ONE WONDERFUL NIGHT

BY LOUIS TRACY.

Curtis smiled, too. He grasped the detective's unspoken thought. Steingall had as good as said that the message bore out Curtis's counter-charge against Count Vassilan and the Earl of Valletort of conspiring with de Courtois himself to defeat Lady Hermione's marriage project. Indeed, before replacing the slip of paper on the table, the detective produced a notebook, and entered therein particulars which would secure proof of the Marconigram's origin if necessary.

The maid hurried in with the milk, and Steingall, who had covered more ground among the Frenchman's correspondence that the others gave him credit for, now acted as nurse. With some difficulty he succeeded in persuading the stricken man on the bed to relax his firmly closed jaws and endeavor to swallow the fluid. It was a tedium business, but progress became more rapid when de Courtois realized that he was in the hands of those who meant well by him. It was noticeable, too, as his senses returned and the panic glare left his eyes, that his expression changed from one of abject fear to a lowering look of suspicious uncertainty. He peered at Steingall and the hotel clerk many times, but gave Curtis and Devar only a perfunctory glance. Oddly enough, the fact that the two latter were in evening dress seemed to reassure him, and it became evident later that the presence of the clerk led him to regard these strangers as guests in the hotel, who had been attracted to his room by the mere accident of propinquity.

His first intelligible words, uttered in broken English, were:

"Vat time ees eet?"

"Ten-thirty," said Steingall.

"Ah, cre nom d'un nom! I haf to go, queek!"

"Where to?"

"No mattaire. I tank you all tomorrow. I explain eferyting den. Now I go."

"You had better stay where you are, Monsieur de Courtois," said Steingall in French. "Milord Valletort and Count Vassilan have arrived. I have seen them, and nothing more can be done with respect to their affair tonight. I am the chief of the New York detective bureau, and I want you to tell me how you came to be in the state in which you were found."

But de Courtois was regaining his wits rapidly, and the clarifying of his senses rendered him obviously unwilling to give any information as to the cause of his own plight. Nor would he speak French. For some reason, probably because of a permissible vagueness in statements couched in a foreign tongue, he insisted on using English.

"Eef you haf seen my frien's you tell me vare I fin' dem. I come your office tomorrow, an' make ze complete explanation," he said.

"I must trouble you tonight, please," insisted Steingall quietly. "You don't understand what has occurred while you were fastened up here. You know Mr. Henry R. Hunter?"

"Yes, yes. I know heem."

"Well, he was stabbed while alighting from an automobile outside this hotel shortly before eight o'clock, and I imagine he was coming to see you."

"Stabbed! Did zey keel heem?"

"Yes. Now, tell me who 'they' were."

Monsieur Jean de Courtois was taken instantly and violently ill. He dropped back on his bed, from which he had risen valiantly in his eagerness to be stirring, and faintly proclaimed his inability to grasp what the detective was saying.

"Ah, Grand Dieu!" he murmured. "I am eel; fetch a doctaire. My brain, eet ees, vat you say, etourdi."

"You will soon recover from your illness. Come, now, pull yourself together and tell me who the men were who tied you up, and why, if you can give a reason."

The Frenchman shut his eyes and groaned.

"I am stranjare here, Monsieur le Commissaire," he said brokenly. I know no ones, nodings. Milor' Valletort, he ees acquaint. Send for heem, and bring ze doctaire."

"Don't you understand that your friend, Mr. Hunter, the journalist who was helping you in the matter of Lady Hermione Grandison's marriage, has been murdered?"

The other men in the room caught a new quality in Steingall's voice. Contempt, disgust, utter disdain of a type of rascal whom he would prefer to deal with most fittingly by kicking him, were revealed in each syllable; but Jean de Courtois was apparently deaf to the mean opinion his conduct was inducing among those who had extricated him from a disagreeable if not actually dangerous predicament. He squirmed convulsively, and half sobbed his inability to realize the true nature of anything that had happened either to himself or to any other person.

"Very well," said the detective, "if you are so thoroughly knocked out I'll see that you are kept quiet for the rest of the evening."

He turned to the clerk.

"Kindly arrange that two trustworthy men shall undress this ill-used gentleman. He may be given anything to eat or drink that he requires, but if he shows signs of delirium, such as a desire to go out, or write letters, or use the telephone, he must be stopped, forcibly if necessary. Should he become violent, ring up the nearest police station house. I'll send a doctor to him in a few minutes."

De Courtois revived slightly under the stimulus of these emphatic directions.

"I haf not done ze wrong," he protested. "Eet ees me who suffare, and I do not permeet dis interference wid my leebairty."

"You see," said Steingall coolly. "His mind is wandering already. Just phone for a couple of attendants, will you, and I'll give them instructions. I take full responsibility, of course."

"But, monsieur——" cried the Frenchman.

