

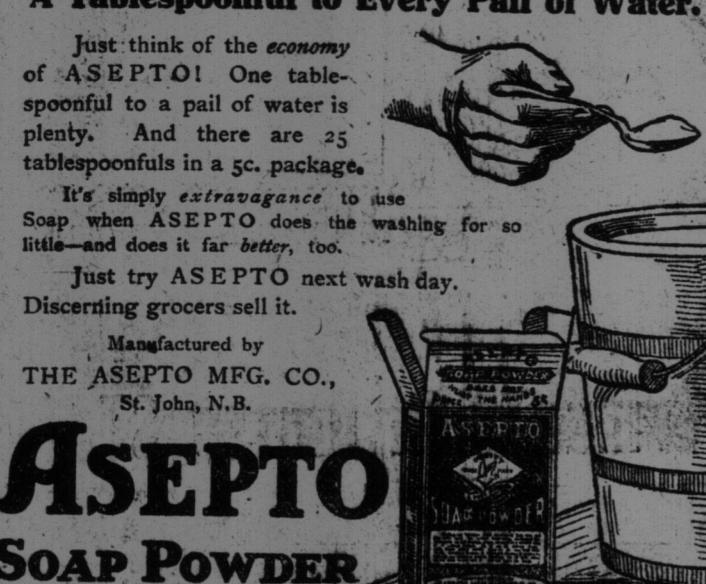
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By Gordon Holmes

A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)

Moreover, workmen were even then busy in substituting the title "Dodge, Son & Co., Ltd." for "Messrs. Dodge & Company," the suggestive name of the latter designation having perhaps proved a stumbling block in the way of the guileless investor.

"When the barrister entered the office, a busy place, a hive of many clerks, and adorned with gigantic maps of the Rand, West Australia, Cripple Creek, and Klondike, he asked for "Mr. Dodge."

"His card preceded him ready admission. He was shown into an elaborately upholstered apartment of considerable size. At the farther end, seated in front of a gorgeous American desk, was a young man who ostentatiously finished a letter and then motioned the barrister to a seat. Bruce was curious on the question of the age of the head of the firm."

"Are you Mr. Dodge, or the son?" he asked, with the utmost gravity.

"The other was taken back by this unexpected method of opening the conversation. It annoyed him.

"I am the representative of the firm, sir, and fully able to deal with your business, whatever it may be," he replied.

"No doubt, but will you kindly inform me, sir, as my time is fully occupied?"

"Just now I want to know how old the 'son' is?"

"This calm persistence irritated Mr. Dodge beyond endurance.

"Three years, confound you, and his sister is four months. Can I oblige you with any more details concerning my family affairs?"

Having purposely raised this man to boiling point by this harmless method of cross-examination, Claude tackled the real business sharper in a temper was far more likely to blurt out the truth than if he were approached in a matter-of-fact manner.

"To begin with," he explained, never taking his eyes off the furious face of Mr. Dodge, "I have called to ask for information with regard to your dealings with Mr. Sydney H. Corbett, of Raleigh Mansions, Sloane Square."

"I never heard of him in my life. You have evidently come to the wrong office, Mr. Bruce."

"Are you quite sure?"

"Well, nearly so. However, I can tell you in a moment, as it is impossible for me to carry every name connected with several companies in my memory."

Mr. Dodge recovered his temper now that he saw a chance of disconcerting his caustic visitor. He touched an electric bell, and told the answering youth to send Mr. Hawkins.

"My correspondence clerk," he explained loftily when Hawkins entered, "are you in communication with any one named Sydney H. Corbett, Mr. Hawkins?"

"No, sir."

"Have you ever heard the name?"

"No, sir."

"That will do. You may go. You see you have come to the wrong shop, Mr. Bruce."

"Yes, so I see."

The barrister kept looking at the back of Mr. Dodge's head, but made no move. Mr. Dodge became puzzled.

"Now, Mr. Bruce," he cried, "you know the age of my son, and the extent of my information about Mr. Corbett. Is there anything else in which I may be of service?"

"Yes. You do a great deal of underwriting, mostly for the flotation of gold-mining companies?"

"Yes. That is a branch of our business."

"I am interested in this class of underwriting, and I was given to understand that Mr. Corbett had had some dealings with you in a similar respect for a considerable sum of money."

"The name is absolutely unknown to me."

