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The Seal of Nebuchadnezzar

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(Continued.)

The girl was quite too fascinating not to be fallen in love with her on her own account as soon as the busy woman had time to become fairly acquainted with her. Consequently she was enjoying her situation as the new plaything of one who was pleasing herself by giving the girl everything she had ever longed for, Byrd remaining her own mistress still. She now had a wardrobe that might have made a bride die of longing, as a result of their visit to Paris during the summer. Back in New York, the only reason why the delightful girl did not have more attention was that man-kind must have time for sleep.

Every young man in town had been as attentive as his fellows permitted, but at the end of a race of several months Page Fitzhugh was easily first in the running and going strong. He was as reasonably assured as a man may be in the circumstances that his chances were good; though he realized that they would be bettered by anything that had a tendency to end the year girl's good time under Mrs. Garraway's chaperonage; and the absorption of the new pursuit of Assyriology certainly conducted to that. And to that end, too, he felt that any straining of relationships with "Aunt Annie" would run about the close of the first fortnight after the meeting of the widow and the doctor the opportunity came for which he sought.

Mrs. Garraway, as usual, was spending the afternoon in the same old museum. As Page strolled up in hope of finding Miss Amyot he could hear at a little distance the voice of her temporary guardian proclaiming:

"Most extraordinary!"

Several attendants of the institution were trying to make satisfactory explanations.

"I trust you are not referring to me," Page said with grave politeness.

"Certainly not," she replied. "I had Doctor Sugers in mind. He was to be here at this time."

"You will remember?" he went on, "that I said he was extraordinary?"

"First, Mrs. Garraway."

"And what is even stranger," he proceeded, "Uncle Frank is just home—he used to go to college with the man, you know—and a proper of my saying that he looked like an insect the other day, he told me they used to call him 'Bug Sugers'."

"Bug Sugers, indeed," burst forth the lady, almost imparting a tragic significance to the name.

It annoyed her. She had been trying to think of something appropriate to call him something pleasant and this, even though modified to "Bugle" or "Buggie," was not at all what she had been searching for.

She turned her back upon the bold young man, who chuckled at the good time he had done the bishop as he listened to find the missing Byrd at home and tell her of his success. It was the last time he was to enter the Garraway house, for for his owner did not hesitate at striking his name from her invitation list forthwith, and forbade Miss Amyot's seeing him again. The man was good looking, of an old Virginia family, the most eligible bachelor of the winter—of several previous winters—and just the man for Byrd did not affect Madam Annabel in the least. She knew what she wanted and what she did not want with an openness and precision that left her less decided sisters gasp. After the "Bug" Sugers incident, she did not want Page Fitzhugh.

As if being forbidden to see him would not prejudice any woman, young woman in a father's favor, though he were a thousand times less desirable than Page, that worthy's Uncle Frank and his wife duly met the dear girl and took so decided an interest in her that they went further in winning her heart in a week than Mrs. Garraway, "Aunt Annabel" though she might be by request, had in a year. So the chariot of true love was running with a burst three times over, and with speed nearly to the top notch.

Coming to understand, after the bishop's intervention, that spending every afternoon at so public a museum might possibly end in class, her among the exhibits there—a humor to that effect was reported to her by emanating from young Fitzhugh—Mrs. Garraway decided to have an Assyriological Museum of her own. It was one of the few things she did not have—she could afford to have it if she wanted to—and she therefore decided the first floor of the new wing of her town-house from its intended use as a supplementary ball-room and turned it over to Doctor Sugers to fill with six-legged bulls, unburned bricks, cuneiform inscriptions, and other old world natural history specimens and debris. He entered upon his duties with unusual assiduity and whole-hearted-

ness, easily obtaining leave from the museum authorities to that end—they were delighted to find so efficient a recruit as the Garraway fortune promised to make. His patroness thereupon yielded to his yearning for the seals of Nebuchadnezzar, President Van Dorn was duly interested, and through him an attaché of the state department from modernness in antiquities were dispatched to Constantinople for the twin treasures. Mrs. Garraway gave them carte blanche, and the attaché acceded to official status. With such endorsement, small wonder that courtesy, knowledge, and patience won the day; though, after all, the chief ingredient of success was back-sheesh—Doctor Sugers could have told any inquirer what man's name was that was before Babylon was dreamed of. Indeed, he knew that the very gold in the two seals had been obtained from Egypt in some such way.

