew. Substantially, his story was identical with the version given to Bruce by the ticket collector.

"Can you describe the gentleman?" said the barrister.

"No, sir." He was just like any other swell. Tall and well-dressed, and talked in the 'aw-'aw style. It might ha' been ye self for all I could tell."

"Do you think it was I?"

Foxey scratched his head.

"No, p'raps it wasn't, now I come to rec'llect. He'ad a moustache, and you 'aven't. Beggin' yer pardon, sir, but you 'ave a bit of the cut of a parson or hactor, an' this chap wasn't neither—just an every day sort of toff."

"Could you swear to him if you saw him?"

"That I couldn't, sir. I am a rare 'and at langwidge, but I couldn't manage that."

"Why?"

"Because that night, sir, I were as full as a tick when I started. Lord love you, it must 'ave poured out of me afterwards when I started 'fightin' coppers. Mr. White, 'e knows, I ain't no fightin' man as a rule."

"And the lady? Did you see her?"

"No, sir. Leastways, I seed a bundle which I took to be a lydy, but her face was covered up with a shawl, and she was lyin' 'eavy in 'is arms as though she was mortal bad. He tell'd me she was sick."

"Did he? Anything else?"

"No, sir."

"Are you sure it was a shawl?"

A vacuous smile spread over Foxey's countenance as he answe ed. "I ain't sure of anythink that 'appened that night."

"But were you not surprised when a man hired your cab under such peculiar circumstances, and paid you such a high fare?"

"We four-wheelers are surprised at nothink, sir. You don't know all wot goes on in kebs. Why, once crossin' Waterloo Bridge—"

"Never mind Waterloo Bridge, Foxey," put in the detective. "Keep your wits fixed as much as you can remember on November 6."

"Where did he tell you to drive?" went on Bruce.

"Just Putney. I was to drive my 'ard-est. I recollect wantin' to pull up at the Three Bells, but 'e put 'is 'ead out an' said, 'Go on, driver. I am awfully late already.' So I went."

"Where did you stop?"

"I don't know no more than the child unborn. By that time the drink was yeastin' up in me. The fare kept me on the road 'e wanted by shoutin'. When we pulled up, 'e carries 'em into a lane. There was a big 'ouse there. I know that all right. After a bit 'e comes back and tips me a fiver. With that I whips up the old 'oss and gets back to the Three Bells. You know the rest, as the girl said when she axed the Bench to—"

"Yes, we know the rest," interrupted Bruce, "but I fear you are not able to help us much."

"This isn't a five-pun' job, eh, guv'nor?" said Foxey anxiously.

"Hardly at present. We shall see. Can you say exactly where you drew up your cab when the lady was carried into it?"

"Sure as death," replied the cabman, in the hope that his information might yet be valuable. "It was outside the Raleigh Mansions, Sloane Square."

"We know that—"

"It seems to me, sir, as ye know as much about the business as I do," broke in Marsh.

"Were you in the Square or in Sloane Street?"

"In Sloane Street, of course. Right away from the Square."

"Not so very far away, surely."

Foxey was doubtful. His memory was hazy, and he feared lest he should be mistaken. "No, no," he said quickly, "not far, but still well in the street."

"Were there many people about?"

"You could 'ardy tell, sir; it was that foggy and nasty. If the lydy 'ad bin dead nobody would 'ave noticed 'er that night."

"Did any one besides yourself see the gentleman carry the lady into the cab?"

"I think not. I don't remember anybody passin' at the time."

"Did the gentleman keep your cab waiting long at the kerb before he brought the lady out?"

"It might 'a' bin a minute or two."

"No longer?"

"Well, sir, it's 'ard for me to say, especially after bein' away for a change of 'alth, so to speak."

"Did not the lady speak or move in any manner?"

"Not so far as I know, sir."

"And do you mean to tell me that, although you had been drinking, you were not astonished at the whole business?"

"I never axes my fares any questions 'cept when they says, 'By the hour.' Then I wants to know a bit."

"Yes; but this carrying a lady out of a house in such fashion—did it not strike you as strange?"

"Strange, bless your 'eart, sir. You ought to see me cartin' 'em off from the Daffodil Club after a big night—three and four in one keb, all blind, paralytic."

"No doubt; but this was not the Daffodil Club at daybreak. It was a respectable neighborhood at seven o'clock or thereabouts, on a winter's evening."

"It ain't my fault," said Foxey doggedly. "Wot was wrong with the lydy? Was it a habduction?"

"The lady was dead—murdered we believe."

