

The SEVEN DIALS MYSTERY

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INSTALMENT XXVIII

"What about No. 7—No. 7, who never appears, but lives in the background. The Countess and Bauer? No, it's not so simple as that. Bauer was here last night, yes. But he was only here in case things went wrong—as they have done. His part is the part of scapegoat; to draw all attention from No. 7—the boss."

"I say, Bundle," said Jimmy anxiously, "you haven't been reading too much sensational literature, have you?"

Bundle threw him a glance of dignified reproach.

"Well," said Jimmy, "I'm not yet like the Red Queen. I can't believe six impossible things before breakfast."

"It's after breakfast," said Bundle.

"Or even after breakfast. We've got a perfectly good hypothesis which fits the case—and you won't have it at any price, simply because, like the old riddle, you want to make things more difficult."

"I'm sorry," said Bundle, "but I cling passionately to a mysterious No. 7 being a member of the house party."

"What does Bill think?"

"Bill," said Bundle coldly, "is impossible."

"Oh!" said Jimmy. "I suppose you've told him about the Countess? He ought to be warned. Heaven knows what he'll go blabbing about otherwise."

"He won't hear a word against her," said Bundle. "He's—oh, simply idiotic. I wish you'd drive it home to him about that mole."

"You forget I wasn't in the cupboard," said Jimmy. "And anyway, I'd rather not argue with Bill about his lady friend's mole. But surely he can't be such an ass as not to see that everything fits in?"

Foreign Adventuresses

"He's every kind of ass," said Bundle bitterly. "You made the greatest mistake, Jimmy, in ever telling him at all."

"I'm sorry," said Jimmy. "I did not see it at the time—but I do now. I was a fool, but dash it all, old Bill—"

"You know what foreign adventuresses are," said Bundle. "How they get hold of one."

"As a matter of fact, I don't," said Jimmy. "One has never tried to get hold of me." And he sighed.

For a moment or two there was silence. Jimmy was turning things over in his mind. The more he thought about them, the more unsatisfactory they seemed.

"You say that Battle wants the Countess let alone," he said at last.

"Yes."

"The idea being that through her he will get at some one else?" Bundle nodded.

Jimmy frowned deeply as he tried to see where this led. Clearly Battle had some very definite idea in his mind.

"Sir Stanley Digby went up to town early this morning, didn't he?" he said.

"Yes."

"O'Rourke with him?"

"Yes, I think so."

"You don't think—no, that's impossible?"

"That O'Rourke can be mixed up in this in any way?"

"It's possible," said Bundle thoughtfully. "He's got what one calls a very vivid personality. No it wouldn't surprise me if—oh, to tell the truth, nothing would surprise me! In fact, there's only one person I'm really sure isn't No. 7."

"Who's that?"

"Superintendent Battle."

"Oh! I thought you were going to say George Lomax."

"Ssh, here he comes."

George was, indeed, bearing down upon them in an unmistakable manner. Jimmy made an excuse and slipped away. George sat down by Bundle.

"My dear Eileen, must you really leave us?"

"Well, father seems to have got the wind up rather badly. I think I'd better go home and hold his hand."

Bundle "at Court"

"This little hand will indeed be comforting," said George, taking it and pressing it playfully.

"My dear Eileen, I understand your reasons and I honor you for them. In these days of changed and unsettled conditions—"

"He's off," thought Bundle desperately.

"—when family life is at a premium—all the old standards falling!—it becomes our class to set an example—to show that we, at least, are unaffected by modern conditions. They call us the Die Hards—I am proud of the term—I repeat I am proud of the term! There are things that should die hard—dignity, beauty, modesty, the sanctity of family-life, filial respect—who dies if these shall live? As I was saying, my dear Eileen, I envy you the privileges of your youth. Youth! What a wonderful thing! What a wonderful word! And we do not appreciate it until we grow to—er—maturer years. I confess, my dear child, that I have in the past been disappointed by your levity. I see now it was but the careless and charming levity of a child. I perceive now the serious and earnest beauty of your mind. You will allow me, I hope, to help you with your reading?"