(To be continued.)

BULL DOG BREAKS UP TORY MEETING

Makes a Bee-Line for the Speaker and Pandemonium Follows

HARTLAND, Sept. 23.—Last evening there was a meeting at St. Thomas in the interests of the Conservative party. B. Frank Smith, the candidate, was given a good hearing and was followed by J. C. Squires, principal of the Consolidated School at Florenceville. In the course of his remarks Mr. Squires lauded Mr. Smith to the limit and concluded his remarks by declaring that the Conservative candidate was physically, mentally and morally a stronger man than his opponent, Mr. Carvell. The audience sighed.

While M. L. Hayward was getting well along with a neat speech a large bull dog, aided and abetted by its owner, made a wild dash for the platform. In the attempt to suppress the beast pandemonium reigned and the meeting closed prematurely.

It is stated that there were but seven Conservatives at the meeting besides the speakers. Many of these came from Florenceville.

St. Thomas is in the parish of Simonds, which is nominally Conservative. At Middle Simonds tomorrow evening there will be a Liberal meeting addressed by Hon. W. P. Jones, Harry Carvell and others.

Yesterday James Clark of Victoria Corner was run over by a loaded wagon. A leg was fractured in two places and the man was broken. His recovery is doubtful.

The funeral took place today of Mrs. John Albright, many years a resident of Victoria Corner.

Today the death of the eight months' old child of P. W. Smith of Mount Pleasant, added to the community. The child had spinal meningitis following pneumonia. The peculiar circumstances of an older child having succumbed similarly earlier in the week called forth great sympathy for the now children's parents.

ORGANIZE POULTRY ASSOCIATION HERE

The New Brunswick Poultry Association was organized last evening at a meeting held in the Ritchie building, when twenty-five gentlemen interested in that line became charter members. The greatest of enthusiasm prevailed and the association bids fair to have an excellent future. Considerable preparatory business was transacted and committees were appointed to draft by-laws and constitutions.

The election of officers resulted as follows: H. C. Lemon, president; W. A. Jack, vice-president; Wm. Klevin, secretary; Alfred Hurley, treasurer. Fine speeches in connection with poultry raising were heard and the meeting adjourned until October 9, when the adoption of the by-laws and constitutions will take place.



Anty Drudge Suggests an Essay.

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SYNOD DISCUSSES INDIAN MISSIONS

OTTAWA, Sept. 23.—The General Synod of the Church of England in Canada today gave its whole session to a discussion of Indian missions. The policy of the government respecting aid to church schools was both criticised and praised. It closed with a general feeling of satisfaction as to the position of the government when Hon. Mr. Blake read a letter announcing a new policy of aid to these schools by the government which will make them more effective.

The Archbishop of Rupert's Land agreed with a principle advocated by Hon. H. S. Blake of reducing the number but of improving the quality of industrial Indian schools. However, he thought Mr. Blake had conducted his campaign unfairly. Only three schools had yet been closed.

Defended Government

Hon. H. S. Blake defended the position of the government, and the Indian department for declining to continue a

school which had a bare fifty pupils which ran behind \$15,000 in three years or another which cost \$5,000 a year and was attended by less than a score of pupils. It was unfair to the government to say that the Anglican church was being discriminated against in the cutting off of residential schools.

The debate concluded with the passage of a resolution that the primate of the archbishop of Rupert's Land should appoint a committee to report on Indian policy.

Tomorrow there will be a debate on the hymnal.

