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ELECTION INDICATIONS

Two candidates in the field in the Middle West, is an indication that Manitoba—as befits a province which will be hugely affected by the passage of the reciprocity bill—is preparing for the possibility of an early general election. The example of the Selkirk Conservatives and the Winnipeg Liberals will be followed by a host of other constituencies within a few days.

The nomination of candidates, however, is not a certain evidence of an early election. It is an evidence only of prudence, and of an earnest desire to get into the contest early. From information that comes from very well informed quarters, Sir Wilfrid Laurier was speaking the simple truth when he told the Quebec interviewers that he did not know when a general election would take place, i. e., whether it would take place within a few weeks or be deferred until early next year. It may be accepted as certain, that both from motives of justice, and in order to make his victory more complete, Sir Wilfrid would prefer if he can, to have the general election deferred until a Redistribution Bill, based on the census returns can be brought in, raising the representation of the western provinces.

Mr. Borden, it may also be assumed, is alive to the hopelessness of deferring the elections until a Redistribution Bill is passed, and will do all he can to force an election upon the public at an early date. If this really is his object the Opposition leader has all the machinery at his command to accomplish his purpose. Under the anomaly of the Canadian parliamentary rules, an Opposition leader who desires to embark upon a policy of obstruction, holds the strongest imaginable Government at his mercy.

The method of obstruction employed, is for the Opposition to take advantage of the rule which allows any member of the House while sitting in committee on supplies, to speak as many times and on as many topics as possible. Half a dozen long winded speakers can form a relay of oratory and tie up the whole machinery of Parliament. This in fact, is what has been done by the Opposition for several weeks before the House adjourned for the Coronation, and what it is very likely they may continue to do when the House opens tomorrow.

If this is done, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has intimated that he will at once take steps to prorogue the House, and appeal to the country, without waiting for a redistribution of seats. If the obstruction policy is ended, and the business of Parliament permitted to go on, the election will be deferred until early next year.

The choice is in Mr. Borden's hands. A few hours now will make it clear whether we are to have an early election or not. General opinion is to the effect that Mr. Borden will take a gambler's chance on an early election.

One thing the recent policy of obstruction will bring about, is a revision of the Parliamentary rules to make it impossible for any future Opposition, either Liberal or Conservative, to tie up the machinery of government again. After having succeeded in his promise to "sweep the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific," Sir Wilfrid Laurier will bring in a measure, providing for a motion of closure, so that it will be possible to set a time limit to any debate that is obviously being prolonged for tactical advantage.

ABOUT THE "OPTIMIST JOB"

Recently this paper changed its name from the Optimist to the Daily News. Its job department, accordingly changed its name from Optimist Job to News Job department.

Within the last few days, a new concern has started and assumed the name of the Optimist Job. It is not the job department of any newspaper, and its assumption of this misleading title is an obvious attempt to infringe on the goodwill and patronage of the job department of this paper, earned under its former title.

In assuming the discarded name of this paper's job department, the new concern may be within its legal rights. But on the point of honor which lies behind it, the public is entitled to pass its own judgment.

The entire plant and equipment of the job plant of the Optimist is in the News printshops, and is being operated under skilled management. The youthful optimists who have started operations, under the cast-off title, are in no way connected with the original Optimist job plant.

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THE ADVENTURE OF THE DEVIL'S FOOT

BY ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

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In recording from time to time some of the curious experiences and interesting recollections which I associate with my long and intimate friendship with Mr. Sherlock Holmes, I have continually been faced by difficulties caused by his own aversion to publicity. To his sombre and cynical spirit all popular applause was always abhorrent, and nothing amused him more at the end of a successful case than to hand over the actual exposure to some orthodox official, and to listen with a mocking smile to the general chorus of misplaced congratulation. It was indeed this attitude upon the part of my friend, and certainly not any lack of interesting material, which has caused me of late years to lay very few of my records before the public. My participation in some of his adventures was always a privilege which entailed discretion and reticence upon me.

It was, then, with considerable surprise that I received a telegram from Holmes last Tuesday—he has never been known to write where a telegram would serve—in the following terms: "Why not tell them of the Cornish horror—Strangest case I ever handled." I have no idea what backward sweep of memory had brought the matter fresh to his mind, or what freak had caused him to desire that I should recount it; but I hasten, before another cancelling telegram may arrive, to hunt out the notes which give me the exact details of the case, and to lay the narrative before my readers.

It was, then, in the spring of the year 1897 that Holmes's iron constitution showed some signs of giving way in the face of constant hard work of a most exacting kind, aggravated, perhaps, by occasional indiscretions of his own. In March of that year Dr. Moore Agar, of Harley street, whose dramatic introduction to Holmes I may some day recount, gave positive injunctions that the famous private agent should lay aside all his cases and surrender himself to complete rest if he wished to avert an absolute breakdown. The state of his health was not a matter in which he himself took the faintest interest, for his mental detachment was absolute, but he was induced at last, on the threat of being permanently disqualified from work, to give himself a complete change

of scene and air. Thus it was that in the early spring of that year we found ourselves together in a small cottage near Poldhu Bay, at the farther extremity of the Cornish peninsula.