"Of course. So I gather. I am sorry to hear it. Several clients of mine have money to invest in that way, and I naturally came to a firm whose name apparently figured largely in the transactions of Mr. Corbett."

"It was good to see the manner in which Mr. Dodge metaphorically kicked himself for his previous attitude. His emotion was painful. For quite an appreciable time he could not trust his sentiments to words."

"At last he struggled to express himself. "Really, Mr. Bruce, if you had only put things differently. Don't you see, it rather upset me when you came in and began jabbering about the youngsters. And then you spring Mr. Corbett's name on me—a man of whom I have no sort of knowledge. It must have been my firm of which your friends heard. There is absolutely no other Dodge in Londenland street. Indeed, we are the only financial firm in the city—Messrs. Dodge, Son & Co. (Limited) are the only firm of the name dealing with financial matters—in this city."

"By this time Bruce had assured himself that Mr. Dodge did not know Mr. Corbett's identity, and if Mrs. Hillier's brother had changed his name to conceal himself from Dodge, it was likely to be successful."

"Anyhow, I am here, Mr. Dodge," said cheerfully, "so I may as well enter into negotiations with you. Have you any good things in hand at this moment to place before the public. By the way, do you smoke?"

"Bruce did smoke; and Mr. Dodge produced a box of excellent cigars. Then he was vamped to his work."

"Here is the prospectus of the Golden Halo Mine, capital £100,000, for which the vendors are asking £100,000 in cash, with a working capital of £10,000. The one now in sight is estimated to produce for a quarter of a million, and the mine is not one-tenth developed. We are offering underwriters ten per cent in cash, and there is not the slightest risk, as the shares will stand at a high premium within a few days after the issue."

"It sounds most promising," said Bruce, "but my principals are more interested in taking up concerns which have been already established, but in which for want of sufficient capital, the vendors' shares have, by a process of reconstruction, come upon the market. If you have anything of that kind—"

"The very thing," interrupted Dodge excitedly. "The Springfield Mine will just suit 'em. After all is said and done, Golden Halo are a bit in the air, between you and me. But the Springfield is a genuine article. It was capitalized for a quarter of a million, and the directors went to allotment on a subscription list of about £10,000. This money has been expended, but twice the amount is necessary to develop the property properly. A call was made on the shares, but no one paid up, and there is a talk of compulsory reconstruction. Believe me, money put into it will yield two hundred per cent in dividends within twelve months."

"There is a wiff of scent on this trail, good Claude to himself. He added about: "That looks promising. Can you give me details?"

"By all means. Here is the original prospectus," Bruce glanced through the document, which dealt with the Springfield claims on the Rand with more candor than is usually exhibited in such compilations. Judging from the reports of several mining engineers of repute it really looked as if, at this time, Mr. Dodge were speaking with some degree of accuracy.

"This reads well," said Bruce. "What proportion of share capital is falling in on the reconstruction scheme?"

"I hold fifty thousand shares myself," cried Dodge, "and though my money is locked up just now I am so convinced about this mine that I will manage to pay the call myself. Roughly speaking, there are one hundred and fifty thousand shares to be underwritten at, say, three shillings each."

"And who are the present holders?"

"The barrister asked the question in the most unconcerned way imaginable, yet up on the answer depended the whole success or otherwise of this hitherto unproductive mission.

"Mr. Dodge was manifestly anxious. (To be Continued.)

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



A GREEN AND SILVER HOUSE GOWN.

On Millie's afternoons at home she wears a graceful costume somewhat less formal in conception than the gown built for visiting wear. This Paris-made frock of dusty olive—one of the new shades in cloth—has particularly effective sleeves of frilled chiffon with little bows down the outer edge of the arm. Beneath the bust and over the arm are broad bands of silver and green thread embroidery, and the side hangs a full made of this embroidery. The little vest of pale salmon pink satin opens over a lace yoke which is dyed to match the dress cloth, and over the satin is fasten triangular flaps of light olive velvet. With this gown the dressmaker sent home a fillet for the hair, made of salmon pink velvet to match the vest and this fillet fastens over the forehead with a round button of coral pink enamel.

AMERICAN SENATORS ARE LEARNING TO TALK

One Time Unwritten Law That They Should Be Seen and Not Heard is Being Badly Shattered—Great Road Proposed as Lincoln Memorial.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28, 1909.

