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WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

"THE FOOLISH VIRGINS"

On the day that Mr. Manson and his colleagues were elected to office—January 12th, 1911—there was a water shortage in Prince Rupert. For several weeks the water shortage continued. In some of the more elevated parts of the city there was not enough pressure to send drinking water to the residents. At a Third avenue fire, there was so little water that the firemen could not after connecting up their hose, get a stream to play upon the flames. In a hundred ways the need of arranging for additional water supply was driven home to the council.

Now in the middle of July, another water shortage confronts the city. The information is given to the citizens, that despite all the warnings and all the dangers that the city passed through last midsummer and last midwinter, no steps have been taken to enlarge the water supply.

Although hundreds of new citizens have entered the city since last midsummer, nothing has been done to even provide for the water needs of the increased population. Plans and estimates were prepared by the City Engineer for obtaining additional water from Morse Creek, but these were simply pigeon holed. Nothing was done to carry the plans into effect.

It is quite true that the city council has been busy with other things. But nothing the aldermen have done has been of so much importance as the providing of an adequate water supply.

Most of us could have managed at a pinch without the extra hour to the hotel bars; we cannot manage without water. Even the appointment of a rat catcher, one of the most useful and distinctive works of the council, is of far less importance than providing the city with proper drinking water.

Our temperance Mayor has been very active in arranging for an adequate supply of bottle lice ses in preparation for a thirsty summer. But bottled beer, however good, is a poor substitute for cold water. It is more expensive too. No matter how grateful we may all be to the Mayor for forcing bottled beer and spirit shops upon the citizens, most of us would rather have had the water supply attended to first.

It could have been accomplished with much less bother and excitement, than the work of forcing additional licenses on the city.

The council cannot plead that they have been too busy to attend to the water supply. They could find time—and money too—to fight A. J. Prudhomme in his efforts to earn a living; they could find time enough to make out lists of all the civic employees, with the number of their wives and children, where they were born, how long they have been in the city, etc.; they have had time to attend a host of matters of very negligible importance.

With the ample and repeated warnings they have had, they should have found time to consider the question of an adequate water supply.

If a water famine, a fever epidemic or an outbreak of fire were to visit the city as a result of the water shortage, the citizens would have good grounds for accusing the council of criminal negligence.

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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A REMINISCENCE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

THE ADVENTURE OF THE DEVIL'S FOOT

BY ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

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Synopsis

Brenda Tregennis is found dead in her chair at her home in Cornwall, stricken dead with horror. Her two brothers, Owen and George are found insane from horror. What has caused it? The remaining brother Mortimer Tregennis calls in Sherlock Holmes to investigate "the Cornish Horror?" Holmes questions Mortimer Tregennis closely about the details of the affair, but gets little help. So, in company with Dr. Watson he proceeds to the scene of tragedy.

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Our proceedings of that first morning did little to advance the investigation. It was marked, however, at the outset by an incident which left the most sinister impression upon my mind. The approach to the spot at which the tragedy occurred is down a narrow, winding country lane. While we made our way along it we heard the rattle of a carriage coming towards us, and stood aside to let it pass. As it drove by us I caught a glimpse through the closed window of a horribly-contorted, grinning face glaring out at us. Those staring eyes and gnashing teeth flashed past us like a dreadful vision.

"My brothers!" cried Mortimer Tregennis, white to the lips. "They are taking them to Helston."

We looked with horror after the gblack carriage, lumbering upon its way. Then we turned our steps towards this ill-omened house in which they had met their strange fate.

