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A Mysterious Disappearance

By Gordon Holmes

A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)

"Well," continued the detective. "I went about the affair as quietly as possible, but the maid, though willing, could not tell much. Mrs. Hillmer, she thinks, married very young, and was badly treated by her husband. Finally, there was a rumpus, and she went on the stage, while Hillmer drank himself to death. He died a year ago, and they had been separated nearly five years. He was fairly well-to-do, but he squandered all his money in dissipation and never gave her a cent. Three years last Michaelmas she set up her present establishment at Raleigh Mansions, and there she has been ever since."

"Then where does the money come from? It must cost her at least £2,000 a year to live."

"That's just what the maid can't tell me. Her mistress led a very secluded life, and was never what you could call fast, though a very pretty woman. During this time she had only one visitor—a gentleman."

"Ah!"

"It sounds promising, but it ends in smoke, so far as I can see."

"Why?"

"This gentleman was a Colonel Montgomery—an old friend—though he wasn't much turned thirty, the maid says. He interested himself a lot in Mrs. Hillmer's affairs, looked after some investments for her, and was on very good terms with her, nobody could whisper a word against the character of either of them. He was never there except in the afternoon. On very rare occasions he took Mrs. Hillmer, whose maid always accompanied them, to Epping Forest, or up the river, or on some such journey."

"Go on!"

"I'm sorry, sir, but the chase is over. He's dead."

"Dead?"

"Yes. The maid doesn't know how, or when, exactly, but one day she found her mistress crying, and when she asked her what was the matter, Mrs. Hillmer said, 'I've lost my friend.' The maid said, 'Surely not Colonel Montgomery, madam?' and she replied, 'Yes.' She quite took on about it."

"Had the maid no idea as to the date of this interesting occurrence?"

"Only a vague one. Sometime in the autumn or before Christmas. By Jove, yes; it escaped me at the time, but she said that soon after the Colonel's death another gentleman called and took her mistress out to dinner. I was so busy thinking about the colonel that I slipped the significance of that statement. It must have been you, Mr. Bruce."

"So it seems."

The barrister's active brain was already assimilating this new information. If a woman like Mrs. Hillmer had lost a dear and valuable friend—one who practically formed the horizon of her life—she would certainly have worn mourning for him. It was a singular coincidence that Mrs. Hillmer "lost" Colonel Montgomery about the same time that Lady Dyke disappeared. Detective and maid alike had drawn a false inference from Mrs. Hilmer's words.

"We must find Colonel Montgomery," he said, after a slight pause.

"Find him!"

"Yes."

"I hope neither of us is going his way for some time to come, Mr. Bruce," laughed the policeman.

"White, I shall never cure you from jumping at conclusions. Upon your present evidence Colonel Montgomery is no more dead than you are."

"But the maid said—"

"I don't care if fifty maids said. There are many more ways of 'losing' a friend than by death. Pass me the Army List, on that bookshelf behind you there."

A brief reference to the index, and Bruce said:

"I thought so. There is no Colonel Montgomery. There are several captains and lieutenants, and a Major-General who has commanded a small island in the Pacific for the last five years, but not a single colonel. White, you have blundered into eminence in your profession."

"I'm glad to hear it, even as you put it, Mr. Bruce. But I don't see—"

"I know you don't. If you did, a popular novelist would write your life and style you the English Lecocq. Mrs. Hillmer 'lost' the gallant colonel at the same time that the world 'lost' Lady Dyke. Find the first, and I am much mistaken if we do not learn all about the second."

"Now I wonder if you are right."

The detective's eyes sparkled with animation. It was the first real clue he had hit upon, and Bruce's method of complimenting him on the fact did not disconcert him.

"Of course I am right. You have done so well with the maid that I leave her in your hands. Try the coachman and the cook. But keep me informed of your progress."

White rushed off elated. So persistent was he in striving to elucidate this new problem that he paid no heed during some days to the side-light furnished by Jane Harding and her exceedingly curious powers as a letter-writer.

Bruce purposely left the inquiry to the policeman.

He realized intuitively that the disappearance of Lady Dyke would soon be explained, but he shrank from subjecting Mrs. Hilmer to further questioning.

His abstinence was rewarded later in the week, for Mensmore came to see him. The young man wore an expression of settled melancholy which surprised the barrister greatly.

"Have you prevailed on your sister to take us into her confidence?" he said, when Mensmore was ensconced in a chair in his cosy sitting-room.

"No. She is more fixed than ever in her resolve to take the whole blame on herself."

"Surely this mistaken idea can be shaken?"

"I fear not."

"And you also share it?"