There was one time unwritten law in the United States. It was that no member of either house of Congress should be seen and not heard. It was a law that was never written, but it was a law that was never broken. It was a law that was never broken, but it was a law that was never broken. It was a law that was never broken, but it was a law that was never broken.

Representative Rainey, of Illinois, introduced a little sensationalism into the proceedings of the House, Tuesday, by a speech in which he accused the President of a misstatement of facts in his special message to Congress concerning the Panama Canal in 1908, and an attack on Mr. Crowell for his connection with affairs in Panama as General Counsel for the Panama Canal Company. He closed his speech with a promise or a threat to finish Mr. Crowell up at some later date, and said, "When I am through with this man I'll send him to the President and the President elect, and we will be all right."

Mr. Rainey went back four hundred years into the history of the United States to look for precedents, and he found them in the French Canal scheme. Mr. Crowell was characterized as "the Nation's disgrace," and he was insinuated that the President elect had been a party to schemes of the Isidore, which have been seen by Mr. Crowell, his personal friends, and Charles P. Taft, his brother. Senators have become so common in Congress of late that they have lost their edge, and so many have had a hand in the pastime of franking the President that a charge against the President elect is regarded as a mild affair.

An elderly white-haired man, who has been the most productive part of his life on a sheep ranch in Montana, the benign Senator Carter, of Montana, is responsible for the proposition to have a road about two hundred feet wide from the front door of the White House to the battle field of Gettysburg, with spaces along it allotted to each state which will be called upon to erect groups of statues or monuments, if modelled on national pure tool lines, and endorsed by Dr. H. W. Wiley, government chemistry chief.

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CLAIM THEIR CANNED GOODS ARE ALL PURE

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 4.—Denial that chemicals are used in the goods put up by any member of the National Canners' Association was entered by that body at the adjournment of their annual convention in this city today in a series of strong resolutions. It was declared that newspapers have misled the public into the belief that canned goods are poisonous and the convention created a publicity bureau to correct this alleged misunderstanding.

Another resolution denouncing the Canning Machinery and Supplies Association to hold no moving exhibit until 1911. Upon motion of the next, Louisville withdrew as a candidate for the next convention and this convention is said to be likely to fall at Atlantic City or Rochester.

Chas. S. Cray of Hoopesdown, Ill., was selected president.

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NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

No Date Has Yet Been Set for the Opening of the Local House—More Supreme Court Judgments.

Fredericton, Feb. 5.—The local government got through with the business of the session this evening and adjourned to meet in St. John on Tuesday, 16th inst. The date of the meeting of the legislature will then be announced. It will probably be early in March.

The supreme court this afternoon heard a number of common motions. The proposition to quash the decision of the Carleton election case, on a return of the rule and an adjournment until Friday next was made, the police magistrate had no jurisdiction to make the conviction, on the grounds that the Canada Temperance Act did not apply to the Interdenial. The following common motions were made:

Ex parte Melanson—Barry, K. C., moves for rule nisi to quash conviction made by Police Magistrate Kay, of Moncton, for keeping liquor for sale contrary to the Canada Temperance Act. Rule nisi granted.

Ex parte Bourque—Barry, K. C., moves for rule nisi to quash conviction made by Police Magistrate Kay, for selling liquor contrary to the Canada Temperance Act. He claimed that there was absolutely no evidence to support the conviction, and intimated that the defendant has been imposed upon by the spotter named: Court granted the rule, returnable at the Easter term.

Ex parte R. Z. Walker—Hughes moved for rule nisi to quash conviction made by Police Magistrate Margo against the defendant for warehousing for delivery contrary to the Canada Temperance Act. He contended that the police magistrate had no jurisdiction to make the conviction, on the grounds that the Canada Temperance Act did not apply to the Interdenial, which is owned by the crown. He also contended that proving the liquor seized was for an unlawful purpose was necessary.

To Suffer From Headaches Makes Life Miserable.

It takes a person that has had or is subject to headaches to describe the suffering which attends them.

The majority of cases are caused by congestion and sluggishness. The dull throbbing, the intense pain, sometimes in one part, sometimes in another, and then over the whole head, varying in its severity by the cause which brings it on, purely indicates that there is something the matter with the blood vessels. To the fact that the blood vessels are constricted and that the system is due to its inability to relieve and permanently curing headache. It has proven a specific for the malady in all the forms.