It was a large and bright dwelling, rather a villa than a cottage, with a considerable garden which was already, in that Cornish air, well filled with spring flowers. Towards this garden the window of the sitting-room fronted, and from it, according to Mortimer Tregennis, must have come that thing of evil which had by sheer horror in a single instant blasted their minds. Holmes walked slowly and thoughtfully among the flower-pots and along the path before we entered the porch. So absorbed was he in his thoughts, I remember, he stumbled over the watering-pot, upset its contents, and deluged both our feet and the garden path. Inside the house we were met by the elderly Cornish housekeeper, Mrs. Porter, who, with the aid of a young girl, looked after the wants

of the family. She readily answered all Holmes's questions. She had heard nothing in the night. Her employers had all been in excellent spirits lately, and she had never known them more cheerful and prosperous. She had fainted with horror upon entering the room in the morning and seeing that dead company round the table. She had, when she recovered, thrown open the window to let the morning air in and had run down to the lane, where she sent a farm hand for the doctor. The lady was on her bed upstairs, if we cared to see her. It took four strong men to get the brothers into the asylum carriage. She would not herself stay in the house another day, and was starting that very afternoon to rejoin her family at St. Ives.

We ascended the stairs and viewed the body. Miss Brenda Tregennis had been a very beautiful girl, though now verging upon middle age. Her dark, clear-cut face was handsome, even in death, but there still lingered upon it something of that convulsion of horror which had been her last human emotion. From her bedroom we descended to the sitting-room where this strange tragedy had actually occurred. The charred ashes of the overnight fire lay in the grate. On the table were the four guttered and burned-out candles, with the cards scattered over its surface. The chairs had been moved back against the walls, but all else was as it had been the night before. Holmes paced with light, swift steps about the room; he sat in the various chairs, drawing them up and reconstructing their positions. He tested how much of the garden was visible; he examined the floor, the ceiling and the fireplace; but never once did I see that sudden brightening of his eyes and tightening of his lips which would have told me that he saw some gleam of light in this utter darkness.

"Why a fire?" he asked. "Had they always a fire in this small room on a spring evening?"

Mortimer Tregennis explained that the night was cold and damp. For that reason, after his arrival, the fire was lit. "What are you going to do, Mr. Holmes?" he said.

My friend smiled and laid his hand upon my arm. "I think Watson, that I shall resume that

course of tobacco-poisoning which you have so often and so justly condemned," said he. "With your permission, gentlemen, we will now return to our cottage, for I am not aware that any new factor is likely to come to our notice here. I will turn the facts over in my mind, Mr. Tregennis, and should anything occur to me I will communicate with you. In the meantime I wish you both good morning."

It was not until long after we were back in Poldhu Cottage that Holmes broke his complete and absorbed silence. He sat coiled in his arm-chair, his haggard and ascetic face hardly visible amid the blue swirl of his tobacco smoke, his black brows drawn down, his forehead contracted, his eyes vacant and far away. Finally, he sprang to his feet.

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LUCKY GIRL

Elderly Bachelor Left Her a Fortune Because She Had Low Wages.

Fraulein Wardyss, a girl employed as a saleswoman in a boot and shoe store in the small town of Kisujszallas, in Hungary, has just inherited a fortune of \$130,000 under extraordinary circumstances.

Herr Croney, an elderly bachelor, was among the customers at the shop, and expressed indignation at the small wages paid to her. Recently he entered the shop to make some small purchases and said that he intended to make Fraulein Wardyss heiress to all his property. She laughed, as she believed him to be badly off, but to show that he really meant it he unfurled his cuff, and laying it flat on the counter drew out a fountain pen and wrote a will. He called two apprentices to sign it, and having placed it in his pocket left the shop.

A few minutes later Herr Croney in making a violent effort to avoid a motor car in the roadway, overstrained his heart and fell dead. On the next day the shop girl was informed that she was sole heiress to \$130,000.

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Dated March 20 1911. MRS. L. C. PUTNAM
Pub. April 15. Geo. R. Putnam, Agent

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Dated April 4, 1911. CLARA MAY LITTLE
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Dated April 15, 1911. ISAAC O'BRIEN FORBES
Pub. May 13. Francis S. Preston, Agent

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Dated April 15, 1911. SWAN HADDEN
Pub. May 13. Francis S. Preston, Agent

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Dated April 14, 1911. ALEXANDER CHARLES MACDONALD
Pub. May 13.

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Dated May 7, 1911. LETTIE MCEWAN
Pub. May 6.

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Dated April 21, 1911. ALEXANDER CHARLES MACDONALD
Pub. May 13.

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