"I do. Bear with us, Bruce. This is a terrible business. It has broken me up utterly."

"Nonsense. You are in no way concerned save to shield your sister, and no one credits her wild statements regarding her complicity in this crime."

"Look here, my dear fellow, I have come to ask you if this investigation cannot be allowed to rest. It means a lot of misery that you cannot foretell or prevent. Knowing what I do, I cannot believe that Lady Dyke was murdered."

"Knowing what I do, I cannot accept any other conclusion. A worthy and estimable lady leaves her home suddenly, without the slightest imaginary cause, and she is found in the Thames with a piece of iron driven into her brain, while the medical evidence is clear that death was not due to drowning. What other inference can be drawn than that she was foully done to death?"

"Heaven help me, I cannot tell. Yet I appeal to you to let matters rest where they are if it is possible."

"It is not possible. I cannot control the police. I am merely a private agent acting on my own responsibility and on behalf ow Lady Dyke's relatives."

"Don't misunderstand me, Bruce. I am not asking this thing on account of my sister or myself."

"On whose account, then?"

Mensmore did not answer for a moment. He looked mournfully into the fire for inspiration.

"Perhaps I had better tell you," he said, "that I have broken off my engagement with Miss Browne."

The other jumped from his chair.

"What the dickens do you mean?" he cried.

"Exactly what I have said. When we met on Monday night, I did not mention that Sir William and Lady Browne and their daughter travelled back to England with us. On Tuesday I saw Phyllis. In view of the shadow thrown on me by this frightful charge I thought it my duty to release her from any ties. If my sister has to figure in a court of law as a prinsipal, or accomplice, in a murder case—and possibly myself with her—I could not consent to associate my poor Phyllis's name with mine. So I took the plunge."

"You are a beastly idiot," shouted Bruce. "If I had the power I would give you six months' hard labor this moment Who ever threatened to put you or your sister in the dock?"

"You have done your best that way, you know."

"I?—I have shielded you throughout!"

"I feel that. But your admission shows that I am right. Shielded us from what? From arrest by the police, of course."

"But why take this precipitate action? What has Lady Dyke's death to do with your marriage to Miss Browne?"

"That's it, Bruce. I cannot explain. I must endure silently."

"Did you give her any reason for your absurd resolution?"

"Yes. I could have no secrets from her."

"Did you inflict all this wretched story on a woman you loved and hoped to marry?"

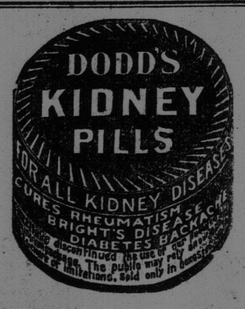
"You may be as bitter as you like. That is my idea of square dealing, at any rate. What other pretext could I invite for—for giving her up?"

Mensmore found it hard to utter the words. In his heart Bruce pitied him, though he raged at this lamentable issue of the only bright passage in the whole story of death and intrigue.

"And what did Miss Browne say?"

"Oh, she just pooh-poohed the affair, and pretended to laugh at me, though she was crying al the time."

(To be Continued.)



Fashion Hint for Times Readers

A JET TURBAN FROM PARIS.

At first glance one thinks how heavy such a hat as this would be on warm summer days, but a surprise comes with lifting the turban, which is realy featherlight. A second surprise follows, for the "jet" incrustations are not really jet at all, but clever, shiny imitations made of straw! The big cabachon ornament in front is really jet, and very handsome jet at that, and from under it two lyre bird aigrettes, with their curved over tips, stand straight up at the front of the hat. This is the newest turban model in Paris, and the becomingness of the shape, which shades the eyes a bit, will make it extremely popular for spring wear.

Once More the Proof is Given

That Dodd's Kidney Pills Will Cure the Deadly Bright's Disease

Martin O'Grady Suffered From Bright's Disease for a Year, But the Old Reliable Kidney Remedy Cured Him.

Emmett, Renfrew, Co., Ont., March 12 — (Special) — That the one cure for Bright's disease, the most deadly of all kidney diseases is Dodd's Kidney Pills is again proved in the case of Martin O'Grady of this place. And for the benefit of other sufferers, Mr. O'Grady has given the following statement for publication:

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BRITAIN SECUR ED TWO WHOLE STATES

Fifteen Thousand Square Miles of Territory Added to British Empire by New Treaty

London, March 12—Fifteen thousand square miles of territory have been added to the British empire by the treaty signed at Bangkok, Siam, under the terms of which Siam cedes to Great Britain the states of Kalantan, Tringano, and Kedah, which hereafter will be administered with the Malay Federated states.