The cabman's face grew livid with anxiety.

"Oh, crikey, Mr. White," he cried, addressing the detective, "I knew nothink about it."

"No one says you did, Foxey," was the reply. "Don't be frightened. We just want you to help us as far as you can, and not get skeered and lose your wits."

Thus reassured, Marsh mopped his head and said solemnly:

"I will do wot lies in my power, gentlemen both, but I wish I 'adn't bin so blained drunk that night."

"You would say you would not recognize your fare, if you saw him," continued Bruce. "Could you tell us, if you were shown a certain person, that he was not the man? You might not be sure of the right man, but you might be sure regarding the wrong one."

"Yes, sir. It wasn't you, and it wasn't Mr. White, and it wasn't a lot of other people I know. I think if I saw the man who really got into my keb, I would be able to swear that 'e was like him, at any rate."

"All right. That will do for the present. Leave us your address, so that we may find you again if necessary. Here is a sovereign for you."

When Marsh had gone, Bruce turned to the detective.

"Well," he said, "if Mensmore were here now, I suppose you would want to lock him up."

"No," admitted White sadly; "the more I learn about the affair the more mixed it becomes. Still, I don't deny but I shall be glad to have Mensmore's explanation of his movements at that time. And so will you, Mr. Bruce."

CHAPTER XXII.

A WILFUL MURDER.

Bruce sent a telegram to Mrs. Hillmer at Paris. "Matters satisfactorily arranged pending your arrival," he wired, and early on Monday morning he received a reply: "Due Charing Cross 7.30 p. m. Will drive straight to your chambers with my brother.

"GWENDOLINE HILLMER."

He forwarded the message with a note to the detective, asking him to be present.

About one o'clock Corbett turned up.

"Guess I slept well last night after the excitement," he said, with a pleasant smile. "You seemed to skeer those chaps more with a few words, Mr. Bruce, than I did with a revolver."

"The English police are not so much afraid of revolvers as they are of making mistakes," was the answer.

"Now, is that so? On our side they wouldn't have stopped to argy. Both of 'em would have drawn on me at once."

"Then I am glad for everybody's sake, Mr. Corbett, that the affair happened in London."

"Why, sure. But tell me. Has my friend Mensmore been getting himself into trouble?"

"Not so much as it looks. Others appear to have involved him without his knowledge, and he has lent color to the accusations by involuntary actions of a suspicious nature."

"Well, if it is permissible, I should like to hear the straight story."

Under the circumstances, Bruce thought that this stranger from America had a right to know why he was in danger of being arrested during his first twenty-four hours' residence in the country, so he gave him a succinct narrative of the prima facie case against Mensmore.

Corbett listened in silence to the recital. When it ended he said:

(To Be Continued.)

A strong movement is on foot in Britain to compel parents to keep boys in school until they are seventeen.

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SOME PLAIN TALK TO THE OPTIMISTS OF WALL STREET

United States Must Prepare to Meet the Competition of Other Countries, Especially of Germany — The Slow Return of Prosperity.

(New York Journal of Commerce.)

One of America's foremost kings of industry, who by sheer ability has risen to first place in his particular sphere, in course of conversation, uttered truths that should sink into the hearts of less experienced and less brainy men who have been pitchforked into positions of great power. "The United States," he said, "must face the problem of how to secure a much larger share of the world's trade. Great as our own country is, quickly growing though our domestic demands may be, we must look beyond ourselves for markets. The theory propounded a year or two ago that high prices meant prosperity has deservedly been shaken. The collapse of artificial scales of prices is the best thing that could have happened for the industrial welfare of this country, especially when we look to the future. Unless we equip ourselves to produce goods at low cost we cannot hope to compete successfully with other nations, such as Great Britain, France, Germany and, by and by, China and Japan, to say nothing of Australia and other British colonies. Germany, particularly, is becoming a keen rival of the United States. Now, if the policy of maintaining artificially high prices for all commodities, including labor, had been adhered to, how could this country hope to lay down goods as cheaply as others in foreign ports?

"I do not say that honest labor is too well paid—it never has been paid enough—but we have had dishonest labor just as much as we have had dishonest corporations. Before the panic, when labor was in so urgent demand, it became tyrannical and dishonest in that it did not give a fair day's work for a big day's pay. To a gratifying extent we have got rid of dishonesty in labor through the operation of the law of supply and demand, and now there is every prospect that this same law will again rule in other directions. It is never helpful to have any one industry or any branch of an industry placed on an unprofitable basis, no more than it is advantageous in international affairs to have any country wallowing in bankruptcy. Unreasonable demoralization in steel or in copper would be regrettable. A certain amount of co-operation and mutual understanding in the industrial world, as elsewhere, is beneficial—if every manufacturer in every country on the globe could work in harmony, what could not be accomplished for labor and for everyone else? But this world is populated with human beings; co-operation can help only when it is conducted on sound economic principles, not when used to arbitrarily rule things for the exclusive benefit of one interest or one class."