Bishop Protests

The Bishop of Fredericton protested against an enlargement of the appropriation proposed to be required from his diocese this year. The diocese had last year fallen \$400 short of the amount required from it and the proposed \$500 increase would leave the diocese facing the disheartening prospect of a further \$100 deficit.

Judge Hanington opposed this. The diocese had last year raised a large sum for the St. Paul's offering which it would not be required to raise this year. He would undertake to see that the diocese raised the extra amount required of it and would contribute a substantial portion himself.

The Bishop of Fredericton was promised an opportunity to bring this matter up again.

DISASTROUS BLAZE AT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

TRURO, N. S., Sept. 23.—Fire broke out at twelve o'clock in the barns connected with the Agricultural College, Bible Hill. At 1:45 o'clock the fire was under control. The buildings burned were the dairy, valued at \$1,000, with contents valued at \$1,000, vehicle sheds, pigsty and chicken fattening houses, bringing the loss up to \$4,500, with insurance totalling \$2,100. The horse stable was saved almost intact, also a dwelling house in the rear of the dairy and poultry houses adjoining the pigsty. No stock was lost. The burned buildings though not of great value were quite pretentious and were in the midst of a larger bunch.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Olsen in the loss of their infant daughter, Olga Henrietta Theodora, who passed away yesterday from tubercular meningitis at her parents' home, 31 Gullford street, St. John West. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

GRAVE CHARGES LAID AGAINST HEAD OF ORDER

Sensational Turn to Labor Congress

NEIL ATTACHED

Head of Railway Brotherhood Charged With Misappropriating Funds

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 23.—Charges that R. P. Neil, president of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, had been turned out of a number of railway men's organizations in the United States for misappropriating funds were made at the closing meeting of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress today.

Letters from the heads of several bodies with which Neil had been connected were read by Organizer Trotter and Fraternale Delegate Frayne corroborated these statements, declaring that Mr. Neil was not a true friend of organized labor.

It was just at the close of the convention when Mr. Trotter tossed the bomb shell requesting permission to make a statement on organization. Mr. Trotter referred to the letter published in the afternoon papers from President Mosher, of the Halifax local, challenging him to a debate with Mr. Neil, and stated he had not attacked Mr. Neil personally as this letter stated. All he had done was to criticize the methods of the brotherhood organization.

Has Some Letters

"But I have some letters regarding this man that I did not bring before the congress yesterday which might prove interesting," he continued, and then brought out a letter from A. B. Lowe, president of the Brotherhood of Maintenance and Way Employees, charging that Mr. Neil had been expelled from the order for loose financial transactions. The letter also alleged that Mr. Neil had been connected with the Order of Railway Telegraphers, the Brotherhood of Railway Freight and Baggage men, and some private concerns and in each case had severed his connection with them for similar reasons. It was a lengthy document and contained disparaging statements from the heads of other orders about Mr. Neil. He charged him with having drawn pay from one organization while promoting another society destined to fight with that with which he was connected. Mr. Trotter also referred to a circular of warning sent out to all the freight handlers and baggagemen that C. P. R. and I. C. R. B. warning them against having anything to do with Mr. Neil. "I do not make any charges against him," said the organizer, "I only give you the answers I got to some inquiries and but for the letter of Mr. Mosher I would not have brought the matter up at all."

"Every order this man has founded has come to grief, and I predict that this united brotherhood of railway employees' will meet the same fate as has other ventures. He is in for what he can make," declared Fraternale Delegate Frayne.

Important Resolution

A number of important resolutions were discussed at the beginning of the closing session. Among these adopted was one calling on all the local unions to render aid moral and financial assistance possible to the C. P. R. strikers and heartily endorsing their strike.

A resolution to join the moral and social reform council of the Dominion met with the hearty approval of the delegates, as did another reaffirming the Congress' stand that all Catholics must be excluded from the Dominion, and the platform of principles was

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The congress decided to send Mr. Trotter to Britain again to enlighten labor men there on Canadian questions, and this is work of very general importance it was decided to ask for a ten cent levy from all friendly societies in the country.