Under the treaty British capital to the extent of $20,000,000 will be furnished for the construction of railroads south from Bangkok. These lines are to be controlled by a new department quite distinct from the present railroad administration of Siam which is administered by Germans. There will be also a gradual abolition of British extra territorial rights in Siam.

Life Guards

The Life Guards are two regiments of cavalry forming part of the British household troops. They are gallant soldiers, and every loyal British heart is proud of them. Not only the King's household, but yours, ours, everybody's should have its life guards. The need of them is especially great when the greates foes' of life, diseases, find allies in the very elements, as colds, influenza, catarrh, the grip, and pneumonia do in the stormy month of March. The best way that we know of to guard against these diseases is to strengthen the system with Hood's Sarsaparilla—the greatest of all life guards. It removes the conditions in which these diseases make their most successful attack, gives vigor and tone to all the vital organs and functions, and imparts a genial warmth to the blood. Remember the weaker the system the greater the exposure to disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the system strong.

DR. RAYMOND'S ANNIVERSARY

There will be special services in St. Mary's church tomorrow to mark the 25th anniversary of Archdeacon Raymond as pastor of the church. At each of the services refereace will be made to the auspicious occasion.

On Monday evening the members of the congregation, with their friends, will gather in the school room in celebration of the anniversary.

SWOONED WHILE IN WITNESS BOX

Dramatic Incident at the Kinrade Inquest

Florence Kinrade, Carried From Court Room Screaming With Fright—Severely Questioned By Crown Council, Girl's Nerve Breaks

Hamilton, Ont., March 12—The most dramatic incident yet in connection with the Kinrade inquest occurred shortly after 8 o'clock tonight when Florence Kinrade, sister of the murdered girl, fainted in the witness box and recovering was carried from the court room screaming hysterically, "I see that man—the man—he'll shoot me."

The girl, who had already given evidence on the first day of the inquest, was brought into the box for a second seige and was led by G. T. Blackstock over the story she had told before.

She went into more detail regarding her wanderings over western Ontario and the southern states in company of her friend, Miss Elliott. The lawyer pressed her regarding a visit she had paid to Savannah when she was singing in a cheap music hall in Portsmouth (Va.) and asked her, pointedly, whether she had practised with a revolver in order to defend herself on that trip. She denied ever having fired off a revolver in her life or ever having owned or carried one. On several occasions down south she had been shown revolvers by friends of hers, but had never handled them.

Mr. Blackstock led the girl over the story she had told of the shooting slowly and impressively and asked "and if the man was not there only you two girls would be in that house, Miss Kinrade?" The girl answered "yes" and immediately collapsed.

The only other testimony of vital importance this afternoon was that of Earl Kinrade, younger brother of deceased. He was in Montreal at the time of the murder and could tell nothing of it. He had never seen a revolver in the home, but when working in the Bank of Commerce at Hamilton had several times taken out the teller's revolver to practice shooting. Once while clicking it in his pocket in the corridor of the Waldorf Hotel, thinking it unloaded, he had nearly shot himself.

He admitted having heard some of the family—his father, he thought—tell that Florence had practiced with a revolver down south previous to her trip to Savannah.

The inquest will be resumed next Friday.

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SCHOONER ROSA MUELLER WAS SOLD AT AUCTION

Calais, Me., March 12.—The three-masted schooner Rosa Mueller and her outfit, against which there are claims amounting to $1,000, was sold at auction today by United States Marshal H. W. Mayo, to John C. Wilson, of Bangor, for $350. The schooner was built at East Deering in 1882.

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BLACKSOD BAY PROJECT MOVING

Still Hopeful of Fast Atlantic Service via Irish Port—What C. N. Armstrong Says

(Montreal Herald.)

That the Blacksod Bay fast line project will be pushed through is the opinion of Mr. C. N. Armstrong, who has just returned from Great Britain, and after spending a couple of days in Montreal, left for New York last night.

"The syndicate which has it in hand," said Mr. Armstrong, "is marking time for a couple of weeks awaiting the passage of a bill granting them bonuses. They have a charter for a railway from Colloone, the junction point of the three railways, to Blacksod Bay, about eighty miles. They are now awaiting the passage of the bill granting them a subsidy for the road. It will take several weeks for this. When they get it, however, they will go ahead with the building of the railway.

"The grant promised by the government is £135,000, and the counties of Sligo and Mayo, through which the line would pass, will have also promised financial support."

WAITING ON CANADA.

