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A Mysterious Disappearance

By Gordon Holmes

A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)

CLARENCE XXI.

HOW LADY DYKE LEFT RALEIGH MANSIONS.

Mr. White was actually inclined to preserve silence while they walked to Victoria street. The events of the preceding hour had not exactly conducted to the maintenance in the eyes of his brother officer, of this pre-arranged acquiescence. When the two crossed the street, his companion rubbed in this phase of the matter, by saying: "I should think, Jim, you will give Raleigh Mansions wide berth for some time to come, after making two bad heads there."

But it was no part of Bruce's scheme that the detective should be rendered despondent by repeated failures. "It is not Mr. White's fault," he said, "that these errors have occurred. They are rather the result of his persistency in leaving no stone unturned, which promises to lead to success. When the case comes, if ever it does, I feel sure he will admit that he has never before encountered so much difficulty in unravelling the most complex problems within his experience."

"That is so," chimed in the senior detective. "The thing that bothers me in this affair is the want of a beginning, so to speak. One would imagine that the work of a homicide if Lady Dyke herself had contributed so enormously to the mystery of her disappearance."

"These you are, White, that is the true secret. Find the motive and we find the murderer, if Lady Dyke was wilfully put to death."

"If she was, Mr. Bruce?" "Have you any doubt about it?"

"There cannot be a doubt, when we are groping in the dark. But the gloom is passing; we are on the eve of a discovery."

At Bruce's recitation White's colleague left him. Soon the barrister and the policeman were sitting snugly before a good fire.

"There Claude took his step by step through each branch of his inquiry, as it is known to the writer."

He omitted nothing. The discovery of Jane Harding and of Memmore, the latter's transactions with Dodge & Co., his dramatic coup at Monte Carlo and its attendant loss episode—all these were exhaustively described. He enlarged upon Mrs. Hillman's anxiety when the tragedy became known to her, and did not forget Sir Charles Dyke's amazement at the suggestion that his old playmate might prove to be responsible for the death of his wife.

He produced the waxen moulds of the piece of iron found on the body at Putney, and the ornamental scroll from which it had been taken.

At this point of evidence Mr. White's companion looked him. Thus far he had expounded a feeling of resentment against Bruce for having concealed from him so much that was material to their investigation.

But when he realized that a powerful link in the chain of events had all along been placidly resting before his eyes his distress was evident, and the barrister came to his rescue.

"You are not to blame, White," he said, "for having failed to note many things which I have now told you. You are the slave of a system; your method works admirably for the detection of commonplace crime, but so soon as the high region of romance is reached it is as much out of place as a steam-roller in a baby's boudoir. Look at the remarkable series of crimes the English police have failed to solve of late, merely because some brilliant element had intruded itself at the outset. Have you ever read any of the works of Edgar Allan Poe?"

The detective answered in the affirmative. "The Murders of the Rue Morgue" and "The Mystery of Marie Roget" were familiar to him.

"Well, went on Bruce, "there you have the accurate samples of my meaning. You would not have been puzzled for an hour by the vagaries of Jack the Ripper. He would have said at once—most certainly after the third or fourth in the series of murders—this is the work of an athletic lunatic, with a morbid love of anatomy and a morbid hatred of a certain class of women. Seek for him among young men who have pestered doctors with outrageous theories, and who possess weak-minded or imbecile relatives. Then, again, take the murder on the South-Western Railway. Do you think Poe would have gone questioning bystanders or inquiring into abortive love affairs? Not he! Jealous swains do not carry pistols about with them to slay their sweethearts, nor do they choose a four-minute interval be-

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From Bernard, the clever Paris tailor, comes this frock which is cut on the new straight lines and which is intended for street wear when the weather is warm enough to dispense with an outer wrap. This costume is of black, brown and blue, trimmed with wide silk bands of the same shade, the only strong color note being given by the bit of Egyptian embroidery which crosses the bust. In this embroidery are dull red, bronze, green and black, and the trimming is laid over the groups of tucked cream net. The hat is of black tulle with a "bill box" turban, which set well down over the hair, and is trimmed only with a sparkling ornament and cascade at one side.

COUNCIL FAVORS THE TRANSFER TO C. P. R.