"Oh, thank you," said Bundle faintly.

"And you must never be afraid of me again. I was shocked when Lady Caterham told me that you stood in awe of me. I can assure you that I am a very humdrum sort of person."

The spectacle of George being modest struck Bundle spellbound. George continued.

"Never be shy with me, dear child. And do not be afraid of boring me. It will be a great delight to me to—if I may say so—form your budding mind. I will be your political mentor. We have never needed young women of talent and charm in the party more than we need them today. You may well be destined to follow in the footsteps of your aunt, Lady Caterham."

(To Be Continued.)

Mrs. E. Hogan and family of Doreen, who have been visiting here for the past ten days with Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Murphy, Fifth Avenue West, left by this morning's train on their return to the interior, being accompanied by Mrs. Murphy.

HOME NO. 4 ESTABLISHED

Drilling Tools to Be Moved From New Alberta Producer

CALGARY, Feb. 1.—Home No. 4 well is now established as a producer and the drilling tools will be removed at once. As soon as possible, a statement will be made concerning gas flow. J. H. McLeod, Imperial Oil production manager, stated today.

STOCK QUOTATIONS

(Courtesy of S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

Close Saturday, Feb. 1

Mines

B. C. Silver, 1.05, nil.
Bayview, 1½, nil.
Big Missouri, 80, 85.
Cork-Province, 4, 5.
Cotton Belt, 18, 25.
Dutrie Mines, nil, 47.
George Copper, 3.25, 4.00.
Georgie River, 13½, 14.
Goleonda, 77, 80.
Grandview, 10¼, 11.
Independence, 4, 5.
Indian Mines, 3, 4.
Int. Coal & Coke, 30, 32.
Lucky Jim, 4, 5.
Mohawk, 1½, 2.
Morton Woolsey, 8, 8½.
Marmot River Gold, nil, 15.
Marmot Metals, nil, 2.
Nat. Sil. G. S., 6½, 6¼.
Noble Five, 19, 20.
Oregon Copper, 11, 12½.
Pend Oreille (Cm.), 3.50, 3.65.
Porter-Idaho, 25, nil.
Reeves-Macdonald, 1.15, 1.18.
Rufus-Argentina, 7, 8.
Ruth-Hope, 13, 15.
Siocan Rambler, 2, 4.
Snowflake, 16, 17.
Sunloch, 80, 1.15.
Topley-Richfield, 4, 5.
Woodbine, nil, 3.
Bluebird, nil, 5.

Oils

A. P. Consolidated, 2.20, 2.24.
Calmont Oils Ltd., 1.88, 1.90.
Dalhousie Oil, 2.15, 2.20.
Devenish Pet. Ltd., 18, nil.
Fulcan Pete, 6¼, 7.
Home Oil, 10.80, 10.90.
Mayland Oil, 1.90, nil.
McLeod, 3.20, 3.25.
Hargal, 1.31, 1.35.
Freehold, 65, 70.
Sterling Pacific, 57, 60.
Nordron, 85, nil.

CONFERENCE OF ATTORNEY-GENERALS OF VARIOUS PROVINCES PLANNED AS BROKERAGE HOUSES CEASE BUSINESS

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taken possession of the companies' securities, documents and records. Offices of the company in Regina and Saskatoon have also been raided by the police.

Later

WINNIPEG, Feb. 1.—The authorities of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have announced their decision to see that no ill comes to the west through a possible dumping of wheat by brokerage firms which are pressed for margin money.

The general situation in this respect, seems to be relieved by the decision of Attorney-General Price of Ontario to allow four of the five companies involved in conspiracy charges to resume trading today. Only Stobie, Forlong & Co., and Stobie, Forlong & Matthews, who have made assignments, remain closed. A total of 125 employees of these latter firms in the West have been dismissed by the liquidator.