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CAPE BRETON COAL FIELDS

Big Boom Expected Next Spring

Cape Breton Coal and Iron Company Has Been Refinanced

GLACE BAY, N. S., Sept. 23.—From information which has been received from reliable sources, it would appear that next year will probably be one of the greatest in the already remarkable history of coal development in the Cape Breton coal fields. There is great activity now proceeding in the Cape Breton Coal Company's (No. 12) colliery and also in the works of Macdonald and Colonial collieries and N. S. Steel and Coal Co. on the north side of Sydney Harbor. Equally active operations in the Broughton district, according to the Sun's authority, are expected.

Horace Mayhew, president of the Cape Breton Coal, Iron and Railway Co., which some time ago suspended operations in connection with Broughton, is expected to arrive in the city tonight. It is learned that President Mayhew has succeeded in procuring the railway and that negotiations are on foot with the object of acquiring additional properties. It is understood that the company's estimates with regard to the quantity of coal in sight have been demonstrated by recent developments made by the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. in a series of borings showing conclusively that two good seams of coal, one of six and the other of five feet, underlie at the Broughton and adjoining areas. With the railway projects under consideration and the probability of development of other mineral measures in various parts of the island, Cape Breton should be the scene of remarkable activity next year.

FOUR VESSELS BREAK THROUGH FOG SCREEN

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—Four vessels broke through the fog screen yesterday and reached port safely after being the 160 miles between Quebec and Montreal.

SUN STAFF LOSES A VALUED MEMBER

Ott L. Barbour, who for the past five years has been connected with The Sun staff, latterly as news editor, has resigned to take a position on the new Conservative paper. During his association with The Sun, Mr. Barbour has done excellent work, and has won the hearty esteem of his confederates and the management of the paper, whose best wishes go with him for success in his new field.

ST. JOHN SCRIBE WILL EDIT CHATHAM PAPER

St. John loses a bright newspaper man today by the departure of Stanley K. Smith of the Telegraph reporter staff, for Chatham, to accept the editorship of the Chatham Commercial. Mr. Smith has been connected with the Telegraph for some time and has always proved himself a hard worker. His many friends, while regretting his departure, will rejoice to hear of his promotion and will watch with interest his career in Chatham.

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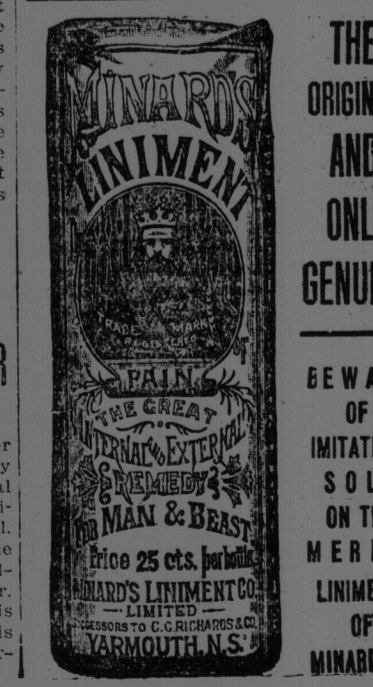
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BIG RALLY IN THE WEST END MONDAY

Liberal Speakers Will Address Meeting in Odd-fellows' Hall

The Liberal campaign in the West End will begin on Monday evening, when a big Liberal rally will be held in Oddfellows' Hall. James Pender, the candidate for the city, as well as Harrison A. McKown, M.P.P., Chas. McDonald and other speakers will address the electors. The chair will be taken at eight o'clock and seats will be reserved for the ladies. The outlook is that the West Side will be in line with big majorities for Pender and Pender on election day.

Captain Alfred W. Howard, a West End boy, is in the city visiting his parents. Captain Howard has been successful since leaving home some few years ago and has passed the hard examinations and put in his time at sea, so that he now carries a first class master's certificate. Captain Howard expects to leave next week for Newport News, where he will take charge of the navigating of a large new light-ship that is to be sent from Newport to San Francisco.



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