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THE MYSTERY OF PROFESSOR GREER

BY WILLIAM LE QUEX.

CHAPTER V. In Which Certain Suspicions Are Strengthened.

To Mabel, my wife, I said nothing. In the circumstances, I deemed silence golden. Kirk's attitude at the telephone had filled me with suspicion. During the few hours I spent in bed before the dawn, I lay thinking. The problem was utterly inexplicable. The more so now that the dead man's daughter was also dead. I was convinced, as I lay there in the darkness, that there was something very suspicious in the fact that Kirk, who seemed to rule the household, would not allow the police to have any knowledge of what had occurred. Indeed, my own position was somewhat menacing, for, being aware that a murder had been committed, was I not legally bound to give information? Was I not liable to prosecution if I failed to do so?

The mystery surrounding Kershaw Kirk had increased rather than diminished in that final quarter of an hour I had spent with him as he had sat staring straight into the fire, uttering scarce a word.

What had been told him over the telephone had caused an entire change in his manner. Previously he had been dictatorial and defiant. He was now cringing, crushed, terror-stricken.

The grim scenes I had witnessed surged through my brain. The mystery of it all had gripped my senses. Carefully, I analysed each event, trying to discern some light as to its cause and motive. But I was not a

professional detective. This was the first time I had found myself mixed up in a crime by which human life had been lost.

That the death of Professor Greer was no ordinary crime of violence I had quickly recognized. There was some subtle motive both in the crime itself and in the supposed presence of the Professor in Edinburgh, whereas in reality he was already lying dead in his own laboratory.

Those instructions to his daughter, which seemed to have been written after his departure from King's Cross, also formed a part of the mystery. The dead man had actually sought the assistance of his worst enemy!

Yet, when I weighed the circumstances as a whole calmly and coolly, I saw that if the unknown person to whom the Professor had signalled on that fateful night, could be found, a very great puzzle would be solved, towards the solution of the problem.

The drawing up and down of the drawing room blind was, no doubt, in order to inform some person waiting without of his journey north. Was that person who received the signal afterwards the assassin?

That the crime was committed behind locked doors, that both the victim and the assassin had to pass within a few feet of where Miss Eleanore was seated, and that lighted the unfortunate Professor's face some terribly corrosive fluid had been dashed, formed a problem which held me mystified.

Mentally I drew a plan of the arrangement of the room on the first floor of the house in Sussex Place, which will show at a glance how complete was the mystery of the Professor's death, even apart from the other facts of his signals and his journey north.

Kirk, this dealer in secrets, admittedly posed as a friend of the family. Greer trusted him. To him Eithelwyn had fled for assistance at the first suspicion of anything being wrong.

Therefore would it not have been easier for him than for anyone else to enter the house in secret and kill the man who had stolen from him that mysterious secret?

Yes, try how I would, I was unable to rid myself of the grave conviction that my new acquaintance was cognisant of more than he had told me. He was naturally a reserved man. It was true; yet there was an air of cosmopolitanism about him which spoke unmistakably of the adventurer.

His refusal to allow a doctor to see the Professor's daughter was nothing short of culpable. Had Antonio, that sly, crafty Italian, to whom I had taken such instantaneous dislike, summoned a doctor at once, it was quite possible that the poor girl's life might have been saved.

But why had she returned to the house in a manner so secret? Why had she crept into the dining room and removed her hat? It would almost seem as though she had returned for good, for if she had intended to go back to her aunt's she would not have taken off her hat and laid it aside. And why had she come so in the dining room, of all places? Why had she not ascended to her own room? And why, most of all, had she not summoned Antonio?

Was it because of fear of him? Kirk and Antonio were friends. That I had detected from the very first. The Italian was polite, urbane, servile, yet I saw that the bow was only a shallow make-believe. Alone, together, the pair would, no doubt, stand upon an equal footing.

The reason she had returned home was mysterious enough, yet the greater problem was the reason why she also had been struck down and the same corrosive fluid flung into her fair countenance.

I could not think that Kirk was responsible for this second assassination, for, unless Antonio had fled, it had been committed at the very hour when I had been seated with my mysterious friend, and I saw few doors away from my own house.

So, as you may readily imagine, I was still sorely troubled when at last the maid brought me my hot water and I resolved to dress.

I quite saw now that the reason why Kirk had called to inspect the new Eckhardt tyre was merely in order to make my acquaintance. Yet it was certainly curious that he should have predicted the visits of the two other men for the same purpose.