It was a singular spot, and one peculiarly well suited to the grim humour of my patient. From the windows of our little whitewashed house, which stood high upon a grassy headland, we looked down upon the whole sinister semicircle of Mounds Bay, that old death-trap of sailing vessels, with its fringe of black cliffs and surge-swept reefs on which innumerable seamen have met their end. With a northerly breeze it lies placid and sheltered, inviting the storm-tossed craft to tuck into it for rest and protection. Then comes the sudden swirl round of the wind, the blustering gale from the south-west, the dragging anchor, the lee shore, and the last battle in the creaking breakers. The wise mariner stands far out from that evil place.

On the land side our surroundings were as sombre as on the sea. It was a country of rolling moors, lonely and dun-coloured, with an occasional church tower to mark the site of some old-world village. In every direction upon these moors there were traces of some vanished race which had passed utterly away, and left as its sole record strange monuments of stone, irregular mounds which contained the burned ashes of the dead, and curious earthworks which hinted at prehistoric strife. The glamour and mystery of the place, with its sinister atmosphere of forgotten nations, appealed to the imagination of my friend, and he spent much of his time in long walks and solitary meditations upon the moor. The ancient Cornish language had also arrested his attention, and he had, I remember, conceived the idea that it was akin to the Chaldean, and had been largely derived from the Phoenician traders in tin. He had received a consignment of books upon philology and was settling down to develop this thesis, when suddenly to my sorrow, and to his unfeigned delight, we found ourselves, even in that land of dreams, plunged into a problem, at our doors which was more intense, more engrossing, and infinitely more mysterious than any of those which had driven us from London. Our simple life

and peaceful, healthy routine were violently interrupted, and we were precipitated into the midst of a series of events which caused the utmost excitement not only in Cornwall but throughout the whole West of England. Many of my readers may retain some recollection of what was called at the time "The Cornish Horror," though a most imperfect account of the matter reached the London Press. Now, after thirteen years, I will give the true details of this inconceivable affair to the public.

I have said that scattered towers marked the villages which dotted this part of Cornwall. The nearest of these was the hamlet of Tredannick Wollas, where the cottages of a couple of hundred inhabitants clustered round an ancient, moss-grown church. The vicar of a parish, Mr. Roundhay, was something of an archaeologist, and as such Holmes had made his acquaintance. He was a middle-aged man, portly and affable with a considerable fund of local lore. At his invitation we had taken tea at the vicarage, and had come to know also Mr. Mortimer Tregennis, an independent gentleman, who increased the clergyman's scanty resources by taking rooms in his large, straggling house. The vicar, being a bachelor, was glad to come to such an arrangement, though he had little in common with his lodger, who was a thin, dark spectated man, with a stoop which gave the impression of actual physical deformity. I remember that during our short visit we found the vicar garrulous, but his lodger strangely reticent, a sad-faced, introspective man, sitting with averted eyes, brooding apparently upon his own affairs.

These were the two men who entered abruptly into our little sitting room on Tuesday, March the 16th, shortly after our breakfast hour, as we were smoking together, preparatory to our daily excursion upon the moors. "Mr. Holmes," said the vicar, in an agitated voice, "the most extraordinary and tragic affair has occurred during the night. It is the most unheard-of business. We can only regard it as a special Providence that you should chance to be here at the time, for in all England you are the one man we need." I glared at the intrusive vicar with no very friendly eyes; but Holmes took his pipe from his

lips and sat up in his chair like an old hound who hears the view-hallo. He waved his hand to the sofa, and our palpitating visitor, with his agitated companion sat side by side upon it. Mr. Mortimer Tregennis was more self-contained than the clergyman, but the twitching of his thin hands and the brightness of his dark eyes showed that they shared a common emotion.

"Shall I speak or you?" he asked of the vicar.

"Well, as you seem to have made the discovery, whatever it may be, and the vicar to have had it second-hand, perhaps you had better do the speaking," said Holmes.

I glanced at the hastily-clad clergyman, with the formally dressed lodger seated beside him, and was amused at the surprise which Holmes's simple deduction had brought to their faces.

"Perhaps I had best say a few words first," said the vicar, "and then you can judge if you will listen to the details from Mr. Tregennis, or whether we should not hasten at once to the scene of this mysterious affair. I may explain, then, that our friend here spent last evening in the company of his two brothers, Owen and George, and of his sister Brenda, at their house of Tredannick Wartha, which is near the old stone cross upon the moor. He left them shortly after ten o'clock, playing cards round the dining-room table, in excellent health and spirits. This morning, being an early riser, he walked in that direction before breakfast, and was overtaken by the carriage of Dr. Richards, who explained that he had been sent for on a most urgent call to Tredannick Wartha. Mr. Mortimer Tregennis naturally went with him. When he arrived at Tredannick Wartha he found an extraordinary state of things. His two brothers and his sister were seated round the table exactly as he had left them, the darts still spread in front of them and the candles burned down to their sockets. The sister lay back stone-dead in her chair, while the two brothers sat on each side of her laughing, shouting, and singing, the senses stricken clean out of them. All three of them, the dead woman and the two demented men, retained upon their faces an expression of the utmost—horror a convulsion of terror which was dreadful to look upon. There was no sign of the presence of anyone in the house, except Mrs. Porter, the old cook and housekeeper, who declared that she had slept deeply and heard no sound during the night. Nothing had been stolen or disarranged, and there is absolutely no explanation of what the horror can be which has frightened a woman to death and two strong men out of their senses. There is the situation, Mr. Holmes, in a nutshell, and if you can help us to clear it up you will have done a great work."

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