Asked as to the present status of the scheme, Mr. Armstrong said that there was no doubt that the British House was strongly in favor of it. There was a large majority on the government side of the house, and the opposition was solid for it. The Irish members for once were united in favor of it.

The greatest part of the delay, he says, is in the action Canada, New Zealand and Australia will take. Dr. R. M. Coulter, C. M. G., went recently to the postal congress in Australia, and when there was authorized to discuss the matter with those two countries. From New Zealand was expected £100,000 and from Australia £75,000. When he returned Mr. Armstrong thought that the Canadian government would be in a position to say what they would do, and he hoped that it would be in time to pass the necessary legislation this session.

NOTHING TO PAY FOR THREE YEARS.

"There is one thing that they should remember," said Mr. Armstrong, "there is no money to pay on a subsidy until the line is running, which would be three years.

"I hope to see the British and Colonial governments take it up. But I am convinced of one thing—that if they delay too long others will. I know that it would not be long before the Americans were running ships to Blacksod Bay, if the British let the thing lie much longer."

Mr. Armstrong, who has extensive interests in New York, is expected home Saturday.

KIDNEY DISEASE COMES ON QUIETLY.

Perhaps no other organs work harder than the kidneys to preserve the general health of the body and most people are troubled with some kind of Kidney Complaint, but do not suspect it. It may have been in the system for some time. There may have been backaches, swelling of the feet and ankles, disturbances of the urinary organs, such as brick dust deposit in the urine, highly colored scanty or cloudy urine, bladder pains, frequent or supressed urination, burning sensation when urinating, etc.

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CAMPAIGN SUNDAY

In connection with campaign Sunday as arranged by the Laymen's missionary movement of the Church of England tomorrow, considerable interest is taken in the addresses, which will be given in the morning and evening in several churches, but the main interest will centre in the mass meeting for men, which will be held in Trinity church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon when the Bishop of Fredericton, Rev. Mr. Norwood and Silas McBee will give addresses.

At this meeting male members of the other Church of England churches are invited to take seats in the choir and assist the choir of Trinity church in leading the singing.

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WILL ARGUE IT IN THE COURTS

Legal Proceedings Follow Engagement of Team of Entertainers for Cameraphone Show.

A case for the courts has developed out of the engagement of Bixley and Holcomb, a singing and dancing team, to take part in the cameraphone entertainment in the Opera House several weeks ago. The team arrived here to take part on the programme but a dispute arose and they did not appear. They retained J. A. Barry to look after their interests, and in connection with the matter L. R. Acker, of Halifax, was arrested here last evening on a bailable writ for some $155.

Mr. Acker came here yesterday from Halifax and it was reported that he intended to open a vaudeville theatre in the former Every Day Club hall, but this he denied last night, saying that he was en route to Bangor.

The arrest was made about 7.30. Bail was secured and he was released.

Mr. Barry said last night that Bixley and Holcomb had been engaged through Mr. Acker to perform at the cameraphone show. They claimed the engagement for ten days, but on reaching here they were informed by the management that the engagement was for only four days. Because of this they did not make their bow to the public. Mr. Barry said the claim is for $130 for the ten days and a sum to cover expenses during the time they were here in excess of the ten days.

H. J. Smith is representing Mr. Acker. Bixley is Robert Delay, of this city.

Mr. Acker said last night that Bixley & Holcomb had no claim upon him; that the manager of the cameraphone entertainment had telephoned to him at Halifax and asked him to recommend a singing act, which he did, and that he telegraphed Bixley & Holcomb to come here. This he did, he said, as a favor to both the management and the singers and that he was to get no pay from either party.

Mr. Acker added that he believed that the other side, finding him in the city and probably calculating that, rather than suffer inconvenience he would pay the bill, had taken this action but he had no intention of paying and would contest the claim in the courts.

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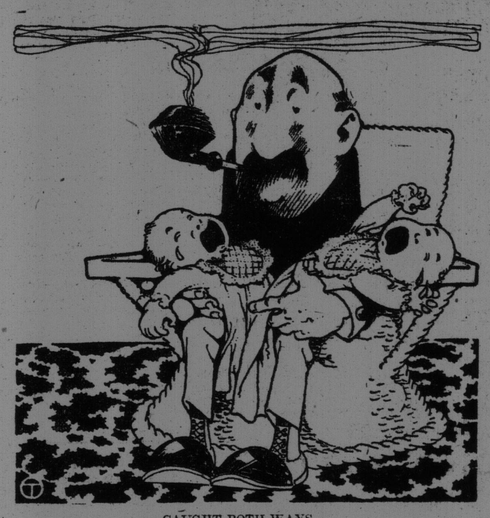

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