

THE MYSTERY OF PROFESSOR GREER

BY WILLIAM LE QUEX.

"I certainly thought there were no exceptions," I said.

"I am one of the few," he replied.

"They dare not place me in a criminal dock."

"Why?"

"For certain reasons"—and he smiled mysteriously—"reasons which you, if you become my friend, may some day discover. I live here in this by-road of a London suburb, but this is not my home. I have another—a long way from here."

And, turning from me suddenly he addressed questions to Joseph, asking his opinion of me.

"Where's your coat?" screamed the bird. "Where's your coat? Good night!"

The whole scene was strangely weird and incongruous. Kirk at one moment speaking of a remarkable tragedy and at the next chaffing his pet.

At last, however, I fixed my host to the point, and asked him point-blank what had occurred.

"Well," he said, "placing down his pipe and resting his protruding chin upon his right hand, as he gazed across at me, 'just follow me for a few moments, and I'll describe as best I can, all that is known of the affair—or rather all I know of it. Do you happen to know Sussex Place, Regent's Park?'"

"I replied in the affirmative. It was as you probably know yourself, a highly respectable crescent of large houses overlooking the park. Entrance was gained from the road in the rear, for the houses faced the park, perhaps one of the pleasantest rows of residences in London. The occupants were mostly city merchants or well-to-do ladies."

"Well," he said, "in one of these houses there has lived for the past five years or so Professor Ernest Greer, the well-known chemist, who, among other appointments, holds the Waynflete Professorship of Chemistry at Oxford University. Though his age is only about fifty-five, his whole career has been devoted to scientific research with the result that he has amassed a considerable fortune from royalties gained from the new process he patented four years ago for the hardening of steel. I dare say you've often seen his name mentioned in the papers. He was a most popular man, and, with his daughter, Ethelwynn, often went into society. In addition to the Regent's Park house, they had a pretty seaside cottage down at Broadstairs."

"I've seen the Professor's name very often in the papers," I remarked. "In connection, I think, with the British Association. I read, not long ago, an account of one of his interesting lectures at the London Institution."

"Then you realize his high standing," said Kirk, interpolating an aside to Joseph. "Well, Mrs. Greer is dead, and the house at Regent's Park consists of the Professor, Ethelwynn, her maid Morgan, two housemaids, a female cook, and the butler Antonio."

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THE CZAR RULING BY MONK THEOPHILE

And Latter Is a Tool of the Reactionary Grand Dukes.

London, Sept. 20.—There has been much talk for some time throughout Europe concerning the Czar's new favorite monk, who is named Theophile and who, in view of his power over the Czar, is said to have become the most influential man in Russia, deciding the most important affairs in domestic and foreign politics.

Theophile, who favors the extreme reactionary party, was introduced to the Czar about six months ago by the Grand Duke Peter Nikolaevitch. He immediately gained the sympathies of the Czar and instructed him in various mystical matters by which, as is well known, the Czar is easily influenced.

After a short time Theophile, instead of visiting only when specially summoned, obtained the right of access to the imperial person at all times, a privilege hitherto confined to the imperial family and cabinet ministers. The latter soon traced various imperial decrees to his direct influence.

An example of Theophile's power is seen in the granting to Prince Obolenski by the Czar of a pension of \$25,000 annually. When he was dismissed from his post of chief of the imperial cabinet, the Czar refused to grant him a pension, disregarding the intercession of the dowager empress. Theophile's support being secured, a pension was immediately granted.

The Czar will not attend any church ceremonial unless Theophile accompanies him. In short, the new favorite works his influence in every direction. It is not difficult to see how the situation came about. Theophile's predecessor was another monk named Mitja, a man of limited education and low tastes, who gained paramount influence with the Czar by playing on his superstitions and mystical propensities. Mitja fell from favor when the Czar found he was addicted to drink, and the Grand Duke Peter, who is one of the leaders of the reactionaries, and who is regarded by the reformers as being among their most dangerous enemies, seized the opportunity for increasing his already great influence with the Czar by introducing Theophile, who is devoted to the grand duke's interests.

DESPERATE ACT

Criminal Attempts to Escape While on Way to Execution.

Madrid, Sept. 20.—One of the most notorious criminals in Spain, Juan Cano, made a dramatic attempt at escape just before his execution at the gallows by the Spanish authorities there. Cano's father met his death at the executioner's hands, his brother is at present lying in the condemned cells at Cadix, and the young man himself—he was only 28—was convicted of a long list of murders, robberies, and other crimes.

During his career Cano had made four successful escapes from prison.

BRESCIA AVIATION SCANDAL

Contest Reopened After Principal Fliers Had Departed.

Rome, Sept. 20.—The organizing committee of the aviation meet at Brescia last week sprang an unpleasant surprise on the foreign competitors by declaring that the results announced on Sept. 12 were not final.