Mr. Allison, of Fredericton, N.B., writes: "I have been troubled with Constipation and Headaches for a long time. After trying different remedies, I finally found a friend asked me to try Burdock Blood Bitters. I find I am completely cured after taking three bottles. I can safely recommend it to all."

WHAT TORONTO SPENT FOR NEW INDUSTRIES

Nineteen hundred and eight will, no doubt, go down in the commercial history of Toronto as a bad year, says Mr. Joseph E. Thompson, Commissioner of Industries, in his annual report to the Board of Control.

A census of the citizens would describe it as a period of tight money, and contracted enterprise, yet there would be hundreds of individual exceptions to the rule. For example, take the retail jewelry business. Before the summer had passed the largest retail jeweller in Toronto had published a list of sales, which in excess of those made in corresponding monthly periods for the best years had been had in business. Many professional lines, 1908 set a new high-water mark. The great departmental stores made great strides, but singularly enough, large credit furnishes retailers marked falling off in trade.

The commissioner states that one feature of the year was the absence of labor disputes. Extensions, he says, were out of the question in view of the attitude assumed by the banks.

"When the construction of the Hydro-Electric Power Line is completed from Niagara Falls to Toronto, says the Commissioner, "Toronto will be the largest city in the power zone in Canada, and a proposition from the Otis-Pensom Elevator Company, which was at present before the Board of Control."

The expenditure on the department last year was as follows:—Salary of Commissioner, \$2,500; salary of secretary, \$628; extra assistance, \$78; labor bureau, \$480; information bureau, \$438.45; illustrated Toronto, \$2,900; advertising, \$308.42; office supplies, postage, etc., \$333.97; cab hire, \$89.50; convention matter, buttons, printing, etc., \$297; subscriptions, \$23.25; photo graphs, half-tone cuts, etc., \$23.25; traveling expenses, \$36.40. Total, \$8,449.

Following are the estimates for 1909: Toronto hangars, \$1,000; information bureau, \$450; postage, \$300; Convention matter, \$180; convention matter, buttons, printing, etc., \$300; miscellaneous, office supplies, cab hire, etc., \$380; salary of Commissioner, \$2,500; salary of secretary, \$720. Total, \$8,449.

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MUST ACT AGAINST PRESIDENT CASTRO

New York, Feb. 4.—That the new government of Venezuela must criminally prosecute Cipriano Castro, exiled president of that country, to encompass his deposition officially, was learned today from Count Luigi Aldrovandi, who arrived here from Caracas on the steamship Zulu.

For seven months Count Aldrovandi has been acting as Italian charge d'affaires at Caracas in the temporary absence of Minister C. F. Serra.

"The actual political situation in Venezuela today is a peculiar one," said Count Aldrovandi. "Castro is still the official president of that country under the terms of the Venezuelan constitution, which requires that a president be impeached before he can be deposed. The official status of General Gomez at present is simply that of a vice-president, acting as president in the absence of the actual head of the government."

"To make Gomez the constitutional president, it will be necessary to impeach Castro on a criminal count, and I understand that to do this a judicial prosecution will be brought against him, based on his alleged action in calling to P. M. Cardenas, then a departmental governor, an order for the killing of Gomez during the riots which followed Castro's departure for Canada. Pending some such formal action as the impeachment of Castro, the constitutional position of the new government of Venezuela is an anomalous one and is something of a puzzle to diplomats."

NO DEMAND FOR RUBBERS; FACTORY ON HALF TIME

Hudson, Mass., Feb. 5.—The continued unseasonable conditions and the consequent lack of demand for rubbers, resulted in a reduction in the working hours of the 700 employees of the Apsley Rubber plant here today. Under the new schedule the factory will be operated only five days a week, and but eight hours a day. This compares with a former schedule of fifty-four hours a week.

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THE CANADIAN NORTHERN CONTROLS ANOTHER ROAD

Duluth, Minn., Feb. 4.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Duluth, Rainey Lake and Winnipeg Road was held yesterday at the company's offices.

The Canadian Northern is now in formal control of that company through the election of the new board of directors, the new directors being as follows:—D. B. Hann, of Toronto; L. Mitchell and D. J. Morton, of Winnipeg; and Wira H. Cook and W. D. Bailey, of Duluth. Mr. Hann is the first Vice-President of the Canadian Northern, and Messrs. Morton and Mitchell are also Canadian Northern holders.

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