Heart and Nerves Caused Her To Have Cold Hands and Feet

Mrs. Joseph Price, Red Pine, N.B., writes:—"Several years ago I was troubled with my heart and nerves and was so bad, at times, my hands and feet would become numb and cold. "It happened to see



advised and started taking them at once. I continued for some little time, and since then I have had no return of my trouble."

Price, 50c. a box at all druggists and dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

GYMNASIUM IS STARTED

Equipment Assembled in McIntyre Hall and Is Being Used Now by Young Men and Women

What it is hoped may prove the nucleus of a permanent gymnasium in this city has been established in the old McIntyre Hall with Miss Laura Frizzell, Alex Mitchell and Douglas Frizzell as moving spirits. Equipment to the value of some \$1500 used in various gymnasium undertakings of the past in this city has been gathered together and erected for use. This includes horizontal and parallel bars, travelling rings, trapeze sets, Indian clubs, dumbbells, mats, etc.

Girls classes in calisthenics and physical training are held three times a week, while instruction to boys is given once a week. There are thirty girls and eighteen boys enrolled.

Postponed Games Have Been Played

Few More Billiard League Matches Were Run Off Last Evening

Two more postponed Billiard League games were played last night.

In the Grotto-Elks fixture from Tuesday night, C. P. Balagno won for the Lodge Men 250 to 226 over James Andrews. J. Hillman (Grotto) vs. W. E. Willisroft (Elks) remains to be played.

W. J. Nelson (Grotto) lost to Col. S. P. McMordie (Canadian Legion) 216 to 250 in a game postponed from Thursday night. Games remaining to be played in this fixture are: J. Hillman vs. G. P. Tinker and M. M. McLachlan vs. J. W. Scott.

Kaiein Chapter Dance Enjoyable

Kaiein Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, held its annual dance last night in the L.O.E. Hall. There were about eighty persons in attendance and the affair was most enjoyable.

From 9 p.m. until 2 a.m., dancing was enjoyed to the strains of melodious music played by Al Small's Orchestra. Robert Blance was master of ceremonies and John Dybhavn presided at the door.

At midnight delicious refreshments were served. During the supper hour, vocal solos by D. B. Finn were enjoyed, Al Small acting as accompanist.

Canadian Is No Match For Big Italian Boxer

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Primo Canera, Italian giant, knocked out Elzeur Rioux, French-Canadian heavyweight, in the first round of a bout here last night after flooring the Canadian six times.

SECOND ROUND SCOTTISH CUP

Important Games Were Played Today in Old Country

GLASGOW, Feb. 1.—Second round Scottish Cup results today: Dundee United 0, Partick Thistles 3.
Motherwell 3, Clyde 0.
Airdrieonians 3, Murrayfield Amateurs 3.
Aldion Rovers 2, Beith 1.
Value of Leithen 2, Kings Park 7.
Forfar Athletics 0, St. Mirrens 0.
Hamilton Acads 4, Kilmarnock 2.
Leith Athletics 2, Clachnaddudin 0.
Celtic 5, Arbroth 0.
St. Bernards 0, Hearts 0.
Montrose 3, Inverness Citadel 1.
Aberdeen 5, Nithedale 1.
Dundee 4, St. Johnstone 1.
Ayr United 1, Hibernians 3.
Glasgow Rangers 2, Cowdenbeath 2.
Falkirk 1, Queen of South 1.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

English League First Division
Birmingham 1, Blackburn Rovers 2.
Bolton Wanderers nil; Arsenal nil.
Burnley nil; Leeds United 3.
Derby County 4; Manchester City 2.
Everton 1; Portsmouth 1.
Grimsby Town 3; Liverpool 2.
Huddersfield Town 2; Newcastle United nil.
Leicester City 4; Middlesborough 1.

Manchester United 4; Westham United 2.
Sheffield Wednesday 1; Sheffield United 1.
Sunderland 4; Astonvilla 1.