"Would you mind getting a move on? I am losing time here," said Steingall quietly to the clerk.

"I claim ze protection of my consul," sputtered de Courtois.

"Poor fellow! He is quite light-headed," said the detective sympathetically, addressing the company at large, but speaking in French. "I do hope most sincerely that I may arrest those infernal Hungarians tonight. Not only did they kill Hunter, but they have brought this little man to death's door."

The effect of these few harmless sounding words was electrical. Monsieur de Courtois's angry demeanor suddenly changed to that of a sufferer almost as seriously injured as Steingall made out. He collapsed utterly, and never lifted his head even when most drastic measures were enjoined on a couple of sturdy negroes as to the care that must be devoted to the invalid.

Steingall was astonishingly outspoken to Curtis and Devar while they were walking to the elevator.

"I am surprised that that miserable whelp escaped with his life," he said. "Usually, in cases of this sort, the rascal who betrays his friends receives short shrift from those who make use of him. He knows too much for their safety, and gets a knife between his ribs as soon as his services cease to be valuable."

"I must confess that I don't begin to grasp the bearings of this affair," admitted Curtis. "It is almost grotesque to imagine that a number of men could be found in New York who would stop short of no crime, however daring, merely to prevent a young lady from marrying in despite of her father's wishes."

"Of course, the young lady figures large in your eyes," said Steingall with a dry laugh. "You haven't thought this matter out, Mr. Curtis. When you have slept on it, and the fact dawns on you that there are other people in the world than the charming Lady Hermione, you will realize that she is a mere pawn around whom a number of very important persons are contending. I don't wish to say a word to depreciate her as a star of the first magnitude, but I am greatly mistaken if there is not another woman, either here or in Europe, whose personality, if known, would attract far more attention from the police. By the way, has it occurred to you that Providence has certainly befriended you tonight? The daredevils who murdered Hunter were inclined to kill you in error. Now, I want you to concentrate your mind on the face and expression of that chauffeur, Anatole. Keep him constantly in your thoughts. If you can swear to him when we parade him before you with half a dozen other men, I shall soon strip the inquiry of its mystery."

In the hall they were surrounded by a squad of reporters, and three photographers took flashlight pictures.

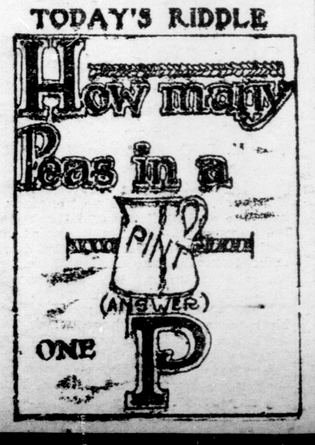
"Hello!" muttered the detective to Curtis, "they've found you! Now we must use our brains to get you out of this."

They escaped the journalists by closing the door of the office on them. Then the clerk was summoned, and solved the first difficulty by revealing a back stairs exit by way of the basement. An attendant was sent to Curtis's room, to pack a grip with some clothes and linen, and, by adroit manoeuvring, the whole party got away from the hotel.

Steingall insisted on interviewing Lady Hermione that night. He pointed out, reasonably enough, that she might possess a good deal of valuable information concerning Count Ladislas Vassilan; if, as Curtis believed was the case, she had already retired to rest, she must be aroused. The hour was not so late, and Vassilan's movements in New York might be elucidated by knowledge of his previous career.

(To Be Continued.)

TODAY'S RIDDLE



General Hamilton Differs With Hill

Peace at Any Price Is Wrong Idea, Says British Officer.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, June 16.—A difference of opinion with James J. Hill, the railroad magnate of the United States, who had declared, along with other speakers, at the Ottawa banquet this week, that "war was unthinkable" was voiced in no uncertain tone by General Hamilton, when responding to the toast to his health.

The opinions to the effect that "war is unthinkable," General Hamilton declared, had in the past been the milestones pointing to the great wars of history. While admitting with Mr. Hill that it was admirable to work for peace, General Hamilton reminded his hearers that a great wave of moral indignation might arise at any time which would sweep aside all such grand ideas in a minute, thus destroying the peaceful prospects of years.

General Hamilton instanced the war of South Africa as an unfortunate event which had perhaps resulted from pushing the desire for peace too far.

German Navy League Demand More Ships

Two Big Battleships Must Be Laid Down at Once.

[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, June 16. — While the German Peace Society was in session at Mannheim, and King George and Queen Mary, as guests at the marriage of Princess Victoria Louise, were demonstrating the friendship of the British and German royal houses, the Germany Navy League was devoting its annual meeting at Bremen to furthering its propaganda for a greater navy.