After breakfast I went, as usual, to the garage, but my mind was still full of the events of the previous night.

Kirk had arranged to call for me at eleven and return to Sussex Place, where he intended to search for any finger marks left by the assassin. Eleven o'clock struck, but he did not arrive. In patience I waited until one, and then returned home to luncheon, as was my habit.

His non-arrival confirmed my suspicions. What, I wondered, could have been the purport of that mysterious message in German that he had listened to on the telephone just before we had parted?

At two o'clock I called at his house and rang the door bell. There was no response. Both Kirk and his sister were out.

So I returned to the garage, and with Dick Drake, my stout, round-faced, dare-devil driver, who held two records at Brooklands, and was everlastingly being fined for exceeding the speed limit, I worked hard upon the refractory engine of a car which had been sent to me for repair.

All day it was misty, but towards evening the fog increased, until it became thick even in Chiswick, therefore I knew that it must be a regular "London patient" in the West End. One driver, indeed, who had come in

from Romford, said he had taken four hours to cross London. Hence I resolved to possess my soul in patience and spend a quiet evening at home with my wife and her young sister, who lived with us.

Curiously enough, however, I found myself, towards six o'clock, again seized by a sudden and uncontrollable desire to return to Sussex Place in search of my mysterious neighbor. Felt within me a keen, irrepresible anxiety to fathom the curious problem which that shabby man who declared himself immune from trial in a criminal court, had placed before me. Who could he be, that like the King or herself, he could not be brought before a judge?

At times I found myself laughing at his absurd statements, and regarding them as those of a lunatic; but at others I was bound to admit that his seriousness showed him to be in deadly earnest.

Well, to cut a long story short, at eight o'clock I took Dick Drake and managed to creep over in the fog to Regent's Park on one of the small cars. The door was opened, as before, by Antonio, who perceptibly started when he recognized me.

Yes, Mr. Kirk was there, he admitted, and a few seconds later he came to me in the hall.

He was a changed man. His face was thinner, sallow, more haggard, and the lines about his mouth deeper and more marked; yet he greeted me with many a pleasant word, and kept his appointment.

"I was here, very busy," he explained. "I rang you up several times, but each time you were engaged."

"Well," I asked, going straight to the point, "what have you been doing?"

"Very little," he said. "I've searched all day for the finger prints, but up to the present have found none save those of Antonio, Eithelwyn, and members of the household."

"You do not suspect any of the servants?" I whispered, full of suspicion of looking craftily at him.

"Of course not, my dear sir. What motive could they have in killing such an excellent, easy-going master as the Professor?"

"Revenge for some fancied grievance?" I suggested.

But he only laughed my theory to scorn.

I followed him upstairs, through the red boudoir to the laboratory, to which the fog had penetrated, and there watched him making up and taking up recent finger prints. His examination was both careful and methodical. He drew a pair of old grey suede gloves over his hands, and taking up one after another of the bottles and glass apparatus, he lightly coated them with some finely powdered chalk of a grey-green color, afterwards Mr. Cook.

On one or two of the bottles prints of fingers were revealed, and each of these he very carefully examined beneath the light, rejecting them one after the other.

To me, unacquainted as I was with the various lines of the finger-tips, all looked alike. But the experienced neighbor of mine apparently read them with the utmost ease, as he would a book.

In its corner, in the same position in which we had left it on the previous night, lay the hideous body of the Professor, crouching just as he had expired. But Kershaw Kirk worked on, heedless of its presence.

To Be Continued.

PAYING ITS WAY

The T. and N. O. Railway Reported on an Excellent Financial Basis.

Toronto, Sept. 23.—The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway is now paying its way.

Hon. A. J. Matheson, the provincial treasurer, announced this afternoon that the net receipts from operation for the seven months ending July 31, were \$379,638, while the proportional share of the interest at 4 per cent on the expenditure of construction and operating the entire system was \$350,000.

The announcement, while anticipated for some time, signifies a new era for the people's railway.

The minister's returns show that the gross earnings from July were \$148,111, with expenditures of \$75,587, a net earning of \$72,524, with \$9,813 received in royalties brings the total for the month to \$82,337, as against \$29,584 for the same month last year.

GAELIC VANISHING

The Men of Glenarry Taking Steps to Preserve the Tongue.