Second Division
Bradford 5; Blackpool nil.
Bristol City 2; Stoke City 6.
Cardiff City nil; Bradford City 1.
Millwall 2; Oldham Athletics 1.
Notts County 4; Hull City 1.
Preston Northend 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers 1.
Reading 3; Charlton Athletic 1.
Southampton 2; Nottingham Forest 0.
Swansea Town 0; Barnsley 2.
Tottenham Hot Spurs 3; Chelsea 3.
Westbromwich Albion 5; Bury 1.

Scottish League First Division
Morton 2; Queens Park 4.

Second Division
Armadale 2; Alloa 3.
Brechin 1; Boness 2.
Dumbarton 6; East Fife 3.
Dumfermline Athletic 3; Third Lanark 5.
Raith Rovers 6; Stenhousemuir 2.

English Comedians Like Canada



Dan Leno Jr. left and Wee Georgie Wood right, English comedians of the Birmingham Fantomime Company, photographed at Montreal prior to their departure for Europe in the Cunarder Scythia from Halifax. Their successful appearances before large Canadian audiences during an extensive tour of the Dominion have made them enthusiastic over Canada and Canadians' sense of humour.

WALTER SMITH LEAVING HERE

Popular Member of C. N. R. City Ticket Office Staff to Locate Southern California

Walter Smith, for seven and a half years a popular member of the staff of the Canadian National city ticket office here, has submitted his resignation from the railway service, effective at the end of this month, and will be leaving for Southern California, where he plans on locating.

Departure of Mr. Smith from Prince Rupert will be regretted by many friends, for, during his stay here, he has become very well known and deservedly esteemed.

Mr. Smith's successor here has not yet been named.

ADoption OF ADDRESS WITH OUT DIVISION IS UNPRECEDENTED IN B.C.

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tion was one of the greatest confronting the administration, premier said. He expressed confidence that the fisheries and Pacific Great Eastern negotiations would be advanced greatly by the new government.

The P. G. E. line, Dr. Tolmie told house that, even in the event failure to dispose of the line either of the two big railway firms of Canada, there was hope of an early sale to one of groups in Great Britain and United States which were showing interest in the road.

Fisheries Inspector Dies At Nanaimo

Rev. E. G. Taylor Was Former Presbyterian Minister at Alberni

NANAIMO, Feb. 1.—Rev. E. G. Taylor, formerly Presbyterian minister at Alberni, and in recent years fisheries inspector for District No. 3, died here last night. He was years of age.

TORONTO STOCKS

(Courtesy of S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

Close Saturday, Feb. 1

Amulet, 1.70, 1.74.
Dome, 8.00, 8.25.
Falconbridge, 4.90, 5.00.
Hollinger, 5.20, 5.25.
Howie, 1.12, 1.14.
Hudson Bay, 12.20, 12.25.
Int. Nickel, 38.00, nil.
Imp. Oil, 25.80, 26.00.
Mining Corp., 2.60, 2.70.
McIntyre, 16.75, 17.00.
Noranda, 40.80, 41.00.
Nipissing, 1.65, 1.70.
Sheritt-Gordon, 2.99, 3.00.
Sudbury Basin, 4.75, 4.80.
Teck Hughes, 5.90, 5.95.
Ventures, 2.55, 2.60.
Wright Hargraves, 1.89; 1.90.
Treadwell Yukon, 5.75, 7.50.

Mrs. James A. Brown arrived in the city today from Port Essington, accompanying Mrs. Smith, who has a severe attack of influenza and will be treated in the Prince Rupert General Hospital.



YOU WERE BRAGGING TO YOUR GUESTS ABOUT HOW YOU'D BEEN THE SMARTEST BOY IN YOUR SCHOOL - WHEN YOUR YOUNG SON STOPS IN WITH A COMPLAINT

IDEA BY 'NAYLOR'

AFTER TWO HOURS OF YOUR BEST SALES TALK - YOU FIND OUT YOU ARE ADDRESSING ANOTHER INSURANCE MAN ATTEMPTING TO SEE THE MAN YOU WERE TALKING TO.