This same eminent authority does not look for an immediate resumption of business activity on a normal scale, no matter what the new president may say or how congress addresses itself to tariff revision. "Two things must exercise concern," he said, "First of all I am watching the agricultural conditions very closely, for we never needed good crops more than we do now. Wall street, of course, is mad over 'tips,' and has scarcely a thought for what is going on throughout the agricultural regions, but it is unnecessary to explain to what extent our prosperity rests on farms. Next, trade will be retarded until tariff revision has been completed. Currency reform, of course, is of great importance, but I am discussing industrial rather than financial affairs. On the whole I do not look for prosperous times until towards the close of this year at the earliest; if they come early next year I will feel satisfied."

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C. P. R. WILL SURVEY LAND THEY WANT

The committee appointed by the council to arrange the details for the C. P. R. transfer on the west side decided, at a preliminary meeting yesterday, to request Hon. William Pugsley to ask the C. P. R. to make a complete survey of that portion of the Carleton flats which the company will take over, in order that the boundary lines may be clearly defined. A communication to this effect was sent to the minister last evening.

It will be part of the work of the committee to provide for drainage through the property from the city's lots before the ground is made and to generally protect the city's interests. The common clerk was instructed to obtain particulars of all leases on the city's property, including leases to the C. P. R., in readiness for the next meeting.

Part of the property required by the C. P. R. is on crown land adjoining the Negro Point battery, under Fort Dufferin, and will be occupied by arrangement with the government.

The committee discussed the plans for the proposed docks and it was decided that the department of public works should be asked to settle definitely as soon as possible which of the plans prepared by the engineers it was intended to carry out.

It was rumored yesterday that the aldermen who were opposed to the scheme were by no means disposed to take their defeat with resignation and were already discussing plans to hamper the work of the committee. Ald. Baxter is the only alderman among the opposition who has been appointed on the committee, which consists of seven members, and it is said an effort will be made at the next meeting of the council to increase the number to nine. The majority of the aldermen will resolutely oppose any move in this direction, on the ground that it is an attempt to make the committee unwieldy and delay the work.

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C. P. R. Liner Had an Excellent Trip—First and Second Cabin Passengers Away Last Night

The C. P. R. steamship Empress of Ireland, Captain Forster, docked at Sand Point a little after 9 o'clock last evening. Owing to thick fog, which was encountered off Sable Island, and which delayed the steamer at Halifax twenty-three hours elapsed between the time she docked at that port and her arrival in St. John. On the way across, the Empress experienced good weather until she ran into a bank of fog in the last two days.

On her second day out she averaged a speed of nineteen miles. The daily runs to Halifax were: Feb. 27, 338; Feb., 28, 443; March 1, 455; March 2, 392; March 3, 388; March 4, 412.

The Empress had one of the largest passenger lists of the season, consisting of ninety-eight saloon passengers, 350 second and 761 third. The Canadian curlers, who were on board, landed at Halifax. With others they took part during the voyage in a concert at which Lieutenant-Governor D. C. Fraser of Nova Scotia presided.

Among the passengers who landed here was T. E. Robson, of Toronto, a brother of the general advertising manager of the C. P. R. He has been making a three months' tour through England, France and Germany. Some of the passengers were successful new Canadians returning after a visit to their former homes in the old country, and bringing friends with them to try their luck in Canada. There were also some Hollanders on board. The saloon passengers were:

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The saloon and second cabin passengers got away in special trains last evening. The third class passengers will leave early today. The Empress brought 1,377 sacks of mail and 290 packages of parcel post.

A Woman's Sympathy

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THE STREET RAILWAY AND ROCKWOOD PARK

It is early to talk of the opening of Rockwood Park, but Frank White said last night that the question of what the White Catering Company would do this year would depend largely on the attitude of the St. John Railway Company on the extension of their lines to the park.

The catering company, he said, had been losing money and he intimated that unless the street railway company showed some disposition to extend their tracks the probability was that they would not put up the merry-go-round or Ferris wheel this year. They would keep the boats on the lake, run the fishing privileges as usual and open the pavilion on a small scale.

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