Aldermen Yesterday Stood Ten to Seven for the Exchange of West Side Properties

Mayor Bullock Appoints a Committee of Seven Members to Carry on the Work of the Transfer—Ald. Baxter Sincerely Opposes Plan and Proposes a Plebiscite, but Afterward Withdraws It

The opposition in the council failed at the adjourned meeting yesterday afternoon to prevent the adoption of the report of the harbor facilities committee which recommended the exchange of property on the west side between the city and the C. P. R. As forecast in the Telegraph report was adopted by ten votes to seven.

Ald. Baxter offered an amendment to refer the question to a plebiscite at the next civic election, but subsequently withdrew it. The only other speaker in opposition to the proposal was Ald. Kelley. The mayor and Ald. Frink spoke strongly in favor of the report. It was subsequently decided that a committee of seven should be appointed by the mayor to arrange the details of the transfer as recommended in the report. The mayor presided and the full council was present with the common clerk.

The mayor, after calling the meeting to order, asked the common clerk to read a resolution received from the board of trade.

Ald. Baxter objected on the ground that the standing order of all communications had to be in the hands of the common clerk two days before a council meeting.

The matter was dropped.

As the previous meeting broke up for want of a quorum and did not formally adjourn Ald. Frink again moved and Ald. Kelley seconded the adoption of the report of the harbor facilities committee as follows:

"Your committee, after hearing the report of the delegates appointed to interview the honorable the minister of public works of Canada, with reference to his communications to his worship the mayor under date of the 14th and 26th of January last respectively, and which communications are attached hereto, would recommend that the council do favorably consider the transfer by the city to the crown of the portion of land asked for by the C. P. R. company as shown on the plan hereto attached upon the C. P. R. company at the same time conveying to the crown the 1,600 feet of property on the harbor front acquired by it with the Carleton Branch Railroad and the crown transferring to the city the wharf property of the C. P. R., which lies to the southward of the No. 1; also that the details of the proposed arrangement be referred to a committee to make further report upon."

Ald. Kelley said in order to discuss the matter fully he would move an amendment that the council go into committee of the whole. Ald. Holder seconded the amendment.

Ald. Frink said from past experience the same order did not prevail in general committee. There was a tendency to vote in favor of the proposal in common council. He did not think any one would be deprived of a full opportunity to discuss the report.

The amendment was lost.

Ald. Baxter moved an amendment that the action of the council be deferred until a vote of the people on the question of the proposed transfer be taken by plebiscite at the next election. He said, he disliked the report and the subject was of immense importance and owing to the way it had been placed before the public by the press he thought such a course would be in the public interest. He did not know whether it was more to be held up to obloquy by future generations. The danger was too great for him to accept the responsibility.

The agreement was that the C. P. R. in 1902 was considered for three years and it was now proposed to rush this thing through when the council were hardly the same safeguards as formerly. A government ought to be able to grapple with the C. P. R., but everyone knew that the private interests of a great corporation were interwoven with the party in power, no matter what the politics of that party might be. It was one of the drawbacks of government by party. The C. P. R. would do practically as they pleased before they would leave it to the citizens to decide. If they concurred in the report he would have nothing to say.

Ald. Holder seconded the amendment.

The mayor said the amendment was in order but personally he objected to the proposal. He thought it was a very important question and he would not be able to give a reason for the change. He thought it would be better to wait and see if some other way could not be found for the transfer. He would rather tie the whole situation up for a while than give the flats to the C. P. R.

Ald. Frink said he noticed at the previous meeting that Ald. Baxter looked at him when making reference to the delegation getting cold feet. He could understand the alderman he was not one of that kind but it certainly looked to him as if the alderman for Brooks want was himself suffering from frigidity at his pedal extremities when he wanted to go to the people.

Ald. Baxter's statement was directly contrary to his record as a public man. His strictures on the delegation were uncalculated. The report asked the council to favorably consider the proposition. It was not final. The details would be left to the committee and would have to be approved. Politics should be kept out of the council but he could not help feeling that some gentlemanly press should give their political feelings to have the upper hand. The delegations went up with two suggestions—that the harbor equipment should be carried out by the government and that the C. P. R. should not be given exclusive rights.