A week ago the Military League was agitating for further increases in the army, and now those interested in a greater German navy are making themselves heard. They declare previous increases to be inadequate, and demand two extra battleship cruisers, to be laid down in 1914 and 1915. They say also that as soon as the third battle squadron is fully formed and organized, two years hence, it will be necessary to take up the question of strengthening the reserve fleet organization. The league will devote its efforts to seeing that the resedve squadrons are manned, like the British, with one-half of the sailor and three-fourths of the technical personnel, so that they could go to sea in a few days, and not weeks, after a declaration of war.

American conditions did not escape notice, and the league demanded of the admiralty two new cruisers, to be stationed permanently on the east and west coasts of America, as well as a new "flying squadron," composed of great and small cruisers, to be kept permanently in readiness to steam to any part of the world where action is necessary to protect German prestige and commerce. Recent events in Mexico and Hayti, when the one German cruiser in the American station was prevented from immediately appearing, to show the flag and protect Germans, were responsible for this demand.

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Montreal Censor Is To Watch Deborah

Will Arrest Players If Anything Immoral Is Put on Stage.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, June 16.—Promising that the attitude of the unofficial censors of "Deborah" in Toronto would not affect his judgment, John H. Roberts, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, said he would see the much-discussed play on Monday night, when it is produced at His Majesty's Theatre here.

Continuing, he said that if he found it harmful to morals the members of the company will share the same fate as they did in Toronto, and find themselves in the police court within the shortest possible time.

"If Mr. J. H. Roberts is seeking the publicity of the courts in regard to the 'Deborah' he will be afforded every facility—and we will force him to prove any allegations he may make, or pay the penalty of libel. Mr. Legrand-Howland has already instituted several actions for libel in Toronto, and he is determined that his play shall have fair treatment."

This statement was made by Mr. Humphreys, representing the "Deborah" company, today. He takes exception to anyone assuming on the strength of a prosecution instituted by the "Committee of Forty" in Toronto, that the play "Deborah" is immoral, and states that the author is prepared to defend his rights to the last ditch.

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Hon. James Young Gave $15,000 to the Town of Galt.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, June 16. — By the will of the late Hon. James Young, of Galt, formerly provincial treasurer of Ontario, who left an estate valued at $74,825, the sum of $15,000 is left to his native town, Galt, to be spent "upon such object or objects of an enduring character as they may consider will add to its attractiveness, or the good of my fellow-citizens."

He also left $25,000 for the erection of a mortuary chapel in Galt Cemetery, and $2,000 for the beautification of the entrance into the cemetery.

To his widow he left his home in Galt and an annuity of $2,500, and small bequests are made to a number of near and distant relatives. Galt public library gets a collection of parliamentary papers.

THREE DROWNED

Youths Went Out on a Raft at Sault Ste. Marie.

[Canadian Press.]

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., June 16.—Death by drowning claimed Victor McDonald, a lad of 17, in American Creek here early today. McDonald, with two others, made a raft and ventured out on it. When some distance from shore the raft broke apart, and McDonald disappeared almost immediately. The other two youths were saved.

The body of Mike Salos, a river driver, arrived here today for burial from Goulais River, where he was drowned ten days ago while working for the Superior Paper Company.

The body of Fred Bennetteau, the second victim of a drowning fatality at Thessalon was recovered yesterday. With Victor Matson deceased went fishing on the ice last February. A gale sprang up and smashed the ice around them, both being drowned.

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Austrian Government Was Well Satisfied With Recent Tests.

[Canadian Press.]

Vienna, June 16.—The visit to Vienna of Count Zeppelin on board the dirigible airship Sachsen a few days ago, according to the report here, has impelled the Austrian Government to order six Zeppelins for delivery after 1914. They are to be armed with machine guns.

MADE NEW RECORD

French Aviator Was Up Nearly Three Miles in the Air.

[Canadian Press.]

Vienna, June 16.—The French aviator Edmond Perreyon, who holds the world's altitude record for an aeroplane, both for pilot and pilot and one passenger, yesterday broke the world's record, carrying two passengers. He reached a height of 15,480 feet. The record with one passenger is 16,368 feet.

ISMAY RETIRES

Former White Star President Is Succeeded by Harold Sanderson.

[Canadian Press.]

London, June 16.—In consequence of the retirement of J. Bruce Ismay, Harold A. Sanderson, the first vice-president, becomes president of the International Mercantile Marine Company. P. E. Curry, manager at Southampton of the American Line, has been appointed manager of the White Star Line at Southampton, not a director of the International Mercantile Marine, as previously reported.

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Depart for the East—*12:19 a.m., *3.48 a.m., 7:20 a.m., 9:00 a.m., *12:05 p.m., 2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m.

Depart for the West—*3:57 a.m., 7:40 a.m., *11:18 a.m., *11:35 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 8:20 p.m.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.

Arrive—10:23 a.m., *4:00 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 11:05 p.m.

Depart—6:35 a.m., *11:43 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 8:05 p.m.

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Arrive—11:15 a.m., 1:39 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m.

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