Curtiss, Leblanc and Rougier, the only competitors who could really fly, agreed to divide the prize, but Curtiss won the grand prize for distance, first prize for quick starting and second prize in the height competition. Rougier took the first prize for height and second prize for quick starting. Curtiss, who had won the prize for height, was not present at the closing hour accepted \$3,000 from the committee, and did not compete in any of the events.

Curtiss departed satisfied that he had won about \$9,000. Leblanc and Rougier also left. Berlot was preparing to go, when the committee informed him that if he remained until Sept. 19 or 20 he would have a chance of winning the height, distance, quick starting and passenger prizes.

The committee added that the contest was not yet closed, and that the absent competitors would be penalized.

AFTER CHINESE BUSINESS.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Acting Secretary McHarg, of the department of commerce and labor, has directed that hereafter the inspection of Chinese coming from the Orient and seeking admission through Canada, will be made at Seattle, Wash. The present "land border ports" of entry for Chinese are to remain open for the entry of Chinese coming from the Orient, furnished at Vancouver with certificates of identity and for the examination and admission of the small number of Chinese not from the Orient desiring to enter from Canada.

Mr. McHarg has ordered that notices be served on the Canadian Pacific Railway of the department's intention to modify the agreement of 1908 to this extent. This agreement was entered into with a view to efficient control of the immigration of Chinese through Canada, and American transportation lines complained that under the agreement the business of carrying Chinese destined to eastern points was steadily falling into the hands of the Canadian Pacific to this country's injury of the American lines.

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Landowner Cannot Sue Power Commission—Mr. Foy's Refusal of Fiat.

Toronto, Sept. 20.—Hon. J. J. Foy, the attorney-general, has announced his reasons for refusing Mrs. Louisa J. Feiler, of Gainsborough Township, a fiat to bring an action against the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

The commission has entered upon the project of erecting two transmission lines upon a right-of-way adapted for the purpose and if an easement or privilege to use the lands until 1939 is sufficient, it is sufficient to erect the lines and to provide for the construction of the towers on her property.

Mr. Foy points out that the statutes provide that proper compensation shall be paid to the owners of lands expropriated and if the parties cannot agree the amount is to be ascertained by arbitration in the manner prescribed in the Statute. "I take it for granted that proper compensation will be allowed by the arbitrators for any damage and injury to the land under the notice served on the owner," says Mr. Foy. He adds, "The sole remedy of the owner is proper compensation, and if this is assessed and the compensation fixed by arbitrators and not by a court, and that possession should not be delayed until the amount in question is ascertained. Such delay would defeat the object of the various acts and ruin many enterprises."

CONVENT PUPIL ELOPES

Heiress Weds Boy-Lover, Son of Pittsburgh Merchant Prince.

Pittsburg, Sept. 19.—Today Frederick Muegele, one of the whiskey kings of Pittsburg, announced that his son, Frederick, jun., aged 17, a school boy, had eloped with Stella M. Talbot, an heiress, aged 17, from a Toronto, Ont., convent.

Frederick, in some way, secured a special dispensation to wed the girl, who is a devout Roman Catholic. They were married at Niagara Falls last Wednesday morning by Rev. Father J. J. Roach, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, from Buffalo the young couple wired the elder Muegele for forgiveness.

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London, Sept. 20.—The Cunard Steamship Company has effected an unusual settlement with regard to the Lucania, which was burned at the Liverpool docks a few weeks ago.

A comprehensive survey of the damage done showed that the steamship could not be repaired at a cost within her insurance, which was \$500,000. It was supposed therefore, following the ordinary course, that the underwriters would regard the vessel as constructively a total loss, pay over the entire insurance and take the hull for sale at what could be got for it.

FATAL RUNAWAY.

Almonte, Sept. 18.—Sylvester Cullen, teamster for T. Rosamond Woolen Company, who was thrown from

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his wagon in a runaway last Monday, he decided of his injuries. Cullen, who was known as one of the best lacrosse players in Eastern Ontario, was 33 years old, and leaves a widow and little children.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

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Arrive from the east—3:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 11:12 a.m., 11:25 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

Arrive from the west—12:00 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 11:05 p.m.

Depart for the east—12:14 a.m., 7:40 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:40 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 6:53 p.m.

Depart for the west—7:35 a.m., 7:48 a.m., 11:43 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 7:18 p.m., 11:05 p.m.

Arrive—10:25 a.m., 14:00 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 11:05 p.m.

Depart—6:35 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 5:10 p.m.

STRATFORD BRANCH.

Arrive—2:25 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:35 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m.

Depart—6:00 a.m., 10:20 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:55 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.

Arrive—10:00 a.m., 6:10 p.m.

Depart—8:30 a.m., 11:40 p.m.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Arrive from the east—11:35 a.m., 10:30 p.m., 11:02 p.m.

Arrive from the west—1:45 a.m., 1:58 p.m., 6:55 p.m., 7:43 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 5:42 p.m.

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PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.

Depart—6:30 a.m., 7:10 a.m., 9:40 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 7:35 p.m.

Arrive—8:45 a.m., 11:20 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 8:20 p.m.

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