In this very want of candor is lack of power and danger to religion. Men never were so little affected by the denunciations of the press as now, they never were so careless of dogs, they never set so little store by the considerations which accompanied with Rev. Dr. Carman. Fortunately it is equally true that the influ-

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DR. CARMAN CRITICISED BY THE TORONTO NEWS

And Rev. George Jackson Warmly Defended—The Workman Case Recalled—Says Dr. Carman is "Something of a Clerical Bully"

(Toronto News.)

It was certain that Rev. Dr. Carman would attack Rev. Geo. Jackson. It is surprising that the General Superintendent held his hand so long. There is a touch of the spirit of the Inquisition in Dr. Carman. His flavor is in many of his utterances. He has been encouraged to persist in ecclesiastical abuse and denunciation by the curious timidity with which the church has submitted to his methods.

Dr. Workman was one of the victims of the Carman spirit. A scholar of ripe attainments and of fine intellectual courage, his life has some of the aspects of a tragedy. It is well known that there are leaders in the Methodist Church equal in intellectual strength and in Christian service to Dr. Carman, and far more than his equal in Christian charity, who have sympathized throughout with Dr. Workman as they now sympathize with Rev. George Jackson. But for the sake of peace they have kept silence and have allowed Dr. Carman to put the mark of narrowness and illiberality upon the church of which he is the official head.

With all his gifts, with all his long services to the church, with all his devotion to religious and humanitarian objects, Dr. Carman is something of a clerical bully. He writes to Mr. Jackson showing a mere utter want of charity and suggests a mere wanton desire to wound Mr. Jackson's feeling and to hold a great scholar to a simple, sincere Christian up to the contempt of the community.

Of clerical buccannery, we imagine, has gone far enough, and it is to be expected that those who hold Mr. Jackson's opinion will unite, as they should have united long ago, to resist such attacks and to allow the air of freedom to blow freely through the Methodist church.

The truth is that Dr. Carman is living out of his time. He would have fitted conditions of fifty or one hundred years ago. Few scholars now believe in the absolute, literal, verbal inspiration of every word of the Bible. Few think that in order to be Christians it is necessary to believe the story of the creation, exactly as it is told, as they maintain a similar attitude towards certain other features of the Scripture. What Mr. Jackson teaches is the faith of the world's best Christian scholars and of a vast number of worshippers who sit in the pews of the churches. Most clergymen in the freedom of personal intercourse admit that they have gone as far as the pew and yet Sabbath after Sabbath and week after week they practically conceal the fact from their congregations.

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Don't Diet for Fat

You have no appetite for food, have you? By the same token, if you scale in excess of 150 pounds, I know you have great liking for sympathetic stunts. As a rule fat folks are neither athletic nor ascetic, except under compulsion, and nowadays they are not under compulsion to be either, no matter how necessary it be for them to reduce. There is a third, better, and surer way of getting rid of superfluous flesh.

The trouble with both dieting and exercise is, first, the trouble; second, the danger (fatly heart); third, frictions; and, fourth, stomachic distress. You are able to all four if you exercise or diet. On the other hand, you can sidestep all four, and still reduce so much or little as you please, even up to losing a pound a day if you see fit, by taking a teaspoonful after meals and at bedtimes of the following simple home recipe: One-half ounce Marmolite, 3-ounce Fluid-Extract Cascara Aromatic, and 4-34 ounce Peppermint Water. Any druggist will fill this prescription for you cheaply, and so may take it with perfect confidence that it will do no mischief of harm. Instead it almost invariably improves the health and, likewise, the complexion.

LECTURE ON JAPAN

In spite of the inclement nature of the weather last night there was a good attendance in Trinity church school house at a lecture on Japan given by Rev. Herbert J. Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton, who is a missionary in Japan, illustrated his lecture with many beautiful views of the country and the modes in which agriculture and industrial enterprises are carried on. The social life of the people was also well illustrated and described. Rev. Mr. Hamilton was closely followed and at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was tendered.

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THE POOR OLD CABMAN became very confused on hearing this disagreeable remark. Up to that moment he regarded Bruce as the agent of a charitable association, and there was no harm, he told his "missus," in trying to "knock him for a bit."

(To be Continued.)