Cornwall, Sept. 23.—Year after year the population of the county of Glenarry, which 50 years ago was almost exclusively Highland Scotch, is becoming more and more French-Canadian. Ask any old Scotch farmer in Glenarry today: "Where are your sons?" and the odds are that he will tell that they are far away. When a farm is sold the buyer is often a French-Canadian from the neighboring counties in Quebec, Province. These newcomers are careful farmers, and prosper in their new homes.

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population the Gaelic tongue, which at one time prevailed, is falling into disuse, and the Glengarry Scots are organizing a Highland society for the purpose of fostering the Gaelic language, Gaelic literature and the customs and traditions of the Scottish people, and further to induce sons of Glengarry to remain on the homes of their ancestors hewed out of the wilderness.

"I rang you up several times, but each time you were engaged," when Dr. D. D. MacDonald, John F. McGregor, A. A. McDonald and John Kennedy were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and bylaws to be submitted at a meeting to be held on Oct. 15.

MASS FOR THE PRELATES

Plenary Council Holds Impressive Ceremony at Ancient Capital.

Quebec, Sept. 23.—The Basilica was the scene of a deeply impressive and imposing ceremony this morning, when a solemn requiem mass was chanted for the repose of the souls of deceased bishops. All the prelates attending the plenary council, and a large number of priests walked in procession from the archbishop's palace to the Basilica. The bishops wearing black robes and white mitres. Mr. Roy, coadjutor bishop of Quebec, led the procession. Mr. Sbarretti, papal delegate, coming last. The thoroughfare through which the procession passed was lined with spectators, and the scene was an imposing one.

The sacred edifice was draped in mourning for the occasion, and a catafalque was erected in the sanctuary, which was surrounded by numerous candles. The sermons were preached by Mr. Brunault, bishop of Nicolet, in French, and by Mr. McDonald, of Victoria, in English.

No session of the plenary council was held this morning, but this afternoon a general congregation of all members of the council was held in Laval University.

BERNIER AND COOK

Government Mystified Over Explorer's Message of Thanks.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—The cause for Dr. Cook's telegram of thanks to the government for having sent Captain Bernier north with supplies is not yet officially known.

The marine department has had no notification, except the message of yesterday that Cook and Bernier ever came within contact. The records of the department show, however, that in June, 1908, a letter was received by the minister of marine from Mrs. Cook, asking that opportunity should be taken of Capt. Bernier's voyage to send supplies to her husband, who was then considered dead, but who, according to his own story, had by that time concluded with a letter to the minister, responding and eventually Mrs. Cook decided that she would send her supplies by some other route.

Whether these were sent or not the department does not know, but it presumes from Cook's message that he in some way came into contact with Bernier, or perhaps the message was Bernier's caches, and thus found means to enable him to continue his dash to the pole. Dr. Cook may have had news of Capt. Bernier since he left Chateau Harbor in September, a year ago, but the department has none, and with good reason. The interest what Dr. Cook may have to say as to receiving supplies from Capt. Bernier. The acting deputy minister is inclined to believe that in the course of his voyaging Cook came across a cache labelled "Canada," or "Bernier," and, as he only likely, and possibly that he has taken occasion to thank Canada for something which Bernier did.

HOLIDAY HOTEL THEFTS.

Visitors To Switzerland Lose \$300,000—Stolen by Gang.

Geneva, Sept. 24.—Swiss hotels and express trains have been systematically exploited this season by a gang of international swindlers, who have reaped a great harvest.

Indeed, on a conservative estimate visitors have already lost jewelry and other valuables to the extent of over £60,000, and every day fresh losses are reported.

The greatest coups of the gang were the thefts of property to the value of £26,000 in the Lausanne-Berne express, and of £10,000 from Princess Gazarine at St. Moritz.

Other robberies were those of £4,000 from an Italian countess, £1,000 from Princess Bismarck at St. Moritz, and a complete robbery from visitors at Geneva, Interlaken and Basle.

Lady visitors have been the chief victims of the gang, not a single member of which has been arrested, despite the efforts of the Swiss police.

The activity of the gang has caused great alarm amongst hotelkeepers and others who depend for their annual harvest on visitors from abroad, for they fear that many will be deterred from coming to Switzerland by the reports of these thefts.

Saturday's Saving Opportunities on Seasonable Goods

This list contains in a brief way the best news of good buying you could read. For it tells of Saturday Sale Prices on the very things you need now. We've other lines not listed in this advertisement; in fact, every department contains something seasonable and saving.

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